Welcome to our Lake House

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Security

The front door is secured with an electronic pin pad lock. We'll send you your personal pin before you're scheduled to arrive. To unlock, enter your pin. To lock, simply press the lock button. Your pin is valid only on the days you've reserved the house.

There are 3 webcams we use to monitor the house remotely:

- Garage back
- Garage floodlight
- Doorbell

There are no cameras inside the house.

The porch and deck lights are programmed to turn on at sunset and off at 10:30pm, but can be operated manually by the wall switches.

Water & Sewer

Tap water is supplied by the on-site well and is safe to drink. It is filtered and sanitized by the large filter system located in the master bath closet. There's also a Brita filter pitcher in the fridge.

The house water filter backwashes every three days at 1AM, which makes noise. Keep the master bathroom door closed at night and the sound should not disrupt your sleep. Avoid using water during the backwash cycle.

There is an on-site septic tank. Please be conscientious with what you put down the toilets and sinks.

Heating & Air Conditioning

The furnace thermostat in the living room is for heat only. The furnace heats the house somewhat unevenly. There are extra blankets if you find it's too cold.

The thermostat is automatic but you can adjust it if desired.

During the summer there are three AC window units installed. **Only use two AC units at a time.** Running all three units at once will cause a breaker to trip. Please don't leave them running while you're out.

There is a box fan in the master bedroom to help circulate the heat or A/C if needed.

Kitchen

- Feel free to use our condiments, spices, etc. Let us know if anything runs out.
- The wine is "drink a bottle, leave a bottle". Open whatever you like and leave us something different! Please don't leave half empty bottles in the fridge.
- Please use coasters and/or hot pads on the countertops and living room tables.
- Don't chop directly on the countertops there are plastic cutting boards in the kitchen cupboards to use for chopping and slicing.
- Hot pads, kitchen towels, and rags are in the bottom drawer next to the fridge.
- There are trash bags under the bar.
- There are extra paper towels, toilet paper, and tissues in the hall closet.
- There is a Google Home in the kitchen for timers, weather, etc. Say "Hey Google".
- You are welcome to use the compost pail for your compostable food waste. Please dispose of it in the heap on the far side of the garage before you leave.

Washer & Dryer

- You may use the washer and dryer. There are laundry pods etc on the shelf.
- The lid button on the washer sometimes sticks. If the washer fills with water but doesn't start running, just bump on the top of the lid.

Garage, Deck, Back Yard, & Vineyard:

- There is a garage key hanging on the fridge.
- The garage door opener does not currently work but you can open it manually.
- Patio cushions and pillows are hanging in the garage.
- The hammock is hanging in the garage. Please don't leave it out in the rain.
- There is a propane grill in the garage.
- You may use the fire pit near the vineyard. There are charcoal, lighter fluid, firestarters, matches, and camp cookers in the garage.
- Trash and recycling bins are in the garage. We do not have trash service.

The adjoining vineyard is owned by the farm across the street. They sell the grapes to Glenora and other wineries.

There are three varieties in the vineyard, with DeChaunac being the variety directly behind the house. DeChaunac grapes are typically used in red blends. Glenora's Dry Rose is about 80% DeChaunac. Fulkerson Winery sells raw DeChaunac grape juice if you would like to sample them.

TV

- The Roku remote turns on the TV and Roku and selects services.
- There is no cable TV service, just streaming via the Roku.

If you don't see the Roku logo and menu when you turn on the TV, ensure that the TV input is set correctly. On the GE remote, press TV, then Input. The input should be set to HDMI.

Food & Groceries

Reminder: plastic grocery bags are banned in NY, and most stores charge for paper bags. There are reusable paper bags in the basket under the microwave.

• Tops: 15 min south on Rt 14, Watkins Glen

• Walmart: 15 min south, left on Rt 414, Watkins Glen

• Family Dollar: 6 min west, Dundee

• Dandy Mini Mart: 6 min west, Dundee

Tops: 20 min west, Penn YanAldi: 20 min west, Penn Yan

The closest convenience store and gas station is the Dandy in Dundee.

