

**ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL  
(or food) MAY BE TAKEN  
TO THE WINERY!**

**Please leave it in the Cabin.**

**We are VERY serious about NOT  
jeopardizing our Liquor License  
or increasing our Liability  
Insurance.**

**We really don't want to restrict  
the use of alcohol at the cabins.**

**Don't be "that" guy who screws  
it up for everyone else!**

**Just leave it AT THE CABIN.**

**All of the areas at the Winery  
are under surveillance including  
the parking lot.**

# The Cabins and Cottages at Shale Lake

## Terms and Conditions

We look forward to making your visit to Shale Lake an enjoyable experience. Our accommodations feature 4 log cabins located at the water's edge of our 24 acre lake. Plus, we have 5 cottages perched on top of the highest man-made point in Madison County overlooking the lake and country side. And, a floating cabin, "The Boathouse". The floating cabin is be permanently moored next to the wooded "point" on the southwest end of the lake. All so you can "get away and play".

**Reservation Policy:** Reservations are required at least 48 hours in advance for the Cabins and Cottages at Shale Lake. A valid credit card is required to guarantee your reservation. Full payment is required at the time the reservation is made. Our cancellation policy applies once payment has been processed.

You must be 21 years or older to rent one of our cabins or cottages. Your online reservation does not constitute a reservation until you have received a confirmation email notice from Shale Lake. All confirmation email notices will be sent during our regular business hours (Monday thru Thursday).

**Daily Cabin and Cottage Rates:** Our rates are based on dates requested and cabin type and are subject to availability. Rates may change without notice. All previously confirmed reservation rates will be honored. Holiday rates may be higher. Cabin and Cottage rates may be higher during "in season" periods and on Friday and Saturday nights and for single night stays.

**Occupancy:** All of our cabins and cottages have a clear maximum occupancy limit. Rates are based on 2 person occupancy. There is a \$20 charge per person per night for each additional person (including children 2 years old and older) up to the maximum occupancy of each unit. No cabin or cottage will be rented for more than the maximum occupancy limit. There is no discount for single occupancy. There will be no refund for early departure. Units that have unreported additional guests (more than 2 guests)

will be charged at the maximum rate possible for full occupancy in the cabin. Please see the signage on the wall of the unit for that rate.

No visitors to registered guests will be allowed in the cabin/cottage between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. No unregistered vehicles are allowed to park in the cabin/cottage area. Unregistered vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense. Visitors must park in the visitor parking area. Registered guests will be held responsible for damages or injuries caused by their visitors.

**Quiet Time:** Guests are asked to keep the noise level down between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. as a courtesy to the other guests. Shale Lake reserves the right to ask guest and/or their visitors to leave the premises for unsafe, loud or rowdy behavior.

**Non Smoking:** ALL of the cabins and cottages at Shale Lake are NON smoking. You may smoke on the porches. We provide outdoor ashtrays. Please use them and do not discard butts on the ground. Guests of cabins with evidence of interior smoking will be charged a cleaning fee of \$200 to remove the smoke smell and replace smoke damaged items.

**Housekeeping Services:** For your convenience, all beds are made and an initial supply of bath towels, wash clothes, hand towels and a bath mat are provided based on occupancy conditions. An initial supply of bath tissue, paper towels, dish soap and regular coffee will be provided. It is the responsibility of the guest to provide their own additional comforts and supplies. Housekeeping is NOT provided daily. Housekeeping is not responsible for washing dishes. You don't have to put the dishes away but you do need to wash them! We charge \$20 per hour to wash dirty dishes left behind by the guest.

**Trash:** There should be additional trash bags inside the trash can under the existing trash bag. Please do not leave full trash bags

outside (raccoons). You can drop a full bag in the dumpster just outside the front gate or leave it in the screened in porch.

**Pet Policy (including Dogs and Cats):** Due to potential allergy conditions, we only allow pets in cabins 1-4. Pets are not allowed in the Cottages or the Boat House at Shale Lake. There is a \$25 non-refundable pet fee per pet per stay.

