

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. GETTING TO SAVARY: You will need to catch the Langdale ferry at Horseshoe Bay and travel up the coast to Earl's Cove where you will catch another ferry to Saltery Bay. Continue your drive along the highway past Powell River to Lund. In Lund you can pull up your car and unpack just outside the water taxi office. Take your car to Dave's Parking and leave it with Gary who will take very good care of you. The water taxi is \$11 per person and you are allowed 2 bins per person (you may be charged extra if you have a lot of gear ; they do charge extra for bicycles).

You will need to reserve your water taxi and land taxi by calling 604-483-9749. The land taxi is approximately (inquire for current rates) \$25 per family. More information regarding fees, reservations, and packing suggestions can be found at www.lundwatertaxi.com.

2 PACKING: In order to assist the water taxi personnel, we recommend you pack your groceries, towels, etc. in Rubber Maid bins. It allows for easy "on and off" transferring from the water taxi to the docks and easy stacking on the water taxi. Suitcases and back packs are fine. Lots of little plastic grocery bags are not efficient and the water taxi people get frustrated with them.

3 GROCERIES AND STORES: You will want to bring all your groceries with you. Unfortunately the small grocery store we used to enjoy on the island is now closed. Toilet paper, cleaning supplies and paper towels in the cottage.

4 LINENS: We will supply dish cloths, dish towels, dish soap, and quilts. Many rental cabins on Savary ask their renters to bring their own sheets and pillow cases. Please bring your own queen size and twin (single) sheets; this would be greatly appreciated. As we don't have a clothes dryer, we depend on the weather to do our laundry – it is the "Savary Way"!!

5 BICYCLES: Walking and bicycles are the preferred mode of travel on the island. Savary Island Bike Shop rents bicycles (Mike and Tara at 604-483-7771) on Savary. The land taxi will stop and pick your bikes up **only** if you have reserved them in advance. They offer our guests a 20% discount (please say you are renting "Corbett's Cottage"). Please inquire about current rates. They accept American Express, MasterCard and Visa.

6 TRAILS: There are many wonderful trails to explore on the island so make sure and bring a good pair of walking or hiking shoes.

7 BEACHES: You will LOVE the beaches on Savary! We have some of the most spectacular beaches on the West Coast of B.C. They are excellent for beach combing, snorkeling, and swimming.

8 WILDLIFE: If you like bird watching, you will love the island! Hummingbirds love our special island as well as many other types of birds such as eagles, owls, finches, etc. We are home to many seals, otters, and deer as well. There are no predators such as raccoons, coyotes, cougars, or bears like we have in North/West Vancouver. Bring your binoculars for sure!

9 GENERATORS: We operate on a solar power and battery system. Savary Island is off the grid so we are totally dependent on solar and batteries. Conservation is of the utmost importance. To be kind to the neighbors, the general rule on Savary is that generators can run during 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for short periods of time. Generators should only be used for emergencies after 9:00 p.m. We will go over all the details regarding pumping water and when to use the generator when you arrive.

10 WATER: The water is from a deep well and is pumped into a holding tank. The water is safe to drink. Showers are to be kept short and dishwashing to a minimum. Water conservation is very important on Savary.

11 GARBAGE: All your garbage, including recyclable bottles and cans, **must be taken off the island** as we have no garbage/recycling facilities on the island. We do have a compost at the back of the property where you can deposit any vegetable/fruit and compostable food. You can get rid of your garbage at the dock in Lund for a small fee.

12 EMERGENCIES: We do have a 911 system on the island. We have a team of First Responders who will assess the emergency and decide whether the patient needs to be transported off the island. The nearest hospital is in Powell River.

13 FIRE: Fire is a very scary risk on Savary. A significant fire can develop very quickly and as our fire departments have limited resources, an island fire can be catastrophic. If you see a fire, call 911 immediately and do the best you can to contain it. Many a small fire on the island has been contained because neighbors started a bucket brigade and were able to keep the fire under control until the fire department arrived. We have a water hose outside and fire extinguishers inside the cabin – use them quickly and generously!

14 RESTAURANTS: Unfortunately there are no longer any restaurants on Savary. The “Sugar Shack” is located about 1 minute away from Corbett’s Cottage and you can purchase candy, pop, and ice cream there. There is also an ice cream truck located just up the hill from the dock – watch for the ice cream signs!

15 Doug and I are on the island the entire summer. You will be able to contact us easily and if we are going into Powell River for supplies, we will let you know. Our main concern is your comfort and that you enjoy all that this island has to offer! We welcome your suggestions as to how we can make your stay more comfortable so please let us know!

Don't forget to sign our Guest Book!

Yours hosts,
Doug and Val