



Wilderness Wind Lakeside

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Welcome to Wilderness Wind Lakeside. Each guest gifts us with new experiences and insights into what wilderness and rest can offer. We look forward to this retreat and your participation in it.

Below is a list of items to include while packing

Necessities:

- Bath towels
- Bed sheets and pillow cases (unless you have purchased the linen packet)
- Layers of clothing (night-35 -60°F
Daytime temp- 45-90°F)
- Sun screen and Sunglasses
- Flashlight
- Swim suit
- Hiking Gear
- Wind Breaker/ Rain gear

Sometimes nice to have:

- Binoculars
- Fishing gear
- Camera
- Day pack and a water bottle
- Alarm clock, if you desire to rise early
- Bug spray (May – mid August)

Items specific to the Writer's Retreat:

- Notebook
- Pens and pencils
- Brief prose piece or poem of your own and a favorite one written by someone else.
- A favorite book or two
- Optional tools of expression: journal, sketchbook, musical instrument
- Laptop, if you need it.

Note about linens: Each cabin has blankets, a quilt and pillows.

Kitchens: Each cabin has a kitchen complete with stove, oven, refrigerator, toaster, coffee maker, dishes, various utensils, knives, pots and pans, salt and pepper, dish clothes, and pot holders. We ask that each group leave the cabin how they found it: all dishes washed and put away and the cabin cleaned.

Other miscellaneous info: Dish and hand soap, dish towels and a broom are provided. In order to enjoy the rest and peacefulness of the area, the cabins do not have phones, televisions or radios. If you want to bring a radio, please keep it at a quiet setting. In case of an emergency, family can call and leave a message at 218.365.5873.

Items specific to the Creator's Retreat:

- Clothing for cooler fall temperatures
- Tools and supplies for your project (Wilderness Wind will supply an iron and ironing board).
- A thimble for the community quilt, if you have one, several of varying sizes will be available.
- If interested, a reflective reading to share with the group.

Directions to Wilderness Wind Lakeside property

From Duluth: Take Highway 53 north

From St. Paul/Minneapolis: Take Interstate 35 north and turn north onto Hwy 33 near Cloquet. Take Hwy 33 north until it meets Hwy 53.

Take Hwy 53 north through Virginia. A few miles north of Virginia take the Hwy 169 North exit toward Ely (don't turn at the exit for Hwy 169 south to Hibbing which comes before the Ely exit). After Tower, continue on Hwy 169 for about 11 miles. Watch for mile markers. The turn off of Hwy 169 (Bradach Road) is 8/10ths of a mile after mile marker 274. Preceding this turn off, Hwy 169 curves to the left and as you get close to the end of the curve you will note a grouping of mailboxes on the right hand side. Bradach Road turns off to the right just before the mailboxes. Follow the inset map below to get to Lakeside.

From Ely: Take Hwy 169 back toward Tower. After about 10 or so miles out of town, you will pass Robinson Lake (a lake on the right hand side that is very close to the road), the highway curves to the right and goes up a bit of a rise. At the top of the rise, Bradach Road turns off to the left. Follow the map below to Lakeside.

If flying: The closest airports are Duluth (2 hours from Ely) and Hibbing (1hour 45 minutes from Ely). The St. Paul airport is also an option (4hours from Ely). You will need to make your own arrangements from the airport to Wilderness Wind.

Directions to Wilderness Wind Pine Ridge from the Lakeside property

Return to Hwy 169 and turn right. The Wilderness Wind Base Camp driveway is almost exactly 4 miles from the Bradach turn off (or 7/10ths of a mile beyond Wolf Lake Road/ Co Rd 404). There is a sign and a white mailbox on the left hand side of the road. **Please turn left into the driveway with caution. People have attempted to pass us at this point as our driveway is in a passing lane.** The Wilderness Wind office is the small building almost straight ahead as you come in the driveway

Note that the Pine Ridge property is where much of Wilderness Wind is operated. All Wilderness Wind staff live at Pine Ridge. Unless otherwise noted, your cabin will be unlocked for you.

