

Welcome to Your Stay at the



HORSESHOE CRAB
COTTAGE

88 N. Sandpiper Dr., Dover, DE 19901

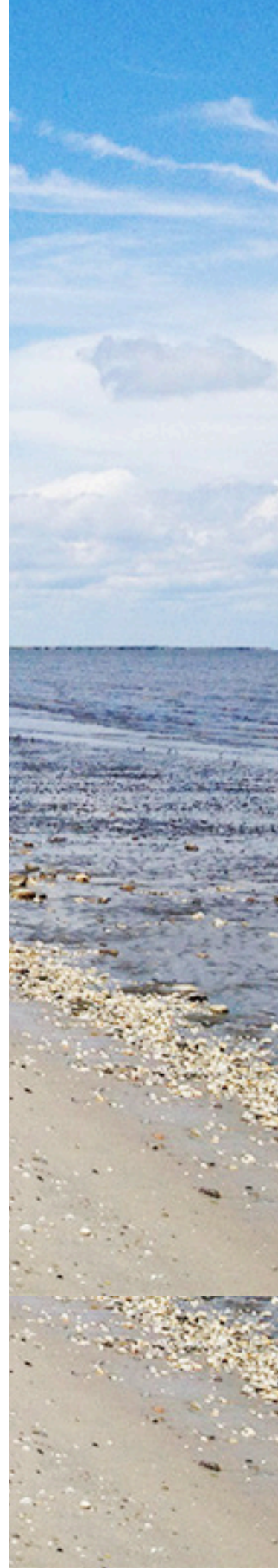
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BE OUR GUESTS

Welcome to the Horseshoe Crab Cottage!

Welcome to Horseshoe Crab Cottage, a luxury beachfront retreat on Pickering Beach along Delaware Bay in Dover, Delaware. Step outside your door and you're instantly on the beach—no roads, no crowds, just uninterrupted shoreline and sweeping water views. This cozy cottage features two bedrooms, one full bathroom, and a sleeper sofa, making it ideal for families, couples, or solo travelers seeking a peaceful escape by the water.

Inside, you'll find everything needed for a relaxing stay, including a fully equipped kitchen, washer and dryer, dedicated workspace, three smart TVs, free WiFi, and a karaoke setup for added fun. After a day on the beach, unwind in the indoor hot tub or head outside to the private deck with seating and a grill. For a truly memorable experience, relax in the outdoor cedar barrel sauna while enjoying panoramic views of the bay just steps away.

Pickering Beach is celebrated for its unspoiled shoreline, abundant wildlife, and tranquil atmosphere. From this true beachfront location, you can watch the sun rise over the bay in the morning and take in breathtaking sunsets over the marshlands in the evening—all from the comfort of your cottage.

For outdoor enthusiasts, the cottage offers immediate access to kayaking, canoeing, and fishing right out front, with the Little Creek boat launch just two miles away. Nature lovers will appreciate being surrounded by protected marshlands and wildlife areas, including Little Creek Wildlife Area. In early summer, the beach becomes a sanctuary for spawning horseshoe crabs, offering a rare and unforgettable natural experience—right outside your door. If you're looking for a stay where the beach isn't just nearby—but your backyard—Horseshoe Crab Cottage delivers a one-of-a-kind coastal escape.

ABOUT THE HOUSE



ADDRESS

88 N Sandpiper Drive
Dover, DE 19901

ROOMS

Two Bedrooms,
Kitchen, Living Room
& Dining Area

BATHROOM

One Full Bathroom

LOCATION

Pickering Beach
Dover, DE

SPECIAL FEATURES

Pickering Beach
Outdoor Barrel Sauna
Indoor Hot Tub
75" 4K Smart TV

PARKING

Space for Four Cars



GETTING THERE

**88 North Sandpiper Drive
Dover, DE 19901**



BY CAR

Due to its rural beach location, the best way to get to the Horseshoe Crab Cottage is by car. The Cottage is easily accessible from Interstate 95 or the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.



FROM AIRPORT

The closest airport for commercial flights is Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), more than an hour north of the Horseshoe Crab Cottage.



BY BUS

The closest Greyhound bus stop is located at 654 N Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. The bus stop is about 10 miles from the Horseshoe Crab Cottage.

CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT

3:00 P.M. / 10:00 A.M.

Please get in touch with us if you require an early bag drop.





