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# WELCOME

*Get to know your  
Home Away from Home*

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THE YURT

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# ABOUT THE HOUSE

Welcome to your Welcome to The Dune Yurt, your private retreat perched high above Lake Michigan. We're so glad you're here and hope this unique space provides the perfect setting to relax, reconnect, and create unforgettable memories.

Nestled on over five acres of peaceful wooded property, the yurt offers breathtaking panoramic views of Lake Michigan, stunning sunsets, and a truly one-of-a-kind glamping experience with modern comforts. Whether you're enjoying your morning coffee on the deck, soaking in the hot tub under the stars, or gathering around the fire pit overlooking the bluff, this property was designed to help you slow down and enjoy the beauty of nature.

Located just minutes from Frankfort, Crystal Lake, and the shores of Lake Michigan, you'll find endless opportunities for hiking, kayaking, beach days, shopping, and dining. Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, one of Michigan's most iconic destinations, is also within easy driving distance and offers unforgettable views, trails, and outdoor adventures. You may even spot paragliders soaring along the bluff nearby, adding to the incredible scenery and peaceful atmosphere that make this property so special.

Whether you're here for adventure, relaxation, or simply to unplug and recharge, we hope your stay at The Dune Yurt is filled with memorable moments and lasting memories.

Welcome to your escape and enjoy every minute!

Warm regards,

*Welcome home!*

Ashley and Andrew - The Yurt

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# OUR GUEST REVIEWS

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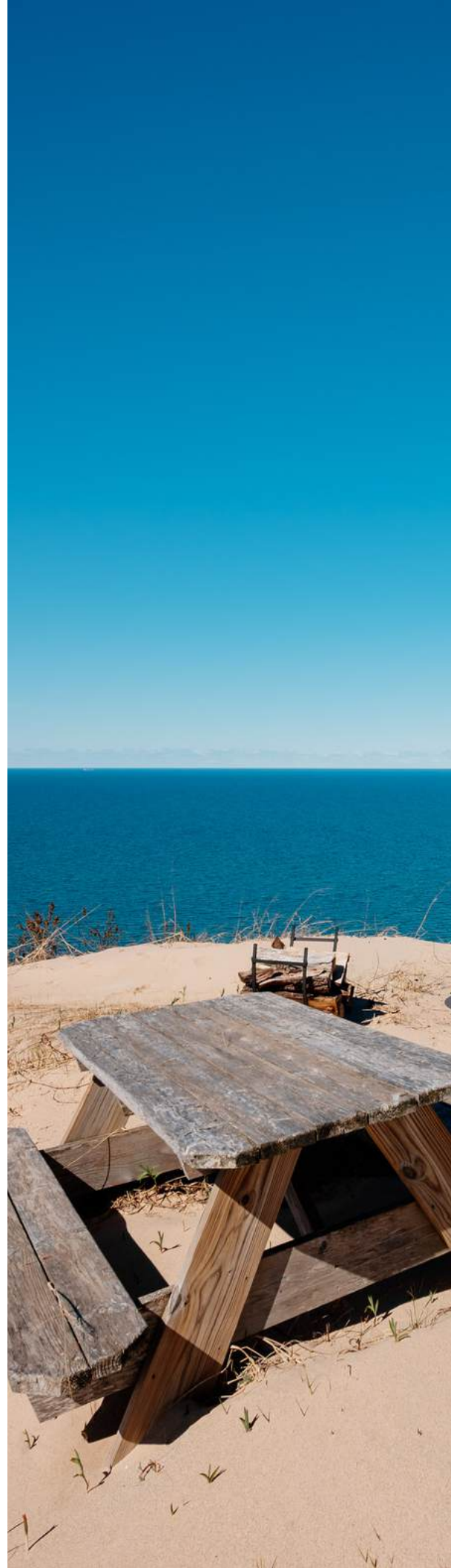
First-time yurt campers, and we were blown away. The space was extremely cozy and comfortable with everything you could need, and everything felt brand new. Our kids absolutely loved it — their imaginations ran wild from the moment they walked in. The build quality is excellent, the surroundings are gorgeous, and the beach view is simply breathtaking. Andrew, the host, was very friendly and responsive. The perfect place to truly unwind. We'll definitely be back!



