

MacMahan Island Frequently Asked Questions

Congratulations! You have chosen to vacation in a very special place. We know you will love MacMahan Island's natural beauty, the small sandy beaches, woodland, and coastal trails, spectacular Maine coast views, and its tranquil environment. This brief FAQ is intended to help your stay get off to a great start.

The island is approximately 250 acres in size. There are 42 privately-owned cottages on the island, the oldest built in 1895, and the newest was finished in 2014. The island is owned by the members of the Sheepscot Island Company (SICO), which was incorporated in 1891. An elected Board of Directors oversees the finances, provision of services, and other operations.

More complete information is available in the *MacMahan Island Guidebook*. You will find the answers there to almost any question - including some that you did not know you had. To ensure an enjoyable and safe time while you are on island, you are strongly encouraged to read it BEFORE you begin your visit.

Click [here](#) for the link to the *Guidebook*.

It is important to understand that MacMahan is a true island, one not connected to the mainland by a bridge. Access to the Island is by the workboat three times a day or private boat. There are no stores or restaurants. This means that any time you want to shop or explore on the mainland, you will need a boat or to catch the scheduled work boat.

Walking is the main form of transportation. There are no paved roads. Vehicles are limited to golf carts, which are work vehicles and are rarely used when walking is possible. *Note: fancy or high-heeled shoes are best left at home.*

Everything you need must be transported to your cottage by a golf cart or wheelbarrow/handcart and/or some hale and hearty guests.

Below are answers to some of the more frequently asked questions

How do I get there?

Set your GPS to "15 Hagan Cove Rd., Georgetown, ME." to the MacMahan Island Landing. On North End Road you will see hand-painted signs at key turns. The entrance to the Landing is one-way to the left; proceed to the unloading area for the MacMahan dock. This area is for unloading only. Please park smartly to allow others to unload or drive past.

Carry your things to the dock and then drive back 2/10 mile to park in the MacMahan parking lot, marked by a sign for Hidden Cove Rd (left turn off the road). This is a private lot for MacMahan use only. There is a charge for parking that will be described in your rental agreement and discussed below.

When does the Work Boat Run?

The free workboat runs daily from July 1 – August 31 between the Georgetown Landing and MacMahan Island – the West Float. This trip takes only a few minutes, and runs on the following schedule:

Georgetown Landing to MacMahan

7 days a week

8:00 am

12:00 noon

4:30 pm

MacMahan to Georgetown Landing

Monday – Saturday

Sunday

8:00 am

8:00 am

11:30 am

12:00 noon

4:30 pm

4:30 pm

The boat cannot wait for stragglers. Passengers should have all their parcels ready on the dock and help to load and unload their own belongings.

Transportation to the island at any other time (including before July 1 and after August 31) must be **arranged in advance** and involves a fee. Fees are posted on the island website www.macmahan.com.

How do I find and get to my cottage?

The cottage owner will provide a map and instructions. If you need assistance with your luggage, please arrange in advance with the Island work crew.

Your cottage wheelbarrow/handcart may be left for you at the dock – please confirm its appearance and location with the cottage owner. If a golf cart is included with your cottage rental, be sure to confirm where it is parked and how to identify it.

While we don't like to see anyone stranded, it is important to understand that wheelbarrows/handcarts and golf carts at the dock are privately owned and not for borrowing.

Can I borrow /rent a golf cart from SICO?

No. If a golf cart is needed, an Island work crew member can be hired for a fee.

If your cottage rental includes a cart, please adhere to the rules outlined in the *Guidebook*. Please note: the use of the cottage golf carts is discouraged when walking is an alternative. Sedate speeds must be used always to reduce noise, dust, and danger.

How much is parking at the Georgetown lot?

Each car parked in the Georgetown lot is subject to a daily or, if applicable, weekly fee. Please confirm with the cottage owner if your rental includes paid parking and, if so, how many spaces are included. If your rental does not include parking, you are responsible for paying the applicable fee by PayPal by following the instruction on the sign posted at the lot or at the drop box on the Lodge porch. If you invite additional guests who then park additional vehicles, they (or you) are responsible for paying the fee. Please note the fee applies and must be paid even for those visiting for just a few hours.

