

Featherbed Island House



Featherbed Island House in DownEast Maine is perfect for:

- ARTISTS OF ALL TYPES
- NATURE LOVERS
- ROMANTIC GETAWAYS
- WRITERS - it would be a grand space for a writing workshop
- BIRDERS - a true bird-watching paradise
- FAMILIES WITH YOUNG EXPLORERS
- ELOPEMENTS
- SABBATICALS

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The property is salt waterfront on an estuary where the river greets the ocean, a prime spot to observe eagles and seals and all that nature has to offer.

- ROLLING LAWN SURROUNDED BY ACRES OF FOREST
- FLOWERS, APPLE TREES, BLUEBERRY AND RASPBERRY BUSHES
- GRASSY TIDAL AREA FOR WATER ACCESS
- SMALL FRESHWATER POND
- PRIVATE ISLAND - Featherbed Island - just offshore - one acre (more or less), uninhabited but a frequent stop for eagles and seals and other shorebirds.

Rumor has it that the pirate, Captain Black Sam Bellamy buried his treasure somewhere in proximity to this very property! (But please, no digging!).

Take a Peek inside...

Sleeps a maximum of 6

GREAT ROOM with cathedral ceilings and two story walls of windows overlooking water and island.

--Queen sleeper sofa and mid-century Thonet chairs.

MUSIC ROOM with french doors.

- Stereo with turntable and cd player
- Assorted musical instruments.
- Books, cookbooks, magazines
- Board games and puzzles and toys

TELEVISION ROOM with sofa and chair

- Flat screen tv and dvd player with mid-level cable package
- 100+ DVD movies

THE FARMHOUSE is very well designed to be both open, yet with plenty of private spaces - recently built, but using architectural salvage wherever possible from the cottage that once was on this very property .

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The kitchen and pantry areas

Five burner gas (propane) stove, dishwasher, fridge, ice maker and microwave.
Walk-in Pantry with antique cabinets.
Dishes and glassware for eight.
Walk in pantry
Lobster pot and bibs and crackers
Custom Maine-made slate farmhouse sink.
Farmhouse table with seating for 6-8
Coffee maker, coffee grinder, blender, Kitchen Aid stand mixer, molcajete, Belgian waffle iron
Citrus juicer, Margaritaville margarita maker, shave ice maker, ice cream maker
Popsicle molds, pie plates, rolling pin, cookbooks
Wine, martini and margarita glasses

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The private spaces

BEDROOM ONE -

- KING bed with memory-foam mattress and topper
- SMART television

BEDROOM TWO - QUEEN bed.

BEDROOM THREE - TWIN BED.

DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM - carved river rock sink, stall shower, washer and dryer

UPSTAIRS BATHROOM - travertine trough sink, tub/shower combination

All linens and towels are provided.

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Other amenities

wifi

thirsty towels

linens provided

art easel

park-style charcoal grill

Tesla charger (charges may apply)

telescope

hairdryer

outdoor games -
bocci, cornhole, etc.

pillow assortment

high chair

soaps and shower amenities

iron and board

scavenger hunts

fluffy duvets and boho quilts

firepit

More information

At Featherbed Island House, we try to be gentle on the earth that we share with creatures large and small.

— certified by the state of Maine DEP as a CERTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER IN HOSPITALITY

— certified by the National Wildlife Federation as a BACKYARD WILDLIFE HABITAT - a perfect spot for birders and all nature lovers.

— located within a Machiasport significant critical habitat for shorebirds.

— certified by the American Vacation Rental Owners Association (AVROA).

Interesting tidbits about Featherbed Island House:

There was once a very old house on the property. When the former owner, an artist purchased it, he built the current house but used as many antique fixtures as possible (doors, knobs, trim) salvaged from the old house. The old house is now the garage (take a look inside at the old, old wood it's made from).

The current owners of the house live in Cape Cod most of the year but love to escape the traffic of Massachusetts in summer. The husband is a professional musician who can be found singing by the beach at a 5-star resort every summer. Coincidentally, he co-wrote a song called Vacationland, back in the 1980's, while living in Hawaii.

