

Welcome!



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www.CampfireRiverLodge.com



We are SO excited
that you're here!



MEET YOUR HOSTS

Melissa & Kip
Owners

Hello! We are Melissa & Kip, your hosts! We own this home as a family with our three children. Thank you for helping us provide for our family. We have loved the outdoors, nature and river all our lives! Our family has enjoyed this home and made many memories here in peace & tranquility while rivaling the chaos of kids, work and just LIFE. We found it to be such a place of fun and healing that we wanted to share the love of our lodge with others! We really hope that you enjoy your visit. Please make memories, take a deep breath, have some fun or just relax!

Let us know if you need anything!

Thank you for being here!

With great gratitude,

*Your hosts
Melissa & Kip*

HOUSE RULES



No pets. We have a child with allergies. Sad because we do love fur babies!



Absolutely no shoes in the house please. There are many walks of wildlife outside, we would like to keep their waste where they've laid it.



Absolutely no smoking in the rental of any kind. Any evidence of smoking in the house, garage, barn or any area that is not completely outside will result in a large fine/fee. Please don't. **Be sure to dispose of butts into outdoor garbage cans, not inside.**



No unapproved large group parties without clearly indicating to hosts the intention of your stay being a celebration and obtaining approval. **All guests responsible for damages done.**



Do not use, plug in or operate the pellet stove in the basement. Full furnace with forced air heat is provided to keep you comfortable.

HOUSE RULES

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*If a door or closet is locked, please respect our boundary and leave it be, **do not attempt to break in or enter locked areas.***



***Do not unplug or tamper with the security system panel in the breezeway,** this is a serious offense to your security and ours. The system is wired to alert authorities if unplugged. **There are NO cameras inside the home.** Don't worry, we aren't creeps!*

Please also do not unplug or tamper with the internet system/router.



*You will see white sensors in some corners of the home. **These are not cameras! Please do not tamper with them.** These are "glass break" sensors that alert us if a window or door were to be broken from the outside. They are only there to alarm us in case of a broken glass emergency.*



***NO littering on the property or in the river.** Please clean up any rubbish throughout the property and place into trash cans. Nature is beautiful, help us keep it that way!*

Fire Places

REMINDER: Do NOT operate, attempt to use or plug in the pellet stove in the basement, this is not for guest use.

Please use extreme caution if you decide to use the fireplace in the living room.

Do not leave on overnight or for longer than a 2 hour period.

Never leave the fireplace unattended when in use.

Never allow children near the fireplace at anytime, in use or not.

Please be sure the fireplace has been fully shut off before going to bed for the evening or departing the home.



Fire Pit

- 🔥 Only make a fire in the designated fire pit
- 🔥 Feel free to bring or buy your own wood or use what you find stacked on the property
- 🔥 Fires should only be burning under adult supervision
- 🔥 Never leave the fire unattended. Please be sure the fire is fully out before leaving unattended.
- 🔥 Please do not burn garbage, cans/bottles or anything other than wood in firepits.
- 🔥 Feel free to use the provided HoBo Pie makers for making tasty hot sammies! We only ask that you clean them up and put them away when finished.
- 🔥 Do NOT leave the propane firepit on the deck unattended. Please be sure to shut off the propane when finished using.
Do not use propane pit on deck to cook food or snacks of any kind.

