



Frequently Asked Questions:

What time is check-in and check-out?

You may check in to your cottage at 3:30 PM or anytime thereafter. If you will be arriving after 7 PM please let us know so we can have you set to proceed directly to your cottage. Check out is 11 AM.

Will the beds be made? What about towels?

You'll find your cottage ready to use. Beds will be made and there will be enough towels for one-time use at full cottage occupancy. You may want to bring additional towels; depending on the number of people you have in the cottage, the length of your stay, if you'll be swimming, etc.

Does every cottage have a full kitchen?

Yes and kitchens are fully stocked with pots, pans, serving ware, etc.

Is there a safe place to tie our boat? What about electricity at the dock?

Your cottage includes a protected slip for one boat. The property includes two harbors, a small harbor near cottages 1 and 2 and a large marina harbor. Mooring in the harbor at the cottages is on a first-come basis only. Although one slip in the marina is included with your cottage, it must be reserved in advance. All slips in the marina include power and water at the dock. Additional slips are \$15 per night and must be reserved in advance. For short durations, you may tie your boat to the swimming docks in front of the cottages. Do not leave your boat tied to these docks unattended - they are merely sitting on the lake bottom; if the wind comes up, your boat and the dock will be washed up on shore.

Are rates based on a certain number of people in a cottage?

Rates do not increase based on the number of people you have. However, do not put more people in a cottage than the maximum occupancy stated on a particular cottage web page. Exceeding a cottage maximum occupancy may jeopardize your stay and will prevent future reservations. If you will have a boat trailer or more than two vehicles, upon your arrival talk to us about where to park.

What items should we bring?

Well, things you might not think about are:

- Bicycles; people tend to remember the big toys like boats and snowmobiles, but bicycling here is fantastic. Both the Heartland and Paul Bunyan trails are paved and both trails pass adjacent to Shores. Bicycling into Walker is fun and easy. By trail it's just slightly more than 2 miles into town. Shores has a limited number of bicycles for free use by guests.
- Charcoal, lighter fluid and firewood. Your cottage has a charcoal grill and a lakeside fire ring. You can buy these items here also.
- Coffee; you'll find enough coffee in your cottage to make a pot or two and the lodge has the coffee on every morning at 7 AM. If you like to start every morning by making a pot of coffee, you'll want to bring some.

- Life jackets, especially for children. Shores is on a point and we have lots of shoreline. We also have two harbors, several swimming docks and water toys like kayaks and paddle boats.
- Fishing rods – even if you don't have a boat and, again, especially for kids. All summer long, perch, rock bass and sunfish are easy to catch from shore. Early season crappie fishing can be terrific from shore. Even walleye fishing is occasionally good from shore in the early season. Fishing licenses and tackle - Shores has bait, gas, ice, etc. but no fishing licenses or tackle. Children under age 16 don't need a fishing license.

Don't worry too much about what you may forget. One the best things about Shores is the proximity to the small town of Walker.

Popular items in the lodge:

Free coffee is on every morning. WIFI works great in the lodge. The lodge has locally brewed Leech Lake beers on tap. The lodge serves pizza – not homemade but they taste great. The lodge sells wine by the bottle - \$10. The lodge sells ice, firewood, snacks, soft drinks, bait, charcoal, lighter fluid, Hershey bars, marshmallows, graham crackers.

Popular resort amenities:

Lakeside fire rings, every cottage is lakeside and has one. Swimming – the lake bottom here is all sand. Much of the shoreline is natural riprap (rocks). Cottages have swimming docks. The swimming beach area is all sand with a slide in the water, roped-off shallow water, and a swimming raft. Protected boat docking, you don't pay extra to keep your boat safe; Shores marina is a completely worry-free place to tie your boat. Blacktopped access directly from your cottage door to the blacktopped State Trails, it's just slightly more than 2 miles by trail into town. Beautiful sights, Shores marina is well maintained with more than 60 cruising sailboats moored there.

Is Shores open in the wintertime?

The cottages are available for rent year-round and the owners are on-site to assist guests. The lodge store, marina and RV park is open from May 1 till the second Sunday in October.

Still Have Questions? Call Shores at 218-547-1819 [Or, click here to send an email inquiry](#)