

A Quick Guide to Top O' The Ridge

Our House manual in the orange binder has more detailed information Top O' the Ridge if needed.

Our Caretaker, Dennis (Den) Dever, lives very nearby and will gladly assist you. His mobile number is: **(207) 664-3680**. Only use the last 7 digits when dialing local numbers from the house phone. Please expect Den to drop by in his black pickup truck a day or so after your arrival to introduce himself.

Trash days are **Tuesday** and **Fridays** in the main summer season and Friday in the early and late season. All trash must be bagged and placed in the bin at the end of the driveway. **LEAVE A RED BAG HANDLE DRAPED OUTSIDE THE BIN TO INDICATE THAT THERE IS TRASH TO BE PICKED UP.**

- Trash bags are under the sink and in the supply shelves behind the door the master vanity area.
- For pungent trash like lobster shells, please double bag using the heavy-duty outer bag.

Kitchen utensils are in the top drawers on the dining room end of the kitchen. Larger utensils are hung on the full-length cabinet doors to the right of the refrigerator.

Dock and waterfront – exercise caution and prudent behavior around the dock and waterfront. Supervise children closely in this fun but potentially dangerous location. Water shoes are recommended for swimming. Supervise children at all times at the dock, decks, and around dangerous appliances.

Canoes, Kayaks and equipment – One canoe is on the dock, the other is stored onshore. Life jackets and paddles are in the basement area (right at bottom of stairs -duck at the stair bottom). Kayas store on the rack near the stair landing

- Always wear safety floatation gear when you using watercraft
- Be careful when boating around rocks to prevent damaging to watercraft
- **Hint:** head into the wind on your way out and let it help push you home on your return.

📺 **Home theater** – Our Harmony remote is programmed to make using the system as easy as possible. There is a detailed guide in the house manual (orange binder) and a loose version in the living area.

WiFi access – is password protected, for the password (**** see the label on the router located on top of the Home Theater Cabinet ****).

Streaming - Our new Spectrum service provides unlimited bandwidth so feel free to bring your favorite online streaming hardware. **But don't forget to pack your streaming devices when you leave** 😊.

Phone Service – US domestic calling is free. Please do NOT make international calls on the house phone.

Laundry – see instructions on the dryer door. Clean the filter each time before using the dryer. Use HE detergent as directed in the washer guide – a little goes a long way.

Additional supplies such as cleaners and trash bags are stored behind the hallway door leading to the master vanity area. The top shelf to the right of the double vanities contains extra paper goods.

Dishes and kitchen ware – There are dishes and flatware for 8+ guests. Please be sure to clean all dishes flatware, pots, pans, serving dishes, etc. thoroughly after use.

Heat – If feasible, please avoid using the electric heat. If you do require heat, use our central system whose thermostat is on the left side of the built in living room shelving unit to your right as you enter the main hallway. If you do use electric heat be sure not to leave anything within 6 inches of the heaters or you risk starting a fire.

Decks – The main deck is polymer based and safe for bare feet. However, on other decking and walkways please wear shoes to prevent splinter injuries. Please keep hot items away from all decks and spray sun block on feet over at towel to prevent staining the decking.

Jacuzzis are fun but can be very dangerous for young children who can easily drown if not supervised. Be sure not to overfill the Jacuzzi; **there is no automatic shut-off.**

Power outages - in the event of a power outage, the hallway nightlight is a backup flashlight

- We are installing a standby propane generator will be in service by the 2019 season. This system will start automatically should the power be interrupted. It will also start bi-weekly for automated maintenance for about 20 minutes on Saturdays at about the noon hour.

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- Should power fail to restore, we supply an LED lantern in the built-in living area shelving
- There should be at least one flashlight in the kitchen bar drawer closet to the living room.
- Extra batteries kept in the living room shelving unit drawers
- Some nightlights are also emergency flashlights
- Candles stored in the living room shelving unit drawers
- Use plumbing sparingly as the supply and septic pump station require power for long term use

Circuit panel – the circuit panel located at the base of the stairs to your left behind a wood door in the wall. In general avoid changing circuit breaker settings unless safety reasons dictate otherwise.

CO and Smoke alarms are located in both the common areas and in all bedrooms. If you cannot identify and stop the CO source, leave the building immediately and call 911 or the fire department for CO issue resolution.

Grilling – Our gas grill is located along the walkway near the driveway.

Loft windows – never the screens open unless you like sharing your vacation rental with bats and insects. **Please do not leave these or other casement windows open in the rain.**

Some baby equipment is in the master bedroom closet and/or stored in the lower level. A highchair is available (usually in stored in the living area of the lower level).

The Vacuum is stored in first master BR closet. A battery operated quick pickup Dyson is hung on the wall next to the towel shelved near the master double vanity. The central vac is no longer operational.

Fireplace – Sorry, but the fireplace cannot be used. The firebox/flue may need repair and the plasma TV could be damaged by the heat and a flue cap blocks the flue at the chimney top.

Chiminea – We have a chiminea located on the driveway side of the house. Please only use this on its dedicated stone patio area. Wood is available under the deck. Be very careful using this potentially dangerous appliance. It is very hot during and after use; children should be kept away from the unit. *Make sure that coals are out before emptying the chiminea. Never empty coals where a fire can result. We have a rock lined ash disposal pit at the woods edge to the left of the driveway circle. **A day after use, coals can still be hot enough to start a fire.***

No open fires are allowed on the property.

No pets are allowed on the premises or in the dwelling.

Guest bath ventilation – please open the window over the bath tub for ventilation when showering

Birds of the pond – the loons will delight you with their haunting calls. If they make a quick high pitched call, look for eagles as they are warning each other that the big bad birdie is overhead. You may see friendly ducks that enjoy crumbled bread and cracker treats. For many years, there has been an eagle nest in a big pine on the west shoreline due west of Top O' The Ridge.

Wild Animals – You may see deer near the house or as you drive Northern Neck and other MDI roads. Other commonly seen animal life around the home includes chipmunks, red squirrels, fox, and raccoon. Do not feed any wild animals and keep doors/screens closed to prevent their entry into the home.

Fish – The lake has both Small Mouth Bass and Land Locked Salmon if you like to fish, but you do need a Maine license available online at <https://www5.informe.org/cgi-bin/online/moses2/index.pl> , at any town office, or at Walmart in Ellsworth.

Shopping – The One Stop just north of Somesville is very close and convenient. Southwest Food Mart (just North of SW Harbor) is about 10 minutes away. SW harbor has Sawyer's Market. Ellsworth has the best priced offerings with a new large Walmart (near Home depot), a Hannaford, and a Shaws on the main strip. Of course, Bar Harbor is the tourist stuff Mecca of MDI which also has a Hannaford.

Enjoy – Best wishes for clear skies, warm weather, and the vacation of a lifetime.

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Long Pond with Small Mouth Bass Location Fishing Hints

