



Welcome to Whidbey Seaside Cottage!

We're so excited to share our beautiful home with you and hope your stay becomes more than just a vacation—a core memory! Whether you're here to relax by the sea, explore the island, or gather with loved ones, we want your time here to be effortless and memorable.

Contact Info

Kirsten (Host):
Phone: 206-229-4966
Alternate Phone: 206-235-2919

For urgent needs or questions during your stay, please don't hesitate to reach out.

WiFi

Network: Whidbey Seaside Cottage
Password: 2189whidbey (all lowercase)

Parking

Park only in the gravel driveway in front of the house.

Overflow parking is located just before the hill down to the house (on the left-hand side).

Never park on the road — it may block emergency or service vehicles.

Quiet Time

11 PM – 8 AM. Sound travels far by the beach, so please be mindful of our full-time neighbors.

Check-In & Check-Out

Check-In Time: 4:00 PM
Check-Out Time: 10:00 AM

Our management team arrives promptly at check-out to prepare the cottage for the next guests. A late check-out fee may apply, if the schedule is delayed.

General Guidelines

Please treat the cottage like you would your grandma's house... with respect and care.

This house is not child- or dog-proof.
Never leave kids or animals unattended

Report any damage so we can repair it for future guests

Remove shoes to reduce sand indoors

No smoking or vaping indoors

Pick up all pet waste. Leash your dog, even on beaches, unless otherwise posted

Water Use & Septic System (very important PLEASE read carefully)

Our home runs on a small private septic system, which is common on Whidbey Island. These systems are delicate especially so close to the beach. Proper use helps us to protect our environment and ensure that it can be used for years to come.

Only flush toilet paper — absolutely nothing else should go in the toilet:

- ~No wipes (even "flushable")
- ~No feminine products
- ~No cotton balls, tissues, paper towels, or hair

There is no garbage disposal. Please use sink strainers to catch food particles. Scrape all food into the trash before rinsing or putting into the dishwasher. No grease or oil down the drain; let it cool and toss in the trash.

Never rinse sand off in indoor showers or sinks — **Sand clogs the septic tank!** PLEASE use the outdoor hose to clean off after the beach.

Water Usage Tips

**The septic system is small and only filters 125 gallons of water every 12 hours!
6am-6pm**

To avoid overloading the system avoid using multiple water-heavy appliances at once, and take shorter showers when possible:

A toilet flush uses ~1.6 to 3 gallons per flush. Please make sure the toilet is never left running. A running toilet can use 2 gallons of water per minute and will trip the septic alarm.

A shower uses ~15-25 gallons per 10-minute shower.

A dishwasher cycle uses ~4-6 gallons. Please run the dishwasher at night on the express cycle right before bed.

A washing machine load uses ~15-30 gallons depending on settings. Please only use the washing machine sparingly and do not use while running the dishwasher or while others are showering. **Do NOT wash more than one load per day please.**

Showers

Please do not shower at the same time someone is using the dishwasher or washing machine.

Spread out showers if multiple guests are staying to help reduce demand. Do not run two showers at the same time.

Septic Tank Alarm

If you have unusually high water usage in the house such that the timed pumping does not keep up with the demand, the floats in the pump tank can sense a high-water situation and the panel will alarm VERY LOUDLY (buzzing/flashlight).

The red light is on the top of the panel. There is a switch to silence the alarm on the side of the panel. Pull the switch forward and let it spring back to the normal position to silence the alarm. If the alarm goes off please call us asap and reduce water usage immediately. Also please check for running toilets or dripping sinks. A temporary high water condition should resolve itself within a day or so through the normal cycling of the pump and a return to lower water usage.

Fireplace, BBQ & Crab Boil Pot

Fireplace switch is on the top right corner. Turn OFF before leaving or sleeping

Never leave any fire unattended

Cover outdoor propane fire pit after each use

Observe local burn bans

Refill propane tanks at Ace Hardware or gas stations if needed

Keep BBQ away from house

Clean thoroughly after each use

Turn propane OFF and cover once cooled

Use boiling pot only on concrete, never on wood deck or grass

Trash & Recycle

Unfortunately, we don't have trash or recycle pick up. We haul garbage to the dump. If you are so inclined, please take your recycling home.

