



The Lake House Retreat 124 Park St. Erskine, MN 701-331-1010 Emberly Lietz, Owner

Welcome to The Lake House Retreat! Thank you for choosing us for your retreat location!

Below are a few details we hope make your stay enjoyable and answer any questions you may have. If you have questions about anything not on this list, do call or text Emberly at 701-331-1010.

A BIT OF THE HOUSE HISTORY

Did you know this house was once located in Red Lake Falls, MN? In 1954, it was originally built as a Convent! On the door of the "Garden Room" bedroom, there is an original classroom sign. We kept several original fixtures throughout the house including some light fixtures, the tub and medicine cabinet in the upstairs bathroom and my favorite, the toilet in the ½ bathroom. That toilet has a stamp on the tank cover-made December 3, 1951!

The house was moved to this location about 25 years ago and changed to a family lake home. It spent many years as a seasonal home...until I bought it and couldn't bear the thought of not being able to enjoy it year-round. I purchased this home in November 2020. We have spent months renovating and have an ongoing project list. Any feedback you can provide regarding the accommodations is helpful. You may message or email me with your comments.

Now all the bedrooms have a theme: The Lakeside Room, The Winged Room, The Wildlife Room, The Joy Room, The Railroad Room, and the Garden Room. Which will you choose?

*This is a fully stocked self-serve vacation rental home. You should only need to bring your clothes, food, and beverages. If you forget your toothbrush, we have one for you!

GUEST BOOK

Please sign our guest book before you leave. We love reading our guest's comments!

It is located on the desk in the back foyer.

Social Media – We love it!

*We encourage you to Like us and Follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Facebook contains a lot of renovation photos and videos from the very beginning you may find interesting, or even funny!

*We LOVE photos of our guests enjoying their retreat! Feel free to share and tag and hashtag The Lake House Retreat in your social media posts. #thelakehouseretreatmn

*We have a great website that is currently under construction. It will be worth the wait!

RULES OF THE HOUSE – We appreciate your respect for our home!

*No smoking is allowed inside the house. If you smoke outside, please place your butts in the silver "Butt Bucket" on the North side or South side decks and empty completely cooled butts in the outside garbage can before you depart.

*No pets are allowed. We love our furry friends but not their hair and their pee spots in the lawn. We want all our guests to come into a clean space inside and out and that is more difficult with animals.

*You may open windows that have screens. Do close them before you depart.

*Doors that have childproof handles on them are private spaces, along with the large closet in the back foyer. However, there is a broom in the storage room off the kitchen and a washing machine, clothes dryer and mop in the laundry room should you need them.

*The computer is not available.

*The sliding glass door is useable but needs repair. Try to get a tight close from the bottom if possible.

*The tap water is city water and drinkable (I drink it all the time). The city water is considered "hard water" and may have an odor.

*The plumbing in the "Big Bathroom" at times gurgles.

*The bathtub upstairs is not pretty and is on our list of reno's. However, it is clean and useable.

*The kitchen is fully stocked. You may utilize anything in that space including spices and condiments. Should something get emptied, do leave a note for me to replenish.

*Do clean all dishes prior to departure. You may leave dishes in the dishwasher to dry, and I will put them away.

*There is no garbage disposal. Please scrape food into the garbage can prior to washing.

*Towels and washcloths are in each bedroom with extras in the “Big Bathroom” on the main floor. The bathrooms are fully stocked. Do let me know if supplies need to be replenished.

*There are extra linens in some of the bedroom storage armoire/dresser and in the linen closet upstairs.

*Should something break, do let me know so I may replace it if possible. You may be charged the replacement cost.

*Upon departure, do leave beds that were slept in unmade, so I know which to launder.

*Used towels and washcloths should be hung to dry and then put in the hamper in the “Big Bathroom”.

*Do empty all garbage from the kitchen, bedrooms and bathrooms into the outdoor garbage cans located next to “The Shack”. Recycling may be placed in the same outdoor cans. If staying Thursday night, please bring the garbage cans to the light pole next to the road. Garbage pickup is about 3am on Friday's.

*We ask you to please leave the house and yard in the condition you found it upon your arrival. We appreciate this greatly!

*Fire extinguishers are located under the kitchen sink, next to the laundry room sink, in the upstairs bathroom cabinet. There is a fire escape ladder in the linen closet upstairs.

THE LAKE AND YARD

*We hope you enjoy these spaces as much as the inside space!

*Rest in the hammocks. They are intended for relaxation and not as swings for kiddos, no matter how tempting that is.

*Enjoy a bonfire. DO CHECK THE https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/firerating_restrictions.html website to see if we are in a burn ban BEFORE starting a bonfire. Erskine is in POLK County.

*There are fire starters and cardboard in the laundry room. Do bring the fire extinguisher or bucket of water in case sparks fly. Do not leave a burning fire unattended and do extinguish before turning in for the night. Also, only wood and burnables are allowed in the fire pit – no aluminum, etc.

*Roasting sticks and a couple yard games are in the gray tote next to the lakeside deck. Firewood is next to “The Shack”. You may use the wheelbarrow to haul it to the fire pit.

*You may bring your own boat, watercraft, toys and life jackets. You swim and take part in lake activities at your own risk. The Lake House Retreat, LLC and/or Emberly Lietz is NOT responsible in any way should an accident occur.

*Wearing water shoes in the lake is highly recommended. We have been cleaning up the area around the dock and shore and have found several pieces of glass and other debris.

*On a typical year, the deepest part of the lake is about 10 ft. The lake is low this year due to lack of snow and rain.

*There is a public dock not far from the Lake House in which you may enter the lake. You are welcome to tie your boat/watercraft to the Lake House dock during your stay.

*Be sure to take time in the evening to watch the sunsets and stargaze! On a clear night, they are absolutely incredible, and constellations are easy to see.

*Garbage is picked up Friday mornings about 3am. If checking out prior to Friday, please take the cans to the light pole. Thanks!

PARKING

*Parking is available from the propane tank on the northwest of the property all the way down to the neighbors on the east (the neighbor is my sister's property 😊).

THINGS TO DO

Erskine, Mentor, McIntosh, Fertile and Fosston often have activities including fairs, farmer's markets, boutique shopping, pontoon/boat rentals, fishing, hiking, movies, restaurants, golf and more!

Explore our little neck of the woods!

QUESTIONS or NEEDS?

Message or call Emberly at 701-331-1010.

We hope you enjoy your stay and make many wonderful memories!

Thanks again for choosing The Lake House Retreat!

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