

Packing Checklist for a National Forest Lodge Ski Weekend

Be sure to pack everything you need. The nearest stores are at least a half hour drive.

- Pillows**

- Sleeping bag or sheets/blankets**

(Click the cabin links on our [accommodations](#) page for bed sizes and floor plans)

Our beds have zippered nylon clamshell liners over the mattresses. **They are not waterproof** though, so please bring appropriate mattress protection when necessary. Replacement cost for soiled mattresses will be charged to the guest's account. **The Big Pines Getaway (aka Log Home) beds HAVE pillows and comforters, but you still need to bring sheets or a sleeping bag & pillow cases. The White Pine Retreat includes all bedding. Rustic Cabins and Big Pine Shorty's(#5) DO NOT include any bedding.** Guests have been bringing their favorite bedroll to the NFL for years and it helps us keep costs down.

- Bath towels**

- Personal toilet items – soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.

- Minnesota Ski Pass** - Purchase [Online](#) from DNR. We groom the trails, but they are located on Superior National Forest land and are public. No pass is required on the snowshoe trails.

- Water bottle for cabin and trail

- Insulated cup** for beverages around sauna and hot tub (glass & bottles prohibited in these areas)

- Flashlight or headlamp (It's VERY dark on the grounds at night)

- Swimsuit for sauna & hot tub

- Water shoes or sport sandals for shower, sauna, polar plunge and hot tub activities

- Books & magazines

- Board games

- Snacks

- Wine, beer, spirits or soda.** Our cold well water tastes great – so no need for the bottled stuff.

- Extra shoes or slippers to keep your cabin floors clean, dry and free of sticky pine sap.

- Fishing gear - Minnesota fishing license - [Online](#) Purchase bait in Two Harbors on your way up. Once you're here, the closest live bait is in Finland at the Maple Grove Motel - a half hour south on Highway 1.

- Cross country ski equipment/waxes, snowshoes and other recreational gear - **we do not have any ski equipment to rent or buy** and a limited number of loaner snowshoes available

- Dressing for blisters (in case you overdo it in your new ski boots)

- Appropriate clothing (It's Minnesota - all weather is possible at all times - bring layers!)

- Fanny pack or backpack

- Cell phone – Verizon works – AT&T doesn't – we have an emergency phone in the dining hall.

- Extra cash for tipping our great kitchen staff and musicians

- Food supplements for a restricted diet; a fridge, hot water and a microwave are available in the dining hall (we offer vegetarian alternatives at meals, but are too small to accommodate more restrictive diets)

- Your smiling face!