

HOUSE MANUAL

Please Review Thoroughly

WELCOME TO JONI CABIN

Our Cabinscape is all yours to unwind, relax and adventure. Hunker down, cozy up or explore the leisure trails this unique property has to offer, or visit the historic villages of Mississippi Mills nestled along the Mississippi River.

Please review this House Manual before settling in. It should fully prepare you for the days ahead.

Enjoy your getaway!
John & Laura, *Cabinscape Owners*

PS: Please share your photos with us on FB & Instagram @Cabscape #Cabinscape

If you need help or have questions while on site, we have a central support number. It is best to text us, as reception can often be spotty. Text messages are dispatched to multiple people so you are more likely to get a speedy response rather than calling.

Support Number: (289) 206-1193

If you have an urgent matter and we do not respond quickly, please call or text Andre (our property manager) at Cartwright Springs Brewery at 613-295-3377

CHECK IN is 3pm / CHECK OUT is 11am sharp
DOOR KEY PAD & LOCK BOX CODE is #1516

*Leave the key in the lock-box so you'll easily find it when locking up. Upon your departure, you can leave the key inside the lock-box where you found it.

Emergency Services
In the event of an emergency please dial 911.

Cartwright Springs Brewery Address: 239 Deer Run Rd, Pakenham, ON K0A 2X0

OFF-GRID BASICS / CABIN OVERVIEW

Joni cabin is a low-impact, off-grid, solar-powered tiny cabin. The cabin has been designed to offer you comfort and basic amenities in a rugged, camping-like setting.

Off-grid living requires a little more work and care than a traditional cottage (especially in the winter months). Feel good knowing that you've invested in a low-carbon, eco-friendly getaway.

EXTRA STORAGE

Outside storage: There are hooks outside the front door for you to store your snow-shoes, poles/outdoors gear. (Please avoid walking on the deck with your snow-shoes).

Inside storage: Pull out the drawers underneath the bed to find extra storage inside for your smaller bags and items. You can also utilize the empty space under the bed for your larger bags. There is an extra shelf on the upper loft for additional storage and one shelf in the bathroom. The best way to enjoy a tiny cabin is to keep it neat and tidy; tiny spaces can get messy fast. Any excessive things, best to leave in your car.

POWER CONSUMPTION

At Joni cabin, energy conservation is key. Drawing too much energy may cause power loss, so please be mindful of your consumption. A stretch of cloudy and rainy days will also mean less harvested solar power, so it's a good idea to check your power level often (we recommend checking each evening). If you're running low, not to worry! There is a generator outside you'll need to run to recharge the solar batteries. The generator is behind the cabin in a wood generator box.

You should only run the generator if your power is showing 12.4 or lower. Run the generator for 3-4 hours to charge solar battery back to full.

NOTE: The battery indicator beside the bed does not indicate when the battery is full. The numbers will fluctuate throughout the day depending on the amount of sunlight and the amount of energy being consumed in the cabin. All you need to know is that when the battery is lower than 12.4, you'll need to run the generator for 3-4 hours to charge back up.

Please review "Instructions" section at the back of the manual on how to operate the generator if needed.

Checking Cabin's Power Level

The battery indicator is beside the bed under the bartop. If it shows below 12.4 it is best to run the generator 3-4 hours to recharge the batteries to full.

Energy Conservation Tips

- Turn off lights when not in use (especially when you are outside of the cabin).
- During the day, keep the lights in the cabin off if there's enough natural light.
- At night, consider using candles for light (just make sure to blow out before bed).
- Use the power outlet sparingly. There is one outlet in the kitchen for charging your phone and laptop but charging multiple phones / laptops will drain the cabin's battery quickly.
- Do NOT use the outlet for unnecessary items like hairdryers, electric coffee makers, etc. This will drain the cabin's battery and will trip the breaker.

HEAT

The cabin's heat is controlled by a furnace and thermostat. To control the temperature you can adjust the thermostat by turning clockwise or counter-clockwise. If you experience any problems with the heater, please notify us right away.

There is a back-up electric heater that you can use in this case. This electric heater is run off the generator which will need to be running in order for the heater to function. Start up the generator outside and then turn on the electric heater. You can set the timer on the heater to run for a certain period of time and turn off automatically.

