

# **CHALET ROSE-ET-LYS**

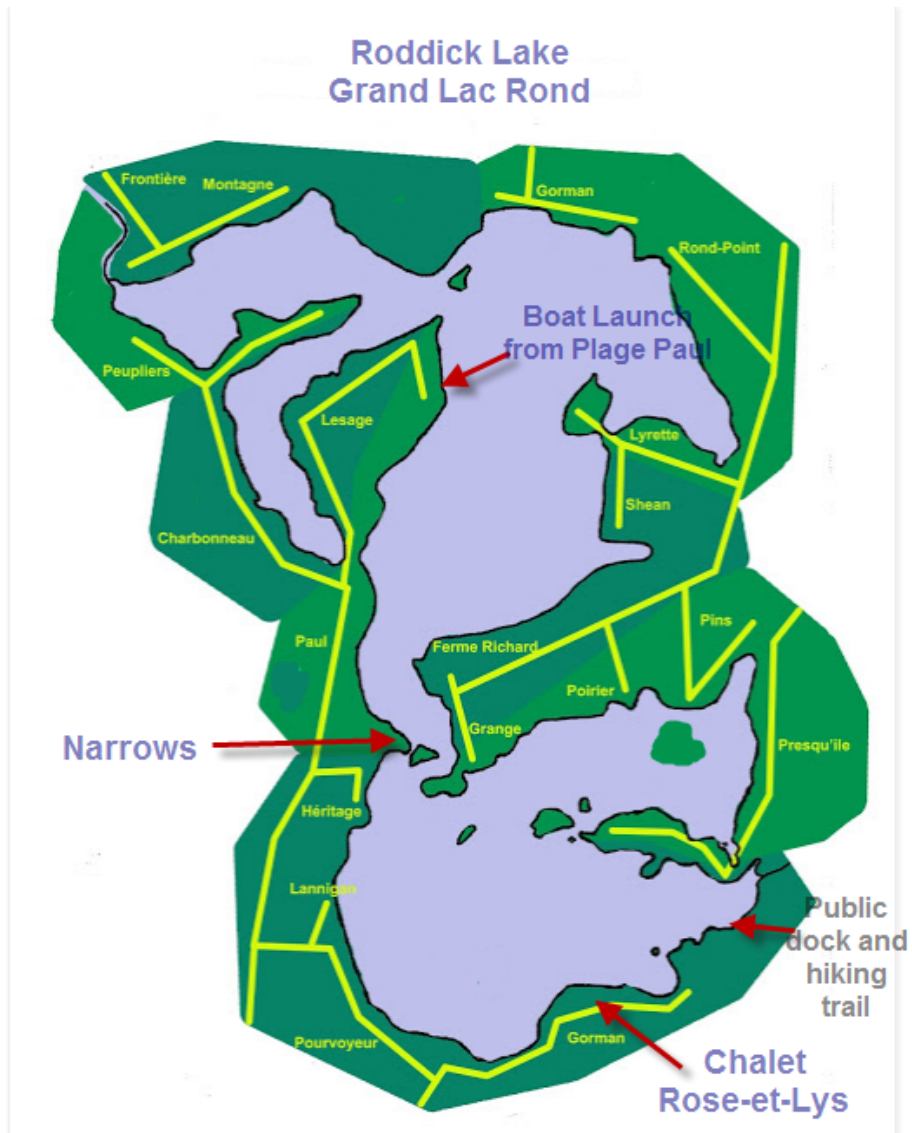
## **The**

# **COTTAGE HANDBOOK**

Welcome to our cottage. I hope you enjoy your stay. Reading this booklet should help you take full advantage of the cottage.

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**Address: 97 Montée Gorman, Bouchette, J0X 1E0, QC.**  
**Phone number at cottage: 819-503-5008**



About Chalet Rose-et-Lys: The cottage was a model home in the Salon de l'Habitation in Montreal in 2009. It is quite unique with Paperstone kitchen counters, recycled glass back splash in the bathroom, and torrefied wood inside and out.

The property is quite private with 150 feet of waterfront on the lake. The road to access the cottage is municipal to within just a few hundred feet of the cottage and is very well maintained. In the winter snow tires are strongly recommended as there are some hills in the area. There is a plan of the property at the back of the handbook.

