

HOUSE RULES AND GUIDELINES
Raquette Lodge
1800 Raquette River Road South Colton NY 13687

Thank you for choosing to stay at the Raquette Lodge. We hope that your vacation will be wonderful.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire, State Police, and Rescue Squad - 911

County Sheriff - 315 379 2222

National Poison Control Center - 800 222 1222

Canton-Potsdam Hospital - 315 265 3300 Take Rt. 56 to Potsdam (25 minutes)

Town & Country Veterinary Clinic - 315 265 9113

Check IN 3:00 PM AND CHECK OUT 10:00 AM

Sheets & Towels are NOT provided (bed sizes listed below)

We provide an assortment of life jackets, but to ensure proper fitting we suggest you bring your own.

Please honor check in/check out times as our cleaning staff need the full time to prepare the lodge for each guest. When you arrive, the lodge will be unlocked and the keys will be hanging on the wall next to the dining room table. When you leave, please leave the place unlocked and return the keys to the rack next to the table.

SMOKING

Smoking is NOT permitted in any building at the Raquette River Lodge. If this restriction is violated, a \$300 smoke removal fee will be charged. If you smoke outside, please do not leave butts on the ground.

INTERNET

The lodge has free wireless internet service through SLIC. Wireless name and password is located on the modem table as well as on an information card on the dining room table.

RECREATION BUILDING

The 2-car garage has been renovated--pine paneled, windows and glass doors added and then equipped with pool table, ping pong table, shuffleboard table, foosball table, juke box, and dartboard. A 2nd smaller refrigerator is in recreation building.

BED SIZES

There are 2 bedrooms downstairs, one with a **king** and the other with a **queen** bed. These 2 bedrooms share a bathroom. On the second floor there are 2 more bedrooms, each with a **queen and a single**; also on this floor is a TV room which has a futon that opens into a **double** bed. Off of the TV room, there are stairs to a loft with **3 double** beds (the loft has a low ceiling, best suitable for children). A second bath on the second-floor services the rooms on that floor and the loft. Sheets and towels are not provided but, if requested at least 2 weeks before arrival, we will arrange for sheet and/or towel rental through a professional laundry-\$15/set towels and \$20/set sheets. All other bedding is provided (pillows, blankets, comforters). NEW: living room has a new leather sleeper sofa which opens into a **queen** bed.

DRINKING WATER

The water from the faucet is from a drilled well, but we recommend that our guests provide their own bottled water.

TV/DVD

52" flat screen TV in living room and 32" flat screen TV in den for DVD use. There is a DVD collection for guests' use.

HOT TUB

1. The hot tub located on a platform at the edge of the water is electric and is continuously running. Controls for the jets and water temperature are located on the top of the tub. When the tub is not in use, please help us conserve energy by turning the water temperature down. Ideal tubing temperature is between 100- and 104-degrees F.
2. **Please make every attempt to return the cover on the hot tub after each use.** This will aid not only in conserving energy, but also in maintaining the proper temperature and chemical balance of the water.
3. If the water level drops below the top of the jets, add more water by attaching the flex hose (found in boiler room in lodge) to the outside sillcock on hot tub side of the lodge.
4. Children should not use the hot tub without adult supervision.
5. Please restrict the use of suntan lotion, bath oils, or soap of any kind while tubing as these chemicals dramatically affect tub water quality and filtering system.

FIREWOOD

There is an outdoor fire pit and an inside fireplace. Firewood is provided.

PONTOON BOAT

We ask our guests to observe NYS laws regarding age of motor boat operators and use of Personal Flotation Devices, as follows:

1. AGE – *“Starting January 1, 2025, a safety certificate will be required of all operators, regardless of age.”*
For complete NYS Boater’s Guide please visit:
<https://parks.ny.gov/activities/boating/boating-education#:~:text=To%20help%20ensure%20New%20York's,state%2Dapproved%20safe%20boating%20course.>
2. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES – *“Every pleasure vessel including canoes, kayaks and row boats operated upon the waters of NYS must have on board one United States Coast Guard approved wearable Personal Flotation Device (PFD) for each person on the vessel.”*
Although we provide an assortment of life jackets at the Lodge, to ensure proper fitting we suggest you bring your own life jackets.
3. BOAT GAS—a full tank of gas will be provided for your use. If you need more gas, please fill boat tank from the 5-gallon tank located adjacent to the garage.
4. MOORING PONTOON BOAT—Please moor the pontoon with “engine out” towards main body of water.
5. FISHING—a map of suggested fishing locations is contained in guideline notebook inside lodge.
6. STARTING MOTOR—Make sure red "kill switch" is engaged to motor. Pull round “choke” button all the way out. Then pull starting cord once or twice. Only leave “choke” button out for 2 pulls, push “choke” button in and continue pulling cord until motor starts. If motor starts while “choke” button is out, immediately push “choke” button in.

