



**WELCOME**



**BEAR CABIN**  
Crooked River

# MEET YOUR HOSTS

**W**elcome! We are absolutely thrilled that you booked with us. We know that you will have a wonderful stay and fabulous time at Bear Cabin! As avid travelers ourselves, we have stocked the place with all the essentials you will need for a comfortable stay.

Please take the time to review this welcome book. It is packed with information about the cabin as well as how to get around as you visit the area.

Feel free to check out the "Surrounding Areas" tab on our website at [www.bearcabinupnorth.com](http://www.bearcabinupnorth.com). This is where we are able to share more of our favorite spots!

Cheers!



**GREG  
+ KELLY**

*if you need to get in touch*



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# WIFI



network:  
**Bearcbinguest**  
password:  
**Bearcabin**

# EMERGENCY INFO



## LOCATION

8277 Marathon Way  
Alanson, MI 49706



## 9-1-1

The fastest way to get help if you need it.  
First Aid kit located in the main floor bathroom  
and fire extinguisher is under the kitchen sink.



## HOSPITAL

McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital  
416 Connable Ave  
Petoskey, MI 49770  
(800) 248-6777



## URGENT CARE

McLaren Northern Michigan Urgent Care  
1890 S Us Highway 131 Unit 4  
Petoskey, MI 49770  
(231) 487-2000

# WEEKLY NEED TO KNOW

## GARBAGE

VERY IMPORTANT! Garbage is picked up every Friday at 7am. Please roll garbage cans to the end of the driveway (near the Bear Cabin sign) by Thursday evening. Please make sure your garbage bags are tied up and placed inside of the green GFL garbage cans...we do have a lot of wildlife here that can cause a big mess if garbage is not properly secured. The garbage cans should be wheeled back to the house by the end of the day on Friday.

We thank you so much!

## LAWN

The lawn crew will be on property to cut the grass Wednesday unless there was a rain day and then they will be on site Thursday.

## SPRINKLERS

During the warmer months, our sprinklers are timed to turn on and off in the yard. Please do not switch or change the sprinkler settings.

## HOT TUB

You may see a hot tub maintenance person on site during your stay to ensure appropriate water and chemical levels in the hot tub.

## GENERATOR

The generator will run a self test on Saturday so you may hear it start up.

# PLEASE



## **NO PETS**

Pets are not allowed at Bear Cabin.

## **NO SMOKING**

There is no smoking or vaping allowed in or around the property.

## **BE CONSIDERATE**

Quiet hours in our neighborhood are from 10pm-8am. We love our neighbors and river community. It is very quiet and peaceful here. Sound will travel especially over the water.  
Thank you!

# AND THANK YOU!

## BALCONIES

Please do not hang wet towels, bathing suits, clothing, etc. from the balcony rails.

## NO PARTIES

We want you to have a good time, however large parties are not allowed. Refer to your signed contract for maximum number of visitors.

## NO SHOES

Please do not wear shoes inside of the cabin. Use the hose located near the side of the house to clean dirty feet. Leave snow boots in the garage on the landing or use the mudroom in the basement.



# LET'S GET STARTED...

## **PARKING**

All vehicles must stay within our designated area only! Please do not block our neighbors property nor park in their area. Our parking area can accommodate up to 5-6 cars or 2 cars and trailers (depending on size.) You may park in the garage.

## **KITCHEN**

The kitchen is well stocked to make meals here. Spices, baggies, dish soap, starter pack of dishwasher pods and paper towels are provided. Leave your coolers outside or in the garage, please.

## **BEDROOMS**

Linens, blankets and pillows are provided for you. We ask you to not place suitcases or shoes on top of the bedspreads and do not leave wet towels on the beds or floor. Please do not remove blankets or pillows from the bedrooms. No food or drinks in the bedrooms.

## **BATHROOMS**

Bath towels, starter rolls of toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner and body wash are provided for you. Please only flush toilet paper.

## **DOCK**

The dock is available for you to use. Please provide your own lines, bumpers and life jackets for your boat. Water and electric is not run to the dock.

