

## **Information for Your First Trip to the Cabin**

### **Sub Sig Outing Club (SSOC)**

**January 8, 2024**

#### **The objective of Sub Sig Outing Club (SSOC).**

Encourage and to help all, especially young people, and those of limited means to a greater knowledge, love and care of the outdoors, to develop their self-reliance and independence, and to promote their physical health and education by spending more time in the open air through participation in skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, canoeing, camping, bicycling, mountaineering and allied activities.

#### **Introduction to the SSOC Cabin.**

We look forward to your arrival at the SSOC Cabin! The Cabin is conveniently situated in Crawford Notch the middle of the White Mountain National Forest (WMNF). To help you prepare for you trip, please review the following information.

The Cabin can be described as “glamping”. Most members find it to be a warm, comfortable, and a relaxed place to “base camp” for day trips and backpacking. It has electricity, gas cooking, heat, a furnished common area with a fireplace, a dining area, and a fully equipped kitchen.

Trips are run on a pleasantly informal level. SSOC relies on members to use their best judgement. No one is told to do tasks. Rarely does someone does not pitch in. The best guide is the feeling at the end of a trip that you did your fair share, or even a little more.

Each trip is a unique experience. Trip leaders have a lot of freedom to coordinate their own activities. Members are welcome to join or do their own thing.

Sleeping is upstairs dormitory-style in your own sleeping bag or bedding on club mattresses. The Cabin has no running water, internet, or cell service. Adjacent to the Cabin are two heated and well-lit outhouses.

You will need to bring 2.5 gallons of water per day for communal dishwashing and cleaning and one or more gallons of water per day for personal use. The Cabin participant checklist below has other items you will need.

#### **General Information about the SSOC Cabin.**

- The SSOC Cabin is accessible by car year-round.
- The Cabin address is 772 Crawford Notch Road (route 302), Harts Location, NH 03182.

**Notes: See the directions below for what to use for a GPS address or coordinates.**

- The Cabin landline is Phone: 603-374-6621. Please store it in your phone.

**Note: There is NO CELL PHONE SERVICE OR INTERNET at the Cabin.**

Cell service is intermittent or non-existent between Bartlett and Twin Mountain. The AMC Highlands center has internet.

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#### **Cabin Participant Checklist.**

- ☐ Download or print directions. Save the Cabin phone number.
- ☐ Check book and/or cash for trip costs.
- ☐ 2.5 gallons of water per day for communal dishwashing and cleaning.
- ☐ One or more gallons of water per day for personal use.
- ☐ Slippers or clean, soft-soled footwear.
- ☐ A sheet for the mattress. Mattresses vary between twin and queen size.
- ☐ Sleeping bag or bedding.
- ☐ Pillow(s).
- ☐ Ear plugs if you are light sleeper.
- ☐ Any meals that the Trip Leader does not provide.
- ☐ Snack and lunches.
- ☐ Beverages, alcoholic beverages are fine.
- ☐ Toiletries, medications, and towel.
- ☐ Electronics charger(s).
- ☐ Headlamp(s).
- ☐ Download books or tunes while you have internet service.

#### **Recommend in the Winter.**

Do not leave water or beverages in the car. They may freeze.

- ☐ Sand and/or salt, shovel, and jumper cables in your car.
- ☐ Microspikes or other foot traction.

#### **Recommended in the Summer.**

- ☐ Bathing suit and water shoes.
- ☐ Protection against insects and the sun.

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#### Directions.

- **GPS IS NOT RELIABLE OR MAY NOT WORK.** It will work if you leave it on until you arrive, but do not turn it off or exit the map application on your phone when you get 5-10 miles from the Cabin. Your phone may respond with “no service”.
- Use 778 Crawford Notch Road or GPS Coordinates. 778 Crawford Notch Rd is the driveway across the road from the Cabin but is more precise.
- The GPS coordinates are 44.110700, -71.353287
- You should download and print driving directions and be prepared to use the odometer.