Thank you



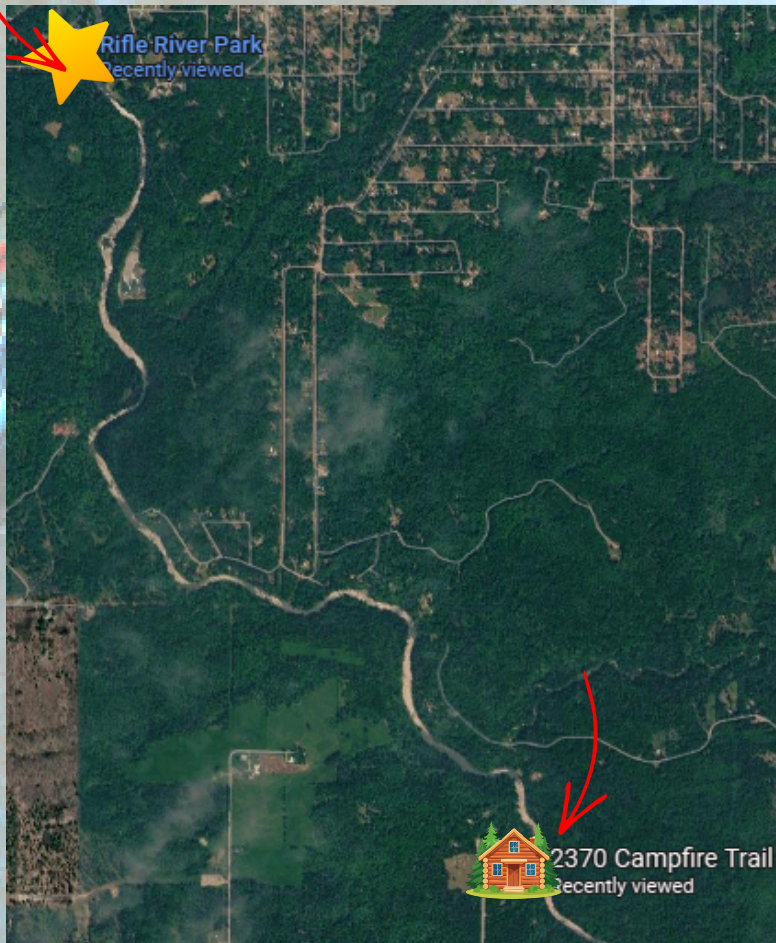
RIVER FLOAT TRIPS

Self Launch/Exit Options

Whether you're looking for a shorter float or a longer adventure, there are several options for launch!

Rifle River Park

971 E Greenwood Rd. Alger, MI 48610



There is a small parking lot here. You can park, launch and float back to the house & depart the river right back at the lodge! Plan for a second driver to head back to the park to pick up the vehicle that was used to transport to the launch.

Float times will vary as the speed of the river is based on mother nature!

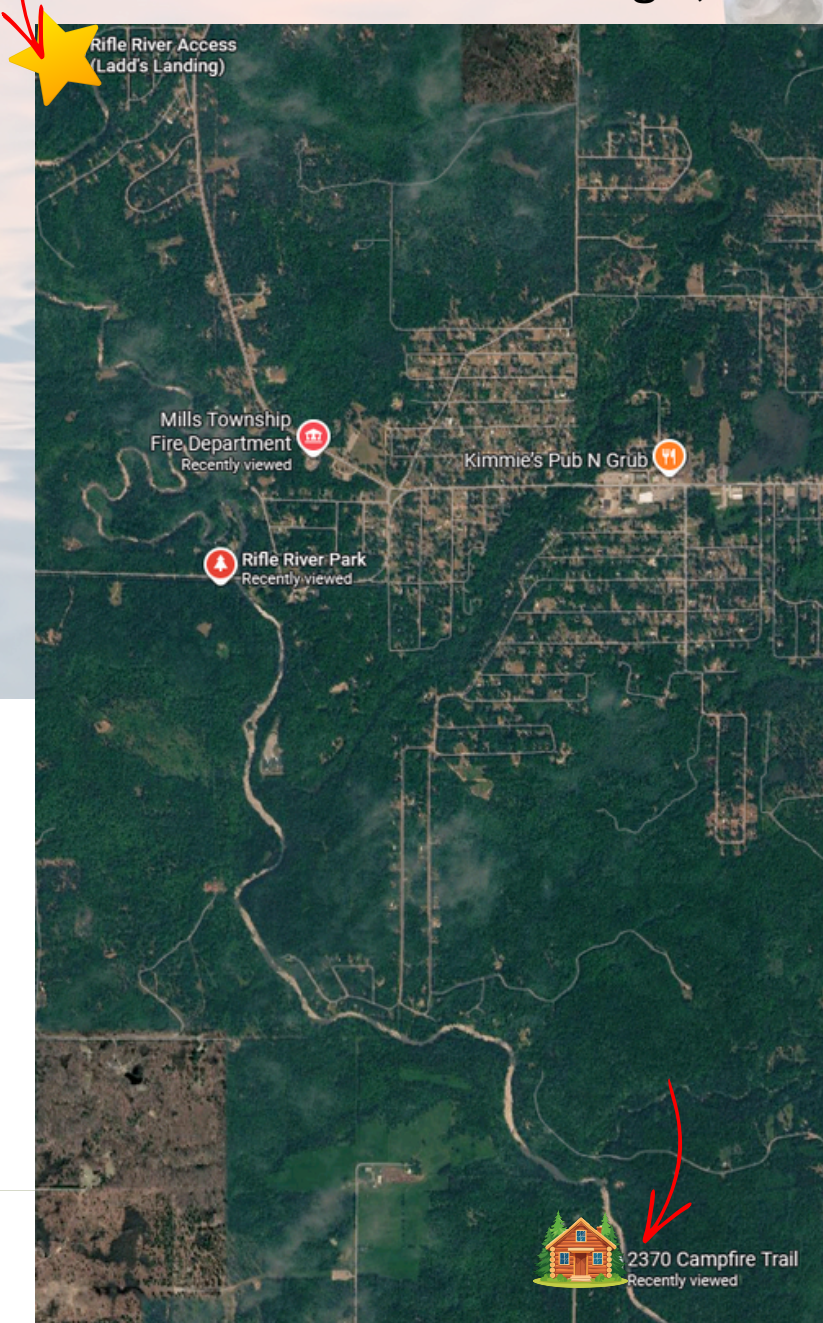
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Feel free to also explore and find your own unique launch points based off your personal interests!

