

THE TRELLIS HOUSE

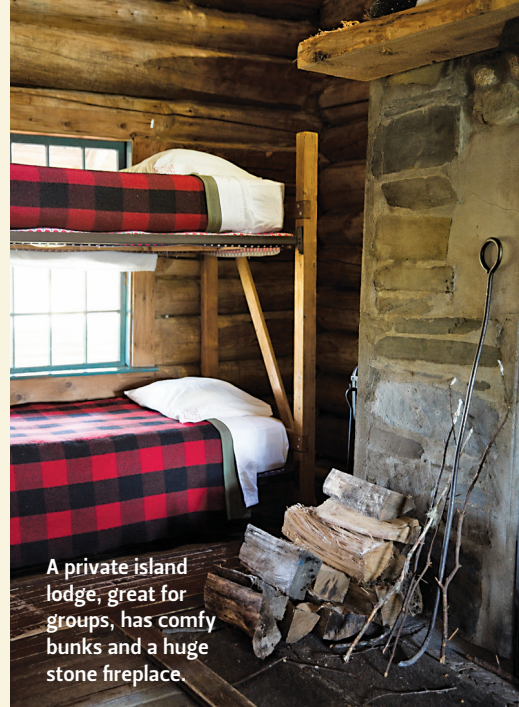
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Innkeepers Laurence Plotkin and Glen Porter have New England roots and impressive résumés that include, most recently, stints in high-level corporate recruiting for a Massachusetts tech firm. But when their vacation place in Ogunquit started feeling more like home, Plotkin says, the pair realized, “We wanted to live and work in this little town that we loved.” Buying an eight-room B&B off Marginal Way was phase one – the real work was a top-down renovation that turned a stuffy 1907 summer cottage into an airy and stylish seaside escape, full of bright colors, bold patterns, and fun accents like gleaming vintage ice buckets and a sun-bleached starfish mirror frame. Breakfasts, served on a wraparound porch, are decadent (lobster benedict, anyone?), and the flip-flop-friendly, come-as-you-are vibe is palpable – emanating, as it does, from the corporate-refugee hosts. “This work can be intense and demanding,” Porter says, “and yet there is no stress.” ▶\$249–\$329, June–September, with discounts in the shoulder season. Two-night minimum, with single-night gaps available. Closed November–April.

RED RIVER CAMPS

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Jen Brophy was living in metro DC in May 2009, when her dad called to tell her the main lodge at Red River Camps had been struck by lightning and burned to the ground. He thought he was explaining the demise of the historic sporting camp where she’d spent her childhood, but Jen surprised him. “When are we going to rebuild?” she asked. Brophy always figured she’d take over her parents’ rustic camp someday, maybe in her 40s, but by August, the then-29-year-old had left her job as a wetland engineer and returned to Aroostook County’s remote and woolly Deboullie township.



A private island lodge, great for groups, has comfy bunks and a huge stone fireplace.

Today, Red River has a handsome new lodge, overlooking one of Deboullie’s dozen-plus ponds (the lodge keeps canoes at most of them), along with a host of 21st-century infrastructure upgrades (solar power, LED lights in the cabins that look so much like lantern mantles, people keep burning them with

matches). But the wildflower-strewn camp still looks much as it once would have to Brophy’s longest-tenured guests – some of whom have been coming for nearly 60 years. “This place just gets into your blood,” she says. ▶\$80–\$145 per person. Meal plans available. Closed November–April.



Laurence Plotkin and Glen Porter’s renovated Trellis House does coastal modern with fearless panache.