There are two restaurants in Dundee, about 6 minutes away:

- Winners Circle Deli & Grill (pizza and sandwiches)
- Classic Cafe (breakfast and lunch)

There are two liquor stores in Watkins Glen and one in Horseheads:

- Wright's Beverages
- Watkins Glen Wine & Spirits
- GCP Discount Liquors (farther away but better prices and larger selection)

Recommendations

Activities

The Gorge Trail at Watkins Glen State Park is open from dawn to dusk, late May through early November. The entire trail is about 3 miles roundtrip, with many stairs. It is typically a slow walk, especially when it's busy, which is often, particularly on weekends. The park is free, but there is a fee for parking. Save your parking pass as it is valid on the same day for any other state park.

There are many nice restaurants, shops, and ice cream parlors in downtown Watkins Glen, very close to the park. Seneca Harbor Park and the picturesque Watkins Glen Pier are an easy walk from downtown.

There is also a large public pool area at Watkins Glen State Park, open during the summer.

Captain Bill's 50-minute lake cruises leave frequently from Seneca Harbor. They also offer lunch and dinner cruises.

You can rent kayaks from paddleboards from Seneca Lake Kayak in Watkins Glen.

The Windmill Farm & Craft Market, 15 minutes west on Route 14 towards Penn Yan, is open Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Go hungry for breakfast or lunch. Don't miss it!

Spotted Duck Creamery, located 15 minutes north on Route 54, serves some of the best ice cream in the area.

FLX Table in Geneva is an exceptional culinary experience in an intimate setting. There are two seating per night serving a prix fixe tasting menu and wine pairing. Gratuity is included but expect to spend around \$200 per person.

There is a beach, playground, and sprayground at Seneca Lake State Park in Geneva. The Finger Lakes Welcome Center and waterfront park are also nearby.

The Corning Museum of Glass is 35 minutes south in Corning, NY.

Every Friday night, there are sprint car races at Outlaw Speedway, just 5 miles down the road. You may hear the engines in the evening.

There's a big race track somewhere nearby, but we don't know much about it. $\stackrel{\smile}{\smile}$



Restaurants

There are dozens of restaurants in Watkins Glen and around the lakes; some of our favorites include:

- Ports Cafe, Geneva
- The Park Inn, Hammondsport
- Dean Lane, Dundee (only open Mondays and Fridays)
- Main Deck, Penn Yan
- Sapalta, Himrod
- Nickel's BBQ, Watkins Glen
- Veraisons, Glenora Winery

Wineries

While most wineries do not require reservations, it is still a good idea to check their website first. Some wineries get booked up on weekends during the summer, but you can usually just walk in during the week. You should also make reservations if you have a group of six or more, while many wineries do not accept groups larger than eight. Here are some of our favorites:

- Seneca west shore
 - Red Tail Ridge
 - Hermann J. Wiemer (reservations required)
 - Scout
- Seneca east shore
 - Lamoreaux Landing
 - Standing Stone
 - Silver Thread
- Keuka
 - Dr Konstantin Frank (reservations required)
 - Weis
 - Ravines

Breweries

- Tin Barn large space, great view from the deck, good hazy IPAs, food is low effort.
- Brewery Ardennes awesome belgian chateau, belgian beer, great food and service.
- Grist Iron very popular and always busy, seating can be a challenge. Beer is just ok, good full food menu.
- Relative Risk tiny new spot, great beer, friendly brewer (AJ), no food.
- Seneca Stag unusual space, good selection of local beers, small menu of appetizers but all homemade and excellent.

Leaving Checklist

The vacuum is in the hall closet. There are brooms and dustpans in the hall and kitchen closets. There are other cleaning supplies under all three sinks.

- Vacuum and sweep the floors.
- Clean the coffee maker if you have used it and leave it open to air dry.
- Clean the stovetop if you have used it.
- Wipe out the microwave if needed.
- Wipe down the toilets and sinks and squeegee the showers.
- Clean the bathroom mirrors.
- If you have used the house sheets or towels, please wash them in the washer and dryer. Let us know if you don't have time to do so.
- Turn off the air conditioners and fans.
- Ensure the oven is off (the knobs are easy to bump on).
- There is no need to set the thermostat, we can control it remotely.
- Close all the storm windows and draw the curtains.
- Bag all trash and recycling and place it in the bins in the garage. Make sure the bins are closed tight. (The garage key should be hanging on the fridge.)
- Empty compost to the pile on the far side of the garage and rinse with hot water.
- Hang the patio cushions and hammock back up in the garage if you have used them.
- Make sure the garage is locked and hang the key back on the fridge.
- Lock the sliding glass door and lower the security bar.
- Leave the hallway light on.
- Leave through the front door and lock it behind you.