

"I could never in a hundred summers get tired of this." - Susan Branch

# The Barque & Bight

2026 Annual Newsletter & Inquiry Packet



#### A Note from the General Manager

The RDC team extends our heartfelt gratitude to our amazing guest community that has demonstrated such commitment and loyalty to Camp for so many years. And to our new and "newer" guests, we are so grateful that you . . . "get us" . . . ! Yes, we're unique, different and unlike any other property that I have ever managed and for some of you, different from places you have visited in the past. It is this "uniqueness" that makes RDC so incredibly precious to all of us.

Our treasured Camp requires a dynamic approach of management to ensure the continuity of Camp for future generations. We must be stewards of the land, the lake, the forest, our historic buildings, and our traditions.

I know that many of the challenges and threats to Camp are external and perhaps out of our control. I am referring to climate changes and the

increased risk to the water quality of the lake, to our forest, and to the safety of our campers. These realities can feel overwhelming, and it is easy to understand why some may feel that we are helpless to contribute to a solution. At moments like this, it is important to focus on what we can do. Understanding how much power we have when we work together, to make change and to improve the lives of those around us, is both comforting and empowering.

I would like to share what we have done to help protect Camp from some of these external forces. We have embarked on several initiatives such as our partnership with LakeSmart to manage and mitigate runoff into the lake. We have retained Terrain Planning & Design to assist in the engineered remediation to several of our more sensitive areas on Camp. They have worked extensively with the Squam Lakes Association and LakeSmart and bring a wealth of experience to our team. Our REAP Energy Efficiency Initiative grant was approved by the USDA in January of 2025. This grant will help to fund numerous energy saving projects on Camp including replacements of propane burning kitchen equipment, energy efficient refrigeration, as well as tightening the envelope of Roswell, our year-round administrative office. We have replaced 90% of incandescent lighting on Camp with LED and the remaining fixtures are scheduled for the early winter of 2026. Since 2023, we have sent our food waste to Vanguard Renewables and have diverted 80 tons of food waste from the local landfill. We are in the final stages of committing to a group net-metering agreement that will provide the Camp with 75% of our electricity needs. This is in support of a community solar initiative in Northfield, NH. We continue to pursue on-site solar as well as EV charging stations. These are on-going efforts that will require our diligent management for years to come.

We must also be stewards of civility, humanity, and frankly, good manners and appropriate behavior. While the above accomplishments and initiatives focus on the environment and health of our lake, we have also taken measures to address the threats to the civil, peaceful and welcoming environment that RDC is built on. This includes extensive training and education of our staff in conflict resolution, honoring boundaries, and unwavering respect for all. We have worked extremely hard to build a bridge of trust with our staff that has created an environment where the staff feel comfortable coming to us with concerns they have for themselves or for their co-workers.

RDC will uphold the principles so artfully crafted by our founders. Our newly adopted statement of purpose was created and approved by our shareholders with this in mind:

RDC's purpose is to provide a restorative vacation experience where people of all ages and backgrounds can enjoy the company of family

and friends in a place defined by its historic character and extraordinary natural beauty. RDC fosters a community that values respect, simplicity, continuity, and environmental responsibility.

We will do our part to set a good example of genuine hospitality and gracious acceptance of all. We ask that you help us in our effort of ensuring a safe and welcoming environment. Specifically, we ask that all members of the guest community model respectful and safe behavior and that you bring your concerns to management with kindness and patience. These are not just requests but a requirement necessary to ensure that the incredibly precious Camp experience will endure for generations to come.

With appreciation for each of you and your many contributions to Camp, we wish you a prosperous, healthy and happy 2026!

## Matalie Ward, General Manager

### Becoming an RDC Shareholder

Guests occasionally ask us about the possibility of purchasing RDC shares. Such opportunities do exist, and anyone with interest is encouraged to contact Becky at 603-968-3313 or visit RDCsquam.com for further information.



Current shareholders: Please be sure to keep your contact information up to date. Notify RDC of any changes.

### **RDC Charitable Giving**

From the inception of Squam Environmental Preservation Fund in 1997 onward, the RDC community has generously grown the fund through continuous donations. Recently we've been in the position to deepen our giving to neighboring organizations that do the hard work of studying, protecting and communicating regional environmental concerns and accomplishments. Currently, SEPF is in the position to help if an emergency or special project arises and make substantial annual donations. A heartfelt thank you to our RDC family for donations and commitment to SEPF. It is a privilege to go into the community to offer support and show that we care about the greater Squam watershed, not just our shoreline.

#### SEPF 2025 donations (\$55,000)

\$20,000 Squam Lakes Association: Testing equipment to study presence and toxicity of cyanobacteria in the field and lab. Floating mat in the Bight to study potential absorption of phosphorus and nitrogen from water column into plants.

\$20,000 Loon Preservation Committee: Seasonal monitoring and management of loons and egg contaminant testing.

\$7,500 Squam Lakes Conservation Society: Easement protections along Eagle Cliff trail in Sandwich.

\$7,500 Squam Lakes Natural Science Center: School youth programs.

In addition to SEPF, RDC contributed to 26 area organizations and continues to participate in local events and support community projects through participation and financial assistance.





