



## Echo Lake Resort

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### **Cabin Guide 2023**

What is a 'Cabin'? Generally, it's a one room wood structure and while it's a very old word, in British Columbia, it's come to be our term for a simple, rustic wood structure located in nature. At Echo Lake Resort, we use '*cabining*' as an activity, like camping but staying in a cabin. Humor is important in the woods!

We hope this guide will be helpful as you plan your stay and when you're packing for your vacation. Please also refer to our other [policies](#) on the website. If we missed important info or you have ideas or feedback, please send it to [info@echolakeresort.ca](mailto:info@echolakeresort.ca).

Our seven lakefront Cabins stay true to the art of 'cabining' as they're idyllic, unspoiled and hearken back to days when a fire was necessary for comfort and the kettle was always on the stove for a warm-up. In keeping with many Canadian fishing resorts, Echo Lake Resort Cabins are 'housekeeping': guests bring their own comforts and leave the Cabins clean, essentially as they found them.

The Cabins have, at minimum, one double bed and all beds are provided with a mattress cover and fitted sheet. Each Cabin has a set occupancy limit, based on the number of beds. For an additional charge, up to 2 extra persons can be added, sleeping on the covered futon sofa bed in the main living space.

- **All Cabins are Bring Your Own Bedding 'BYOB': pillows, sleeping bag, blankets**
- **All Cabins require 'housekeeping': see the FAQs below**
- **All Water at the Resort is Drinkable and Delicious! (UV treated & sediment filtered)**
- **All Cabins are pet-friendly (see our [Pet Policy](#) for info)**

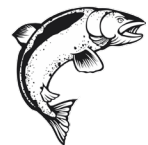
On the deck of each Cabin, you'll find 4 blue deck chairs, a wooden picnic table and a propane BBQ. Dry your towels on the deck railing, play games on the picnic table as you wait for lunch off the grill, and store your extra coolers on the side to grab cold drinks from.

- The BBQ has propane and tools provided, do not remove the tank for other uses. Let staff know if the propane has run out and we'll refill it.
- Enjoy the chairs and picnic table, but do NOT leave burns or marks on them.

Beside every Cabin is a firepit for wood fires and a private outhouse. Guests also have access to our central Wash House with hot showers, sinks and flush toilets.

- Outhouses are supplied with toilet paper, hand sanitizer and small garbage can.
- Firepits are non-moveable. Please burn, take home, or neatly stack your leftover firewood.

All Cabins have a dock for their exclusive use. Tie up your fishing boat, set up a chair for reading, or swim in the Lake on a sunny day.





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- For safety, NO DIVING from any dock, except the Main Swim Dock, as the water level fluctuates during the season.

We preserve the natural, riparian shoreline of Echo Lake so there are footpaths around the Cabins and down to the waterfront. We recommend wearing shoes and always navigating carefully. Access to every Cabin includes stairs or sloped pathways and descriptions are provided individually to help those with mobility issues and small children determine which Cabin is right for them.

### What to Bring & Frequently Asked Questions

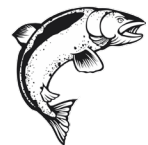
We're here to help you become experienced in the art of 'cabining', where part of the experience is packing the car full to the roof, journeying to our Cabins with the city disappearing in your rear-view mirror and the tall timbers surrounding you until all you see is green and the sparkling water of Echo Lake. When you arrive, check in for your Cabin key, unload it all and proceed to enjoy 'lake life'. That's the 'Bring Your Own': bedding, comforts & treats.

### **What is a 'housekeeping' Cabin?**

- Our Cabins are set up to help you to cook if you want to or stash all the good stuff in the fridge and just crack open a beverage. We want you to feel like it's your home away from home while you're here.
- During your stay, the kids will track in sand from the beach, you'll catch some fish, eat some amazing meals, clean sticky s'mores off your hands and just generally use the Cabin your way.
- We do not clean during your stay but anything you forgot or need, please ask us in the Store. We replenish what's included and likely have what you need to buy or borrow!
- On the way out, you'll empty the fridge, clean the dishes, and sweep the floors. Refer to our Before You Go list posted in every Cabin.
- After you leave, we'll finish the turnover for the next guests so that they walk in and exhale like you did thinking, *'at last, we're here'*.