**Heading South on US 302** (Crawford Notch Road) from the Bretton Woods Ski Area and the Mount Washington Hotel, the Cabin is

- 12.9 miles from the Bretton Woods Ski Area.
- 12.1 miles from the Mt. Washington Hotel.
- 9.0 miles from the AMC Highlands Center on the right.
  - (Cell phone service rapidly diminishes after the Highlands Center).
- 3.3 miles from the Dry River Campground on the left.
- 2.8 miles from the Arethusa Fall Trailhead Parking on the right.
- 1.7 miles from the Crawford Notch Campground on the left.
- 0.7 miles from the Bemis Bridge (temporary traffic light as of Dec 2023).
- 0.4 miles from the Notchland Inn entrance (small sign) on one side and the Davis Path Parking area on the other side.
- Coming up a hill, you will see a guard rail on the left, a gap, then another guard rail on the left. The Cabin entrance is at the end of the second guard rail.
- A small blue flag will be suspended from a post at the entrance to the small, illuminated parking lot.

**Heading North on US 302** (Crawford Notch Road) from North Conway and Bartlett, the Cabin is

- 10.0 Miles from the Bartlett Covered Bridge on the Right.
- 8.3 miles from the Attitash Mountain Ski Resort on the left.
- 5.9 miles from Bart’s Deli and General Store on the left.
  - cell phone service rapidly diminishes after Bart’s Deli
- 5.4 miles from the Cabin Fever Restaurant on the left.
- 1.9 miles from the Fourth Iron Campground next to the Sawyer River on the right
  - You will immediately drive over the Sawyer River Bridge.
- The Cabin parking area is on the right at the crest of a hill just past a guard rail.

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- A small blue flag will be suspended from a post at the entrance to the small, illuminated parking lot.
- If you reach the Notchland Inn on your left and the Davis Path Parking on the right, you will need to do a U-turn. Use the Southbound directions.

#### Planning when to arrive.

- The Cabin is locked in-between trips. The trip leader or another key holder will unlock the Cabin upon arrival. If you are not a keyholder, plan your trip to arrive after the Cabin is unlocked. Contact the trip leader for their arrival time.
- If you plan to arrive after 8 pm. please call the Cabin landline to indicate when you expect to arrive.
- If arriving late after 9:00 pm, sort your overnight gear downstairs before heading upstairs to sleep so as not to disturb others.

#### Parking.

- **DO NOT park on the paved shoulder of 302!**
- The SSOC Cabin parking area is at the Cabin. With car shuffling, the Cabin parking area has room for 6 – 8 cars. Trip leaders will coordinate car shuffling as participants arrive and share their plans for the next morning.
- The parking area is plowed in the winter. Snow piles may reduce the parking area. The walk paths will likely have snow and ice. Watch your footing so that you don't slip and fall.
- If car shuffling cannot open more parking spots, then overflow parking is in the parking lot for the Davis Path located opposite Notchland Inn. Please use a caution when walking along the road from the lot to the Cabin. A headlamp at night is recommended. You may also request that another participant give you a ride back.

#### What to expect when you arrive.

- Please keep the cabin clean.
  - Outdoor footwear and hard-soled shoes are not allowed in the cabin. Please remove shoes and boots at the entrance and change into clean, non-slip, soft soled footwear or slippers.
  - Brush off dirt, snow, mud, and debris before bringing personal gear and backpacks into the cabin to dry.
- Please keep your personal gear organized.
  - Personal gear and backpacks can be stowed in (or alongside) open shelving on the first floor and/or next to your mattress on the second floor.
  - The cabin does not have storage for skis, snowshoes, poles. Please store in your vehicle or the vestibule.
  - Please store excess persona gear in your vehicle.

