

# Cabin Manual

## Entering the cabin

You will have a key to the front door. The lock is a bit hard to turn, be gentle but firm. If it's dark you will need a flashlight or a good cell phone.

## Entering the shed

In case you need to visit the shed for some reason. The shed doors are locked with a 4-digit combination padlock. Ask us for the magic number. Align the digits with the straight line that goes through the wheels and it will open. There is a massive lamp inside, the light switch to it is on the wall to the right of the barn door as you go in. Once lit, it will take a few noisy minutes to warm up.

## Winter Start-up

In the winter the cabin is winterized. The water mains is shut off and drained. You will need to turn the water on:

Under the cabin there is a crawl space. Enter via the small door under the deck. The doorknob will open if you turn one way (not the other.) So try both if needed, then push in. It's not locked.

There is a light switch on the wall to the right. Turn the lights on, climb in. The water main is in the corner to the right of the door. Step carefully, don't trip over the yellow propane line that just hangs across. The main is a round orange-colored faucet on a low, horizontal pipe that connects to a white PVC pipe coming out of the ground. Simply turn it counter-clockwise to open. That's it. Check upstairs, the water is probably now running in the kitchen sink, which is left on to drain the water.

## Comfort

We leave the water heater on so you will have hot water right away.

The fridge and freezer are somewhat stocked. There will likely not be fresh milk or vegetables. Bring your own.

Kitchen also has a toaster, Keurig with some coffees, kettle, all dishes and utensils. What you don't see is in the kitchen drawers or cabinets.

Propane range top works as expected. For some reason it will click and try to light a flame every time you open a drawer underneath. It's harmless.

There is a trash can under the kitchen sink and a supply of trash bags. You will need to carry the trash and recycling back with you when you leave.

## Linen:

Guest beds should have sheets, blankets on and towels should be ready, if not check the closets or the bathroom cabinet under the sink in the downstairs shower / bathroom, you should find extra towels.

## Heating

- The entry way and the shower have wall fan heaters.
- The guest rooms have baseboard heaters with a thermostat in each room. There is also a baseboard heater in the hallway to them, with a thermostat in the living room.
- The living room has two mobile heaters. These are connected to internet-accessible power switches. Please turn the heaters on or off by pushing the button on the Belkin switches, not the heater. This way, we can turn the heaters in advance remotely and they will warm up the main space so it's not completely freezing when you arrive.
- Master bathroom upstairs has a wall heater. To turn it on, turn the left dial to "heating" (picture of a sun) and the thermostat to 5 or 6. To turn it off, turn the left dial to "anti-freeze" mode (picture of a snow flake.) or simply "OFF".
- Woodstove: There is chopped wood in the cage outside. If you use the woodstove DO read the safety tips, a lot can go wrong.
- To light the wood stove:
  - We have fire starters and matches in the bench drawer to the left of the woodstove.
  - Open the chimney damper (turn the knob so it is pointing vertical, not horizontal)
  - Open the wood stove door.
  - There is a chrome dial damper below the glass door. Turn it to the RIGHT (open position). This regulates how much air gets in from below, so how big the fire is. Let's call it the "choke." It's a damper regulating air flow coming in from below.
  - Open the ashes door underneath. This will give your fire another healthy supply of air to start.
  - Start the fire, close the window and leave the ash door below and the "" chrome handle turned to the right. It should pick up quickly. You should hear a whooshing sound as the air sucks the flames up.
  - The fire will start to take. Don't let the whooshing sound go for too long, or you will get the chimney overheated and start a chimney fire, so close the ash door to reduce oxygen. The wooden handle to the ash door may fall off; it's easy to push it back in, use an angle that gives enough room to open and close.
  - Once the fire is stable, turn the "choke" chrome dial a bit to the left to keep it low.
  - Keep an eye.
  - Keep a slot open in a window or open the door occasionally. The fire eats up all the air in the cabin and you will start to feel light headed. Keep some fresh air coming in!
- To turn off the wood stove:
  - Don't wait to the last minute. You want to make sure the stove is off and cold before you leave.
  - Keep the ashes door closed.
  - Turn the little chrome dial damper to the closed position (all the way to left.)
  - Turn the damper in the chimney so it is horizontal (closing the chimney off).
  - Let the fire die.

## Laundry

Washer and dryer are upstairs in the master bathroom closet. Laundry detergent is by the washer.

## Internet, communications, entertainment

The Wi-Fi (shmuelicabin) is unprotected, no password required. It's pretty slow.

We get AT&T cell coverage from Bellingham and Lummi Island across the water.

There is no TV and no TV reception. For music, we stream music or radio stations via the internet, through the iPhone or the laptop to the Wi-Fi speaker. It is always on. Once connected to the Wi-Fi, use any iPhone, iPad to connect AirPlay to it, you will see it in the AirPlay device list (in iOS 7, simply flick up from the bottom in the home screen.)

Internet bandwidth via the DSL service is very limited; so most video streaming will not work well, don't expect HD but you may be able to stream a decent movie from Netflix.

To watch DVDs we have a projector and a giant screen.

