



Welcome to Cabot Head Cottage We hope you have a great time!

The Local Area of Dyers Bay

Cabot Head Cottage is located in the Hamlet of Dyers Bay in the center of the Bruce Peninsula. Dyers Bay is a gorgeous area, offering miles of hiking with wonderful opportunities to view some native wildflowers, birds and some vistas unlike any other vista in Ontario! There are 44 different species of orchids located here in the Bruce Peninsula and bird watchers travel from all over to see our migrating birds in the spring and fall. The majestic limestone cliffs of the Niagara Escarpment surround the bay. Of course, the Niagara Escarpment is a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO. The famous [Bruce Trail](#) runs through the hamlet of Dyers Bay, as it winds its way towards [Tobermory](#).



Here are a few local hikes:



Laird side trail, a part of the Bruce Trail, which goes in a loop down to the escarpment edge, and returns up the road from the south. The trailhead is about ¼ mile north of the dumpsters on Dyers Bay road.

Cottrill Lake Loop. Take the dirt road from the dumpster's at the top of the hill as you enter or leave Dyers Bay. About a mile down the road, on the right, you will see a parking lot just big enough for two or three cars. Follow the signs into the woods. Mid-way through the loop is a small inland lake which is beautiful but not for swimming! This trail is about 2 miles long.

Devils Monument Again go to the Dumpsters and turn onto the dirt road. Take this down about 2 miles, basically as far as you can until you come to a gate. Be careful not to block the road when you park. You will see the trail going off into the woods in front of you. When you come to a clearing there is a fork in the trail. Take the fork to the left, towards the bay. This will take you on a loop along the escarpment, back up through the woods and to the road. When you get to the road turn left again, and you will walk back to the car. This walk takes about an hour and a half.

For more information on hikes in Dyers Bay please visit the [Peninsula Bruce Trail website](#)

What else is there in the area?



[Cabot Head](#) - At the end of a very picturesque dirt road you will find Cabot Head Lighthouse. From the cottage, just follow the dirt road away from Dyers Bay and follow the water for about 10 miles. There is a small museum in the lighthouse. Picnic tables are available at the water behind the lighthouse. You can take the short hike to Winfield Basin from there and view the birds.

[Larkwhistle Garden](#). An award winning perennial garden is right down the Rd! Follow the Rd through Dyers Bay as if the go back to the Hwy, but when it turns

towards Hwy 6, go straight down the dirt road. Turn left at the first crossroad and Larkwhistle is on the right. They are open on Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday during the summer.



[Fishing](#) The bay itself offers sport fishermen a chance to catch prize winning salmon and trout in her deep waters a mere 100 yards from the majestic limestone cliffs of the Niagara Escarpment. There is a free public boat launch located in Dyers Bay. There is also parking available at the top of the hill as you come into the bay. Fishing Charters Call Dyer's Bay Fishing – 519-795-7253 – Mike.

[Beaches](#) There are a few lovely sandy beaches located in the Bruce Peninsula. Mostly found on Lake Huron. The waterfront in Dyers Bay is natural stone. Water shoes are recommended. Most of the waterfront in Dyers Bay is public access, but please respect the cottage owners in the area. The water is generally cool, and extremely clean! There is a public dock where kids can jump into the cool clear water.

Boating – Many people bring along their canoes and kayaks to boat along the 100 foot cliffs of the Niagara escarpment in Dyers Bay. If you do not own a canoe, you can rent one from a local outfitter.

[Thorncrest Outfitters](#) – located in Tobermory

[Suntrail Outfitters](#) – Located in Hepworth



[Bruce Peninsula National Park](#) is located 20 minutes north of Dyers Bay. There are many day hikes available in the park, and many incredible opportunities to view the Niagara Escarpment. The Cyprus Lake entrance to the Bruce Peninsula National Park has trails that lead to the popular Grotto.

[Tobermory](#). This is the northern end of the Bruce Trail. There are many nice shops along Little Tub harbor, however many of these shops close during the winter. No trip to the Bruce would be complete without a visit to the Sweet Shop, The Chart Shop, and Circle Arts.

