

# Comments from some of our Guests

I have not always been happy with my B&B experiences - bad beds, bad pillows, mediocre food. At Debbie and Alan's it is a different experience. First, the location, and their home, is beautiful. Just what you would want from a serene northwoods adventure. Second, I am not a cook but I do know how to appreciate the very fine food that we were offered. My group of friends enjoyed all Debbie's specialties, snacks and breakfast were generous and delicious. Third, very comfortable beds and great sheets and pillows. Too much info? You can't have too much information when you plan a dreamy retreat! Come and enjoy this northern hospitality. **Mary**



**Winter Barred Owl**  
Photo Taken from Garden Bedroom



**Common Summer Resident**

If you are part of a small rug hooking group, this is a wonderful retreat spot. Debbie is a fabulous host. Our group of four spent two days and one night. We were so well attended to. Easy environment. Meals were so delicious and over the top. The accommodations spacious and so comfortable. We enjoyed spending time with Debbie and Alan. **Lovely relaxed atmosphere and so welcoming**. **Carolyn**

We can attest that the accommodations are just fabulous! The cross country ski trails are great and right outside the door. **Cathy**

Over the years, my husband and I have stayed at many B&B's, and some were so-so while others were absolutely wonderful. The Piel's Forest Gardens Getaway is absolutely wonderful. The accommodations were very comfortable and well-appointed. The view out of every window provides a picture postcard image. Look out the dining room windows and you see the gardens. Look out of the living room and eating nook for views of the private lake. Look out the kitchen and behold! An amazing screened gazebo. Unfortunately, I was there in the winter, but that didn't stop my imagination. I could imagine sitting out there with other guests, sipping on a glass of wine at the end of the day. Alan and Debbie are gracious hosts, and Debbie has the cutest giggle I've ever heard. The food Debbie prepared was what you would expect an "absolutely wonderful" B&B would provide. All in all, I am hoping to get back to Forest Gardens Getaway at some time in the future. **The peace and quiet are a balm for my soul.** **Margaret**



**Common Loon**  
Frequent Summer Visitor

The Black Oak Lake Rug Hookers have always equated hooking with cooking. We hook and somebody else cooks. This is a beautiful and fulfilling arrangement and Debbie has provided the best of everything -- wonderful surroundings and great meals. **The downside comes when you have to pack up and leave.** **Marilyn**

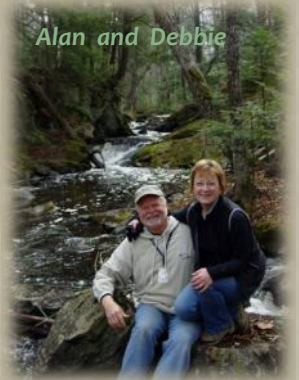
What a beautiful place you have created. We have had a wonderful stay and appreciate all your hospitality. We feel we've made new friends and look forward to the next time. **Kathy and Charlie**



**Great Blue Heron**  
Common Summer Resident

Once again, we have so enjoyed our wonderful time with you both. The house is a remarkable work of art! You have thought of everything to make the traveler comfortable and happy. All our best love and come to see us in California. **Rich and Demi**

Hidden deep in the woods of Michigan's Upper Peninsula lies a diversion to the fast-paced world in which so many of us live. Only a handful of people will ever take the time to pursue this treasure, but for those who do, there is an experience waiting that I can only describe as sublime rustic elegance. Debbie and Alan Piel, this beautiful property's owners and your hosts, have created the perfect respite away from the tensions of overstressed lives. Indoors, the lovely accommodations they have built into their home are luxuriously comfortable and exquisite in design and craftsmanship. Outdoors, the trails that Alan has etched into the property are perfect for a leisurely stroll, or to use as a gateway to vigorous exercise or for exploring the majesty of the area via jogging, biking, hiking, paddling or cross-country skiing into and around the Ottawa National Forest immediately adjacent to the property. Debbie's gardens, rich in color, texture, and fragrance that are unique to every season of the year, are nestled beneath old-growth trees that whisper when the wind blows, adding a deep resonance to the sounds of rippling water and songbirds. Everything about the property is designed to cultivate and enhance the indigenous beauty of every natural element. During our recent visit, we particularly enjoyed the crisp stillness of a mid-October night at this beautiful bed and breakfast. Sipping hot cider in the warmth of a crackling bonfire down near the lakes edge with Debbie and Alan, an owl called to us inquisitively from the woods behind us. We knew that tomorrow we'd be back in the throes of our noisy, chaotic lives. So for a few short hours, we enjoyed gentle talk, reverence for the darkness that surrounded us, and took in a wayfarer's view of the Milky Way. **Thank you for sharing your home and your gift of love for nature with us - we'll be back.** **Jesse and Kim**



**Alan and Debbie**



**Fall Ornaments**

Our 3 night stay with Debbie and Allen far exceeded all of our expectations. From the warm hosts, to the comfortable beds, to their beautifully decorated and spacious home, to the amazing breakfasts and evening desserts. A must stay whenever in/near the wonderful Northwoods. **Only wish we had more time to explore the cross country/hiking trails that about their gorgeous property.** **Greg**

Debbie and Alan are simply amazing people and wonderful hosts. They typify what the Airbnb experience is meant to be. **Highly highly highly recommend!!** **Alicia and Chris**

The several days we enjoyed with Debbie and Allen were truly magical. They are amazingly kind and generous people. Debbie's cookies, muffin, scones, and daily treats kept our mouths water for more and our souls singing happily along. Their place is absolutely gorgeous and so perfectly secluded for all sorts of fun snowy winter activities. **We can't wait to go back - honestly!** **Tom and Ari**

Our brief stay with Alan and Debbie was by far our best B&B experience ever! They have a beautiful home set on an amazing property. They are more than accommodating! Breakfast was 2nd to none served in a cozy breakfast nook. We highly recommend this property for anytime of the year. Cross country ski and snowmobile trails out the back door. Their neighbors are the Ottawa National Forest. **A true outdoor paradise!** **Brian and Becky**



**Solo Ski**