

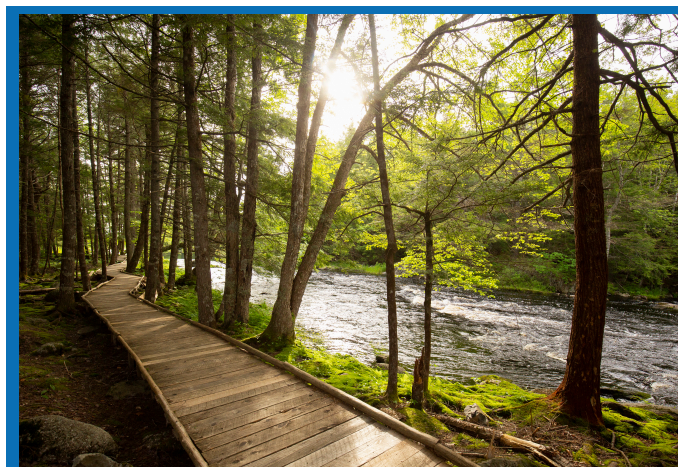
## Accessibility Spotlight:

### Mersey River Chalets & Nature Retreat

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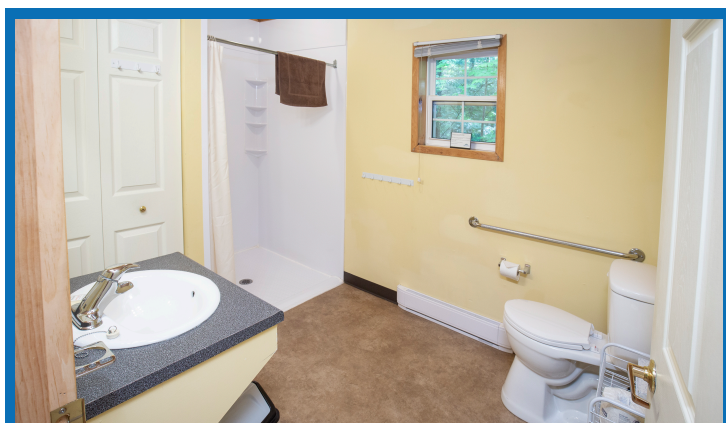


Accessible boardwalk by river  
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**Mersey River Chalets & Nature Retreat** is a small, four-season wilderness resort established in 1995 and is one of the finest disability and wheelchair travel destinations in Atlantic Canada. The developers, three of whom are paraplegic/quadruplegic, envisioned a place where common physical barriers are minimized, and everyone can experience the serenity and beauty of nature, regardless of physical ability.

The resort's design takes into consideration the built environment throughout the grounds, ensuring everyone can enjoy the various experiences and activities, such as accessible tennis and basketball courts open to all guests.

Guests can enjoy the natural beauty of the area on the resort's 1.5 km wooden boardwalk. The spacious boardwalk includes safety ridges, making it easy for those using wheelchairs, walkers, or white canes to explore nature.



Accessible bathroom © Mersey River Chalets

"It is our mission to create the most convenient, enjoyable vacation as possible. Our knowledgeable staff (one of whom is paraplegic) will be happy to assist you with your special requests."

— Mersey River Chalets

The ground-level chalets are spacious and fully equipped with ramps, lowered counters, and open space below the sink and stovetop, allowing room for wheelchairs. Washrooms are equipped with accessible sinks, raised toilets, and either a walk-in shower, shower chair or shower bench.

From the moment guests arrive, they will notice the barrier-free environment. The office is equipped with a ramp, a wider doorway, and a lower front desk to ensure ease of access.

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## Super 8 Amherst

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Accessible wheel-in washroom  
© Super 8 Amherst

**Super 8 in Amherst** is committed to being an accessible hotel and welcoming guests of all abilities. This commitment began when they received a call requesting accommodations for a conference hosting a speaker with physical disabilities. With no other accessible rooms in Amherst, Super 8 knew they had to fix the problem.

“It was a great opportunity for us to cooperate, we should have done it when we built the hotel, but we did not think of it at the time. We are conscious of building accessible units moving forward.”

— Stephen Maltby, Owner of Super 8 Amherst

Since then, Super 8 Amherst has made several changes to ensure the facilities are accessible for guests with mobility impairments. Changes include large bathrooms to accommodate mobility aids, easy access paper dispensers, and portable shower heads or rooms with wheel-in showers. Fire alarms, thermostats, and light switches have been lowered and a lower-sitting ironing board is provided.

Super 8 Amherst added kitchenettes making the rooms more accessible for extended stays.

The Super 8 Amherst had recognized the need for accessible accommodations and was inspired to continue their efforts in building accessible long-term stay units for seniors and people with disabilities.

They have built several accessible ground-floor apartment units (without steps) and are building another eight properties designed to accommodate people with physical disabilities. The owner takes great care to ensure all their units are safe with features such as grab/safety bars.

“Being accessible is a big deal. Our tenants give us lists of things we need to consider or implement. We recognize the need and have always been cooperative.”

— Stephen Maltby, Owner of Super 8 Amherst

Super 8 Amherst understands that accessibility is essential and is committed to considering accessibility in their facilities. The hotel takes pride in being a part of the community and working cooperatively with guests to meet their accessibility needs.