### **Is there electricity?**

- Yes, there's 30A of power on a couple of 15A circuits which means the fridge, lights and electric heater are the priority!
- Yes, you can plug in your phone & electronic devices for charging!
- **Follow the '1 at a time'** rule to keep your device working properly & from tripping the breaker and yes, you can bring:
  - a CPAP machine,
  - a simple cooling fan,
  - a baby monitor,
  - an air pump for blowing up water toys,





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- a hair dryer (careful, they generally use most of the available power)
- Absolutely **NO** portable air conditioners, microwaves or large plug-in appliances, toasters, stand mixers, air fryers, roasters, slow cookers, Pod/Keurig or Semi-Automatic espresso coffee makers, electric smokers.
- Occasionally, we experience a power outage, and the Cabins are powered by our Standby Generator. In that circumstance, only necessary systems will be able to run.

### Where is the bathroom?

- Kitchen sink for 'Hands and Teeth' (or the Wash House),
- Outhouse for solo trips,
- Wash House for hot running water at the sinks, flush toilets, and \$2 hot showers.

### What is included in the kitchen?

- A propane 4-burner stove with oven
- A refrigerator with small freezer
- Cold Well Water: filtered, treated & drinkable
- Dishes: cutlery (dinner forks, teaspoons, soup spoons, knives, steak knives), plates, salad plate, juice glasses, wine glasses, and coffee mugs for the Cabin's set occupancy
- Basic Cookware: 2 frying pans, 3 stainless pots with lids, cutting board, mixing bowl, colander, stovetop coffee percolator, water kettle, tea pot, stovetop camping toaster
- Utensils: BBQ tools, potato masher, ladle spoon, serving spoon, flat spatula flipper, whisk, 2 knives, wine opener, vegetable peeler, can opener, lighter, scissors, fabric oven mitts & potholders
- Dish soap, dish drainer, sink plug & pot scrubber
- Extra white kitchen garbage bags (in kitchens and available at the Store upon request)

### What if something's missing, damaged or we break something during our stay?

- Let us know right away if something's missing or broken so we can replace it for you.
- **We understand accidents happen, however if we find broken/ missing items after Check Out, you will be charged for their repair or replacement at our discretion.**

### What isn't included in the kitchen but are helpful?

- Salt, pepper, spices, seasonings, cooking oil
- Paper towel, paper napkins, kitchen towels, dish cloths, table placemats
- Foil, plastic wrap, plastic storage bags & containers
- Rubber dish cleaning gloves
- Outdoor picnic table cover





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### Can I bring a coffee maker?

- A stovetop coffee percolator is included (see our Blog: The Best Percolator Coffee).
- As a suggestion, how about bringing a Bialetti, French Press, Chemex, or Aeropress?
- Yes, you can bring a small, drip coffee maker (see our Electricity answer above for guidance).
- Yes, you can bring a small electric kettle if desired.
- Do **NOT** bring or use Pod/Keurig or semi-automatic espresso coffee makers as they draw too much power.

### Will I need to bring a cooler for my food & beverages?

- We recommend you bring a hard cooler with a tight-fitting lid to minimize animal interference.
- Please consider bringing your food prepped and in reusable containers to take home your leftovers.
- Do **NOT** leave us 'food presents' and check all cupboards, fridge and stove before Check Out.

### Why are there no kitchen cloths included? Can I rent bedding?

- There are multiple reasons why guests bring 'everything soft' with them and why we do not provide the option to rent bedding, but simply put, this is our strategy to maximize cleanliness and minimize our environmental footprint.

### Why is there only cold water at the sink?

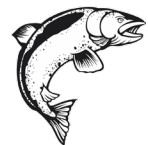
- Cabin power is limited, and we cannot install hot water heaters at this time, but they are coming in the future!
- Your stovetop kettle is the best way to heat water for doing dishes and washing hands.

