

## Things to see and do ...

◆ **Take a leisurely stroll along main street.** River Run is just a few minutes away from the centre of the picturesque town of Ladner, with quaint shops on one side and miles of country roads on the other. Enjoy a snack or meal in one of the many superb restaurants.

◆ **Commune with nature.** The Ladner area is a farming and fishing community, and provides the Lower Mainland with fresh produce and seafood. Come pick some fresh berries, take a walk through a pumpkin patch, or just enjoy the beautiful flowers and greenery.

◆ **Visit the Reifle Bird Sanctuary** on nearby Westham Island. Acres of peaceful paths wind their way through the home of over 200 bird species, including rarely sighted west coast birds. Every fall, the fields turn white as 30,000 snow geese from Siberia join us here.

◆ **Borrow our bicycles.** Bike along the river dike past our quaint riverfront community, and along the river's edge to the ocean shore.

◆ **Borrow our 2-person kayak.** Explore the river just outside your cottage door! Enjoy a picnic on peaceful No Name Island nearby. Or just paddle along the fascinating floathome community along the river. Watch the antics of the eagles, seals, river beaver, otter, ducks, geese and swans that grace our river.

◆ **Golf, golf, golf!** Several courses suitable for all levels of play are located throughout the Greater Vancouver area, including nearby Tsawwassen and Richmond. Our climate makes golf possible almost all year round.

◆ **Shop till you drop!** Visit the shops and boutiques in Ladner and Tsawwassen, or go cosmopolitan in downtown Vancouver— just 30 minutes away.

## Things to keep in mind:

**Currency:** Canadian dollar.

**Climate:** Moderate northern coastal climate.

**Clothing:** We suggest casual, comfortable clothing suitable for the season—and strongly recommend flat rubber-soled



shoes to wear on the decks surrounding your retreat. (Tides reach up to 12 feet, so the ramps can become steep and slippery.)

## How to find us...

River Run Cottages are located on the Fraser River delta at the historic village of Ladner, British Columbia— just half an hour from downtown Vancouver, 20 minutes from Vancouver International Airport, and 10 minutes from the Nanaimo, Victoria and Gulf Island ferry terminal.



## Your Hosts:

**Will & Barb Watkins**



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## Escape to Paradise. . .



## River Run Cottages

*A lovers' retreat at the water's edge*

*Elegance, serenity ...*

*and breathtaking scenery*

"Located in the sleepy fishing and farming community of Ladner, River Run Cottages are the stuff of picture postcards. You're in your own private community, just you and a view of the river, shared with the ducks, swans, eagles and seals."

*(Vancouver, the Ultimate Guide)*

## The Romance at River Run



Swing open the front gate and be transported into paradise...

Along the boardwalk, flowers cascade from baskets. Swans and

geese glide gracefully by on the still waters.

Look out over the river and marvel at the magnificent mountain vista. Perhaps you'll spot a sailboat heading out to sea, or a fishingboat coming in to harbour.

Then open the door of your personal waterfront haven. As you step into your private cottage, you'll be greeted by soft music, freshly-baked treats, and a wood fire, ready for you to light.

Explore the delights of your retreat. Pour yourself a glass of sherry or a cup of freshly brewed English tea.

Now ... Sit back. Relax. Listen to the gentle rush of the water and feel your troubles melting away...

Come experience the romance,  
the tranquility, and  
the sheer joy  
of living on  
the water...



You'll be enchanted with the spectacular scenery, which includes the various wild waterfowl that glide along the riverside decks. With little coaxing, the ducks will lead you to the food provided for them at each cottage. If necessary, they'll even teach you how to open the pail!

## The Cottages at River Run

River Run offers four unique and elegantly appointed private retreats. Three cottages are nestled along the river bank, each with its own private waterfront garden deck. The fourth is a delightful floating cottage with a river-level deck.

All cottages are designed for two, except the Netloft, which can accommodate four.

In each cottage, you'll find a wood-burning fireplace, refrigerator, microwave oven, CD player and full bath. A newspaper and gourmet breakfast will be delivered to your cottage every morning before you set out on your day's adventures.

### The Keepers Quarters

A bright, cheerful single-level cottage perfect for lovers in paradise! The bedroom is warm, cozy and restful. The spacious bathroom is laden with linens and candles, and its two-person Jacuzzi tub is a decadent delight! The large deck extending over the water has a fabulous view of the coastal mountains, the Fraser River, and of course, the resident waterfowl.

### The Northwest Room

Cross over the bridge to this warm and elegant cottage with its stunning separate bath and bedroom. The water-fall bath features river rocks, glass and slate... and two drenching showerheads. (Wheelchair accessible.) In the bedroom there's an old-fashioned log four-poster bed. French doors lead to a private deck on the river, and there's a view of the glorious hanging flower baskets from every window.

### The Netloft

Once used by fishermen to dry their nets, the Netloft has been transformed into a charming two-level cottage perfect for a relaxing and romantic getaway! French doors open into an airy room of saltillo-tiled floors. A staircase spirals upstairs to a built-in queen sized captain's bed. On the deck, the two-person Japanese-style soaking tub is ideal for a bubble bath under the stars. This unit also has a sofabed for extra guests.

### The Waterlily

A delightful two-level floating cottage especially designed for two. This cottage features exquisite hand-crafted woodwork throughout, its own river-level deck, a cozy loft bed upstairs, and a delightful, old-fashioned claw-foot bathtub. Enjoy breathtaking panoramic water and mountain views from both levels, and the relaxing rhythm of the river day and night.

## The Innkeepers at River Run

### The Watkins family

Welcome! We're Barb and Will Watkins, our daughter Andrea, our son David, and our golden retriever, Tana. We invite you to River Run Cottages, to share our love for the outdoors and our relaxing river lifestyle.

### Our Staff

Paddy Erwin and Karen Bond, along with their supporting staff Cora, Aimee, Laura, and Pam, will help you create fond memories of your private paradise at River Run!



### The "Extras" at River Run

Every morning a scrumptious gourmet breakfast will be delivered to your door... freshly squeezed orange juice, seasonal locally-grown fruit, fresh home-baked treats, coffee or tea, and one of our trademark hot breakfast dishes such as Smoked Salmon Eggs Benedict, Caramel Apple French Toast, or our special River Run Eggs.

Enjoy the many other "extras" that make River Run retreats so heavenly...

- ♦ Private deck
- ♦ Wood-burning fireplace
- ♦ Full bath
- ♦ CD player
- ♦ Refrigerator, microwave oven, coffemaker
- ♦ Sherry and fresh-baked treats on arrival
- ♦ Terry robes for your convenience during your stay
- ♦ Newspaper & gourmet breakfast every morning
- ♦ Barbeques, bicycles, and kayak available for your use
- ♦ Spectacular scenery
- ♦ Waterfowl and wildlife
- ♦ Smoke-free environment (smoking outside is okay)
- ♦ No minimum stay
- ♦ 3-Diamond rated
- ♦ Near Vancouver Airport and ferries to Victoria, Nanaimo and Gulf Islands

River Run Cottages are rated 4 "kisses" in the book *Best Places to Kiss in the Northwest*! Also read about us in *Fodors, The Ultimate Guide (Vancouver)*, *Vancouver's Best Places*, **Northwest Best Places** and other guidebooks. You can find us online at <[www.virtualcities.com](http://www.virtualcities.com)>, <[www.cimarron.net](http://www.cimarron.net)> and <[www.riverruncottages.com](http://www.riverruncottages.com)>.