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- The cabin has drying racks for wet clothing. DO NOT put items on or over the heating grate. Items can burn, melt or ignite. Water dripping on the heating chamber can damage it.
- The trip leader will familiarize you with the following information:
  - Cabin rules
  - Trip leader expectations
  - Light switches
  - Adjusting the heat
  - Use of the kitchen
  - Use of the fireplace
  - Use of the outhouses
  - Cabin chores
  - Fire exits from the second floor.
  - Emergency contact information
    - 911
    - Fire and police
    - Nearest hospital
  - Location of emergency equipment
    - First aid kit
    - Fire extinguishers
    - Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms
  - Utilities and services
    - Electricity
    - Heating & Propane issues
    - Plowing

#### **Activity plans.**

- Trip leaders will advise participants about activity plans. Participants are also welcome to 'do their own thing.'
- Leave an activity (or hike) plan with the trip leader, especially if going solo. Include the following information, or what you deem important.
  - Make model, year, and license plate number of the vehicle at the trailhead.
  - Where you will park and what route you expect to take.
  - Estimated time of departure and estimated time of return.
  - Cell phone number(s).
  - Contact information of anyone who should be notified in case of a medical emergency.

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- If you do not return, best practice is to inform the trip leader and other participants of what to do. For example,
  - If I(we) do not return 3 hours after sunset, start to worry.
  - If I(we) do not arrive 6 hours after sunset, call 911.
- If you are able, try to call the Cabin and let someone know your status.

#### **Meals.**

- The trip leader will advise participants about meals.
- Meals usually do not include Friday dinner, lunches, snacks, or beverages. BYO.
- The kitchen has a refrigerator and everything to prepare and eat meals in the cabin. Keep food preparation simple to the extent practical. Prep work in the kitchen is more time consuming and requires additional dishwashing.
- Trip leaders maintain an inventory of common staples including cooking oils, spices, coffee, tea, and sugar.
- Practice good pest control. Store food in lock tight containers or use the kitchen cabinets and refrigerator. Do not leave any food out overnight.
- Clean up after meals. Trip leaders maintain an inventory of Cabin supplies for trash and cleaning.

#### **Sleeping.**

- Sleeping is dormitory style on the second floor. No sleeping downstairs.
- The Cabin has bare mattresses. Mattresses vary from twin to queen. Mattresses are first come-first served. The Cabin has sufficient mattresses for the Cabin capacity.
- Linens, bedding, and pillows are not provided. Bring your own sheet to cover the mattress, a sleeping bag or bedding, a pillow, and a headlamp for reading, getting around in the dark, or exiting in an emergency.
- Quiet time is usually 10PM to 6AM.
- Conserve energy. Please turn off lights and turn down the heat at night.

#### **Pets.**

Contact the trip leader for their policy.

#### **Children.**

Contact the trip leader. Children under the age of majority require a parent or legal guardian to accompany them.

#### **How to settle Cabin fees, trip expenses, and membership fees.**

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- You pay the trip leaders in cash or check at the Cabin. They may request a check, cash or both for their expenses, and a separate check or cash payable to Sub Sig Outing Club Inc. for SSOC Cabin fees and any applicable membership dues.
- The Cabin fees, membership fees, and membership roster are posted at the Cabin.

**Note:** If you pre-registered through an SSOC partner organization (AMC), the partner organization may add a small payment transaction fee like PayPal or ATM services. SSOC does not collect, charge nor reimburse payment processing expenses.

- Trip leaders may incur trip expenses such as grocery costs, Cabin staples, and supplies. The trip leader may distribute those expenses fairly and expect reimbursement from participants. Trip expenses vary between trip leaders, number of participants, and meals provided.
- Any person who stays overnight on SSOC property automatically becomes a member. Welcome aboard! The SSOC prohibits overnight guests on SSOC property.
  - The Cabin has the required application forms for active membership.
  - The trip leader can answer questions, assist with the application, and collect the membership dues. Your Cabin fees will be those of an annual member.
  - If a person chooses not to be an active member, they must join SSOC as a temporary member. The daily membership dues for temporary members are included in the Cabin fees.
- The SSOC policy for temporary membership is to introduce a prospective active member, partner, relative, or friend to the SSOC Cabin and culture. After two or three nights, the costs to temporary members increase more rapidly than active membership.
- Contact the trip leader for estimated costs or questions. If any disputes or concerns arise, contact the Treasurer or Trips Director.

#### **Prohibited on SSOC property.**

- Unauthorized use of SSOC property.
- Smoking.
- Illegal substances.
- Firearms that are not locked and stored.
- Trailers, campers, or oversized vehicles.
- Tenting without prior SSOC approval.
- Unattended open fires.