**Fishing and Activities:** Registered guests are welcome to fish our stocked 24 acre lake. Fishing is catch and keep for Cabin Guests. Please see our catch and keep regulations on our website. There is NO hunting allowed. There is NO ATV use allowed. There are NO firearms allowed on the premises (including BB and pellet guns). There are plenty of places to hike and explore, however the barns (at the top of the hill), vineyard, out buildings and Winery (when closed) are STRICTLY OFF LIMITS.

Yes, guests may use the canoe, Jon boat or Kayaks AT THEIR OWN RISK. We have paddles and life vests available next to the boats. Please do not allow your children to sword fight with the paddles 😊. Please return equipment to the shore where you found it. Please do not leave the boats, life vests nor paddles on the shoreline elsewhere.

There is no swimming allowed in the lake.

All activities at Shale Lake are at the Guest/Visitors own risk.

**Children:** A parent or legal guardian must accompany children under 16 to the water's edge. Children are not allowed to play in the parking areas or outbuildings. Please do not allow your children to play at other cabin/cottage sites. Children must be accompanied by someone 18 or over to ride on the rental bicycles including the surrey.

GUESTS WHO FAIL TO OBEY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS, CAUSE A DISTURBANCE TO OTHER GUESTS OR THE WILDLIFE OR ENGAGE IN ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITY ARE SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE EVICTION FROM THE GROUNDS.

**Winery:** The Winery at Shale Lake is located at the entrance gate about 2500 feet from the cabins (there is a wooded trail) and approximately ½ mile from the cottages. During season, the Winery is open every Friday and Saturday. Please see our web page [www.shalewine.com](http://www.shalewine.com) for more information.

**Check-In /Check-Out:** A check-in document including gate code, parking and door code instructions will be emailed to the registered guest approximately 2-5 days in advance of the arrival date. The email includes instructions for using our electronic security gate, parking and key pad door locks.

To check out, simply lock the door. The door code will expire automatically. Only registered guests will be given the codes to cabin doors.

Check-In time is 2:00 p.m. and Check-Out time is 11:00 a.m. Early check in and late checkout are available on a per cabin/cottage basis. Cleaning times for the unit determine the early and late availability and are not guaranteed. Please ask in advance of your stay if early check in or late checkout are desired. We will try to accommodate all requests. If late checkout is not requested or not granted, please do not linger at the unit past 11 a.m. Someone else is checking in and the housekeeper is waiting to clean. There is a very small window!

Please let us know in advance if you plan to arrive later than 10:00 p.m. Shale Lake is open 365 days a year; however the office is virtual. whenever the Winery is open and on all major holidays. Please text or call 618-977-9916 for questions (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.) or issues (anytime) during your stay. Please do not disturb the residents.

**Parking:** Each unit has a designated parking area. Larger units have two parking spaces. Additional guest owned vehicles must be parked in the visitor's parking area. Visitors must park in the visitor parking area. NO parking is allowed on the roadway or in the grass. There are no exceptions. Vehicles in tow must be left at the barn or in the visitor parking lots. There is no turn around for towed vehicles.

**Damaged or missing items:** Shale Lake reserves the right to charge guests replacement costs for damage in excess of normal wear and tear to cabin/cottage interiors and provided furnishings. Guests agree to authorize Shale Lake to debit the credit card on file for reasonable replacement or repair cost of missing or unnecessarily damaged items.

**Disclosures:** Please note that no refunds are given on appliance or utility failures. For repair and maintenance, every effort will be made to remedy in a timely manner.

Cabin and Cottage guests authorize Shale Lake personnel access to rental cabins and cottages to verify that all the terms of this agreement are complied with or to perform any necessary maintenance.

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations made 14 days or more prior to the arrival date can be used as a credit toward a stay at a later date or refunded minus a \$25 cancellation/handling fee.