The upstairs bedroom has a box in the center of the window bench. Lift the cover to find a bag with the projector inside. There should be a power extension cord. The projector bag also holds its power cord and an optional connector for iPad / iPhone. To use the projector:

- The projector has a built-in DVD player; just slide a DVD in the slot for DVD.
- To turn the projector on make sure you slide the lamp door open and then turn it on.
- The projector must be positioned in the center of the picture (not left or right) but can be positioned on the floor, does not have to be at movie level. It has keystone adjustment and is set up to play from the floor level. It also has two little plastic feet in front you release to adjust the angle.

The screen is stored in its case on the kitchen floor next to the kitchen island. To use the screen:

- Open the two latches and the top cover
- You will find a square pole stored in clips inside. Lift it out and insert it into the square hole in the center, with the hanger on top pointing forward toward you.
- Pull the top part of the pole up and adjust the height by turning the tension cover in the middle as you pull to release, and then turning the other way to fix it in the high position. You need to turn and pull at the same time.
- Pull the screen gently from the bottom by the metal loop and hang it off the hanger at the top of the pole.

Pull the couch or chairs and enjoy the show.

When done, don't leave the screen up, release it from the hanger and let it roll back to the bottom. Don't leave it hanging stretched too long.

Squeeze the pole back to the short position, pull it from the square hole and place it back in the case.

## Safety

### Fire

One fire extinguisher is on the wall by the entryway, another upstairs in the laundry room.

There are smoke detectors, we have no experience turning them off, because they did not turn on for us yet. Use the fuse box by the entryway to turn off temporarily if you need to.

### Emergency numbers

There is no landline phone. If you call 911 on mobile be ready to give them the address: 137 Cougar Lane, Olga, and Orcas Island.

There is a list of local emergency numbers on the fridge door.

### Leaving

Please keep food supplies in tight containers, help us keep the cabin rodent free.

Take the trash and recycling back with you. We do not have trash service.

Turn off all the heaters: fan heaters; dial the baseboards to zero; turn off the two radiator heaters at the Belkin switch, not at the heater, so we can turn them back on from away. If the upstairs bathroom heater was on, turn it to OFF or anti-freeze mode (picture of a snow flake on both wheels.)

Any used sheets or towels, put in the laundry hamper in the master bathroom upstairs.

Leave the kitchen faucet running, then go back to the crawl space and shut off the water mains. Check that the water stopped or trickles at the kitchen. Leave the faucet a little on.

Ferry leaves from Orcas Village (45 minute drive from the cabin) – it is free heading back to Anacortes – usually lane #1. There are gift shops, restaurants and a small supermarket to explore while you wait for the ferry. Arrive at least 45 minutes before sailing in winter, more during busy sailing times (Sunday afternoons and summer.)

### Cabin Web Site

[www.ohmpc.com](http://www.ohmpc.com)

You will find this document, driving instructions, webcams, and other links.

## Recommended Things to Do in Winter

Explore around the cabin – lots of woods with animal paths or walk along the road below the shed further up into the woods and see a couple of new houses being built. You can walk or drive down to Eagle Lake and there is a short hiking trail around it.

Drive around the Island and explore. Use the map and explore the island by car. There are many little villages and areas to stop and walk around -- watch out for deer!

**Doe Bay Resort:** [www.doebay.com](http://www.doebay.com) hippy resort 10 minutes from the cabin on Point Lawrence Rd. Clothing optional hot tubs open daily to the public (\$15), public yoga classes, organic restaurant open weekends for breakfast and dinner (see website for hours) pizza and open mic on Thursday evenings and a small general store. It's pretty there to walk around and look at the water.

**Gas: Country Corner Market** - corner of Olga Road and Crescent Beach drive – also a good selection of food/snacks and take and bake pizza in the mini-mart. Gas is expensive in the island. If at all possible, gas up before you get on the ferry.

**Obstruction Pass State Park** – leave the cabin and drive a few miles past Doe Bay on Pt. Lawrence Road and turn left on Obstruction Pass Road. Look for park sign on your right. Make a right into the Obstruction Pass State Park parking area. There is a lovely 2-mile trail down to a rock beach with sea stars hiding among the big rocks. You need a Washington Parks Pass or pay to park.

### **Moran State Park : Mount Constitution Lookout and Viewpoint**

From the cabin head back toward town and after about 20 minutes you will drive through Moran State Park. Crescent Lake will be on your left. To the right you will see signs for Mount Constitution. Drive up the windy road to the parking and walk up to the tower. Great views of the San Juans and Bellingham. You will need the Washington State Parks Pass or pay for parking.

Mountain Lake: 4 mile hike in Moran State Park around a lake. Follow signs across from Crescent Lake.

Crescent Lake: rents boats in summer. Nice 3.5-mile hike around it.

**Shopping/Groceries:** Lots of gift shops and restaurants are in Eastsound. It's very walkable. So park and explore.

**Island Market:** (open til 8:00 PM) is a big supermarket in Eastsound. From Main St., turn onto Prune Alley. It will be on your right with a large parking lot. You can park there and explore the shops in town. Many restaurants have limited hours in winter. Enzo's Café is good for light snacks or coffee. There is a movie theater on "A" street that has first run movies on Friday and Saturday nights next to Pizzeria Portofino.

**Orcas Island Historical Museum:** in Eastsound, [www.orcasmuseum.org](http://www.orcasmuseum.org) has great displays on the history of the Island.

**Deer Harbor:** on the West side of the Island. Has a resort and marina with Whale Watch tours.