Breath taking location. The space was spotless, bright, and very comfortable with gorgeous lake views from the main living space. Andrew and team were very responsive, and friendly. You can tell they truly care about their guests' experience. We felt taken care of from booking through checkout.



The views are absolutely unforgettable. Watching the sunset over Lake Michigan from the bluff was the highlight of our entire trip. The yurt feels private, peaceful, and unlike anywhere we've ever stayed.





## MEET YOUR HOSTS

We both grew up in Traverse City - it's also where we've chosen to return and raise our own family. We've got three kids (all born within 4 years of each other!) and two rescue dogs (an old, people-loving Bassett/Black Lab mix named Onyx and a little Sausage Dog named Geo). As a family, we cherish this city and all the exciting experiences that Northern Michigan has to offer, which is why we love sharing our local insights with guests to ensure they enjoy everything to the fullest.

Our greatest joy comes from making each guest feel at home, and nothing is more rewarding than welcoming back repeat visitors. Whether it's for relaxing, remote work, family events, or just for fun, thank you for trusting us with your valuable time away from home.

*Ashley and Andrew*



# HOUSE GUIDE

- Spacious backyard and fire pit area
- Private dock and lake access
- Walking distance to Sleeping Bear Dunes

## PARKING DIRECTIONS

The space features a private dirt and gravel driveway that can comfortably accommodate up to three standard vehicles. Parking is located directly at the property, making loading and unloading easy upon arrival and departure. Due to the natural setting of the property, the driveway is unpaved but is accessible to standard passenger vehicles in normal conditions.

## TAP WATER

The Yurt has an in-house treatment system so the water is completely safe to drink.

## HEATING / COOLING

The interior of the Yurt is equipped with two mini-split systems that provide both air conditioning and heating, allowing you to stay comfortable throughout the year. Each unit can be adjusted to your preferred temperature, providing efficient climate control no matter the season.

## INCLUDED SUPPLIES

We provide two rolls of toilet paper per bathroom, as well as starter supplies for coffee, paper towels, spices, cooking spray, towels, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and more! If there is anything missing that you think should be there, please don't hesitate to reach out.





# WIFI IS ON THE HOUSE

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# HOUSE RULES

## 01

### PET FRIENDLY

We love our pets and know you do, too! We have a pet station with treats and food bowls. Please use the included towel to dry off pets on wet days and the doggie bags to pick up after them when they go outside.

## 02

### NO SMOKING

There is absolutely no smoking inside the house and if you do smoke outside, we ask that you dispose of butts properly and do not leave them behind.

## 03

### NO PARTIES

This home is made to bring family and friends together but please ensure that you adhere to the guest count entered into your reservation and respect the township quiet hours between 10pm and 8am.

## 04

### REPORT ANY DAMAGES

We know accidents happen. We would rather hear it from you before checkout so we can be prepared to fix or replace items during turnovers.



# THE KITCHEN



## COOKWARE ESSENTIALS

- Pots and pans
- Microwave
- Toaster and oven
- Wine Glasses
- Food storage containers
- Dishwasher
- Blender
- Bowls and plates
- Cups and mugs
- Basic utensils
- Grilling Supplies
- Knives and cutting board
- Mixing Bowl
- Measuring Cup

## THINGS TO KNOW

We've done our best to stock the space with the basic cooking essentials needed to make your stay comfortable and convenient. Whether you're brewing a cup of coffee while watching the sunrise over Lake Michigan, preparing a picnic lunch for a day of exploring, or enjoying a cozy dinner back at the yurt after a day of adventure, we hope you'll find everything you need.

The kitchen is equipped with a variety of cookware, dishes, utensils, and small appliances to help make meal preparation easy during your stay. If you discover that a basic kitchen item is missing or have suggestions for future guests, please don't hesitate to let us know.



## OTHER AREAS

### OUTDOOR PIZZA OVEN



Enjoy homemade pizza with a view! The outdoor pizza oven is gas-powered and ready for guest use. Basic cooking utensils and a pizza peel are provided to help make pizza night easy and fun. Please allow the oven to fully preheat before cooking, never leave it unattended while in use, and be mindful that exterior surfaces become extremely hot.

### BLUFF-TOP FIRE PIT



One of the most unique features of The Dune Yurt is the private fire pit area perched atop the bluff overlooking Lake Michigan. Take in breathtaking panoramic views, stunning sunsets, and star-filled skies while gathering around the fire with family and friends.

