

Hemlock Point Lodge

Useful Information

1. CHECK-IN TIME IS AFTER 5:00 PM. No early check-in unless agreed upon by Owner.
2. CHECK-OUT TIME IS 10:00 AM. No late check-out unless agreed upon by Owner. You must depart prior to check-out time. The cleaning crew needs time to prepare for the next tenant.
3. Smart Home Description

The lodge has a computerized control system to monitor and control the heating/cooling system, some lighting, the water system, and the security system.

You will be given a numeric password for the security system. This is only active for your rental period.

The security system will be activated before you arrive. Enter the numeric code provided plus the # sign to de-activate. Once the code is entered the front door will open and some of the lights inside and outside the house will turn on. This is the only time they automatically turn on until you leave. You can then use the local switches to turn the lights on/off. Before you leave, make sure all doors and windows are locked and turn off all lights. When you leave, enter the same numeric code plus the # sign. In 60 seconds the door will lock and the lights will turn on for 15 minutes to provide light to get to your car if it is dark outside.

4. Security System Description

You can enter your numeric code at the inside keypad to activate the security system in the “at home” mode. Make sure all the doors are closed. There are cameras outside that activate recording when there is an intrusion. There are no cameras inside the house.

5. Heating and Cooling System

The heating and cooling system is computer controlled and automatically shifts between heating and cooling as space temperature requires. You may adjust the temperature to your preference using the thermostat. The equipment is a geothermal heat pump system.

6. TV/DVD System

The Game Room has a large flat-screen TV with surround sound. There is a DVD/CD player so bring your favorites. Pay-per-view has been blocked.

7. Intercom System

The phone system has a built-in intercom so you can call everyone for dinner or talk to an individual in just one room. Operating instructions are available at the Lodge.

8. In-Room Music System

Each room has a built-in music system. You can plug in your own iPod and listen to music from the speakers in the room. Use the volume control on the wall. You can also listen to what is playing in other rooms by changing the source number on the volume control.

9. Internet Access

Wired and wireless access is available at no charge. Bring a data cable.

10. Clean-Up

The rental fee includes house cleaning after your stay, however, it is expected to be left in a generally clean condition. Extraordinary cleaning required will be deducted from the security deposit.

11. Boats

A canoe, rowboat, and paddleboat are available for your use. State law requires children under 16 to wear a life jacket. We recommend all boaters use life jackets. If you have small children please bring your own proper fitting life jackets for them.

Please pull the boats out of the water and turn them over when not in use. If it rains and they fill up with water is it hard to pump out or turn over. Life Jackets or PFDs (Personal Floatation Devices)

Children 16 years of age and younger must wear an approved wearable PFD while underway on Commonwealth waters on any boat 20 feet or less in length and in all canoes and kayaks.

PFDs are provided for your use, but you may bring your own. If you have small children please bring your own proper fitting life jackets for them as the ones provided may not fit properly.

12. Phone Use

There is a land phone available for your use. Please use a calling card or call collect for long distance calls. Tolls for out going long distance calls will deducted from your security deposit. Cell phone coverage is limited.

13. Respect for Environment

Be kind to the environment around you. Do not litter, pick flowers, cut down trees, walk in the wetlands, or kill animals. Try to stay on the trails when hiking.

There is a good chance you will encounter wildlife. Please give them space and try not to disturb them. There are bear in the area. Know what to do when you see one.

14. Muddy Shoes

Please take off dirty shoes before entering.

15. Parking

Please park in stone driveway areas only. Do not a park on the vegetation.

16. Laundry

A washer and dryer are provided for your convenience. Please do only full loads and don't forget to clean the lint trap. Bring your own LIQUID soap.

17. Smoking

No smoking in any part of the house or porch. If you do smoke outside, please do not throw the butt on the ground. Use the Butt Cans provided.

18. Camp Fires are not allowed anywhere on the property..

19. Additional Guests

The septic system is designed for the beds provided. Do not exceed 16 people in your group at any time during your period of occupancy.

20. Camping

No camping on the property. No camp fires.

21. Leaving Food Outside

This is not permitted. It will attract the animals such as bear and raccoons.

22. Locking Doors

Refer to the Security section.

23. Fireworks

Not permitted. They are a fire safety hazard.

24. Hot Tub

No children 16 years or younger in the hot tub.

To save energy, reduce the temperature when not in use. To use the hot tub follow the instructions on the panel. When you are done please lower the temperature at least 5 degrees.

The hot tub will not operate when the outside air temperature is above 40 degrees.

Cover the tub when not in use. This saves energy.

25. Books

There are books on the bookshelf. Feel free to take one if you leave one.

26. Fireplace

The fireplace only works when the outside air temperature is below 60 F. It is controlled by the Smart Home System. This prevents heating the house to the point that cooling is required. To use the fireplace use the timer switch located on the right at the column enclosure. It will stay on for a maximum of four hours on one turn.

27. Gas Grill

The gas grill first requires you to use the timer switch located to the right of the grill on the wall of the lodge. Once the timer switch is turned on gas is allowed to flow to the grill. Follow the instructions on the grill to light it. Turn off the grill when you are done. The timer switch is necessary to prevent the gas grill from emptying the propane tank if accidentally left on.

28. Lost and Found

If personal items are left behind and found by the cleaning crew or management, you will be notified. If you want the items shipped to you there will be a shipping and handling charge deducted from your security deposit.

29. When you leave

Before you leave there are a few tasks to perform that include closing the windows, locking doors, cleaning all dishes and pots, putting all trash in the dumpster, removing the boats from the water, etc. A specific list is provided at the lodge.

30. Bears

There have been bear sightings so you should know what to do if you encounter one in the woods. The following are a few tips:

If you are near the house act immediately to scare it away, making as much noise as possible by yelling or banging pots together. If there is more than one person, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear. Return to the house as soon as possible. The intent is not to harm the bear, but to scare it from the area and restore its natural fear of people by providing a negative experience.

If you see a bear anywhere else, keep your distance (at least 50 yards, or about the distance four parked buses would take up). If you get closer, you will be helping the bear become used to being around people. Try to retreat slowly. Back up slowly and try to put more space between you and the bear. Talk calmly so that it can identify you as human, and slowly back up. Keep your backpack on as it can provide protection if necessary. Don't make direct eye contact, but keep a close look at the bear as you back away.

You can't outrun a bear so don't even try. Despite rumors to the contrary, a black bear can outrun a human on any terrain, uphill or down. People will tell you that you should run downhill when chased by a bear. This is simply a myth - don't try it!

32 Fishing

Fishing is permitted in the lake during your rental period only. Even though this is a private lake, you must have a valid Pennsylvania Fishing License. Please honor catch and release practice.