Photo by Charlie

In response to the increasing threats to Squam's water quality, SEPF ran a special "Summer Spotlight Campaign" this past summer to raise funds to directly support the work of the Squam Lakes Association. From Earth Day through October 31, the RDC community collectively contributed \$15,040, all of which will go directly to support SLA's Watershed Campaign. A very special thank you to all who contributed to our first Summer Spotlight Campaign!

If you wish to contribute to SEPF, learn more about the fund history and how it's managed please visit RDCSquam.com/SEPF/. Checks can be mailed to SEPF, c/o RDC, 18 Bacon Road, Holderness, NH 03245.

Amey Schenck Bailey, Chair, RDC Environmental and Community Affairs Committee

### **Buildings & Grounds Committee Report**

Thank you to everyone who pitched in this past season and parked in the designated areas, away from the shoreline zone! It made a huge difference in starting to reduce soils compaction and runoff into the lake. We kindly request that you continue to support these efforts and our participation in the "LakeSmart" program in the coming season. It makes for a more natural Camp setting, too. Thank you!

As part of our effort to manage stormwater, erosion, and runoff, RDC has engaged with Brown Engineering, civil engineers from Moultonborough, and Terrain Planning & Design, New Hampshire landscape architects specializing in stormwater mitigation. They are beginning to assist us with overall Camp surveying and are supporting our consultants Samyn-D'Elia Architects with the planning of current and future capital projects.





On the heels of the successful renovation and restoration of Long House, similar improvements are underway at Greenwood Lodge, including the addition of a fire sprinkler system, new upper balconies, and enhancements to the guest rooms and common areas. Keep in mind our beautiful lodges as options for short-term visits to Camp, overflow accommodations, or introductory stays for first-time guests.

We continue to make energy efficiency and carbon-reduction upgrades at RDC, to fully capture the grant funds that we received from the Rural Energy for America Program. And, as always, numerous small projects are taking place around Camp this off-season, including roof replacements and bathroom/kitchenette renovations.

The 2025 season saw exponential improvement in the WiFi experience on Camp, thanks to a lot of hard work by the RDC staff. Guests can look forward to another season of reliable connectivity this year, in the privacy of their own lodging and away from common areas.

Happy New Year to all! Hope to see you at Camp this summer.

John McLeod, Buildings & Grounds Committee Chair

### 2025 Loon Report

RDC again played host to nesting loons this past summer! In 2024, you may remember the pair that decided the RDC picnic spot on Loon Island was the perfect place for a nest—or not, as it turned out, courtesy of resident predators. This past summer, a pair opted for RDC's Otter Islands. Sadly, for the intrepid pair, what looked like it should have been a good nesting site was twice destroyed when the eggs were washed out of the nest, likely by boat wakes. On their third nesting attempt, a predator got the egg(s). It was very sad to see the pair trying so hard to hatch chicks and all their efforts being stymied, but I am extremely grateful to the RDC community and staff for their patience during the pair's repeated nesting attempts at the Otters and their care for the loons.

Back along the main RDC shoreline, an unbanded pair patrolled the waters and showed a little bit of interest in nesting but it never amounted to much. I hope they will get serious about nesting next year!



Across Squam Lake, the three nesting attempts of the Otter Islands pair were part of an extremely busy year for nesting on the lake, with 15 nesting attempts among 11 nesting pairs of loons. This was the highest number of nesting attempts since 1996 and a welcome increase over the low nesting rates of the past several years. Seven chicks hatched on the lake this year, and five chicks fledged—the highest number of fledged chicks since 2020. This was great news; but sadly, many eggs did not hatch this summer. Working under state and federal permits, Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) collected a record number of 15 inviable and abandoned loon eggs on Squam—four of which were from the first two nests at the Otter Islands. While we all wish these eggs had hatched into thriving loon chicks, they will at least give LPC the opportunity to test contaminant levels in loon eggs from parts of the lake that may not have had an egg available for testing for some time.

As summer ended on Squam, it was wonderful to see the chicks becoming increasingly independent from their parents. But there was one sad note as well: I collected an adult loon that had died from ingested lead fishing tackle. LPC continues to work to get the word out about the dangers of lead fishing tackle to loons, encourage anglers to use only non-lead fishing tackle, and get the lead out of the system through our Lead Tackle Buyback program (www.loonsafe.org).

So, it was a year with ups and downs but one with a lot of positives—many pairs nested and there was a welcome boost to the number of fledged chicks. I hope Squam's loons will be able to build on this momentum next summer—and that both pairs around RDC will nest and be successful. LPC will do all we can to help these and all of Squam's loons as we continue our work to protect and restore the loon population. We are very grateful to the RDC community and the Squam Environmental Preservation Fund for your care and concern for Squam's loons and support of the work of LPC—Thank You!

For more information on the work of the Loon Preservation Committee, please visit www.loon.org.

Tiffany Grade, Squam Lake Project Biologist, Loon Preservation Committee

### Squam Lake Bald Eagle Report 2025

Two pairs of Bald Eagles bred in the Squam watershed this year. The Big Squam pair used the same nest as last year on Long Island. I believe they laid their first egg during the last week of March, right before a big two-day winter storm. When I scoped the nest after the storm, they were off the nest (and I assume had failed). A week later, the male was bringing lining to the nest again and it seemed they might try to lay again, but the next time I checked, neither was on the nest. Just like last year, their nesting attempt failed and no chicks were hatched.

