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## Example Rental Checklist

Please email us if you can think of anything to add to the list.

### Location

- Is the property located in the area you wish to travel to?
- Is the property on the water, does it have a beach and what type
- What is the size of the property, and size of the yard?
- How far is the nearest town or city center?
- How far is the grocery store, supply store, outfitter?
- How do you access the property: by road, boat, other?
- What is the "neighborhood" like: secluded, populated, and safe for children?
- Is parking available: how many vehicles
- Is there cell phone coverage?
- Is there a maximum number of people allowed on the property?

### Costs

- What is the rent cost per week?
- What type of payment is required: credit cards, checks, money order?
- Is a security deposit required?
- How and when is the security deposit reimbursed?
- Is there a cancellation policy, and what costs are involved?
- Are there extra costs for use of the phone?

### Boating

- Is there boat access directly on the property?
- Is there access to dock a larger boat?
- What types of boats are available to use: canoe, paddleboat, kayak, rowboat, motorboat?
- Does a nearby outfitter rent boats?
- Are there any water restrictions? (no jet skis, motorboats, etc).
- Are there fishing poles?

## Swimming

- Is there a beach on the property, is it safe for swimming, diving?
- What type of beach is available: sand, pebble, grass, rock?
- Is the water shallow or deep
- Is the beach safe for novice swimmers and children?
- Is swimming equipment supplied: life jackets, floating mattresses, pool noodles, inner tubes?

## Enjoying Nature

- What can you do in the area, sightseeing, campgrounds, hiking trails, national and provincial parks?
- Is there a tourist information center nearby?
- How likely are you to see wildlife in the area; are there any precautions you should take?
- What is the view like; can you see sunrise or sunset from the dock?
- Is outdoor furniture supplied for the dock or patio?

## How Equipped is the Property

- Is the kitchen equipped with appliances, pots pans, plates and cutlery?
- What about cooking supplies: salt, pepper, ketchup, mustard?
- Should you bring bottled water?
- How many bedrooms and beds available: double, twin, bunk beds, pull out?
- Are linens and towels supplied?
- Is there a bathroom or outhouse?
- Are running water, heating, electricity, telephone, TV available?
- Is there a BBQ: propane or charcoal?
- Is firewood supplied for bonfires or wood stoves?
- Are there a washer and dryer or clothesline at the property or is there a Laundromat nearby?
- Are there board games or books to read for rainy days?

## **Weather Conditions**

- Is the water warm enough to swim?
- When are the waters rough?
- When are mosquitoes or black flies most abundant?
- Is it cheaper to rent at other times of the year?
- What clothing should you pack?
- Do weather conditions drastically change from morning to night?

## **Access**

- Is the property safe for families with small children? Can parents sit on the porch and keep an eye on their children on the dock?
- Are there steps on the property that make it hard for elderly to get around?
- Are pets allowed on the property?
- Is smoking permitted on site?
- What are the check-in and checkout times?
- When and where can you pick up the keys to the property?

## **Safety**

- Are life jackets available: how many and what size?
- Are there fire extinguishers and smoke detectors?
- Is there an alarm system; what is the code?
- Is there a bonfire pit to make safe campfires?
- Are campfires allowed in the area?
- How far is the nearest hospital or clinic?
- Is there a “contact list” in case of repairs or damage?
- In case of fire, security, or medical emergency, whom should you call?

## **Reference Information**

- How often do renters use the property?
- Does the property belong to any kind of association?
- Is the property inspected between rent periods for cleanliness, safety etc.?
- Will you be required to provide rental references?
- Can you provide references of past guests who may be willing to share their experiences?