**Smoking:** The cottage is a non smoking cottage. Please do not smoke inside. If you do smoke outside please do not throw your cigarette butts down on the property in

consideration of others, and of course to avoid a risk of fire. There should be a can with sand in it outside both upstairs and downstairs for cigarette butts. **Smoking in the cottage is considered damage and will result in \$200 being withheld from the damage deposit.**

**Roddick Lake:** also known as Grand Lac Rond is a beautiful lake with great fishing and great water quality. We generally receive an A+ rating for the entire lake (<2ppm of coliform). The part of the lake seen from the cottage window is only about 1/3rd of the total lake. Straight across the lake are the “Narrows” which is a channel taking you into the other portion of the lake. This narrows are very shallow. If you want to launch a boat it can be launched at Plage Paul, and you will need to come through the narrows to get back here.

**Swimming:** The swimming is beautiful. To walk into the water follow the left most line of the beach, next to the rock jetty. This path to the water has been cleared of rocks and is the best way into the lake. During the summer depending on the water level you can jump into the lake off the end of the dock.

**Water:** The tap water at the cottage is lake water treated with ultraviolet light and has been tested. There is a water cooler and you can bring 20 litre jugs of water with you if you wish. There is a spring in Wakefield where you can fill your own jug, and to refill there is a spring in nearby Messines or a tap at the entrance to Bouchette, just near highway 105.

Please unplug the water cooler when you leave if taking your jug with you. The water cooler is plugged next to the toaster. We often leave water in the water cooler.

**Groceries:** The last supermarket on the way here is the Metro in Gracefield. In Bouchette there is a very well stocked ‘Dépanneur’ or convenience store which is also a liquor store where you can buy wine and liquor, or your fishing licence. If you bring your own boat or seadoo with a fast motor there is a store at the far end of the lake. You won’t make it with our little boat as it’s a two hour trip with the trolling motor and your battery could run dead.

Some of our favourite stops on the way up are Pipolinka bakery in Wakefield, (behind Le Hibou restaurant) and La Binerie, North of Kazabazua, which sells delicious baked beans, which are baked underground.

### **High speed internet:**

The password for the high speed internet is **lechalet97abc**. We are the only network in range. The phone system works from the internet so if the internet is down, the phone is also down. If there are problems, the modem and router are at the bottom of the stairs and you can turn the power bar off wait for 30 seconds and turn it back on to see if this resolves the problem. It is generally pretty reliable. There is no computer so you must bring your own laptop.

### **Telephone: 819-503-5008.**

Long distance: You can call free anywhere in Quebec, and if the number you are calling in Ontario would be local in Ottawa, then there will be no long distance charge. The number is a local number from Gatineau. International calls are blocked. Please pre-arrange if you think this will be necessary.

**Cell phones:** Your cell phone may or may not work depending on your provider. If you want to make a call from your cell and have a low signal try standing on the corner of the deck closest to the master bedroom, or in the master bedroom itself near the left hand night table.

### **Bathroom:**

We provide shampoo, conditioner and a hair dryer. The towels in the bathroom are for inside use only. There is also a first aid kit in the bathroom cupboard.

**Please bring your own beach towels down to the beach.** Please only use the towels you need, and throw them on the shower floor or in the basement on the washing machine when you leave. It is quite difficult to do 5 loads of laundry when we have such a short time between rentals during the summer.

**Shower:** There is a squeegee for the glass doors in the shower if you want to keep the shower looking its best throughout your stay. Please make sure that the doors are closed in the correct direction so that water does not leak out onto the floor. There is no bathtub but there is a plastic baby tub in the basement if you wish to use it for your baby.

### **Septic system:**

As stated in the contract, the waste water is flushed into a Bionest septic system. You must not use anti-bacterial soaps or bleach, and must not flush anything non-biodegradable down the toilet. The system has a good capacity and can easily manage normal use.

### **Living room:**

There is a TV, VCR and a DVD player. The remotes are in the right hand side of the entertainment centre and they should all be placed there when you leave. There is quite a large selection of VHS tapes and DVD's. The DVD's are in one of the brown ottomans. We no longer get a TV signal since digital.

If you are tech savvy you can hook your laptop to the TV with the HDMI cable and watch TV over the Internet. You can also plug your computer speakers into the TV for better sound. All the books are there to be read, games to be played with and if you feel like painting or colouring there are a few brushes and crayons. Please leave the books behind for others to enjoy.

Birds: If you are interested in the many birds that you can see from the cottage, There is a bird identification book on the shelf under the coffee table for your use.

### **Electric fireplace:**

There is a remote for the electric fireplace. A switch on the back right hand side of the unit controls the heater. The heating unit is off for the summer months.