Are there any restrictions on pets?

Clear with the cottage owner at the time of rental if pets are allowed in the cottage. Dogs on the island must always be accompanied and kept under the owner's control and may not be left outside or on porches when pet owners are off Island. Consult the *Guidebook* for a full explanation of pet guidelines and policies.

Is there a restaurant or coffee shop on the island? How about an ATM or convenience store?

No. You must go off-island for those. The Lodge hosts a post office and small shop - known as the candy store with candy, ice cream, souvenirs, and the occasional useful item such as toilet paper and bug spray, but little else. The shop is open during daylight hours only. Purchases are made through the honor system with cash or check - made out to SICO and put in the "honor system" drawer.

The Post Office is open for limited hours and handy to mail letters and/or buy stamps. Any other postal services are available on the mainland at US Post Office Georgetown. Check the *Guidebook* for MacMahan Post Office hours.

Please note the Lodge is the private residence of the Superintendent and his family. All areas except the Post Office and store are private and not to be entered.

Is there a lifeguard at any of the beaches?

No.

Can I have an outdoor barbeque or a cookout on the beach?

No. Fire is a major concern. Outdoor fires and charcoal grills are prohibited everywhere on MacMahan. Propane gas grills are allowed but must be attended always. There is NO SMOKING permitted outdoors. Check with the cottage owner about smoking inside the cottage. Consult the *Guidebook* for more on fire safety on MacMahan.

Is there a house of worship on the island?

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

Are there any social or cultural events I can attend?

Every Saturday at 6:00 pm there is an adult only "BYOB and hors d'oeuvre to share" cocktail hour at the Yacht Club next to West Float. Other activities such as square dances, bingo, movies, kids' activities, etc. can be found on the Island website www.macmahan.com. Notices are also posted on the bulletin board on the Lodge porch and West Float. There is also adult open tennis play most mornings beginning at 9am (except Sundays).

Can renters use the Yacht Club, Tennis Courts, and Playhouse?

Yes. These are open to all, subject to the same guidelines as cottage owners which can be found in the *Guidebook*.

What is the procedure in case of an emergency?

In the case of fire, medical, or accident emergency **First**, call 911. Give them the cottage address (including street number) and closest dock (West Float, North Float, etc.). This information is posted in every cottage. **After calling 911**, call Superintendent Chris Martin, who will help coordinate the response if needed. Superintendent's phone number is posted with other emergency info in each cottage.

Who should I call for non-emergency matters or for information about the island or environs?

Call the cottage owner **FIRST** for all non-emergency matters: request for repair or service, for questions about the island or environs, etc. Check the *Guidebook* to see if your question can be answered there. Remember, if you make a direct call to the Superintendent or an employee, a service or administrative fee may be applied.

Keep the Peace

Please remember to respect the peace and quiet of the Island. Keep the music down and speak with low voices, especially when walking past cottages at night.

We look forward to meeting you and sharing our special island with you!

MacMahan Service Fees 2023

**Partial List – See website for full list of Service Fees.
Fees apply to Year 2023 and are subject to change.**

Note that hourly labor/administrative rates may apply to non-emergency inquiries to Superintendent and Staff so please remember that your cottage owner is your first point of contact for non-emergency issues or questions about the cottage, the island or the local area.

PARKING:

Daily	\$10.00/per day or any part of day
Weekly	\$50.00/week

*PRIVATE BOAT TRIPS:

Landing	\$30.00
East Side	\$40.00
North End	\$45.00
Five Islands	\$45.00
Robinhood	\$55.00
After 4:30 pm & off-season weekends	\$100.00

*GOLF CART w/STAFF \$15 per trip, plus labor rate @\$50 per hr.

*BOAT RENTAL:

15 ft. \$600.00/week

*To reserve these services, contact the Superintendent as far in advance as possible at sico.macmahan@gmail.com