

## **Other Information for our Guests.**

We will provide a little information on frequently asked questions by our family and guests to help you get acclimated and feel comfortable.

Just like all of you, we are a family busy with careers and children, we ask that you follow some simple common courtesy guidelines to ensure that guests using this cottage after you can enjoy it as well. The cottages are cleaned very thoroughly at the beginning of the season and we ask that you try to maintain a level of cleanliness during your stay and before you leave.

### **In general we ask that the following be adhered to:**

Floors are reasonably clean (please sweep).

Dishes are washed and put away.

Perishable foods brought into the cottage are taken out.

The cottage's sheets and towels that have been used are removed from the beds and piled in one area when you leave.

Garbage. All garbage and trash is disposed of at least twice weekly.

Garbage bags are provided in each cottage (under the sink) and there is a large trash container at each location. Please tie garbage tightly in bags and place in the container outside your cottage. We will pick-up and dispose of your trash at least twice weekly a

Pets. Please keep the cottage Pet Free (some of our family and friends have allergies). Also, these premises (indoors and outdoors) are Tobacco-Free.

**Luna's Beach** is a great place to convene for an afternoon of swimming, conversation and relaxation. We ask that our guests have no glass or pets or fishing equipment on the beach and that it be tobacco-free. Please remember that others outside your family may be using the beach at the same time with you and we ask that all maintain every courtesy.

**Docks and Floats.** There are boat docks at Cove Cottage and the Telegraph Cottage. Please know that the cove is very shallow and with submerged rocks so only small craft, canoes, kayaks should be brought in to the dock located there. The Telegraph Cottage dock allows larger boats and other craft. Fishing from the docks is great fun and somewhat productive at the right time of day! However, all children should be wearing a personal floatation device (PFD) of Type 3 or better when fishing from the docks. People who cannot swim well, including all young children, should always be accompanied by an adult who can swim.

**Boats, Canoes, Kayaks.** Each cottage is allowed the use of one canoe (one canoe may be exchanged for a kayak and other kayaks maybe available for rental). By Maine law Children 14 years or less in age must wear a PFD at all times while in these craft and a PFD must be in the craft for each occupant. PFDs are available for each craft and are located in the cottages. There is one extra large adult PFD in each cottage. Any boat or small craft out after sunset must be equipped with a bow and stern light; canoes/ kayaks must have a hand held light (law).

**Water and Septic.** All of our cottages have drilled wells (in solid rock, 260-480 feet deep!) and septic systems. We ask that you use water responsibly. The Tallwood drinking water is excel-

**Fishing.** Please know the laws, rules, regulations prior to fishing. You may purchase fishing licenses (age 12 and above) at local town offices during the weekdays or at local stores, pharmacies (such as Rite-Aid located in Manchester and Winthrop). All fishing equipment must be kept secure by their owners. This means that we ask that you do not leave fishing poles, lines, lures, hooks, etc. anywhere on the premise where young children might walk into or on it or play with it. Fishing equipment can be a hazard when left unattended.

### **Flora and Fauna.**

Identifying trees, shrubs, plants, berries, etc. at Tallwood can be fun and relaxing. We recommend purchasing a good guide to regional flora at Barnes and Noble book sellers in Augusta and then begin your checklist. Watch for our doe and fawn as you take your walk along the road, as well as raccoon, porcupine, fox, groundhog, mink, beaver, muskrat, turkey and other small animals along the shore and in the woods. An occasional moose may be spotted walking through the area. There are many colorful songbirds and woodpeckers are often seen in the habitat trees along the water. Remember, all animals have unpredictable behavior and should be left alone when seen.

### **CAUTIONS:**

Walking Barefoot in the woods, on the paths, and at the beach.

People enjoy walking barefoot, however, we urge caution if you choose to do so. Because most of Tallwood property was unattended for many years, we recommend you wear appropriate footwear at all times, since occasional glass, nails, and metal debris are found on the property, including the beach.

Insects and Ticks.

Maine, like the rest of New England, has seen Lyme Disease and West Nile Virus, especially during the summer and fall months. Ticks carry Lyme Disease, and West Nile Virus by infected mosquitoes. It is therefore recommended that people throughout New England take measures to reduce their risk of tick and mosquito bites. These measures include: wearing clothing to cover skin areas, appropriately applying a DEET-containing repellent, and making daily tick checks. More information and advice can be obtained at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention web site.

### **Driving and Parking.**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**SLOW AND CAUTIOUS DRIVING AT ALL TIMES INCLUDING PARKING AND BACKING UP VEHICLES. PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY YOUNG CHILDREN, WALK, RUN, AND BIKE ON THE ROAD**

Enjoy each and every day and make it a great stay!

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