[Flower Pot Island](#). From Tobermory you can take a Glass Bottom Boat to Flower Pot Island, which is out on the bay. The boat will go over several shipwrecks on its way out to the island. Once on the Island there are trails to hike, but nothing else. You can stay as long as you want, just make sure to catch the last boat back to Tobermory. It can be pretty cold on the boat, so dress in layers. Plan to spend the whole day.



Little Cove. Take Hwy 6 almost all the way to Tobermory. Turn right on the road to Little Cove. This road is just south of the St. Edmund's Museum. Drive down to the water. Be careful, there is a steep hill at the end. There is parking at the bottom of the hill. Walk to your right along the water. You can go quite a ways before the rocks get too steep. Eventually you will come to a large depression in the rocks, and on your left you will see the "Spy hole". When you look through this hole you will see Bear Island. The other Island that you can see is Flowerpot Island. On a clear day you can see the flowerpot at the tip of the island.

Downtown Lionshead. Take Hwy 6 south from Dyers bay to Ferndale. Turn east on Lion's Head Road. (Or you can take the back road from Dyers Bay Road. Turn south at Brinkman's Corners. This road is beautiful in the summer and fall, but should be avoided in the winter.) This is a nice little town, and it has a pretty decent restaurant called the Lions Head Inn. There is also a pretty good grocery store in town.

Antiques. There are many antique places on The Bruce, but the nicest is The Bruce Beckons. This is located on Beckons Lane, which is off of Hwy 6 just north of Wiarton. They specialize in antiques from Quebec in the 1800's.

How far away is..? (Approximately)

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1. [Tobermory](#) – 25 minutes
2. [Bruce Peninsula National Park](#) - 20 minutes.
3. [Lion's Head](#) 25 minutes
4. [Owen Sound](#) 1.5 Hours

Packing for your trip

Summer - Bring warm cloths as well as your summer cloths. It maybe very warm in the day, but can get very cool in the evenings! Jeans and a dress shirt can be worn anywhere in the Bruce Peninsula. Bug spray is a necessity, depending on the season, they can be pesky. Hiking boots or comfortable shoes are a must.

There is poison ivy in the Bruce Peninsula, and it is present on the cottage property! Wear boots when hiking and be careful.

Water – **Please bring bottled water with you.** The cottage has a UV light present, but we advise you to drink bottled water only.

Linens – Please bring bed linens & towels.

Paper Products – Please bring single-ply toilet paper, paper towel and Kleenex with you.

The cottage is on a septic system – thick toilet paper can block the system. **DO NOT put anything other than toilet paper down the toilet.** It is not very nice to have a septic system back up while you are on holiday – aside from the fact that it is very expensive to call in a septic specialist!

At Cabot Head

Upon Arrival:

There is a lock box on the side door on the small deck at the front of the house, facing the road. We will provide you with the code prior to your arrival. The lock box is a combination tumbler, and once you have input the code, push down on the button below the tumblers and the front will open on the lock box and the key is inside. We suggest that you replace the key in the lock box whenever you leave the cottage so you will not lose the key while experiencing the Bruce!

Everything should be turned on and ready for your stay. The house has a furnace, which maybe turned up if cool. The Thermostat for the furnace is located behind the door between the kitchen and the livingroom. There is a switch for the furnace in the basement – on the ceiling as you walk down the stairs. We do not have the furnace turned on in the summer season.

If the water is not working, it could be because the pump has been turned off. The switch is in the basement above the pump – up is on, down is off.

The hot water tank is a standard tank. It can not handle back – to back showers & laundry. There is an internal breaker that will turn off, and will require resetting. Also, if the water heater is abused – the elements in the water heater can break. Please try to space out your showers reasonably, and you will not experience any problems.