Rifle River Access (Ladd's Landing)

Dead end of Kenneth Dr Alger, MI 48610



You will need to type “Kenneth Dr Alger, MI” into google maps, follow it to the dead end to find Ladd’s Landing.

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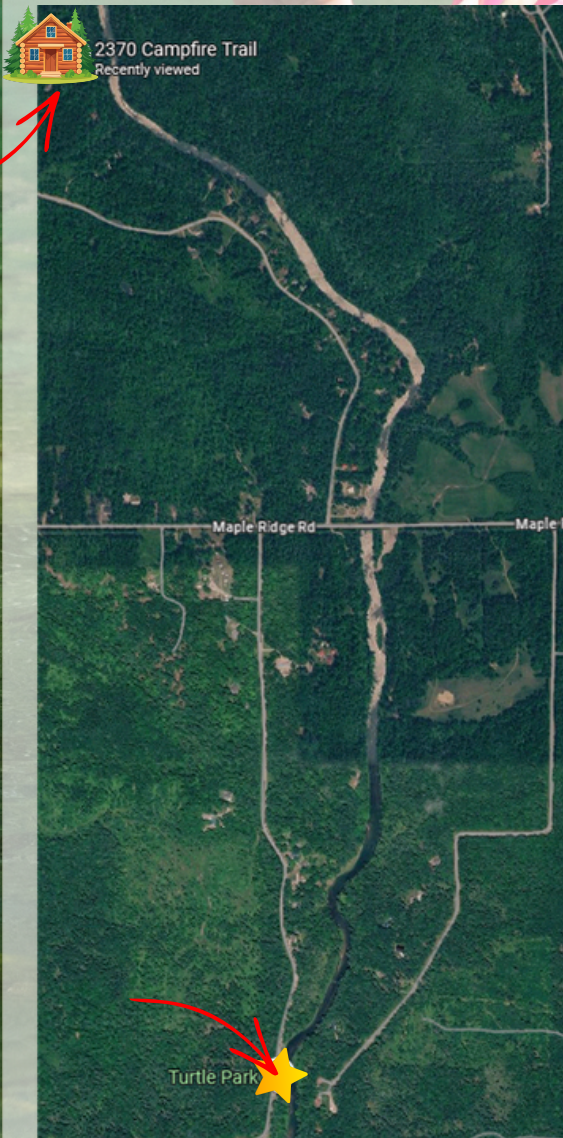
Self Launch/Exit Options

Start right from Campfire River Lodge!

