

Buena Vista Lodge Planning Tips

Remember to Bring:

- 1] Shampoo, Bath Soap and other personal toiletry items
- 2] Beach towels and sun screen, bug repellent, foldup cloth chairs (we have outdoor furniture but you might want more portable ones)
- 3] We provide a large gas grill. There are spare tanks in the woodshed. The BP will refill if necessary.
- 4] Disposable plastic cups (There are glasses but they are not suitable for the beach and washing them is more work)
- 5] Life jackets if you intend to use the boats especially for smaller children. There are some but they might not fit.
- 6] Bring condiments that you will want for cooking, paper towels, and maybe paper plates.
- 7] CD's and DVD's (There is Satellite TV and local Radio but you might want your favorites)

Stay in Touch---- **The Lodge Phone # is 715-484-5647** The Lodge phone will allow you to dial local and in Country long distance numbers and 911. Cell phone coverage is spotty and depending on your provider you may have to leave the property to get a connection. **Note: To make local calls you will need to dial just the 715 area code and the number DO NOT dial 1 first.**

Plan your meals---- **The closest major grocery store is the Copps in Antigo.** (35 min) **Stop on your way up** The BP in Pickerel has a very good selection of a lot of things you might need but does not carry a wide variety.

Go out to Eat--- **There are a number of fun Northwood's type restaurants in the area.** There is a list of some of the local places in the lodge with some of the menus. Watch the hours as some are closed certain days and many close early. Most of them will do take outs.

There is an Ice maker in the Bar--- For most groups this should be sufficient.

Fully equipped Kitchen--- There should be enough plates, dishes, silverware, etc. There is also an adequate supply of pots, pans, casseroles, cooking implements, etc. There are also two coffee makers, a blender and a slow cooker. Some things are stored in the cabinets in the bar along with extra dishes.

Refrigerators--- There are three. One in the Kitchen, one in the Bar and one in the Garage. **Please remember to take all your supplies when you leave.**

Stove--- Using the stove is simple but **ONLY WORKS** using an **INDUCTION** ready(metal) pan.

FIRST PLACE PAN ON APPROPRIATE BURNER

TOUCH THE POWER INDICATOR TO TURN STOVE ON

TOUCH DESIRED BURNER AREA TO ACTIVATE IT

TOUCH THE SLIDE BAR TO ADJUST THE HEAT SETTING. **HIGH ONLY TO BOIL LIQUIDS!**

NOTE: If the pan is too small or not metal it will not start. If the pan is taken off the burner it will shut down.

Ovens--- There are two standard convection ovens and a microwave oven.

Campfires--- Please use the designated area. **Also please use as much local wood as possible from the woods or the pine that is split for outside use.** We cannot use pine in the fireplaces because of the tar and the hardwood is expensive so please do not use it for campfires. In addition, the pine burns and smells great in a campfire! **WATCH FOR FIRE BANS**

Boats--- There is a 14' aluminum fishing boat for your use. We provide only oars. You can either bring a motor or rent one. The boat is rated up to **20HP MAX !! Do not put a bigger motor on it.** There is also a two person paddle boat, a Kayak and Canoe. **All boats for use on Pickerel and Crane Lakes ONLY.** The boat should be locked to a chain and turned over. The key to the padlock is hanging in the kitchen on the hooks next to the phone. If you have your own boat you can tie it up to the pier or beach it on the sand.

Pickerel/Crane Lakes--- Pickerel Lake is about 1300 acres and Crane Lake is about 400 acres. They are connected by a river. Smaller boats like the Lund can go thru a connecting culvert under the road at the Eastern end of Pickerel and get into Crane Lake which is very nice. A pontoon boat will not fit. The river although short is fun and usually has wildlife.

Games--- There is a game room on the lower level that has a pool table, foosball table and a shuffleboard table. There is also a TV, Fireplace and a table for cards or board games. **Please respect these games and please do not set drinks on them as it could ruin them. Children should be supervised to insure that these games are not destroyed.** In the loft area there is also a ping pong table for your use.

Televisions--- There are three TV's. All the TV's are connected to Satellite. There is a large screen TV in the loft area with a DVD/Bluray player and surround sound, great for watching sports games or movies. In the bar there is another TV and in the game room a third TV. There is a stereo system with CD player and Bluetooth interface on main floor.

WiFi--- There is a WiFi system in the lodge. In your arrival information there is the code to access the system.

Office Space--- The lodge has a two desk office space for those who need a place to conduct business while staying at the lodge. In addition to the WiFi connection there is an all-in-one printer/fax/copier. **Please supervise any children so that they do not use this equipment unattended as it is not meant to be a toy and can be easily depleted.**

Outdoor Furniture--- The lodge has four chase loungers on the deck and numerous chairs. If you may want more please bring your own. The popular fold-up chairs are a great thing to bring and so portable!!

Trails--- There are many trails on the property. They are left mostly in a natural state so as not to interfere with the Flora and Fauna of the area. You are welcome to walk on them and enjoy the woods! We try to remove deadfalls and keep them passable but we cannot guarantee it, as this is a living forest. It is up to you to decide if you are able to use the trails! **No vehicles , ATVs or Dirt Bikes are allowed on the trails! If caught you will be fined!!** Snowmobiles are OK.

The Island--- There is a footpath leaving the beach area that goes right along the shore that leads to a bridge that goes over to the island. The path is primitive and you should only use it if you are capable of staying safe. The island is fun to visit, the view and wildlife can make it a worthwhile trip, watch for eagles, otters, muskrats, etc.

The Beach--- The beach has a dock and pier. There is also a sand volleyball court, please bring a ball. There should be one but **sometimes** it gets lost! The sand beach starts at the dock and goes almost all the way around the island!

Fishing--- What can we say! You should have been here last week! or next week! or this week! All I can tell you is that there are fish because otherwise why would all those fishermen be out there! Good luck and watch out for bottle bass. You will need a license Grandpa.