welcome

to The Castle at Summit Lake



2317 Summit Lake Shore Rd NW, Olympia WA 98502

The Castle
AT SUMMIT LAKE
Est. 2007

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Welcome to The Castle at Summit Lake! We're so glad you've chosen to stay with us, and we hope you're looking forward to a fun and memorable getaway. If there's anything you need during your stay—big or small—please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to help, and your comfort is our priority!

This Guest Guidebook is designed to make your stay as smooth and enjoyable as possible. Inside, you'll find helpful information, house guidelines and details we anticipate guests will need throughout their visit.

We also invite you to explore our blog and social media, where we regularly share local happenings, seasonal events and ideas for discovering the best of the surrounding area year-round — from hidden gems to popular attractions!

Most of all, we hope you settle in, unwind, and create lasting memories here at The Castle at Summit Lake. Enjoy your stay!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please reach out to us if you need anything!

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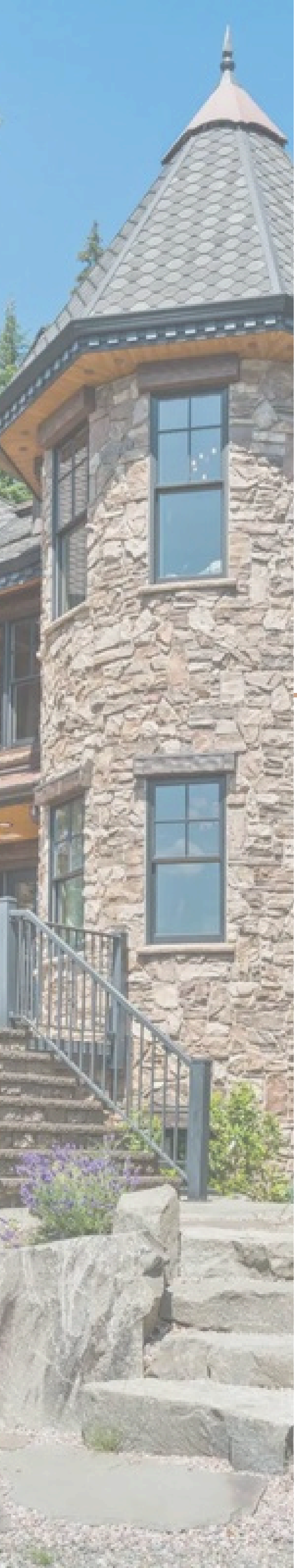
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CHECK-IN INFORMATION

CHECK-IN TIME: 4:00 PM

1. Check in is at 4pm (unless another time is agreed upon).
2. Please only park within the gravel driveway. A maximum of 10 cars are allowed on the property during any/all rentals. No parking on roadways or lawns.
3. Once you arrive at the property, walk the gravel pathway to the Right of the Castle down to the backyard/lakeside of the property. Both exterior doors on that side (one upstairs and one downstairs) have coded locks. Your personalized door code will work in both/either of those. Once you are inside the Castle, you can manually unlock the front door and use that entry as needed as well.
4. When you arrive, please inspect the home for cleanliness. If ANYTHING is not acceptable, do not hesitate to contact us ASAP.
5. On the entry way table is a 'House Manual' binder with some helpful notes and contact information.
6. Please be aware that the maximum speed up, down and around the property and lake is 25mph.

CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

CHECK-OUT TIME: 11:00 AM

1. Check-out is by 11am (unless another time is agreed upon).
2. Collect all dishes, place in the dishwasher & start the load of dishes (or wash by hand).
3. Collect all trash and recycling throughout the home and take it outside to the main trash cans.
4. No need to do anything with the bed or bath linens — our housekeeping team has a very specific process to handle all of that.
5. Return all water/lake toys and equipment to their proper storage areas.
6. Lock all windows and doors.
7. Turn all lights and lamps off.
8. Please exit out the front door and hit the 'lock' button behind you.
9. Put your comments in the guest book! We want to hear about your stay.

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LOCATION OVERVIEW

- **The Castle at Summit Lake is located in a serene and private lake community 15 minutes West of Olympia, Washington (the capital of Washington State).**

- **SeaTac Airport (SEA) is 70 miles away (1-2 hours, depending on traffic). Portland Airport (PDX) is 125 miles away (2-3 hours).**

- **The nearest “big city” is Olympia; it’s 15-20 minute drive. You can find EVERYTHING there: from major grocery & retail shopping chains, to every type of restaurant you could imagine, to attractions, activities, shopping, farmers markets, etc.**

- **Our nearest “little city” is McCleary in one direction, and Madrona Beach in the other (both ~15 minutes). Both have some cute little restaurants, coffee houses and limited grocery shopping.**

- **We have a small convenience & fuel store 8 minutes away for all the basics (ice, beverages, fishing licenses & snacks).**

- **For daytrips, we recommend visiting the ocean Coast (Westport or Ocean Shores) and/or the Olympic National Forest (hiking, sightseeing, nature exploring). All the above are ~1hr drive.**



AMENITIES & APPLIANCES

OVEN IN KITCHEN

The ovens have dozen of options and features. Please refer to the range section **here** for advanced use of the oven.

For basic oven operation:
1) Select the 2nd button from the left (it looks like a 'steaming pot')
2) Push the "+" button to set cooking time
3) Use the thermostat dial to set desired oven temperature
4) Turn the bake setting dial to the right (clockwise) 2 settings (to the box with line on top and bottom; this is the conventional electric oven setting)
5) Oven Manual for Advanced Use **here**

KARAOKE

Simply turn on wireless microphones, search your favorite songs karaoke version on YouTube, and now you can sing along!

THERMOSTAT

To change the temperature, press the current temperature (in large type) and scroll up and down to change the temperature set point. More in-depth instructions **here**

KEURIG DUO COFFEE MACHINES

1) Fill the water reservoir to the MAX fill line.
2) K-Cup: Lift lever and insert K-Cup into holder. Lower handle.
Carafe (Pot): Remove filter basket and insert filter and ground coffee. Re-insert filter basket.
3) Select brew method: Choose between using a K-cup or carafe/pot.
4) Select brew size: For K-cups, choose 8, 10, or 12 ounces. For a carafe/pot, choose 8, 10, or12 cups.
5) Machine will begin brewing.

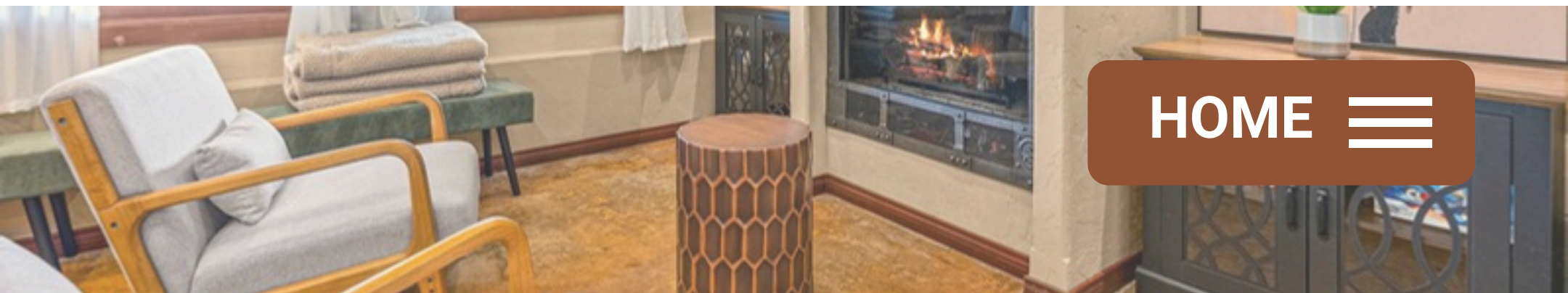
NOTE: Carafe/pot heating plate will heat for 2 hours after brew. To turn it off, hold down carafe/pot button until red light shuts off.

FIREPLACES

Main Living Room Fireplace
- For safety and insurance reasons, this fireplace is not available for guest use. It is an open flame design without a glass barrier, which presents a safety risk—especially for children. Please do not operate this fireplace during your stay.

Master Bedroom Fireplace
- Control: Switch and control located on the wall.

