



Frequently Asked Questions

Read this to find out some basic information about Elbow Lake Lodge.

1. Isn't Elbow Lake Lodge like 7 hours from the Twin Cities?

No. We are just under 4 hours from either Minneapolis or St. Paul. Almost the entire drive is freeway allowing our guests to travel further north with minimal driving.

2. If I drive to the Town of Elbow Lake, will I be close to Elbow Lake Lodge?

No. Elbow Lake the town is in Western Minnesota. You should have gone to Cook, MN to find us. Ask for a copy of our driving directions if you need assistance.

3. Do you have a beach at Elbow Lake Lodge?

Yes. We have a natural 800-foot beach with fine sand. It is very shallow and about 200 feet from shore it is only about 5 feet deep making the water very warm. We also have many water toys including a water trampoline, hydro bikes and paddle boats, all for free!

4. Can I get a discount?

Maybe. Elbow Lake Lodge is one of the premier resorts in Northern Minnesota. We take very good care of our property and strive to keep it that way because we believe our guests should get what they pay for. However, occasionally, we are willing to offer discounts on a case by case basis based upon our occupancy and the time remaining until the reservation.

If you want to be notified by email about special promotions, email Info@ElbowLake.com to be added to our VIP list.

You can also check out our store on Ebay where we put up certain cabins or suites you can bid on with reserves set at very good discounts. You can link to this store from our website www.ElbowLake.com.

We also have a guest referral program. If you bring us a new guest at full price, we will offer you a credit worth 10% of their rental rate.

5. Do I have to bring any of my own supplies?

No. We have fully supplied cabins and suites. All of your sheets, water, pots, pans, lights, and other amenities are supplied and upgraded often. Most cabins and suites have full kitchens, place wear, and even have dish washers and fire places. We have designed all of our cabins and suites to accommodate our guests in every way possible. Before every guest checks in, our manager personally checks out every rental unit to make sure everything is up to our standards.

6. Can you accommodate large groups?

Yes. We love to host large groups. We are very proud of the way we have hosted weddings, birthday parties, family reunions and corporate retreats. Please contact us for more information on group rates and availability.

You can now find us in Minnesota Bride and are a preferred vendor of Adagio Entertainment.

7. How is the fishing at Elbow Lake?

Good. We have many species of fish in Elbow Lake including Northern Pike, Walleye, Small Mouth and Large Mouth Bass, Crappie, and Sunfish. Our lake is lightly fished due to the fact that we are the only resort on the lake and there are very few private cabins. There are no slot limits or other restrictions other than the standard State Regulations.

8. Can I bring my pet? He is very good and won't bother anybody.

Maybe. Pets are allowed at the lodge but only in the following cabins: Breakwater, Twilight, Reflections, Northern Lights and Crestview. We reserve the right to kennel all animals at our discretion at the expense of the owner. No pets are allowed on the beach and must be leashed and with their owner. Fees apply. Ask for details.

Elbow Lake Lodge has two dogs at the resort. You may find them laying around in the shade because they are very lazy. However, they do like to play if you approach them. Both are very well behaved and very good with children.

9. Can I bring a boat?

Yes, Elbow Lake Lodge has a protected marina on site available to guests of the lodge and lake residents. You are welcome to bring your own boat or rent one of

ours. We have Pontoon boats, fishing boats and can arrange others with advance notice.

10. Where can I eat?

We have a restaurant on site called “Fish Tales.” We offer American style foods with lake side dining. You can also order food to go or can eat on our porch. One of our favorite menu items is our wood burning pizza oven.

All of our cabins and suites have kitchens as well if you just want a simple night together with your family.

There are also restaurants in the area. Ask for more information as these restaurants are seasonal.

11. Will I have access to TV, Phone, or Internet?

Yes, yes, and yes, but not in your room. We have wireless internet in the main lodge building, a phone you can use at the front desk for a reasonable fee and a TV is in the lodge building that you can share with your 20 closest friends.

12. What if I forget something?

Elbow Lake Lodge stocks basic supplies for sale in our gift shop. If you need other items, they will be available in Cook, 20 minutes away.

13. Where should I stop on the way up?

Popular rest stops for families on the drive include Tobies, Gordies High Hat, and Mineview in the sky. Tobies, in Hinkley is famous for their caramel rolls and is about one quarter of the drive from the cities to Cook. Gordies High Hat is a great family burger joint half way up in Cloquet (Sammy’s Pizza is next door and pretty good too). The Mineview is right off the freeway in Virginia and is a great tourist trap to stop at about three quarters of the way here.

14. What is there to do around Elbow Lake?

There are many attractions year round at Elbow Lake. You can visit museums, forests, animal sanctuaries, or be more adventuresome by taking tours or airplane rides. Ask for a brochure for details.

There is also plenty of opportunities for fishing, beach time, swimming, hiking, biking, and hanging around a campfire.

15. Should I be concerned about my safety at Elbow Lake?

No. We have a state of the art fire system in the lodge building, all of our cabins are inspected by the State and County for safety and all of our staff is trained for various emergencies. There is a hospital in Cook, just 20 minutes from the lodge.

For the Kids

16. Do you have High Chairs, Cribs, and other Baby necessities.

Yes. We do have High Chairs, Cribs and some other necessities. Please let us know at time of reservation if you will need any special assistance or requests.

17. Are baby sitters available?

Most families have found that our children's program gives parents plenty of time to relax on their own. However baby sitting may be available upon request if you want to go on a date or just take some time to yourself. Ask our manager for availability.

18. Will there be much for my kids to do?

Yes. For younger kids, we have a seasonal kids program that is offered daily. It is run by full time staff experienced with children. The programming varies and is organized with input from parents, the age of children and the number of children.

We also have great hiking trails in roughly 200 acres of land we lease surrounding the resort. There are many recreational opportunities safe for older children and young adults including biking, hiking, fishing, canoeing, kayaking and more.

There is also a great mini-golf course on site called "The Edge" that is popular with children and adults.