The ASHER

welcome guide



ASHER LIVING AREA

"A beautiful home with a beautiful view, so calm and relaxing. Our only disappointment was not staying longer....
It is simply perfect."

Karl S.

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ABOUT US

Welcome! We are delighted you have chosen to stay at Vose Lake and become part of of the Vose family.

I founded Vose (formerly Field & Lake) in 2022 with a desire to create a unique hospitality experience that merged the best of boutique hotels with the privacy and comfort of a beautiful home. Vose draws its name and inspiration from Virginia Vose Barnes, my beloved grandmother who embodied grace, style, warmth, and a welcoming spirit—qualities that we seek to emulate in every guest interaction.

We've poured our efforts into meticulously designing our spaces with guests in mind. I n doing so, our mission is to make our spaces feel far more than just places to stay – they are refined and graceful spaces that inspire relaxation, rejuvenation, and reconnection.

On behalf of my own family - my husband, Ben, and our three children - we hope they provide this type of sanctuary for you and yours.

Sara

CHECKING IN

Check in is anytime after 4 pm.

- Whenever possible, we always try to arrange for the house to be ready beforehand though we're afraid this is often not possible in our busier season due to our reservations calendar.

- The house is accessed via an electronic lock. We will reach out with the key code a few days prior to your arrival.

ALL STAYS INCLUDE

01.

Lux bath products from Los Angeles organic farm and producer, Flamingo Estates.

02.

Premium bed linens, down comforters, and linen duvets from Parachute, Kassatex, and other luxury suppliers.

03.

Plush bath towels from the same supplier trusted by the Ritz-Carlton and Four Seasons, along with Turkish beach towels for use at the lake.

04.

Kitchens stocked with Breville espresso machines with gourmet whole and ground coffee, Wusthof knives, and Bertazzoni gas ranges.

05.

Essential pantry items such as extra virgin olive oil, sea salt, cracked pepper and a selection of spices, along with toilet paper and paper towels.

06.

Outdoor amenities such as firewood and fire starters, Weber gas grill and propane, and assorted lawn games.



ASHER PRIMARY BEDROOM

HOUSE BASICS

Questions?

We are available anytime to answer any questions or help with anything during your stay. Sara is always available at (617) 777-5791 (call or text) or at info@stayvose.com.

If you are unable to reach Sara, please contact our local property manager, Roy Bichler, at (920) 627-1141.

Maintenance

In the spring and summer, our landscaping crew comes weekly to care for the lawn. If they are there during your stay, they will do their best to not disturb and they typically are finished quickly.

In the winter, the driveway will be plowed and the sidewalks shoveled after snow accumulation.

Garbage

Kindly separate garbage and recycling and place in the marked bins in the garage.

Please note - Our property manager will collect the garbage on Wednesday and/or Saturday and take it to the dump. You do not need to be at the house nor do anything in relation to the garbage.

Smoking Policy

NO smoking is permitted anywhere inside or outside the house. In consideration for other guests, violations will be issued a $1,000 fine.

Septic

Our septic system is very sensitive. ONLY flush toilet paper. Putting anything else down the toilet may result in the septic system backing up and requiring emergency assistance.

RESPECTING OUR NEIGHBORS

One of the special aspects of the Asher is its location on a quiet residential street. Our neighbors have chosen to create lives here to enjoy this peace and tranquility. In consideration, please follow the below rules during your stay:

Quiet Hours

During the week, quiet hours start at dusk to respect our neighbors' work schedules. On weekends, quiet hours are prior to 7 am and after 10 pm.

During quiet hours, please move any conversations inside, including around the fire pit and hot tub.

NO events or parties are permitted.

Parking

Please only park cars in the driveway and refrain from parking on the side of Sandy Beach South.

Speed Limit

Please adhere to the 15 mph speed limit on the street. There are frequently people, children, and dogs walking down the street. Our neighbors are VERY sensitive to cars going over the speed limit.

