

NORTH SKY FARM

WELCOME!

We're so glad you chose to spend your valuable time at North Sky Farm. This book has what you need to know when staying here, including some of our favorite things to do. Some are on the beaten path; some off. We hope you have a great time that's worthy of a [sparkling review!](#)

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CHECK IN

Standard check-in is at 3:00 p.m. You'll get check-in instructions (including the code to get into the house) separately from Evolve. In *rare instances* we can allow early check-ins or late check-outs, but it really depends on the turnaround time we need to clean for other guests.

CHECK OUT

Check-out is 10:00 a.m. On the day of your departure, please take a few easy steps so Evolve doesn't charge you extra fees:

- Don't forget your perishable items from the fridge.
- Load and start the dishwasher.
- Strip used sheets and towels and place in a pile for cleaners to wash.
- Turn off all lights and electronics.
- PLEASE lock all windows for security.
- TO LOCK THE DOOR just hit the lock button. No need for a code.

CONTACTS

- Emergency – 911
- Evolve – 877-818-1014
- Onsite: Rob, cell 269-767-0909. Secondary contacts: text Cam at 312-375-2004/Katelyn at 847-334-3478 (texting both of us at the same time will get a faster response if Rob isn't available).
- Check-in/check-out questions: Text Cam 312-375-2004.
- Have a suggestion or comment? We're glad to hear from you at www.northsky.farm, info@northsky.farm, or Cam at 312-375-2004.

Check the thermostat, stat!

Because it's an old farmhouse, built before the days of HVAC, the upstairs gets about 6-7 degrees warmer than the downstairs. So, if you set the downstairs thermostat to 70, folks upstairs will probably find it a little too warm for sleeping. Adjust the temp accordingly.

HOUSE RULES

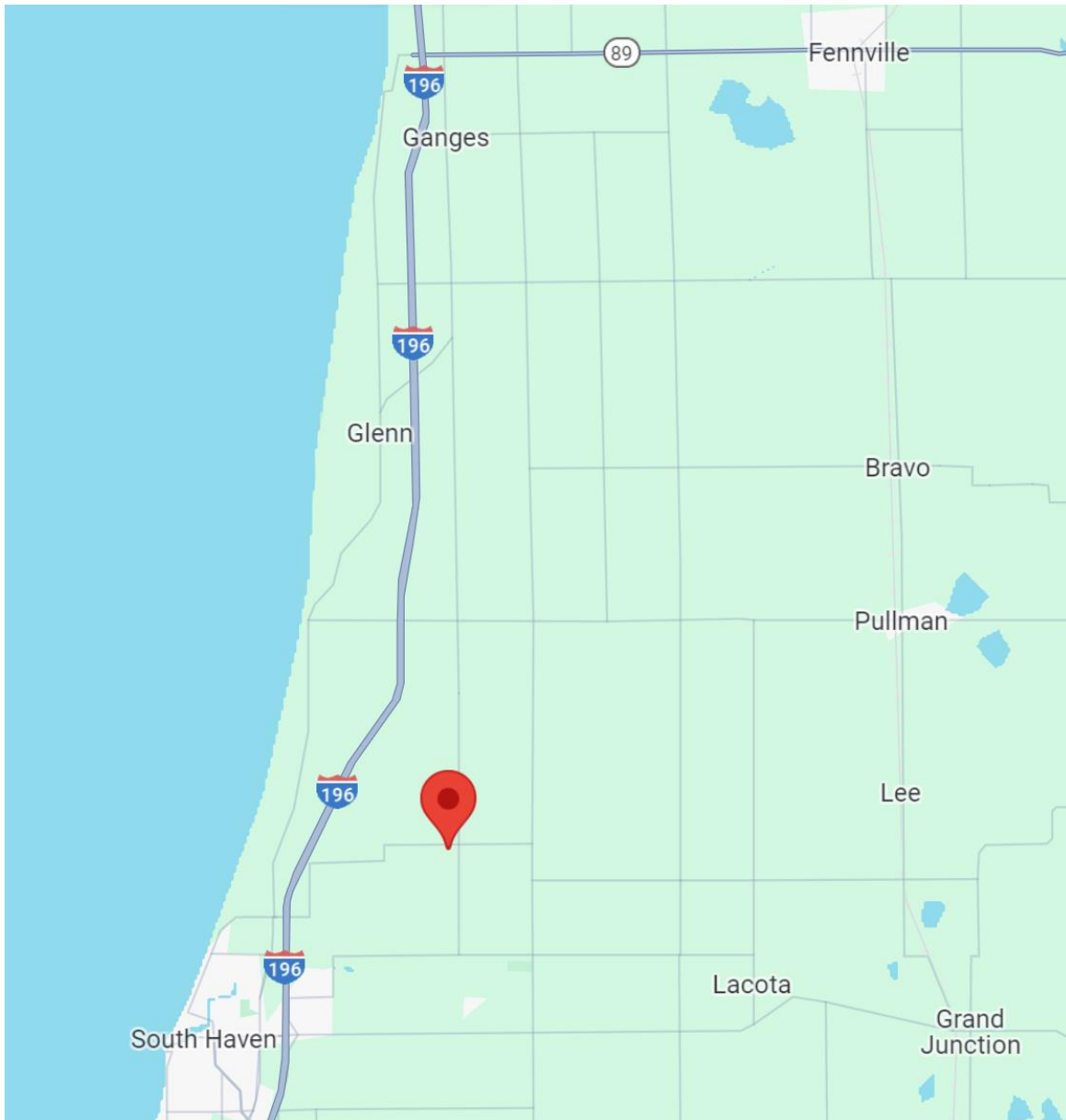
You're on vacation so we try not to have too many rules. But here are some important ones:

- No smoking inside. If you smoke outside, please don't leave smoking litter behind. Cleaners don't check the yard and smoking litter is a real bummer for others who come after.
- The farm is one of the few rentals in the area that is pet friendly. Limit two dogs (no other pets allowed). But there is a pet fee because of the extra wear and tear on the house from pets. If you bring a pet but have not paid the fee, please call Evolve immediately at 877-818-1014. This helps us make sure that the farmhouse is bright and clean for future guests.
- While the cleaners should be able to catch damage, if you see any damage upon your arrival, please report to Evolve at 877-818-1014 and the guest contact to minimize the chance of being held responsible for a previous guest's damage.



LOCATION

North Sky Farm is located at 6830 103rd Avenue, South Haven, MI 49090. More info is online at www.northsky.farm. The location is easily reachable by GPS, and you should not have a problem with a signal. Just in case: from 196, exit eastbound on North Shore Drive (Exit 22), turn left at the T, then follow that road (103rd Avenue) until you get to the farm. If you pass 68th Street going east, you just missed the farm on the south (right) side of the 103rd Ave.



INTERNET

- System: Farmnet-Guest
- Password: Evolve-2024!



AROUND THE FARM

Under “Attractions” below, you’ll see there’s a lot to do in the area. But we hope you’ll spend some time relaxing at the farm, too, letting the breeze and quiet fill your soul. In the “Farm Map” you can see where the farm attractions are.

Fire Ring

You’re welcome make as many fires and use as much wood as you want. You’ll need your own fire starter but we leave plenty of wood under the bushes. We also often leave paper/cardboard by or on top of the wood. If kindling isn’t near the stack of logs, it’s not hard to find some around the farm, including by the cottage. This is what the log pile looks like →



Fruit Picking

Berries – In *mid-July through early-August*, help yourself to picking our organic blueberries. Behind the small cottage on the property, we have 15 rows of organic blueberries that we’re glad to share. Please stay within our property boundary, which ends a few feet beyond the bushes. Also, there can be poison ivy on the ground in the area, so make sure you can identify



the leaves, and wear washable shoes and socks. We’ve never gotten it but better to know and not get it than the other way around. Blackberries and raspberries should be ready for picking the summer of 2025. We don’t have a public u-pick because we want this to be a benefit to our own visitors. We’ve included a couple of our favorite blueberry recipes.

Fruit Trees – We planted dozens of apple, peach, pear, plum, and cherry trees in the past couple of years. Stay with us in the coming years and you’ll be able to help yourself to some of them, too. We’ll start to see cherries as early as July and apples as late as early October.



Pumpkins & Squash – In September and October, please visit the pumpkin patch. You're welcome to help yourself to pick a pumpkin or two. The squash also make great eating. We've included some recipes in this guest book if you happen to be around during this time.

Animals

Feel free to visit the pigs (you'll get a gentle zap if you touch the electric fence) but please don't feed them. They're on a diet (seriously...)

Buildings

As you can see, the barn and old migrant worker block houses are in bad shape. We are in the process of working on these. For your own safety, please don't go near them. Otherwise, you are welcome to wander around the property, which runs from behind the deck on the back of the house to 68th Street to the east, and from 103rd Avenue on the north to the break in our blueberry bushes, pond, etc. and open fields to the south.