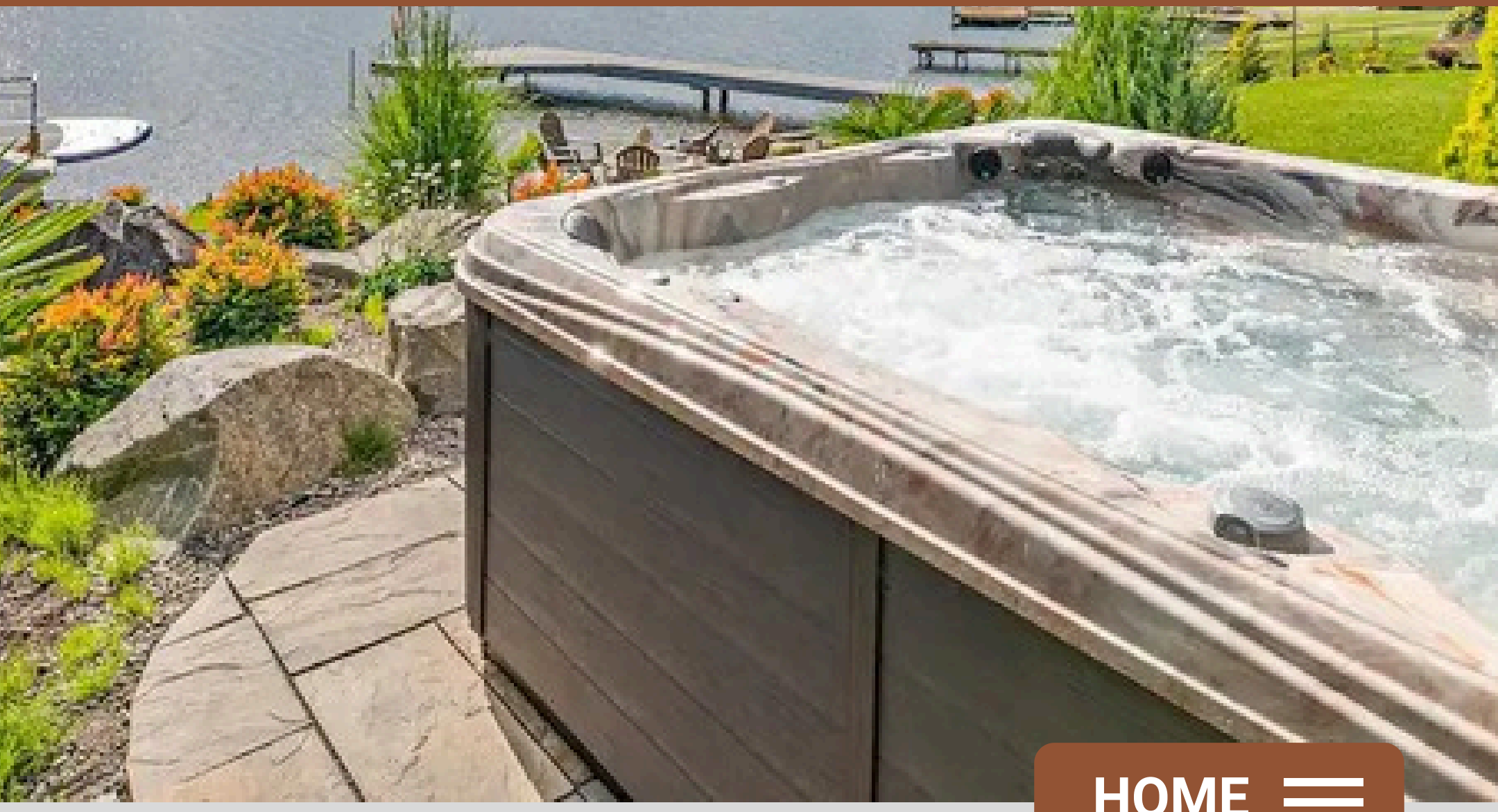
Basement Fireplace
- Remote Location: Leftmost drawer of the TV stand.



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HOT TUB INSTRUCTIONS

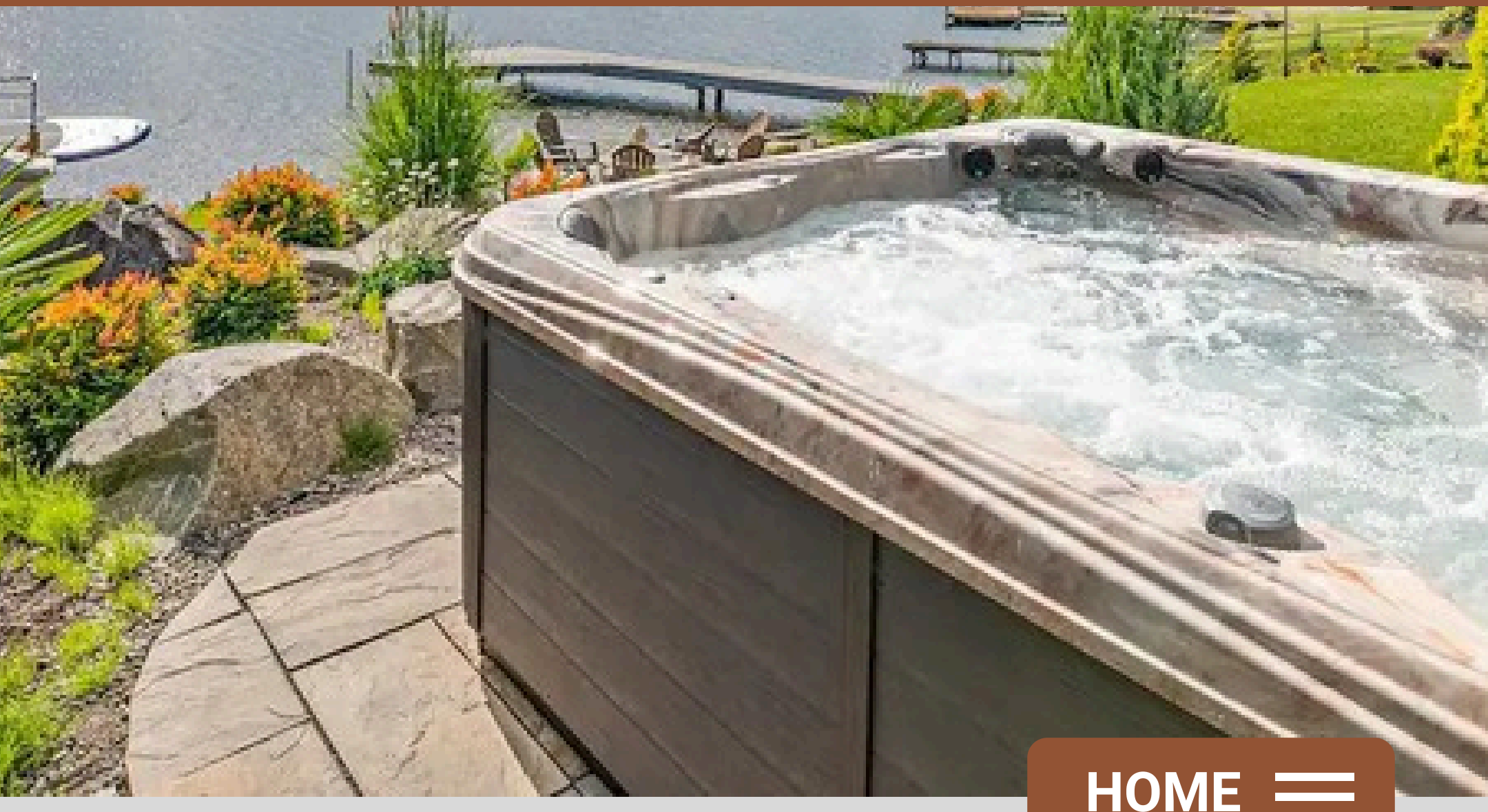
1. Please only use our blue outdoor/lake towels (on shelf near lower level lakeside exit doors). White towels are NOT approved for outdoor/hot tub use.
2. Shower before entering the hot tub.
3. Opening the hot tub cover properly:
   - Begin by standing at the front (lakeside) of the hot tub.
   - Unbuckle/unclip the fasteners in all 4 corners.
   - Flip the cover halfway back onto itself.
   - Grab the bars and flip the whole cover off the back of the hot tub, letting it hang on the bars.
4. Touch screen to ‘wake-up’. As prompted, press 1, then 2.
5. Use up or down arrow on screen to adjust temperature.
6. Use ‘jets/spa’ (top right button) feature to activate jets.
7. Use ‘lights’ (top left button) feature to adjust lighting in the hot tub.
8. Use the dials (softball size knobs just above the water line) to adjust pressure of jets.
9. To turn music on:
   - Power on music player (on lower corner of hot tub, castle side)
   - Sync your Bluetooth player to “Infinity”
   - Please keep volume to a minimum, as to not disturb neighbors
10. Turn off jets, lights and music after use.
11. Turn the temperature down to 97 degrees after use.
12. Put hot tub cover back on top after use (please ensure you buckle all 4 corners down).



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HOT TUB RULES

- No hot tub usage during quiet hours; between 9pm and 8am.
- Shower before entering the hot tub.
- Please only use our blue outdoor/lake towels (on shelf near lower level lakeside exit doors).
- White indoor towels are NOT approved for outdoor/hot tub use.
- Enter and exit the hot tub slowly.
- No jumping or diving.
- Smoking is not allowed in or around the hot tub.
- Do not exceed the maximum occupancy of the hot tub (9 people).
- Do not use the hot tub if you have open wounds.
- Do not bring glass in or near the hot tub.
- No food or beverages allowed near or in the hot tub.
- Do not enter/use the hot tub if you are under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or medications.
- Elderly persons must consult doctor before use.
- Pregnant women should consult doctor before use.
- Anyone under the age of 18 must be supervised by an adult.
- Do not enter if the temperature is above 104 degrees.
- Limit your soak to 15 minutes, and cool off before re-entry.
- Anyone with heart disease, diabetes, high or low blood pressure or any serious illness should consult with doctor before entering the hot tub.
- Put hot tub cover back on top after use.
- Sexual activity is not allowed in the hot tub.
- No pets are allowed in the hot tub.
- Do not sit or lay on hot tub cover.
- Do not use soaps or oils in the hot tub.
- Damage caused by the guest or a member of the guests' group due to abuse, misuse or violation of these rules is the responsibility of the guest.
- Violating these rules may result in the full collection of your security deposit or a fee.
- If any items such as soaps, bath products, food, alcohol, etc. are found in the tub, the renter will be charged a cleaning fee of $250. Damage to the cover will result in a $500 charge.



AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS FOR HOT TUB USE

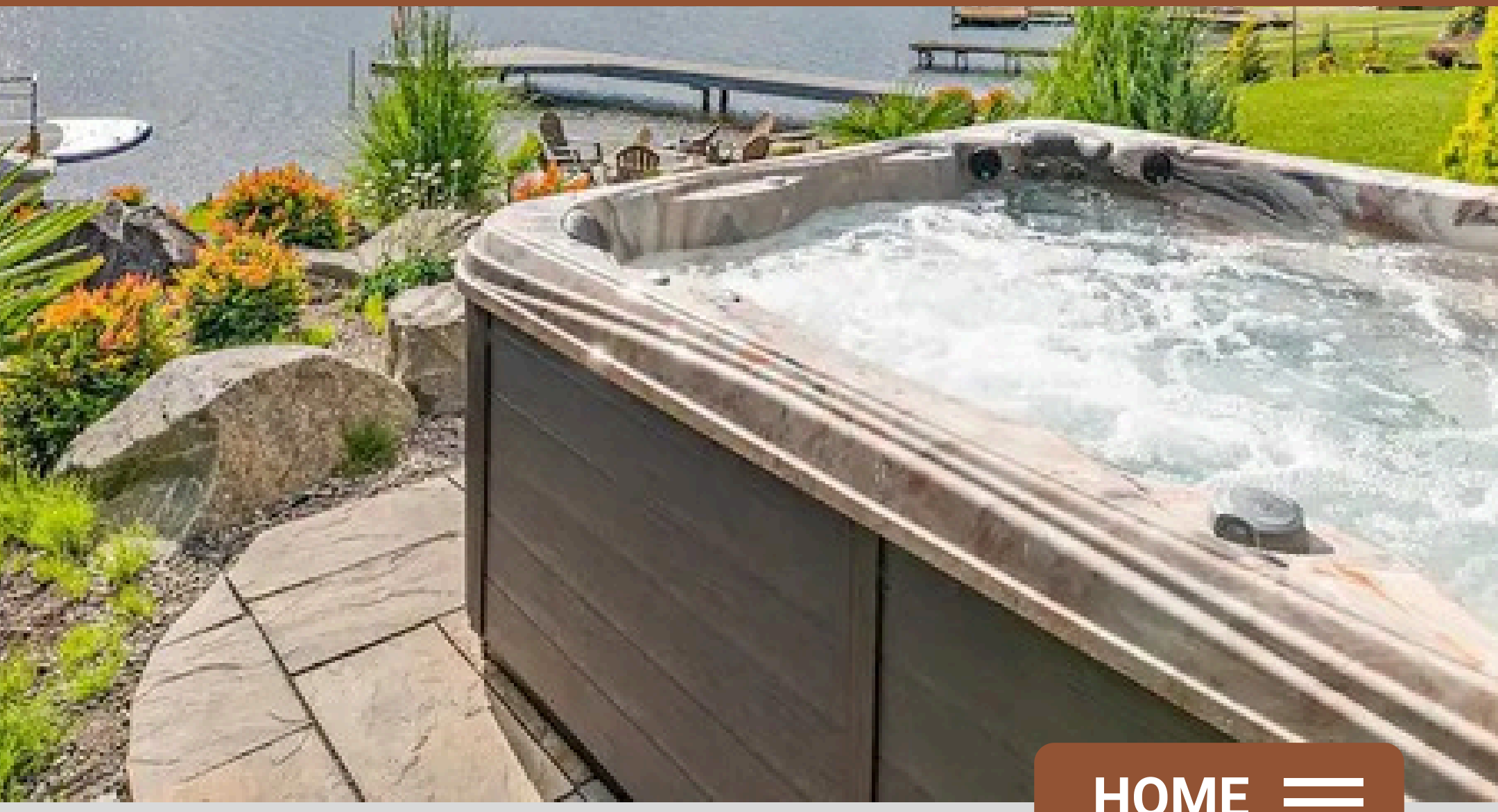
The primary renter agrees to exercise extreme caution and care when using the hot tub on the premises and accepts responsibility for any and all repair costs resulting from damage caused by the renter or the renter's family members, guests, invitees, agents, and/or employees.

The renter further agrees that all individuals mentioned above will shower and clean their feet before using the hot tub. Additionally, the renter agrees that **no oils, bubble bath, soaps, other liquids, or harmful materials** will be used in the hot tub. No glass products, smoking, food, or beverages are allowed in or around the hot tub.

The hot tub is inspected and cleaned before every stay. If any items such as soaps, bath products, smoking materials, food, or alcohol are found in or around the hot tub, the renter will incur a **cleaning fee of $250**. Damage to the cover will result in a $500 charge, and the cover should remain on the hot tub at all times when not in use.

The renter agrees that there will be **no horseplay** in the hot tub and that no one will sit on, jump on, or misuse the hot tub cover in any way.

The renter and guests further agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless The Castle at Summit Lake (Queensville Development LLC) and its owners, contractors, hosts, management, and employees from any and all claims, damages, liabilities, or losses arising out of or associated with the renter's use of the hot tub, including but not limited to death, personal injury, or property damage.



PARKING INFORMATION

- Please only park within the gravel driveway.
- A maximum of 10 cars are allowed on the property during any/all rentals.
- No parking on roadways or lawns.
- No street-side parking is permitted.
- Overflow parking can be shuttled to/from the Summit Lake Park & Ride lot just off the highway.

Parking in any other space on the property or outside of the property line will result in a $250 fine per offence and possibility of the vehicle being towed at Guests expense.



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THINGS TO KNOW

GARBAGE & RECYCLE

All trash and recycling should be bagged and placed in the main trash and recycling cans outside in the parking area. Trash and recycle pick-up is every Wednesday. We ask that you roll cans to the street side on Tuesday night, and/or when you check-out.

HEAT & AIR CONDITIONING

Please do NOT set temps below 72 degrees in the summers as it will freeze up the units. If units do freeze, they will take at least 2 hours to thaw. Leaving windows and doors open will make regulating the temps in the home harder and will freeze the units. Make sure to keep windows and doors shut. If doors are open when arriving and unloading, it will take a couple of hours to cool down the home depending on the current weather.

REFRIGERATORS

Please do NOT change settings on the refrigerators or freezers. Refrigerators require 2-4 hours to cool to their appropriate temperature, especially if placing foods that are warm/room temperature inside. We recommend to ice down anything before placing it into the refrigerator or freezer.

TELEVISIONS & AV EQUIPMENT

Please do not disconnect, unplug, or move any cords connected to televisions or AV equipment. The systems are professionally set up for optimal performance, and altering the wiring can cause connection issues or equipment damage. The upstairs TV is available for gaming and connecting external devices. Please use the designated connections and equipment provided, and do not modify or disconnect the existing wiring.

WHERE TO FIND EXTRA/PARTICULAR ITEMS

- Extra bed and bath linens: In cabinets at main floor laundry & master closet
- Games & puzzles: Cabinets to left and right of fireplace in basement
- Extra fridge & freezer: In garage and bar downstairs
- Lake toys/equipment: In the garage & by the lake
- Life jackets: In garage
- Outdoor/lake towels, blankets & robes: On shelf in basement near lakeside exit doors
- Broom & vacuum: In garage
- Iron and ironing board: In master closet
- Fire extinguisher: In both kitchens
- First aid kit: In cabinets at main floor laundry

WHAT TO BRING/PACK

As outlined in our rental agreement, we provide complimentary starter supplies of many household essentials to help you settle in comfortably. However, we cannot guarantee that these items will last for the duration of your stay. Our supplies are managed on a shared-use basis—some guests leave items behind, some use what is provided, and we regularly re-stock as needed. We do our best to replenish anything that runs low or is missing, but availability can vary. To ensure you have everything you need, we recommend bringing or packing the following items:

- **Spices and condiments** (we have an assortment on-site, but not sure exactly what or how much)
- **Trash bags** (we provide a starter set)
- **Paper towels** (we provide a starter set)
- **Foil, saran wrap, and etc** (we have an assortment on-site, but not sure exactly what or how much)
- **Food storage containers** (we do NOT provide anything of the sort)
- **Dishwasher soap, dish soap, dish sponge, and laundry detergent** (we provide a starter set)
- **Coffee grounds and/or k-cups** (we provide a starter sampler set)
- **Toiletries** (we provide a starter set)
- **Mosquito/bug repellent + sunscreen** (seasonal, mainly summer)
- **Bagged ice**
- **Firewood** (if using outdoor wood fire pit)
- **Slippers** (no shoes in the house, please)
- **Swimwear + beach towel**

ALL BATHROOMS ARE PRETTY WELL STOCKED WITH TOILET PAPER AND HAND SOAP. IT'S NOT TYPICAL TO RUN OUT OF THESE ITEMS AS WE TRY TO STOCK THEM GENEROUSLY.

