



CORPORATE RETREATS 2024



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OUR STORY



Welcome to Fossil Farms Oceanside Retreat, your next corporate retreat destination. A historic 200-year-old farm turned tranquil resort on Nova Scotia's Northumberland Strait, only 17 minutes from New Glasgow. Immerse yourself in nature's beauty, explore fossil-dotted grounds, and enjoy outdoor activities like kayaking and hiking. Our self-sustainable retreat offers a unique blend of history and eco-friendly hospitality for an unforgettable getaway.

As you arrive at our farm, the first thing that greets you our expansive array of solar panels. We believe in harnessing the power of renewable energy. At Fossil Farms, we are passionate advocates for a sustainable future. By utilizing solar energy, we proudly operate as a ZERO carbon getaway, offering a guilt-free haven for those seeking to minimize their carbon footprint.

Here at Fossil Farms we are advocates for more affordable housing which is evident in our accommodations. Originally conceived as a testing ground for innovative approaches to affordable living, these cottages have evolved into much more than mere experiments. From compact designs maximizing space to sustainable materials minimizing environmental impact, these dwellings showcase the possibilities of modern living.

At Fossil Farms we are committed to providing a positive and engaging experience for all participants. Our team is dedicated to creating an event that is inclusive and respectful of all different backgrounds, cultures, and ideas. We want to ensure that everyone feels welcomed and has a voice in the conversation. We look forward to creating a space that is safe and welcoming as we explore the topics and activities that will make this event unique, memorable, and impactful.



EVENTS BARN

Transformed from a humble utility space into an elegant post and beam meeting space.

Our Event Barn is perfect for all event planning needs. An ideal location for retreats, conferences, meetings, weddings or any other special occasion.

Venue fees include A/V (WIFI access, screen and LCD projector, whiteboards and stationery if required). Setup configuration upstairs is boardroom style, main floor set up has flexibility.

Venue fee \$700/day + tax

Room Maximum Capacity

Upstairs Boardroom Up to 20

Main Floor Up to 60 guests



ACCOMMODATIONS

Bachelor Units - Studio style suite either with one queen bed or one twin bed. Open concept fully equipped kitchen & living space, smart TV, three piece bath, private veranda with sitting chairs \$144-\$198 seasonally.

One Bedroom Cottages:

One Bedroom "Green" Cottage - detached one bedroom with queen bed, three piece bath, open concept fully equipped kitchen and living area with pullout sofa bed, smart TV, private veranda with sitting chairs \$185-\$261 seasonally.

One Bedroom "Red" Cottage- semi detached one bedroom with double bed, three piece washroom, open concept fully equipped kitchen and living area, smart TV, private veranda with sitting chairs \$170-\$234 seasonally.

One Bedroom "Blue" Cottage - semi detached one bedroom with double bed, three piece washroom with barrier free shower, open concept fully equipped kitchen and living area, smart TV, private veranda with sitting chairs \$170-\$234 seasonally.

Two Bedroom Cottages

Two Bedroom "Yellow" Cottage - detached two bedroom cottage, one double bed in each bedroom, open concept fully equipped kitchen and living space, smart TV, three piece bath, private veranda with sitting chairs. \$207-\$288 seasonally.

Two Bedroom "Purple" Cottage - detached two bedroom cottage, one with a king bed and one with a double bed. Open concept fully equipped kitchen and living area, smart TV, four piece bath and washer & dryer. Private covered veranda with sitting chairs \$227-\$315 seasonally.

Two Bedroom "Beige" Cottage - our largest detached two bedroom cottage, one bedroom with king bed and one bedroom with double bed. Open concept fully equipped kitchen and living area, smart TV, four piece bath and washer & dryer. Private covered veranda with sitting chairs \$234-\$324 seasonally.

Check in: 3pm / Checkout: 11am

Two night minimum for units, for a one night stay please add a \$50 per unit cleaning fee

Taxes not included in pricing





DINING

Elevate your corporate retreat with culinary excellence. Let us impress your team with our chef-curated catering package, where most dishes are carefully prepared in our wood-fired kitchen. Meals are served buffet or family-style, featuring locally sourced ingredients or those grown on-site for optimal freshness. While we can't offer specific selections beforehand, rest assured we accommodate dietary restrictions with advance notice. Sample menus are provided on the next page.

