ARRIVING:

- If entry gate is closed (it rarely is) it will be unlocked- the chain is wrapped around latch to look locked
- Unload car from end of driveway, then move to parking area to not have to look at your vehicle again!
- We will not be there to greet you, so arrive whenever convenient
- Code for front door deadbolt is in your Airbnb info
- Information packet with all docs will be left on kitchen counter
- Wireless fiber-optic network is 'Doug's Cabin' and password is 'cabin123'

WATER:

- All water is pumped from our deep well and is tested to be very pure
- Please conserve- don't run water unnecessarily while doing dishes etc.
- For sanitation, make sure dishes and silverware are rinsed with very hot water
- Please dump wastewater from dishes etc. outside under trees instead of down the drain, whenever possible
- An instant hot water tap is to the right of kitchen faucet that is perfect for tea, etc. (caution: very hot!)
- Not all flushes are necessary. Feel free to pee outside to conserve water!
- The bathroom is not big enough for a large water heater so hot water is limited!
- There is not enough hot water to fill the bathtub, use shower handle for showering in tub
- If hot water in bathtub has run out, wait about 10 minutes for more to heat up

DURING:

- Emergency phone numbers are on the side of the fridge, by the phone and in black book in living room
- If necessary, a land line phone is on shelf above closet in dining room. Please have people call you back.
- There is a new storm shelter built under the log cabin, on the left side. Pull cover up and off, climb in.
- The log cabin is Doug's private space. No one will never be there during your stay (unless you also rent it).
- Please keep fires in woodstove small and contained. Never put hot ashes or half-burned wood back in bin!
- There are fire extinguishers to the right of the wood stove and under the kitchen sink, left side, top
- Vacuum, broom and dustpan are in dining room closet. Do NOT suck up ashes with vacuum- it will clog!
- Light outside front door stays on (it is a very energy-efficient LED bulb). It can be unplugged if desired.
- Outside string lights on deck by river are on a timer to come on for 4 hours after dusk, then turn off
- String lights on deck can be turned off manually with timer by outside outlet on deck
- Outdoor lights on shed, are on switch on the side of shed, above the light fixture
- All other outdoor lights are solar powered and cycle on automatically at dusk

AC/HEATERS:

- Main propane gas heater is next to fridge: turn up and down as needed by using arrow keys
- Do NOT turn the heater next to fridge off in winter! The pipes will freeze! Leave on 'Low' when gone.
- Turn thermostat to 'Low' by pushing down arrow key until it reads 'L'.
- Bathroom electric heater: push switch on top right on, switch will glow red. Turn dial to adjust temp.
- Leave bathroom heater on in winter to prevent freezing. Set thermostat to low, or medium if very cold!
- Living room AC/Heat pump: Use remote up/down arrows to adjust temp. Leave on in winter!
- For AC the 'Dry' setting (waterdrop icon) is usually enough dehumidify to a very comfortable temp.

Here is some info to help make your stay happy and peaceful....

KITCHEN

Water: Good clean water is pumped from our new deep well. It has been tested by a lab and is very pure. It is very important to try to conserve water by turning it off while doing dishes, brushing teeth, etc. Consider saving wastewater from dishes etc. and pour under trees, instead of down the drain!

Kitchen Hot Water: There is instant hot water available at the tap to the right of kitchen faucet. It is *very hot*, but perfect for tea or French press coffee, etc.

Stove: Turn knob until you hear a clicking sound. As soon as stove lights move knob to desired setting. If burner does not light use matchless lighter above stove to the left. Make sure knobs are set to 'off' if burner is not lit.

Oven: To light turn knob to ignition (with clicking), after about 2 seconds turn to desired temperature. It lights automatically and you won't have to use a match or lighter.

Dishes: Wash all dishes with very hot water. Please *do not* wash the cast iron pan with soap, as it will ruin the seasoning. Dirty dishwater can be poured outside to water trees if desired...

Grill: Located on the side of cabin. Grill utensils are underneath grill. Turn on gas tank behind door, above tank. There is usually an extra propane tank in the shed, if empty. Turn valve under grill all the way off when done!

Compost: There is a compost bucket to the right of the fridge. Do not compost meat or dairy. Dump compost in the wooden bin next to left of the fire-wood rack by driveway turnaround.

