

## Highland Lakehouse

### Things to Know

(there is a copy of this at the house as well)

#### **Emergency Information and Services**

Kathy and Bill Masterson 978-557-5750 mobiles; 978-375-2167 or 978-809-5456

Bridgton Hospital, a mile away on South High Street 207-647-6000

Bridgton Police or Fire Dial 911 or direct line 207-647-8814

#### Heat

When you arrive in colder weather, adjust the thermostats to suit you. There is no air conditioning given the constant summer breeze off the water. There are fans (including ceiling fans) if needed. The window blinds can be lowered to cut down on the glare of the afternoon sun. The house is well insulated and very tight. The concrete floor is radiant heat and should be set at a constant 65 degrees during the winter, which will keep the house plenty warm. You can raise it if you find it's too cold. There are thermostats in the dining room that controls the rest of the downstairs as well as in the master bedroom and lake facing bedroom with the dormer that controls the 3 upstairs bedrooms. Please set the temperature back to 55 on all thermostats before leaving in the winter.

#### Wireless/Sound System

There is wireless internet throughout the house. The hub is located in the coat closet in the front hall. Choose "vacationland" as the wireless setting on your device. The password is Tybrdrew3. You are welcome to use the receiver that plays any Apple device as well as the vinyl record player and CD player. You can plug your device into the cord in the closet or play tunes remotely by choosing the "Williams airport express" setting on your wireless device. The input button on the Yamaha receiver controls where the music plays from (iPod, record player, etc.). Push the input button to control the source of the music. There are labels on the receiver labeling the source device. You may need to turn off the closet light to see the display. **Please be careful with the record player as the volume comes on really loud.** There are 5 sets of speakers, inside and outside. They are marked on the speaker box on the second shelf. Setting "D" is outside and should be kept off when you're inside, particularly at night.

#### TV

A 46" Samsung flat screen HDTV with cable is located in the den. You need to turn the receiver on (in the cabinet) for sound. Press the "system on/off" button on the main Time Warner control to operate the cable box and TV. Use the "guide" button on the remote to see the channel selections. We've recently added HBO, Showtime and several additional channels. See blue Time Warner guide for channel selections. There is a DVD player as well as several DVD's. To play a DVD, find the input button on the bottom right front of the TV, go to AV1-TV. To get sound you'll need to turn the receiver off and the volume on the TV up via the Samsung remote.

### Gas Stove (in den)

The gas stove can be used in colder weather. Use the remote to control on and off. If the remote doesn't work, you can switch the unit on in the back (top left corner). Make sure the remote setting is on "off" and not "thermo" when not in use, otherwise the unit will turn on below a certain temperature.

### Lights

Several lights are on dimmers and have 2 way switches. There are several sets of outside lights with switches near the doorways as well as exterior garage lights. The ceiling fans/lights can be operated remotely (family room) or by switch (covered deck and master). We usually keep the family room fan on during the winter and summer to circulate the air for heating and cooling purposes.

### Appliances

The kitchen has a two-drawer Fisher Paykel dishwasher, fridge with built in filtered water dispenser (inside on left), stove as well as small appliances (toaster, microwave, Keurig coffeemaker, toaster oven, Kitchen Aid blender, electric griddle, Braun coffee maker, etc.) in the cabinets or pantry (under the stairs). The Jenn Air stove has a down draft for venting. The burners on the right are adjustable. The ones on the left are a constant flame. The stackable washer-dryer in the laundry room is available for your use as well. Please use a minimal amount of HW detergent. The dishwasher drawers can be run separately or together, please don't overload.

### Fireplaces

In addition to the propane stove in the den, there is a wood-burning fireplace in the family room. Firewood is in the garage and on the covered deck. Please use the smaller pieces of wood for starting a fire and use the larger logs for constant burning. Make sure you open the flue before lighting. When lighting, slide open the small door on bottom right inside the fireplace (black door vent) to get some air draw. Please close both before leaving.

### Utility Room

All utilities are in a closet off the laundry room (hot water heater, electric panel, etc.) You shouldn't need to access this, but just in case.

### Inside

The loft sleeps two and can be accessed via a ladder. Please be careful when climbing. Access should be limited to those who can climb the ladder with no problems. It's your responsibility to monitor who uses the ladder to access the loft. Please make sure to shut all windows when rain is expected including the skylight in the loft and guest bathroom.

### Outside

Please respect our neighbors. Excessive noise will not be tolerated. Please be inside by 10PM. There is a small fire pit on the beach. Please keep all fires small. You can use the brush and small logs under the trees along the property line. If you are visiting during summer, please water the plants on the decks and front steps every few days or when they look dry.

### Trash

The town of Bridgton has single sort recycling. Put all recyclables into barrels marked "recycle" in the garage. This includes bottles, paper, glass, cardboard, metal and plastic. All other trash should be placed in a separate plastic bag. Bags should be placed in the marked barrels in the garage. Keep recycling and trash separate.

### Additional Summer Notes

Please don't feed the geese and/or ducks. There is a string across the beach area that prevents them from coming on land. You can remove it while your using the beach area but please put it back when you're not outside. Otherwise, they will make a mess of the beach and lawn area.