Cancellations made 14 days or less in advance of the arrival date will not be refunded but will be credited toward a stay for a later date. The cancellation/handling fee will be increased to \$75 for cancellations made less than 48 hours in advance or for no show/no call reservations.

**Payment Methods:** We accept Master Card, Visa, Discover, American Express and US currency only. All money orders and Traveler's checks must be in US currency. Personal checks are accepted as long as they are received at least 10 days in advance of the stay.

**Lost and Found:** Any items left in or around the cabins or cottages must be claimed within 90 days. Shale Lake will make a reasonable effort to contact guests about any items found. After 90 days, the item will be discarded. Shale Lake will be happy to return identified guest items for the cost of shipping.

**Campfires:** All fires must be in the fire rings and attended at all times. Please remember that campfires are dangerous. Use all due care while creating, maintaining, and extinguishing the fire.

Shale Lake recommends keeping a gallon or more of water nearby to douse the flames should they get out of control and having a first aid kit available.

**Wi-Fi:** Wi-Fi is not yet available at the Cabins. There is wi-fi at the Cottages and Winery. The password for the Cottages can be found in the “check in instructions”. If the winery is closed, the screened in patio door should be unlocked. Guests are welcome to use the tables and chairs to connect to the wi-fi. Signals are subject to change without notice depending on Shale Lake location from our wireless signal interface.

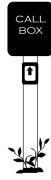
**Risk Wavier:** Notwithstanding any offer or provision of services by Shale Lake whether for fee or gratuitously, a guest and or visitor acknowledges that Shale Lake is not liable to him or her for any losses, injury or damage suffered by such member to his or her property or person, arising, whether through acts of negligence or otherwise, of guests, visitors, members or employees in their conduct. All guests and visitors acknowledge and accept that such liability shall be borne by him or her as the case may be, and further indemnify Shale Lake and hold harmless for all loss, cost and expense incurred by reason of the member’s neglect or use of the premises or by reason of injury to person or property in or on the property of any other place from any cause whatsoever. All risks of any such injury, loss or damage shall be assumed by the guest or visitor who shall hold Shale Lake harmless or indemnified therefrom.

**By making a reservation and visiting Shale Lake, you accept these terms and conditions.**

**Directions** From I-55 take exit 37 into Livingston. Turn right on Livingston Ave. Go 1.9 miles. Livingston Ave becomes Williamson Ave.



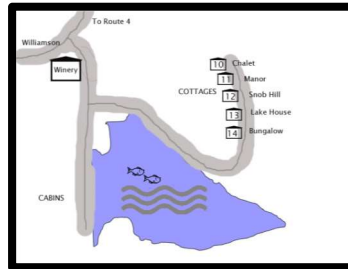
Shale Lake is on the corner of Williamson Ave and Washington Ave (just before the road curves out of town).



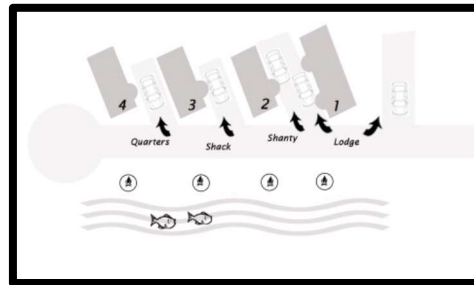
**Opening the Gate** There is a key pad attached to the Kiosk. If the gate is closed, enter your four digit code and the gate should open. Your code will expire on the last registered date of your stay.

At the fork in the road, go straight for the **cabins**

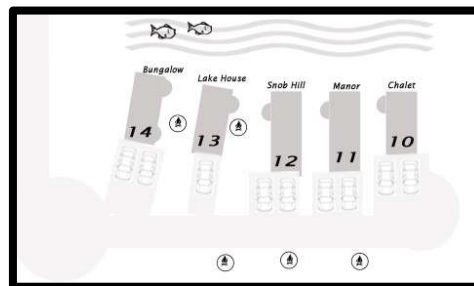
Or go left and follow the signs down the lake shore to the end of the hill for the **Cottages**.