### How do I clean my fish?

- There are currently no fish cleaning stations at the Resort. Please clean fish while in your boat (Eagles love fish bits!) or bag the waste up tightly and place in garbage receptacle to prevent smell and attracting animals.
- In Cabins, we suggest treating fish like any other meat product and cleaning knives and cutting boards thoroughly after using. Do **NOT** leave fish guts in the fridge.
- **DO NOT BRING FISH INTO THE WASH HOUSE!** Fines will apply.

### Where does waste water go?

- Cabin plumbing is not on the septic system, so liquid down the sink must be biodegradable and able to dissipate safely in the small cisterns below. Use the sink drainer basket to catch food.
- **NO grease-** capture your bacon grease in an aluminum can or glass jar and dispose.





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- NO potato skins or flour or starches- they create drain 'glue'.
- NO Fish guts or skin- please clean your fish over the side of your boat, at the end of your dock, or into a paper bag for disposal into the garbage bag.

### **Do I need to bring cleaning equipment?**

- A broom and dustpan are supplied for sweeping whenever needed and at the end of your stay.
- Bring kitchen towels and dish cloths for wiping counters, fridge, stove and the tabletop.
- Bring hand soap, rubber gloves and counter cleaner, if desired.

### **I saw a mouse inside! What do I do next?**

- Occasionally, a mouse will get into the Cabin, please know this is normal in a country setting.
- Let us know and we'll deal with it right away.
- Store your snacks in containers or coolers and tidy up after meals to discourage mice.

### **Do you have WIFI at the Cabins and can I work remotely, stream movies or play online games?**

- No, WIFI is limited to the Store and download speed is limited.
- Please download movies ahead of coming to the resort.
- There are no TVs in the Cabins, we encourage you to disconnect and play outdoors!
- Working remotely is not advised, the Resort has poor cell phone coverage, and the landline is not available for guest phone calls, except in emergencies.

### **Are there guest laundry facilities at the resort?**

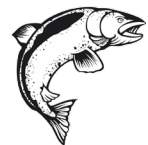
- Not at this time, but we hope this is a future amenity we can bring you!

### **Can I bring and use candles? What about decorations?**

- Candles are permitted with proper care and attention and are an important safety tool if we experience a power outage.
- Please consider driplless or battery operated or be prepared to manage wax so that there is none left on furniture or floors.
- Do NOT leave candles burning while you sleep.
- All decorations, tape, string, ties, balloons, etc. MUST be removed before Check Out, do NOT leave plastic litter inside or outside the Cabins.

### **Why are there no pet-free Cabins and what about those with pet allergies?**

- We've had great feedback from a season of having pets at the Resort!
- Please read our [Pet Policy](#) for updates if you are bringing a pet.





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- As our Cabins are booked years in advance, we could not separate them into some for pets and some without.
- We manage the Cabin cleaning process diligently and those bringing pets pay for additional cleaning time which allows us to maintain high standards.
- With that said, there is no way to make a Cabin completely 'pet-free' as we cannot control what animal hair/ dander comes in even when people don't bring a pet. So, a 'pet-free' Cabin is only as good as the cleaning standard and the ability for those with allergies to manage them.
- We advise those with serious animal allergies to contact us at [info@echolakeresort.ca](mailto:info@echolakeresort.ca) to discuss further to see if our Cabins are right for your needs.

### Where do I park my vehicle(s)?

- Please see individual Cabin descriptions for vehicle parking.
- Additional vehicles may need to be parked elsewhere and this should be arranged ahead of arrival.

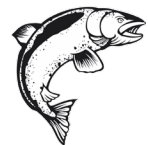
### What about extra people? Can I have visitors? Can they stay overnight?

- Every Cabin has a set 'Guest' occupancy based on available beds. Up to 2 'Additional Guests' can be added for additional charges. They must check in during Store hours & will be advised on how to park vehicle(s).
- 'Visitors' (not staying overnight) must check in at the Store, see [Resort](#) for more information and applicable charges. Please do not plan for multiple Visitors to your Cabin without checking with us as we have limited parking.
- A reminder, Echo Lake Resort does not allow 'parties' and strictly manages this for the enjoyment of all guests at the Resort.

