

ROUND POND STATION DESCRIPTION

The Round pond station house is truly a gem in the heart of Maine's Western lakes and mountains. It is located in the western Maine township of Greenwood, near the hamlet of Locke Mills, in Oxford County, about three hours from Boston, Massachusetts. The nearest major airport is Portland international (PWM), 1 hour and twenty minutes away. Other regional airports are Logan International Airport in Boston, and Manchester International Airport in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Round pond station is just 15 minutes to the famous Sunday River Ski Resort, 5 minutes to the Mt. Abrams family ski resort, 10 minutes to the village of Bethel (www.bethelmaine.com), one hour ten minutes to Mt Washington, One hour and twenty minutes to Storyland, the children's fantasy kingdom, and a mere ten seconds to a splash in the beautiful lake.

Round pond is the middle of three interconnected ponds, the other two being South pond and North pond. Despite their being referred to as "Ponds", they are much more like small Lakes. Looking west across the pond is Mt Abram and it's ski slopes which along with the magnificent sunsets, afford great views. Loons are common here, and their unique chanting will make your spine tingle with delight.

The Western Maine Mountains are famous for the mining of tourmaline crystals and there are places you can have a go at it and see what you can dig up. There are also tours and 20 minutes to the south is the famous Perham's Maine tourmaline jewelry store and museum which is a must-see.

The interconnection of the three ponds makes for fun paddling and boating in the different nooks and crannies and around the various islands. We supply canoes, kayaks, and a sea cycle (www.seacycle.com), Life jackets are provided. One thing to note is that jet-skis are not allowed on the lakes and this makes a great contribution to the peace and tranquility of the area.

Round pond station house is a veritable "compound" of well-built construction on one and one-half acres of secluded woods complimented with tall, beautiful Norway pines, and a trail to a knoll overlooking the edge of the lake. The view faces west which means great sunsets and lots of sun, over 275 feet of lake frontage, commonly occupied by Loons, various ducks, and other wildlife. There are two docks and a short paddle away is an uninhabited island with a great rope swing. Outdoor amenities include a fire pit, horseshoe pit, swingset, sandbox, and an outdoor six person hot tub. A beautiful lawn envelops the area and the barbecue is ready anytime.

The Main house, we refer to as the "Station", and the secondary building, although it is as large as the Main house, is called the "Roundhouse". The Roundhouse is located just 35 feet away from the Station. There is also a three season real Railroad caboose which can sleep two, and a "Shanty" which sleeps two.

The Station has 2 Bedrooms, a spiral staircase to a loft; and additional sleep quarters

throughout the house. There is one bedroom on each floor and both have king sized beds. The loft is equipped with a king bed and a full bed. There is also a pullout couch in the billiard parlor and a futon in the living room.

There is a fully equipped kitchen with everything from a dishwasher to a coffee grinder. Outside the kitchen door is a breezeway providing quick and easy access to the outside and the BBQ area. In the winter, the breezeway is enclosed to provide direct access to the giant stone-hearth fireplace room.

The living room is absolutely surrounded with glass and affords great views of the lake and islands along with the Maine woods and distant mountains. It has a hardwood floor and large beams overhead with well constructed pine walls. There is also a dining area with an additional fold-away banquet table, and a doorway for direct outside access. There is a satellite TV on each floor, as well as in the Roundhouse, and stereo with CD on each floor.

On the main floor there is a full bathroom with a shower and tub, washer and dryer, and a door leading outside to the Hot Tub. The door also provides access from the "Shanty".

Downstairs in the main house is the Billiard parlor with a 1908 Brunswick pool table, the second bedroom, a bar top, additional refrigerator, and a bathroom with a shower.

Just 35 feet across the lawn from the main house is the "Roundhouse", with three bedrooms, a bunkroom, a game room with ping pong and foosball, two bathrooms with showers, a second floor screened in porch, and a mudroom. Included is a sitting room with satellite TV and stereo. The Main house and the Roundhouse are never rented separately, so when you rent the Round Pond Station property, it is entirely yours and yours alone.

Each of the three bedrooms is equipped with a queen bed. The top floor also boasts a large bunk room with a full futon, a set of twin bunks, a twin bed, and a full futon. There is also a sitting area with a TV and VCR. The wonderful screened in porch faces the lake and it is a great place for reading, board games, and a wonderful place to sleep to the pitter patter of the rain on a summer night!

The "shanty", located on the hot tub side of the Station, has a full size bed in it (very cozy). The outside door from the bathroom in the main house provides easy access.

Finally, The Caboose (three season), an icon of railroad lore, sits on real railroad tracks behind the Roundhouse. It has a bathroom, shower, sleep quarters and a sitting area. And if you want to be The Conductor, you can climb up into the "Crow's nest" and give the famous call.

"All aboard!!!"

To find out more about the area and all it has to offer, check out

www.bethelmaine.com

We are a proud member of the Bethel area chamber of commerce.

Note: All Round pond rentals will receive discounts at the "BIG" adventure center located 10 minutes up the road in Bethel. They have a huge laser tag arena, mini-golf, a giant rock gym, a waterslide, black light bowling, an arcade and concession stand.

Check them out at www.bigadventure.com

With respect to the peaceful solitude of the lake, our neighborhood, and municipality, we are very discerning as to what groups are permitted to stay at this property.