Coffee: There are usually organic whole coffee beans in a jar on the counter next to the espresso machine. There is also a drip, French press and stovetop espresso maker in the cabinet below the espresso machine.

Tea, Etc: Kept in middle shelf of red cabinet in the corner of kitchen. Also sugar, instant cocoa and other treats.

Breakfast: Oats and instant oatmeal, raisins and brown sugar in middle shelf of red cabinet in corner of kitchen.

Eggs: We are trying to provide local free-range farm-fresh eggs whenever possible! They will be in the fridge.

LIVING ROOM/BEDROOM

Sleeping: The queen bed in bedroom will be made up and ready for you. The living room couch unfolds into a queen size futon. Please always use sheets and pillowcases on the futon The couch on screen porch also folds flat into a bed.

Linens: Bedroom sheets are in the wooden chest by the bed. Linens for the living room futon couch are in the cedar chest in front of the couch. Most all our linens are organic cotton. Blankets and pillows are in the green chest

Towels and rags: More towels, washcloths, rags etc. in the yellow cabinet in the dining room.

Candles: Candles must be used in a candleholder or must have a dish below the candle (the place has almost burned down *twice* by not having a dish under a candle left on a wooden surface!). Don't use candles in the sauna!

Woodstoves: Please keep fires in the woodstove reasonable. *Do not* burn green (unseasoned) wood (too much creosote left in chimney). Do not use coated or glossy paper to start fire (colored print inks are much more toxic). A smaller hot fire is much better than smothering it by over stuffing with wood. Keep flammable materials cleared well away from the woodstove! When you burn wood also run ceiling fan on low to distribute heat.

Sauna: The wood fired sauna takes about 30 minutes to warm up. A small hot fire works best but you will have to feed it often. There is a water bucket for the rocks. Please don't use candles in the sauna as they just melt! There is seasoned hardwood for the sauna behind the sauna and a woodshed marked 'Sauna Wood' by the driveway (the sauna takes shorter pieces that the living room wood stove)

Firewood: Please replace wood for woodstove or sauna stove whenever possible so it will be there for the next guests. (it is too heavy for my housekeeper) The longer pieces are for the living room wood stove and the shorter pieces are for the sauna. Please don't use the shorter pieces for the sauna in the indoor wood stove!

Music: The audio system is very high-resolution (that means much care has gone into making it sound great!). Listen to records, CDs, radio or stream via Bluetooth or Apple AirPlay. The subwoofer turns off and on automatically.

Yoga Mats: There are two yoga mats behind the closet door in the bedroom

Games and Puzzles: In living rm wood cabinet above the CDs

Heat/Air Conditioning: New AC split installed will heat/cool or dehumidify the whole cabin. Use remote on living room wall by light switches to turn system off and on, set temp. or choose 'Dry' to take the humidity out.

There is a propane heater next to the fridge. Use the arrow keys to dial in the temp desired. Do not turn off in winter!

Resources: There is a black notebook with much info, phone numbers, local attractions, etc. on dining room shelf. Also many brochures and menus about local hikes and attractions on shelf in small wood box.

O U T S I D E

Artesian Well Water: We now have a continuously running (even in winter!) artesian well in the yard, by the driveway turnaround. It is delicious and much coveted! Feel free to bring home as much as you like!

Outdoor lights: String lights on deck are on a timer to come on at dusk and are set to turn off 4 hours later. If you change the timer please turn back when you leave.

Hammock: It is usually left up in the summer. If not, it's in the storage shed. It clips into the rope in the trees by the river, to the left of the house.

Shed: There is a small garden shed between the cottage and the log cabin with water buckets to use by the fire. There is also an extra propane tank for the grill in the shed.

Fire pit: Dry firewood is in the wood-shed directly behind the firepit. There is much dead wood and kindling available to use along the driveway and in the woods. It is ok to burn from the pile *behind* the fire pit.

Please *do not* burn the split fire wood from the main firewood rack in the firepit!. That seasoned hardwood is expensive and bought for the wood stoves in the cottage and the log cabin.

An axe is behind the wood shed if you want to split some wood. If you use the axe, wear leather gloves and hard toed shoes. Axe rule: All must leave with the same number and arrangement of body parts they arrived with!

