

STONE COTTAGE INFORMATION FOR RENTERS

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Getting Here.

Follow your GPS to “15 Hagen Cove Rd., Georgetown, ME.” (As you get close, also look for small hand painted “MacMahan” signs on trees at forks in the one-lane road.) That will bring you to the unloading area for the MacMahan dock on Georgetown. Take your things down to the dock and then drive back 2/10 mile and park your car in the MacMahan parking lot, which is marked by a sign for Hidden Cove Rd. The parking charge is \$5 per night, payable through a marked drop box at the Lodge. (At our house you will find a map of MacMahan showing the roads, trails, the Lodge and other community buildings, tennis courts, beaches, cottages and other points of interest.)

During July and August (ONLY) there is free ferry service on the *ISLAND RAIDER*:

Georgetown to MacMahan

8:00am – 12:00 noon– 4:30pm

MacMahan to Georgetown

8:00am – 11:30am – 4:30pm

(Sunday 8:00am – 12:00 noon – 4:30pm)

Ferry transportation for other times (weekdays and daytime only) can be arranged for a charge of \$20 per trip by advance call to Superintendent Chris Martin at 207 371 2360. (He is the only licensed ferry operator and will accommodate you subject to his other responsibilities as Superintendent.)

Groceries and Supplies.

There is a Hannaford supermarket in Brunswick and a Shaw’s in Bath, and in Bath an excellent local fish market (Plant’s Seafood) with a farm stand (Swango Farms) next to it. (For lobsters, see below.) The only food sold on MacMahan is the “penny” candy and ice cream bars sold at the Lodge. (Because of the time between ferries and the 25-minute drive to Bath, most guests try to bring all their provisions with them.) Don’t forget sun block and insect repellent. The State of Maine recommends DEET-based repellents as most effective against ticks.

When You Land.

The ferry will bring you to MacMahan’s West Float. You will find our golf cart in the golf cart parking area. It is dark green, marked “N. Stone” on the front and is the only one with canvas curtains for use in wet weather. (Please leave the side doors rolled up as you’ll find them. They are only for cold weather use.) The key will be in the ignition and operating instructions are on the steering wheel. If you would like the golf cart brought down on the dock for easier loading, please ask Chris Martin to drive it down for you unless you are CONFIDENT of your own golf cart skills.

To get to our house, go straight ahead on the main road, go past a large field and under a bent-over birch tree; then turn right on the first narrow gravel road. Continue across a second field and then go straight up the hill (past a large birch tree) to the first house you come to.

Walking is the accepted mode of transportation on MacMahan. Golf carts are intended only for hauling luggage or supplies, or for anyone who has difficulty walking.

The House.

The house will be unlocked. Everything will be clean and the beds will be made. We have cleared what should be sufficient space for your use in all the closets. There will be dish and dishwasher detergents at the kitchen sink, and cleaning supplies below it. In the bathrooms you will find hand washing soap, shampoo and body wash. Plastic trash bags are in a box on the floor of the pantry closet, along with extra paper towels. Toilet paper is in the upstairs bathroom closet, along with additional linens and towels. The laundry detergent is also there.

Feel free to use the spices in the racks in the pantry closet, but if you use up any of them please let us know so we can replace them.

The refrigerator will be on. The automatic ice maker is disconnected so make more ice using the ice cube trays.

Water and electricity will be on. The water comes from a central drilled well and reverse osmosis desalination machines. The water is tested to state standards and is of good quality. It is metered and you will be billed at \$0.50 per cubic foot (about 7.5 gallons). There is sufficient water supply for all the cottages on the island but everyone is asked to use it carefully. Our house has a supplemental rain water system which will not be connected during your visit. Please do not touch any of the valves or switches in the water room, which is located off the guest room hallway.

There is a propane barbecue grill on the rear porch and a spare propane tank in the shed. Light the grill through its lighting hole on the right-hand side using a grill lighter from the kitchen drawer nearest the refrigerator. Turn the tank valve off when not in use.

There is no cable or satellite service and you will need to use the “hot spot” on your smart phone to connect your laptop to the Internet. We have a small miscellaneous collection of DVDs and CDs, including Swiss Family Robinson for the kids; you may want to bring your favorites. One renter successfully used his iTV connected through the HDMI port on our TV (we have the cable).

For games we have Pictionary and Scrabble, and playing cards. And ping pong paddles and balls for use at the Playhouse.

Septic System

There is a conventional in-ground septic system. It requires no attention but please put down only the toilet paper we’ve provided.

Kayaks

We have two kayaks which you are free to use if you are experienced. One is a double and dark green and the other is a single and yellow. They are located on our side of the field next to the upside-down aluminum boat. Paddles are on the front porch. **Wear life jackets at all times.** Both kayaks are intended only for light recreational use in calm water. Always check the weather forecast before you go out, and watch for weather changes. If you plan to go through the passage between the southwest point of MacMahan and Georgetown check the tides first. It will be difficult or impossible to paddle through against a strong opposing current. There is a tide clock on the wall above the steps between the kitchen and living room. The time between high and low tides is about six hours. High and low tides are about one hour later each day. **You are responsible for your boating safety.**

Lobsters.

