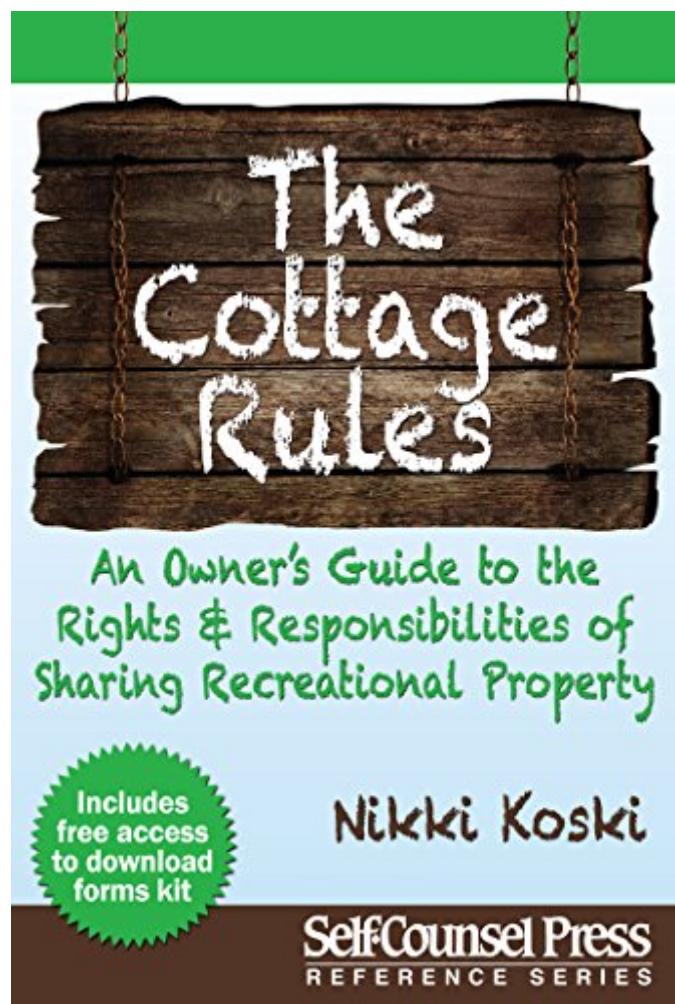


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# Cottage Rules: Owner's Guide To Sharing Recreational Property (Reference Series)



## **Synopsis**

The Cottage Rules sets out no-nonsense, easy-to-use guidelines for cottage owners who share ownership with others. It deals with everything from succession to laundry. The rules work to prevent conflicts, so that your relationship with your partners can be either as close or as distant as you desire. This book shows cottage owners how to manage their cottage like a business, which in turn prevents disputes and frees their time and energy so they can use it to enjoy the cottage. With four cornerstones to the system (meetings, bookings, banking, and work weekends), the rules are easy to implement, flexible, and reliable. The Cottage Rules can help owners attain their dream of peaceful cottage ownership.

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## **Customer Reviews**

There are some good ideas here, and it shouldn't be hard to get your money's worth from the book. The CD provides electronic / printable copies of forms, which may be handy. But it's not likely to really provide a complete set of answers for you. It's a very brief book, and presents just the approach the author's family uses at their cottage, without any discussion of alternatives or much

explanation of why they use that approach. So it's not likely to provide a complete solution to how to manage your cottage. For example, their system for reserving time provides that the "partners" (the four siblings, in this case) can bump the adult children of the next generation up to 14 days before a booking. That could be a disaster in lots of families, causing a lot of resentment. There are other approaches. But there's no discussion of potential issues or alternatives. Similarly, the lists and forms likely aren't quite going to fit your needs or situation, though they would likely be a good starting point if you want to customize something. The style is quite personal - take advantage of the "Look inside this book" feature by clicking on the image of the book, have a look to see if the book seems likely to be something you would enjoy using. You may want to consider *Saving the Family Cottage: A Guide to Succession Planning for Your Cottage, Cabin, Camp or Vacation Home* instead of, or in addition to, this book. So there are some good ideas, and it will get you thinking. Just don't expect a complete solution, since one size definitely does not fit all for this sort of thing!

WOW! This book is a family saver! Our family ownership of a cottage is similar to one of the situations described in the book. We were having trouble making decisions, getting agreement, coordinating, getting work done, scheduling etc. This book is beginning to change everything and make owning a cottage with our family enjoyable again. Now we will be able to refer back to the neutral 'rules' to which we all have agreed, rather than getting upset when we don't get our own way!! Plus, the book has given us ideas on things to do and introduces new ways of doing things. Thank you so much Nikki Koski, for writing and publishing this book!!

I had high hopes for this and admit it has a few nice points related to sharing a family cottage/cabin. I was definitely looking for a more in-depth resource for what I find to be a fairly complex topic.

We have a family cottage and are having challenges with costs and usage. This book provides solutions that can be easily modified to your families circumstances. Easy read but very good info.

after having problems and hurt feelings on our newly acquired gift, this book provided easy solutions to small and large problems, these confrontations were causing family divisions. This book is worth reading and using the basic ideas to adapt the rules for your own situations

The book was ok but only described one family's process and rules for managing a co-owned house. I was looking for many examples of different approaches that various families had tried and

what were advantages and disadvantages of each.

We found this book very useful in helping us set up guidelines for use of our family owned lake house. The printed forms section is an added bonus.

This book provides the reader not only solid practical advise, but forms and solutions to work within the family to help maintain peace between everyone

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