Bag all garbage and place in outside bins. Seafood scraps, especially crab, should go outside immediately

Water, Boards, Boats

No lifeguard on duty

Always wear a lifejacket

Carry, don't drag, paddleboards and boats

Return them promptly and never leave on beach — tides come in quickly

Use water toys at your own risk

Pets

No pets on beds or furniture

No bathing dogs in the house

Please clean up after your pet using dog bags (trash bin located outside)

Wipe paws after the beach — towels are by the front door

Respect leash laws. Double Bluff Beach is a nearby off-leash option

Vacuum and cleaning solution available for pet hair or accidents

Pets must be kenneled if left alone

We have an eagles nest nearby They are fun to watch but can be a danger to small pets.

Local Favorites

Restaurants

Freeland (10-12 Min Drive)

Rocket Taco: Tacos & scratch margaritas

Freeland Cafe: Great Breakfast & Bar

China City: Chinese restaurant & Bar

Stores: Payless Grocery (open until 9pm),
Ace Hardware, Bartell Drugs

Indoor Pickle Ball Courts & Antiques

Langley (10-12 min Drive)

Village Pizzeria

Saltwater Bistro (seafood)

Prima Bistro (french)

Mamafish Sushi

Ultra House (Japanese ramen)

Spyhop Burgers & fried pickles

Sprinkles (Ice Cream)

Clinton (20-25 min)

Shrimp Shack (seafood)

Island Nosh (Salads & Noodles)

Store Hours: Most businesses, including the grocery store, close early- Payless by 9pm & The Goose by 10PM. There are no food delivery apps so plan accordingly.

Things to Do

Kayak Tours: Call Noah at 206-852-3041

Skein & Tipple (Clinton): Seafood and a speakeasy

Farmers Markets: Bayview (Sat), Tilth (Sun)

Blue Fox Drive-In (Oak Harbor): Arcade, go-karts, pizza, and movies

Coupeville: Waterfront town where Practical Magic was filmed

Critters Rescue (Clinton): Visit Raja the sidewalk-walking tortoise

Greenbank Pantry: Sandwich heaven

Ault Field (Coupeville): Watch Navy jets take off and land

The Top (Clinton): Karaoke, darts, drinks

Price Sculpture Forest: Nature meets art trails

Madrona Supply: Local goods and gifts

Saratoga & Foxspit Rd: Stop and meet the Highland cows!

Comforts Winery (just past Langley)

Ferry Walk-On: It's free and easy to walk onto the ferry from coupeville to Port Townsend for a fun day excursion.

Entertainment: Don't miss the Whidbey Island Shakespeare Festival, held in Langley throughout the summer.

There are lots of trails and hikes (some dog friendly) Please reference the book in living room for ideas.



And so your time has come to an end!

We hope you enjoyed your stay and had the BEST time! Whether you watched the sunrise over the water, curled up with a good book, explored the island's hidden gems, or simply relaxed with loved ones, we hope your time here created the kind of memories that stay with you long after you leave. Safe travels and come back soon!

If you had a wonderful experience, we'd be so grateful if you left us a review. Your kind words help future guests know what to expect and support our small island business. Thank you for being part of the Whidbey Seaside Cottage story!

Check Out Info

Check-out is at 10:00 AM
unless previously arranged.

Laundry

Strip all beds (sheets + pillowcases only)

Leave towels in bathroom laundry
basket

Do not remove duvet cover,
mattress/pillow protectors unless visibly
dirty

Trash

Take all trash to the outside bin

Dishes

Load and run the dishwasher (Express
cycle preferred)

Final Steps

Lock all windows and doors

Turn off all lights

Set heat to 55°F before you leave

Return KEYS to the lockbox