### HOT TUB



Relax and unwind in the private hot tub located on the deck just outside the yurt. Whether you're enjoying a peaceful morning soak or stargazing after a day of exploring, the hot tub is the perfect place to take in the tranquility of the property.



## CHECK IN CHECK OUT

### CHECK IN: AFTER 4PM

You'll receive your unique entrance code on the morning of your arrival. Since it's self-check-in, you're welcome to arrive any time after 4pm at your convenience (whether it's 4pm on the dot, 11pm, or 2am the next morning). We don't require a specific time or walk through with us!

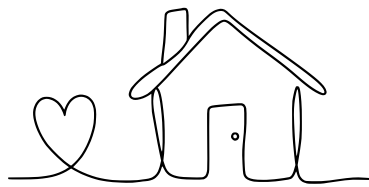
### CHECK OUT: BEFORE 10AM

We try to make your getaway as stress-free as possible... so we don't have a huge departure checklist. We simply ask that you start the dishwasher with the dishes you've used and leave the house in good condition. You are welcome to leave linens as they lie and leave trash bags in their respective space.

We've gotten feedback that some people want a little more guidance (we're both first-born children - we get it). If you'd like, you may take trash to the bin that is located by the lean-to carport located on the left behind the sliding barn doors or pile your towels in the bathtub (again, not required). We ask that you leave sheets on beds (you don't have to make them) so we can spot clean before washing.

Lastly, be sure to leave a five star review and book a future stay!





## TIPS FOR YOUR STAY

### 01

Please use caution near the edge of the dune, especially after dark, and enjoy this incredible space responsibly. Firewood is provided for your convenience.

If you are staying with young children, please utilize the safety gate provided on the deck to help prevent little ones from wandering beyond the deck area unattended.

### 02

To help keep the water clean and enjoyable in the hot tub, please rinse off before entering, keep the cover closed when not in use, and avoid bringing glass containers into the hot tub area. Enjoy your soak and the peaceful surroundings!

### 03

Check out our add-on packages for decorations, special events, concierge services and more at [TheCateredStays.com](http://TheCateredStays.com)

*Enjoy your stay!*

## TELEVISIONS

You are welcome to use the smart TV on living area. You are welcome to use any streaming service with your own login. Please be sure to log yourself out, as we do not monitor this. (Many services allow you to logout remotely now).

## COFFEE MACHINE

We have a standard drip machine.

We provide:

- coffee grounds
- filters
- sugar
- sweetener
- creamer

## WASHER AND DRYER

The laundry room is located on the main floor and is fully equipped with a washer and dryer and an ironing board and iron.

## DISHWASHER

Please start dishwasher with used dishes from your stay before you leave. There are pods available under the sink, as well as a sponge for prewashing.



## APPLIANCES & ELECTRONICS



## TRASH

Please place all bagged household trash in the trash bin located behind the sliding barn door in the lean-to carport throughout your stay.

There is no need to take trash to the roadside or arrange for pickup—we'll take care of trash removal after your departure.

Thank you for helping us keep the property clean and ready for the next guests!



## RECYCLING

There is no curbside recycling service at the property. However, free public recycling drop-off bins are available throughout Benzie County, with the closest location behind the Stormcloud Annex (Parkview Taproom). Thank you for helping us protect the dunes, wildlife, and natural beauty of this special place.



# YOUR NEAREST



## GROCERIES

- Dollar General: 1308 Frankfort Hwy, Frankfort, MI 49635
- Family Fare: 1002 Forest Ave, Frankfort, MI 49635
- Lynn & Perin Mercantile: 433 Main St, Frankfort, MI 49635



## COFFEE SHOPS

- 2175 Pilgrim Hwy, Frankfort, MI 49635
- Petals and Perks: 429 Main St, Frankfort, MI 49635
- Bella's Cafe: 313 Main St, Frankfort, MI 49635



## BAR AND RESTAURANTS

- Cabbage Shed: 198 Frankfort Ave, Elberta, MI 49628
- Furnace Street Distillery: 1121 Furnace St, Elberta, MI 49628
- Birch & Maple: 727 Main St MI, Frankfort, MI 49635
- Roadhouse Mexican: 1058 Michigan Ave, Benzonia, MI 49616
- Arcadia Bluffs: 14710 Northwood Hwy, Arcadia, MI 49613