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CONNECT TO WIFI

NETWORK:

The Castle At Summit Lake

PASSWORD:

welcomehome

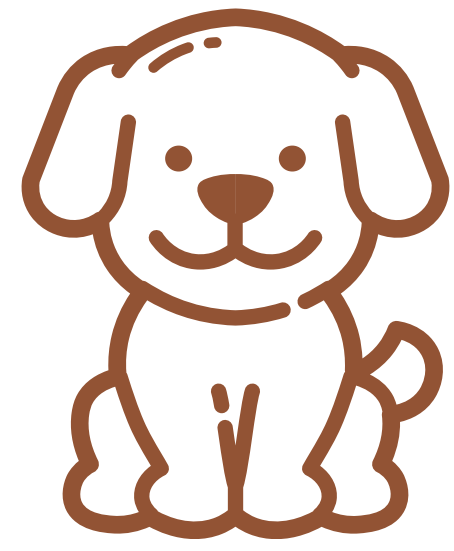
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HOUSE RULES

- Please note that the lake toys NOT on our property (or 'water/property line') are NOT available to guests. This includes, but not limited to, the neighbors' docks, boats, slides, water trampoline, etc.
- All guests must respect the property they are occupying. There shall be no parties or group gatherings other than registered guests. All guests staying at or visiting the home must be registered. No unapproved pets allowed at any time. Undeclared guests and pets will incur a charge of $5,000 for the violation and subject to immediate cancellation of your stay, without refund.
- Indoor linens (such as white towels or bedding) are NOT allowed outdoors. Please only use the outdoor towels and blankets (blue in color; on shelves near basement lake-side exit doors) while outdoors.
- Quiet hours from 9pm to 8am during which time you shall not unreasonably disturb adjacent neighbors. Sound that is audible beyond the property boundaries during non-quiet hours shall not be more excessive than would typically be associated with a residential area. Amplified sound that is audible beyond the property boundaries is prohibited. Any violation of this rule may incur a $1,000 fine and immediate cancellation of your stay, without refund.
- The Castle is on a well and septic system. The septic system is very effective; however, it will clog up if improper material is flushed. DO NOT FLUSH anything other than toilet paper. No feminine products should be flushed at any time. If it is found that feminine products (or any other foreign objects) have been flushed and clog the septic system, you will be charged the costs to repair the system. Furthermore, please do not overuse the water supply. Be cautious of running ‘too many water sources at once’ (ie: showers, dishwashers, washing machines, etc). You are responsible for costs incurred from abuse or negligence.
- Please wipe dishes and cooking tools free of debris and grease/fats/oils and dispose of them in trash, prior to putting them into the dishwasher or hand washing.
- Please do not disconnect, unplug, or move any cords connected to televisions or AV equipment. The systems are professionally set up for optimal performance, and altering the wiring can cause connection issues or equipment damage. The upstairs TV is available for gaming and connecting external devices. Please use the designated connections and equipment provided, and do not modify or disconnect the existing wiring.
- No more than 10 passenger vehicles are allowed on the property at any time during a rental. All cars must be parked in designated parking areas.
- No smoking in the home, or within 10 feet of any exterior doors or windows. Any signs of smoking will result in additional violation fees.
- The maximum speed in and out of our driveway is 10 MPH. The maximum speed in/out and around the lake is 25MPH.
- All trash must be bagged in plastic bags and placed in the corresponding outdoor cans.
- When you are not in the Castle, please turn off all unnecessary lights.
- Children shall not be left unattended at any time (inside or outside).
- When using the BBQ, do not leave it unattended.
- When using the wood fire pit by the lake, do not leave it unattended and please ensure it is entirely extinguished when you are done.
- Please do not move our furniture in or outside the house.
- Please remove your shoes in the Castle.
- A fishing license is required to fish on Summit Lake.



Pet-Friendly *House Rules*



Pets are welcome at the Castle with prior approval and on a case-by-case basis. To help protect the property and ensure a comfortable experience for all guests, the following rules apply:

- Pets are permitted only with prior approval.
- Pets are not permitted on any furniture, including sofas, beds, chairs, or other upholstered furnishings.
- Pets may not be left unattended anywhere on the property, either inside or outside of the home.
- Pets must remain leashed while on the property.
- All pet waste must be picked up immediately and properly disposed of.
- Please vacuum or sweep up any excessive pet hair throughout the home before checkout.
- Guests are responsible for any damage, excessive cleaning or additional remediation resulting from their pets.

IMPORTANT: Violation of any of the above pet rules will result in a $2,000 pet violation fee.

Respect the Property:
The Castle is surrounded by beautiful natural areas and wildlife. Please do not allow pets to roam freely, chase wildlife, dig in landscaped areas or disturb the shoreline.

If your pet has an accident or causes any damage, please let us know as soon as possible. Promptly reporting an issue gives us the opportunity to address it properly before the next guests arrive.

Additional cleaning, damage, or odor remediation resulting from pets may be charged against the security deposit.

Before You Leave:
Please take a quick final walk-through before checkout:

- Remove all pet waste from the property.
- Check under beds and furniture for toys, treats, or belongings.
- Remove any excessive pet hair.
- Dispose of pet food and waste.
- Make sure your pet is safely with you before you leave.

Thank you for helping us keep the Castle clean, comfortable and welcoming for both our human and four-legged guests!

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Local Pet *Resources*

We love welcoming your four-legged family members to the Castle! Whether you're looking for a place to let your pup stretch their legs, grab a treat, enjoy a patio meal, or need a local pet service, here are some helpful resources in and around the Olympia area!

Please remember: Pets must follow all House & Pet Rules, including our policy prohibiting pets on beds and furniture. Please clean up after your pet and be respectful of the property, lake, trails and surrounding community.

Dog Parks & Off-Leash Areas

Vance Creek Dog Park
📍 Wenzel Slough Rd, Elma

Martin Family Dog Park
📍 60 Schouweiler Tract Rd W, Elma

McLane Off-Leash Dog Park
📍 4421 Mud Bay Rd NW, Olympia

Kneeland Park Off-Leash Dog Park
📍 215 Turner Ave, Shelton

Pet-Friendly Restaurant Patios

- Shipwreck Café – Olympia
- Buzz's Bar & Grill – Olympia
- Bear's Den – McCleary
- ShuJack's Bar & Grill – Elma
- Hops on the Hill – Olympia
- The Westside Tavern – Olympia
- The Cabin Tavern – Shelton

Patio policies and pet access can change seasonally, so we recommend calling ahead before visiting.

Pet Boarding & Spa

Country Inn Pet Resort & Spa
📍 100 Foreman Rd, McCleary
📞 (360) 495-4800

A convenient local option for boarding, pet care, and a little extra pampering during your stay.

Pet Store & Self-Wash

The Pet Works
📍 407 4th Ave E, Olympia, WA 98501
📞 (360) 489-0134

Looking for pet food, local treats, toys, gear, or a bath after a day of exploring? The Pet Works is a great local family-owned pet shop in downtown Olympia offering a wide selection of quality pet foods, local treats, dog gear, toys, dehydrated treats, and more. They also offer a self-wash dog station with shampoo, conditioner, towels, and a dryer. Open 7 days a week.

Local Pet *Resources*

Veterinary & Emergency Care

Capital Pet Urgent Care
📍 405 Black Hills Ln SW G, Olympia
📞 (360) 915-5900

Banfield Pet Hospital
📍 1001 Cooper Point Rd SW, Olympia
📞 (564) 422-5106

Evergreen Veterinary Hospital
📍 3220 14th Ave NW, Olympia
📞 (360) 866-0323

Steamboat Animal Hospital
📍 6531 Sexton Dr NW, Olympia
📞 (360) 866-6101

24-Hour Emergency Veterinary

BluePearl Pet Hospital
📍 2432 Heritage Ct SW, Olympia
📞 (360) 810-8885

ASPCA Poison Control

📞 (888) 426-4435

ASPCA Poison Control is your best resource for any animal poison-related emergency, available 24/7.

Pet-Friendly Hiking & Walking

Capitol State Forest: *Just outside Olympia, Capitol State Forest offers more than 150 miles of trails where leashed dogs are welcome. It's a great option for getting out into the woods without having to travel far from the Castle.*

Olympic National Forest: *Unlike Olympic National Park, where dogs are prohibited on most trails, leashed dogs are welcome on many trails throughout Olympic National Forest. With hundreds of miles of forest roads and trails, it's a great option for exploring the Olympic Peninsula with your pup.*

Olympic National Park: *Dog access is much more limited within Olympic National Park. Leashed dogs are permitted only in select areas, trails, and beaches, so be sure to check current park regulations before heading out.*

Ocean Shores & Westport Beaches: *Dogs are welcome on the miles of sandy ocean beaches in the Ocean Shores and Westport area, but leash requirements apply in many areas. Ocean Shores also has a designated off-leash Dog Beach area extending from just south of the Taurus Boulevard beach approach to the Butterclam Street entrance.*

Olympia Capitol Campus: *Leashed dogs and other pets are welcome on the outdoor grounds of the Washington State Capitol Campus in Olympia. Pets are not permitted inside campus buildings, including the Legislative Building, with the exception of trained service animals.*

A Note from the Castle: We love that pets are part of the family and are happy to welcome them to the Castle! We simply ask that you treat the property with the same care you would your own home – keep pets off the furniture, clean up after them, and help us leave the Castle ready for the next family to enjoy. Have fun exploring the PNW!

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PLACES TO VISIT



OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

~20 min drive. Major grocery & retail shopping chains, to every type of restaurant you could imagine, to attractions, activities, shopping, farmers markets and more!



