



## **Cabin Guide 2024**

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 [Terms & Conditions](#) 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.

***Please see our [Camping Cabin Guide](#) for our 2 little 'bunkies' 8 & 9.***

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 people 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, fees apply)**

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.
- We do not allow charcoal or wood pellet cooking, the fire risk is too high.
- 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. Do not use firepits for garbage or cigarette butts, place in black garbage bag.

Cabins 1-5 have wood burning stoves for heat inside. Firewood, kindling, and paper is provided for these cabins, however it is not for the outside campfire pits. Dry cut firewood is available for sale at the Store



unless there is a campfire ban posted. Axes and hatchets are not included at the Cabins, however if you would like to request one, please see the Store for details.

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.

- For safety, NO DIVING from any dock as the water level fluctuates during the season.
- Please note, there is no lifeguard on duty.

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 *with extension cord*,
  - a simple cooling fan,
  - a baby monitor,



- an air pump for blowing up water toys,
- 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.

#### **I've never used an Outhouse, what are the rules?**

- Welcome to the 'woods'! Ours are vented & frequently cleaned for your convenience.
- We use a special enzyme to help break down organic waste that's environmentally friendly.
- We provide septic-friendly toilet paper & hand sanitizer.
- Let us know if we need to clean or restock it, we're happy to do so!
- What goes down? **ONLY** toilet paper & human waste.
- Use the small garbage can for hygiene products and other small waste items.
- **NO GARBAGE, DIAPERS, HYGIENE PRODUCTS, PET POOP BAGS, or FOOD WASTE.**  
**Dispose of these items in main receptacles.**

#### **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 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 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

### **Can I bring a coffee maker?**

- A stovetop coffee percolator is included.
  - As a suggestion, how about bringing a Bialetti, French Press, or pour over such as 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 and either will not work reliably or will trip the circuit.

### **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.

### **Firepits & BBQs:**

- Our campfire pits are not movable.
- Cabins are equipped with propane BBQs. However, the propane supplied for cabin BBQs is not transferrable to other uses, including portable propane firepits. If guests wish to bring their own portable propane BBQ, do not bring charcoal or wood pellet fired BBQs or smokers.
- We rent propane firepits & sell propane at the Store.
- We sell dry, seasoned, split firewood unless there is a campfire ban in effect.
- Guests can bring firewood, however must adhere to our [policy](#).
- Guests are welcome to bring their own propane firepits, however must supply their own propane and not use them on the wooden cabin decks or on the composite docks.

### **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 water 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: 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- pour liquid grease into an aluminum can or glass jar and dispose in garbage can.
- 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.

### **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.
- In Spring, we set traps wherever mice are seen. Let us know when they are caught 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 dripless 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?**

- 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?**

- 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 strictly manage garbage to minimize wildlife interactions so please 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.**

#### **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.

#### **Cabin Cleanliness & Damage**

- If waste material is found around your Cabin, you will be charged for the cleanup required. This includes dog waste, see our [Pet Policy](#).
- 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 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 refundable beverage containers with deposit will become garbage.
- **Blue Bin: ONLY empty refundable beverage containers.**

#### **Where can I smoke?**

- Smoking, including Tobacco, Vaping and Cannabis, are permitted outside your Cabin. Please avoid smoking near the doors & open windows.
- 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 or pocket ashtray (not provided) and dispose of cold butts in garbage cans. Do not litter cigarette butts around the Resort property, they do not decompose, are toxic to animals, and are unsightly in our Park environment.
- 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](#).

#### **Resort Quiet Hours: 10 PM – 8 AM**

- All sound/music/electronic devices must be turned off during quiet hours as not to disturb other campers (keep voices low).
- During the day noise must be contained within your cabin area.
- Offensive behaviour/loud music is not allowed at any time.
- We have zero tolerance for parties.
- You will only be warned twice, then you will be asked to leave. You will not be refunded any fees and a fine of \$250.00 will be charged to your credit card.

#### **Resort Speed Limit 15 km/h & Driving**

- Please drive & ride SLOWLY and obey the 15 km/hr limit and WATCH for people, children and pets on the roadway. This will minimize dust on dry roads.
- Stay parked at your site, do not idle or wash vehicles.
- If Guests need to use a vehicle (including scooters, bicycles, golf carts) for mobility or convenience, common sense will apply.
- ATVs, Dirtbikes, and Quads: Do NOT Bring them to the Resort. We are within Echo Lake Provincial Park and there is no direct access to trails.

#### **Swim Dock & Beach:**

- The Swim Dock is located beside Cabin 7 and is an area open to everyone at Echo Lake Resort.
- There is no lifeguard on duty.
- There is an easy to climb ladder securely attached to the end section of the dock.
- There is no outhouse or change area at the Swim Dock, the closest outhouses are at the Playground which is a 5 min walk away.
- Do NOT dive off the Swim Dock as the water level fluctuates during the season.
- Take your water toys back to your cabin or site at the end of the day, there is no overnight pull to shore or moorage on the dock for boats or watercraft.
- Bring your camp chairs to the beach but remember it's a small area meant for many people to enjoy at the same time and there is no 'private' zone that can be reserved.
- Please respect that Cabin 7 is close by and those guests have a private dock, outhouse, and deck for their enjoyment.

#### **Playground:**

- Our Playground is for kids, mainly little kids, to enjoy and play in an area where parents can be close by.
- Echo Lake Resort staff reserves the right





### **Emergencies:**

- **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. Extra camp chairs if necessary (4 are provided at every cabin)
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).