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Wonderfully cozy Christmas and New Year stay



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We spent a wonderful eleven days over Christmas and New Year at this beautiful property! The northeast was engulfed in a deep freeze, but the house itself was wonderfully warm. Our children (10, 8 and 6) loved having the property grounds to themselves for sledding, playing in the snow, checking out the ice in the cove, and finding animal tracks. We loved the house, in particular for it's beautifully equipped kitchen and outstanding views. Lots of great books, music and games also supplied.

Machias has some great places to visit (Helen's Restaurant, Whole Life Cafe and Food, and the French Cellar), and the area in general had plenty of good day trips despite the winter weather (the stunning Acadia National Park, the Roque Bluff State Park, the West Quoddy Lighthouse and State Park, and Cobscook Bay).

Owner Maria was very quick and easy to communicate with.

Would love to stay here again if we could - a truly memorable place to celebrate our first ever white Christmas.

Fantastic



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Featherbed Island is incredibly beautiful! The cottage, the surroundings are spectacular. We had everything we needed ! Stress free days surrounded by nature at its finest!

Nature Lover's Paradise



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Peaceful and full of nature's surprises. Greeted by eagles and great blue herons every morning and had a special visit by a doe and her two fawns walking on the beach right in front of the lawn... just beautiful. If you are looking to get away from it all, while still being connected (wifi) this is the place. Downtown has all the amenities that you need and is just 10 minutes away.

Now I Want to Move to Maine



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Quite possibly the most perfect rental on VRBO. The pantry contained LITERALLY every imaginable appliance. Gorgeous, relaxing surroundings. Definitely for groups who can make their own fun & enjoy each other's company as there's not a ton to do in Machias / Machiasport but once we checked into the house nobody wanted to leave anyway!

Wonderful Get-Away

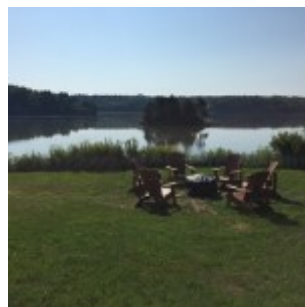


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A wonderful location to just relax and unwind and a great base to explore the Bold Coast from Eastport to Lubec to Campobello Island and the hiking trails throughout the region. The cottage was fantastic, the location is beautiful and everything was perfect.

Randy & Margaret K

Perfect Paradise in Magical Maine



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When planning a family vacation, idealistic visions often precede your arrival: stunning silent mornings with a cup of coffee and a picture-perfect view; bald eagles diving for fish in pristine water; easy outings to explore wild woods and rugged coastlines; friendly shop keepers selling unique treasures to take home; lazy afternoons playing in the yard with the family while music streams through the open windows; time to read, to cook, to do a puzzle, to nap;

laughing through a game of trivial pursuit after a bonfire of marshmallows and guitar....

At Featherbed Island, all these fantasies and more came true. This was a perfect vacation for our family. Maria's magical spot of land is extraordinary – it is in a perfect location if you want to venture down the road and find an adventure, yet, the peacefulness and beauty of the property will make leaving for the day difficult! We stayed for 12 nights and wished we had it 12 more. I can still smell that perfect blueberry pie baking in the oven, while the perfume of the forest and sea mingle in the breeze.

We HIGHLY recommend booking this magical Maine getaway!

Keya G.

What a great, comfortable and quiet stay!..



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We had a wonderful and peaceful time at the Featherbed Island House.

At our arrival, we were impressed how the place looks great, clean and welcoming. No luxury, just comfort!

The place is perfect for a couple looking for a quiet time for reading, writing or just wasting their time around the fire pit!!! Everything was perfect for our needs and I have only good words for that place.

Thanks Maria! We had a great week ! ☺

Yves C.

Another Awesome Visit to Featherbed Island



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We had another great visit to Featherbed Island. It's the perfect house for our visits... Just the right size for the four of us, a fully equipped kitchen and amazing views! We always feel like we're at home, and love the design of the house. Perhaps our favorite part is the early morning when the sun peeks it's way over the ocean and into the main bedroom window. Amazing! We'll keep visiting... No doubt about it!

