



Welcome To The Northern Bruce Peninsula

While you're here, we hope you enjoy your stay at your short term accommodation as you explore the Beautiful Bruce Peninsula. From Lion's Head to Tobermory, Pike Bay to Dorcas Bay, there's so much to do and see. Please take a minute to review this document, so we can ensure you understand what is expected of you as a visitor and temporary cottager on the Bruce Peninsula

The cottage that you will be occupying is a home that is located in a residential area; treat it as your own, respect your neighbours and leave it as you find it. It is your responsibility to make sure the cottage is treated respectfully by everyone staying with you. Have a safe and fantastic time and make lasting memories of your time as a COTTAGER on the beautiful Bruce Peninsula!

Contact Phone Number

Property Owner Name

What do you need to know when renting a cottage?

Our Municipality has strict bylaw enforcement. As a cottage renter, please make sure that each person who is a guest staying at the cottage is aware of the various bylaws and rules that we expect you to adhere to, so you can avoid a visit from the bylaw officer, or in the worst-case scenario, the police or fire department.



Excessive Noise

Everyone is entitled to peace and quiet without being disturbed by noisy neighbours. Noise travels easily across the water. Excessive noise includes loud playing of any radio, shouting, yelling, machinery and a barking dog, public address system or amplified sound producing device that can be heard by any other person(s) within the municipality between the hours of 11:00 PM through to 8:00 AM. Details are available at: [Noise Bylaw: Bylaw 2018-37 Noise](#)



Parking

Roadways must be kept clear to ensure residents, visitors and emergency vehicles have access to properties. Parking should occur entirely on the property that you are visiting. If you need to park on the road, please be considerate of your neighbours.



Pets

Dogs are required to be under care and control at all times. They must be leashed within the parks and on all trails. Please clean up your dog's waste and put the waste bags into the garbage. Do not leave your pet in a hot car. Please make sure your dog does not disturb the neighbours by barking excessively. [Dog Bylaw: Bylaw 2019-08 Dog Regulations](#)



Burns

Bonfires can be an important part of the cottage experience, but remember that they can be dangerous too. Northern Bruce Peninsula can implement a Burn Ban if the weather conditions make fires unsafe. Check [Municipality Of Northern Bruce Peninsula](#) to view the Burn Ban status and always remember: • Fire pits may be no more than 60 centimetres diameters and must be 15 metres from buildings and 5 metres from property lines • Fire pits must not be under any vegetation such as trees or overhangs like porches • Fire pits must be attended at all times • Smoke cannot disrupt people on neighbouring properties • Water must be readily available to extinguish the fire • If you are bringing your own firewood, please purchase it locally to the cottage so that you are not transporting any pests into the area. [Open Air Fire Bylaw](#)



Fireworks

Fireworks can scare not only pets but the wildlife in the area. Most cottages have rules regarding the use of fireworks. The region has a lot of trees and forests and you are not allowed to ignite fireworks within 300 metres of a forest or woodland without a permit.



Over-crowding & Septic Systems

The requirement for the sizing of onsite sewage systems are in the Ontario Building Code. The Code states that for residential dwellings, the size of a sewage system is based on the number of bedrooms, finished area of the dwelling and the number of plumbing fixtures. Please do not go over the occupancy allowed at your cottage.

If there is a concern that a sewage system is malfunctioning, anyone can contact the Township office and the complaint will be investigated.

All cottages, including cottage rentals, have a maximum capacity. This number allows for the water & septic system of the property to function correctly. Overcapacity can stress the systems, and make for a very uncomfortable stay. Most cottages in the Northern Bruce Peninsula are on a septic system. Septic systems are underground wastewater treatment structures, commonly used in rural areas without centralized sewer systems. They use a combination of nature and proven technology to treat wastewater from household plumbing produced by bathrooms, kitchen drains, and laundry. Never put anything into the toilet at your cottage rental except toilet paper & human waste. Never flush or drain diapers, paper towels, grease, or wipes. These can cause catastrophic issues such as a blocked septic system, and your septic might back up into the cottage. If this happens, the price to repair the issue can be in the \$1000's and will end your cottage experience very quickly, on a very unpleasant note. If it is for 6 people, it's JUST 6 people, including children. No guests are also the normal rule at rentals.



