



# HYDE PARK COTTAGE

# House Guide

We want your stay to be as enjoyable and comfortable as possible. To help keep things running smoothly, here are a few simple guidelines:

## Wi-Fi

Network:



Password:

## Quiet Hours

Please keep noise to a minimum between 10PM and 9AM to respect our neighbors.

## No Smoking or Vaping

Smoking or vaping is not permitted anywhere on the property, indoors or outdoors.

## Pets

We love furry friends, but Hyde Cottage is not pet-friendly at this time.

## Fireplace

The wood-burning fireplace is yours to enjoy. Please carefully follow the fireplace guide to ensure your safety while using.

## Thermostat

Your comfort is important to us. The home has two Ecobee smart thermostats:

- Downstairs Thermostat – controls heating on the main level.
- Upstairs Thermostat – controls heating on the second floor.

Both are preset to keep the house comfortable year-round. You can make adjustments within this range at any time. If you need a different setting, just let us know.

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## **Kitchen Use**

You're welcome to use the kitchen for all your cooking needs — it's fully stocked and ready for anything from morning coffee to a full family dinner.

**Please note:** The sink does **not** have a garbage disposal. To help avoid plumbing issues, all food waste should be placed into the trash.

## **Toilets & Septic System**

Hyde Park Cottage is an older home on a septic system. To keep everything flowing smoothly, please **only flush the septic-safe toilet paper provided**. All other items — including wipes, feminine products, paper towels, and hygiene items — should be placed in the trash bin.

## **Safety & Security**

Always lock doors and windows when leaving the house.  
In case of emergency, dial 911. The home's address is:

## **Home Access**

During your stay, the entire home is yours to enjoy with only a few exceptions. You may notice that a few closets are locked, these are reserved for our supplies and cleaning materials.

Also, for your comfort and safety, we ask that you kindly keep the basement secured and unused. The basement may only be accessed in the event of a major emergency. In that unlikely event, it may be accessed by unhooking the eye bolt near the top of the door.

## **Any Issues**

We know things happen so if anything breaks or you have any spills just let us know so we can address it.

If you have any questions or need anything during your stay, don't hesitate to reach out.

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# Amenities

We've stocked Hyde Cottage with everything you need for a comfortable and convenient stay. A few hidden comforts you might miss at first glance:

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## TVs

All TVs through the home are Smart TVs with streaming apps (use your own login)

## Bathrooms

Hair dryers are provided under the sink in both bathrooms

## Gym Room

Yoga mats / blocks & free weights / smart TV for guided workouts or music

## Laundry

Washer & dryer (detergent provided) / garment steamer

## Bedrooms

Extra blankets/space heaters located in closets

If there's anything you need or can't find, feel free to reach out — we're happy to help.

# Fireplace Guide

## Before You Start

- Burn seasoned firewood only (dry, split hardwood, <20% moisture) (Local grocery stores should have this available.)
- **Do not burn** Duraflame logs, coal, briquettes, treated wood, trash, or wet/green wood.
- Some log budles may contain nails in a log for the handle attachment. Please do not use these log as the metal can damage the fire stove.
- A near window can be opened if you are experiencing smoke coming into the room. Close stove door quickly if smoke is coming into the house.
- Lighter located in the drawer under the plant in the living room
- Please only attempt lighting a fire if you are comfortable following **all** of these directions
- If you can any issues do not hesitate to reach out to us and we can help walk you through

***Never leave the unit unattended while in use***

## How to Start a Fire

\*Bypass Knob - Knob located just above the fireplace door

\*Draft Control - Slider right under the fireplace door

1

Fully open bypass knob\* and draft control\*. Bypass knob should be pulled fully out. Draft control should be all the way to the left.

2

Open door and place 8-10 pieces of natural kindling in a tee pee style (provided in entry closet) on the firebricks inside firebox. Light 1-2 natural fire starters (provided in entry closet) under kindling.

*\* Door should be held almost closed until kindling fully lights then the door can be closed and latched  
\* When opening door only open slightly at first for 30 sec and then open to prevent smoke in room*

3

Once most of the kindling burns down but there are still flames place another 8-10 pieces of natural kindling onto the fire. Hold door almost closed till new kindling lights and then fully close the door again.

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After 5-10 min and once flames are strong on kindling. Add 1-2 small logs of your full sized cord wood. Again hold door almost closed till logs light and then door can be fully closed.

5

Once the fire is strong you can add 2-3 more logs of your full sized cord wood. More logs can added as needed but should not exceed 2-3 active burning logs.

*\* When opening door only open slightly at first for 30 sec and then open to prevent smoke in room*

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Once the fire is strong you can add 2-3 more logs of your full sized cord wood. More logs can added as needed but should not exceed 2-3 active burning logs.

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Once done with the fire let the fire die down till there is no flames. The bypass knob can be pushed fully closed and the draft control should be slid almost all the way right but not completely. Make sure door is fully closed and latched and then it can be left to cool completely overnight.

***\*It is important that the fire is flameless and died down before this step is followed. Do not use water or anything else to quicken bringing down the fire. It should be allowed to naturally burn down.***

## Safety Notes

- If any part of the stove or chimney connector glows red, overfiring. Close the draft control immediately(far right) and make sure Bypass knob is pulled fully out.
- Glass should stay mostly clear. If it's very dirty, fire is too cool.
- Do not attempt to clean any part of the stove. There are specific cleaning directions that our cleaners follow to clean the unit. Improper cleaning can damage the unit.
- Keep flammable items off/away from the stove.
- Some harmless cracking/popping noises are normal as the stove heats up.
- Open a nearby window slightly if you notice smoke roll-back.
- The unit will get hotter the longer a fire burns so take care touching the stove or handle.

