

What NOT To Bring

Kitchen: equipped with stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, toaster, blender, coffee maker, all dinnerware, stemware, and large pots for mussel and lobsters.

Bedrooms (4): (2 with doubles and 2 with two twins each) all linens. alarm clock, bedrail, crib.

Living Areas: 14' dining table seats 12-14. Pull out sleeper couch,

Bath Amenities: washer. dryer, clothesline, iron, hair dryer, bath towels, beach towels, laundry/bar/hand soaps, bath tissues,

Media: Since the cottage was built some 14 years ago, a lot has changed. Smart phones have rendered landlines and DSL internet redundant, if not useless, and screen time issues have tacitly pushed guests toward minimal use of, and intrusion by, various media. Telephone & Internet are available upon request. Cell phone reception is excellent and calls/email are easily made & retrieved. Screens for DVD and computer tethering. Blue tooth speakers for music (bring your play lists), a radio is available, as is snail mail delivery & pickup which are never used. Extensive maps of local, civic, provincial, and maritime areas & activities are in the house but the cottage website has links of that and more.

Recreation: Assorted board games, outdoor grill, deck & beach chairs, binoculars, picnic cooler, assortment of small beach toys, 2 fishing rods, life jackets (6) for children and adults, kites. There are two fishing poles suitable for the river, harbor, and lake but not suitable for surf casting or tuna fishing. If you are deep sea fishers there are charters with available equipment. (go see the process of a tuna catch—even if you are vegetarian it's an amazing “enviro-geo-political” process).

There is an assortment of small shovels, pails, boats for the very young but the “treasures” of beach combing trump them easily. Kite flying is great up here and we tend to build our own from paper, bags, cloth, etc as the wind is POWERFUL and trashes most anything we buy on a regular basis. Half our kites must be in Labrador. Plenty of duct tape and wood strips around; string depends.

Personal: As mentioned on the website, there is a washer and dryer. Typically we find that casual clothes can be washed as needed rather than packing multiple changes and one change of dress clothes pretty much covers all the other venues from Charlottetown plays to Bay of Fortune dining. Sportswear to your liking but comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Wrapped soaps (below sink), shampoos, detergents, bug sprays, sun screens (in utility closet above dryer) are already here but individual preferences are hard to anticipate. There are complimentary razors and toothbrushes simply as hotelier touches but if you do forget yours, at least you are covered.

Books, you should bring. We are in the process of building a library that subscribes to the BookCrossing philosophy (bookcrossing.com) whereby books are free to go on their way with guests but for now reading material and magazines are sparse so plan accordingly. Personal music libraries should be brought.

Food Items: Invariably guests leave items that have better staying power in the refrigerator than their suitcases. We triage a lot of the items but basic standbys such as catsup, mustard etc, if nearly full, and expiry dates good, we leave them. Same for the pantry items. If you are arriving near the end of the season, bathroom tissue, paper towels, canned soups, coffees, teas, accrue plentifully. You may wish to assay the pantry before a grocery run. Seafood is always bought fresh and can be done at the co-op down the road or at Coville's in Souris to Souris. Mussels, hake, snow crabs, and lobster are plentiful.

Miscellaneous: When renting a car you may wish to have a statement of coverage from your US carrier. Not necessary but useful in the event you are pulled over. There is a stiff fine for not having proof of auto insurance with you in Canada and insurance cards are often left home in the glove compartment when renting elsewhere. The car rental company would be your best source of advice.