7. **The pontoon is not to be operated after sundown.**
8. **ENGINE/BOAT PROBLEMS AND/OR MISHAPS** – Please report to us any accidents or difficulties with boats and motors – we understand that problems may occur and we need to correct them before the arrival of our next guests.

KAYAKS AND PADDLE BOARDS

There are 4 kayaks at the Lodge for your use: 2 singles and 2 doubles. There are 2 paddle boards.

BOAT RAMP

If you will be bringing your own motorboat, here are directions to the public boat ramp. From Lodge, go past bridge in S. Colton, take Wind Mill Road on right past Boyce's General Store. At top of hill take right at yellow and brown S. Colton boat ramp sign. Follow road until you come to boat ramp on right.

VOLLEYBALL COURT

The lights for the volleyball court are on the outside wall of the lodge facing the court. Volleyball is provided.

RADIANT HEAT, PROPANE HEATERS, AIR CONDITIONERS

The primary source of heat is an in floor radiant heating system controlled by 2 thermostats. One thermostat is located on the wall in living room. The second thermostat is located on the wall in the downstairs bedroom facing the parking lot. The additional propane heaters located in the living room and downstairs bedrooms are for "Winter Back Up Only"; main heating system should be used all other times.

NEW: Each bedroom has a portable air conditioner which vents out window.

SKY LIGHTS

The sky lights on the second/third floors may be opened for additional ventilation. Please return the sky lights to closed position at the end of your stay.

SUPPLIES

The kitchen is fully equipped with pots, pans, dishes, silverware, coffee maker, blender, toaster, crock pot, panini maker, and popcorn popper. Paper towels, toilet paper, dish and laundry detergents are supplied to get our guests started, but we do not supply these consumables for the entire stay.

PLOWING

Over winter months the lodge parking area and driveway will be plowed as needed.

LOSS OF ELECTRICAL POWER

If there is a power outage, an automatic generator will provide electricity.

GARBAGE

Garbage pickup is weekly in summer, biweekly in winter. Please make sure garbage receptacles are always securely closed, as raccoons love to get into garbage.

HIKING TRAILS AND OTHER THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA

Prior to arrival, please visit St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce web site: www.visitslc.com

Highly Flow State Park—approximately 4 miles away. There is an expansive state beach for summer renters and state groomed cross country ski trails for winter

renters.

Snow Mobiles - The Lodge is located next to a series of snow mobile trails that connect to other regions of NY State. Please visit this web site for up-to-date maps and conditions: <http://www.slcsa.org>. There is also a state map located in the informational packet at The Lodge. Please do not drive snowmobiles on lake side of house as tracks will remain all winter.

Higley Outfitters – Canoe, Kayak & Lifejacket Rentals 315-216-7760

Other fun places to visit include a day trip to the 1,000 Islands in Alexandria Bay (about 1 ½ hrs. to the SW) and Lake Placid (about 1 ½ hrs. to the SE).

GROCERY STORES

There is a convenience store in the village of So. Colton—Boyce's General Store which has everything from groceries to fish bait.

Price Chopper Supermarkets are in the villages of Potsdam and Canton (both 25 minutes away). On Tuesday and Friday mornings in Canton there is a Farmer's Market in the village square (opposite the post office) where one can purchase fresh produce (some stands offer organic produce) and local crafts.

RESTAURANTS

Baker's Sizzling Colton, NY 315 274 2014

Jakes on the Water Hannawa Falls NY 315 274 9300

Mahogany Ridge S. Colton NY 315 274 0351

Raquette River Pub Colton NY 315 261 4161 (best wings!)

The Red Pine Cone S. Colton NY 315 274 0044

South of the Rock – Bait, Beer & Tackle 315 212 1082

CATERERS

1844 House 315 268 1844

The Big Spoon 315 244 8888

Ole Smokehouse 315 322 4125

DEPARTURE

When you depart, please leave a note outlining anything that needs repair or ways we can make improvements for the future.

Please leave keys hanging on the wall next to the dining room table and all doors unlocked upon final departure. We hope you have the best of vacations!

John and Donna Clark

Our large family helps with our business. Please reach out to our daughter, Sarah, if you have any questions or concerns.

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