

Samara Lake House
RULES & POLICIES

Have a wonderful stay! Relax and enjoy!

But first, please review the important, common-sense, safety guidelines and house rules found on the following pages.

AS A GUEST, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
FOLLOWING THE POLICIES DESCRIBED IN THIS MANUAL.

WHILE WE TRY OUR VERY BEST TO PROVIDE
A COMFORTABLE & SAFE ENVIRONMENT,
ALL GUESTS STAY ON THE PROPERTY AT THEIR OWN RISK.

YOU ALONE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY
AND THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN DURING YOUR STAY.

PLEASE EXERCISE CAUTION AND COMMON SENSE,
ESPECIALLY IN OUTDOOR AREAS.

PLEASE SUPERVISE CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES!

~ Samara Lake House Management

OUTDOOR SAFETY GUIDELINES & POLICIES

1. Use caution and common sense, particularly on the stairs, deck, and dock areas as well as in and around the water (lake). Note the following guidelines, in particular:

LAKE WATER MAY BE DEEP AND COLD.

DECK AND STAIRS TO LAKE MAY BE SLIPPERY DEPENDING ON WEATHER CONDITIONS.

THERE ARE 100 STAIRS LEADING TO THE LAKE FROM THE DECK LEVEL.
(THAT'S 200 ROUND-TRIP!)

CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES.

2. When outside and near the water, please note the following:

- **Stairs and path to the water may be slippery, especially if it has rained recently or is icy.**
- **Please supervise children at all times, especially when outside!**
There are a lot of spots on the property where kids can get hurt if not properly attended. Exercise extra caution near the stairs and waterfront. No running permitted!
- **There are 100 stairs down to the water.**
Do not go down them unless you can handle the round-trip!
Most kids and adults are fine with this (young children and fit, older-adults are often just fine), but if you have issues with hips/legs, are pregnant, have limited mobility, or are not in good physical fitness, you may wish to enjoy the view from the deck and not go down to the water. You are responsible for your safety!
- **The path to the water provides an alternate route to the lake.**
It may be easier than the stairs for some individuals, but is slightly steep in a couple spots.
Most individuals can handle this 3-5 minute walk down to the water just fine. If you have any concerns about your mobility or your child's mobility, then you may not wish to go down to the lake. If there is any question, consider having someone more mobile test the state of the path for you first.
- **The water is DEEP and COLD.**
Lake Cushman is glacially formed and fed by snow melt from the Olympic Mountains. The water can get extremely cold. It is close to 800 feet deep at its deepest point!
Exercise extreme caution, even in calm water.
Lake Cushman's waters may look inviting, but be aware that, even close to the shore, it can be quite deep and very cold, even in the height of summer.
When swimming, be aware of your body temperature and check on those around you frequently to avoid hypothermia. If you start to shiver or feel uncomfortably cold, get out of the water immediately. Compact emergency mylar blankets are supplied in the shed for rewarming those who may show signs of hypothermia (blue lips and skin, shivering, significant drop in body temp, lethargy, etc.). If showing signs of hypothermia, please seek immediate medical attention

by calling 9-1-1.

- **While guests are welcome to swim, kayak, canoe, fish or enjoy other water activities on Lake Cushman, we encourage you to keep safety in mind at all times.** Obviously, there are no lifeguards present!
- **Life vests are supplied in the shed near the water.**
These come in sizes from infant through adult. They are there for guest-use only. Please return them to where you found them, when you are finished. We have tried to supply vests to fit a range of body types (from approx 15lbs-300lbs). If you fall outside of the most common range of sizes, you must supply your own flotation device and we apologize for the inconvenience.
- **There may be wildlife present. Please keep exterior doors shut or screens closed to prevent small animals from showing themselves inside the house. Attend to children and pets.** You are likely to spot the occasional bird, racoon, mouse or chipmunk on the deck and surrounding property. Because of the slope of the property, sightings of deer, large cats, and bear are exceedingly rare at Samara Lake House (though you may see these creatures and others at nearby parks, trails and within the Olympic National Park). We do see eagles and hawks from the property and these are known to occasionally attack small pets and even children.
- **Please do not throw anything off of the deck and/or stairs.** Respect our precious environment and keep it safe and clean for all to enjoy. No littering permitted. Dispose of all garbage/waste in designated bins.