The second pair (on Little Squam) rebuilt the nest they built for the first-time last year and were incubating by the third week of March. The pair sat tight and successfully hatched and raised one chick which was flying by late July.

Overall in 2025, New Hampshire saw a 9% increase in the number of Bald Eagle territorial pairs. NH Audubon staff and many volunteer observers started in February and worked through August to tally 128 pairs statewide—13 more than we counted in 2024! NH Audubon confirmed 94 pairs incubating eggs, but found only 62 pairs that fledged at least one young. This relatively poor productivity was likely due in part to a very wet early spring, a time when recently hatched eaglets are most vulnerable. We tallied a total of 85 fledged juveniles in 2025 and found only one Granite State nest with three fledglings, far fewer than the five nests with three chicks in 2023, when a record-high 93 eaglets fledged.

Prepared by Iain MacLeod, Executive Director, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center



### News from the Camp Store

Don't wait until the summer season to check out what's in stock at the Camp Store! Come visit us online anytime!

We returned to Minus 33, a local textile company, to bring fresh new colors to the Camp Store. This year's beanies arrived in vibrant orange, warm golden brown, and radiant violet, while our cozy socks come in bold red and deep teal. Newly restocked, are friendship bracelets for friends of all ages, and some old favorites—mugs, sweatshirts, and embroidered tees.

We've been working hard on our selections so keep an eye out for brand new products coming soon! Gift cards are always available and may be used online or saved until your next visit to Camp.

Shop these and other great gift items at www. RDCShop.com/shop/.



### Dining Hall Etiquette

In the spirit of Miss Bacon and Mrs. Armstrong's desire of civility and good manners, we would like to remind you of the following:

Mrs. Armstrong had high standards of behavior not only for her employees but for her guests as well. Friendliness and respect should be an outstanding feature of Camp.

#### Dress Code:

- Please "Dress for Dinner".
- Ladies and lassies summer dresses, skirts, pants, non-athletic shorts.
- Gentlemen and young gents collared shirt, pants, non-athletic shorts.
- For breakfast and lunch, more casual attire is acceptable.
- Please no bathing suits or bare feet at any meal
- Please caps off in the dining hall!

#### Additional reminders:

- Please do not use cell phones or laptops in the dining hall.
- Children must be supervised at all times!
   Please do not allow your children to run in the dining hall.
- Please enjoy a sense of community and camaraderie at meals while keeping voices to a dull roar.



### **Reservation Requests & Information**

### 2026 Reservation Requests

Our reservation team of Becky, Lucy, and Zoe are looking forward to welcoming you back to RDC for the 2026 season.

We will be able to serve you more efficiently if your form is filled out completely and clearly; newspapers must be ordered at least seven days prior to your arrival; a limited number of golf cart rentals are available for guests with mobility issues; weekly boat rentals must be reserved prior to your arrival; daily rentals may be requested upon your arrival. If you would like to include more information with your reservation request, please include a note with your form or send an email to reservations@RDCsquam.com.



To request a reservation, please complete the enclosed Reservation Request Form or go online to RDCsquam.com/reservations. Reservations are booked according to seniority. To give yourself the best opportunity to receive the cottages and dates of your choice, your request must be received before **FEBRUARY 15**.

You will find all of our 2026 materials at RDCsquam.com, including floor plans for all our cottages and lodges. Please give us a call if you have any questions.

#### 2026 Reservation Information

RDC's 2026 season will begin Thursday, May 28, and end Friday, September 18.

#### **Off-Peak Season Discounts**

Cottage stays of five nights or more, May 28 through June 27 and September 5 through September 18, qualify for our off-peak discount. This 20% discount applies to the cottage base rate only. Discounted rates do not apply to lodge rooms or overages.

#### **Arrival and Departure times**

Arriving guests should not enter their accommodations before registering at the office. Check-in begins at 4 p.m. Please check-out by 10 a.m.



Both Rockywold and Deephaven dining halls offer traditional seating with a 90-minute serving time for each meal. Please note dining hall hours are subject to change throughout the season. Hours are posted outside each dining hall. Mid-day meals on arrival and departure days are not included in weekly rates. Bagged lunches are available to guests who give the dining hall a 24 hours notice before departure.

A note from Chef Brandi: While we take precautions to minimize risk, we cannot guarantee that any of our items are completely free of allergens. Menu items prepared in our kitchens may contain or come into contact with common allergens, including peanuts, tree nuts, milk, eggs, wheat, soybeans, fish, and shellfish. Please feel free to communicate with me directly, prior to your stay, at Brandi@RDCsquam.com if you have a food allergy or special dietary requirement. Keep an eye out for our monthly newsletter "The RDC Rattler", where we'll share more information about our upcoming online allergy and dietary form—another step toward making communication even easier. We will do our best to provide an enjoyable dining experience for you!

#### **Daily Services**

We offer full daily housekeeping and outside crew services. If you prefer a lower-contact experience and would like to opt-out of any portion of these services, you may notify our office staff at any time.