**Parking** For privacy and the view, parking is limited. If you have multiple vehicles or visitors, you will need to park the extra cars in the visitor parking lot near the fork in the road for the **cabins**...



Or at the entrance to the hill for the **cottages**.



**Cabin or Cottage Door**

The front door of the Cottage has a key pad. Enter your same code (you will hear a click) and open the door. Turn the thumb latch on the inside to keep the door unlocked during your stay. When you leave, you can lock your



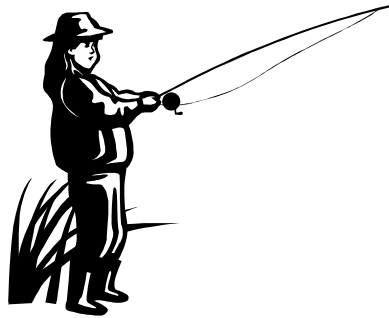
door by turning the thumb latch back to the locked position (engaging the code once again).



### **Winery**

The Winery at Shale Lake is open every Fri. 4-10 p.m. and Sat. 1-10 pm during the season. For live music and more check out our events calendar at [www.shalewine.com](http://www.shalewine.com).

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ALCOHOL FROM THE CABINS OR COTTAGES INTO THE WINERY OR SURROUNDING SERVICE AREA (Except Shale Lake Wine!)

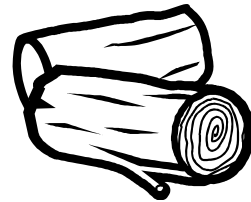


### **Fishing**

We have excellent fishing. Bring your pole. Please see our website for lake regulations...  
[www.shalecabin.com](http://www.shalecabin.com)

### **Firewood**

Cabins and Cottages have a designated fire ring with an adjustable BBQ grill...make arrangements to purchase firewood (\$6 bundle) and have it waiting a your site by sending an email to [shale@madisontelco.com](mailto:shale@madisontelco.com)



### **Hiking**

With over 200 acres, there are plenty of areas to roam. Watch for our unique cactus on the shale hills or search for old bottles from the coal mine days.

## HIKING TRAILS

There are 200 acres available for exploring. The entire perimeter has some form of fencing (some chain link and some barbed wire). There are a few interior chain link fences as well. You are welcomed to explore the entire property except for the outbuildings. There are a few wooded trails that are maintained annually. As an old coal mine, Shale Lake has a lot of old bottles and treasures to find!

There is a trail from the log cabins directly to the Winery. It is about 950 feet long and starts at the road to the right of cabin 1 (gps coordinates 38.990150,-89.758783). It goes through the woods over a little wooden bridge past the horse pasture and to the front door of the Winery. Watch for deer, turkey and cactus.

There are two trails: one starts next to the visitor parking at the base of the cottage road to the right of the shed (gps coordinates 38.993825,-89.760299) and curves around the North end of the lake. The other trail starts just past the Route 66 sign beyond the log cabins (gps coordinates 38.990385,-89.757273). Look for an opening on the right just after the grove of locust trees.

If you get lost call 618-977-9916 or use gps coordinates 38.990275,-89.758456 for the cabins or gps coordinates 38.994592, -89.762109 for the cottages.

## HILLTOP VIEWS

**VINEYARD:** The vineyard is approximately 14 acres. We planted in 2007 and had our first harvest in 2010. There are 57 rows of grapes. Each row is 600 foot long. We have 6 varieties of grapes; three red varieties; Norton, Chambourcin and Marechal Foch and three white varieties; Vignole, Cayuga and Traminette. If you wonder what we are doing...we typically prune the vines in March and April and we typically harvest from July to October. We do not harvest enough grapes to make all of our current wine production. We buy juice or grapes of only the same varieties we grow. We make 100% of our own wine. We are a REAL WINERY!

