

# Far Niente

*The name means "sweet doing nothing" in Italian*

**Union Pier, Michigan**

**\$1,975.00 Early and Late Summer**

**\$2,100.00 Mid-Summer**

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See map below.



*Cottage in a Garden from the back gardens.*



*Living Room*



*Gourmet kitchen lit by skylights. Dining area behind and sliding doors to the back door*



*Office area across from kitchen*



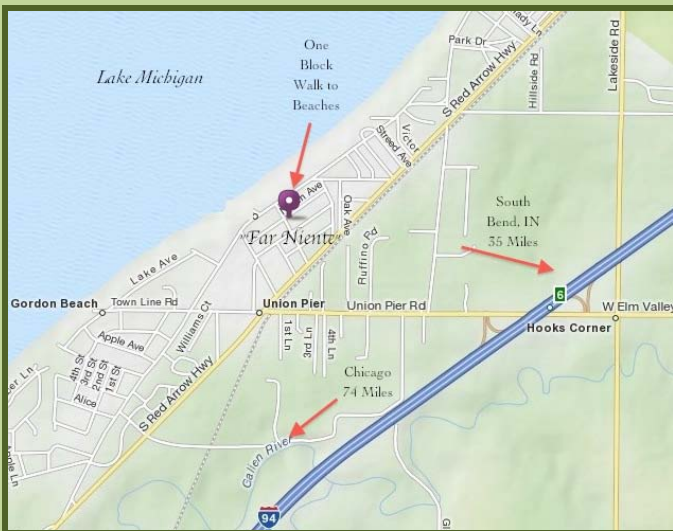
*Master Bedroom Above*



*Three Season Porch*



*One of the two Guest Bedrooms*



*Map to Far Niente in Union Pier.*

**Far Niente** is just a three minute walk to two of Lake Michigan's finest beaches--beaches which were just ranked as the #1 place to watch the sunset by Midwest Living Magazine. One beach has a gradual sandy slope down to it the other has a set of stairs. Your choice.

**Accommodations:** The cottage sleeps 7 people. The Cottage was completely remodeled in 2005 into a 2,100 square foot, open-plan without losing the cottage feeling. It has 3 bedrooms and 3 baths (2 with showers and the 3rd bath has a tub with shower inside it.), living room, kitchen, office space and dining area and porch. The three-season porch, the dining room and the master bedroom all open through sliding doors to the back deck. The deck in turn overlooks a blooming perennial garden. The cottage has skylights in the gourmet kitchen area. The harvest table seats at least 8. There is a second and third dining area on the deck on the porch. It is a neighborhood of similar cottages, but this one has perhaps more amenities and gardens than some of the others.

**Location:** Cottage is in Union Pier, MI. Union Pier is 4 miles north of New Buffalo, MI. It is 50 to 75 miles from Chicago (depending where in Chicago you are coming from). It takes 1 ½ to 2 hours to drive from the city or from any of the western Illinois suburbs. The AMTRAC train leaves Chicago twice a day and returns the same.

The cottage is between Lake Michigan and the Red Arrow Highway—that most desirable peninsula of cottages that are treasured for their closeness to the beaches. Other nearby towns in what makes up Harbor Country include: Lakeside, Harbert, Sawyer, New Buffalo, Three Oaks and St. Joseph and Benton Harbor.

**Amenities:**

- Central air & heat
- Laundry room, washer & dryer
- All linens provided: sheets, bath towels, beach towels, soaps
- New furniture throughout intermixed with cottage antique pieces

**Details on Bedrooms and baths:**

Master Bedroom; sleeps 2 (king bed with private bath with shower)

The First Guest Room 2 (Queen Bed)

Second Guest Room sleeps 2 (Two twin beds)

1 Sofa in either living room or family room could be used for one person.

It is not a convertible bed. 1

Total number sleeps 7

**Entertainment:**

3 flat-screen TVs all cable with free on demand movies.

Internet connection, WI FI, DVD & CD players, with some DVD's and CD's

Board games, books, puzzles, some toys and dolls

**Kitchen:**

Sky lights bring sun into the center kitchen. Granite counters, all cooking utensils, silverware, serving pieces and dishes you would ever need. Dishwasher, microwave, coffee-maker, ice-maker. Basic foods: ketchup, salt, pepper etc. Basic paper products i.e. toilet paper, paper towels, napkins.

**Fireplace:**

Wood burning fireplace with gas starter

**Distance to beaches:**

Expressed either, as a 3-minute walk or 1½ block saunter you are very close to three of the finest beaches.

One beach entrances has a gradual sandy slope from the road to the shore. The second and third beach entrances have a stair case.

The Michigan Dunes State Park is just a-6 mile drive north on Red Arrow Highway.

**Outdoor Features:**

BBQ Grill with gas and electric starter. Perennial gardens, back deck, small front porch and stone patio, outdoor fire pit for smores and story-telling , 3-season porch—with another dining table--overlooking the garden and the deck.

Two bikes, one with child seat on back are available for renters use.

**Suitability:**

Very child friendly cottage and neighborhood.

**Activities and resources:** Walking the beaches, antiquing, hiking, biking, sailing, kayaking, shopping, foreign film theater and live theater (Acorn Theater in Three Oaks.) sunsets, golf—many courses, delicatessens and farmers' markets, garden centers, ice cream shops and restaurants in Union Pier Village within walking distance from cottage. More excellent restaurants, full service grocery stores, bookstores, coffee and home decorating shops, clothing and gift stores all in nearby New Buffalo, Three Oaks, Harbert, Sawyer and St. Joseph..

**Other activities:** Art Fairs, Children's Museum and carousel (St. Joseph, Michigan to the north) Michigan Dunes State Park (8 miles north of Union Pier). Fishing in the Galien River. (New Buffalo) Hesston Steam Train Museum (in near La Porte, IN) and smaller train museum in Chamber of Commerce, New Buffalo. Or just do the Red Arrow Highway ramble and see it all.

**Please note:**

There is no phone at the cottage. Bring your own cell phones. Leave your pets at home. No smoking is permitted.

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*Designed by Justin R. Watkins*