### Reservations in the Lodges & Rock Office Rooms

Within our two lodge facilities, Greenwood Lodge and Long House, guests can rent double and single bedrooms for short-term or week-long stays. Each lodge has a large common area with a fireplace and a spacious porch overlooking the lake.

These rooms offer more affordable and flexible options for guests. They have been valuable places to welcome newcomers, and importantly, they facilitate the stays of those who need more accessible accommodations. Several rooms have private full or half baths. Reservations in



the lodges are subject to a 2-night minimum stay, and the usual seniority and priority guidelines apply. The lodges are available to guests 13 years of age and older. Lodge guests are seated at a community table in the dining hall unless otherwise requested.

The Rock Office Rooms are available for guests of all ages. These rooms are located above the Rockywold Office and Library. Rock Office offers rooms with single and double occupancy and shared bath. They can be rented individually with a two-night minimum.

Guests staying in the lodges or other rooms rented by the day are entitled to lunch on their day of departure. These guests must, however, check out of their room(s) before the lunch hour begins, no later than 12:30 p.m.



#### **2026 RATES**

All cottages enjoy a private dock on Squam Lake, a fireplace, a screened-in porch, and an old-fashioned icebox. Our Full American Plan includes lodging, all meals, daily housekeeping, organized activities, and use of recreational facilities, including eight clay tennis courts, three pickleball courts, a basketball court, and a ball field. During peak season, reservations are made on a weekly basis for cottages. Cottages may be rented for less than a week during off-peak season, subject to a three-night minimum stay. Lodge rooms require a two-night minimum stay throughout the full season. There are no additional service charges. Gratuities are not required, but guests are welcome to reward employees for exceptional service.

#### **COTTAGE RATES** (Season runs May 28 – September 18)

**Peak Season Rates** apply from June 27 – September 5.

**Off-Peak Season Rates** apply from May 28 – June 26 & September 5 – September 18.

(20% off peak season rate for stays of 5 nights or more)

	2-Person	3-Person	4-Person	5-Person	6-Person	8-Person
Peak Season Weekly	\$4,592	\$6,202	\$7,826	\$9,275	\$10,710	\$13,706
Peak Season Per Person Per Night	\$328.00	\$295.33	\$279.50	\$265.00	\$255.00	\$244.75
Off-Season Per Person Per Night	\$262.40	\$236.27	\$223.60	\$212.00	\$204.00	\$195.80

#### **OVERAGES**

Most cottages accommodate guests beyond the minimal occupancy; such persons are charged the "Weekly Overage Rate" of \$1,326.50 or a "Daily Overage Rate" of \$189.50 per night. Overage Rates include three meals per day and organized activities. The Overage Rate for children ages 3-9 is 50% off the above Overage Rate. There is no overage charge for children under 3 years of age.

#### LODGE & ROCK OFFICE ROOM RATES

The daily rate covers our Full American Plan and overages apply as described above. Reservations in the lodges and Rock Office Rooms are subject to a two-night minimum stay. (Discounted rate periods apply to cottages only.)

	Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy
Greenwood Lodge & Long House		
(Restricted to guests 13 years of age and older)		
Forest View	\$233	\$379
Lake View	\$270	\$416
Forest View w/ half bath		\$416
Lake View w/ half bath		\$460
Forest View w/ full bath	\$295	\$455
Lake View w/ full bath	\$325	\$479
Rock Office Rooms	\$195	\$357

#### EARLY & LATE SEASON CONFERENCE RATES

(May 28 – June 27 and September 5 – September 18)

See our 2026 Conference Lodging Rate Sheet or contact Becky at Becky@RDCsquam.com for details.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Arrival and Departure times: Check-in begins at 4 p.m., and check-out is 10 a.m. To ensure your accommodation has been properly cleaned, sanitized, and inspected, arriving guests should not enter their lodging facility before registering at the office.
   Mid-day meals on arrival and departure days are not included in weekly rates. Bagged lunches are available to guests who give the dining hall a day's notice before departure.
- A 20% deposit, received within 30 days from the date of our offer letter, is required to confirm a reservation.
- Cancellation Policy: If a cancellation is made prior to May 15, 50% of the deposit will be refunded. Reservations canceled after May 15 and prior to a month of expected arrival will lose the full 20% deposit. Reservations canceled within one month of expected arrival will be responsible for 50% of the total bill if the resulting vacancy is not filled. Reservations canceled within two weeks of expected arrival will be responsible for 100% of the total bill if the resulting vacancy is not filled.
- New Hampshire Rooms and Meals Tax of 8.5% is added to lodging and meal charges.
- There are no additional service charges.
- **Gratuities:** Unlike many other resorts, RDC does not add a service charge to guest bills; however, guests may wish to reward employees for exceptional service. Gratuity envelopes are available in both offices.
- RDC's Recreation Programs, with activities for all ages, begin June 14 and end September 4.
- A morning playgroup, called Wee Campers, is provided from June 15 to September 4 for children 3 to 6 years of age, Monday Friday, 9:30 a.m. 12 noon. (Refer to RDC's Guest Manual for details.)
- Pets cannot be accommodated except during "Dog Week", Saturday, September 12 to Friday, September 18. Sorry!
- We do not accept credit cards. Cash or check only, please!