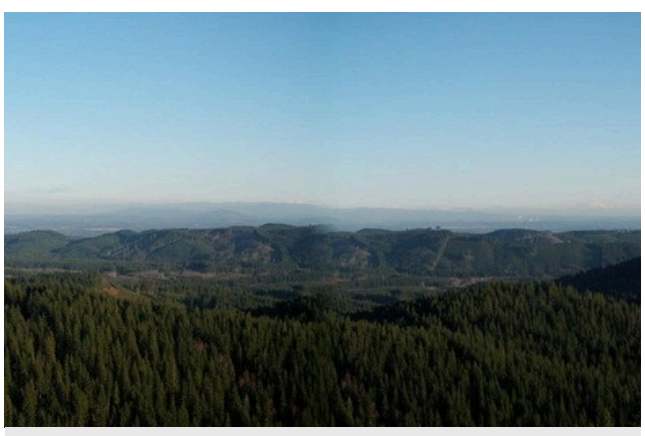
WASHINGTON STATE CAPITOL CAMPUS IN OLYMPIA

Must-visit destination for those interested in history, architecture, and nature. Whether you're a local or a tourist, this iconic site offers a unique blend of historical buildings, scenic views, and tranquil gardens.



OLYMPIC NATIONAL FOREST

From hiking a mountain for 360-degree views, to exploring the only temperate rainforest in the lower 48, there's something for everyone to enjoy on the Olympic National Forest!



CAPITOL STATE FOREST

A variety of recreational opportunities, 150 miles of trails, and places to set up a picnic or camp.



OCEAN SHORES & WESTPORT

Popular coastal towns on Washington's Pacific coast, known for their wide sandy beaches, fresh seafood, scenic ocean views, and easy access to beachcombing, fishing, and surfing.



EXPLORE THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA

Visit our nearby charming small towns for local happenings, seasonal events, festivals, shopping, and dining. Explore destinations like Hoodsport, Hood Canal, Shelton, McCleary, Madrona Beach, and Elma—each offering its own unique PNW charm and adventures.



CAPITAL MALL

Find Haggen, Safeway, Trader Joe's & Target and over 120 other stores and restaurants in Capital Mall in Olympia. You'll find more shopping and entertainment nearby.

625 Black Lake Blvd SW
Olympia, WA 98502



SUMMIT LAKE ANTIQUES

With counters and rooms full of antiques, you'll feel like your stepping back in time to find a whole new world when shopping at Summit Lake Antiques's antique store.

10724 Summit Lake Rd NW
Olympia, WA 98502



SATSOP BUSINESS PARK

Abandoned nuclear plant. Fun place to walk around and explore.

50 Technology Ln
Elma, WA 98541

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ENTERTAINMENT & ACTIVITIES



OLYMPIA FARMERS MARKET

Year-round market with a variety of vendors including crafts, farms with fresh organic produce and fruits, meats, fresh seafood, fresh cut flowers, food trucks/booths and live entertainment.

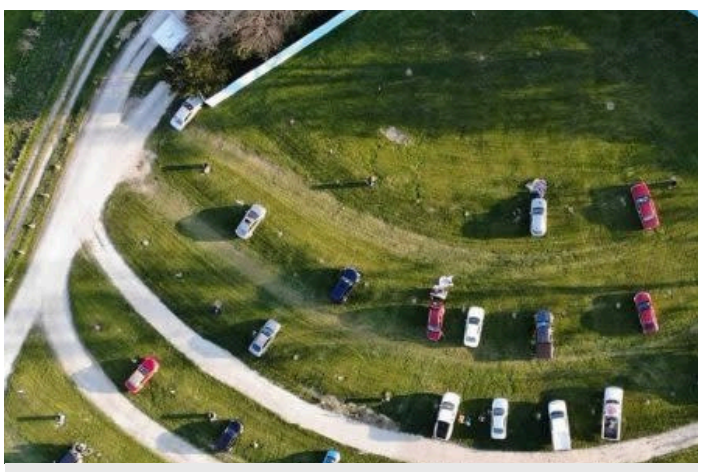
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SALISH CLIFFS GOLF CLUB

Lush par-72 championship course with water features, elevation changes and GPS-enabled golf carts. A full-service restaurant and golf shop inside the beautiful log/cedar clubhouse.

91 West State Route 108
Shelton, WA 98584



SKYLINE DRIVE-IN THEATER

Drive-in movie theater. Established in 1964, open every weekend, show at dusk, always double-feature films. Great price and concession stands, clean bathroom, and fun staff.

182 SE Brewer Rd
Shelton, WA 98584



LITTLE CREEK CASINO RESORT

Enjoy premier gaming and a variety of restaurants, bars and cafes.

91 West State Route 108
Shelton, WA 98584



GRAYS HARBOR RACEWAY

3/8-mile oval raceway featuring midget, stock and other auto races plus snacks and occasional fireworks.

43 Elma McCleary Rd
Elma, WA 98541



ELMA LANES (BAR & GRILL)

Casual spot offering bowling plus burgers, fries, beer, pool tables and other bar food/drinks. Occasional live music and bingo nights.

605 E Main St
Elma, WA 98541

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ENTERTAINMENT & ACTIVITIES



VANCE CREEK RAILRIDERS

Seasonal: Pedal-powered railway cart rides along an old timber rail line, offering forest views. Reservations are encouraged, especially during holidays, June-August, and for groups.

421 W Hanks Lake Rd
Shelton, WA 98584



SNOWBIRD FARM & CIDERY

Grays Harbor's first cidery, producing quality craft hard cider using fresh farm ingredients. Growlers, pints, flights, seasonal events & merch. Open Fri, Sat & Sun.

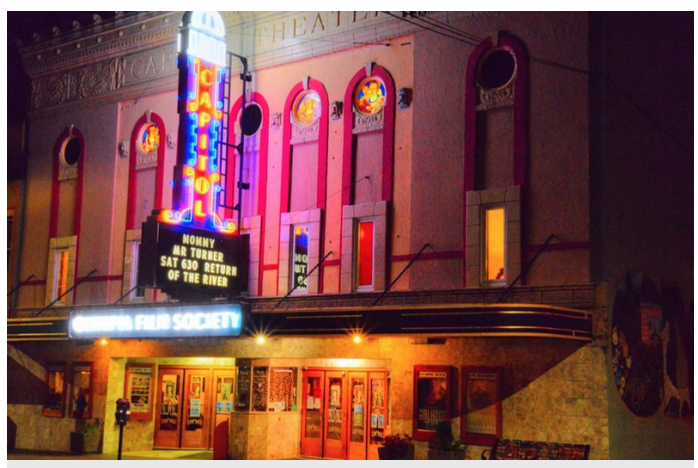
484 Old Monte Brady Rd
Montesano, WA 98563



CHAPMAN FARMS

Seasonal: Fall. Open-air farm with corn mazes, pumpkins, fruits, sweet corn, sunflowers, gourds and so much more!

239 Brady Loop Rd E
Montesano, WA 98563



CAPITOL THEATER

Come visit one of the historic gems of downtown Olympia since 1924. Catch a movie, concert or discover local art in this grand ol' movie palace.

206 5th Avenue SE
Olympia, Washington 98501



WILD FELID ADVOCACY CENTER OF WASHINGTON

Visitors can tour this sanctuary, which provides a refuge for wild cats that cannot return to the wild. Reservations REQUIRED; no same day booking or walk ups.

3111 E Harstine Island Rd N
Shelton, WA 98584



SEVEN INLETS SPA

Little Creek Casino spa offering massage, relaxation and skin therapies specializing in Native American traditions.

91 West State Route 108
Shelton, WA 98584

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HIKING NEAR SUMMIT LAKE

The Summit Lake area offers several hiking opportunities suitable for various skill levels. Here are some notable trails within just a few miles of the Castle:

Summit Lake Loop Trail (1 mile from Castle)

A 9.5-mile loop trail near Olympia considered moderately challenging. This scenic route uses forest roads and trails, offering views of Summit Lake, wooded terrain, wildlife, and occasional mountain views on clear days. Popular for hiking, trail running, and adventure exploring. Trail conditions can change due to logging activity, so navigation tools are recommended.

****Trailhead access*, via logging roads, is just past the Fire Station #93 (1.2 miles from Castle). Park at the gate and walk in; DO NOT drive beyond gate under any circumstances (even if it is open).*

Rock Candy Mountain Trail (4.5 miles from Castle)

A 31.9-mile loop trail near Olympia, generally considered challenging. The trail is primarily for off-road vehicle and mountain bike riders, though hikers may also use it. It ascends to an open summit with views of the Olympia Mountains and the Puget Sound.

Kennedy Creek Falls Trail (1 mile from Castle)

A 9-mile roundtrip trail considered moderate in difficulty. The trail leads to Kennedy Creek Falls, a scenic waterfall in the area. The area includes a network of trails, primarily consisting of old logging roads, which provide opportunities for wildlife viewing, particularly salmon.

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Please note that trail conditions can change due to weather and maintenance. It's advisable to check the latest trail information and conditions before heading out.

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TRANSPORTATION

HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO GET AROUND TOWN

Car Rentals | SeaTac Airport - SEA

All major car rental services are available, including:

- *Enterprise*
- *Budget*
- *Hertz*
- *Dollar*
- *Sixt*
- *Alamo*

Private/VIP Transportation

Capital West Limousine

All Black Limo

Uber, Lyft, and other rideshare services are available, though availability may be limited at times.



FISHING AT SUMMIT LAKE

Summit Lake is one of the most popular fishing spots in the South Puget Sound area, known for its excellent variety and fishing conditions.