Pricing:

BREAKFAST

\$150 (serves approx. 6 people)

\$250 (serves approx. 12 people)

\$345 (serves approx. 18 people)

LUNCH

\$225 (serves approx. 6 people)

\$330 (serves approx. 12 people)

\$430 (serves approx. 18 people)

SNACK

\$45 (serves approx. 6 people)

\$67 (serves approx. 12 people)

\$85 (serves approx. 18 people)

DINNER

\$375 (serves approx. 6 people)

\$580 (serves approx. 12 people)

\$775 (serves approx. 18 people)

**All food and beverages are subject to a 18% gratuity and 15% tax.*



DINING

Here are seasonal sample menus to give you an idea of what we offer, please note each meal is individually crafted, and the menus below provide only a glimpse of our offerings.

Winter Sample Menu

Breakfast- *butter croissants & danish pastries stuffed with knoydart cheeses, rolled oat granola with dried fruits & maple, knoydart farms milk yogurt, whey biscuits, blueberry jam, warmed honey & preserved fruits*

Lunch- *kale & broadbean soup with cheddar, torn & roasted sourdough with garlic, grilled apple & radicchio salad, rye crackers, preserved vegetables, air-dried mangalitsa ham, fresh made squares.*

Snack- *oat cookies*

Dinner- *sourdough bread with whipped pork fat, marinated & grilled hydroponic baby lettuces, heirloom carrots with honey, ash-roasted sweet potatoes, grilled berkshire pork loin, grilled cabbage basted with mustard & honey, dessert: apple pie & ice cream*

Summer Sample Menu

Breakfast- *blueberry muffins, wilted greens & goat cheese tart, rolled oat granola with dried fruits & nuts, knoydart farms milk yogurt, sourdough bread, blueberry jam, honey, fruits & berries*

Lunch- *tomato & red onion focaccia, new potatoes, green beans & egg tossed with basil pesto, chilled & sliced Highland beef rib roast served with arugula & mustard greens tossed with dill vinaigrette, horseradish, fresh cookies*

Snack- *melon, air-dried mangalitsa pancetta & mint*

Dinner- *lightly dressed young lettuces, tagliatelle with fire-roasted tomatoes & basil, charred corn & chanterelle mushroom, grilled chicken basted with garlic served with grilled sweet peppers. dessert: raspberry tart*

WOODS OF WISDOM

ON SITE ACTIVITIES

APIARY

Visit our bee farm and discover how we produce our own honey.

BICYCLES

Take a ride on our fat tire bicycles. Helmets available in adult and child sizes.

COMMUNIAL AREAS

We have areas for breakout groups or just to hang out including our barn, micro huts and beach hut.

FIREPITS

We have two fire pit areas to keep you warm after dinner. One on the barn patio and one at the hilltop studio. Firepit(s) will be lit at dusk.

GAMES & PUZZLES

An abundance of board games and card games to keep the self proclaimed 'gamer' busy.

HAMMOCKS:

Relax in one of our hammocks and enjoy all the beauty that surrounds you.

OCEANFRONT

We are located on the Northumberland Strait, warmest waters north of the Carolinas. Enjoy a swim when its warm or a cold plunge during chilly months.

OUTDOOR POOL

Enjoy our outdoor seasonal pool with an beautiful view of the harbour.

PRIVATE HARBOUR

With boardwalk & boathouse.

SAUNA

Relax after a long meeting in our cedar barrel wood sauna with view of the beautiful Northumberland Shore.

SKATING

Bring your skates and skate on our private pond.

SNOWSHOEING

We have an abundance of acreage for you to discover.

STARGAZING

Embark on a solar system adventure or just admire our clear Maritime sky with our telescopes, binoculars and zero gravity chairs.

VINEYARD

Walk through our vineyards where we grow Geisenheim grapes.