Please do not plug the heater into outlets in the kitchen. This will drain the cabin's battery very quickly and may result in power loss.

DRINKING/WASHING WATER

Our running water (which is pumped from creek) is turned off when temps dip below freezing. We supply our guests with 40 litres of drinking and washing water. One jug of water will be left by the sink for easy dish washing, the other will be left under the counter.

If you run out of water during your stay, you are welcome to refill your jugs at Cartwright Springs Brewery. Please text Andre first before going to the Brewery as their hours fluctuate.

Water Conservation Tips

- Consider limiting the amount of dishes you use (the less you use, the less to clean)
- Consider saving your dirty dishes and doing one large wash at the end of the day

- Consider soaping all your dishes first and then rinsing clean
- Consider soaking any tough, dirty dishes in hot (i.e. boiled), soapy water before rinsing

KITCHEN

Our kitchen comes equipped with a two-burner stove and mini fridge/freezer. There is a propane bbq outside. The kitchen is stocked with cutlery, cups, plates, wine glasses, pots and pans. You are welcome to use our kitchen essentials (sugar, flour, tea, coffee and spices). We provide dish soap, sponges and tea towels. Do not leave food sitting outside, especially overnight, as this may attract unwanted pests. Please empty your grease in our labelled grease bucket. Throw any coffee grounds in the garbage.

Small Appliances

You'll notice we don't have a coffee maker, microwave, toaster or oven. These appliances draw a lot of energy. You'll find a french press for your morning coffee and a stove-top camping toaster for your toast.

Gas Stove Instructions

To use stovetop, press and hold down knob (you'll hear a clicking sound) and turn to your desired heat level. If the burner does not "catch" flame, use the BBQ lighter to assist. In this case, hold down knob, ignite the BBQ lighter and carefully place flame under burner until the stove catches the flame. If the BBQ lighter is empty, refill the lighter with the butane canister.

BATHROOM

Composting Toilet

Our water-less composting toilet uses the natural processes of decomposition and evaporation to recycle human waste. (The toilet is emptied and cleaned before your arrival).

Toilet Instructions

- Urine goes down the front chute; Human waste and toilet paper goes down the back chute (under the waste flap). No flush required.
- When you sit on the toilet, the waste flap will open. Do your business. When you stand up, the waste flap will close. Do NOT urinate in the back chute.
- There is a fan in the toilet constantly blowing air to keep any smells at bay.
- Do not throw tampons, food, organics or anything down the toilet.

Tip Keep the toilet lid closed when not in use.

BED/COUCH CONVERSION

Our floor bed can be converted into a C-shaped couch if you wish to change up your settings. Steps: 1) Remove fitted sheet and mattress protector. 2) Remove the two interior couch cushions (which will become your back rests). 3) Use the two grip handles to slide each panel open.

BUGS

Encounters with bugs, critters and animals are a reality of being in the wilderness. Use bug spray and wear proper attire when outside.

Ticks: It's always important to do a thorough scan of your body (and your pets) for ticks after being outside. Ticks have been a major issue across Southern Ontario. Please do your research ahead of time and learn how to properly check yourself for ticks.

Tip Before bed, we recommend killing any mosquitoes or flying bugs that may have found their way into the cabin from open doors and windows.

WIFI/CELL RECEPTION

There is NO WIFI access at the cabin. If urgent, you can swing by the brewery and ask Andre (if he's there) to use their connection. There is good, reliable cell reception for Rogers and Bell customers at the cabin.

HOUSE RULES

NOISE LEVELS: Please keep your evening noise levels to within reason. Help us to promote a quiet and tranquil setting.

GARBAGE: All garbage and recycling must be packed up and taken home on your departure. A \$50 garbage fee will be charged to guests who break this rule.

TIDY UP: We ask that our guests please clean up after themselves before departure. Clean/wash all your dishes and leave the cabin as you found it. See list on kitchen wall for a reminder of check-out tasks.

PETS: Please, please keep your furry friends off the bed, blankets and cushions and pick-up any waste left on the property. Before you leave, please sweep up any shedding fur around the cabin.

FIREPITS: There is a creek-side fire pit a little deeper into the forest. Do NOT make your own fire pit near the cabin. Please manage your fires responsibly and ensure they will not spread before turning in for the night. There is a bucket you can use to douse your fire.