Special Experience



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My husband and I have rented quite a few homes via HomeAway and other similar sites, many lovely ones included, but Featherbed Island House is a step above for comfort, cleanliness, attention to detail, setting, and of course the amazing surroundings of downcast Maine and the Bold Coast! We have two mid-size energetic well-behaved dogs and occasionally have run into two things in the past - 1) folks who sometimes accept dogs but decide not to rent to us because the dogs are too big/energetic (I totally get it, 100 pounds of dog is different than 20 pounds!) or 2) a place that accepts dogs has a little more animal-related wear and tear than maybe we would prefer in a perfect world. We understand that we have to be a little more flexible as we like to take the pups on vacation with us and are pretty chill about all of it as long as have a good time, but WOW it was such a pleasant surprise to arrive to such a beautiful home that was ultra clean, well-kept, spacious but cozy. We loved the thoughtful eclectic decor throughout the house too. We hiked and cooked every day, after blissfully peaceful morning coffee time enjoying the view

from the front room of the house. We had one rainy day during which we snuggled up in the den watching some of the great movies in the house collection! Last but certainly not least, the owner Maria was super professional and prompt with every single communication before, during and after our stay. I super highly recommend this place for any individual, family or responsible pet owner(s) who are looking for a really special experience.

A True Vacation



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We arrived under a canopy of stars....The tide was high, splashing patterns on the islands rocky bed. We opened the door..the house was settled for the night, only a radio playing and the glimmer from a partially eclipsed moon greeted us. We tiptoed cautiously, trying light switches and getting a feel for the rooms. My child-like wonder lit up when I saw the “playroom” filled with permission to paint, draw, read, play, learn the congas, and explore! Reading the perfectly designed instruction booklet, opening closets to assure no skeletons lurked, we climbed the center steps to an airy bedroom, comfy bed and settled in for a much needed good nights sleep. The sunlight through the picture window and, what I dubbed “Juliette balcony”, teased us into morning. The finest jewels of light danced on the water. the still bright purple asters waved a hello, bees were busy at task, an apple dropped from the near by tree, a cabbage moth of shimmering white flashed by in welcome. a grind of coffee beans, two mugs found in the amazing stocked kitchen, we stepped out onto the pergola deck and sighed...we were finally on vacation. This piece of land is a treasure, a small pond in the back yard, an explorers path to the water,wild gardens, herbs and apple trees. The house holds a touch of fancy and a touch of old. Furniture comfy for “stretchy pants curl up and read” days...or an evening date night watching DVD’s of old comedy shows. Vintage wall maps encourage dinner time “lessons’ of locations in old Eagles songs. Binoculars and guidebooks beckon, and traces of explorers before you decorate nooks and crannies. There is good water pressure for showers, and quick to warm heat for a chilly night. Effort and care have been put into this haven. From the first internet inquiry...with the best ever communications

through to the organization of the house and yard.. and through those efforts you are granted permission. Permission to try a new recipe, play a new game, sit and watch the tide ebb and flow, experience a simplicity lost in a busy world. Experience the comfort and to feel the enchantment of Featherbed Island House.

The view is Fantastic!



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Our two week stay at Featherbed Island House went by all to fast. We sat and watched the tide come in and go out, saw eagles, herons, kingfishers, crows, peeps (shorebirds), the occasional osprey and countless other birds. The house is clean, well appointed with everything you need for a relaxing stay. The view from the main living area is fantastic! Maria was quick to respond to any of our questions or needs. All in all the best vacation ever! I would love to do it all again!

Great Place to Spend R&R



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This was a great place to spend some R and R time! I loved the decorating and the gorgeous property and views. The home was very comfortable and relaxing with thoughtful little touches like a spice rack, etc. Made for an enjoyable time for us. Maria was so nice to work with as well! She spent a lot of time answering my questions, etc. and created a little place to call home for a short time.

Honeymoon



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My new husband and I had a wonderful time! This house has everything needed for cooking, cleaning, and a very very relaxing vacation. The view and the location of the home is perfect for a getaway. I highly recommend the featherbed island house!

Everything was Perfect



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We were so very pleased with our stay at the Featherbed Island House!!! Everything was perfect. The photos don't even do this location justice. The house is cozy and easily feels like a home right away. You will want to stay and relax for a long time. This was one of our first vacations we never wanted to leave or go out. We ate most meals at the house. Maria has everything you might need to cook or bake with right there. Nadine, at Mother Shucker's, was so friendly and helpful...we had the best lobsters...so fresh! We cooked them at the house with no problem. Our boys had the best time going off to the island, across the way, at low tide to explore. The bald eagle, we saw everyday, was magestic! Our dog loved being out in the open air and going on our hikes. We cannot wait to visit again and sit on the deck and enjoy the ocean breeze with the sun shining so perfectly in the sky. The view is beautiful and so calming. Our family will miss this getaway until next time!

