



KNUBBLE BAY CAMP & BEAL ISLAND
GEORGETOWN, MAINE
VOLUNTEER MANAGED FACILITIES
OF THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB

KNUBBLE BAY CAMP USER'S GUIDE

We're glad you've chosen to stay at AMC's only self-service facility on the Maine coast. We want your stay to be a memorable, safe and comfortable one. To prepare for your visit, please read the guidelines below. Have a great time!

NOTICE TO RENTERS

The volunteer committee responsible for operating and maintaining Knubble Bay Cabin increased the base rental fee this year for a number of reasons. Besides the increases in costs for supplies and labor, we have invested recently in tens of thousands of dollars of cabin renovations to comply with updated fire and safety codes.

Renovations include a fire suppression system servicing the kitchen stove, enclosure of the inner stairway, and a strobe and alarm system. The dividing wall of the upstairs bunk room has been removed for safety reasons. Handicap accessibility has been met by the construction of an egress deck and two ramps. As our power needs were multiplied, we have installed new solar panels on the cabin roof.

Our hope is that these changes will ensure a safe and affordable stay.

RESERVATION INFORMATION

For information and reservations, please call 603.466.2727.

Knubble Bay Camp is open for rental beginning April 3.

Beal Island is open for rental April 3 - October 25.

2010 RENTAL RATES

The 2010 rent for Knubble Bay Cabin for members is \$150 per night for up to 8 people, \$200 per night for 9 - 15 people. Non-members is \$160 per night for up to 8 people, \$210 per night for 9 - 15 people.

All rates are subject to 7% Maine State Tax

The 2010 rent for Beal Island is \$12/night for AMC members, \$13/night for non-members. Children 12 and under are free. All rates are subject to 7% Maine State Tax

CLOSED DATES

For closed dates, please call 603.466.2727



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WHAT AND WHERE IS KBC?

Knubble Bay Camp is a post-and-beam cabin which sleeps fifteen on the shore of Knubble Bay in Georgetown, Maine. The beach is a superb launch site for tidal paddling, swimming, or just resting in the sun. The cabin has a fully-functioning kitchen (complete with all cooking/eating utensils), solar lights, composting toilet, wood stove, and outdoor pump for water, outdoor sun shower stall, but no electricity. Bunks include mattresses.

Please park on the left-hand side of the parking lot, or at the cabin. Beal Island renters park in the same lot, so you might see other visitors. They have access to the outside pump.

DIRECTIONS:

Follow US Rte. 1 to Bath, and go across the Kennebec River Bridge. Keep in the right-hand lane, and, immediately after the bridge (Dairy Queen), take a RIGHT to the junction of Rte. 127. Take a LEFT onto 127 towards Reid State Park, and travel for 5.8 miles. Take a LEFT onto Robinhood Rd. (look for antlers on garage). Travel 1 mile and take sharp LEFT onto Webber Rd. (at Meetinghouse Restaurant). Travel 1.2 miles, and take RIGHT onto Jewett Rd. At the bottom of the hill, take a RIGHT as the road turns to dirt, keeping RIGHT at each fork. Take a LEFT at the AMC sign (#144).

WHO MAINTAINS KBC?

KBC, and the nearby Beal Island, are maintained by a volunteer committee, whose members reside in several different states. There is no caretaker or staff. Inside the cabin is a list of emergency numbers in case of a problem with the facility.

What should I remember? Please . . .

- Read the User's Guide housed inside the cabin
- KBC is a carry-in, carry-out facility, so bring your own paper and cleaning supplies. Do not leave any items (soap, food, sponges) when you leave
- Absolutely no pets are allowed
- No propane or kerosene lanterns, or candles, are allowed in the building. No campfires are allowed
- Solar lights are dependent upon frequent sunshine. Make sure you bring flashlights
- Please clean the cabin thoroughly as you prepare to leave so that others can enjoy the facility. Report cleanliness problems to Gail Fensom: gailrond@comcast.net



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WHAT DOES THE CABIN HAVE?

This is a Carry-In, Carry-Out facility, so do not expect any supplies when you arrive (toilet paper, dish detergent, etc.), nor should you leave any behind. KBC has a fully functioning kitchen with a gas stove/oven and refrigerator, and all the kitchen utensils you'll need. There is no running water, but you can pump your own from the hand pump outside. Always bring along extra water, as sediment sometimes clouds the well water. Please do not let solids go down the kitchen drain, and, if possible, use earth-friendly washing products. The indoor composting toilet should be treated with respect. Please do not deposit anything other than human waste and toilet paper. Using earth-friendly toilet paper would be great. Every morning and evening, deposit one handful of the shavings provided.