### Can I put a sleeping tent or trailer/RV beside my Cabin? How about a pop up/ bug tent?

- Part of the peaceful experience at Echo Lake Resort comes from how we manage guest numbers. From customer feedback last year and to maintain our Cabins, we are only allowing a tent outside of a cabin for kids and then only when the overall Cabin numbers do not exceed the set occupancy.
- An outdoor pop-up shelter or 'bug tent' can be used on the deck (use temporary tie downs & no driving screws into the wood) or where driveways have space, and it must be guest-managed in case of wind. The Resort is not liable for any damage to guest equipment or temporary structures.
- Trailers are not allowed beside Cabins. Truck Campers or Camper Vans or RVs (where people are sleeping inside) are not allowed beside Cabins. Please book a Campsite for these units.

### Where do I put my garbage?





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- Inside garbage can- white bag for household garbage, additional bags available in kitchen drawers and at Store.
- All garbage is placed outside your cabin in the black bags inside garbage cans on departure day.
- We are strictly managing garbage to minimize wildlife interactions, keep the lids on tight.
- Please consider where you can reduce garbage, we thank you!
- If your bins fill up, please ask us to collect it, we're happy to do so.
- **Do NOT leave behind large garbage items including cardboard boxes, broken toys & inflatables, plastic, or Styrofoam. TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF. If we find it after Check Out, we will charge a fine as we will be charged to dump it.**

### What about organic waste or composting?

- Currently, we are not diverting organics as our landfill doesn't support this and we are not composting at the Resort to minimize wildlife interference.
- Organics will be part of your garbage so please consider home organic diversion; we thank you!

### What about recycling?

- We cannot recycle plastics, foil, glass, tetra paks, or cardboard and as such everything other than aluminum cans and glass beverage containers with deposit will become garbage.
- **Blue Bin: ONLY empty aluminum cans and glass beverage containers.**

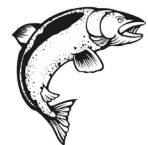
### Where can I smoke?

- Smoking, including Vaping and Cannabis, are permitted outside your Cabin.
- NO smoking inside Cabins, Store, Wash House or at the Swim Dock.
- Do not carry around the Resort. The fire hazard is too great.
- Use an ashtray (not provided) and dispose of cold butts in garbage cans.
- There is a \$250.00 fine imposed if you are found to be violating this policy.

### Where can I drink alcohol?

- At your designated camping site or Cabin by those of legal age (19 in British Columbia).
- Do NOT drink alcohol on Echo Lake Resort Rental Watercraft, at the Swim Dock or Boat Launch.
- Alcohol is most likely not permitted on your own boat! More info [here](#).

### Emergencies:





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- **For First Aid or Emergencies, please report to the Store** or, if after hours, the Owner Residence. The Owners are trained in first aid.
- In the case of a Fire, immediately tell the Managers as they have on site fire fighting equipment and will contact the appropriate services.

### **Prohibited Items:**

- Firecrackers & Fireworks (if it bangs, explodes or lights up, leave it at home).
- Firearms of any kind, replica or real, pellet, bb or paint (if it looks like a gun, leave it at home).
- Slingshots, bow & arrows, projectile shooters of any kind.
- Drones are Prohibited in [BC Parks](#).

### **Top 5 suggested things to bring:**

1. Flashlights or Headlamp, really helpful for Outhouse visits!
2. Slippers
3. Wash House tote bag with flip flops for showering
4. Rainy Day games- cause you never know!
5. Sense of Adventure

### **What to do before we leave?**

- Follow our Before You Go check list to help you clean & pack.
- Store- return your key, pay any outstanding tab, book for next year!
- Let us know how you enjoyed your stay & anything we could do better 😊

We suggest using this guide or saving it to your phone to help you pack for your trip.  
If you have more questions after reading this guide, email us at [Info@echolakeresort.ca](mailto:Info@echolakeresort.ca).