Starting at the Lodge

You can launch right from the Lodge and exit the river at

Turtle Park on N Forest Lake Dr.



There are small spaces to park along the road and just off the road here. You will want to drop a vehicle off there to bring yourselves back to the Lodge when getting off the river.

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RIVER FLOAT TRIPS

Nearby Float Trip Companies

There are several family owned float trip companies within the area. You can also use them for drop off/pick up for float trips down different parts of the river if you'd like to further explore!

White's Canoe Livery

382 Melita Rd. Sterling, MI 48659

(989) 654-2654

whitescanoe.net

Rifle River Campground & Canoe Livery

5825 Townline Rd. Sterling, MI 48659

(989) 654-2556

riflerivercampground.net

River View Campground & Canoe Livery

5755 Townline Rd. Sterling, MI 48659

(989) 654-2447

riverviewcampground.com

Troll Landing Campground & Canoe Livery

2660 Rifle River Trail West Branch, MI 48661

(989) 345-7260

trolllanding.com

RIVER FLOAT TIPS

Just a few ideas from our experiences!

You may want to bring rope to tie your tubes together.

You will want an extra tube for your cooler.

Bring an extra tube along just in case a tube pops.

Bring snacks and water!

Do NOT bring any glass containers with you.

Bring a tumbler cup to refill for your refreshments.

Don't forget your sunscreen.

Wear water shoes.

Wear life jackets.

Young children may have a hard time sitting still for the trip. They may also struggle with getting back on their tube if they fall off or navigating around any fallen branches/rocks. Please use your best judgement on whether it is appropriate to bring your child on the river or not.

Take pics!!! We would also love to see them if you'd care to send them our way, too!

HAVE FUN!!!!

GRILL

Directions and for using Charcoal Grill

A full size Charcoal Weber grill is provided for your use. You will find it in the garage attached to the house.

- Local stores will have charcoal & starter fluid for purchase.
- Remove grill cover and use grill at your convenience.
- Please remember to let the grill cool down once finished and use caution when operating and near the grill as it cools.
- You are welcome to the grill tool accessories that we have there. Please be sure to clean them and return them back in their case when you are finished.
- Once done using, clean off grill grates, let the grill cool and **PUT GRILL COVER BACK ON ONCE COOLED AND CLEANED AND PLACE GRILL BACK INTO THE GARAGE. Do not put back in the garage until fully cooled down.**



FISHING AT THE *Riverfront*

- No cleaning fish on decks or dock
- Follow all local laws and regulations
- All minors must be accompanied by an adult
- Pay attention to your surroundings for people around you OR people in the river when casting.
- We would LOVE if you sent us photos of your big catches of the day!





Arenac County Fairgrounds

2392 Airpark Dr. Standish, MI 48658
arenacountyfair.com

With over 125 years, the Arenac County Fair has provided fun and educational experiences for every age! They have a wide variety of different events and activities throughout different times of the year. Be sure to visit their web page to see what events may be happening during your stay!

Ogemaw County Fair

2300 Rifle River Trail West Branch, MI 48661
ogemawcountyfair.org

Considered one of the prettiest & scenic fairgrounds in Michigan! Fair rides, tractor pulls, Bike Bash's, Halloween Spooktaculars, The Antique Village, a wide variety of shows, dinners and events! Be sure to check their web page to see what events may be happening during your stay!

RECOMMENDATIONS

Things to Do

Irons Park

335 Shrigley St. West Branch, MI 48661

Kid friendly with a playground, creek, tennis & basketball courts. Public restrooms and picnic tables.

Moffatt Township Park

1611 Henry St. Alger, MI 48610

Kid friendly with a playground & baseball field. Public restrooms and room to run! Not a whole ton of activities here, but it's an option!