A solar panel runs the fan for the indoor composting toilet, and, along with a wind generator, powers a few lights in the cabin. An emergency solar stair light turns on at night. Please turn out overhead lights if you are not in the room, as there is only a limited amount of energy. Bring flashlights and "D" batteries for the lanterns available in the cabin. Kerosene or gas lanterns and candles are strictly prohibited. A woodstove keeps the place warm, and there's plenty of firewood and kindling, which should always be stored in the entranceway. Between the upstairs bunk rooms and the downstairs futons, sofa bed and sleeping room, the cabin sleeps fifteen. The bunks have mattresses, but no bedding. Please do not drag upstairs bunks across the wood floor.

There are plenty of games and reading materials in the bookcase and hutch, and an interactive bulletin board and paper activities for youngsters. Bring along a sun shower to use in the outside shower room on the shed. Be sure that you write in the camp journal, so that others can hear about your stay.

Emergency information is posted in the entranceway. Make sure you read it. Cell phone coverage is not guaranteed.

Remember:

- Should you encounter any problems with the facility, call one of the designated committee members listed on the posting in the entranceway. Please call immediately if you encounter problems with the refrigerator and stove, or if the composting toilet begin to emit a strong continuous odor.
- Never "switch over" the outside propane tanks. They are not designed to function this way. Should you run out of gas, call a committee member.
- If the refrigerator stops working, but there is gas, you can relight it by reading the directions located in a panel on the bottom of the refrigerator door. The range pilot light can be restarted in the broiler.
- Always bring extra water in case we are having a dry season.
- If you are visiting during a period of low sunlight, the solar batteries might drain, so always bring battery-powered lanterns.
- Please follow the directions below as you get ready to leave the cabin:



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ON YOUR WAY OUT THE DOOR . . .

When you come to Knubble Bay Camp, you expect it to be clean, tidy and secure. When you're ready to leave, please review this checklist to assure that you've left it as it should be:

- Lock the outside door to the deck, the front door, and the outside door in the downstairs bedroom.
- I Turn off all lights.
- I Close all windows.
- I Make sure ALL of your personal belongings (dish soap, paper plates, toilet paper, sponges, garbage, food) leave with you.
- I Clean the refrigerator, countertops, and toilet seats with bio-friendly cleaner (if possible).
- I Arrange kitchenware in some kind of logical order.
- I Neaten up all bookshelves and the hutch.
- I Shake out the entranceway rug, and sweep the others.
- I Sweep and Swiffer all wood and tile floors. Stow all floor cleaning utensils in the bathroom (not under the stairs).
- I Empty the wood stove of ashes.
- I Fill the red water containers in the kitchen.
- I Check the grounds and the beach area for belongings.
- I Contact Gail Fensom (gailrond@comcast.net) if the cabin was not clean when you arrived. She will speak with the previous renters.



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ACTIVITIES

- Brochures in the cabin explain the local sites. Nearby Reid State Park offers excellent beach walking , or you can bicycle along the scenic Georgetown roads. Georgetown has several shops, and don't pass by Kelly's Kitchen (on Rte. 127) or a chance to eat lobsters at Five Islands. Nearby Bath (several museums and restaurants) is always a good rainy day visit.
- If you are paddling, Paddle Trips in the Knubble Bay Area, suggests several day trips. Be cautious unless you are expert paddlers, however, because there are danger spots in the tidal waters. Always wear life preservers and be alert to wind, tide, weather.
- Beal Island is an easy paddle just one mile north of the launch, and is open to public day use. A marked trail circumnavigates the island, and you're likely to see seals and osprey. Feel free to picnic and rest on the beach.
- Canoes and kayaks may be rented through Seaspray Kayak (info@seaspraykayaking.com) (1-888-349-7772). They will usually deliver and pick up from KBC.

CAUTION

The waters in this area are subject to tidal, temperature and wind conditions which differ significantly from fresh- or flat-water lakes and ponds. Several nearby areas can be dangerous to paddle in. Paddlers should always plan their trips around weather radio forecasts, and be aware of the effect of tide on their routes. Use a nautical chart to plan your course. It's easy to get lost if you aren't familiar with the area. Always wear a life preserver. The water temperature is always cold enough to result in hypothermia, so wet- or dry-suits, and/or a change of warm clothes in a drybag is always recommended. Don't venture out without first aid supplies, sunscreen, and a way to call for help. Flat-water kayaks (lake or river kayaks) are not recommended, as they are not designed for use in tidal water. Kayaks should always be equipped with two bulkheads that assure the boat will not fill with water if overturned. Boats shorter than 13 feet are often not easy to maneuver, especially in wind and tide.

THANKS FOR TREATING KNUBBLE BAY CAMP AS EVERYONE'S HOME. COME AGAIN!