

A weekend gateway in the Bobs Lake (Ontario)



Recently, we were invited to spend a weekend at one of the amazing cottages at Bobs Lake Cottages & Escapes, a complex of 5 cottages + 1 property on an island located between Toronto and Ottawa. I don't even have words to describe the beauty, organization and nature of this place, but I will try to bring all the details for you in this post because I found the experience amazing and I recommend it to everyone.

Location

As mentioned, Bobs Lake Cottages & Escapes is located between Toronto and Ottawa, 45 minutes from Kingston, 1:30 hours from Ottawa and 3:30 hours from Toronto. We left our house (North of Toronto) and drove via highway 401 on our way to the region. To return to our home we drove via local roads. We found it super easy to get there and although there is a (small) stretch of unpaved road, everything is super well maintained and we didn't have any problems. As we went in early June the green landscape was amazing and the local roads were extremely beautiful.

There aren't many commercial stores close by (the closest is 40 minutes away), so the tip is to bring groceries (because the house itself has all the utensils you need and more). All instructions for getting there are posted on their website, but the owners are super helpful and will give you more details and tips on how to get there if needed. I must mention that nearby (30km) is the Frontenac Provincial Park that we visited last year (see post in my blog) and we found it simply amazing. If you want to explore the region, I highly recommend visiting this park.

The Accommodations

First of all, I have to say that all accommodations are on the lakefront, which makes everything even more special. There is an accommodation for every type of family (2 to 15 people) and all properties have a deck and lakefront space for you to enjoy, as well as a green area for the kids and pets to play. You can see all accommodations in detail by accessing their blog. It is worth mentioning that all accommodations are pet-friendly. This was the first trip we made with Ella and she LOVED and enjoyed the space, the beach and the nature.

Our cottage: the Great House

We stayed at the Great House, which is a 6-bedroom, 5-bathroom cottage that sleeps up to 15 people. Huge! Unfortunately, it was just the 5 of us in this trip, but I was already imagining visiting the place with close friends and having the kids playing together in the nature. The highlight of this house is certainly the main floor, with two huge dining tables, a well-equipped kitchen (two dishwashers, two refrigerators, two stoves), two fireplaces, a ping pong table and many windows that let the sun into the area. I also found it interesting that there is an accessible bedroom to wheelchair users, with a bathroom also accessible.

The sandy private beach has a deck and has stolen our hearts. The house is not close to the lake shore and you have a lawn in front where you can rest (yes, they have a hammock!), a fire pit and lots of space to play. A Jacuzzi, tables and lounge chairs completes the atmosphere - and makes you not want to leave. The entire garden is very well kept and clean.

Finally, I couldn't forget to mention the huge balcony on the second floor, which even has a full kitchen (yes, the house has 3 refrigerators in total) and an incredible view of the lake. We had our breakfast there and it was an unforgettable and very special moment. This house has won our hearts.

The place has cable TV (with several channels) and internet. As much as we don't want to watch TV, there is always that moment when children (and parents) can relax and watch a video. As I said before, you can find all the kitchen utensils you will need, as well as salt, oil and spices.

In addition to the Great House I quickly visited other cottages so I could tell you what my impressions are. There is The Lake House Upper and Lower, which are two super cute apartments with balconies and The Little House, which is a small and super romantic cottage

that I thought was perfect for a couple to visit on a special weekend (but they can also accommodate a small family). There's also The Eagles Nest (cottage next to where we were) and Rustic Island Rental, which is a cottage on an island that has appeared in several publications and has amazing reviews.

Things to Do

The place is not very big but the houses are very private and there is a lot of space between them. There is a very large playground made by the owners with tree houses and slides among the trees. The boys LOVED it and wanted to go there all the time. There is also a lawn with picnic tables. You can rent boats, bicycles and other equipment to enjoy the area.

Our opinion

We think it's an incredible experience and a must for people who live or visit Canada. Spending a weekend in a cottage in the middle of the province with comfort and in contact with nature is one of the activities that I like the most. Bobs Lake Cottages & Escapes surprised me for being super organized and full of details everywhere. The region is beautiful but it's not super remote, which made me feel comfortable going with the little ones. We managed to relax and get away from the routine, which was what we needed. We slept late and together as a family in the same room and the boys were smiling and happy all weekend. We will want to go back soon.

I hope you liked and don't miss their website - [this one](#) - for more details about the place and to make your reservation to stay in one of the cottages during any season of the year (the place is open year-round).

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