### **Boat House Update**

Did you know that the Mabel Bacon, Camps' 32-foot pontoon tour boat, is available to take your family on a lake cruise, out for a Loon Island picnic or to celebrate a family event? The boat accommodates up to 24 passengers, and we will provide a Captain for your trip. The Mabel Bacon hourly rate is \$300 per hour. Please inquire at the Office for availability.

Each year we sell kayaks and paddleboards showing wear and tear at the end of the season and purchase new ones through outfitter programs, keeping the fleet in good condition. This year a few new colors will be featured on the Old Town and Ocean Kayaks—Horizon and Lava. If your favorite kayak has always been the 'orange one'—you may find a shiny new blue, turquoise and white one at your dock this summer!

This year we will be offering two 14-foot rowboats with 9.9 hp motors in addition to our fleet of 13-foot rowboats with 4 hp motors. The larger rowboats can accommodate four to five people, and the engine comes with a battery for push button starting and a bilge pump to keep rainwater out.

Weekly boat rentals may be reserved prior to your arrival. Daily rentals must be requested at the office upon your arrival and will be provided if available. Check out the full fleet on our website: RDCsquam.com/recreation/#ourfleet.

Eric Morse, Harbormaster





### **RDC Additional Charges**

All rentals have limited availability. Weekly boat and golf cart rentals may be reserved prior to your arrival. Cancellations for weeklong boat rentals must be called into the office by 4 p.m. the day before your arrival. There will be a 1-day rental charge for each cancelled boat after delivery. Daily rentals must be requested upon your arrival and will be provided if available. For boat descriptions and photos visit www.RDCsquam.com.

RDC Boat Rentals:	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	1 Week
Canoe	\$60	\$100	\$140	\$180
Kayak	\$65	\$105	\$145	\$190
Pedal Kayak	\$90	\$140	\$190	\$250
Sunfish Sailboat	\$90	\$140	\$190	\$250
Rowboat w/ 9.9 hp motor	\$200	\$320	\$435	\$550
Rowboat w/ 4 hp motor	\$125	\$220	\$310	\$395
Rowing Canoe w/ 2 hp motor	\$125	\$220	\$310	\$395
Rowboat & Rowing Canoe	\$80	\$130	\$180	\$235
SUP	\$75	\$120	\$165	\$215
HydroBike	\$90	\$140	\$190	\$250
Bicycle Rentals	\$45	\$60	\$80	\$115
Golf Cart Rentals	\$180	\$240	\$305	\$385



(bicycles may not be reserved prior to your arrival)

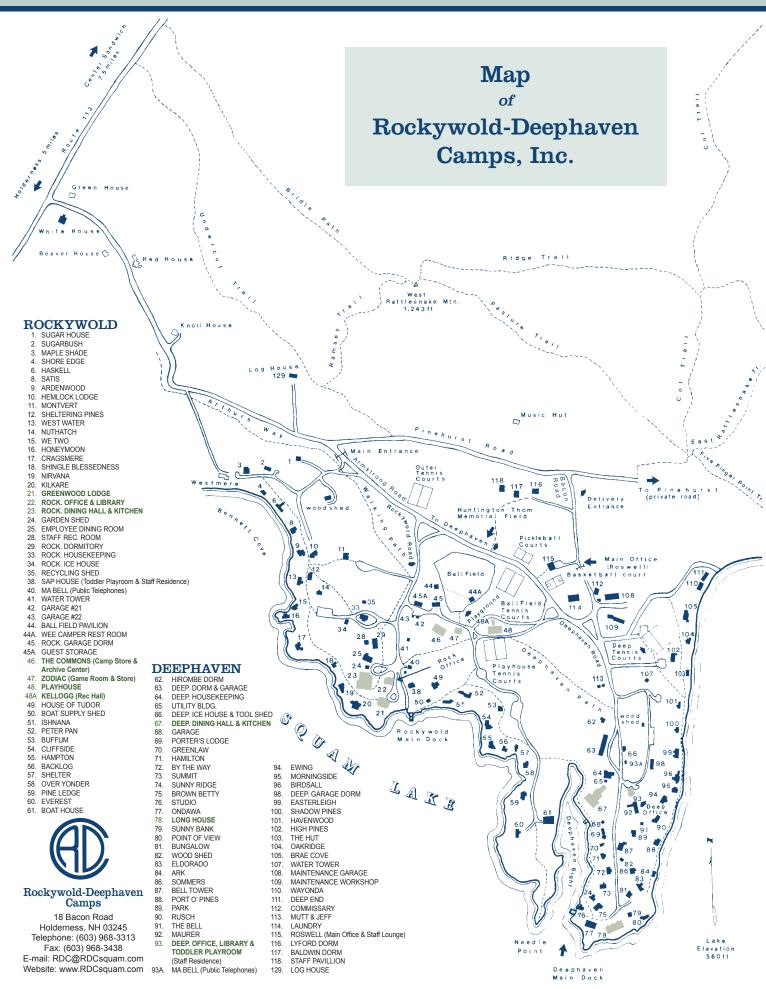
**Newspapers** must be ordered at least one week prior to your arrival and are billed at their published rates.

#### FOR RESERVATIONS OR MORE INFORMATION:

Rockywold-Deephaven Camps, Inc.