Magical House



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Hi Maria, Sadly we left the house last night so we could be home by morning. I want to tell you how much we really enjoyed our stay in your magical house. We were sad to leave...all of us. Everyone in our family had such a beautiful, relaxing time. We will never forget our stay at the Featherbed Island House! Everything was perfect and we felt like home there! Our dog, Katie, loved it too...as there was so much more to sniff! We are back to our reality now... but being there for this past week re-energized us. We will never forget the view, the sun, the breeze and all of nature that was right before our eyes...the bald eagle almost every day, and yesterday was even closer that we got a better picture of him! Thank you for opening your house to us! You have quite a special place there and we hope to visit again soon!

The Owners Have Thought Of Everything



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We really enjoyed our stay at Featherbed Island House. The owners have thought of everything from the linens, to laundry and paper products, to a fully stocked kitchen (appliances/utensils). The property sit waterfront, where we enjoyed watching the tide everyday. It is in a quiet location, within an hours drive of most tourist attractions. Be sure to check out Jasper Beach, a very short drive from the house. You should book your vacation now!!

We saw Bald Eagles, Deer, Turkey, Loons



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Just a beautiful location. We saw Bald Eagles nearly daily; deer; turkey, loons.

Sitting on the porch and watching the tide come in and go out-restful. The lupines were in bloom too. House is lovely and very artistic. Beds comfortable. If you are big into TV only 20 channels-but then you did not come here for TV, did you ? Lots of places to hike. Dogs gave it 4 paws up ! Jasper Beach just 10 min away. Maria wonderful to deal with. A small repair was dealt with right away.

Delightful Time.



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We had a delightful time at Featherbed Island House. The location was perfect for our day drips to Campobello, Lubec, and Acadia, and a short jaunt to Jasper Beach and Roque Bluffs state park. We loved the house. It was charming, comfortable, and had everything we needed to cook or entertain ourselves. Mom enjoyed watching seals, eagles and some of her (50 ish year old) children play on and around the island from the main window. Great communication with the owners before, during, and after our stay, and people we met in the area were so friendly! I hope we're able to return another year!

Family Time



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Great time for myself and three of my daughters, joined later in the week by one son and daughter in law for a couple days. Since they had not brought boots for the journey to the island the girls had a great time making them some from dollar store crocs and duct tape plus plastic bags. Central location for what we wanted to do, Lubec and Bar Harbor. Friendly locals and helpful information provided in the house. Since we were invited to eat whatever we found growing we had dandelion greens in our salad and bought strawberries to go with the rhubarb for a sauce on ice cream. Had a great lobster dinner cooked in the provided pot. Watched the eagles land on the trees on the island and deer nearly every day at the pond. If possible I will get back another year and bring my dog the next time. Believe everything that is written about the house. Owner keeps in touch so if there was a problem we could have let her know..

Loved It!



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We could not have been more pleased with this wonderful home! The view was outstanding and it felt like "home". My kids played in the snow, explored the outside, and as a family we enjoyed fun filled game nights. The house itself was clean, the beds comfy and the liens clean. Every interaction with the owner via email was pleasent and informative. This space provided us with a great and memorable vacation that we will always remember.

What a Location!



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So, we already love Maine, so we didn't need to be sold on it as a destination. And we love Maine enough that we go there at all times of the year, including the wonderfully named "mud season". Well, April was no surprise, still snow on the ground, and lots of mud. But the house where we stayed, and the views from the master bedroom and main living room made up for all of the mud outside! What a charming place - clean, just the right size for the four of us, and lots of niches for every member of the family to find a nice spot to read, knit or play. The kitchen was in great shape, and the linens were nice and clean. What a great adventure, and a great, well-located house!

Spectacular



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We just returned from two weeks at the Featherbed Island House. This is a VERY special place - both the house itself - as well as the amazing setting. The photos as great but truly don't do it justice. IT IS DRAMATIC! And the house is just lovely. Very comfortable and stylish - with everything you need right there to cook, grill, relax, and just enjoy some down time. And there's really lots of great things to do in the area if you like to explore. The locals are great fun.. Maria and Gary have done a great job to make a DownEast vacation truly memorable.

