

VINALHAVEN ISLAND RENTALS

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****BRING THIS LETTER WITH YOU TO VINALHAVEN****

HOW TO CHECK IN WHEN ARRIVING ON VINALHAVEN:

Check in time is between 2:PM & 6:PM on Saturdays ONLY. Once you have checked in, you still cannot arrive at your rental property until 3:PM. If you are arriving on the next day it is up to you to make special arrangements with us. Those arrangements would include paying all money up front including security deposit before you arrive and getting directions to your home before you arrive.

When you arrive on Vinalhaven, take a right turn when leaving the ferry terminal parking lot. Go 7/10th of a mile, through town, taking a left turn onto Cottage Street. Go to the last house on the right (#23) to check in.

When you check in you must pay a \$500.00 security deposit. We only cash this check if you don't follow the house rules, which we've included in you packet.

You will receive directions to your rental property at this time.

CHECK OUT:

You MUST be out of you house no later than 9:AM on the Saturday of you departure. **No Exceptions!**

Beds that have been slept in must be stripped with sheets piled on the floor.

It is critical that all trash is taken to the dump on Saturday morning. You must purchase dump stickers prior to Saturday at the Town Office. Please call the town office at 863-4471 for directions if you need them. Upon arriving at the dump you will find that it is closed. Please walk in under the bar and dispose of your trash in the dumpsters. Please be sure your dump sticker is attached to your garbage bags. The town is aware that you will be doing this.

GETTING FERRY TICKETS TO AND FROM VINALHAVEN:

To Vinalhaven: I have enclosed a ferry schedule for you. Reservations can be difficult to get because there are a limited number available and you can't get them any sooner than 30 days prior to you scheduled date. You can call the ferry terminal 30 days prior to your trip, but most often all the reservations will have been gotten by people who have waited at the ferry terminal half the night to get them. You can call Shirley Orcutt at 207-863-4487 and have her get reservations for you for a fee (This is worth every penny she charges you).

If you choose not to get a reservation or are unable to get one, you have two options:

1. On the day of your departure to Vinalhaven, plan on arriving at the Rockland Ferry Terminal extremely early and get your car in line (4:AM-6:AM). The line gets long quickly. You may go into town and shop, but it is your responsibility to get back to your car 15 minutes prior to each departure to move your car up in line until you are confident you will get on the next boat or a boat in the afternoon of your choosing. If you do get over to Vinalhaven early, plan on activities to occupy your day until the 2:PM check in. If you are bringing food, have it well packed in ice. You cannot even drop food off at your rental property until after 3:PM!

2. You can call Peggy Davis at 207-691-5943 or 207-596-5943. For a fee, she will put a car of her own in line for you to save you a space and will move it up so you can board the ferry at a time suitable to your plans.

Leaving Vinalhaven: You either need a line number to board the boat at the time you choose to leave Vinalhaven or you need a reservation. Shirley can get the reservation for you. If you choose to have her provide that service for you, discuss your departure plans with her when you call her about getting a reservation to Vinalhaven. Even if you have purchased a round trip ticket and are without a reservation, you need to get a line number the day before your departure. To get a line number, you must go to the ferry terminal the day before your departure to sign up for a line number. The earlier you get there, the better your chances of getting a number on the departure of your choosing. Be aware that some people, lots of people, get in line in the wee hours of the morning and sleep in line in their cars to get their line number! You can stop in at the ferry office for more information. I recommend paying for the service of getting a reservation.

* There is a great grocery store on the island. It is certainly cheaper to shop on the mainland, but the island grocery store has a good selection of organic produce and gourmet items.

* There are 4-5 restaurants on the island.

* Vinalhaven is great for hiking, kayaking, biking and chilling out. You must bring your own kayaks and bikes because of insurance issues, many owners will not allow the use of their boats. You can rent kayaks from Maine Sport, which is north of Rockland on Route 1. Their phone number is 207-236-8797. The Wiscassette Trading Post, which is south of Rockland on Route 1, also rents kayaks. Their phone number is 207-882-9645.

* The phone number at the house you are renting is 207-863-_____.

We hope this letter provides you with all the information you need to make your arrival, stay and departure enjoyable and as stress free as traveling on the ferry in the summer can be.