**Dining room:** The dining table seats 4 when not extended and you can squeeze 8 when folded out. There are some folding chairs downstairs in the basement. If you need table cloths there are two in the pantry, and the placemats are rolled in the basket next to the dining table.

### **Kitchen:**

There is a ceramic cook top, a microwave oven (under the counter) and a convection oven. The oven is a digital Mumsig oven from Ikea.

### **Oven quick directions**

There are two controls. The one on the right controls the temperature and the one on the left the selection (bake, broil, convection etc.). The OK button starts the oven on heat. The oven manual can be found in the desk by the front door and please replace it there.

To use the oven as a regular oven:

- Turn the knob on the left to the pictogram with a square with a line at the top and a line at the bottom.
- Turn the knob on the right to the desired temperature. Press OK.
- To turn the oven off: Turn the left hand knob to 0.

You will also find some cooking directions inside the oven door.

Small children with you? If you wish to lock the oven controls please refer to the manual. If you do lock the oven controls please unlock them before leaving.

### **Coffee machine:**

The coffee machine filters are in the cupboard or next to the coffee machine.

**Dishwasher:** Please use bio-degradable, phosphate free dishwasher detergent so as not to damage the septic system. There should be some to get you started under the sink. Make sure you run the kitchen tap until the water is hot before starting the dishwasher. This ensures the dishes are washed with hot water and will be nice and clean and shiny.

**Provisions:** The cottage kitchen is very well equipped with a nice set of Kitchenaid pots and pans, frying pans, cutlery, dishes, serving dishes etc. The dishes and the pots

are both stored in the drawers in the lower cabinets. In the upper cabinets you will find wine glasses, drinking glasses, napkins. There are a few basics, spices, tea, sugar, oil, vinegar etc in the kitchen cabinets. If you want to use them please feel free, if you don't, please leave them aside or move them into a different cupboard.

### **Linen and Laundry:**

The washer and dryer are down in the basement. There is also a clothes line outside for hanging laundry. The towels in the bathroom cupboard are for inside use only, please bring your own beach towels and your own towels for the hot tub (winter only).

### **Master bedroom:**

The master bedroom has a king size bed and 8-foot patio doors onto the deck. Please remove the sheets and pillowcases from the bed when you leave and place the sheets on the floor of the shower. Most of the linen for upstairs is stored in the closet of the master bedroom.

### **Second bedroom:**

Queen size bed with duvet and two sets of queen size sheets provided. If the bed is used please remove the sheets and pillowcases and place them on the floor of the shower when leaving.

### **Downstairs living/sleeping area:**

If you are sleeping downstairs please use the newer sofa bed. The bedding for the downstairs bed is on a trolley in the cupboard under the stairs. If you need a baby crib please let us know in advance so we can arrange to set it up before your arrival.

**BBQ:** The cottage has a barbecue and a couple of propane tanks. The full propane tank is kept under the deck. If you use more than the amount provided you can exchange tanks in Bouchette. Please let us know if you empty the tank so we can make sure it is refilled.

### **Outside:**

We are trying to promote natural growth at the waterfront. This is better for the lake and for the environment. All of the lawns that you can see across the lake will soon be gone as they are not in compliance with the new Quebec laws for the protection of lakes. We have left the previous dock down at the bottom as a flat sitting area for lawn chairs if you wish to be in the shade. The shed at the bottom of the hill has swimming and boating gear, lawn chairs, the cushions for the swing and a few odd fishing items. You may use the items in the shed, including the fishing rod and electric motor. The key for the shed is labelled and hanging in the closet near the main entrance of the cottage, please replace it there when you leave.

The wooded area to the left as you are facing the lake has some poison ivy both at the top and the bottom of the hill. Please avoid the area and don't let your kids play in there.



#### **Fires :**

Please use the fire bowl in its current location. Do not make fires in other locations, in particular on the beach area as this is not good for the lake and could result in a large fire. The fire wood is on the pile behind the shed.. If you want to gather firewood from the woods watch for poison ivy. There are a few areas in the woods where we have piled branches from trees that were felled in construction, and you are very welcome to burn this.

## Seasonal Information for Spring, Summer and Fall

**Kayak:** The kayak (one person) and paddle can be used. Please remember to wear a life jacket.

**Canoe:** The red canoe is padlocked with a cable. The padlock key to use is the same one as for the shed, hanging in the cupboard by the front door. The paddles are in the shed. Be sure to wear life jackets. It is a fairly stable canoe but if you are not experienced in a canoe just remember to always keep your centre of gravity low.