Be Our

WIFI GUEST

Scan code with your phone's camera



<i>NETWORK ID</i>	<i>PASSWORD</i>
HORSESHOE CRAB COTTAGE	PICKERING

INSIDE AMENITIES

THE KITCHEN/DINING AREA



- Dining table & chairs for six people
- Full-size refrigerator
- Washing machine & dryer
- Range/oven
- Microwave
- Dishwasher
- Luxury dinnerware
- Utensils
- Blender
- Tea kettle
- Coffee maker
- Coffee, tea, sweeteners & cream
- Seasonings
- Cookware & bakeware
- Cutting board and knives
- Fun drinkware
- Low profile ceiling fan with dimmable lights
- Fire extinguisher
- Energy efficient European water heater

LIVING ROOM



- 75" 4k smart TV & sound system
- Two-person hot tub
- Luxury sleeper sofa with queen-sized bed
- Horseshoe crab neon light
- Low profile ceiling fans with dimmable lights
- Karaoke machine with microphones & speaker
- Books & games

THE BATHROOM



- Bath tub & shower
- Luxury elongated toilet with bidet
- Floating vanity & sink
- Paul Mitchell shampoo, conditioner, & soap
- Cosmetic mirror
- Hair dryer
- Luxury bath & beach towels
- Heat lamp
- First aid kit
- Tankless European water heater

INSIDE AMENITIES (CONT'D)

BEDROOM #1



- 43" 4k smart TV
- Full bed with luxury linens
- Bathrobes
- Closet
- Iron and ironing board
- Low profile ceiling fan with dimmable lights

BEDROOM #2



- 32" 4k smart TV
- Full bed with luxury linens
- Desk & chair
- Closet
- Bathrobes
- Low profile ceiling fan with dimmable lights

HEATING / AC SYSTEM



- Electric baseboard heaters are used to heat the house. The central thermostat for the heaters is in the living room near the hot tub. Do not adjust the individual baseboard heaters.
- Air conditioning is controlled by three energy-efficient window units.

HOUSEKEEPING



After each guest leaves, our housekeeping team takes care of cleaning the house to make sure everything is fresh and tidy for the next guests. If you would like more frequent housekeeping, we can schedule additional cleanings for a fee.

OUTSIDE AMENITIES



THE BEACH

Pickering Beach is a quiet bay beach known primarily as an official horseshoe crab sanctuary and wildlife area. It is recognized as one of Delaware's quietest spots, ideal for solitude and wildlife viewing. It is perfect for boating, kayaking, fishing and swimming, and dogs are allowed with leash on the beach.

You may access the beach directly from the property via the boardwalk or the small, public access path.



THE SAUNA

Our cedar barrel sauna offers a unique combination of traditional sauna and steam therapy, providing remarkable health benefits. This sauna is equipped with an advanced steam heating system that generates and maintains a controlled level of humidity and heat. The heating element efficiently converts water into steam, creating a soothing environment for relaxation. The adjustable temperature settings allow you to customize your sauna experience to your comfort level.



KAYAKS, PADDLES, BEACH CHAIRS & BEACH ACCESSORIES

Have more fun at the beach with additional amenities under the house. You will need code **1234** to unlock the lock to the kayaks, paddles, life vests, beach chairs, crab traps, kids beach toys, etc. under the house.



OUTDOOR SHOWER

The open outdoor shower is located on the boardwalk to the beach in back of the house. Rinse off under open skies, where fresh air and natural light elevate your daily routine into a moment of relaxation and escape. It offers a convenient solution for washing pets, kids, or just the sand off your feet.

HOUSE RULES

We are so glad you chose to stay with us! Our goal is for you to have a relaxing, enjoyable visit. Please review the guidelines below to help us keep the home comfortable for everyone.



By booking this property, you agree to the following:



CHECK-IN / CHECK-OUT

- **Check-in: 3:00 PM**
- **Check-out: 10:00 AM**

We appreciate timely check-out so we can prepare for our next guests.



OCCUPANCY & GUESTS

- The home comfortably sleeps up to **six overnight guests** (must be listed on your booking)
 - Gatherings larger than the booked party need prior approval
 - We ask that all gatherings remain respectful of the home and neighbors
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QUIET HOURS

10:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Please keep outdoor noise low during these hours to respect the neighbors.