BOATING POLICIES:

We want you to have a wonderful stay at Samara Lake House!

Please be safe and exercise caution during any boating activities and wear life jackets provided or supply your own.

Samara Lake House LLC is not responsible for injuries incurred during your stay due to negligence, accident, or otherwise.

You are welcome to carry and launch any small boats, such as kayaks, canoes and the like, from our private dock at no additional cost.

Any vessels large enough to require a boat launch or trailer will require special permitting from the Lake Cushman Maintenance Company business office. You can drop by or call them at 360-877-5233 or 1-888-777-6443 during regular business hours for further information.

Lake Cushman Maintenance Company
3740 N. Lake Cushman Road
Hoodsport, WA 98548

HOUSE RULES & POLICIES

- 1. Absolutely NO SMOKING anywhere on the property. This includes all outdoor areas as well as inside the house.**

Smoking increases the risk of fire, smells bad, and is generally considered impolite at Samara Lake House. If there is evidence that smoking of any substance has occurred on the property you may be fined up to \$1,000.00. Please don't do it.

- 2. Keep it tidy.**

Please avoid leaving significant messes, such as crumbs and spills, for more than a few minutes. These attract bugs and can encourage long-term pest issues such as mice and rats (yuck!). Please show our home love and respect, and it will love you back!

- 3. Please, no eating or drinking (anything but water and clear liquids) in bedrooms, and, please, use coasters to protect tables from water damage.**

Homes in the country are more at risk of bug infestations and vermin such as mice and rats. Leaving crumbs in bedrooms puts the house more at risk for these yucky visitors. Please eat only in the Great Room/Dining Room, Living Room, Kitchen and Outdoor areas, and refrain from bringing food and drinks into bedrooms. Water and clear teas are allowed in the bedrooms, but no red wine, coffee, or anything else that could permanently stain bedding and carpets and attract non-human friends. If you damage it, you pay for it!

- 4. Please conserve house resources & respect our delicate environment. Use only what you need and leave the rest for future visitors to enjoy!**

Our environment is important to us and at Samara Lake House LLC we strive for minimal waste. Most items in this home come from finite resources and with the house being so remote, require significant effort to replace.

Please be mindful of your activities and avoid excessive use of water, soaps, detergents, paper products, etc.

Whenever possible, we supply only naturally derived, biodegradable, cleaning and body products in this home so as not to pollute the environment more than necessary. We also make a point of using 100% recycled paper products, organic, US grown cotton sheets, mattresses, sheets, towels. For your vegetarian food waste, we provide composting in the yard.

We generously provide paper products, plentiful towels and linens. In order to keep doing this for future guests, please be considerate and conserve these limited resources, by using only what you need and reusing towels, when possible.

- 5. Consider our delicate septic system. Flush only human waste and toilet paper.**

One septic-safe flushable wipe at-a-time is okay. While our toilets are new, they run on a septic system and must be treated with care

- 6. Do not use the kitchen sink to dispose of food (other than very small scraps) and other waste.**

Place food scraps in compost bin!

Because we are on a septic system, if you have more than a few crumbs on a plate, please dispose of food waste in a garbage or, even better, place vegetarian food scraps in the supplied compost bins (on kitchen counter and black bin in yard behind garage). The kitchen sink is equipped with a garbage disposal system to assist with flushing small food scraps. We understand that getting some food debris in the sink is unavoidable---so please use the electric garbage disposal system as necessary. We wish to prevent excessive strain on our septic system by flushing large amounts of non-liquid waste.

7. Compost, Recycling, and Garbage Guidelines:

Compost: Bins are located on the kitchen counter and outside behind the garage.

Please toss in vegetarian food scraps, soiled tissues, and paper towels!