Noise Disturbances

To maintain a peaceful atmosphere for our guests and neighbors, the house has noise monitors inside the house and on the patio. These monitors are designed solely to help us keep noise levels within a reasonable range and the monitors do not record any audio or visual.

To the extent monitors detect noise levels above 75 db (equivalent to a party atmosphere), we will send a short note asking you to please lower the noise. We greatly appreciate your assistance in ensuring everyone can enjoy this special place.

ENJOYING THE HOUSE

Music

Asher - There are multiple Sonos speakers in the house that you can connect to via bluetooth. They are labeled for their color (white and black).

Heating & Air Conditioning

The Asher has central A/C and heating. The thermostat for the downstairs is located in the foyer and the upstairs A/C and heat is controlled by the thermostat in the upstairs hallway.

The kitchen also has an additional thermostat that controls heat in the kitchen, including radiant floor heating.

Laundry

The laundry is located in the basement, which can be accessed by the stairs off the kitchen. There is laundry detergent and other products for your use.

Fireplaces

There are gas-burning fireplaces at the Asher. All are controlled with the black remote controls. PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE REMOTES FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE ROOMS. There will be a $250 charge for any lost remotes.

ENJOYING THE HOUSE

Hot Tub

Guests are welcome to use the outdoor hot tub located on the patio. Please refer to the provided instructions for additional information.

The use of the hot tub is at guests' own risk. By using the hot tub, guests assume full responsibility and liability for any injuries, damages, or losses that may occur.

Beach Towels

We are happy to provide beach towels to use during your stay. They are quick-drying Turkish beach towels and are located in the basket in the sunroom. Please refrain from using the white bath towels at the beach or hot tub.

Firepit

Firepits are located by the lake on either property. NEVER leave a fire burning unattended and put out any fire prior to going inside for the evening. Firewood is located in the garage along with firestarters.

Outdoor Lanterns

There are two white portable lanterns to enjoy outside.

To adjust the brightness, press the gold button at the top. To turn off, press and hold the gold button. Please refrain from leaving the lanterns outside overnight. The lanterns can be re-charged using the provided white USB charger.

Grill

There is a Weber outdoor gas grill on the deck/porch off the kitchen. The gas will be turned off prior to your stay. To turn on the gas, turn the knob on the gas tank under the grill.

Please turn off the gas after using the grill each time and clean the grill (i.e., brush off any leftover residue) and place the cover back on prior to leaving. There is an extra propane tank in the garage if you need one.

PET POLICY

We are happy to allow one (1) dog per visit with a non-refundable pet fee. In consideration of other guests and our neighbors, we kindly ask that guests follow the below house rules when staying with their pet:

- Dogs are not permitted on any furniture or beds, including outdoor furniture. Evidence of pet soiling or hair on the furniture may incur additional cleaning fees.
- Please do not leave dogs unattended in the house. Even if your dog may be able to do this at home, from experience, we find a dog may be uncomfortable left alone in a new space and bark excessively in disruption of our neighbors.
- Please clean up after your dog, including in the yard and by wiping dogs feet prior to coming into the house.
- Please keep dogs on leash when outside to avoid crossing into neighbors' yards.
- Guests agree to accept full and complete responsibility for any personal injury or property damage caused by the dog or suffered by any person during guests' stay at the Asher.

THE LAKE

Lake Access

The Asher's lake access is via steps on the south side of the property.

Please do NOT use our neighbors' boat launch to access the lake. It is trespassing on their property and the structure is unsafe.

