

Beard + Braid's House Manual & Guidebook

Welcome to Little Stuga, we're happy we get to share this special place with you.

Stuga is Swedish for cottage and refers to the many summer cabins that dot Sweden's coastlines, forests and islands and serve as a holiday escape, often hosting their families for celebrations throughout the year.

The word stuga also conjures up lots of evocative feelings for Swedes. These are typically places of peace, comfort, and mysig-ness or coziness, much closer to nature than the city.

We hope our Stuga provides the comfort and peacefulness you seek on Orcas Island and in our small hamlet of Olga.

Contact & Emergency Info

Hosts Erin & Kassidy and their lovely co-hosts are always available via the Airbnb/VRBO App. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or comments, we want to make sure your stay is enjoyable as possible. If it is urgent, please contact Erin at 425-260-0252, but communicating through the app is preferred and you will get an immediate response

Emergency - 911

Orcas Island Fire Department - (360) 376-2331

San Juan County Sheriff - (360) 378-4151

Erin and Kassidy - (425) 559-4996

House Rules

We know you will have an amazing time staying at Little Stuga please follow these rules during your stay.

- No smoking
- No parties
- No local guests without prior approval
- Quiet hours after 10pm

Wifi, TV, and DVD Player

Wifi: 11 Ohlert

Wifi password: 11Ohlert

The TV has access to streaming services like Netflix and Prime Video, just click the home button on the remote to bring up your options. Please sign into the Beard and Braid profile on Netflix. If you want to purchase a movie on Prime Video, let us know and we can give you the code and will charge you at the end of your stay. The TV can be pulled off the wall and rotated.

DVD Player

To play DVDs, press power in the player, then eject to load a DVD. The TV should automatically switch to the correct HDMI input, but you can use the FireTV menu to switch. The TV remote can be used to control the DVD player.

We do not have Cable/Satellite TV, but you can login to Hulu or other streaming services if you have an account.

Early Check-In & Late Check Out

Due to the time needed to adequately clean the property, we are not able to offer early check-in or late check-out. If Please book an extra night if you would like to guarantee an early check- in or a late check- out.

Coffee at Little Stuga

We provide whole bean coffee from local roasters and have multiple ways to enjoy your morning coffee using a traditional 12 cup coffee machine or the ChemEx pour over. Use the grinder to grind your beans and the correct filter depending on whether you are using the ChemEx or coffee machine. There is an electric water boiler that you can use for the ChemEx pour over.

Heating

Please use the baseboard heater by rotating the knob located on the right side of the heater. Turn it clockwise to turn up the heat, counter clockwise to turn it down, a 2 o'clock position seems to work best. There is a space heater upstairs that can be used as well.

You can purchase firewood for the wood fireplace at the island market or Chevron gas station. We do not provide firewood.

Parking

You can park up to two cars on Ohlert Ln next to the trees across from the shed. Please do not park in front of the main house and please avoid blocking the road so others can access.

Laundry

There is a washer and dryer in the shed in front of Little Stuga which you can use. It is shared with the main house, so please only use the detergent marked for guests of Little Stuga.

Beach Access and Public Dock

There are two places to access the water to explore tidepools and enjoy the beach. The first is to the right of the public dock, there is a somewhat steep walkway down to the beach that is aided by a rope, please access at your own risk.

The second is by walking down Ohlert Ln towards The Hiatt House and walking down the marked path to Buck Bay, it's a 2 minute walk in total. This is best accessed at low tide so you can explore on the rocks and tide pools. At high tide there isn't much of a beach.

Garbage and Recycling

Please put bagged garbage in the green bins out behind the cottage, labeled with a "G", and recyclables in the brown and metal bins. Please keep lids secure to avoid critters getting into the garbage.

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A collection of our favorite local spots worth a visit. Hours vary throughout the year, so please verify before visiting.

Coffee

Brown Bear Baking

Known for their pastries, but they also serve excellent coffee, lattes, and espresso. There is typically a line all morning but worth the wait. This is a must visit while on Orcas.

Roots

Excellent coffee with a shorter line than Brown Bear, and open earlier. You can't go wrong here.

Teezers

Located in the Island Market grocery store, they serve great lattes and espresso and are open early every day.

Breakfast and Brunch

New Leaf Cafe

Best Brunch on the island, hands down.

Brown Bear Baking

The owners perfected their craft in San Francisco and serve some of the best pastries and baked goods we've ever had. Top choices are their Kougin Amagn, Croissants, and quiches.

Doe Bay Cafe

Brunch on the weekends located in an idyllic part of Orcas and only a 5 minute drive from Little Stuga.

Wild Island

A newer staple on the island, they serve normal brunch fare as well as smoothies, bowls, juices, and even pizza. Typically a line, but worth the wait.