Fish Species

Summit Lake is a relatively deep lake, primarily managed for rainbow trout and kokanee, but it also supports a variety of other species, including:

- Largemouth bass
- Smallmouth bass
- Yellow perch
- Brown bullhead
- Pumpkinseed sunfish
- Coastal cutthroat
- Northern pike minnow

Fishing Seasons

Rainbow Trout: Best targeted in April and May.
Kokanee, Yellow Perch and Bass: Most successful in the summer and fall months.

Fishing Tips

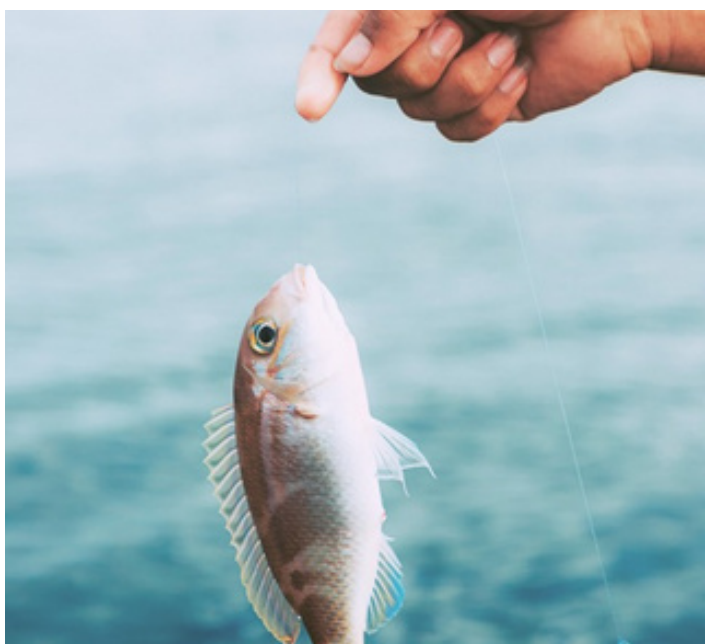
Rainbow Trout Can be found throughout the lake. Successful methods include still fishing with bait or trolling using a combination of bait and lures or flies.

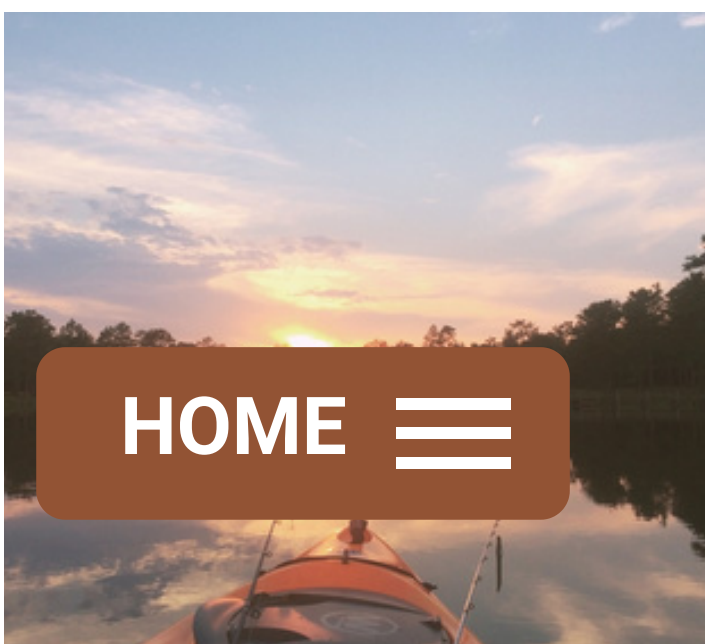
Kokanee Typically located in the deeper portions of the lake. Success often comes with downriggers or leaded lines, using wedding rings, small squid, or spoons, all tipped with corn or maggots.

Kokanee depths vary based on water temperatures, so experimenting with different depths is recommended.

Shore Fishing Be aware that areas within 100 yards of the shore are very shallow, which limits shore fishing success. Boat fishing is typically more productive.







WHERE TO GET A FISHING LICENSE & EQUIPMENT

Summit Lake Grocery 120 Wilson Rd NW, Olympia
Convenient for basic fishing supplies and licenses

Dick's Sporting Goods 625 Black Lake Blvd SW, Olympia
Offers a wide selection of fishing equipment and licenses

Big 5 Sporting Goods 909 Cooper Point Rd SW, Olympia
Offers a wide selection of fishing equipment and licenses

A valid Washington fishing license is required to fish on Summit Lake. Both residents and non-residents must have a license to fish in any Washington waters. Anyone age 16 or older is required to carry a fishing license.

Licenses are available in short-term options (1–3 days) or as an annual license, making it easy for visitors to enjoy the lake legally.

Please note that enforcement officers do monitor local waters, including Summit Lake, and fishing without a valid license can result in fines, citations, and other penalties. In some cases, violations may require a mandatory court appearance.

Please purchase your license before casting a line so you can relax and enjoy your time on the lake!

WATER/LAKE TOYS & EQUIPMENT

This home provides water and lake toys, including kayaks, boats, paddleboards and life jackets, for guest use. Please follow these guidelines to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience:

Usage & Responsibility

All equipment must be used only as intended. Improper use that results in damage will be the responsibility of the renter. Any necessary repairs or replacements will be charged to the credit card used for the booking or deducted from the refundable damage deposit.

Liability & Assumption of Risk

Renter's Responsibility | By using any equipment or facilities provided by the home, you do so at your own risk. This includes swimming, kayaking, boating, and paddleboarding.

Water Activities Risk | As this is a lakeside home, please understand that activities such as swimming, and the use of kayaks, boats, and paddleboards, come with inherent risks. You accept full responsibility for any injuries or accidents that may occur.

Children & Supervision | Be especially mindful of the dangers water activities may pose to children who are not closely supervised.

Health Risks & Other Factors | The use of water toys/equipment may be dangerous for individuals with health risks or those who are under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication, as well as pregnant women.

Waiver of Liability

You agree to assume full responsibility for any accidents or injuries that occur to you or your party while using the water equipment or swimming. By participating in these activities, you waive any claims against the owner for accidents or injuries arising from swimming or the use of kayaks, boats, or paddleboards.

Acknowledgment: All Guests in your party acknowledge that they have read, understand, and agree to this waiver. This constitutes a binding and enforceable contract between all Guests and the Host/Owner.



BOATING INFORMATION

Boat Rentals & Delivery

Summit Lake does not have a marina or on-site boat rentals. However, there are several companies that can deliver jet skis or boats directly to you during your stay.

Ohana Kai Watersports

Water Drip Jet Skis

Boatsetter

GetMyBoat

Dock Use

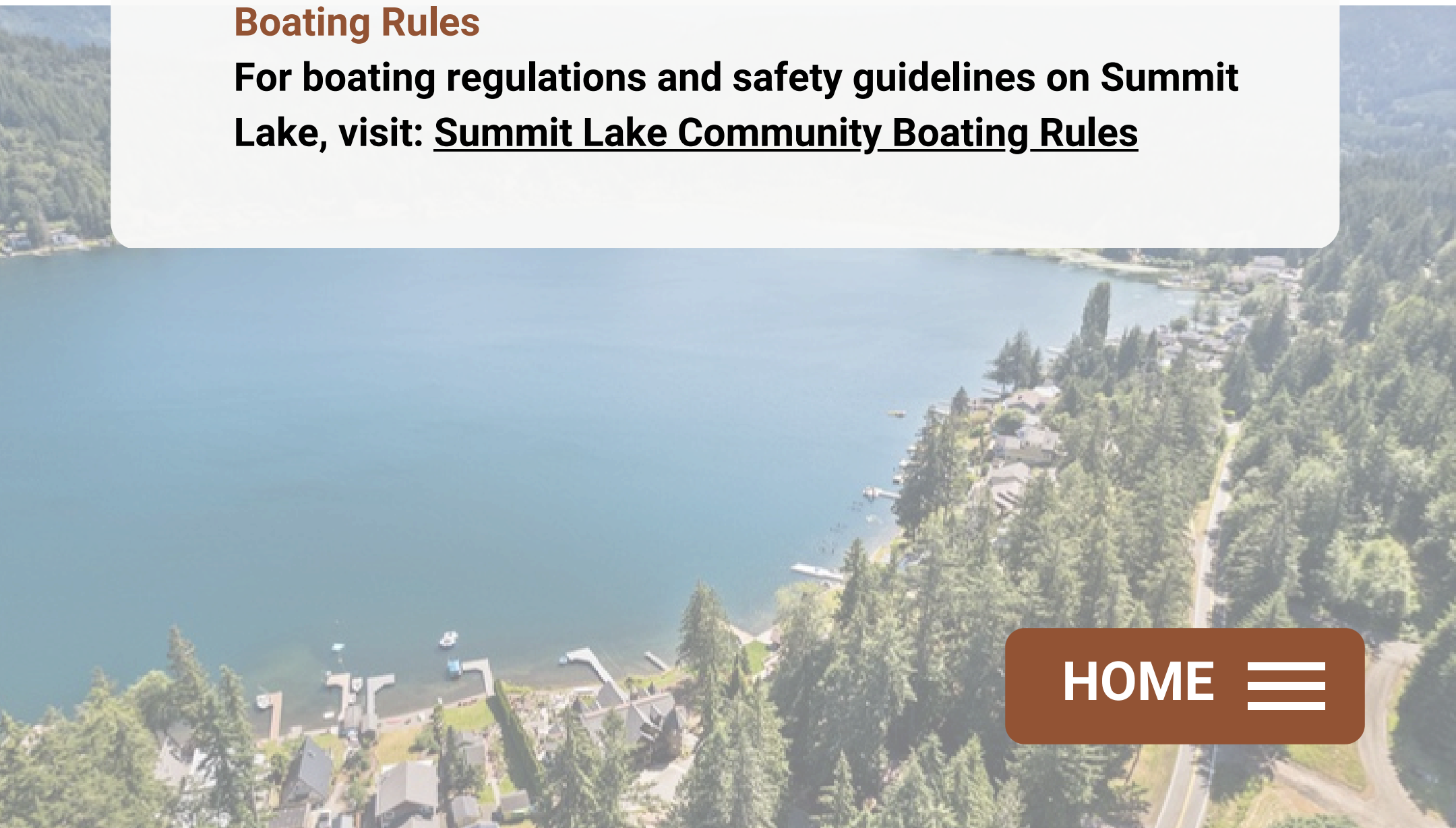
You are welcome to tie down any rented boats or jet skis to our dock during your stay.