## **SHED**

Cornhole, giant Connect 4, Spikeball, 4 kayaks, 2 SUPs and 6 lifejackets are located in the shed for your use. Please make sure lifejackets are dry before storing. Make sure all items are put away prior to your departure.

# APPLIANCES & SUPPLIES

## LAUNDRY

You have full access to 2 sets of washers and dryers and have a starter supply of laundry pods and dryer sheets. Please empty lint trays after use.

## COFFEE MAKER

There is a grinder, drip coffee maker and single pod Keurig available for use in the pantry garage.

## CLEANING

Under the sink you will find a starter supply of dish soap, dishwasher detergent, garbage bags and basic cleaning supplies.

## GENERATOR

In the event of a power outage, the cabin has a backup generator. If you lose power, please contact us immediately and run the electric at a minimum.

## BBQ GRILL

The gas grill is located on the lower deck. A fire extinguisher is under the kitchen sink. Grill tools are located in the bottom kitchen drawer next to the oven and a grill scraper is with the grill. There is a second propane tank in the garage. Please remove the cover before use and replace it when you are finished and the grill is cooled. **IMPORTANT:** please wheel the grill away from the house before turning it on and clean it with the scraper when you are finished. Thank you!

# MORE DETAILS...

## LAUNCHING + DOCKING

There are several boat launches that you can use. We prefer the Maple Bay State Forest Camp Ground launch on Burt Lake. To get back to the cabin from the launch by boat, head south about 1.3 miles, then head west for about 1 mile where you will see the green marker for the entrance of Crooked River. Dock is 40' long with enough space for two boats (depending on size.) Please bring your own lines and bumpers. Water depth on the right side of the dock is deep enough for a 33" draft or less, +/- river water levels. Water levels typically do not fluctuate more than a few inches in the summer months. The water is shallower on the left side with the water depth being roughly 12-18". The river bottom is extremely soft silt and it's not uncommon to kick up some mud when departing the dock. For reference: we park an inboard boat with a 31" draft without any issues.

## SMART TVs + REMOTES

YouTubeTV is complimentary.

Living room TV and master bedroom TV: Power on with the remote, use the down arrow on the bottom of the circle to highlight the apps section, scroll to the right to select "YouTubeTV." Press the middle of the circle to select- it may take a moment to load.

Plaid carpet bedroom TV: Power on with the remote, use the remote to highlight the "YouTubeTV" icon, once highlighted, select. This may take a moment to load.

You are welcome to log into your own accounts (Amazon, Netflix, etc.), HOWEVER, please do not log us out of our YouTubeTV account.

## HV/AC + THERMOSTAT

The thermostat is located on the main floor next to the bathroom door (it looks like a mirror) and the system is designed for only one zone. Be aware that it will be warmer on the second and third floor than it is on the first floor. We generally run the main floor a touch cooler in order to keep the upper floors at a more comfortable level.

Avoid excessive levels of cold and heat that could overrun the system.

Operating the thermostat: it should light up when you approach it, otherwise touch the right side to activate. Slide your finger up along the right side to turn up the temperature or down to lower it.



# HOT TUB RULES

## **RULE 1**

No horseplay in or around the hot tub. Do not sit or stand on the cover and replace when finished.

## **RULE 2**

No glass in the hot tub.

## **RULE 3**

Maximum 6 people.

Towels for the hot tub are located in the top of the cabinet in the laundry room.  
The caretaker may arrive to service the hot tub during your stay.



# FIRE PIT INFO

## **Wood**

Use local wood only. There is wood available for guest use near the edge of the property. Please do not use this wood inside the fireplace (it will make a smoky sticky mess).

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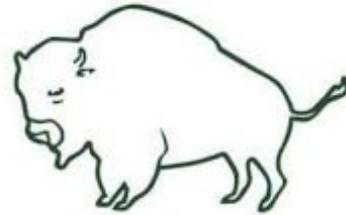
## **Roasting Sticks**

Roasting sticks are located in the bottom drawer next to the oven. Please clean before replacing.

## **Smokey the Bear is Watching**

Please contain your fire inside of the firepit. When you are ready to finish, please make sure the fire is almost out and contained.