The cottage:

This cottage is an older cottage, and has a natural wood finished interior. If you choose to use the fireplace, make sure you are in the house at all times. **NEVER LEAVE THE FIRE UNATTENDED!** Also make sure the screen is set in front of the fire at all times. The fluke for the fireplace is located on the right of the fireplace as you are facing it. It should be in the open position. **PLEASE LEAVE IT OPEN.** There is a fire extinguisher in the stairwell leading to the basement. Please bring hardwood to burn in the fireplace. It is important that you purchase firewood on the peninsula as there is a problem with wood outside the area – the ash-borer beetle may infest the wood.

The breaker box is located downstairs in the basement above the dryer. The lights in the basement are on the ceilings with pull cords.

Cabot Head cottage has a phone. Please bring a long distance card with you to use the phone. Long distance calls made with out a phone card will be deducted from your security deposit at a premium rate.

Please bring your own linen and towels with you. There are extra blankets if required. There is a washer & Dryer for your use. Please shake all sand etc out of your cloths before using the washer! The water may have iron deposits and might leave a yellow stain on your cloths.

There is a propane BBQ for your use. Because off-season weekend rentals are discounted, please leave \$10 for use of the BBQ in the cottage if you are staying off-season. There are brushes to clean the BBQ. Please CLEAN THE BBQ FOR THE NEXT GUEST. If we need to clean the BBQ we will deduct a cleaning cost from your deposit.

In the fall, flies make their way into the cottage to rest for the winter. You may see a build up of flies in the fall, the only recourse is to vacuum them up! We try hard to keep the dead flies cleaned up, but we might miss a few.

As Cabot Head Cottage is located in a very natural area – there maybe be instances when other bugs get into the house. Fruit flies, ants and others can be prevented from accumulating in the kitchen if you are careful with the garbage. Wood roaches – a common pest, which looks very much like your common household cockroaches may also be present. These roaches do not breed indoors, and do not gather near foodstuffs like common cockroaches. These small pests are harmless, and are natural to our outdoor environment. Usually, if they are present it is because they have come inside via firewood. Wood roaches do not thrive and reproduce in homes because they require the consistently moist environment of their natural habitats such as under woodpiles or loose bark and in decaying logs. Indoors, their presence is strictly a temporary annoyance. They do not harm the house structure, furnishings or occupants.

The cottage is on a septic system. Please do not place ANY foreign objects into the toilet. This includes feminine products and condoms! Also, please use cleaning products from a bucket of water, which can be thrown outside instead of into the septic system, cleaning products can damage the septic.

We have cleaning products in the cottage for your use. Please leave the cottage as clean as you found it.

There is poison ivy located at and around all the properties in Dyers Bay. Be careful when out walking... wear high-cut boots.

Bears are in the area. Please DO NOT feed the bears. Bears who become accustomed to human food will become a menace – and eventually will be destroyed. Remember – if you feed a bear – you might as well kill him!

The waters in Georgian Bay can become dangerous very quickly. If you bring a boat – please be very careful and stay close to shore – and do not go out on the water if there is a storm approaching. Use caution when ever you are on the water.

Closing Up:

- When leaving, make sure the house is as you found it. There will be a fee for cleaning removed from your security deposit if the house is left dirty.

- There is a dumpster at the corner of the road as you leave Dyers Bay for garbage. It is located at the top of the hill as you are driving out to Hwy #6. Don't even think about leaving a garbage bag outside at night. There are too many animals around including BEARS! Please take your garbage to the dumpster... do NOT leave at the cottage!
- Please leave the key in the lock box when you leave. MAKE SURE you have everything with you!

A few more things to note:

- Weather is broadcast 24 hours a day on FM 90.7. Good to know in the winter!
- If you have a problem or small emergency, call Shari Chambers.

Phone numbers:

- Shari Chambers – Your Guide to the Bruce Peninsula – 519-795-7253
- In case you can't get Shari – call Chris Meenagh @ 519-793-4311

Restaurants

[Lions Head Inn](#), (in Lions Head), is okay in a pinch, as is the Warton Inn (in Warton).

[Grandview in Tobermory](#) is excellent, but is closed in the winter.