Cookouts/bonfires: All outdoor fires must be kept to a very reasonable size and must be attended to at all times. *Do not* leave a fire unattended, burning overnight, or still smoldering when you leave. Plastic water buckets are in the shed or on the left side of the log cabin. *Please please please be very careful!!!*

HOUSE RULES:

- Check-in is at 4 pm or anytime later, check-out is by noon
- This is a quiet retreat center for personal renewal not a party house! No parties or gatherings allowed.
- No additional guests without prior approval
- No smoking anything inside house or inside the screen porch
- No firearms inside house. No hunting on grounds.
- Please be very careful and safe with fires! Keep all bonfires small and attended. Fire safety is crucial!
- Replace wood stove and sauna firewood for the next guests (this is very hard for my housekeeper to do)
- If you use the last of staples, condiments, etc. please let us know so we can replace them for the next guests
- CDs are alphabetized by last name (except compilations). Please put them back where they came from!
- Put back anything that you have moved, outside and in, back to where it came from before you leave
- Please try to leave the cabin as nice and tidy as you found it.

I hope you relax as much as possible and enjoy your time here! May it be rejuvenating in mind, body & spirit.

Thank you! Doug

KITCHEN APPLIANCES

Kitchen Appliances:

- 6-burner professional gas stove with gas oven, broiler and griddle
- Large Sub-Zero refrigerator/freezer, easily holds a week of groceries
- High-end Breville toaster/Air fryer oven. There is no microwave oven!
- Water carbonator (to make fizzy water)
- Toaster Blender Rice cooker Wok Crockpot Popcorn popper

Coffee & Tea:

- Espresso machine
- Drip coffee pot with gold filter and coffee filters
- French-press pot Bialetti stove-top espresso maker
- Coffee bean grinder
- Organic French-roast coffee beans
- Good selection of teas (in middle shelf of tall red Chinese cabinet, left of the fridge)

Breakfast:

- Oatmeal and Instant Oatmeal (in tall red Chinese cabinet, middle shelf, to the left of fridge)
- Raisins, maple syrup, brown sugar, etc. on shelf above and to the right of sink
- Other groceries often available in middle shelf of red cabinet- help yourself if there's something you need!

Cooking Supplies:

There are many plates, bowls, glasses, coffee mugs, wine glasses, utensils, knives, ss pots and pans, etc.

Also: Cast-iron pan, griddle, salad spinner, cookie sheets, rolling pin, bamboo steamer, cookie sheets, measuring cup and spoons...

Pantry Supplies:

- Salt, pepper, sea salt, many spices (located in cabinet above stove)
- Olive and canola oil, spray canola oil for the grill
- Balsamic vinegar, popcorn, honey and other staples on shelf
- Local real maple syrup (life is too short for the fake corn-syrup crap!)
- Ketchup, mustard, Dijon mustard, tamari, hot sauce and more in the refrigerator
- There are usually many other condiments and salad dressings in the fridge
- Dishwashing liquid is built in to sink (pump is to the right of faucet)
- Aluminum foil, plastic wrap, compostable food scrap bags for compost, plastic garbage bags

Outside Cooking:

- Outdoor infrared-heat gas grill, on side of cabin. Extra propane tank in the garden shed.
- Grill utensils are inside grill door, underneath grill
- Japanese Green Egg charcoal grill, by the fire pit (bring your own charcoal)
- There is a hot dog skewer for the fire pit hanging in bottom cabinet, to left of stove
- There are bamboo marshmallow roasting sticks in bottom cabinet, to left of stove

Water:

- Water is pumped from our own deep well and is very pure and great for drinking!
- There is an artesian well running by the driveway, the water is delicious! Feel free to take some home!
- It is very important to try to conserve water as much as possible.

RESTAURANTS/BARS/GROCERIES

Grantsburg (7 miles North on Hwy 87, at Hwy 70)

- Grocery Store: Grantsburg Family Foods, one mile East on Hwy 70
- The Grind, new coffee shop with food downtown on Madison, good place with food. Recommended!
- Brickfield Brewing, brew bub downtown on Madison, outdoor patio w fire pit. Frozen pizzas.
- Country Café, downtown on Madison, breakfast and lunch only, very local, excellent breakfast! (only open until 2 pm)
- The Drive In, 50's Diner, Hwy 70 just West of Hwy 87 (Closed- waiting for new owners)
- Rendezvous Bar, Main St/downtown, typical WI bar, filled with locals, Friday night Meat Raffles! (a weird spectacle!)
- T Dawgs, Hwy 70 just East of Hwy 87, breakfast and dinner, Surprisingly decent food for rural WI!
- Fired Up Asian Bistro, 1.5 miles East on Hwy 70. Nice people but very mediocre food. Not recommended.

