

# Gurnet Guidelines

*(Please read, sign, and return to Dolly Bicknell)*

## **Parking on the Gurnet**

- Parking is not permitted on the roads, paths, dunes, or marsh areas.
- Coastal land is in most cases privately owned to the low-water mark. No parking on private property.
- Be aware of the tides when parking near the water's edge at the "Boat Hole".
- Do not block any of the roadways.

## **Driving on the Gurnet**

- The roads are narrow; vehicles leaving the Gurnet have the right of way over vehicles entering.
- Speed limit on the Gurnet is a crawl. (Less than 2 m.p.h.)

## **Dunes and Wetland**

- The dunes and wetlands are fragile habitats. Please stay off of them.
- Do not use the dunes or wetlands as a toilet.
- If boating, always be aware of swimmers and divers. Water depths can be deceiving in relation to the water's edge.
- There is often a constant coastal wind, please do not let toys or trash blow around.

## **Noise Consideration**

- Noise travels far along the water.
- Please be considerate of others. Keep all noise, music, and parties to a minimum.
- Bring any party inside after 9:00 PM. No parties of more than 25 people will be allowed.

## **Fire Safety**

- The Fire department is over 30 minutes away. The Fire Departments cannot respond to the Gurnet fast enough to save a house.
- Candles, hurricane lamps, incense, and any other open flames are not allowed.
- Smoking is not allowed in the house. Please be very careful when discarding smoking materials. Use proper receptacles.
- Outdoor fires are against the law without a permit from the Plymouth Fire Department and are not permitted on the property.
- Fire Works are not permitted under any circumstance

# Keeper's Cottage Guidelines

**Check In/Out:** Check-in time is 4:00 PM and check-out time is 10:00 AM.

**Drinking Water:** Although the well has been tested and meets drinking water standards, we recommend that you bring your own drinking water.

**Trash and Garbage:** Trash must be securely tied in trash bags provided, and placed in the trash barrels in the garage. Make sure the garage doors are closed every night to prevent animals from rummaging in the trash. You will be responsible for picking up the trash if it is spread around the garage and yard. All trash must be removed when leaving. Trash removal may be arranged prior for an additional charge.

**Propane:** Extra propane tanks for the BBQ grill are located in the garage.

**Sundries:** We supply toilet paper, dish detergent, laundry detergent, and trash bags.

## **Access to the Cottage:**

- You will be given your own personal door combination. When you leave, we will remove that combination from the doors.
- The front door (facing the ocean) locks from the inside only.

**Lawn Care:** Lawn mowing will be done weekly as needed. The person who mows the lawn has his own combination to the garage door only, and he will be using the tractor in the garage. Do not use the lawn mower.

**Lead Paint:** The Lead Paint signoff form must be signed and returned before occupancy.

## **Before Checking Out:**

- Bed linens must be stripped and left on the bed in the pillowcases or in front of the washing machine.
- Place all dirty towels in front of the washing machine. (If you could do a load or two that would be helpful).
- The refrigerator must be completely emptied
- Please wash all dirty dishes.
- Please leave the house and the yard in the same condition as when you arrived. Please return all items to their original location prior to leaving.

## **Electricity Use at the Keeper's Cottage**

There are a few things that need you need to be aware of when staying at the Keeper's Cottage. The cottage is "off the grid" and is an alternatively powered house. This means the electricity is generated by solar panels and a generator. There is a limit to the available power. Please be aware of the following:

- You may not think that leaving a couple of lights on, or the TV running all day will be using much electricity, but it adds up quickly.
- The light bulbs are the compact florescent type. At most they use 13 watts per hour. However, if you leave the lights on in the cellar all day, you will have used up all the energy that the solar panels generated that day (if it's sunny)!
- The generator is loud. To respect quiet hours on the Gurnet the generator is not allowed to operate between 9:00 PM and 9:00 AM. If the batteries run down late at night and you want to take a shower at 6:00 AM you may be out of luck!
- While the generator is running, try to do any laundry or run the dishwasher. The generator can charge the batteries and power the house at the same time.

## **Water Use at the Keeper's Cottage**

The water is supplied by a well that is located next to the lighthouse. Water is pumped daily (approximately 200 gallons) to a cistern. The cistern holds 11,000 gallons when it's full. Please beware that your water supply is limited.

- A dripping faucet or a toilet that is always running can be a major drain on available water and it takes electricity to run the pump to replace the water; a big drain on your electric supply.
- Although you have an adequate amount of water supply to exist comfortably, one leaking toilet will run the level down in the cistern and you will have to closely monitoring your usage.
- Please do not use water for the following activities:
  - Do not water the lawn:
  - Do not wash cars; and,
  - Avoid long or multiple showers.

## IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

### FIRE, AMBULANCE, POLICE: DIAL 911

Your location:

US Coast Guard Keeper's Cottage  
Government Way,  
Gurnet, Plymouth, MA.

Please call Project Gurnet and Bug Light, Inc. Emergency Call List:

Scott Day (Cell) (781) 812-7236

Eric Strom (Cell) (781) 582-5255

Dolly Bicknell (Home) (781) 837-0922

**Live normally, but be energy and water conscious and enjoy your stay.**

I have read and understand the "Gurnet Guidelines". My guests and I will follow them at all times.

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date

*Project Gurnet & Bug Lights, Inc. is a non-profit group run by volunteers. The Keeper's Cottage is rented to provide funds to preserve and maintain Bug Light, Gurnet Light, Fort Andrew and the Keeper's Cottage. 100% of the rental profits support our ongoing work.*