SMOKING: Smoking is prohibited inside the cabin. Please dispose of your butts in the fire pit or in the garbage.

THINGS TO DO

EXPLORE THE PROPERTY

Get out and explore the leisure trails on our property. Trails vary from meandering creek walks to rugged bush walks with lookouts of the Ottawa Valley. You can find a trail map at the back of the house manual.

Note: Our hiking trails are shared between our guests and the owners/customers of Cartwright Springs Brewery who may be touring the brewery. Don't be alarmed if you encounter other people on the hiking trails.

VISIT CARTWRIGHT SPRINGS BREWERY

For the craft beer enthusiast, visit Andre at Cartwright Springs Brewery on the main road of our property for a personal tour of his unique operation. This one-hour tour explores the facilities, from the beer vats to the natural spring. Each tour ends with an ice-cream float: beer ice cream in a glass of Crème Brûlée Stout.

Cost: \$30 for two guests. Tours must be arranged in advance.

DAY TRIPS

- Visit Mount Pakenham Resort for skiing, snowboarding, tubing and snow shoeing (10-minute drive)
- Visit High Lonesome Nature Reserve, a 200 acre property with over 8km of meandering trails through forests, hills, streams and meadows. (7-minute drive)
- Visit Blakeney Rapids Trail for a refreshing dip in the Mississippi or hike the river as it narrows into rapids (14-minute drive)
- Visit the Mill of Kintail Conservation Area for hiking trails and art museum (19-minute drive)
- Explore the village of Almonte, an historic and picturesque mill town along the Mississippi with quaint shops, galleries, cafes, restaurants and festivals (20-minute drive)
- Bring your bikes! There are lots of low-traffic, scenic roads for bike touring in the area.

Beaches:

- Visit Robert Simpson Park (and Beach) in the town of Arnprior for swimming. The sandy beach is located at the confluence of the Ottawa and Madawaska Rivers. (17-minute drive)
- Visit Burnstown Beach, a beautiful sandy beach on the Madawaska River in the Ottawa Valley. This is a more remote beach than Robert Simpson beach w/ forested surroundings. While visiting, stop by the picturesque village of Burnstown for unique galleries, shops, and cafes, all housed in heritage buildings. (20-minute drive).
- There are also small beaches in Pakenham and Almonte but these are quite shallow. Great for kids but not the best swimming spots for adults (although great spots for a picnic and beach lounging).

Nearest Town

Joni cabin is located a quick 6-minute drive to the rural village of Pakenham on the Mississippi River. Stop into town for a picnic by the beach or by the boiling rapids at the historic Five Span Bridge. You'll find all your provisions here in town like groceries, LCBO, lunch, dinner, ice cream from Scoops and fudge from Penny's Fudge Factory. Stroll the main strip for some beautiful gift shops like Olde Crow Creek and the Pakenham General Store.

Local Restaurants

**Note* The best restaurants and bars are located in Almonte but for a quick bite, stop into Pakenham. Hours below may vary depending on the season (always best to check on Google).*

Bridges Bar and Grill (6 minutes away)

Late-night bar and brunch restaurant with live music along the Mississippi River

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	11a.m.–11p.m.
Wednesday	11a.m.–11p.m.
Thursday	11a.m.–11p.m.
Friday	11a.m.–2a.m.
Saturday	9a.m.–2a.m.
Sunday	9a.m.–9p.m.

Centennial Restaurant (6 minutes away)

Local diner with breakfast, lunch and dinner options

Monday	7a.m.–9p.m.
Tuesday	7a.m.–9p.m.
Wednesday	7a.m.–9p.m.
Thursday	7a.m.–9p.m.
Friday	7a.m.–9p.m.
Saturday	7a.m.–9p.m.
Sunday	8a.m.–9p.m.

Speciality Stores

Penny's Fudge Factory (6 minutes away)

A mom and pop shop (open 28 years) with over 50 different varieties of fudge in their open kitchen as well as peanut brittle, sponge toffee and other treats

Monday	Closed
Tuesday - Sunday	10a.m.–6p.m.