Safety

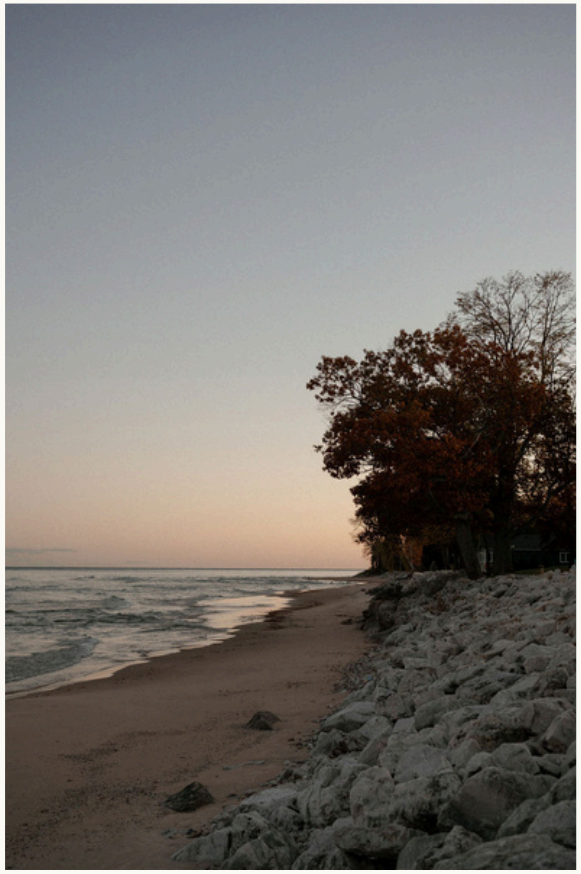
Please be mindful of safety and only go out in the lake when someone knows you are on/in the lake. Children should ALWAYS be accompanied by an adult, including when on the rock lake steps.

Use of the lake, including any water sports, is the sole responsibility of guests. Vose is not responsible for any activities undertaken at the lake during your stay.

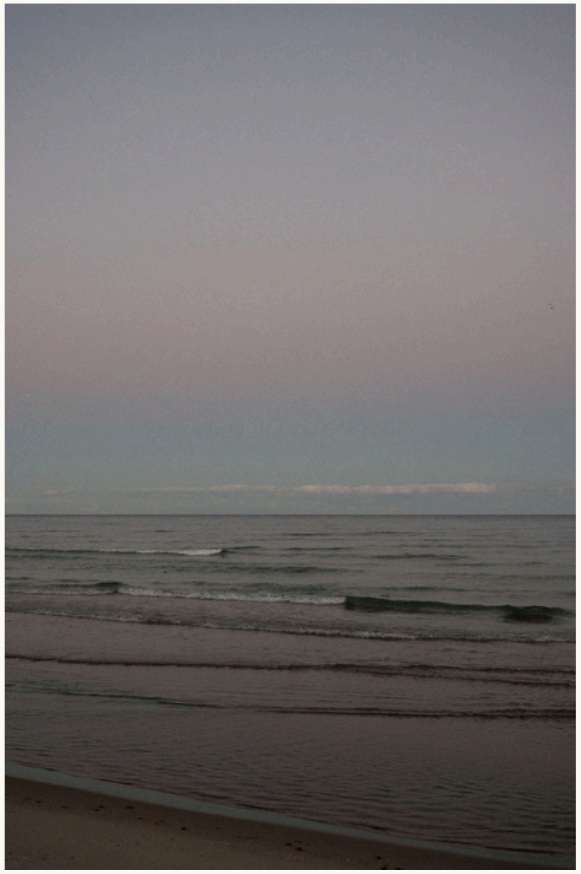
Swimming

Please only swim when the lake is calm enough to do so safely. On calmer days, there is a sandbar located typically 10 - 20 feet from the shoreline where the lake is shallower and the bottom is sandy. We recommend swimming out with a football or frisbee for a game of catch!

Please note - The beach in front of the house can be rocky so we recommend bringing water shoes, especially for kids.







FAVORITE WALKS

There are a number of easy walks from the house that we love. Please refer to the instructions below and provided maps for information on public walkways around the house. The Lake Michigan beachfront to the north and south is all private and our neighbors are sensitive to trespassers. Please avoid trespassing on any property - neighbors are known to call the police!

Sheep Farm

There is a small sheep farm at the end of Sandy Beach Lane. The sheep are sometimes elsewhere but it is fun to see if they are there and an easy enjoyable walk - especially good for kids.