**LAKE:** Our 24 acre lake is a natural lake. It was used in the coal mine production and reclaimed in the 90's. When it was reclaimed, it was drained and trenched. Some of the top soil in the Vineyard came from the bottom of the lake. With the exception of a 20' deep trench in front of the dam, the lake is only 4-5' deep. If you fall in, STAND UP! The lake was stocked in the 90's and has some really great fishing! Cabin guests may fish, CATCH AND KEEP IF YOU LIKE. We have crappie, bass, catfish and bluegill.

The canoe, Kayaks and Jon boat can be used free of charge at the cabin guest's OWN RISK. Please return the boats to the same area of the shoreline. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult to use the boats.

**FOWL, FUR and SHELL:** We host a lot more than humans at the lake! You may see a Grey Heron soaring in for the night and occasionally a white one, too. We have Swans and White Northern Pelicans stopping almost every year. We also have at least 3 Barred Owls, a pair of Red Tail Hawks and occasional an eagle or two.

If you see what looks like a large dog swimming in the lake, it is our beaver. His name is Shrek. He is responsible for most of the dead trees around the shoreline. Hike over to one of the dead trees and explore his work. It is fascinating!

We have more than our share of turtles including some snapping turtles the size of a tire! If you find one hibernating in a creek, best to leave it alone!

**WOODED BOUNTY:** We have some unusual plants and trees. The old coal mine employed as many as 700 people. There were buildings in and around the woods. The buildings are gone but you will find cactus thriving in the shale dust and a huge bed of iris blooms (planted by previous

office ladies). We have a yucca grove, pecan & walnut trees, plus apple and persimmon trees. The old metal stove was not grown but rather thrown here by locals using the property as a dump. There is a lot of really cool, really old stuff.

Please feel free to explore and take any trash...ehh..treasures with you!

**DIE HARD JOGGERS:** It is .4 miles from the front gate to the cabins and .6 miles from the cottages to the front gate following the gravel road (plus you get points for running up hill!). If you want to go further than the front gate, there is a walk gate in the grove (the area with picnic tables to the left of the front gate). You are welcome to run the trails. However, they may not be completely dry or clear at all times.

**BIKING:** The Madison County (Quercus Grove MCT trail QG5) and Macoupin County ITS bike trail from Staunton to Benld both connect less than 3 miles from us. There is an entrance to the bike trail off of Route 4 just north of Old Route 16. To access you will have to ride your bike off trail for 2.5 miles or you can park and ride using the entrance in South Watertower Park located at 100 E. 6<sup>TH</sup> St Staunton, IL 62088.

**To ride to the bike trail entrance...** Turn right on Williamson Ave (exiting Shale Lake) Turn left at the end of the road (this is Siever's road also known as old route 16). Follow the road when it curves toward the right to Route 4. Turn right on route 4 and you will see the bike trail just ahead.

Non bike trail riding conditions to get to trail: ½ mile gravel road followed by 2.5 miles county road, followed 1/4 mile State route to trail.

**To drive and park and then ride to the bike trail entrance ....** Turn right on Williamson Ave (exiting Shale Lake) Turn right at the end of the road (this is Siever's road also known as old route 66).

Follow the road to the left when it turns into Madison St.

Turn left on E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Turn left on Wabash St. Take the second right onto E.6<sup>th</sup> St.

## STORM WARNINGS

We are located at the North most point of Madison County at the Macoupin County line (Olive Township). Williamson is sometimes mentioned but mostly storm alerts are reported for the two surrounding towns of Livingston (Madison) and Staunton (Macoupin).

The radar usually shows Interstate 55 as a landmark or our area.

The cabins and cottages are built to withstand strong wind conditions and Midwest weather. They are anchored with 6000 pound strength cables to over 30,000 pounds of reinforced concrete. They are only 12' wide so they do move in heavy wind.