Amazing Place



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We just got back from a week at Featherbed Island and can't say enough wonderful things! The house itself is beautiful with fantastic views and has everything you could need- the owner had even left birthday candles which she told us about as it was my daughter's birthday! The property the house sits on is gorgeous. My favorite thing to do was sit out on the adirondack chairs and watch the seals, eagles, hummingbirds and other sea birds go by. It was so peaceful. My family also likes muck so we had a great time exploring the beach at low tide and wading in the water. We brought our kayaks and had fun adventures out with the seals. All around a great vacation!

A Beautiful House in an Almost Impossible Setting



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It's been a week since I left the beautiful Featherbed Island house. I've been dreading doing this review because I just don't think I have the capacity to truly capture its beauty with words. We were all tired from the long 9 hour drive from NYC to Machiasport, but I will never forget how magical it was when we first arrived at the house. Nestled at the end of a small winding street, you drive pas a few other houses, some more derelict than others. Just as your expectations are dampened, the trees give way to reveal a beautiful house in an almost impossible setting. Having always stayed exclusively in hotels and resorts for vacations, this city kid could not have stayed at a more polarizing place than that I was used to. The air was clean with a lingering

scent of sea, the sky a shade of blue I have rarely seen, and the noise, or rather the lack of was comforting.

And the view, every review should start and end with the view. Aside from the aesthetics of the house from the outside, the inside is equally beautiful. It also came equipped with everything we needed, we were able to cook full meals almost every night and ate our meals on the deck frequently. We made a trip to visit Acadia National Park, and another trip to Bangor during the day Hurricane Arthur hit to do some shopping. Otherwise we travelled mostly around the area, we went to Lubec and Campobello Island, saw a parade on 4th of July at Eastport and had a nice walk at Roque Bluff beach. The location, although a bit far from the big cities (2 hours to Acadia, 3 hours to Portland), did not prove to be too bad as we had plenty to do nearby.

It's honestly hard to think of anything negative from the trip. Mosquitos were probably the only thing that bothered us, they had a field day with me, perhaps NYC blood was something they haven't had in a while. We bought a few of those candles and tiki torches and sprayed ourselves to no avail. But what's a few bites to experience this retreat. All in all this was one of the best vacations I've taken. My parents could not stressing how much they loved it there and my sister had a field day instagraming away. The wifi in the house was fast enough to upload pictures and carry about our usual needs. On our last day of the stay, Hurricane Arthur hit and we lost electricity. Maria was extremely helpful, we didn't mind too much since this is completely out of their control. We ended up playing cards over candle lights and had a blast star gazing.

Surrounded by Views of Water



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This was my first extended stay in Down East Maine, and I definitely will be coming back to Featherbed Island House. From my bed the moment I woke up, until dark, I was surrounded by views of water, the panorama of Machias Bay which can be seen from every room in the front of the house, including two bedrooms- you can actually see the water from the bed! To the rear of the

property there is a tranquil pond, one of the best things about this house is the natural beauty of the setting. An apple tree was in full bloom, the yard was full of lupines and poppies, and we saw wildlife every day, from bald eagles to deer to seals playing in the water. At low tide we walked across the estuary to historic Featherbed Island, with its dense forest and rocky bluffs, it's just beautiful. I have stayed in many rental houses before, but this is easily the best equipped. There was any kind of kitchen item I needed, from fondue pot to blender and everything in between. The house is beautifully decorated with a combination of lovely Maine antiques and comfortable modern furniture. We loved the fire pit overlooking the water , where we made s'mores one night, and after dark and on the occasional rainy day, there were books, games, music to listen to, including an old Victorola complete with records in addition to the TV and wifi. Staying at Featherbed Island House was such a great experience that while I was there I started searching for a house to buy in the area. Let me tell you, every house I looked at paled in comparison to the charm of Featherbed Island House itself, and the amazing water views that are seen from it. I will keep looking for my own home in Maine, but until I find it, I will be back to Featherbed Island House as soon as I can- which will have to be in the fall- it is already booked through September. I can already imagine sitting under the pergola on the deck, enjoying the fall colors and the beautiful water views that never get old.

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