## GAS STATIONS

- True North: 1229 Forest Ave, Frankfort, MI 49635
- EZ Mart: 629 Main St, Frankfort, MI 49635
- BP: 629 Main St, Frankfort, MI 49635



## DOG AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY TRAIL

- Green Point Dunes Trailhead: Frankfort, MI 49635
- Betsie Valley Trail: 1220 Ave, Frankfort, MI 49635
- Frankfort Beach & Playground: 123 Lake St, Frankfort, MI 49635



# EMERGENCY *Information*

In case of any sort of emergency during your stay, please contact the local officials immediately. *Emergency phone number: 911*



EMERGENCY  
CONTACT

231-714-6584  
231-735-4421



MEDICAL  
EMERGENCY

Nearest Hospital is Paul Oliver Memorial  
Hospital 224 Park Ave, Frankfort, MI 49635



FIRE STATION  
STATION

Frankfort Fire Department  
1223 James St, Frankfort, MI 49635

## FIRST AID KIT

Located under the kitchen sink.

## FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Located under the kitchen sink.

# GETTING AROUND



## CHAUFFER SERVICES

Benzie Bus: (231) 325-3000 (<https://www.benziebus.com/>)

## KAYAK/BOAT/WATERSPORTS RENTAL

Crystal Lake Adventure Sports : (231) 399-0329

(<https://crystallakeadventuresports.com/SUP-c49625089>)

Enjoy the best of Northern Michigan's lakes and trails with Crystal Lake Adventure Sports. They offer a wide selection of rentals, including kayaks, stand-up paddleboards (SUPs), bicycles, e-bikes, pontoon boats, beach chairs, umbrellas, lily pads, and more. Whether you're looking to spend the day on the water, explore scenic bike trails, or relax at the beach, they have equipment and adventure packages for all ages and activity levels.

## BICYCLE/SKI/SNOWSHOE RENTAL

Crystal Mountain: (231) 378-2000

(<https://www.crystallmountain.com/events-activities/activities/summer-activities>)

Enjoy year-round outdoor adventure at Crystal Mountain. Rental options include bikes (mountain, fat tire, and standard), downhill and cross-country skis, snowshoes, and more. During the summer, guests of all ages can enjoy a variety of activities, including the outdoor pool, adventure course, zipline tours, and the Alpine Slide. It's a great destination for a fun-filled day with family and friends.



# Places TO SEE



There are a few specific areas that really have our hearts. If you need some inspiration for where to go and what to do, look no further! We are also more than happy to help you customize these trips or brand new ones based on specific requests as well!

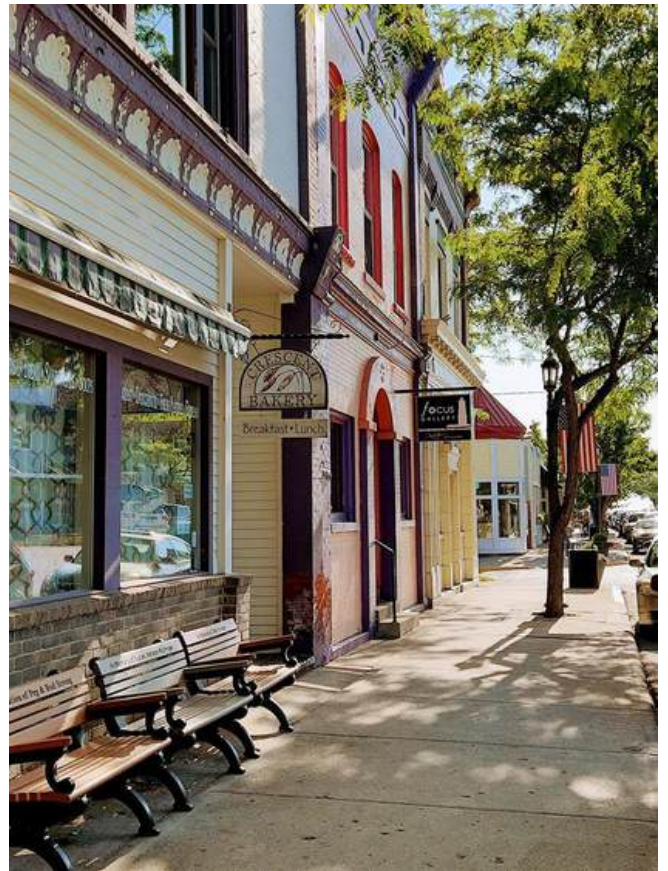


Whether it's summer, winter, family time, or a couple's retreat, there's a little bit of everything for everyone!

