

Welcome Guide





Address:

1258 Cedar River Dr
Bellaire, MI 49615

Check –In:

Our check-in time is 4 PM. When you arrive at the cabin, we have a lock-box that is installed on a porch post (3rd from the driveway) nearest to the side of the house. The lockbox code is **19740**.

1. Once you enter the code in the lockbox, pull down the level and the face of the box with keys attached should open.
2. Leave the keys attached and open the door. There will be a set of keys hanging on the key holder on the wall as you open the door. Please use these keys during your stay.
3. Place the lockbox keys back in the lockbox. You will need to re-enter the code to get the keys back in and locked.

Outside Camera:

There is a camera installed on the front porch, just above the storage room located just off the porch. The purpose of this camera is to provide surveillance when the cabin is vacant. We power off the camera remotely when we have guests.

Storage Room

The key to the storage room is on the key chain (Moose Keychain). You are welcome to use the storage room to store golf clubs, skis/snowboards, or beach equipment. Please **do not** bring ski equipment into the cabin. The storage room is climate controlled and houses critical mechanical functions of the cabin. Please make sure the door is closed at all times – especially in the winter. The door sticks a little, so you may have to give it a “hip-check” to open and pull hard to close it.

Garbage – Monday Morning Pick Up

If your stay is over a Sunday evening, please take the garbage can to the end of the driveway. Please make sure the lid is secure. Please return the garbage can to the side of the house once the garbage has been picked up on Monday. Thank you for your help with this.

First Aid Kit – There is a first-aid kit in the hall way closet for any scrapes, bruises, bug bites, etc..

Check –Out:

Our check-out time is 11AM. Please follow the check-out steps below:

- ☐ Place all dirty dishes in the dishwasher and start the dishwasher upon your departure.
- ☐ Strip all used linens and place them next to the washer and dryer
- ☐ Please make sure you pick up all of your cell phone and laptop chargers;
- ☐ If you have unplugged the camera, please plug it back in.
- ☐ Please perform general clean up and organizing
- ☐ Please close all windows before leaving
- ☐ Place any trash/garbage in the garbage can outside next to the house. Please make sure the lid is secure on the garbage can.

- ☐ **Keys:** Place keys (Moose Key Ring) back on the wall holder and the keys in the lock box to lock the front and storage room door. Place the keys back in the lockbox.

Internet/WiFi:

We do have wifi – through a satellite connection. This will provide a basic internet connection great for checking work email and browsing social media. Please do not use this connection for on-line gaming (like my kids) because we do have a monthly limit. Please note the more people using the connection, the slower your connection will be.

Network Name: **hug2g876287**
Password: **card26lift**

General Information/Rules:

1. If you are planning a beach day, you are welcome to use the beach equipment including chairs, umbrella, beach buggy, and kids beach toys.
2. **Electric Stove** - In the winter months, please note that the electric stove really heats up the cabin so please do not leave it on for long lengths of time. Please do not leave the cabin with the stove on. We have a regular furnace that is attached to the thermostat – the electric stove is not connected to the thermostat. Also, please do not put hats and clothes on the stove – they will catch on fire!!
3. We are on a septic system, please do not put food down the drain or flush anything, but toilet paper.
4. **BBQ Grill** – We have a Weber charcoal grill. I try to keep the charcoal stocked for you. Please make sure the grill is cleaned after each use and properly covered at night. The local wildlife will have a feast if there is any food left out.
5. **Ladder to Loft** – If you have young children, please use your best discretion if they are able to climb up and down the ladder. Please reinforce with them that only one person is allowed on the ladder at a time and there is no jumping from the ladder.
6. **Bears in the Area** – please be aware that there are Bears in the area. They are mostly interested in bird feeders (which we do not have) and food scraps. Please do not leave out any food or containers that have a sweet scent. Please do not leave coolers on the porch. The Bears are smart enough to know that there is “good stuff” inside of them.
7. **Parking** – Please only park your vehicles in the driveway. DO NOT drive your vehicle in any part of the yard. The yard is very soft and we do not want to damage the septic field. There are NO campers allowed to be parked in our driveway.

Area Information

The cabin is nestled in Swiss Village East, a wooded, picturesque community with the Cedar River, a blue ribbon trout stream, just a short walk down the road. Skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing are 5 minutes away at Schuss Mountain, and shopping, dining, and entertainment can be found in downtown Bellaire, a quick 10-minute drive.

GOLF- Michigan's best golf courses are just around the corner. Shanty Creek's The Legend plays host to some of the country's biggest tournaments including the PGA Tour. Shanty Creek includes two other golf courses, not to mention the nearby Chief and Hawks' Eye. Grand Traverse Resort and Boyne Mountain golf courses are just 30 minutes away. At least 20 courses are within 45 minutes.

SKIING/Snowboard- Shanty Creek Resort actually has two separate mountains – Summit and Schuss. Summit is really small with only two runs. If you are a die-hard skier, I would recommend Schuss Mountain (Schuss Village). If you have young kids or you enjoy snowboarding, I would recommend Cedar River Village side, which the opposite side of the Schuss Mountain. The runs are longer and not as steep. They have a pretty great bunny hills with for the little ones. Another option is to take the short drive to Boyne Mountain.

BOATING- Lake Bellaire public access is 10 minutes away. Torch Lake – selected by National Geographic as one of the world's most beautiful – can be accessed from the public ramp and docks in Alden, just 20 minutes away. (Be sure to check out the ice cream cones in Alden while you are there!) No boat? Rent one in Bellaire at the Riverside Marina!

CANOEING- Try the Jordan River, just 20 minutes away. Take it all the way down to beautiful Lake Charlevoix. Or head down to Grayling and try the Au Sable or Manistee.

HIKING, CAMPING, and SNOWMOBILING- Take advantage of over 40,000 acres of public lands some of which is immediately adjacent to Swiss Village East. You can't beat the natural beauty of Grass River Natural Area, Glacial Hills, and the Cedar River Natural Area.

FOOD- This web site does a great job of listing many of the dining options: <http://www.bellairechamber.org/dine/>

Some tips – we love Shorts Brewery. Even the kids love it. They usually order the Someday sandwich – it's a family favorite. We also have enjoyed Toonies and Bellaire Bar. They all have great food.

Nearby Towns - Visit Charlevoix (30 min.), Traverse City (45 min.), Petoskey (45 min.), and Mackinac City (90 minutes).