Standish Historical Depot & Welcome Center

107 N Main St. Standish, MI 48658

Circa 1920! Train depot with exhibits on local history and railroads! They host special events at times such as concerts, horse drawn carriage rides and craft fairs. Historical buildings and old trains are very cool to see! They have year round events here and it's very pretty and cute at Christmas time with a Santa Train!

Veteran memorials are a heartwarming touch alongside the Depot's memorial walk.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Where to

RIDE

Ogemaw Hills ORV Route & Trail

Accessed via the Frank Alley Park Trailhead, located at the corner of Fairview Rd & Rose City Rd. Klackung Township, MI (West Branch) Roughly a 30 minute drive from the Lodge, easy peasy!

Over 22 Miles of loops for all ATV's, UTV's, Dirtbikes & Four Wheelers! GREAT place to ride for a full day's BRAPPPPP!!!! *All vehicles require an ORV license and an ORV trail permit. Available for purchase via link below:

<https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/orv-riding/maps-list>

Gladwin ORV Trail

Accessed via a trailhead that is met at a dirt parking lot off of Center Firelane Trail, just near the crossroads of M-61 W & Center Firelane Trail in Bentley, MI A quick 30 minute drive takes you there!

People love this route and trail system for all types of ORV's!

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St. Helen ORV Trail

Access is again, just about a quick 30 minute ride to the crossroads of St Helen Rd S & I-75.

This place is great for larger side by sides, off road Jeeps and trucks. Featuring open riding bowls & rock crawling. Over 60 miles of trails!

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There are plenty of other riding options, a quick google will show you around if you want to see more options!

RECOMMENDATIONS

Shopping



Meijer

3691 M-55 West Branch, MI 48661

Groceries and everything in between that you may need for your stay. Forgot something that we don't have at the lodge for you? Meijer has it!

Walmart Supercenter

2750 Cook Rd. West Branch, MI 48661

It's a Walmart! It's got everything! Forgot something? Walmart has it, too!

The Rivers Market

4022 N M-30, Gladwin, MI 48624

Our favorite small, family owned convenience store! GREAT owners! Beer, snacks, ice, lotto and more! Can't forget their deli with awesome hoagies!

Narski's Market

2320 Brock Rd. Alger, MI 48610

Much smaller scale than the above big chains. Cute little local, family owned place with great cuts of steak, chicken, pork, sausages, jerky and beef! Other light groceries as well as beer and wine!

West Branch Outlet Mall

2990 Cook Rd. West Branch, MI 48661

An outlet mall for some good ol' fashioned retail therapy! Has your general big chain retail clothing stores, a myriad of places to eat, a greenhouse, sporting goods stores and even a tattoo shop if you're feelin' extra frisky!

RECOMMENDATIONS

*Where to Eat
and snag a drink, too!*

There are a ton of options to dine and drink (if you'd like) in the West Branch or the Standish areas!

Logger's Depot

314 W Houghton Ave. West Branch, MI 48661

A cute bar that has a full food menu and drinks!

If you google this address, this place is located on a cute strip with shopping & dining. It's a great little strip to walk around, shop, sip & snack! There are many other dine and drink options in this area.

Lucky's Steakhouse

2882 Cook Rd. West Branch, MI 48661

(231) 221-2861

Great food! They get busy!! Call ahead and make a reservation if you're able!

The King's Dish

107 E Cedar St. Standish, MI 48658

If you google this address, this place is located on a larger strip with a lot of food, drinks and shopping options, even bowling!



Extra Sleeping Space

There are three queen sized sleeper sofas in the Lodge for extra sleeping space.

You will find one on each floor.

-Loft Area - Main Living Room - Lower Level Living Area-

Extra sheets, pillows & blankets for pull out couch beds are located in breezeway closet.

See next page for pull out instructions.

How the heck does this pull out couch work?!



**LOCATE THIS
PULL LOOP ON
THE BACK OF
THE COUCH.**



**PULL UP AND
OUT. SHOULD
LOOK LIKE
THIS WHEN
DONE**