We do not have a basement or storm shelter on the property. An interior room without windows or a low laying ditch is recommended in the event of tornados.

## Watch verses Warning...

A **severe thunderstorm watch** outlines an area where an organized threat of thunderstorms containing penny-size hail or large and/or damaging/destructive winds are expected during (generally) a three to 6 hour period.

A **tornado watch** includes the large hail and damaging wind threats, as well as the possibility of multiple tornadoes.

Typical watches cover about 25,000 square miles, or about half the size of Iowa.

A **tornado warning** is issued when a tornado (or sometimes a funnel cloud) has been spotted or is denoted by radar. When a tornado warning is issued for your area you should seek shelter.

# IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Emergency**

**911**

Address: 1499 Washington Ave, Williamson (Staunton), IL

Williamson is located off of I-55 (exit 37) between Livingston and Staunton IL in Madison County, IL. (Staunton is in Macoupin County).

**Shale Lake Innkeeper** (please text all non-emergency issues)

618-977-9916

Alternate emergency numbers 618-637-2470 / 618-407-9273

**Staunton Memorial Hospital**

400 N Caldwell St., Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-3200

**Animal Doctor** (Dr. Steinmeyer) 195 Route 4, Staunton IL 62088  
217-835-2485

## LOCAL RESTAURANTS

(Listed by Distance to Shale Lake)

**The Winery at Shale Lake**

1499 Washington Ave, Williamson, IL 62088 618-637-2470

**Country Inn Diner**

536 Veterans Memorial Dr., Livingston, IL 62058 637-2600

**Dairy Queen**

1553 Herman Road, Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-5194

**Twistee Treat**

908 Veteran Memorial Dr. Livingston, IL 62058 618-637-2366

**DeCamp Junction**

8767 State Route 4, Staunton, IL 62088 618-637-2951

**Route 138 Diner**

21224 Route 138, Mt. Olive IL 62069



**R&B's Family Restaurant**

802 S. Hackman St., Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-2588

**Bamboo Garden Chinese Cuisine**

121 S. Edwardsville Ave, Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-7423

**Cavataio's Italian Restaurant**

101 S Edwardsville Ave, Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-2030

**Hardee's**

117 N Hibbard St, Staunton, IL 635-5453

**JoDanni's Amore (Italian)**

2422 Staunton Rd, Gillespie, IL 62033

**Yellow Dog Tavern**

124 E Wall St. Worden, IL 618-459-3663

**Weezy's Bar and Grill**

108 S Old US 66 (Route 66), Hamel IL 618-633-2225

**Pizza Man of Litchfield**

301 W Main, Litchfield, IL 217-324-6139

**LOCAL BARS**

**The Winery at Shale Lake**

Of course!

**Rock Bottom Bar**

903 Williamson Ave, Williamson, IL 62088

**R&B's Family Restaurant**

802 S. Hackman St., Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-2588

**Digger's Dugout**

7708 State Route 4, Worden, IL 618-633-1850

**Yellow Dog Tavern**

124 E Wall St. Worden, IL 618-459-3663

**Mister T's** 219 E Main St, Staunton, IL 635-3112

**PIZZA DELIVERY (to Shale Lake)**

Please provide your cabin/cottage  
number when ordering.