From the Asher, turn north down Sandy Beach South until you reach the end of the road. Cross over Sandy Beach and head north down Sandy Beach Lane. The road dead ends and the farm is at the very end.

Forest Beach Migratory Preserve

There is a 116-acre nature preserve about a 15 minute walk or 5 minute drive from the houses. It has various mowed trails and viewing towers.

To walk, go south from the house through the pathway at the end of the street to Country Club Road (the pathway is technically on a neighbor's property but they graciously allow respectful walkers and bikers to pass through). Continue south down Country Club Road and go right up the hill when the paved road turns. At the top of the hill, you will see signs for the nature preserve and various trial heads on the left and right.

NOTE - When walking on Country Club Rd. please keep on the paved road and do not trespass on neighbors' properties, including by accessing the beach from the road.

Sandy Beach

When the lake levels are low, you can access the beach directly from the house and walk north and south along the beach for a considerable distance.

NOTE - Please stay close to the waterline and not go up near people's properties and never trespass on neighbors' yards or rocks in front of their homes.

STATE PARKS

Harrington State Beach

A 700+ acre state park a 5-minute drive from the house or a short bike ride. There are several large beaches at the state park along with a quarry that has a trail around it for walking or running. It is great for kids as the beach is large and the water is shallow.

The public beach is also located a short walking distance from a parking lot making it easy for small children to reach.

Kohler-Andrae State Park

A larger state park about a 25-minute drive north from the House. Kohler-Andrae also has beaches and a wooden boardwalk along the lake that makes for an easy but pretty hike along the lake.

Mee-Kwon Sledding Hill

A great winter time activity. A large sledding hill about 20 minutes from the House. It also has an old-fashioned warming shed heated by a wood burning stove and a small outdoor ice-skating pond in the winter.

FAVORITE RESTAURANTS

Daily Baking Company

Port Washington - A must try! A local bakery with homemade breads, sandwiches, and morning pastries. It is only open on the weekends and they sell out of many things in the morning. The Morning Buns and Bap breakfast sandwich are our favorites.

Cavelier Wine Bar

Port Washington - A women-owned wine bar on Port Washington's lakefront featuring a curated wine list, craft beer, and an inventive selection of full-proof and zero-proof cocktails.

Twisted Willow

Port Washington - A farm-to-table restaurant specializing in local and traditional American cuisine. Try their Friday Fish Fry. They also have good kids' meals and are family friendly.

Frankie's Ice Cream

Port Washington - Across the street from the Twisted Willow and housed in a restored Airstream trailer that serves ice cream and donuts seasonally from May to October. They have a pretty outdoor seating area that has twinkling string lights in the evening.

FAVORITE RESTAURANTS

Trattoria Stefano

Sheboygan - A regional Italian trattoria that is run by an Italian chef/owner and his wife. It has been featured in Food & Wine Magazine, Bon Apetit, and numerous regional Milwaukee and Chicago magazines. It is housed in a charming building and can get very popular so reservations are strongly encouraged.

Il Ritrova

Sheboygan - A Neapolitan pizzeria specializing in wood fired pizza made with fresh local ingredients. They also have an Italian gourmet grocery and wine store that has an excellent assortment of pastas, cheese, and wine.

Slo-Food Market

Sheboygan - A high-end gourmet market owned that includes a wonderful selection of cheese, meat, vegetables/fruits, and prepared foods. They also have a well curated selection of wine and spirits.

The Farmstead

Cedarburg - A popular restaurant that describes itself as a “pocket-sized restaurant hidden in a 150-year-old fieldstone farmhouse.” It specializes in steaks but serves a selection of high-end American fare. Recommend calling ahead for details.

GROCERY STORES & FARMSTANDS

Sendicks

Wisconsin's equivalent to Whole Foods and a great local grocery chain. They have an excellent selection of produce, meat, cheese, beer, and wine, along with all the usual grocery store products.

From the house, the closest Sendicks are about a 30-minute drive south in Grafton or Mequon.