18 Bacon Road, Holderness, NH 03245

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#### ROCKYWOLD **DEEPHAVEN** Two-Person Cottages **Two-Person Cottages** Greenlaw 1T-1D (70)Shore Edge 1T- 2D \* (4) \*\*Sunny Bank 1T- 1D (79)Backlog 1T-2D (56)Bungalow 1T-1D (81)Shelter 1T-1D (57)Morningside 1T-1D (95)The Hut 1T- 1D **Three-Person Cottages** (103)Oakridge 1T- 1D Nuthatch 2T-1D (104)(14)Honeymoon 1T- 1S- 1D (16)**Three-Person Cottages** Hamilton 1T-1S-1D (71)Four-Person Cottages Sunny Ridge 1T-1S-1D (74)Sugarbush 2T-2D (2) Studio 1T-1S-1D Hemlock Lodge 2T- 2D (10)(76)Sheltering Pines 2T-1D (12)**Four-Person Cottages** West Water 2T- 2D (13)By the Way 2T-1D (72)We Two 2T-1D (15)Park 2T-1D (89)Buffum 2T-1D (53)Rusch 2T-1D (90)Over Yonder 2T-4D (58)Birdsall 2T- 1S- 1D (96)Shadow Pines 2T-1D (100)**Five-Person Cottages** Haskell 3T- 1S- 2D (6)**Five-Person Cottages** Montvert 4T (11)Porter's Lodge 3T-1D (69)Shingle Blessedness 3T-1D (18)Point of View 2T-1S-1D (80)House of Tudor 2T-1S-1D (49)Ark 2T-1S-1D (84)Ishnana 3T-1D (51)Bell Tower 3T-1D (87)Peter Pan 2T-1S-1D (52)Ewing 3T-1D (94)**Six-Person Cottages** Maurer 3T (92)Maple Shade 4T-3D (3)Havenwood 3T-1D (101)Satis 4T-3D Wayonda 1DB-3T (110)(8)Ardenwood 5T (9)Six-Person Cottages Kilkare 4T-4D (20)Summit 3T- 2S- 2D (73)Hampton 4T-2D (55)Brown Betty 3T-1S-1D (75)Pine Ledge 4T- 2D (59)Ondawa 3T- 2S- 3D (77)Everest 4T-3S-1D (60)Sommers 3T-2S-1D (86)**Eight-Person Cottages** Port O'Pines 4T-1D (88)Easterleigh 4T- 1S- 1D (99)Cragsmere 6T-1S-1D (17)High Pines 4T- 1D Nirvana 5T-3S-2D (102)(19)Deep End 1DB-3T-2D Cliffside 5T-1S-2D (54)(111)**Eight-Person Cottages** Eldorado 6T-1S-1D (83)

Brae Cove 5T- 1S- 3D

(105)

#### **OTHER FACILITIES:**

Long House (78) in Deephaven, Greenwood Lodge (21), and Rockywold Office Rooms (22) in Rockywold offer single- and double-room accommodations.

#### Rockywold-Deephaven Camps, Inc.

18 Bacon Road, Holderness, NH 03245

Telephone: (603) 968-3313 | Fax: (603) 968-3438 | E-mail: RDC@RDCsquam.com | Website: www.RDCsquam.com

<sup>\*</sup> Numbers following cottage names indicate: Twin-bedded rooms "T" (2 twins); Single-bedded rooms "S" (1 twin); Double-bedded rooms "DB" (1 double bed); and daybeds in living rooms and/or porches "D."

Numbers in parentheses indicate map location numbers.

Occupancy should not exceed the total number of beds listed for each cottage without advance written arrangement with management.

### Reservation Request Form



Please "print clearly or type" and be sure to list the full names of all guests in your party, including children.

Name	Date			
Spouse's Name	Phone (cell)			
Address				
	E-mail	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Please OMIT my name and the names of my guests f	rom the weekly guest book available in the office	ce during our stay.		
How did you hear about us?				
Will this be your first stay at RDC? Yes No	Are you an RDC Shareholder? Yes	No		
List the person with the highest seniority in your group_				
Cottage or Lodge Preferences	Week or Date Preferences			
1st choice	1st choice			
2nd choice	2nd choice			
3rd choice	3rd choice			
4th choice	4th choice			
Adult Guests (First & Last Names)	Children (First & Last Names)	Child's Age		
Maximum number in party				
Weekly Boat Rentals: All rentals have limited availability rentals must be requested upon your arrival and will be pro-		•		
CANOE: Plastic, Aluminum; HYDROBI	KE:; SUNFISH: Sailboat			
KAYAK: Recreational, Touring, Double _	, Pedal, Sit-on-top			
<b>ROWBOAT:</b> w/ 9.9 hp Motor, w/ 4 hp Motor	_; ROWING CANOE: w/ 2 hp Motor;	SUP:		
Golf Cart Rental for guests with mobility issues, such a	as the elderly, physically handicapped or inju	red:		
Dining Hall: Sit with*	Sit near			
Maximum number of chairs at your table(s)	Highchair(s) Booster Seat(s) Booster Seat(s)	<u>.</u>		
Newspapers must be ordered at least "one week" prid	or to your arrival and are billed at their publis	hed rates.		
Boston Globe (SunSat.), N.Y. Times (SunSat.)	_, USA Today (MonSat.), Wall St. Journ	al (MonSat.)		
Extra Cot Crib Desired locat	ion/room	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Guest Storage (description)				
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#### RDC's Reservation Process:

We frequently receive multiple requests for the same accommodations in the same time periods, especially in July and August. Potential conflicts are resolved on the basis of priority and seniority (defined below).

