



## February, 16, 2019 - LODGING

### Accommodations for the Third Annual 2019 National Woodie Club and the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual “Woodies in the Cove” Car Show in Wells & Ogunquit, Maine.

Here’s an update on the motels available in the Wells and Ogunquit area that are holding blocks of rooms for us until May 1. **It’s crucial you make reservations as soon as you can** as this year’s show is during peak season for the area.

The summer season in Maine runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The peak of the summer season is from July 4 to the middle of August. It’s very difficult to find motel rooms in the area during this time unless you book way in advance, which we’re doing. This is usually the case along the coastline especially. If you can get a room, they’re usually not inexpensive. This is the reality of having an event in this area one hour from Boston, this time of year. Also keep in mind the motels will be looking for a two or three night minimum.

Being from this area and having a considerable number of contacts in the area, I was able to secure blocks of rooms in several key motels, close to the venue where we will have the National Meet and the “Woodies in the Cove” Event.

All of the motels that I’m proposing are walking distance to several restaurants and local attractions. If room rates are a problem for some of those attending, there are less expensive motel spaces available if you go inland.

For anyone towing a car to the event I have secured an area monitored regularly by local police to stow trailers and larger vehicles. We’ve done this in the past and have had no problems. Keep in mind that the venue where the event will be held is also attached to a campground. Anyone bringing a camper or trailer to the event will be able to park beside the venue if they make arrangements with the campground. The campground is called the **Wells Beach Resort Campground**. 207-646-7570

The **Meadowmere** has blocked 40 to 50 rooms and is the HOST HOTEL. Twenty five percent of the rooms are already reserved. The rates are from \$225 a night to \$240 a night. They normally are \$80.00 a night higher. Again, be sure you tell them you are with the NWC. The Meadowmere is located closer to most of the attractions and the beach in Ogunquit. The downside is that it’s not located as close to the venue as the other motels. The upside is that there are many more activities and shops close to the motel and all are walking distance away. It’s really in the center of everything and is very nice with a lot of amenities including indoor and outdoor pools.

The **Beachmere** motel is another alternative. It is located in a beautiful area at the end of the beach in Ogunquit and is on the river and looks down the beach from a bluff above the river. The rates here will be

at least \$250 a night. The Beachmere is also located in Ogunquit a couple of miles from the venue. 207-646-2021

**The Wells-Ogunquit Resort** is located half way between the Show Venue and Ogunquit where a lot of the activities will be taking place. It's about a mile from the Meadowmere, the Host Hotel. The rooms here are great and large. They are around \$200./night depending on the room and an additional \$25.00 will be taken off of the total bill, Please let them know you are with the NWC. This is a good location, not far from downtown Ogunquit and close to the show venue.

The **Lafayette Oceanfront Resort** is located on Wells Beach, 1 mile from the venue for the show. The Lafayette has agreed to give us the rooms we need, provided we book the reservations in advance. The rates here will be in the \$200.+ / night range. The rooms are located on or close to the beach.

The **Blue Horizon** motel is located walking distance to the venue for the show. The rates here are lower than the other motels and the Blue Horizon is only a block away from the venue. They have 20 rooms at the hotel and not all are available, booking in advance is very important. Rates will be from \$115.00 to \$133.00/night here. Let them know you're with the National Woodie Show. Be aware they only have parking for one car on front of your room at the Horizon. 207-646-3178

There are hundreds of motels in the area. I will make a service available for anyone who has a problem getting a room so that everyone can be accommodated, provided they don't wait until the last minute. Even then, I may be able to help, but prices will not be as attractive. The beauty of this area is that nothing is very far away. All of the activities and motels will be located within an 8 mile radius.

Again, I want to remind you that this is peak season in Maine. There will be a lot of tourists here and traffic, however, this is the best time of the year to be here. The weather is usually beautiful. It normally doesn't rain that much this time of year. Temperatures average 75 to 85 degrees with a wonderful sea breeze and a landscape that's incredible.

There are a number of activities available. I can arrange sailing, hiking, fishing, biking and a number of other options if anyone wants to do any of these things and needs my help. I will provide a phone number anyone can call for help or to pursue an activity. This is a great time of year in Maine and we have the infrastructure to put together a great show and meet for the National Club in conjunction with the "Woodies in the Cove" event.

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