Public Boat Launch

The public boat launch is located on the opposite side of the lake. Please plan accordingly if you're bringing or renting a boat.

Boating Rules

For boating regulations and safety guidelines on Summit Lake, visit: Summit Lake Community Boating Rules



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LOCAL PLACES TO EAT



RANCH HOUSE BBQ & STEAKHOUSE

Bustling BBQ establishment serving platters and dishes of slow-smoked meats & sides.

10841 Kennedy Creek Rd SW
Olympia, WA 98512



AL CARBON STEAKHOUSE

Mexican Steakhouse. Serves great cocktails & has a kids' menu.

200 W Simpson Ave
McCleary, WA 98557



BEARS DEN

Great hamburgers, fish sandwiches, clam strips and tater tots. Small town little eatery; dine-in & drive-through options.

301 W Simpson Ave
McCleary, WA 98557



SHIPWRECK CAFÉ

Large cafe’ style menu. Serves breakfast all day! Has a kids menu. Outdoor seating available seasonally.

244 Madrona Beach Rd NW
Olympia, WA 98502



BUZZ'S BAR & GRILL

Huge menu; serving a variety of cuisines. Sandwiches, burgers, salads and typical tasty bar food. Breakfast & late-night Happy Hour.

5018 Mud Bay Rd NW
Olympia, WA 98502



CAPITAL MALL AREA RESTAURANTS

Fukiyama Japanese Steakhouse, I-Hop, Outback Steakhouse, Olive Garden, Sonic, Panera, Red Robin, Hash, Applebee's & Five Guys

Black Lake Blvd SW
Olympia, WA 98502

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COFFEE SHOPS



THE COFFEE SHOP

Drive-through coffee stand offering breakfast, quick bites, espresso, Lotus, shakes and smoothies.

116 S 4th St
McCleary, WA 98557



STEAMBOAT ISLAND COFFEE SHOP

Drive-through coffee stand with a diverse menu featuring unique drinks. Dog and kid friendly!

3403 Steamboat Island Rd NW
Olympia, WA 98502



STARBUCKS

Seattle staple known for its coffee, specialty drinks, pastries and premium teas.

Black Lake Blvd SW
Olympia, WA 98502



URRACO COFFEE CO

Casual coffee shop serving breakfast, espresso and ice cream, along with gluten-free options. Locally-roasted gourmet coffee.

6541 Sexton Dr NW
Olympia, WA 98502

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CHEF & CATERING SERVICES

Hire the best private chefs in Olympia for your next dinner party or seafood cook-off at The Castle at Summit Lake!

Honest to Goodness Personal Chef Services / www.honesttogoodness.com

Bite Me Catering PNW / (360) 747-7612 / info@bitemecateringpnw.com

CCC and Events / (253) 343-7939 / cccevents85@gmail.com

Second Chef Cook / (206) 661-3269 / secondshiftcook@yahoo.com

Kern's Kitchen / (360) 280-8607 / kerndolby@comcast.net

For delicious BBQ take-out & catering packages, Ranch House BBQ & Steakhouse is just a few minutes away from the Castle (call to order ahead!)

Retreat Chefs (for multi-day meals):

Carrie Dieterich w/ Green Goddess / (563) 663-0948 / ccgarside@gmail.com

Amy Civica w/ Your Kitchen Fairy / amycivica.com / hello@amycivica.com

NEAR-BY SHOPPING & GROCERIES



SUMMIT LAKE STOP

- Fuel (including diesel)
- Fishing license
- Beverages, snacks, ice & the basics

GORDON'S SELECT MARKET

Offers fresh produce, pantry essentials, and a deli.

DOLLAR GENERAL

Budget-friendly essentials, groceries, and household items.

ISLAND MARKET

Provides essentials, groceries, and quick snacks for your convenience.



CAPITAL MALL AREA

HAGGEN

TRADER JOE'S

SAFEWAY

TARGET

TUMWATER

COSTCO

FRED MEYER

WALMART

SAFEWAY



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FAQ's

What's the story on The Castle at Summit Lake?
We've heard a lot of stories and speculation over the years, but as always, it's hard to determine what is actually true and what isn't. Nonetheless, it's our understanding that the property was originally just the small cabin, which was lakefront at one time (where the Castle is currently sitting). Sometime in the early 2000s, the cabin was relocated further back on the property, and a "Castle Luxury Lodge" was envisioned. In 2007, the vision came to life as the owner(s) at the time broke ground and began construction of the "Castle Luxury Lodge." Between 2007 and 2019, a few different owners took over the project, but ultimately, it never surpassed ~50% of its entire construction and sat unfinished and unoccupied for those 12 years. In late 2019, we purchased the property with the intent of finally finishing its construction and making it our vacation home. Then, Covid happened, which posed some extra challenges for us, our team, and our resources. We've spent the past ~5 years completing construction, getting final permitting and inspections, updating the exterior, finishing the interiors, rehabbing the cabin, upgrading and making changes to the existing floor plans, rebuilding the dock, overhauling the landscaping, and shopping and collecting items to furnish the homes. In the summer of 2024, we FINALLY completed the homes and began sharing our Lake Castle with friends, family, and renters. We have enjoyed every moment and memory made along the journey!

Can I have a wedding or event at The Castle at Summit Lake?
We consider small multi-day celebratory stays/rentals on a case-by-case basis.
The Castle is located in small and primarily residential community filled with wildlife and away from the 'hustle and bustle' of city life. Out of respect for our neighboring residences, we do not allow parties or large events that can disrupt the peaceful quiet enjoyment of our community. Please inquire for more information.

How many people can The Castle at Summit Lake accommodate?
The Castle" can accommodate up to 24 guests between the 15 beds. "The Cabin" (an added cost) can accommodate another 6 guests between the 4 beds there.

Can I drive-by and see The Castle at Summit Lake?
No, you cannot. We have a security gate leading to our long driveway ensuring privacy for us, our neighbors, and our guests. Visits/tours are by appointment only.

How can I tour The Castle at Summit Lake?
We are available by appointment only. Please contact us directly for upcoming dates and times we may have available to tour the property.

Do you allow photography and/or video production at The Castle at Summit Lake?
On a case-by-case basis, we do allow photography or filming to be done at the Castle. Please contact us directly for upcoming dates and times we may have available.

If I rent The Castle at Summit Lake, what all is included?
Everything to make your stay as comfortable as possible! We include all luxury bed and bath linens, the kitchens are stocked for cooking and service, travel size bath amenities, kitchen and bath paper goods, water/lake toys and equipment, games, puzzles and more. Contact us directly for a more specific list of what all is included.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

FOR EMERGENCIES, CALL 911!

THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF NON-EMERGENCY

(360) 704-2740

2000 Lakeridge Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98502

SUMMIT LAKE FIRE STATION (STATION #93)

(360) 866-1000

2815 Summit Lake Shore Rd NW
Olympia, WA 98502

POISON CONTROL (24 HR)

(800) 222-1222

MULTICARE CAPITAL MEDICAL CENTER

(360) 754-5858

3900 Capital Mall Dr SW,
Olympia, WA 98502

FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Both Kitchens

FIRST AID KIT

In cabinet at main floor laundry

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HOW WAS YOUR STAY?

Please leave us a review:

As a new property, we'd be so grateful if you could take a moment to leave us a review on Airbnb/VRBO. Your feedback helps us grow and continue creating unforgettable stays for future guests!

Sign the guest book:

If you have a moment, please sign the guest book. We keep these journals as part of the home's history and we love reading your castle memories!

Tag us on Instagram:

We love seeing our guests favorite moments!

#SUMMITLAKECASTLE

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Please reach out to us if you need anything:

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Karlyn (360) 631-0311

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Emily@StayLuxPNW.com

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ABOUT YOUR HOST:



Let's connect on socials!

airbnb.com/p/StayLuxPNW

@StayLuxPNW

facebook.com/StayLuxPNW

"Hi, I'm Emily, your host and the founder of StayLux, a boutique hospitality company specializing in thoughtfully designed vacation rentals across the Pacific Northwest! Born and raised in the PNW, I've always had a deep appreciation for this region and love sharing its beauty through unique, memorable stays.

I've been an Airbnb Superhost and VRBO Premier Partner for over 8+ years, and my properties consistently rank in the top 5% of Airbnb listings. Hospitality is truly my passion, and I take great pride in creating spaces and experiences that feel seamless, welcoming, and elevated for every guest!

