

Frequently Asked Questions

Devil's Elbow Fishing Resort

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Have a question not listed here? Give us a call — we're happy to help.

COTTAGE RENTAL FAQ

Accommodations

How many bedrooms do the cottages have?

All standard cottages are 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, and include a fully equipped full kitchen — everything you need for a comfortable stay.

How many bedrooms does the duplex cottage have?

The duplex cottage is ideal for larger groups, featuring 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and 2 full kitchens, giving each family or group their own space.

What size beds are in the cottages?

Most cottages have a queen bed in each bedroom. Some units offer a queen in one bedroom and a set of twin beds in the second — great for families with kids.

Do any of the cottages have a pull-out couch?

No, our cottages do not include pull-out sofa beds.

Are linens and dishes provided?

Yes! All linens and cookware are provided. We do suggest bringing your own beach towels if you plan to use the pool or head to the beach.

Is the kitchen fully equipped?

Yes. Each kitchen includes a full-size refrigerator, a 4-burner stove with oven, a 12-cup drip coffee maker, a dishwasher, a microwave, and a garbage disposal — everything you need to cook a full meal.

Does each cottage have a grill?

Yes! Every cottage comes with its own private gas grill, and gas bottles are provided. Perfect for a fresh catch off the dock after a day on the water.

Property & Amenities

Is the cottage property gated?

Yes. The property is gated between 5:00 PM and 7:00 AM each day. Registered guests receive a private gate code at check-in to ensure secure, convenient access throughout their stay.

Is parking included with our cottage stay?

Yes, parking for both vehicles and boats is included with your cottage reservation at no additional charge.

Do you have boat trailer parking?

Yes! We have ample on-site parking for trailers up to 50 feet in length. No need to worry about finding a place to park your rig.

Is dockage included with a cottage stay?

Yes. Cottage guests enjoy complimentary in-water floating dockage and boat ramp access for the duration of their stay.

Can we fish from the dock?

Absolutely! Cottage guests have 24-hour access to the dock for fishing. Drop a line any time of day or night — the Intracoastal Waterway is full of redfish, sea trout, and more.

Do you have beach access?

Yes! We have our own private beach walkover just across A1A, giving you easy access to miles of beautiful Atlantic coastline.

Is the pool heated?

Yes, our pool is heated and available for all cottage guests to enjoy.

Are there on-site laundry facilities?

Yes. Coin-operated washers and dryers are available in the clubhouse building adjacent to the pool. Laundry detergent is not provided, so be sure to pack some if needed.

Are pets allowed?

We love pets, but unfortunately they are not permitted in the cottages or anywhere on the cottage premises. We appreciate your understanding.

BOAT RENTAL FAQ

Eligibility & Requirements

Do I need to be a resort guest to rent a boat?

Not at all! Our boat rentals are open to everyone — resort guests and the general public alike. Whether you're staying with us or just visiting the St. Augustine area, you're welcome on the water.

What is the minimum age to rent a boat?

Renters must be at least 25 years of age. If you were born on or after January 1, 1988, Florida law also requires a valid NASBLA Boating Safety Education card. Renters born before January 1, 1988 are exempt from this requirement.

Can I use a NASBLA card from another state?

Yes! NASBLA boating education cards are fully reciprocal across all U.S. states, so your out-of-state card is accepted.

Do I need to show proof of my NASBLA card at check-in?

Yes. If you were born on or after January 1, 1988, you must present both a valid government-issued photo ID and proof of your completed NASBLA Boating Safety course at the time of rental. Renters who cannot provide this documentation will not be permitted to rent.

Where can I get a temporary boating education card?

You can complete your Florida boating safety course quickly online at boat.ed.com/floridarental. The temporary certificate is accepted for your rental.

Reservations & Scheduling

Do I need a reservation, or can I walk in?

We highly recommend making a reservation to secure your preferred date and time — especially during peak season. We do accept walk-ins based on availability, so give us a call at 904-471-0398 before heading over.

Do I have to stick to the posted rental schedule?