[Tamarac Island Inn](#) – Located in Stokes Bay – Good family restaurant

Stone Orchid – Located on Hwy 6 as you drive into Tobermory – Indonesian cuisine!
Excellent food

Grosvenors – Gourmet dining in a casual atmosphere. Downtown Southampton.
Call 797-1226 for reservations and location.

Harvest Moon - Organic Bakery located on Hwy 6, just north of Ferndale

There are grocery stores in both Lions Head and Tobermory. If you are looking for a large store, you will have to go to Warton, or even Owen Sound.

Directions To Cabot Head Cottage

Take HWY 6 or 10 north through Owen Sound.

You can take the By-pass at Rockwood, but the best groceries are to be found in Owen Sound. Follow HWY 6 towards Tobermory. You will pass Warton

Continue north 40 minutes on Hwy #6 through Ferndale and Miller Lake. Dyers Bay Rd is located north of Lindsay Rd 30. Turn right on Dyers Bay rd. Follow until you reach a T, then follow to the right. Keep on this Road (Dyers Bay Rd) down the hill and through the community of Dyers Bay until you reach a hill leading up on the other side of the bay. Halfway up this hill turn to the right onto Forbes Dr. Follow this road ¼ mile until you reach a sign that says you can not go straight any further, veer to the right towards Cabot Head Lighthouse, this is Cabot Head Rd. The cottage is on the right 10 yards from you – A wood sign says Cabot Head on it. It is the last on the Road to Cabot Head

Lighthouse. #6 Cabot Head . The key is in a safe box. You will be sent the code prior to leaving.



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Cleaning List (this is just a partial check list)

- Clean bathrooms – toilets, around toilets, walls and tub & floor.
- Sweep & vacuum the floors – all dog hair must be removed
- Clean kitchen – sink, fridge, floors, microwave
- Clean bedrooms – replace coverings on bed
- Clean BBQ – leave it as you found it
- Clean fireplace
- Take all garbage to the dumpster as directed above
- Please leave the cottage as you found it. We will retain a fee for cleaning if it is not left clean
- Cleaning service can be made available – we need advance notice

Terms & Conditions of Rentals

Your Guide to the Bruce Peninsula Cottage Rentals, arranges bookings and reservations of cottage accommodations for vacationers (the renters) and represents the cottage owners (David Patterson).

PAYMENT

A deposit is required to confirm reservation for cottage.

Payment by check is due in full is due 30 days before rental.

Payment by Pay Pal or certified check can arranged.

SECURITY DEPOSIT Each reservation is subject to a security deposit. Security deposit is preferred as a PayPal payment in the amount of \$300. Your Guide to the Bruce Peninsula Cottage Rentals will use the cash security deposit to reimburse owner for:

1. Damage repair.
2. Broken or missing item replacement.
3. Long distance phone call (subject to \$20 service charge) repayment.
4. Cleaning.
5. Late checkout.
6. Keys not returned.

Security Deposit will be returned to renter within 30 days of rental in the form of a check, bank transfer or a refund through Pay Pal. All usage fees apply to client.

CANCELLATION

All cancellations must be done in writing or by email within 2 weeks of rental date. Your Guide will then try to rent the cottage out for that period. A fee for cancellation of \$40 will apply.

If Your Guide is unable to rent the property out, all deposits and payments will be forfeited to Your Guide to the Bruce Peninsula Cottage Rentals.

No smoking

PETS: Well-behaved pets are allowed at Cabot Head Cottage. The cottage has wood floors and small area rugs. Dog hairs can accumulate under the beds and furniture quite fast – please vacuum up the hair for the next guest! Please also clean the grounds of dog poop. A cleaning fee (minimum \$100) will be applied to if an unreasonable amount of dog hair or dog poop is present at inspection.

SEWAGE SYSTEM Please be aware that we are on a septic system. Use only one-ply tissue and be sure that nothing other than tissue goes into the toilet.

GARBAGE DISPOSAL All garbage must go to dumpster which is located on the top of the road at the curve as you exit Dyers Bay.