Scoops (6 minutes away)

Stop in for giant portions of ice cream with tons of flavour options. They also serve frozen yogurt, smoothies, hurricanes and sundaes. Enjoy your sweet treat on their outdoor patio.

Monday – Sunday 11a.m.–9p.m.

Pakenham General Store (6 minutes away)

Enjoy a walk back in time when you visit The Pakenham General Store. Built in 1840, the store still maintains its charm with wood floors, age old wooden counters and antiques. Selling a plethora of baked goods, essential grocery items, gifts, decor, and crafts.

Monday	6a.m.–8p.m.
Tuesday	6a.m.–8p.m.
Wednesday	6a.m.–8p.m.
Thursday	6a.m.–8p.m.
Friday	6a.m.–8p.m.
Saturday	6a.m.–8p.m.
Sunday	6a.m.–8p.m.

LCBO

Nicholson's Sundries (6 minutes away)

Small LCBO operating out of “Nicholson's Sundries,” a convenience store. For larger LCBO selection, visit the town of Arnprior or Almonte.

Monday	9a.m.–9p.m.
Tuesday	9a.m.–9p.m.
Wednesday	9a.m.–9p.m.
Thursday	9a.m.–9p.m.
Friday	9a.m.–9p.m.
Saturday	9a.m.–9p.m.
Sunday	8a.m.–6p.m.

Large Grocery

Metro in Arnprior (14 minutes away)

Stop in Arnprior for groceries, more restaurants, LCBO, Beer Store, and chain stores like Tim Horton's, Canadian Tire, Shoppers Drug Mart, etc.

Patrice's Your Independent Grocer in Almonte (20 minutes away)

INSTRUCTIONS:

POWER LOSS

If power level in the cabin is low, the battery will go into a "safe" mode and shut off power to the cabin. Take the following steps:

- 1) Don't panic.
- 2) Start the generator. (It will need to run for about 15 seconds before power is restored to the cabin).



To run the generator:

- 1) Check the gas level and ensure it is full
There is a red fuel tank beside the generator. If you need to purchase more fuel please buy "premium" fuel and let us know the cost. We will refund you.
- 2) Turn the "choke" lever to the right to the "on" position / ensure the engine switch is turned to "on". Ensure the air flow lever on the cap is turned to "on".
- 3) Pull the start pull. It should start easily but may take two or three pulls to get going.
- 4) Slowly turn the choke back off. If you are having trouble starting the engine try starting it with the choke off.

You can let the generator run while you are out enjoying the day, 3-4 Hours should charge your battery to full. To turn the generator "off" turn the engine switch to the

off position.

Conserve your power after a power loss to let the battery get charged up before plugging in your laptops/phones. Using a large amount of power immediately after a power loss could result in a subsequent power loss.

TROUBLESHOOTING:

No heat? The stove isn't working?

If the stove is not lighting flame or if the furnace is blowing air but not heating, you are likely out of propane.

At the front of the trailer there are two propane tanks and a switch in between. If you are out of propane the switch will show red. Simply turn the switch 180 degrees to change over to the second propane cylinder. The red colour should pop back to green, ensure that the tank valve is in the "open" position. Please notify us that the first tank is empty and we will switch it with a new tank before our next guest arrives.

Propane Alarm Sounding?

There is a propane alarm in the bathroom. This may go off if there is a propane leak. Our propane alarm is very sensitive due to the cabin's small size and sometimes the alarm will falsely sound after a long cooking session. If the alarm sounds you can turn off the alarm sound by pressing the button on the alarm.

DO NOT SMOKE OR USE A LIGHTER ANYWHERE NEAR THE CABIN DURING AN ALARM!

- First ensure that all of the stovetop elements are off and open a window.
- If the stovetop was not the issue, turn off the propane tanks at the back of the cabin and contact us immediately.
- If you smell gas (propane smells like rotten eggs) you should open a window and stay out of the cabin until it airs out. Contact us immediately if the smell persists.

BEFORE YOU CHECK-OUT!

Please do the following important tasks before you check-out of the cabin:

- Tidy up.

- Pack up / take home garbage and recyclables.

(Guests will be charged a \$50 fee if garbage, etc, is left behind.)

- Turn heat down to 10 degrees celsius.

- Make sure key is in lock-box

Thank you for visiting :)