# GROCERY



## KEN'S VILLAGE MARKET

6433 Barbara Ave

Indian River, MI 49749

14 minute drive

Small store with the basics.

Mon-Sat 8:00am-6:00pm

Sunday CLOSED

## OLESON'S

2000 US-31

Petoskey, MI 49770

15 minute drive

Average-sized store.

Mon-Sat 7:00am-9:00pm

Sunday 9am-6pm

## LOUIE'S FRESH MARKET

6977 M-68

Alanson, MI 49706

5 min drive (located in Shell Gas)

Small market with produce, deli,

basics and prepared food.

Open everyday 5:00am-9:00pm

## TOSKI SANDS MARKET & WINE SHOP

2294 M-119

Petoskey, MI 49770

20 minute drive

Specialty market and wines.

Mon-Sat 7:00am-7:00pm

Sunday 10am-6pm

# RESTAURANTS



## DAM SITE INN

6705 Woodland Rd, Pellston, MI 49769  
This place is legendary. If you talk to anyone local about the Dam Site Inn they just know! Family style dining, home cooking, quirky, the real deal.



## NOGGIN ROOM

118 Lewis St, Petoskey, MI 49770  
Located in the lower level of the Stafford's Perry Hotel, pub atmosphere, great service and awesome pizza!



## PIERSON'S GRILLE

130 State St, Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
This place is decorated in a ski motif, but great all year round. The menu is diverse and the food is really good!



## MICHAEL'S TAVERN AND STEAKHOUSE

4653 S Straits Hwy,  
Indian River, MI 49749  
Great steak house close to the cabin! A very "lodgey" feel. Solid meal here!



## BOB'S PLACE

7515 US-31, Alanson, MI 49706  
Local, fun, family restaurant where you can't go wrong. It's a short walk from the municipal docks in Alanson.

# ICE CREAM



## **Drost Chocolates**

3676 S Straits Hwy  
Indian River, MI 49749

Drost's has been an establishment in Indian River for decades. This is place has an old-fashioned setting selling hand-dipped ice cream and fudge. Everything is homemade and you can tell. It has been known to have a line out the door on hot summer nights!



## **Kilwin's**

1050 Bay View Rd  
Petoskey, MI 49770

Kilwin's has several locations! There are two in Petoskey and one in Harbor Springs. This particular location has chocolate tours, fudge, ice cream and more. Try the Mint Chip and Toasted Coconut flavor of ice cream!

# WINERIES + BREWERIES



## PETOSKEY BREWING

1844 Harbor-Petoskey Rd,  
Petoskey, MI 49770

This is a great place après ski or anytime of the year. Great beers, good people and awesome food.



## BEARDS BREWING

215 E Lake St, Petoskey, MI 49770

Located in downtown Petoskey overlooking the bay. Great atmosphere, beers and food.



## PETOSKEY FARMS VINYARD & WINERY

3720 Atkins Road  
Petoskey, MI 49770

Amazing panoramic views of the rolling hills just outside of Petoskey. Great tasting room!



## CROOKED VINE & VINYARD WINERY

8370 Lakeview Road

Alanson, Michigan 49706

Close to the cabin! Great wines, views of hills and lakes, tasting room.

# WINTER SPORTS GEAR

## GEAR STORAGE

Please enter through the garage with your gear. There is a ski/snowboard rack in the garage. Any gear repair should be done in the garage, not inside of the cabin.

## OUTERWEAR/BOOTS

We understand the need for dry gear! Please use the basement access door through the garage to dry and store your things in the basement. We provide boot/glove dryers and places to hang your gear to allow your things to dry more efficiently.

## SNOWMOBILE PARKING

Please park snowmobiles in the vehicle parking area and not in the yard. There are many plant beds that may not be visible as well as large rocks.



# SNOW FUN



## SKI RESORTS

The Highlands  
Boyne Mountain  
Nubs Nob

Each resort offers a different kind of experience. Enjoy downhill skiing and snowboarding as well as cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and tubing. Boyne Mountain has a very fun indoor waterpark!