**Pedal boat:** Please be sure to put the pedal boat tarp on the pedal boat when you leave.

Please ensure that all boats are removed from the shore and placed well up on the dock when you leave. The water level can change dramatically.

### **Boat, electric motor and charger:**

You will need to get the boat into the water if you wish to use it. For the electric motor, lift the battery into the boat and attach the trolling motor. Ensure that the battery is well charged before you head out. The battery charger is in the shed at the bottom of the hill along with the battery. There are hidden rocks in the lake so be extra careful when near the shore or the islands. You will need to lift up the shaft of the motor.

If you use the battery please recharge it. When the battery is charging the shed door should be left open, and the battery must NOT be left charging when you leave.

Remember that you must have your boat licence to use the electric motor.  
([www.boaterexam.com](http://www.boaterexam.com))

If you are bringing a boat of your own you can go to the Plage Paul campsite and pay \$5 to launch your boat. To get to the Plage Paul campsite from the cottage, return along Montée Gorman and turn right when you get to Chemin Paul. Continue straight to the end of the road and you will arrive directly into the campsite. Drive right in and stop at the snack bar to pay your fee.

**Humming bird feeder / bird feeder:** We get lots of hummingbirds and they are very entertaining.

**Recipe for the hummingbird feeder:** Mix 1 part white sugar and 4 parts boiling water. Let it cool and then fill the feeder. If you don't let it cool the feeder will melt. Please wash the feeder well before filling.



## Garbage in the summer:

Recycling is picked up every second Wednesday, and garbage is picked up once a week on Mondays. Garbage and recycling should be placed in bags in the bin at the top of the driveway.

Latest schedule: [www.bouchette.ca](http://www.bouchette.ca)

## Seasonal Information for the winter season

**Bird seed** will be in the basement in the winter for the winter birds and you can refill the feeder if you wish. The bird seed is in a white plastic garbage pail. The pail is sitting in a blue plastic wash bowl. Please stand the feeder in this to reduce spillage. Please seal the pail well after filling the feeder.

**The lake in winter:** The lake is popular for snowmobiling, skiing, snowshoeing and ice fishing. Snowshoes are in the laundry room. You can shovel off a rink if you wish to ice skate. There are a few shovels and a scoop. To get onto the ice from the cottage with a snowmobile head down to the end of the road and when you get to the gate you will see a path to the lake on your left hand side. **Please don't cross through the neighbours property.**

**The bay to the far right, past the islands is to be avoided at all times in the winter.** The ice does not freeze solid in that area. It is not safe. This also applies to the "narrows" across the lake. We generally stick to areas of the lake where there is a lot of activity.

## Garbage in the winter:

**There is no garbage pick-up in the winter.** If you have room in your car to take your garbage with you please do so. When you cross the bridge into Bouchette you will see a fire station on your left hand side. The garbage and recycling drop off area is at the back of the fire station.

If you have no room to take your garbage with you please place it in a black garbage bag in the container at the top of the hill and we will take it into Bouchette the next time we are at the cottage.

## Things to do

### Local restaurants:

**Milano Restaurant, Gracefield.** – A very popular family restaurant. You can order pizza and pick it up. Large portions, lots of skidoosers stop here.

Rue Saint Joseph Gracefield, (819) 463-2460

**Smoke'n'Grill, Gracefield** – Excellent food and a nice atmosphere. It is ore upscale than the other Gracefield restaurants.

79 Rue St-Joseph, Gracefield, (819) 463-9990

**Messines** has various restaurants for breakfast, lunch or supper.

### Outings:

There are many hiking trails in the area. Please see my website for some ideas.

[www.chaletcanada.ca](http://www.chaletcanada.ca)

We highly recommend Pont-de-Pierre and the Deer Interpretation Centre in Ste-Therese de la Gatineau. If you want a rush Bonnet Rouge Rafting is just up the road.

**Maniwaki** is the largest town in the area with a shopping mall, Canadian Tire, and lots of stores, it is about 25 minutes drive from the cottage. There is a tourist bureau in Maniwaki where you can find more information about the region. To get to Maniwaki you can head North from Bouchette along Highway 105 or along the opposite side of the Gatineau river.

<http://www.tourismeoutaouais.com/en-ca/services-touristiques/lieux-d-information-touristique/maniwaki-tourist-welcome-bureau>

**Golf:** <http://www.golfalgonquin.ca/>

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