WALKING & HIKING TRAILS

Discover our "Woods of Wisdom" or just take a leisurely stroll on our property, either way we are sure you will find peace and relaxation.

WATERCRAFT

We have Kayaks available to venture around the islands that surround us.

Wellness Farm Animals-

Visit Our animal-coworkers who receive an abundance of love, comfort, and safety, and they also give us so much more in return

COMING SOON:

FOREST BATHING - Discover the healing power of trees as you walk thorough our Blue Mountain property. *additional charges may apply

FORAGING NOVA SCOTIA'S FORESTS - Navigate our Blue Mountain forests and learn the art of gathering, and harvesting wild edible plants, fruits, mushrooms, and other natural resources from their natural habitat, to satisfy nutritional needs or culinary interests. *additional charges may apply.

Please let us know if you would like us to arrange any group activities. Some of our popular ones are:

FARM TOUR - Embark on our farm tour and witness sustainable agriculture in action. See how we grow our food, meet our animals and bees, and learn about our solar farm. Discover our commitment to self-sustainability and minimizing our ecological footprint.

STARGAZING - Let us take you on a mesmerizing stargazing tour where you'll recline in zero gravity chairs under the night sky. We will unveil the wonders of the cosmos through a powerful telescope, revealing distant galaxies and celestial phenomena. Gather around a bonfire for warmth and as you share stories and marvel at the beauty above.

***Due to the seasonal nature of Nova Scotia, many on-site amenities are subject to seasonal availability and weather conditions.*

Contract Details

Menu

Meals and breaks offered in this package are subject to change based on seasonal availability and farm harvests. All ingredients are sourced locally to support nearby farmers and ensure freshness and quality. Vegan and gluten-free options are available upon request.

Orders must be submitted one month prior to arrival and all dietary restrictions must be presented at that time. Modifications to meals and breaks are not permitted beyond the two-week mark prior to arrival.

Bar

Fossil Farms Oceanside Retreat is fully licensed and equipped to provide beverage services. All alcoholic beverages served in our Events Barn, licensed by the Nova Scotia Liquor Licensing Board, must be provided by Fossil Farms Oceanside Retreat. The Nova Scotia Liquor Licensing Board regulations prohibit alcoholic beverages being brought in or taken out of any licensed area. The law permits services from 11 am until close. We can offer a variety of bar services for your retreat including Cash, Host/Open Bar, Tickets, and Limited Host/Open.

Cancellations

Upon receipt of the deposit, Fossil Farms Oceanside Retreat will reserve the date, accommodation and facilities requested. The deposit is non-refundable. Cancellation of the entire event is required 90 days prior to the arrival date to avoid further penalties.

Guest Rooms

Fossil Farms is delighted to extend a 10% corporate discount off the regular rate to groups. Additionally, we are happy to reserve a block of accommodations based on estimated room needs. Guests have the option to individually reserve and pay for these rooms by calling. However, if all rooms are to be billed to a master account, we request a rooming list. It is essential to inform Fossil Farms of any unnecessary rooms at least 30 days before arrival to avoid additional charges being added to the final invoice.

Noise

As there are neighbors close by, group participants are asked to respect the rights of these people by not creating any noise after quiet time has begun. Noise levels will be strictly monitored, and guests will be asked to leave the property if noise persists.

Payment Schedule

Deposit- to secure your event a \$200 non refundable is due. This will hold your date and accommodations.

Final payment of all charges is due at the end of the function upon departure

General Information

Located along the northeastern shore of Pictou County, we are an estimated traveling time by vehicle from the following:

Halifax International Airport1 hour & 20min
From Metro Halifax1 hour & 45mins
Truro.....50 minutes
Antigonish.....34 minutes
New Glasgow.....17 minutes

Take Exit #27 off the Trans-Canada Highway (104) At the roundabout take the 2nd exit onto NS-4. In 1.5 km turn left onto Shore Rd/ NS-245. You will find Fossil Farms on the left hand side after 3.8 km.

We provide ample free parking, laundry services, babysitting referral services, sight-seeing and tourist information, a variety of recreational facilities.

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