If you are driving from the Chicago or Milwaukee area, we recommend stopping at the Mequon Sendicks, which is right off Highway 94 (exit 85) and is an easy stop for high-end groceries on your way up north to the house.

Piggly Wiggly

The closest grocery store from the House in Port Washington. It has all the basics, beer and liquor, and an impressive variety of all types of sausage!

Port Washington Farmers Market

Outdoor market open Saturday mornings from June through October in downtown Port Washington.

One of our favorite weekend morning routines is to go to the Daily Baking Company for breakfast and then walk down the street to the farmers market.

Witte's Vegtable Farm

A fourth-generation family farm that sells a variety of amazing produce from June to October. It is about a 20-minute drive from the house.

Appleland

A 50+ year old apple farm with great apple picking along with hayrides, a corn maze, and pumpkins for sale. It is open starting in August but especially busy in September and October.

KIDS' ACTIVITIES

Possibility Playground

Port Washington - A large all-wooden playground that has things for all ages, including an impressive number of bridges, towers, tunnels, and swings for kids to explore.

Betty Brinn Children's Museum

Milwaukee - A great children's museum designed for kids 10 and under.

Discovery World

Milwaukee - Part science museum, part aquarium, Discovery World is in downtown Milwaukee and has attractions for both young and older kids. They also have underground parking available so it is easy to bring small kids.

Above & Beyond Children's Museum

Sheboygan - A smaller children's museum that has multiple levels and is designed for kids 8 and under. It is easy to get to with on-street parking almost always available so it can sometimes be an easier trip than heading into Milwaukee. If you go up, recommend grabbing lunch at Il Ritrova or Field to Fork, which are down the street.

SHOPPING

Port Washington

Port Washington has a few small shops that are easy to stroll through over the course of a few blocks.

In particular, Pear & Simple has a variety of home goods and local Wisconsin-themed gifts. Sherper's has a large selection of outdoor and sporting goods and Duluth Trading Company has men's and women's workwear and footwear.

Cedarburg

Cedarburg is a short-day trip about 30 minutes south of the house. It has a charming main street that contains a wide variety of restaurants, stores, coffee shops, ice cream stores, and antique shops.

In particular, Birchwood Wells is one of our favorites and has beautifully curated home décor and furniture. Many things at the house started at Birchwood Wells!

Shops at Woodlake

If you head north from the house, there is high-end shopping at the Kohler resort complex in an open-air breezeway that is an easy walk between stores.

Some of our favorites are the Kohler Gardner for garden-inspired home décor and gifts, Little Love, a children's boutique, and the Wisconsin Trader for Midwest-themed home décor and accessories (they also have good ornaments during the holiday season).

MUSUEMS & SPAS

Milwaukee Art Museum

The Milwaukee Art Museum holds 25,000 pieces and is one of the world's largest art museums. The museum has an especially large number of works by Georgia O'Keeffe – a Wisconsin native. The museum is located right on Lake Michigan in an architecturally stunning building.

Kohler Art Museum and the Kohler Art Preserve

The Kohler Art Museum is located in downtown Sheboygan and is considered a leading institute for work by self-taught and folk artists.

The Kohler Art Preserve is a newly built 56,000 square foot facility that focuses on showcasing large-scale artist-built environments. The building is also beautiful from an architectural standpoint.

Kohler Spa & Design Center

One of the best spas in the country. In addition to world-class massages, facials, and all types of skin treatments, the facility is excellent and a relaxing way to spend an entire day. Reservations are required and weekends are especially busy.

The Kohler Design Center is located next to the spa. It features amazing designer-decorated sample bathrooms and kitchens. You can't help but leave inspired!

SPORT ACTIVITIES

Sport Fishing

Port Washington is known for its sport-fishing and the waters around Port Washington are considered some of the best in Lake Michigan for salmon and trout fishing. There are a number of outfitters in Port Washington that offer half, full, and multi-day fishing charters.