PARKING

- Space for up to **four cars** on the property

HOUSE RULES (CONT'D)



PET POLICY

We love pets and are happy to host them with a little coordination:

- Pets allowed with **prior approval + \$50 non-refundable fee per pet**
- Pets must be house-trained
- Please clean up after them promptly
- Pet bowls and waste bags are available in the kitchen
- Undisclosed pets will incur a \$100 fee



BEACH ACCESS

Enjoy easy access to Pickering Beach:

- Accessible via the boardwalk on the property or via the nearby public access path
- Do not walk over the sand dunes or risk being confronted by Pickering Beach Karen



HEATING & COOLING

- **Heating:** Electric baseboard heaters are used to heat the house. The central thermostat for the heaters is in the living room near the hot tub. Do not adjust the individual baseboard heaters.
- **Cooling:** Air conditioning is controlled by three energy-efficient window units.

HOUSE RULES (CONT'D)



APPLIANCES & ELECTRONICS

- Please **turn off appliances and electronics** when not in use
- Feel free to log into your streaming services on the TVs—just remember to log out before departure



PLUMBING

- Please **flush toilet paper only**
- Do not flush wipes, sanitary products, or trash in our septic system



RESTRICTED AREAS

- The **lattice enclosed area** under the house is off limits



CONSUMABLES

We provide starter supplies (coffee, tea, toilet paper). For longer stays, guests may need to restock.



FIRE SAFETY

- In case of emergency, **call 911**
- A **fire extinguisher** is in the kitchen
- A **first aid kit** is located in the bathroom closet

HOUSE RULES (CONT'D)



PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- **No illegal activities**
- **No smoking** in the house
- No commercial filming or photography without permission



HOT TUB GUIDELINES

- Use at your own risk
- Do not use if you are pregnant, under 12 years old or have cardiovascular disease, low blood pressure, or open wounds/infections
- Shower before use
- No glass
- No use of alcohol or drugs
- Do not add soaps, oils, or other products
- Time limit is 15 minutes
- Please turn it off and cover the hot tub after use
- There is a \$100 fee if the hot tub requires deep cleaning/drainage after use



SAUNA GUIDELINES

- The lock code is **1234**
- Use at your own risk
- Do not use if you are pregnant, under 12 years old or have cardiovascular disease, low blood pressure, or open wounds/infections
- Shower before use
- No glass
- Limit session to 15 minutes
- Stay hydrated & avoid alcohol or drugs
- Sit on a towel or wear a provided robe
- No metal or electronics inside
- Do not pour water on heater elements
- Keep items away from the heater
- Turn off, close the door and lock after use
- There is a \$100 fee if the sauna requires deep cleaning after use

HOW TO...

BRIEF INSTRUCTION USING AMENITIES AT THE HOUSE

MAKE COFFEE

Start by filling the water reservoir to your desired level (up to 12 cups), then place the reusable coffee filter in the brew basket and add ground coffee. Using the control panel to select brewing options. Please turn off and unplug the coffee maker when not in use.



USE THE OVEN

To use the oven, press Cooking Mode and select a mode like Bake and press Start. Let the oven preheat until it beeps and place your food inside. When finished press Off to turn it off. Make sure the oven is off when not in use.



USE THE DISHWASHER

First open the door and properly load dishes into the racks, making sure they are scraped of all food debris and positioned so water can reach all surfaces. Next, add dishwasher detergent to the dispenser, then close the door and press the power button. Select an desired wash cycle and options (such as heavy wash, quick wash, or sanitize), then press start and firmly close the door to begin the cycle. The dishwasher will automatically wash, rinse, and dry the dishes; if you need to stop or change the cycle, you can cancel and restart it. Once the cycle is complete, allow dishes to cool slightly before unloading.



HOW TO... (CONT'D)

BRIEF INSTRUCTION USING AMENITIES AT THE HOUSE

USE GARGAGE DISPOSAL

Run water, then switch on the disposal under the sink. Food scraps should go in the trash. The disposal should only be used for small food waste. When the grinding sound stops, turn off the unit but keep water running a few more seconds to clear the drain, and avoid hard items like bones, fibrous foods, grease, or non-food materials to prevent jams or damage. Turn off after use.



USE THE INDOOR HOT TUB

The hot tub will be filled with water on arrival. Use the topside control panel to set your temperature, ideally between 100°F and 102°F (37.5–39°C). The system will heat and circulate the water automatically. Inside, you can activate jets and adjust their intensity or direction. Sessions should last no more than 15 minutes for safety and comfort. Keep the tub covered when not in use to retain heat and block debris. See the “House Rules” section for conduct guidelines.



USE OUTDOOR SAUNA

First unlock the sauna using the code **XXX**. Power on the heater and allow the sauna to warm up to your desired temperature. The thermometer should read around 160–175°F (70–80°C). Before entering, hydrate and shower to prepare your body, then enjoy short sessions (about 15 minutes). See the “House Rules” section for conduct guidelines.