# LOCAL DAY TRIP

## DOWNTOWN FRANKFORT

Downtown Frankfort is one of most charming beach towns and a destination we highly recommend during your stay. Located along scenic M-22 on the shores of Lake Michigan, this walkable downtown blends small-town charm with beautiful beaches, local shops, coffee houses, restaurants, breweries, and stunning waterfront views. Spend the afternoon browsing Main Street, grab a coffee or ice cream, stroll the marina, and end the day watching one of Michigan's most unforgettable sunsets from the beach. The best part? Everything is within a few blocks of each other, making it easy to explore at your own pace.



### SOME OF OUR FAVORITE SPOTS NEAR THE YURT:

- Stormcloud Brewing Company
- Crescent Bakery & Café
- Petals & Perks Coffee Shop
- Frankfort Public Beach
- Frankfort Lighthouse Pier Walk
- Market Square Park
- Main Street Shopping District
- Frankfort Marina

### ACTIVITIES:

- Walk to the North Breakwater Lighthouse
- Enjoy sunset views over Lake Michigan
- Browse local boutiques and art galleries
- Grab coffee and pastries downtown
- Enjoy dinner with waterfront views
- Visit the seasonal Farmers Market
- Explore the harbor and marina
- Bike/ walk a portion of the Betsie Valley Trail

# LOCAL DAY TRIP

## SLEEPING BEAR NATIONAL LAKESHORE

You absolutely cannot leave Northern Michigan without a visit to Sleeping Bear.

### SOME OF OUR FAVORITE SPOTS AROUND THE DUNES:

#### \*HIKING

- Empire Bluff Trail
- Pyramid Point
- Alligator Hill
- Dune Climb (great for families)

#### \*BEACHES

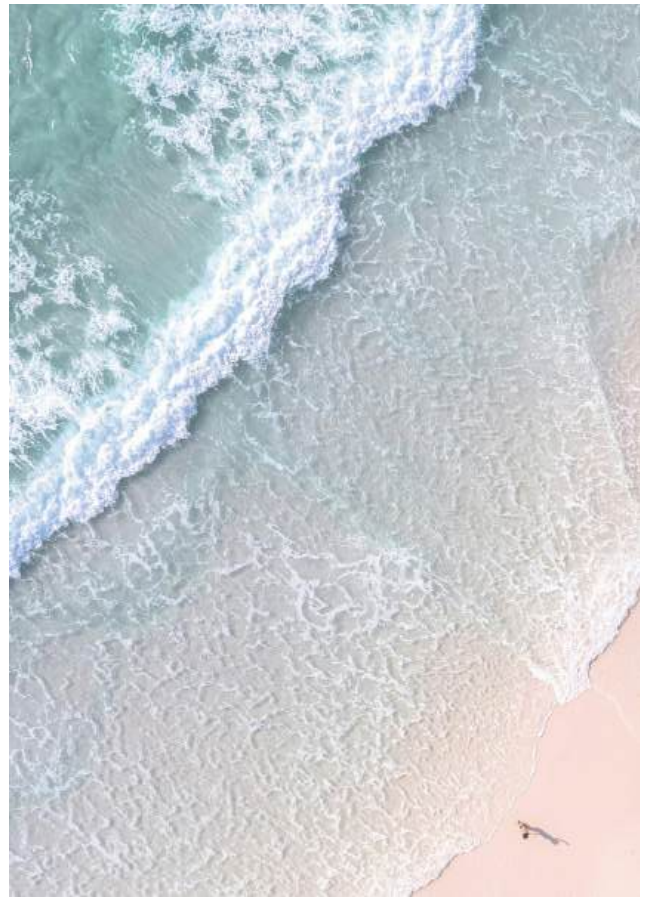
- Empire Beach (South Bar, has a playground, bonfire pits)
- North Bar Lake (two incredible beaches in one but quite a walk)

#### \*SIGHTSEEING

- Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive (an 8 mile driving loop with several stop offs for views. While all of it is beautiful, be sure to spend the most time at Lookout #9 - you'll get all the views without the hike)

