

Vallican Whole Caretaker QUICK FACT SHEET

The House:

Tenancy & employment start date is flexible, between August 1st and September 1st.

The Caretaker's Cabin is a 3-storey, 2 bedroom log cabin (with other creative spaces) on the 11-acre Vallican Whole property. The rental rate is \$1150/month*. This includes water, plow, & garbage removal. Internet cost is shared with the Hall, and averages \$50/month (Columbia Wireless). Other utilities are not included –wood heat (~4 cords per winter), phone, and power (between \$75-\$150/month).

*The Caretaker work-trade is an average of 24 hours/month, which subsidizes \$480 of rent—so the “cash” rental cost is \$670. Work is not evenly distributed across the year, with more hours in summer than winter.

Water comes from the same source as the Vallican Whole –a well on the land that is treated with a UV/salt system. There is a washing machine shared with the Hall, but no dryer.

There is ample parking, a nice private backyard area (not fenced), and access to the meadows and forests around the Vallican Whole. Currently there is no vegetable garden space at the Whole, though such a feature could be discussed in future.

There is a school bus stop nearby, however a vehicle is strongly recommended as it is about 3.5 km from the highway, and 1.5km from Slocan River Road.

Children, families and pets (within reason) are welcome. The Board of RARTS is the landlord. Suitable candidates will be able to make a long-term commitment to the job and tenancy.

The Job:

The Caretaker is responsible for general building care & maintenance of the Vallican Whole. This includes water treatment, small repairs, landscaping/grounds maintenance, snow removal, supply inventory, event prep/set-up, and post-event checks and cleaning.

The Caretaker acts as the eyes & ears of RARTS during events, and often they are often first to notice upcoming maintenance needs. They are on-call during events if renters need support with the building.

Summer weekends are busy at the Whole, which often means the Caretaker needs to be able to stay on-site for most weekends of the summer! Vacations are negotiable with suitable notice.

If the Caretaker chooses, they can earn some income through cleaning after events - some renters choose to hire a cleaner as opposed to performing all the clean-up duties themselves.

The Caretaker works closely with, and takes some direction from, the Whole Administrator, who does the coordination and administration of events & rentals. Both the Administrator and Caretaker report to, and liase with, the RARTS Board, and are expected to attend monthly Board meetings and provide reports.

Communication between Admin & Caretaker involves email, phone, and the use of google apps and rental requisition forms –as such, it is important that the Caretaker be comfortable with computer use.

This job is ideal for someone who has other sources of income and flexible work time, as the job requires the Caretaker to be on-site during events, and hours/income do not cover all living expenses. With the right fit, RARTS is open to partners/roommates sharing the Caretaker responsibilities.