



Nature Manitoba's Victoria Beach Cottage

The Victoria Beach cottage is a rustic but comfortable cottage located at the north-west corner of 8th Avenue and Gibson Boulevard in the resort community of Victoria Beach about 90 minutes' drive north of Winnipeg on Hwy. 59. The cottage consists of an open living room/kitchen/eating area with several couches and easy chairs, a kitchen table with benches and a kitchen counter with a double sink, two bedrooms with a single bunk and a double bunk in each room (i.e. each room sleeps up to six people), and a screened-in porch.

The cottage has a small wood stove to provide heat in summer or winter. There is a handsaw and an axe at the cottage, and Nature Manitoba attempts to keep a supply of firewood available. When no wood is available, users may purchase or obtain wood in Winnipeg or from a local supplier. Reimbursement is available upon presentation of the purchase receipt at the Nature Manitoba office. Under no circumstances is live or standing wood to be cut on the cottage grounds.

The cottage has cold running water in the summer, between the May Long Weekend and Monday of the Thanksgiving Long Weekend. After that, the municipality shuts the water off for the season, and cottage users will need to bring in their own. Waste water is drained into buckets under the sink and manually disposed of outside the cottage. Sanitary facilities consist of an outhouse west of the cottage.

The cottage has a stove and refrigerator as well as small appliances such as toasters, electric frying pans, kettle and hot plate. Pots, pans, dishes, glasses, cups, cutlery, etc. are provided.

Bookings are made through the Nature Manitoba office (Ph. 943-9029; e-mail: mns1@mts.net). Keys are to be picked up from the office at 401 – 63 Albert Street during regular hours (Mon. to Fri., 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm.) sometime during the week prior to the booking. Payment must be made at that time. We ask that the key be returned to the office within 48 hours of the time renters return to the city.

Cottage check in time: 4:00 p.m.
Cottage check out time: 3:00 p.m.

Bookings are exclusive to Nature Manitoba members only. To ensure equitable use of the cottage, no member may reserve for more than one week in July or August.

Between the third week in June and the first Monday in September, cottagers must park their vehicles in the parking lot at the entrance to Victoria Beach, and are not allowed to drive to the cottage. A large two-wheeled cart is available at the cottage for transporting your belongings to and from your vehicle. A taxi service is also available. Exact dates for the restrictions may be confirmed by calling the Victoria Beach Municipal Office at 774-4263.

The following items should be brought with you as they are not provided by Nature Manitoba:

- Sleeping bags or bedding (some pillows are available)
- Towels, soaps, toiletries, etc.
- Food and staples. Groceries are available at the local store on the village green during the summer season, and the Albert Beach and Traverse Bay stores all year round.
- Books, magazines, games, toys, etc. There is a limited supply of books and magazines at the cottage and users are encouraged to donate additions to the collection.

Dos and Don'ts:

- Always lock the door when you are not on the cottage grounds.
- Do not cut live or standing wood on the cottage grounds.
- Keep all pets off the beds as some users are allergic to animals.
- Upon departure, take all remaining foods you brought with you.
- Immediately before you finish your stay, clean all counters, floors, rugs, appliances, etc. to ensure that the next user finds a clean cottage.
- Unplug the refrigerator and leave the door open.
- Use the master breaker to turn the power off.
- Dispose of all garbage in the bear-proof shed located by the main entrance to Victoria Beach.
- Users are expected to pour one envelope of bacterial type outhouse treatment (Septo-Bac) into the outhouse once a week. If the supply runs out, please purchase some at the local store. Reimbursement is available upon presentation of the purchase receipt at the Nature Manitoba office.

Users are encouraged to read and use the Cottage Log Book to record their experiences, suggestions, comments, etc.

Donations of needed items are always appreciated. Please contact the Nature Manitoba office if you wish to make a donation or would like to volunteer to assist with a work party at the cottage.

Map to Nature Manitoba's Victoria Beach Cabin