Lunch and Dinner

Buck Bay Shellfish Farm

A seafood lover's dream and perfect on a sunny day looking straight out onto Buck Bay. The oysters are farmed straight from the bay in front of the property but they also serve clams, crab, other seafood dishes, and a wide range of beer and wine. This is a must visit and is walking distance from Little Stuga.

Doe Bay Cafe

The waterfront Doe Bay Café on the southeast shore of Orcas Island is dedicated to celebrating the unique seasonality, flavor and freshness of Orcas Island farms, foragers and fishermen with every plate that comes out of their kitchen.

Matia

As close to fine dining as you get on Orcas set in a casual atmosphere. We consider this to be the best meal on the island, and they have outdoor seating. The menu changes regularly, but most everything is made from scratch including their breads, butter, and sauces.

The Lower Tavern

A local favorite pub serving burgers, fish and chips, clam chowder, and other pub fare. Non pretentious with plenty of cold beer on tap.

Mijitas

Small, homey outpost offering Mexican cuisine such as tacos & oysters plus an outdoor patio.

Beer and Wine

Island Hoppin Brewery

A true local's favorite crafting their own brews on-island with the popular Elwha Rock IPA, Madrona Red, and K-POD Kolsch. Complete with outdoor patio, board games, small plates of food, wine, and non-alcoholic beverage options.

The Lower Tavern

Plenty of cold beer on tap, tall boys, and other selections at reasonable prices in this Midwest style pub. Solid pub food as well.

Orcas Island Winery

Located on an idyllic part of the west side of the island, you can taste the amazing wines produced right here on Orcas in their modern farmhouse or outdoors in their wine garden.

Pizza

Hogstone

Woodfired pizza using local organic ingredients in an intimate space. If you like quality wood fired pizza, this is your place.

Portofino

Classic pizza joint for the family, no frills, just good pizza with dough made fresh daily.

Activities on Orcas Island

Olga Public Dock and Beach

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Moran State Park - Hike, Bike, and Paddle

A five minute drive from Little Stuga, explore all of the trails, lakes, and forest with activities for the whole family. You can rent kayaks and paddleboards to take on the lake, or take your mountain bike on the trails starting in September. The forest in Moran is truly wild and natural, with dense stands of fir and a carpet of moss on the forest floor. Freshwater lakes and waterfalls can be found throughout the park. Walk around Cascade Lake and cliff jump or jump off the bridge with the locals (or just watch!). A Discover Pass is required to park and can be purchased with a credit card at the parking lot. In summer, the shack serves ice cream and snacks all day.

Kayak and Paddle Boarding

You can paddle on Cascade Lake with rentals available at the shack, or for more of an adventure, book a kayak or paddle tour around the island. Crescent Beach offers self guided rentals, but for guided tours we recommend Orcas Island Kayaks, Shearwater Kayak Tours, or Outer Island Excursions.

Mt Constitution

Take a drive up to the tallest mountain in the San Juans. Views of Canada, Mt. Baker, Rainier, and the other islands will greet you at the top. Go on a sunny day or at sunrise to make the most of your visit. Discover Pass required and can be purchased at the top with a credit card.

Weekend Farmer's Market (Summer Only)

Perfect on a sunny summer weekend, the farmers market is known for amazing produce grown right here on Orcas as well as the food stalls where you can get pizza, oysters, burritos, and other local artisan food, art, and goods.

Turtle Back Mountain

Explore the west side of the island by hiking up to the top of Turtle Back and you'll be rewarded with views of the northern Sound into Canada. An easier hike than constitution and less traveled. Park at the East lot for the most direct route to the top, but less scenic. Park at the West lot for a longer, winding hike with views throughout the hike.

Whale Watching

You are almost guaranteed to see orca whales when booking an excursion, and you might even see some Grey whales too. We recommend going with a company that has a boat with a covered section as some of the outfitters use large rafts with no coverage from the weather. We recommend Orcas Eclipse Charters or Outer Island Excursions.

Common FAQ'S

The extra linens for the downstairs couch bed are found in the chaise lounge storage. There you will find sheets, pillows, and blankets.

Firewood can be purchased at the Chevron gas station or at the grocery store.

The fire extinguishers are located under the kitchen sinks and in the upstairs closet.

Check Out Instructions

As part of the checkout process, please:

- Start a load of dirty towels in the laundry.
- Wash all dirty dishes
- Remove perishable foods from the fridge.
- Dispose of garbage and recyclables in the bins behind the cottage. Garbage goes in green bins marked with a "G", recyclables go in the metal and brown bin. PLEASE MAKE SURE IT'S LATCHED.
- Lock front door behind you by pressing "Yale" on the keypad.

We hope you leave a 5 star review and if you want to share any pictures on Instagram, tag @beard.and.braid

Thank you for staying with us, we hope you travel safe!

- Erin (Braid) and Cassidy (Beard)



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