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# Check Out

## Check-Out Time: 11:00am

We hope you've had a wonderful stay at Hyde Park Cottage. As you get ready to head out, we kindly ask that you follow these quick steps.

### Before You Leave

Please leave bedding and any additional blankets used on the beds  
Toss used towels in the bathtub  
Place any used dishes in the dishwasher and start  
Empty the fridge of any personal items  
No need to empty trashes  
Turn off lights  
Make sure stove and oven are off  
Close and lock all windows and doors

### Locks

Please ensure that the front and side doors are locked  
Upon exiting the back door please use the smart lock to lock the door (hold check mark)

Thank you so much for staying with us — we truly appreciate how you've cared for our home. We hope to welcome you back to Hyde Park Cottage again soon.

Safe travels,  
Marc & Caitlin

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# Things to Do

These are some of our favorite experiences in the Hudson Valley — things we've done ourselves and hope you'll enjoy as much as we did.

## Hyde Park



Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Presidential Library &  
Home (*Tour*)



Vanderbilt Mansion  
National Historic Site  
(*Tour*)

## Towns to Explore

Whether you're in the mood for local flavor, unique shops, scenic strolls, or small-town charm — each downtown offers its own perfect slice of the Hudson Valley.

Rhinebeck, NY — 9 miles

Beacon, NY — 26 miles

Cold Spring, NY — 27 miles

New Paltz, NY — 27 miles

Woodstock, NY — 28 miles

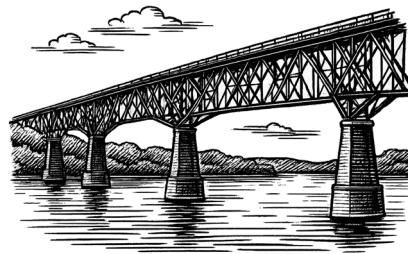
Hudson, NY — 36 miles



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## Near By

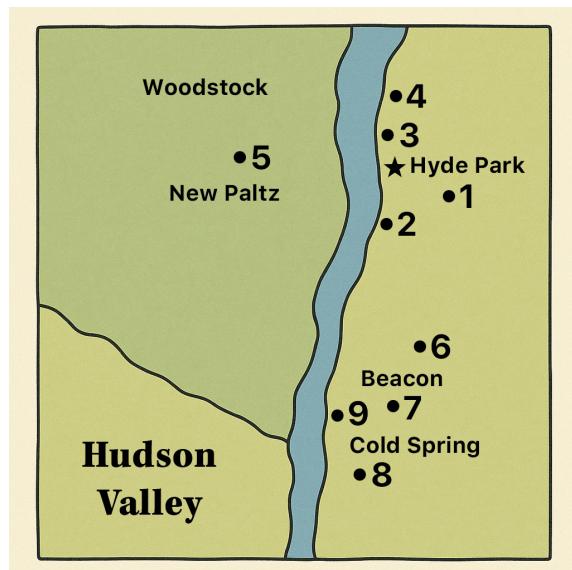
- Visit the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park (Poughkeepsie)
  - *Stroll or bike across one of the longest pedestrian bridges in the world.*
- Go Apple or Berry Picking at a Local Farm (Red Hook, Tivoli, or Highland)
  - *Visit local orchards for fruit picking, cider donuts, and farm stand goodies.*
- Ride the Hudson Valley Rail Trail by Bike (Highland to New Paltz)
  - *A cycling route perfect for a leisurely ride — bike rentals available.*



- Explore a Local Farmers Market (Rhinebeck or Hyde Park)
  - *Check websites for dates and times..*
- Take a Scenic Hudson River Cruise (Departures from Kingston Seasonally)
  - *Relax on a riverboat tour with views of estates, bridges, and natural beauty.*

## Local Hikes

A small selection of local trails—ranging from easy riverside walks to more challenging ridge climbs—all within a short drive.



1. Roosevelt Farm & Forest – 3.1mi
2. Walk Over the Hudson – 3.2mi
3. Hyde Park Trail – 3.6mi
4. Nori Point Trail – 5.1mi
5. Ashokan Rail Trail – 11.2mi
6. Fishkill Ridge & Wilkinson – 5.5 mi
7. Cold Spring to Beacon – 7 mi
8. Bull Hill to Beacon – 13.2 mi
9. Breakneck Ridge – 2.9 mil

# Local Eats

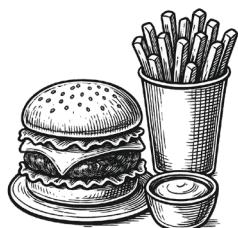
Our hand-picked list of local restaurants we've personally enjoyed.

## **Breakfast/Cafes**

- Eveready Diner (1.2 mi)
- Moonrise Bagels (4.8 mi)
- Kelly's Bakery (5.5 mi)
- Bread Alone Bakery (9.9 mi)



## **Lunch/Dinner**



- The Matchbox Cafe (9.2 mi)
- Mizu Sushi (0.9 mi)
- Palace Dumpling (4.8 mi)
- Rossi Rosticceria Deli (6.8 mi)
- Ichiddo Ramen (4.9 mi)
- Hyde Park Pizza (0.7 mi)
- Foster's Coah House (9.9 mi)
- terrapin (10 mi)
- End Cut (14 mi)

## **Ice Cream**

- Dariy Queen (1.3 mi)
- Nana's Ice Cream (2.7 mi)
- Stewart's Shops (1.4 mi)



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