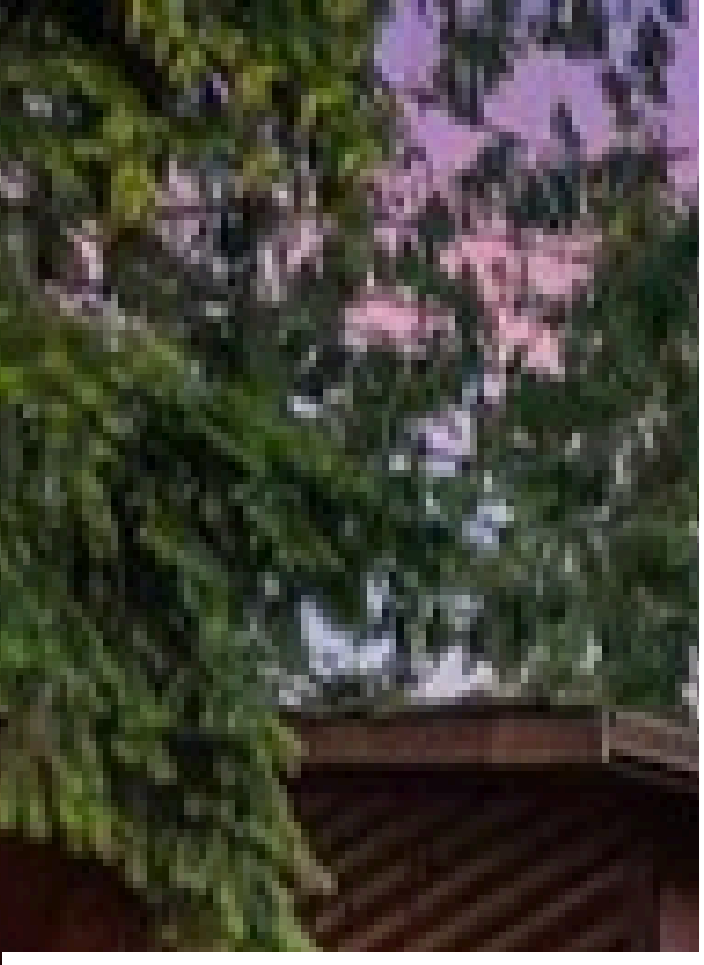
I first met the Castle owners in 2019 when they purchased the property, and from there we worked closely together from start to finish—helping bring the vision to life through design, rehab, build-out, furnishing, inventory selection, launch, marketing and ongoing management. It has been an incredible journey watching this special property become what it is today!

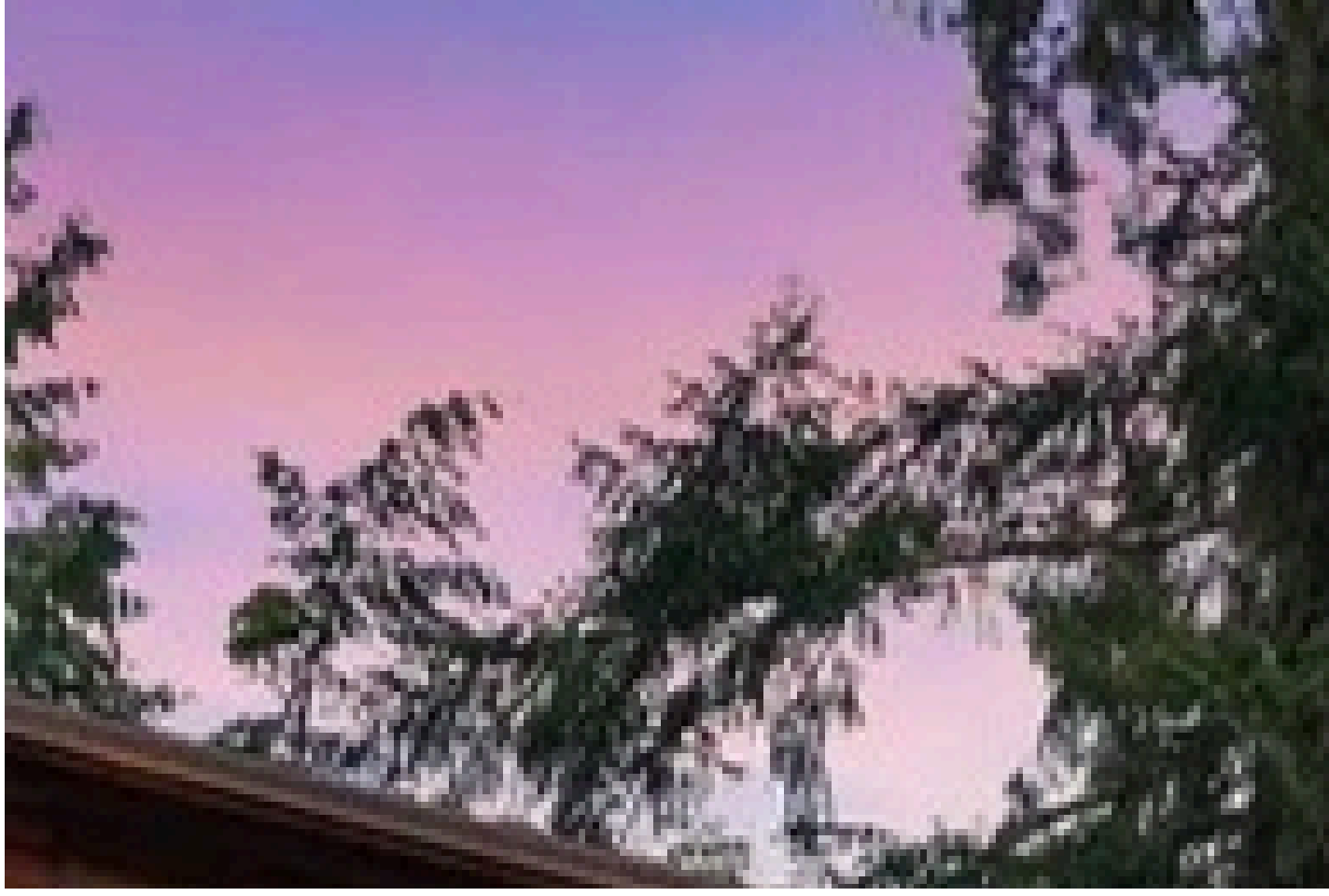
Outside of work, I love cooking, roller skating, exploring local spots, and spending time with my husband and 2 children.

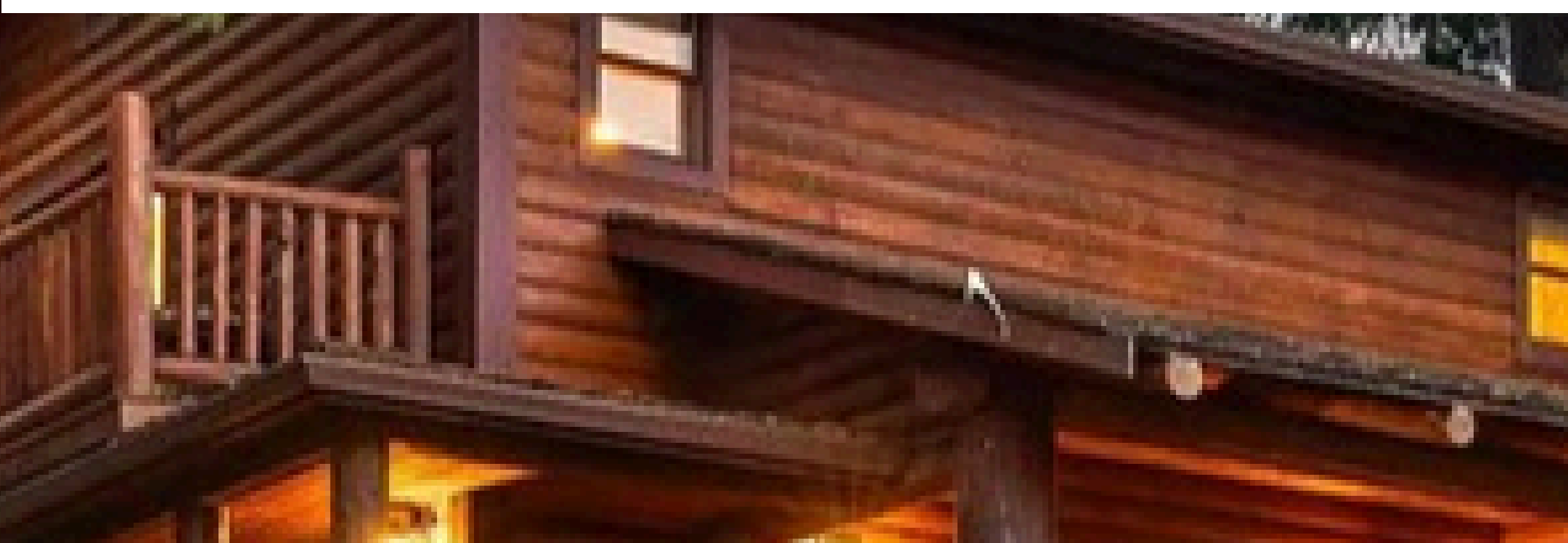
If you need anything during your stay, I'm always just a message away and happy to help! Thank you for choosing The Castle at Summit Lake for your vacation."

-Emily Peterson

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