## ICE FISH

Ice fishing is something that fishermen have done on these lakes for decades. Let us know if you need assistance in finding the right spots or equipment needed for your ice fishing trip!

## SNOWMOBILE

Rent or bring your own! You can pick up Trail #7 riding directly from the cabin. It is approximately 3-4 miles south. Use the QR code on the bulletin board for area maps.



## **BIG BEAR ADVENTURES**

4271 S Straits Highway  
Indian River, MI 49749

Raft trip, water tours, winter sports rentals, mini-golf & ropes courses, plus a general store.



## **THE HIGHLANDS**

600 Highland Road  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Zip line, mountain bike, scenic chair lift, horseback riding, and yoga are some of the activities offered here.



## **POND HILL FARM**

5699 S Lake Shore Drive  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

With a farm store, livestock barn, cafe, winery, and brewery, Pond Hill Farm has plenty to do for adults and kids alike! We love it here especially in the fall.



## **ALANSON PARK**

6330 Warren Road  
Alanson, MI 49706

An easy place to play with the kids! Fun and updated playground equipment. There is a store across the street with restrooms.

**WARM WEATHER FUN**

# BEACHES + LAKES



## **DEVOE BEACH**

6521 Oak Glen Street  
Indian River, MI 49749  
15 minute drive

Sandy beach with picnic area in nearby Indian River. Great park!

## **PETOSKEY STATE PARK**

2475 M-119  
Petoskey, MI 49770  
20 minute drive

Beach, hiking trails, kayaks for rent- lots to do!

## **BURT LAKE + CROOKED LAKE**

Use Crooked River to access both of these beautiful lakes. The inland waterway gives you opportunity to see so much! Portions of the river are no wake--pay attention to signs as you go. There is a lock you will pay to go through when entering Crooked Lake-- \$15 day pass.

# GOLF



## Bay Harbor

30 minute drive

5800 Coastal Ridge Drive  
Bay Harbor, MI 49770



## Hidden River

15 minute drive

7688 Maple River Road #9726  
Brutus, MI 49716



## The Highlands

20 minute drive

600 Highland Road  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740



## Harbor Point

25 minute drive

8475 S Lake Shore Drive  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

# EXPLORE MACKINAC ISLAND

## THE FERRY

Drive 30 minutes to Mackinac City to ride aboard the ferry that will take you to the island.

## GETTING AROUND

There are no cars allowed on the island. Walk, bike or ride a horse or horse-drawn carriage. You can even take a snowmobile there in the winter!

## THINGS TO DO THERE

Fudge! Sight-seeing, restaurants, shops, ice cream, brewery, rum tasting, bikes, horses, and it's open in the winter if you take the "ice bridge" over on a snowmobile!



# NEARBY TOWNS



## **PETOSKEY**

15-20 minute drive

Gaslight district is so cute! Scan the QR code on the kitchen bulletin board for more detailed information.

## **HARBOR SPRINGS**

15-20 minute drive

Smaller than Petoskey, but adorable just the same. Views of boats in the harbor, boutique shopping, ice cream and bars + restaurants.

## **ALANSON + INDIAN RIVER**

10 minute drive

The cabin is located in between both of these small towns. Not much for shopping, but the restaurants are good!

# DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

Check out 10:00 a.m.



Please remove all garbage and put in the large black and green GFL cans.

Please leave beds that were slept in unmade.

Please put dirty dishes in the dishwasher and start it.

Please place used towels on the floor of the bathrooms or laundry room.

Please return any exterior furniture to its original location if it was moved during your stay. Return kayaks, SUPS and yard games to the shed.

Please ensure all windows and doors leading to the deck are locked. Do not lock the door that goes to the garage from the house or the bottom lock on the exterior garage door.

Please complete a final check for all your personal belongings. Log out of your apps if you logged in on the TVs.

**We hope you had a wonderful stay!**  
**Book direct with us at [ww.BearCabinUpNorth.com](http://ww.BearCabinUpNorth.com)**

PLEASE LEAVE US A REVIEW

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We had the best time at Bear Cabin. Our hosts thought of every detail for our stay and we will be back again!



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