Kayaks & Paddleboards

You can rent kayaks and standup paddleboards from Sherpers in downtown Port Washington. They have daily and weekly rentals. You can launch kayaks and paddleboards from in front of the house weather permitting.

Please ALWAYS use a life-preserver when on a kayak or paddleboard. The lake can change quickly.

Whistling Straights

Multiple world-class golf courses that are a destination for golfers around the world. The 2021 Ryder Cup was held at Whistling Straights.

The Bog

An Arnold Palmer signature golf course located 20 minutes away in Saukville.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

We are always available to help guests create customized experiences during their stay - here are a few ideas!

Private Dining

We partner with a select group of local chefs to offer guests private dining experiences during their stay. Options range from family style farm-to-table meals, platted dinners, or gourmet meals delivered and ready to warm and serve.

Spa Services

Interested in a customized spa day at the house? We work with Shannon Gibney, a licensed massage therapist, to provide individualized healing services at the house or within Shannon's state-of-the-art mobile massage unit.

Photography Sessions

Schedule a session with Nikki N., a local portrait and wedding photographer. Nikki is familiar with the house, the best angles, times of day to photograph etc. and works with clients to create relaxed photo sessions that are fun and true to who families really are.

Pig Roast

We work with local Maple Hill Farm to arrange for an at-home pig roast during your stay. Maple Hill Farm makes the entire process incredibly easy, including delivering and setting up, seasoning the pig, and providing fool-proof roasting instructions.

Wine & Cheese Tasting

If you are looking for a low-key but celebratory event at the house, we recommend working with Slo-Foods Market in Sheboygan to arrange for wine, cheese, and charcuterie spread during your stay. Slo-Foods can assist with selecting the perfect combinations and Italian wine pairings and typically can deliver directly to the house.

FAQS

Is there beach?

At the Asher, the amount of sandy beach depends on lake conditions and fluctuates considerably. On days when the lake is calm, we can sometimes have 10-20 feet of sandy beach. Other times, the beach is smaller and rockier.

Regardless of beach levels, swimming is always possible directly from the house.

Can I bring our family dog?

Yes! The Asher is dog friendly though we limit it to 1-dog per stay. There is a $275 pet fee per visit.

Please refer to our house rules regarding visiting the house with a dog.

What kitchen supplies do you provide?

We provide olive oil, cracked pepper, and sea salt along with a variety of basic spices. We also provide gourmet whole bean and ground coffee.

Do you offer early check-in or late check-out?

We always do our best to arrange for the house to be ready prior to the guaranteed 4 pm check-in though this is often not possible during our busier seasons.

Regrettably, we typically cannot offer late check outs as our housekeeping team requires time to prepare the house for the next guests.

CHECKING OUT

Check out is 10 am. Unless discussed ahead of time, we typically cannot offer late check outs as our housekeeping team needs to prepare the house for incoming guests.

We strive to make the check out process as easy as possible. Prior to leaving, we ask that guests leave the house in a clean condition by completing the following tasks:

No. 1 Clean the kitchen and place dishes in the dishwasher and start cycle.

No. 2 Empty the garbage and place in the bins in the garage.

No. 3 Leave the beds unmade; no need to strip them.

No. 4 Turn off lights and lock the door

POST-STAY

Issues? Concerns?

If there were any issues with your stay, please don't hesitate to tell us as we want to ensure we can resolve them for the next guests.

To the extent something was broken or damaged during your stay, please don't be shy in telling us so we can remedy right away.

Reviews

Reviews are the life-blood of our business and we always love hearing from guests.

To the extent your stay was 5-star, we are always incredibly grateful if you could write a sentence or two about what you enjoyed most about your stay.

If you are unable to leave a 5-star review, please don't hesitate to contact us first to let us know why - you are key to ensuring our next guests have a wonderful time and letting us know how we can continually do better.

Visiting Us Again

There is nothing we love more than welcoming back returning guests.

To the extent you (or friends) would like to visit us again, feel free to book directly on our website, www.stayvose.com, where you can access lower nightly rates and avoid Airbnb service fees.

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