Please water the plants during dry spells, particularly the ones on the decks and porches.

You should use the mudroom door as the primary access from the front of the house. There is a button switch on the inside edge of the front yellow door to lock and unlock it. To lock all the other exterior doors, pull up handle and turn the lock.

If it gets hot, there are several stand and counter fans throughout the house. The ceiling fans in the master and covered deck work with the wall switch. The ceiling fan in the family room works on a remote.

**We really hope you enjoy our lake house and the Bridgton area! Make yourselves at home, sit back and relax!**

## **Highland Lake House Things to Do**

There is a Maine Atlas in the house and several local maps and flyers in the binder for your use.

Downtown Bridgton is a short walk. It has a great bookstore, several antique stores, artist guild, library, cigar lounge, Reny's Department Store, The Corn Shop as well as the Magic Lantern Theatre with 3 screens showing the latest movies. The Tannery Pub in the theatre complex is a great bar for watching sporting events on a giant screen. Hannaford Grocery Store on Rt. 302 is your best bet for food shopping. The gas station down the street is fine for convenience items including beer. J Decor across from the William Perry House at the corner of Highland Rd and Main St has a great selection of wines at all price ranges.

Depending on what you're into, there are several things to do in and around Bridgton. There is list of "100 things to do in Bridgton" in the binder.

### **Anytime**

Drive to the outlets in North Conway, about a half hour away.

Hike through Pondicherry Park (behind the Magic Lantern) with several miles of trails.

Oxford Casino, 35 min away in Oxford is a great venue. Tables & slots. Nice place.

Magic Lantern Movie Theater plays current movies and is a great deal. Catch a matinee!

Stone Mountain Arts Center in Brownfield (20 minutes away) has some great year round acts like the Indigo Girls, Paula Poundstone, Lyle Lovett, Peter Wolf, Judy Collins, etc.

Seacoast Fun Park on Rt. 302 in Windham has snow tubing in the winter as well as go-carts, sky swing, zip lining, etc. other times of the year.

### **Winter**

Shawnee Peak is a great family ski area located in Bridgton on Rt. 302, 10 minutes away.

Sunday River is one of the best ski areas in New England, located in Bethel (40 min).

Snow shoe or cross country ski across the lake, thru Pondicherry Park or at Bridgton Highlands Golf Course (on Highland Road). There's 5 pair of snowshoes in the garage.

### **Summer**

Bridgton Twin Drive In Theater on Rt. 302 on the way to Naples (2 screens)

Hike Pleasant Mt or one of the several mountain trails...hiking guide in the house.

Bridgton Highlands Golf Course is great and only a mile away up Highland Rd.

Swim, canoe, kayak, paddle board or sail right at your doorstep on Highland Lake

Go to the Gazebo on Rt. 302 for an ice cream

## Highland Lake House Local Restaurants

There are several great restaurants within walking or driving distance. All are in Bridgton except where noted. There are some brochures in the binder.

### Excellent

76 Pleasant St, Norway; about 30 minutes away, great food, service and setting...special  
Oxford House Inn, Fryeburg; great chef, great downstairs bar, excellent menu, 20 min  
Venezia, Rt 302; cooked to order Italian, great red sauce dishes, slow but worth it, 10 min  
Vivo, Depot St, new Tuscan style restaurant with great food and within walking distance!

### Very Good

Chao Thai, Main St - great Thai within walking distance, sometimes closed so call before  
Olde Mill, Harrison - good family place with a wide variety on menu, 10 minutes away  
Campfire Grill, Rt 302- good family place, food is consistent- 10 min away

### Good

Black Horse Tavern Rt 302 Good for lunch, typical pub food, good service and close by  
Tannery Pub- located in the Magic Lantern, pub food. Great place to watch a game  
Bridgton House of Pizza-Main St. good pizza, big menu, full bar. Dine in or take out  
Ruby Food- Main St. Chinese- Really just OK. Only if your desperate for Chinese.  
Standard Gastropub, Main St. Mobil. Great food and beer, unique casual atmosphere.  
Towanda's Specialty Food and Deli, good sandwiches, opened last summer

### Breakfast

Beth's Kitchen Café, Main St. Just a short walk - excellent food for lunch or breakfast.  
Ruby Slippers, Harrison Rt 117. great food and service. Excellent baked goods  
Ricky's Diner, Main St. - Good local hangout for breakfast. Greasy...typical diner food

### Other choices

Tap House, Depot St. Excellent and friendly casual bar, good drink specials, darts.  
Brays Brew's Pub in Naples- excellent beer selection, outside beer garden, good food  
North Conway has several good restaurants including Horsefeathers- half hour away  
Portland has world class restaurants (eg Fore Street) about 50 minutes away down Rt 302  
Ebenezer's Pub, Lovell- a great find, beer garden, excellent food, worth a trip (seasonal)  
Beef N' Ski on Rt 302 - good roast beef sandwiches.  
McDonalds and Dunkin Donuts on Rt 302 are the only fast food places around  
Highland Seafood - Main St.- short walk, fresh seafood right off the boat. No dining.  
Noble House B&B (our neighbors) isn't open for food, but is a top rated inn