WILDLIFE & PLANTS We share the Bruce Peninsula with rattlesnakes. We ask that you take care when hiking in the area, and that you do not harm these endangered creatures. The owner of the cottage and Your Guide to the Bruce Peninsula Cottage Rentals cannot be held responsible for any personal injuries caused by rattlesnakes. Bears are a regular visitor to the area, and ANY encouragement from the renters, which may result in personal injury, or injury to the renter's personal property or person is the responsibility of the renter.

Poison Ivy is prevalent in Dyers Bay. Be aware of the plants, and bring allergy medication if you are prone.

CHECK-IN time is between 4 PM and 5:30 PM on Saturdays. Early check-ins are not available. If you are unable to check-in during this time period, please call us in advance to make arrangements. Off-season check in times vary.

CHECKOUT time is 10 AM please observe this rule, as our staff needs time to prepare for our next guests. Upon leaving, please secure all windows and doors, wash dishes, remove all trash (as per #2) and return keys by 10 A.M. Cottage must be left in the same condition as you found it. Cottage must be left clean. **Any extra cleaning that is necessary will be deducted from your security deposit. Minimum charge for cleaning is \$100.** Off-season check in times vary.

FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT Cottage is furnished for normal housekeeping with dishes, cookware, flatware, glasses, grills and basic appliances. If your BBQ is charcoal, you will need to bring your own. **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BED LINEN, BATH AND BEACH TOWELS.** Please be sure to pack any specialty items that you may require during your stay.

CONDITION OF PROPERTY Every effort has been made to ensure that our descriptions and distances are accurate; however, we CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE for changes made by owners in furnishings or equipment, inaccurate descriptions, distance to water errors, or printing errors. PLEASE NOTE, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO MOVE YOU TO ANOTHER HOUSE WHEN YOU ARRIVE.

OCCUPANTS & OCCUPANCY Occupants represent themselves to be an adult 25 years of age or older. All occupants must be named in writing prior to occupancy. Only the maximum number of guests allowed at the cottage should be there. Most cottages run on a septic system and can only accommodate a certain number of occupants. Clients who have guests at the property in excess of the pre-authorized number are subject to either immediate eviction without refund or a \$100 per night per guest charge, at the discretion of the Company/Owner. Please note that we have a “no parties” policy and zero tolerance regarding this issue. No RV's, campers or mobile homes may be parked on the premises for the purposes of extra sleeping capacity.

MAINTENANCE All equipment in the cottages should be in working order. Please report any inoperative equipment to our office. Every reasonable effort will be made to promptly repair the same. No refunds will be made for inoperative appliances or for mechanical failure.

LOCKED CLOSETS contain owner's personal property. Please respect these locked closets, cabinets or rooms. They are NOT INCLUDED as part of your rental.

ITEMS LEFT BEHIND Your Guide to the Bruce Peninsula Cottage Rentals cannot be held responsible for items left in homes or condominiums. Please double-check your cottage for personal items prior to departure.

If we are asked to return items to you they will be returned C.O.D.

1 key will be issued at check-in. A \$10.00 charge per key will be deducted from your security deposit for keys not returned.

INSPECTION POLICY Your Guide to the Bruce Peninsula Cottage Rentals has a thorough inspection policy to ensure cottages are in good condition and that renters will not be inadvertently billed for missing or broken items. Please assist us by reporting any missing or broken items to our office within 24 hours so that you will not be held responsible.

The Renter undertakes to indemnify and hold harmless Your Guide to the Bruce Peninsula Cottage Rentals and the owner of Cabot Head Cottage – David Patterson - against any and all loss, claims, causes of action, demands and/or costs and expenses that may be incurred by the Renter in relation to the cottage rental.

The parties agree that this contract shall be governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and agree to attorn solely to the jurisdiction of the courts of Ontario with respect to any and all disputes arising out of the interpretation and application of this contract and the relationship between Your Guide to the Bruce Peninsula Cottage Rentals, the owner of Cabot Head Cottage – David Patterson and the Renter.

