



Boondock Solstice
Cabin in the woods

Island Paradise

Everything was designed to feel open and airy, yet secluded and calming. The cabin was built at such an angle that the sun reaches it perfectly all year – and yet, there is no need to cover the windows except to keep the light out when a deep sleep is calling.

Make sure to:

- Wander along the path through the trees or find a sunny spot to sit and listen to the eagles chattering
- Take a step out onto the porch first thing and take a deep breath.
- Mow the lawn often but let it go yellow in the summer!

Summer Getaway

Summer is simply perfect. Catch some sun on the deck during the day, enjoy the shade in the late afternoon, and revel in the little window we created in the trees for that evening sun in late August, gracing the corner of the deck just so.

Make sure to:

- Go for lots of dips at Magic Lake – only 8 minutes by bike and if you get there around 10:30am in July/August, the sun will have reached the dock but nobody else has their act together yet.
- Please create a hammock garden among the trees!

Sunset Extravaganza

This is not the most spectacular sunset at Thieves Bay.
Have you ever tried getting the colours of a sunset just right? Here, you have a chance to try ...almost every night.

Make sure to:

- Always bring a camera
- Say hi to the sea lions!

Cozy Season

Make sure to:

- Wrap the propane tanks in insulating materials if the temps drop below -10
- Turn off the water in the basement to keep pipes from freezing if you're going away
- Put caps on both outdoor taps

Winter is the time to slow down at the cabin.

Chop some kindling, stack firewood, prepare for a much needed outage to slow your heart rate. With a propane stove, you don't have to worry about cooking your favourite meal even if the power is out. Candles and lanterns light the way at night, and during the day, the sun heats the space up through the many windows, making the snow flakes flinging themselves off the trees glint like tiny miracles.

Whale watching

On your doorstep

Expect to run to Thieves Bay on a regular basis. J-Pod comes through fairly regularly, and then there are transients, as well as humpbacks showing off their tail fins.

Make sure to:

- Get on the whale watching WhatsApp group
- Bring your binoculars
- It takes orcas 5-15 mins to get from Boat Nook to Thieves, so hustle if they've been spotted!

Starry Skies

One of the best experiences at the cabin is the hot tub. It is located in a central yet completely private spot snuggled up against the porch. Watch the trees bend in the wind, lean back and enjoy the stars competing with a full moon. Pender's weather is perfect for stargazing! Just enough of a breeze to move the clouds out of the way most nights. Track Orion show up in the South in the fall and trail through the sky until March. We've had our eye on a telescope to put on the deck for a while!

Not only the nights are perfect; having a soak after brunch, enjoying the sun in your face in the brisk morning air, or relaxing after (or with) an aperitif, watching the sun set, sparkling, over the water through the trees. This plug and play tub has been the best purchase we made in our time at the cabin. Nothing beats warming up before bedtime, especially on those chilly winter nights.

Make sure to:

- Keep the temperature at 35 degrees if you're not using the tub to conserve energy
- Temps: 38 in the summer, 39 during shoulder seasons, and 40 in the winter to really hit the spot
- Get enzyme from Home Hardware for every water change (2-3 months), buy chlorine shock to use once weekly. No additional chemicals needed!

Farewell Paradise

Why would we leave paradise, you ask?
This was the most rewarding and fun creative project to work on together, and now we're each called to different, separate lives. Not to worry, there's only good juju here! Let your roots sink deep into this beautiful ground. **Everything was built to bring peace and joy – we hope you find the same!**