There are two local lobstermen, either of whom will deliver lobster directly to our dock. Their names and phone numbers are on the refrigerator door. It's cash only. Prices are generally below retail. We always round up to recognize their personal service and the extra fuel they have burned for our convenience. Call at least a day ahead, since he will be bringing lobsters that he caught the same day. *Tell him you are staying in Nick and Erin Stone's cottage.* If you don't meet him at our dock he will leave the lobsters in the water in the gray plastic crate tied to the dock. Pull the crate up on the dock before opening it – in the water, lobsters can swim very fast and might escape. Use one of the white plastic buckets in the shed to bring them to the house. Cook them on the propane stove on the front porch in one of the two large pots you will find on the pantry floor. Light the stove with a grill lighter. Afterwards, the shells (but nothing else) can be thrown off our dock.

If you didn't pay for the lobster at delivery, put the money in a glass jar (from the pantry closet), put the jar in the white bucket and leave it on the dock for your lobsterman to pick up.

Tennis

There are two clay tennis courts which you are free to use without charge. Only smooth-soled shoes are allowed. If both courts are in use, introduce yourselves and the other players will work you in. Bring your own balls and raquets.

Island Store and Summer Post Office.

Both are located at the Lodge. During July and August the post office is open for several hours each day (as posted) and is best considered as a place to buy stamps and mail cards and letters. (More complex postal transactions may be a challenge.) If you expect to receive mail or a package during your stay you should ask Chris Martin how it should be sent.

The store is open from Memorial Day until Columbus Day and offers MacMahan T-shirts, sweat shirts, caps and other items, postcards and some local crafts, plus "penny" candy and ice cream bars. It

operates on the honor system, with an open cash drawer to leave payment (cash, or check payable to “Sheepscot Island Company”) and to make change.

The bulletin board on the Lodge porch shows upcoming events, some of which require advance sign-up.

The Lodge is also the residence of the Superintendent and his family, so please respect their privacy by making your visits between 8a.m. and 6 p.m.

The Chapel.

During July and August a resident Episcopal minister conducts services at St. Cuthbert’s Chapel at 9:30 each Sunday morning. All are welcome.

Trash and Recyclables.

Please use the stainless container at the kitchen sink for fruit and vegetable waste and empty it in the compost barrel near the tree at the end of the clothesline. No meat or fish!

Rinsed recyclable cans, bottles and plastic containers, and clean paper, can be put in the trash basket which is under the kitchen sink to the right. All other trash goes into the pull-out bin to the left (in a bag). When those are full, they go out to the shed, with the cans, plastic containers and paper going into the hanging mesh bag and the glass going into the yellow bag below it. Leave the bagged trash (tightly-tied) in the black covered trash barrel in the shed near the large outside doors.

Safety and Emergencies

There are no medical or fire-fighting services on MacMahan. The nearest emergency responder is Georgetown Volunteer Fire and Rescue at **911**.

Nick and Erin Stone cottage
41 Newagen Road
MacMahan Island

Also call the Superintendent at 207 371 2360, and call us when you can.

The nearest hospital is Mid Coast Hospital in Brunswick (207 373 6000) .

At our house, there are two dry chemical fire extinguishers mounted inside the hall closet door and a back-pack fire pump on the front porch. Outside, there is a salt water hose mounted on the tree at the end of the clothesline and fresh water hoses in the front and back. Please identify these when you arrive.

There is a basic First Aid kit in the closet in the upstairs bathroom.

Fire prevention is paramount.

Outdoor fires are not allowed anywhere on MacMahan.

Burn the fireplace stove only with its door closed and latched.

Don't leave the house unattended while anything is cooking on the stove or in the oven.

Use common sense and think ahead.

NO SMOKING in our home or anywhere else on MacMahan.

Other Issues.

If anything at the house breaks, stops working or otherwise needs attention, and it is not a true emergency, please call us at 207 522 6250. One of us will either come and fix it ourselves (we are usually only about an hour away) or we'll call someone who will take care of it.

When You Leave.

Please –

Strip the beds and leave the sheets and towels next to the washing machine. If any are wet, please keep them off the wooden floor.

Put the dirty dishes in the dishwasher and turn it on.

Put the trash and recyclables in the shed.

Leave the golf cart where you picked it up near the West Float.

More Information about MacMahan.

We would be happy to give you our suggestions for things to do and places to see, both on and off the island, geared to your specific interests and preferences (including child-oriented activities). Just call or send us an email any time.

You can find more information about MacMahan Island, including announcements of coming events, at www.macmahan.com

ENJOY YOUR STAY!

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