Please NO MEATS, FATS OR BONES. No human or animal waste—such as dirty diaper wipes, dog poop, etc.

Recyclables: include plastic bottles and containers, clean paper products (no napkins, tissues or paper towels). There is a large blue bin in the back of the house where you may empty out bins that have filled inside the house.

Glass recyclables go in the separate blue bin out back.

Garbage: All other waste must be disposed of in the black bin outside (or the wastebaskets inside).

8. If you break it, it gets damaged, or something is broken and needs repair, please let the rental agency know as soon as possible. It is BETTER TO REPORT IT VIA PHONE OR TO LEAVE A NOTE than to wait for it to be discovered by our clean-up crew.

If our maintenance team discovers missing or damaged items, especially if you do not report them promptly, your credit card on-file may be charged to replace or repair damaged items or your security deposit may not be refunded. When in doubt, let us know!

9. Please enjoy it while you're here, but please don't take it home with you.

Leave it here for others to enjoy after you leave!

During your stay, feel free to use and enjoy practically anything you find! This includes Lake House games, DVDs, the grill, binoculars, headlamps, etc. It's fairly obvious, when items are meant to be enjoyed during your stay only.

Please exercise common sense and courtesy. Any missing or damaged items may be charged to your account.

10. Leave the home in a similar condition to how you found it.

While we will professionally clean the home after your stay, please don't leave any large messes for us to clean up or decide to rearrange the furniture---without returning it to its original set up!

If you do, you will likely be charged additional fees for the extra work required to clean up after your stay. Exercise common courtesy and treat this home as you would your own (or better!).

11. Quiet hours outside are from 10:30pm-8am.

While there is no formal noise ordinance at Lake Cushman, one of the draws of this community is the peace and quiet it provides. Music on the deck is fine, but please be considerate of neighbors and our natural surroundings.

Please reduce your outdoor noise by 10:30pm and keep it quiet outdoors before 8am.
Absolutely no amplified music/loud noise outdoors during these quiet hours from 10:30pm-8am.

We have GREAT and friendly neighbors! Please, let's keep it that way.

12. Please abide by Lake Cushman Management Company rules:

A complete listing of Lake Cushman community policies can be found at:

http://www.lakecushmanmc.com/document_category.asp?cat_id=8&name=LCCM+POLICIES

The red GUEST PARKING PERMIT supplied in guest binder is required at all Lake Cushman Housing Development parks and beach parking lots. PLEASE RETURN IT TO THE GUEST BINDER AFTER USE TO AVOID A \$40 FEE.

Lake Cushman Management Company requires a boat license for water vessels larger than kayaks, canoes and rowboats. Please see separate section on this.

ON YOUR WAY OUT...

1. Do your dishes!

Please, don't leave a sink full of filthy dishes (one or two are just fine!).

Please rinse dishes and turn on the dishwasher on your way out or, even better, wash and put them away before you go. Cupboards are labeled for your convenience.

2. Place dirty towels and linens in the tub/shower or in the washer.

No need to wash towels or wash/strip bed linens.

3. Leave "used" beds unmade (we will strip sheets and change linens) OR place soiled linens in the washer. Please leave the sofa beds unmade and out if you have used it/them.

4. Take garbage and recycling to bins outside.

Please note there are separate bins at the back of the house for recyclables (aluminum, plastic, and paper), glass, and garbage. Compostables, if you choose to collect them, go in the black bin behind the garage.

5. When you check out, leave everything where you found it for the most part, so that others may enjoy those items in future.

This means, leave things in the general location of which you found them when you

arrived—no thanks to redecorating or rearranging furniture! Replace books, games, movies, flashlights, life vests, etc.

6. Excessive mess or damages may incur charges! Leave a note or call the rental company if you have damaged or broken items to report.

Should you leave an excessive mess (examples: excessively soiled linens, damaged furniture, large numbers of soiled dishes or damaged appliances, etc.) or items have gone missing, or been broken/damaged during your stay, you may incur additional maintenance and cleaning fees.

