



THE FRIENDS OF BRUCE DISTRICT PARKS ASSOCIATION

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HOST PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Thank you for your interest in the Flowerpot Island Host Program! Hosts are representatives of Parks Canada and The Friends and are on a **working vacation not a cottage rental**. Hosts take care of the day-to-day duties which include greeting visitors, managing the store, answering question and giving general information. Jobs to be done daily consist of cleaning the museum, store, composting toilet, lawns and gardens. Each evening after closing the store, the shelves need to be restocked and the inventory balanced with the sales.

During your stay, the lightkeeper's museum and store should be open and ready for visitors from 10:30am to 4:30 pm daily. At least 2 hosts must be available on site during these hours and the expectation is that hosts will be visible, available, welcoming and cheerful!

Hosts stay in a three-bedroom bungalow (built in 1959). There are three bed rooms, two with double beds and one with two single beds. The kitchen has a solar refrigerator, dishes and cutlery. There is an outdoor cookhouse with a propane stove, a solar oven and a propane BBQ. (Propane provided). Basics such as toilet paper, garbage bags, dish soap and cleaning products are supplied. Sleeping bags (for extra covers) and pillows are also provided. Hosts must bring food, sheets, pillowcases, towels and tea towels. Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash, please bring covers for the sofas to control pet hair.

The bungalow is maintained and cleaned throughout the summer ONLY by you, the hosts. Departing hosts please leave the home as clean, or cleaner, than you found it.

Hosts are responsible for their OWN boat fares and take a boat from Tobermory to Flowerpot Island (approx. 15 minutes). Luggage and supplies must be carried from where the tour boat docks (this is weather dependant) to the Light Station. From Beachy Cove it is a 25-minute walk and from the Marl Bed Trail it is approximately a 45-minute walk. The trail can be rough in some places with several up-hill sections and all supplies and luggage must be hand carried in and out by you so limit what you bring! On the day your stay begins it is imperative that you arrive aboard the first boat from Tobermory. On the day of your departure, to enable an easy changeover of hosts, plan on not leaving before the third boat.

If you have not visited Flowerpot Island, we suggest that you do so before applying to the Host Program.

Check list before applying to be a volunteer host

- *Are you & all your group members of The Friends of Bruce District Parks Association?*
- *Can your group carry all items & food needed for a 3 day stay from the dock to the Light station?*
- *Is your group prepared to cook outside in the Cookhouse?*
- *Can you live without electricity using solar charged lights or flash lights?*
- *Can your group manage with no cell phone or internet? (cell phone coverage at Beachy Cove dock)*
- *Are you prepared for the possibility of cold days and nights with no heat in the houses?*
- *Are you flexible should the weather cause the tour boats not to run either delaying or prolonging your stay on the island?*
- *Can your group welcome a large number of visitors throughout the day (can be hundreds at busy times), manage the gift shop from 10:30 to 4:30, and answer many questions all with a smile on your face?*

PROGRAM BASICS

- MAXIMUM eight people
- For safety concerns children under the age of six may not stay overnight at the Light Station.
- Each family and/or single person must already be a member of The Friends of the Bruce District Parks Association (\$15.00 per family and \$10.00 per single).
- A three-night stay for up to 4 people costs \$150.00, the total including HST is \$169.50. There is a \$30.00 charge for each extra person, total including HST is \$34.50

HOST APPLICATION

Person in charge of the entire Host Group: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ Postal Code _____

Tel: _____ email _____ Are you over 25 years of age? _____

Names and ages (if under 21) of other host group members who reside at this address:

2nd Family/Couple/ Single Person:

Street: _____ City: _____ Postal Code _____

Tel: _____ email _____ Are you over 25 years of age? _____

Names and ages (if under 21) of other host group members who reside at this address:

3rd Family/Couple/ Single Person:

Street: _____ City: _____ Postal Code _____

Tel: _____ email _____ Are you over 25 years of age? _____

Names and ages (if under 21) of other host group members who reside at this address:

ONLY THOSE PEOPLE LISTED ON THE APPLICATION MAY STAY OVERNIGHT ON THE SITE.
(These people will be provided with identification cards.)

Have you been to the light station before and/ or been a host? If yes, please describe your experience.

What languages do you or other members of your group speak? _____

Tell us why you believe your group is a good fit for this program and what you hope to get out of it:

At busy times would you be open to being matched with another hosting couple or small group? __

Indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd nights you would like to be Hosts at the light station:

June 5-7 _____ June 8-10 _____ June 11-13 _____ June 14-16 _____ June 17-19 _____

June 20-22 _____ June 23-25 _____ June 26-28 _____ June 29-July 2 _____ July 3-5 _____

July 6-8 _____ July 9-11 _____ July 12-14 _____ July 15-17 _____ July 18-20 _____

July 21-23 _____ July 24-26 _____ July 27-29 _____ July 30-Aug 2 _____ Aug 3-6 _____

Aug 7-9 _____ Aug 10-12 _____ Aug 13-15 _____ Aug 16-18 _____ Aug 19-21 _____

Aug 22-24 _____ Aug 25-27 _____ Aug 28-30 _____ Aug 31-Sept 3 _____ Sept 4-6 _____

Sept 7-9 _____ Sept 10-13 _____ Sept 14-16 _____ Sept 17-19 _____

Sept 20-23 _____ preparing food for Flowerpot 5KFUN RUN Friend's Breakfast!

Oct 6-8 _____ close the site for winter, many hands needed! Weather dependant.

Applications due by **February 23rd, 2018**. Email applications to infoatcastlebluff@gmail.com

Successful applicants will be contacted by email **March 18th**. *Fees due upon acceptance as Hosts.*

Signature _____ Date: _____