

Norm's Cabin

Norm's Cabin is wholly owned by the Algoma Highlands Conservancy (AHC), whose mission is to conserve and protect the unique beauty and ecological integrity of key areas within the Algoma Highlands region. Their mission is based on four core principles – Conservation, Environmental Education and Research, Silent Sport Recreation and Sustainable Land Management. The AHC has rebuilt Norm's cabin on the northeast shore of Bone Lake as a key infrastructural element which can be used to help realize the mission and promote all four core principles.



Access to Norm's Cabin is via the trail system that crosses land belonging to Stokely Creek Lodge and Algoma Highlands Conservancy. During our orientation meeting we will provide you with the keys, a map, a suggested route, and some safety orientation and gear before you head out. The total distance to the cabin is approximately 12 km although there are longer-route options for the ultra-keen. We provide a free shuttle service to help get your food and gear out to Norm's should you require it.

Guests are responsible for providing all of their own food and beverages for the duration of their stay at the cabin unless it's part of a Blaq Bear Package. In either case, guests are required to bring their own linens, sheets or sleeping bags, towels and dish cloths. Please recognize that we are limited by the physical capacity of the ATV used for the purpose of transporting your supplies and gear. In this regard, plan to bring your food and beverages in not more than two standard sized coolers and consolidate your gear in a maximum of one backpack per person and one bag for the linens. We will shuttle your gear plus sufficient drinking water to the cabin and ensure that the cabin is warm, clean, organized and functional for you upon your arrival. If you wish to bring anything in excess of this amount, it will be up to you to carry it in and out yourself.



The best part of what's at Norm's is the surrounding natural beauty and tranquility, but the cabin itself, just completed in 2015, runs a close second. It's a beautiful two-storey structure constructed of squared pine-timbers with chinked seams to withstand the rigours of Algoma Highlands winters.



The main floor of the cabin is open-concept consisting of a kitchen area, dual dining areas, each with views of Bone Lake, and a lounge area with wood stove and futon. A spacious lower deck provides an area for sitting out in the sun and drinking in the view of the lake and the surrounding rolling hills. Inside, the stairway, constructed of solid white pine timbers provides access to the second story, which is divided into two bedrooms and a storage closet all of which are locked.



A propane wall mounted heater and a wood stove provides heat for cooler months. The cabin does not have running water but the kitchen area has a sink, as well as a four burner propane range, a propane refrigerator and a full array of standard kitchenware including pots, pans, coffee maker, tea kettle, utensils, plates, bowls, cups and even a corkscrew! Drinking water is supplied and wash water can be obtained by boiling lake water. Dry fuel wood and kindling is provided by the conservancy and conveniently stacked under the stairway. Two outhouses are situated outside.



Detailed instructions on safe and appropriate use of the woodstove and propane appliances will be covered both in the orientation and via written protocols readily available in the Norm's cabin binder. Safety gear at the cabin includes a fire-extinguisher, smoke alarm and CO₂ monitor and overnight guests will be provided with a SPOT unit for emergency communications.



Norm's cabin provides a very safe, comfortable and tranquil location where you can kick back, relax and enjoy the natural world. There is no Internet and cell service is spotty. Enjoy the natural rhythms associated with the environment.

If you enjoy your stay, consider donating to the Algoma Highlands Conservancy. <https://algomahighlandsconservancy.org/>