#### \*NEARBY FOOD

- Empire at The Grocer's Daughter (gelato & fancy chocolate treats)
- Cherry Republic Glen Arbor (snacks, samples, wine tasting, souvenirs, and ice cream)
- Boonedocks (big deck, live music)
- Art's Tavern (cash only)



# LOCAL DAY TRIP

## ARCADIA BLUFFS SCENIC DRIVE & OVERLOOK

Just a short drive south along M-22, Arcadia Bluffs offers one of the most breathtaking views in Northern Michigan. Perched high above Lake Michigan, the overlook provides panoramic views of the shoreline, rolling dunes, and endless blue water. It's an easy stop that's perfect for photos, picnics, and sunset watching.



### HERE ARE A FEW OF OUR FAVORITES:

- Arcadia Scenic Overlook (must-see viewpoint)
- Arcadia Dunes Trail System (hiking trails with lake views)
- Inspiration Point (beautiful photo opportunity)
- Arcadia Beach Natural Area (quiet public beach access)
- M-22 Scenic Drive (one of Michigan's most iconic drives)
- Arcadia Marsh Nature Preserve (birdwatching & wildlife)
- Sunset Viewing at the Overlook (our top recommendation!)
- Arcadia Ice House Ice Cream Shop (large selection of unique Michigan flavors)

# LOCAL DAY TRIP

## IRON FISH DISTILLERY- ADULTS

A hidden gem tucked into the countryside of Thompsonville, Iron Fish Distillery is Michigan's first farm-based distillery. Set on a beautifully restored farm, it's the perfect place to spend an afternoon enjoying handcrafted cocktails, small-batch spirits, wood-fired food, live music, and scenic outdoor spaces. The relaxed atmosphere makes it a favorite stop for couples, groups, and anyone looking to experience craft beverage scene.

- Signature Craft Cocktails
- Distillery Tours & Tastings
- Outdoor Fire Pits & Patio Seating
- Live Music & Seasonal Events
- Wood-Fired Flatbreads & Shareables
- Bourbon & Whiskey Flights
- Farm Store & Distillery Merchandise
- Beautiful Countryside Setting

**Pro Tip:** Plan to spend a few hours relaxing on the property. Between the cocktails, food, live music, and outdoor gathering spaces, it's easy to lose track of time—in the best way possible.



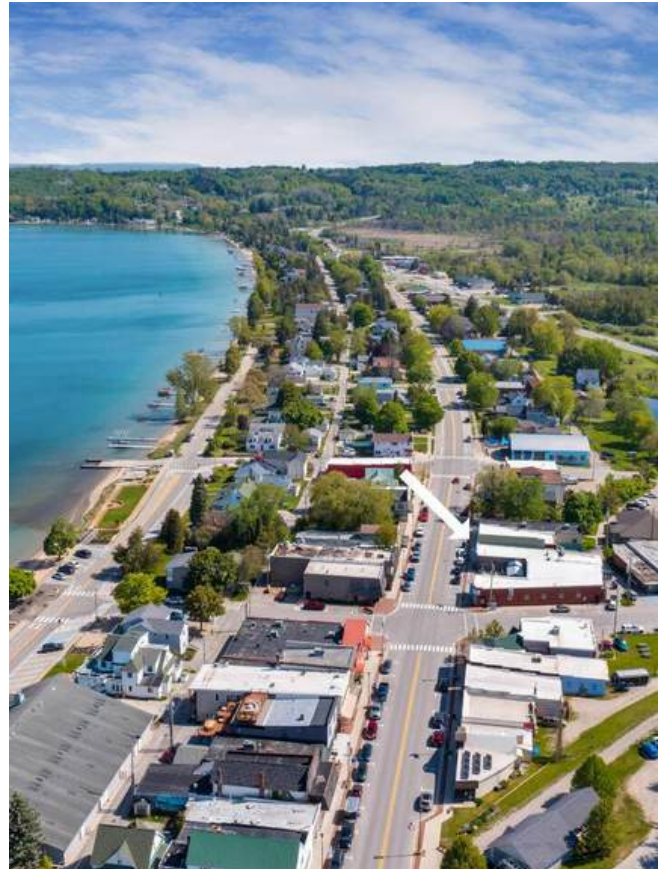
# LOCAL DAY TRIP

## CRYSTAL LAKE & BEULAH

Just a short drive from the Yurt, Crystal Lake is known for its remarkably clear blue water and stunning shoreline. The charming village of Beulah sits on the lake's southeastern shore, offering a perfect mix of beaches, local shops, ice cream stops, and small-town Northern Michigan charm. Crystal Lake is one of Michigan's largest inland lakes, and its exceptionally clear water makes it a favorite destination for swimming, paddleboarding, boating, and relaxing by the shore.

