

## HOUSE MANUAL

\*Please Review Thoroughly\*

### WELCOME TO JUNIPER CABIN

Our Cabinscape is all yours to unwind, relax and adventure. Hunker down or get out and enjoy the nearby trails.

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

Enjoy your getaway!

John & Laura, *Cabinscape Owners*

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

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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

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CHECK IN is 4pm or Later | CHECK OUT is 12pm sharp  
LOCK BOX CODE is 0721

\*We recommended leaving 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.

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### Emergency Services

In the event of an emergency please dial 911.

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Address is 126 Maberly-Elphin Road, Maberly, ON

## OFF-GRID BASICS / CABIN OVERVIEW

Juniper 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**

There is an extra shelf in the bathroom for storage and room in the drawer under the bed for bags and personal items. The best way to enjoy a tiny cabin is to keep it neat and tidy; tiny spaces can get messy fast. When you arrive, store your cold food in the fridge.

### **POWER CONSUMPTION**

At Juniper 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).

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

NOTE: The battery panel in the bathroom 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. If the battery level does not go up when the generator is running please text us, as this means it is not charging properly.

The generator is beside the cabin in a wood generator box. Use the smaller key in the lockbox to open the door to run the generator and close and lock the door when not in use. Please review "Instructions" section at the back of the manual on how to operate the generator if needed.

### Checking Cabin's Power Level

To check cabin's power level, go into the bathroom and check the battery indicator on the wall. If below 12.4, 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, coffee makers, rice cookers, etc. This will blow a fuse causing power loss.

### **HEAT**

The cabin's heat is controlled by a furnace and thermostat. To control the temperature you can adjust the thermostat on the wall.

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 emergency 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 result in power loss.***

### **DRINKING & WASHING WATER**

Our running water (which is pumped from the river) 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 can purchase more in town.

### **\*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 four-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 over night, 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. Please do not plug in household appliances such as coffee makers as they draw too much power.

### **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.

## **LED LIGHTS**

The cabin is outfitted with energy efficient, LED lights. Enjoy controlling the lighting, mood and ambiance of the cabin by adjusting the light levels using the "M" to increase the light intensity or slide your finger on the circle gradient to adjust the light level. Press the power icon to turn lights on and off.

## **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: If you plan to hike in the area it's always important to do a thorough scan of your body (and your pets) for ticks. 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. There is good, reliable cell reception for Rogers and Bell customers.

## HOUSE RULES

**NOISE LEVELS:** Please keep your evening noise levels to within reason. We do have neighbours in the area who we want to get along with. Help us to promote a quiet and tranquil setting for everyone.

**GARBAGE:** All garbage and recycling must be packed up and taken home on your departure. A 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. Please follow the check-out list on the kitchen wall before checking out.

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

**FIREPITS:** Please manage your fires responsibly and ensure they will not spread before turning in.

## THINGS TO DO

### CANOE (weather permitting)

There is a canoe, lifejackets and paddles available for use down by the river. The canoe is tied to a tree about 200ft down our grassy path. You can paddle down river and through connecting lakes. Be aware of your navigation and how to find your way back. Always bring along your lifejackets and a boat bailer with you. Make sure to tie and secure the canoe back up when you return.

### FISH

Take our canoe out down river and go fishing in the connecting lakes. You'll find mostly perch. But there may also be pike or pickerel.

### HIKE

#### Shabot Lake Provincial Park

For moderate-level hiking, consider driving (or biking) to Sharbot Lake Provincial Park (15-minute drive). The park offers two different nature trails. Each trail takes about an hour to complete. (Facilities are open May 11-Sep 23. But you are allowed to park your car at the entrance and use park/trails at your own risk in the off-seasons.)

#### Meisel Woods Conservation Area

You can also check out Meisel Woods Conservation Area (21 minute drive) for 2.5km of back-country trails around Bass Lake.

#### Murphy's Point Provincial Park

This 1,239-hectare park is part of the historic Rideau Waterway (named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2007), and boasts many features that tie in with the area's rich past. One of these is the popular Silver Queen Mica Mine. The park offers easy to moderate-level hiking trails and a public beach. You'll also find 20 km of groomed trails for skiing, including 4 km for skate-skiing, 14 km for classic skiing and 8 km for backcountry skiing. (33 minute drive)

#### Frontenac Provincial Park

For a more challenging hiking experience consider the drive to Frontenac Provincial Park (1h drive). There are over 100km of great trails in this park all year round.

### WALK/BIKE THE TAY-HAVELOCK TRAIL

The Tay-Havelock trail is a multi-use rail trail that is only 1.5 kilometres south of the cabin on Armstrong Line. It runs East to Perth (and beyond) and West to Sharbot Lake (and beyond). If you are feeling adventurous you can follow the K&P trail from Sharbot Lake all the way down to Kingston. The trail can be used for cycling, hiking, ATV'ing and Snow Mobiling. For cycling, this trail is great for gravel, cross or MTB bikes. It is not recommended for road bikes.

## DAY TRIPS

- **Visit Sharbot Lake village (10 minute drive)**

A short 10-minute drive to the quaint village of Sharbot Lake is where you'll find anything you might need: groceries, LCBO, Beer Store, cafe, mini golf, restaurants, a sandy public beach with playground, Saturday farmers' markets (Victoria Day weekend - Thanksgiving), local events, concerts and activities, and trail heads.

- **Visit historic Perth village (15 minute drive)**

Perth is a beautiful, historic military settlement named after the town of Perth in Scotland, nestled along the Tay River. Here you'll find great shopping, restaurants, cafes, and local events.

- **Visit Sharbot Lake Provincial Park (20 minute drive)**

Here you'll find hiking trails, paddling and a public beach.

(Facilities are open May 11-Sep 23. But you are allowed to park your car at the entrance and use park/trails at your own risk in the off-seasons.)

- **Day trip to Bon Echo Provincial Park (60 minute drive)**

Here you'll find exceptional paddling, climbing and long-distance hiking trails.

## Local Restaurants

Perth has many great restaurants. Check online or in the Frontenac guide for a list of restaurants.

## Coffee/Bar

Cardinal Cafe – Sharbot Lake (12 minutes away)

Beautiful cafe and patio in a converted church selling yummy baked goods, sandwiches and beer. Highly recommended!

## Grocery

Mike Dean's Super Food Store (12 minutes away)

Great little grocery store in Sharbot Village with everything you need

## Gas/Convenient Store

Petro Canada (7 minutes away)

Gas station/convenient/general/hardware store just off Hwy 7 before Sharbot Lake village. You can buy your firewood here.



## 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 you restore power 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 or if you've left the stove on long time. 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 of 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.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

In an emergency call 911

Nearest Hospital:  
33 Drummond St W, Perth, ON K7H 2K1

## 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 (in winter months)

- Make sure key is in lock-box

Thank you for visiting :)