Cushing (7 miles South on Hwy 87)

• Holiday, gas station and convenience store on Hwy 87, just a couple miles North of Co Rd G Last gas before the turnoff to the cabin!

Wolf Creek, (5 miles South on East River Rd)

- Wolf Creek Bar, Pizza and burgers, air-conditioned. Typical but decent bar food, good burgers.
- A Wandering Fire Artisan Pizza, 2860 275th St (only about 3 miles South), wood-fired pizza- my new favorite place! Wednesday nights 5:00-7:30 pm June - September, donation based- all money goes to a local charity. *Highly recommended!*

Alpha (5 miles East of Grantsburg on Hwy 70)

• Burnett Co Dairy Co-op Bistro & Store, Lunch, sandwiches, cheese, ready to bake pizza, deli items, ice cream, wine. Excellent selection of gourmet foods (for rural WI!) *Recommended!*

Luck (about 15 miles East, on Hwy 35)

- Café Wren, Hwy 35, just before Luck, WI, 715-472-4700 <u>www.cafewren.com</u> *Highly recommended!* Excellent coffee, smoothies, soup, salad and sandwiches. A beautiful drive and one of Doug's favorite places!
- Luck Food Co-op, Main St downtown Luck. Great little food co-op but only open until 5:00 pm. Closed Sunday.

St Croix Falls (20 miles South on Hwy 87)

- Fine Acres Market Natural Foods, 102 S Washington St, small co-op like health food store with groceries, Mon-Sat 10–5
- The Vegetarian, 109 S Washington St, Excellent Indian food, nice owner, great place! Highly recommended!
- Be Wild Gourmet Burger, 406 S Washington St. Take out only, Tue- Sat 11–3 pm. Closed Sunday Monday, Closed in Winter. One of the best burgers I've had. *Highly recommended!*
- Sir Smoke A Lot BBQ, 510 S. Washington St and Hwy 8. Superb BBQ. Go early- they sell out fast! Highly recommended!
- The Dalles House, 720 S Vincent St near Hwy 87, seafood and steak, the only 'fancy' place around!
- Valley Sweets, 33 N Washington St, great ice cream and hand-made chocolates, pastries. Highly recommended!

Taylors Falls, MN (20 miles South on Hwy 87, across the river from St Croix Falls on MN side)

- The Drive In, 50's Diner, 1/2 mile down the main street. Very good food, locally sourced! In car or outdoor dining only.
- Coffee Talk, 1/4 mile down main st, big house on the right, excellent coffee and smoothies. Recommended!
- Several other lunch and dinner spots

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Antiques/Junk Stores

- Pink Squirrel, Main St, Downtown Grantsburg. Open only one Wed.-Sun. a month. Highly recommended!
- St Croix Falls, Hwy 87 (20 miles South). Several places!
- Taylor's Falls, MN (across the St Croix River from St Croix Falls. Several places!

Art & Crafts

- One 10 Gallery, Hwy 35, Frederick, WI Open Wed-Friday More info: <u>one10gallery.com</u> *Highly recommended!*
- Café Wren, Hwy 35, Luck, WI. Excellent selection of rotating artists. Great organic café with excellent food and coffee!
- Franconia Sculpture Garden, Hwy 95, just outside Taylor's Falls, MN. Music, events, much to see!
- Luhrs/Bjornson Pottery, Hwy 87, Downtown St Croix Falls (715) 483-9612. Owner operated. Highly recommended!
- The St Croix River Valley is known for its great pottery and proliferation of pottery studios. Open studios Spring and Fall.