Not necessarily. If we have good availability, we're happy to work outside the standard schedule to accommodate your timeline. Just reach out in advance and we'll do our best to make it work.

What's Included With Your Rental

Do I pay for fuel?

Your rental includes a full tank of gas — no need to refuel at the end of your trip. If your outing requires additional fuel beyond the starting full tank, that cost is the renter's responsibility to cover during the trip.

Do you provide life jackets?

Yes! We provide U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets for adults, children, and infants. Safety on the water is our top priority.

What fishing equipment is included with the boat?

When heading out to fish, your rental includes a landing net, a small cooler of ice for your bait or catch, and flow troll buckets for keeping live bait healthy throughout the day.

Does the pontoon have shade?

Yes! All pontoon rentals include a Bimini top to keep you shaded and comfortable — a must for sunny Florida days on the water.

Does the skiff have shade?

The skiff does not include a Bimini top by default, but you can add one for just \$20. We highly recommend it for longer outings in the Florida sun.

On the Water

How far north can we take the rental boats?

Your northern boundary is the Bridge of Lions in downtown St. Augustine — a gorgeous historic landmark and a great destination to explore by boat.

How far south can we go?

Your southern boundary is the Hammock Dunes toll bridge in Palm Coast, giving you a generous stretch of the Intracoastal Waterway to explore.

Are there any restaurants we can reach by boat?

Yes — one of the best perks of renting with us! Captain's BBQ at Bing's Landing is approximately 7 miles south with dockage available. Heading about 10 miles north, you'll find Grouper Shack, Asado Life, and St. Augustine Fish Camp — all within our boundaries and all offering dockage. Our staff will point these out during your pre-departure orientation.

Can we beach the boat and go swimming?

Yes! You're welcome to pull up on the beaches just prior to Matanzas Inlet for a swim. It's a favorite stop for our guests — a beautiful stretch of coastline perfect for a midday break.

Can I bring a cooler on board?

Please do! We encourage you to bring food and non-alcoholic beverages so you can stay out longer and make the most of your time on the river.

Is alcohol allowed on the boat?

No. Alcohol and narcotics are not permitted aboard any of our rental vessels. This policy is required by our insurance provider and is strictly enforced for the safety of everyone on board.

Can I tow tubes, wakeboards, or water skis?

No. Towing of any kind is not permitted on our rental boats, including tubes, wakeboards, water skis, or any other towed recreational equipment.

Do your boats have GPS, a radio, or a trolling motor?

Our rental boats do not include onboard electronics such as GPS, marine radios, or trolling motors. We recommend bringing your own handheld GPS if needed. Personal Bluetooth speakers are welcome for music on the water!

Fishing Licenses & Bait

Can I fish from the rental boats?

Absolutely — we encourage it! Both our rental skiffs and pontoons are perfect for fishing. Whether you're targeting redfish in the flats or spotted sea trout along the docks, the Intracoastal Waterway around St. Augustine is world-class fishing.

Where do I purchase a Florida fishing license?

Fishing licenses are not included with your rental but can be purchased in advance online at license.gooutdoorsflorida.com. We recommend securing your license before your rental day to save time at the dock.

Do you sell bait?

Yes! Our on-site bait and tackle shop carries both live and dead bait options. Live bait availability changes daily based on supply and demand, so we recommend calling ahead at 904-471-0398 if you have specific needs.

What live baits do you carry?

Our live bait selection typically includes live shrimp, live mud minnows, and live fiddler crabs. Please note that live bait availability varies daily — call ahead to check current stock.

Can I rent fishing equipment?

Yes! Rod and reel combos are available to rent when booked alongside a boat rental. A great option if you're traveling light or giving fishing a try for the first time.

Before You Go

Will someone walk me through the area before I head out?

Yes — every rental includes a pre-departure orientation with one of our staff members. We'll walk you through a map of the Intracoastal Waterway covering the best fishing spots, designated swimming areas, waterfront restaurants, and your approved operating boundaries. We want you confident and excited before you leave the dock!

Still have questions? We'd love to hear from you!

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