Farm Map



White – Farmhouse and parking

Blue – Blueberries

Red – Pig

Green – Pumkin patch



Guest Book

Feeling poetic? Or just grateful? Feel free to write what's on your mind in our guest book on the desk in the dining room area.



History

Most folks just want to kick back and breathe at the farm. But occasionally, we get a question about the farm's history. Check out <https://northsky.farm/>, About.

Attractions

We've made it easy for you by including links below; click on them to learn more. We've focused on the South Haven and Fennville area because there's plenty to do but you might also want to scout the towns of Saugatuck and Douglas, about a 20-minute drive north of the farm. A nice general online resource is the [South Haven Van Buren County Convention & Visitors Bureau](#). **Important:** some places are only open seasonally so check hours before you go.

Food & Brews

- [Black River Tavern](#) – Bar food, but better. Great location.
- On the River
 - [Admiral Jack's](#) – while you're clicking, like [North Sky Farm](#) on Facebook
 - [Captain Lou's](#)
 - [Idler Riverboat & Dockside](#)
- [Clementine's](#) – Great, old-fashioned atmosphere and some of South Haven's best food.
- [Maria's](#) – Local pizza and Italian.
- [Salt of the Earth](#) – Our fave in the area. Be sure to make rez a few days in advance.
- [Su Casa](#) – South Haven's best Mexican and atmosphere (in our opinion).
- [Taste](#) – Small plates. Our favorite in South Haven for food alone.
- [The Fields of Michigan](#) – by our friend Irene, for outdoor "farm to table" outdoors.
- [Tello](#) – Italian Bistro.

Orchards & Local Produce

Until our own orchard starts producing fruit, here are a few places that are fun to visit:

- [Overhiser Orchards](#) – Farm animals, wagon rides, corn maze.
- [Pleasant Hill Farm](#) – Organic blueberries that you can pick or buy.
- [Ridley Family Sugar Farm](#) – Maple syrup made in the neighborhood.
- [South Haven Farm Market](#) – Local producers bring their goods to the pavilion in town May through October. Check the website in this link to see times on Saturdays (and Wednesdays in summertime).



Rentals

- [Outpost Sports](#) – Bikes, stand up paddle boards, kayaks.
- [Rock ‘N Road](#) – Bikes

Recreation

- [Beaches](#) – South Haven has 7 public beaches. We usually go to Newcome Street Beach because it’s a little quieter and more remote, with free street parking nearby.
- [Black River Preserve](#) – Easy hiking along the trail.
- [Black River Water Trail](#) – Paddling from Bangor to South Haven.
- [Blue Star Trail](#) – From SH to Saugatuck and points between for biking, x-country, etc.
- [Bumbleberry Acres](#) – About a mile away. Great petting zoo for kids plus bakery.
- [Fishing-Charter](#) – For fishing out on Lake Michigan.
- [Fishing-River](#) – Ryan Morgan is the best guide for St. Joe & Kalamazoo River steelhead.
- [Hawkshead Golf Course](#)
- [Simpсарosa Stables](#) – We’ve entrusted Simpsarosa with our 11-year-old daughter and friends for horseback riding not far away in Grand Junction.
- [Lake Arvesta](#) – Outdoor water park.
- [Kal-Haven Trail](#) – From South Haven to Kalamazoo for biking, hiking, x-country, etc.
- [Lakeshore Harvest Ride](#) – Mid-September every year for biking. Choose your distance.
- [Saugatuck Dunes State Park](#) – Our favorite hike in the area.
- [Van Buren State Park](#) – Hiking.
- [Weddings](#) – If you or someone you know are looking for a wonderful, authentic country setting to get hitched, Jeff & Melissa run Black Sheep Shelter, a five-minute drive away.

Breweries, Cideries & Vineyards

- [Cogdal Vineyards](#) – Tasting room with neighborhood feel just north of the town.
- [Harbor Light Brewing](#) – Microbrewery with minimal menu in town.
- [Michigan Wine Company](#) – Live music, too, sometimes.
- [Modales Vineyard](#) – Bigger and fancier. Fennville.
- [South Haven Brew Pub](#) – Good local brews, good food.
- [Three Blondes Brewing](#) – Good food, unorthodox home brews. Just off the highway.
- [Virtue Cider](#) – Next door to Modales. Fennville.
- [Waypost Brewing Co.](#) – In Fennville.



There's a LOT that goes on behind the scenes to make your stay unique and peaceful so that you'll keep coming back with friends and family. Your review helps.

Click: https://evolve.com/vacation-rentals/450930?review_modal=open

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