Farmer's Markets

- Saint Croix Falls Farmer's Market, Hwy 87, Downtown St Croix Falls by library, Summer and Fall Saturdays
- Franconia Sculpture Garden, Hwy 95, just outside Taylor's Falls, MN. First Sunday, May-October from 10am-2pm

Wineries

- Chateau St Croix Winery, Hwy 87, about 5 miles N of St Croix Falls. Local music sometimes, Friday Happy Hour.
- Smoland Prairie Homestead Inn, B&B, Wine tasting, bakery, 11658 Hwy 70, Eeast of Grantsburg, 715-689-2528

Brew Pub

• Brickfield Brewery, Madison St, Downtown Grantsburg. Outside firepit seating and great atmosphere!

Coffee Shop:

• The Grind, new coffee shop on Madison/downtown strip, Good place with food. Recommended!

Bowling

• Denny's Downtown Lanes, Madison St, Downtown Grantsburg

Historic Site

• Forts Folle Avoine, an hour Northeast between Webster and Danbury, WI theforts.org Worth a visit!

Scenic Drives

- East River Rd, starts about 1.5 North of St Croix Falls and goes North past Co Rd O to dead end at Grettum Dike Rd.
- Co Z between Hwy 87 then Eat to Frederick, WI
- Numerous routes from Hwy 87 to Luck, WI
- Rustic Road drives between Co Rd O and Hwy 70
- Crex Meadows, just Northeast of Grantsburg. Nationally renowned spot for bird watching!
- Numerous others- go get lost! (you can't get too lost because the St Croix River is to the West, Hny 87 or 35 to the East, Hny 70 to the North)

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Hiking

- Along the St Croix River, North side of Hwy 70 just before crossing the St Croix River to MN. Very highly recommended!
- Raspberry Landing, Gov. Knowles State Forest, W River Rd, about 4 miles South of Hwy 70. Trail parking ¹/₄ South. – from parking area go South on trail (left at trailhead) for spectacular walk high on the bluff. *Very highly recommended*!
- from parking area go North on trail (right at trailhead) to drop down to the St Croix River.
- Sandrock Cliffs Trail, Gov. Knowles State Forest, along the St Croix River 3 miles N of Hwy 70. Very highly recommended!
- Hasting Trail, just South of Fish Lake Wildlife Area on East River Rd, North of co Rd O. Close by.
- Grettum Trail, in Fish Lake Wildlife Area on Hickerson Rd, North of co Rd O. Close by.
- Interstate State Park, Taylor's Fall's, MN & WI, on both sides of St Croix River. Spectacular views! Very highly recommended!

Canoeing/Kayaking

- St Croix River, Nationally designated Wild and Scenic River, renowned for canoeing. Many camping spots along the river
- I think North of Hwy 70 is much more interesting than South of Hwy 70, the further North you put in the better!
- Fish Lake Wildlife Area, Numerous kayaking options just North of Co Rd O and off of Stolte Rd
- Wild River Outfitters: Hwy 70 near the St Croix River, canoe and kayak rentals, supplies, transportation
- Trade River: kayaking only because too many downed trees in river (from the beavers) to navigate with canoes

Biking

- Governor Knowles State Park, East River Road, just South of Hwy 70
- Gandy Dancer Trail, by Frederick and Luck, 14 miles East of cabin
- East River Rd from Hwy 87, 1 mi. North of St Croix Falls to Wolf Creek. Highly recommended road ride!

Mountain Biking

• Brandt Pines, about 4 miles North of Hwy 70, near St Croix River

Bird Watching

- Crex Meadows, just Northeast of Grantsburg. Nationally renowned spot for bird watching!
- Fish Lake Wildlife Area, Stolte Rd North of Hwy O and South of Fish Lake Rd. Great place close by!

Cross Country Skiing

- Brandt Pines, about 4 miles North of Hwy 70, near St Croix River. Groomed trails, Doug's favorite X-country place!
- Governor Knowles State Forest, along the St Croix River. No groomed trails.

Downhill Skiing/Snowboarding

• Wild Mountain, about 5 miles North of Taylor's Falls, MN

Rock Climbing

• Interstate State Park, by Taylor's Fall's, on both sides of St Croix River. Beginner to advanced, Good top-roping options.

Horseback Riding

- Equestrian Center, Governor Knowles State Forest, near Wolf Creek, WI
- Limitless Ranch, Frederick, WI trail rides and lessons, etc. 651-246-1323

Golf

• Grantsburg Golf Course, off Hwy 70 in Grantsburg. First time no fee!