Waste & Garbage

The Bruce Peninsula is beautiful – and we want to keep it that way. Proper disposal of garbage and recyclables is essential to keeping our community and waterways clean.

Waste Disposal

There are 3 different waste disposal sites on the peninsula. Visit [Northern Bruce Peninsula Waste management](#) to learn more about the proper disposal of waste and waste collection days and to view the Municipal Waste locations and hours of operation.

Never leave your garbage outside unless your cottage rental provides you with a bear-proof steel garbage box. Take your garbage regularly to the waste disposal sites. We all need to do our bit to ensure the safety of the wildlife population on “the Bruce”. Always recycle.

Never ever leave garbage on the trails, beaches, or other property. If there are no garbage receptacles available, take your garbage with you. Plan ahead and bring a garbage bag with you. Leaving garbage on the trail is unacceptable behaviour, and not welcome in nature anywhere.



No Parties

NO gatherings of more than the number of guests allowed. No disruptive parties.

Guests who are reported for throwing a disruptive party or violating our rules on gatherings of more than the allotted number of people / cottage are subject to a fine & or eviction immediately.

Visiting our parks, beaches and trails

Trail hiking: When you plan a hike on one of the many rugged and beautiful trails around the area, be aware that most are natural trails, and have very few facilities. Some of the trails are 15 - 20 km to complete, and there will not be a single garbage can or washroom the entire hike. Be prepared, buy a trail map, bring a water dispenser and if bringing food, take a garbage bag with you and bring out everything you bring in. Littering in nature is something we need to avoid at all costs. Do NOT leave diapers or other garbage in the bushes. The reason you are visiting the area is to enjoy the pristine and clean environment, please do not lend to the destruction of it. Also be aware that these are rugged trails and proper attire is required. The ground is uneven and there are rattlesnakes. Wear hiking boots, not flip flops. Dogs must always be leashed.

Beaches: There are a few beaches in the area, be prepared for overcrowding in summer. Week days are the best time to visit. No fires, no BBQs, no privacy tents are allowed.

The Bruce Peninsula National Park : The area known as Cyprus Lake / the Grotto & Halfway Log Dump requires you to purchase a parking permit in advance. You can do so here www.reservation.pc.gc.ca/BrucePeninsula. There are facilities here only. Many parts of the BPNP are rugged, and may have limited cell phone service. Please come prepared. Remember to wear proper footwear when hiking. There are rattlesnakes in the region! Be prepared to take your garbage (and diapers) out with you as there will not be any garbage facilities in many parts of the park. There will be park staff patrolling the park, and you can be fined for littering. Stay on the trails to avoid trampling native plants.

[Plan your visit to the Bruce Peninsula National Park](#)

Fathom Five National Marine Park & Flowerpot Island: Access to Flowerpot Island requires you to take a boat. You can book a cruise to the island with [The Blue Heron Company](#) or [Bruce Anchor Cruises](#) . Please bring a garbage bag to be able to take back your garbage. Remember to wear proper footwear when walking on the island. There are rattlesnakes on the island!

Visiting our stores, restaurants and other retail outlets

When visiting the local shops and restaurants, please respect the establishment's rules. There might be protocols to prevent transmission of viruses such as Covid-19. Remember, the people working at these shops are employees. Please treat them with respect.

For up to date local information on Covid or other health issues please visit [Public Health Grey Bruce's](#) website.

Paid Parking

Tobermory & Lion's Head have paid parking. Please look for signs, and pay for your parking in these areas to avoid fines.

**DO
NOT
FLUSH**



**HAIR, GREASE
TAMPONS OR PADS
DIAPERS, MEDICINE,
TRASH OR
TOWELS/TISSUES
WIPES OF ANY KIND**

**ONLY PEE AND POO &
TOILET PAPER PLEASE!**

TO PROTECT THIS HOME'S
PLUMBING, PLEASE
KEEP GREASE, FATS, AND
**HARMFUL
CHEMICALS OUT
OF THE DRAIN.**

**PLEASE, BE KIND
TO OUR SEPTIC SYSTEM!**



**POUR ALL YOUR GREASE
& FATS FROM YOUR PANS INTO A
DISPOSABLE CONTAINER & WIPE WITH A PAPER TOWEL**



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