**Little Italy's Pizza** 618-635-8181

**Casey's General Store** 618-635-8288

**PHARMACIES**

**Sullivan's Drug Store** 101 E Main St. Staunton IL 62088

618-635-2595

**CVS Pharmacy**, East Main Street, Staunton, IL 618-635-2538

**GROCERY**

**Bill's IGA** 406 E Main St. Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-2121 (does  
not sell alcohol)

**Livingston Grocery** 421 S Livingston Ave, Livingston, IL 62058 618-  
637-2110

**The Main Station Liquor Store** 401 W Main St. Staunton, IL 62088  
618-635-3025 (they have drive thru)

## **AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR AND SERVICE**

**Martintoni's Auto Repair** 419 S Livingston Ave, Livingston IL  
62058 618-637-2277

**Napa Auto Parts** 201 E Main St. Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-2484

## **FLORIST**

**Brick House Florist** 100 W Main St. #B Staunton IL 62088 618-635-  
3716

**Nancy's Florist** 303 S Livingston Ave, Livingston IL 618-637-8929

## **HAIR SALONS AND BARBER**

**Moore's Barber Shop** 316 E Main St. Staunton IL 618-635-3788

## **DOCTORS**

**Staunton Chiropractic Clinic** 426 W Pearl St, Staunton, IL 62088  
618-635-3200

**Staunton Health Clinic** 444 N Edwardsville St, Staunton, IL 62088  
618-635-300

## **BAIT, TACKLE AND FISHING SUPPLIES**

**Duda Ace Hardware**, 500 W Main St. Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-  
3300

## **LIBRARY**

**Staunton Library** 306 W Main, Staunton IL 62088

## **MAIL AND SHIPPING**

**U.S. Post Office** 113 S Edwardsville St. Staunton, IL 62088

## **SHOPPING CENTERS AND MALLS & Museums**

**Pink Elephant Antique Mall** 908 Veterans Memorial Dr.  
Livingston, IL 62058 618-637-2366

**Country Classic Cars** 2149 E Frontage Rd. Staunton, IL 62088

**Route 66 Museum** Litchfield, IL

## **VARIETY STORES**

**Wal-mart** 1205 W Ferdon, Litchfield, IL 62056

## **LAUNDRY MAT**

**Rainbow Laundry** 110 N Hibbard St, 62088

# **Shale Lake's Recommendations**

We love all of our neighboring food spots...these are just some of our favorite combinations.....

## **BEST.....**

**Wine....Shale Lake**

**Cheeseburger.....Yellow Dog Tavern**

**Breakfast.....Route 138 Diner**

**Best Pie....Country Inn**

**Pizza.....Cavatios**

**Fish...DeCamp Junction**

**Homestyle....R&B's Family Restaurant**

**Patty Melt....Country Inn**

**Wings....Yellow Dog Tavern or Weezy's**

**Salad...Weezy's or Yellow Dog Tavern**

**Fried Chicken....DeCamp Junction**

**Steak...Yellow Dog**

**Diner Food...Country Inn or Route 138**

**Fine Dining....JoDanni's Amore**

**Buffet...R&B's Family Restaurant**

## Shale Lake

Founded in 2006 on the site of a reclaimed coal mine, Shale Lake is the first and only “Coal Winery” in Illinois. Offering a year round winery with a beautiful vineyard, 10 full



service cabins and cottages, a wine walking trail plus hiking and equine trails... all located on Historic Illinois Route 66, it's the perfect spot to “get away and play”!

The Winery produces wines from the 6 varieties of grapes being grown on site. The tasting room is open to the public Friday-Sunday throughout the year for guests to sample and buy true Illinois wines. An eclectic mix of cold and hot appetizers, sandwiches and pizzas are available as well. The heated Wine Garden patio is a perfect spot to relax year-round!

Four log style cabins nestled along the lake shore and five cottages overlooking the lake with a “grand” view of three counties are the most recent additions at Shale Lake. Whether you are looking for a 1970's retro themed cabin, trying to get your kicks on route 66, seeking a romantic getaway or, a “girl's night out”, one of the cabins will fit your needs. The size, accommodations and décor for each cabin is completely unique. Pick the cabin or cottage that best fits your needs or make it a goal to try each one!

With over 200 acres of wooded trails, guests can take a glass of wine for a stroll down to the 24 acre lake or hike from the front door of the cabins to the back door of the Winery.

Located at exit 37 off of Interstate 55, Shale Lake is just a few miles away from shopping at The Pink Elephant Antique Mall, Henry's Rabbit Ranch and The Country Classics Cars Museum (and sales). Pick one or all three and have fun on Route 66 in rural Illinois!