FAVORITE HIKES:

Governor Knowles State Forest: Along St Croix River

- Beautiful well-maintained trail, easy hiking
- About 3.5 miles West of Grantsburg
- From Grantsburg go left (West) on Hwy 70 for about 3.5 miles
- Trail access is just before the bridge over the St Croix River (across Hwy 70 from the campground)
- Turn right into the parking lot. (lot is not well marked but is just off the highway right before the bridge)
- Take the trail on the North side of the parking lot, close to the river
- Continue on the trail all the way to Sandrock Cliffs if desired (about 5 miles)
- Or leave a car at Sandrock Cliffs and hike back...

Governor Knowles State Forest: Sandrock Cliffs

Beautiful well-maintained trail, spectacular views!

- About 5 miles North of Grantsburg
- From Grantsburg follow Hwy 70 about 3 miles to Soderbeck Rd
- Turn right (North) on
- Take first left (East) on Benson Rd
- Then first right (North) at Tennessee Rd

Governor Knowles State Forest: near Raspberry Landing

Great trail along the top of the ravine with incredible views

- About 7 miles Northwest
- Go right out the driveway to E River Rd
- Turn left (North) on E River Rd to where it dead ends at Grettum Dike Rd
- Turn left (West) on Grettum Dike Rd to dead end at Hickerson Rd
- Turn right (North) at Hickerson Rd to Fish Lake Rd
- Turn right (North) at Fish Lake Rd to Anderson Rd
- Turn left (West) on W River Rd
- Go about ¼ past Raspberry Landing turnoff to parking lot
- Go straight back towards river (West) to pick up trail about 100 yards
- Go left (South) on trail along ridge (highly recommended) or right (North) top drop down towards St Croix River

Fish Lake Wildlife Area: Dueholm Flowage

- Flat but beautiful walk along dike in wetlands
- About 3 miles North
- Go left out the driveway on Oeltjen Rd to where it turns left in 1 mile at Jimmy Carter Rd
- Go straight (North) on Jimmy Carter Rd, past Co Rd O, to parking lot (marked) on left side of road
- Follow trail West along dike, wetlands will be on the right

FAVORITE X-COUNTRY SKIING:

Brandt Pines

Easy to Advanced trails, usually groomed

- About 8 miles North of Grantsburg
- From Grantsburg go left (West) on Hwy 70 about 3 miles to Soderbeck Rd
- turn left (North) on Soderbeck Rd
- In 3 miles go right (East) on Ferry Rd
- In about 1 mile go left (North) on Giles Rd
- Follow Giles Rd for 3 miles to Hardwood Ridge Trail, go straight (North)

LEAVING

- Please remember check out time is noon. (if you would like a later check out please arrange that ahead of time)
- Leave used linens and towels in laundry basket in dining room
- Please do not remove duvet cover from comforter (unless it needs to be washed)
- If used, fold futon bed in living room back upright (it is too heavy for housekeeper to do this alone)
- Wash dishes used. Ok to leave out to dry.
- Put back furniture or anything inside or out that was moved back in place
- Close open windows in colder weather, ok to leave open in nice weather
- Close bathroom and bedroom skylights, if opened in spring and fall. Cracked open in summer is fine.
- Make sure oven light is turned off
- Make sure patio door is closed all the way and locked
- If patio string lights or other outdoor lights were turned off turn back on, set timer to 4 hours after dusk
- Put CDs back where they came from (CDs are alphabetized, except for obscure or compilations)
- Turn propane tank on grill off, if used
- Replace wood burned in living rm wood stove from wood rack if possible (hard for my housekeeper to do)
- Cold weather: leave heater next to fridge on 'L' (Low) but do not turn off!
- Make sure sauna is clean, if used
- Dump compost in compost pile next to firewood rack by driveway (no meat or dairy in compost!)
- Take trash and recycling to the separate bins across from the end of the driveway on your way out
- Pull front door toward you and press 'lock' to lock deadbolt
- Please text me when you leave so I can let my housekeeper know it's ok to arrive: 651-263-2425

Thank you for your help! I'm so sorry if this list seems long, cabins are more complicated than normal houses... -Doug