- Beulah Public Beach (crystal-clear swimming)
- Downtown Beulah Shops & Cafés
- Cold Creek & Village Park
- Crystal Lake Scenic Drive
- Bellows Beach
- Paddleboard & Kayak Rentals
- Cherry Hut (a Northern Michigan classic)
- Sunset Along Crystal Lake

**Pro Tip:** Bring a swimsuit and plan to spend a few hours by the water. Crystal Lake's famously clear water is what gives the lake its name, and it's easy to see why locals and visitors return year after year.



# Things TO DO WITH KIDS

## BETSIE RIVER FLOAT TRIP

The Betsie River is one of Northern Michigan's most scenic waterways and a perfect adventure for families. Whether you choose a kayak, canoe, or tube, you'll float through peaceful forests, wetlands, and wildlife areas. The gentle current makes it a relaxing experience for both kids and adults.

## CRYSTAL LAKE BEACH

Known for its crystal-clear turquoise water, Crystal Lake is a favorite spot for families. The shallow swimming areas, sandy beach, and nearby shops and ice cream stops in Beulah make it easy to spend an entire afternoon enjoying the lake.

## CHERRY BOWL DRIVE-IN

Step back in time at one of Michigan's last remaining drive-in movie theaters. Families can enjoy a double feature under the stars, complete with classic concessions and plenty of room for kids to relax. It's a tradition that creates lasting vacation memories.

## POINT BETSIE LIGHTHOUSE

Point Betsie is more than just a lighthouse—it's a beautiful sandy beach where kids can explore the shoreline, hunt for rocks, and watch boats pass by on Lake Michigan. The historic lighthouse grounds make for a fun and easy outing for all ages.



# BEST RESTAURANTS

## VITA BELLA ITALIAN KITCHEN & MARKET

The go-to spot for date nights and special dinners. Known for house-made pasta, wood-fired pizza, and a beautiful downtown Frankfort location overlooking the bay. Reservations are recommended during summer.



## UP NORTH FIELDS

A hidden gem in Benzonia with fresh bowls, salads, and outdoor garden seating. Great for a lighter lunch option.



## ROCKS LANDING

One of the area's best spots for a memorable dinner. Located on Crystal Lake, it's perfect for sunset dining and special occasions.



## HOTEL FRANKFORT & RESTURANT

A dependable downtown favorite offering elevated American fare, cocktails, and a great location for exploring Frankfort afterward.



# BEST WINERIES



## ST. AMBROSE CELLARS

Located in Beulah, about 20 minutes from the Yurt, this is one of the most popular stops in Benzie County. They offer Michigan wines, meads made from local honey, ciders, wood-fired pizza, live music, and a beautiful outdoor setting. It's very family-friendly too, making it a great stop even if not everyone in the group is a wine drinker.

## GOOD HARBOR VINEYARDS

Located on the Leelanau Peninsula, this is another favorite winery destination and can be paired with a scenic drive through Sleeping Bear Dunes and Lake Leelanau.

## BOWERS HARBOR VINEYARDS

Located on Old Mission Peninsula, this is one of the classic winery experiences with vineyard views and wine flights. It's about an hour from the Yurt and makes for a fantastic half-day wine tour.



Our kids loved the loft, the wide-open outdoor space, and spotting wildlife around the property. We loved the privacy and the incredible panoramic views. The fire pit became our favorite gathering spot each evening, and the sunsets were absolutely unforgettable. We are already talking about coming back next summer.



Photos don't do this place justice. The view alone is worth the trip, but the thoughtful amenities, cozy atmosphere, and secluded setting made it a truly memorable stay.



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# AFTER YOUR STAY



LEAVE A GOOGLE REVIEW



TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND BOOK AGAIN



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THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR STAYING WITH US.  
COME BACK SOON!

# The Catered Club

We love hosting you at Catered Stays Rentals, and we'd love to welcome you back!

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