In order to receive early consideration for an accommodation, we must receive a written request prior to February 15. Requests received after February 15 will be honored but only after filling all those received before the deadline. Typically, availability becomes quite limited as the summer approaches. We ask that all guests use the Reservation Request Form on the reverse side of this paper or submit a request online at RDCsquam.com/reservations.

When reservation bookings begin on February 15, the order in which reservations are placed is as follows:

- 1) All "priority" guests.
- 2) Guests with the most "seniority credit" to guests with the least seniority credit.

(Additional credit is given to guests staying for two or more consecutive weeks in the same accommodation.)

### **Priority:**

Guests who have reserved the same accommodation during the same time period for three consecutive years earn what is called a priority. A guest having priority on a particular accommodation will be given the first option to reserve that accommodation for the appropriate time period.

### **Seniority Credit:**

Guests receive one seniority credit for each year in which they were guests in camp for one week or longer after the age of 25. This credit applies whether or not the individual has paid an RDC bill. No credit is given for partial-week stays. An additional credit is granted to guests who stayed at RDC prior to age 25, current RDC shareholders receive one additional credit, and a further credit is granted to those guests who served as an employee for at least one full season. A maximum of one seniority credit per season is allowed for any individual.

- If the accommodation requested is available, an offer letter will be sent to you with a request for a 20% deposit. If we receive your deposit within 30 days from the date of the offer letter your reservation is confirmed.
- If the accommodation requested is not available, a staff member will attempt to contact you to discuss alternatives. Please make sure we can reach you in February and March by giving us current work and home/cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses and an alternative contact person should you be away!
- If the accommodation requested is not available, and no alternatives exist, you will be notified and put on a waiting list if you wish.
- On your form, please list the person with the highest seniority in your group.

### **Cancellation Policy:**

- If a cancellation is made prior to May 15, 50% of the deposit will be refunded.
- Reservations canceled after May 15 and prior to a month of expected arrival will lose the full 20% deposit.
- Reservations canceled within one month of expected arrival will be responsible for 50% of the total bill if the resulting vacancy is not filled.
- Reservations canceled within two weeks of expected arrival will be responsible for 100% of the total bill if the resulting vacancy is not filled.



We hope you are able to join us this summer. If you have any questions, please write or call us at:

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18 Bacon Road, Holderness, NH 03245

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### 2026 Retreats & Workshops at RDC

RDC partners with several organizations to host events each summer during our early and late seasons. The retreats and workshops listed below are open to the public. We hope you will join us for one or two!

#### MAY

May 28-31 Join Katie O'Connell and Dragonfly Yoga Barn for their 14th annual Relax & Renew Retreat at RDC! Energize and nourish your body and soul with four days and three nights of fun, yoga, kayaking, amazing food, friendship, lakeside lodging, loon calls, hooting owls, hiking, massage, tai chi, crackling fires, and so much more. Full details are posted at www.dragonflyyogabarn.com.

May 28-31 Writing with Woodside, where writers generate new words after walking and observing. Leader Christine Woodside is a lifelong RDCer, editor-in-chief of the U.S.'s oldest mountaineering journal,

Appalachia, and author of three books, including a memoir called *Going Over the Mountain*. Writers from all genres benefit. Optional manuscript review available. Learn more and sign up: chriswoodside.com/writing-workshops/. Sign up by March 1 for a 10-percent discount. Career-builder and student rates available.



#### JUNE



**June 3-7 Sacred Makers'** annual retreat for mixed media artists and fiber enthusiasts will take place with teachers from various creative disciplines. Kiala and Damon Givehand bring their loving energy to RDC as seasoned retreat leaders and creatives who strive to gather other MAKERS & MYSTICS for a life-affirming journey within. Over four days participants have the chance to gather and experience creative workshops designed to highlight and explore what is sacred about the act of creating. We hope you will come and create with other Sacred Makers from around the world. Please register at www.sacredmakers.com.

**June 11-14** Join **Squam Writes** for their annual RDC writing retreat on Squam Lake. This craft-focused weekend is geared toward experienced writers looking for writing time, connections, and support. Gain valuable insight from successful, seasoned industry professionals, problem-solve with peer critiques, and relax with meditations designed to increase your creative flow. Registration is now open! More information is available at squamwrites.com.

June 22-26 New this summer—teacher's workshop! Generate! Solutions for Curriculum, Climate, and Community at the Summer Institute hosted by RDC. Can we use student-led and accessible, hands-on learning to define what needs doing in the local community, and then empower students to investigate, design and do the work to realize the changes they envision? Come work and play with the Vermont/New Hampshire Energy Education Program on Squam Lake as we approach these questions together. You will plan a curriculum that cultivates hope and brings students meaningful learning opportunities to tackle relevant climate solutions for their community. Open to all educators, any grade, any subject. Full scholarships are available to VT and NH teachers. Register and learn more at https://veep.org/summerinstitute/.

#### **SEPTEMBER**

September 11-13 Peace of Mind Reiki will host its fifth Squam Reiki Retreat at RDC. The history and beauty of, not only Squam Lake and the White Mountains that border it, but of RDC itself, will foster layer upon layer of enriching experiences. Adding to the location and an all-inclusive retreat will be the gift of sharing community with other Reiki trained (or interested) individuals. All lineages—all levels welcome. Contact Leslie for more information and to register at lesliejose.com/squam-reiki-retreat/ or email Leslie at: peaceofmindreiki@gmail.com.

**September 12-16** The wildly popular **Squam Art Workshops** 2026 retreat has sold out during pre-registration, so if it is something you'd like to experience in 2027, be sure to sign up for the newsletter to be the first to know when classes are posted. Since 2008, people have traveled to this retreat from over 47 States and 22 Countries. What they have in common is a love of the natural world, a desire to feel good, curiosity, the intention to practice kindness and a passion for the beauty of handmade things. More details at: www.squamartworkshops.com.

If you know of other great conferences, workshops or events that would be a good fit for RDC, we'd like to help make it happen. Contact Becky at (603) 968-3313 or Becky@RDCsquam.com.



### 2026 Conference Lodging Rates



Photos left to right by Thea Coughlin, Squam Art Workshops, and Becky Kneeland

## May 28 - June 26 and September 5 - September 18 OVERNIGHT & MEAL ACCOMMODATION RATES

(per person per night)

For group sizes of:

25 to 99 overnight stays per night \$212.00 100 to 199 overnight stays per night \$193.00 200 or more overnight stays per night \$176.00

#### RATE INFORMATION

- To qualify for conference rates, your group must have a minimum of 25 overnight stays per night.
- The conference leader will be responsible for payment to RDC of all overnight accommodations and other associated fees.
- · Overnight accommodation rates listed are per person, per night, and include three meals per day.
- The rate for children ages 3-9 is 50% off the above rates. No charge for children under 3 years of age.
- All rates are subject to 8.5% NH Rooms and Meals tax.
- Rental of camp boat and driver (24-passenger boat) is \$300 per hour.
- Daily rentals of canoes, kayaks, rowboats, sailboats, bicycles, golf carts, and HydroBikes may be requested upon your arrival and will be provided if available.

#### **FACILITY INFORMATION** - RDC has multiple meeting/function facilities:

**The Rockywold and Deephaven Dining Halls** can be used for a wide variety of activities and events. Both the Rockywold and Deephaven Dining Halls can comfortably seat 250 people.

The Playhouse is a pavilion with a raised stage, suitable for entertainment, exhibits, and dances.

The Ball Field & Pavilion are available for outdoor gatherings, including field games, special picnics, and barbecues.

**The Long House** is a lodge situated on the Deephaven point providing spectacular views of the Squam Mountain Range and Red Hill. It has a common area that can accommodate up to 100 people theater seating, 75 people for receptions, and 60 people for banquets.

**Greenwood Lodge** is located on the Rockywold side of Camp and provides views of the lake and its islands. The common area can accommodate 45 people theater seating and 60 people for receptions (using porches).

**Deephaven Conference Room** is adjacent to the Deephaven Office. The room can accommodate 25 people in a classroom or 40 people in theater seating.

RDC's larger cottages can also be used as small meeting facilities.

**Kellogg (Rec Hall)** is connected to the Playhouse and located in the center of Camp. The room is equipped with a large TV, AC/heat and can accommodate up to 25 people.

**The Commons** is located in the center of Camp and in close proximity to the Playhouse. Within The Commons is a meeting room that opens to a large screened-in porch. It is equipped with a 75" screen TV, sound system, AC/heat and can accommodate 30-50 people.



Squam Lake - Holderness, NH

#### May - September

Rockywold Deephaven Camps

- Food ServiceHousekeeping
- Front Desk
- Boathouse

- Store Clerks
- Recreation
- Groundskeeping

\*Full-time, part-time and temporary positions available\*

For more information and to apply online visit

www.RDCsquam.com



#### Theme Weeks

In addition to our traditional programs and activities, we will be offering the following theme weeks this summer:



Fourth of July: Kick off summer July 4 to July 11 and celebrate Independence Day at RDC. We will be holding our annual Fourth of July festivities on July 6. Start the day with our annual triathlon. Bring your red, white and blue props, make a tie-dye shirt with the Rec. Staff, grab some balloons and get ready to march in our parade. The parade ends on the field where an old-fashioned picnic and games begin!

**Wellness Week:** July 11 to 18, offering an abundance of yoga, healthy snacks, and other wellness-related activities.

**Tennis Week:** There are eight clay (Har-Tru) tennis courts at RDC for guest use. Tennis is a favorite past time at Camp and in mid-July, a competitive week-long tournament is held. Join us for Tennis Week July 18 to 25.



**Dog Week:** RDC welcomes your four-legged family members at Camp during the last week of the season. We hope you and your dogs will join us in 2026 from September 12 to 18. Some restrictions apply.

Please call the Camp office for more details on any of our special offerings.





RDC is on Facebook and Instagram!

If you would like to see what's happening at RDC, check us out on Facebook or Instagram!





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