HOW TO... (CONT'D)

BRIEF INSTRUCTION USING AMENITIES AT THE HOUSE

ADJUST THE TEMPERATURE

Electric baseboard heaters are used to heat the house. The central thermostat for the heaters is in the living room near the hot tub. Do not adjust the individual baseboard heaters. Air conditioning is controlled by three energy-efficient window units.



ACCESS WIFI & STREAMING SERVICES FROM THE TVS

See the WIFI login information on page 7. The smart TVs are connected to Wi-Fi. Open pre-installed apps like Netflix, Hulu, Disney+, or Prime Video, or download others from the TV's app store and sign in. You can also cast or mirror content from your phone, tablet, or computer using Chromecast or AirPlay. Make sure to sign out of the apps before you leave. Do not adjust TV monitors or cables.



USE THE KARAOKE MACHINE

To use this karaoke machine, power it on and connect it to Bluetooth or through USB/AUX inputs. Once connected, choose a karaoke track and set the speaker to a comfortable volume. Turn on the wireless microphones and pair them with the speaker, then adjust microphone volume, echo, or sound effects using the control panel. As you sing, the machine amplifies both music and vocals through its built-in speaker, and you can enhance the experience with LED light modes for a fun party atmosphere.



EMERGENCY INFO

PLEASE NOTE THESE EMERGENCY NUMBERS



DIAL 911 FOR AN
EMERGENCY



CALL YOUR HOSTS
(240) 935-1657



HOSPITAL
Bayhealth Hospital
640 South State St.
Dover, DE 19901
(302) 674-4700



PHARMACY
Bayhealth Community Pharmacy
640 S State St.
Dover, DE 19901
(302) 744-6615



THINGS TO DO

EXPLORE PICKERING BEACH AND THE SURROUNDING WILDLIFE AREA

BIRD WATCHING ON PICKERING BEACH

(<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L126639>)

Visit the eBird site to help identify birds on Pickering Beach. Be on the lookout for the American Herring Gull or Semipalmated Sandpiper.



HORSESHOE CRAB CONSERVATION

(<https://horseshoecrab.org/misc/erdg.html>)

Pickering Beach is a spawning site for American Horseshoe Crabs for more than 300 million years. The Ecological Research & Development Group is a non-profit wildlife conservation organization whose primary focus is the conservation of horseshoe crab.



LITTLE CREEK WILDLIFE AREA

3010 Bayside Drive, Dover, DE 19901

This wildlife area consisted of over 4,700 acres of natural habitat including tidal marsh and agricultural fields. There is a boardwalk and tower for birding and wildlife photography opportunities.



THINGS TO DO (CONT'D)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

AIR MOBILITY COMMAND MUSEUM

1301 Heritage Rd, Dover AFB, DE 19902

The Museum, located at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, is the only museum dedicated exclusively to the history of airlift and air refueling, featuring over 35 vintage aircraft, free admission, and a restored WWII-era hangar.



BALLY'S DOVER CASINO & HORSE RACING

1131 N Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901

Bally's is the largest casino destination in Delaware. The resort features more than 2,000 slot machines, nearly 30 table games, a full-service sportsbook, and live harness racing during the winter season, along with simulcast thoroughbred and harness racing year-round. Visitors can enjoy headline concerts, diverse dining and nightlife, and tax-free shopping.



DOVER MOTOR SPEEDWAY

406 Federal St, Dover, DE 19901

The Speedway, known worldwide as The Monster Mile and the World's Fastest One-Mile Oval, is one of NASCAR's most demanding, recognizable and iconic tracks. The one-mile concrete oval located in Dover, Delaware opened in 1969 and has challenged the sport's best drivers for more than five decades.



THINGS TO DO (CONT'D)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS (CONT'D)

✓ **DELAWARE LEGISLATIVE HALL**

411 Legislative Ave, Dover, DE 19901

Delaware was the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution, earning it the nickname "The First State." The Delaware Legislative Hall has been the state capitol building and seat of the Delaware General Assembly since 1933. It is open for public tours.



✓ **JOHNSON VICTROLA MUSEUM**

375 S New St, Dover, DE 19901

The museum highlights the life and achievements of Delaware native, Eldridge Reeves Johnson, founder of the Victor Talking Machine Company and a pioneer in the development of the sound-recording industry.



✓ **SPENCE'S BAZAAR & AMISH MARKET**

550 S New St, Dover, DE 19904

Dover's most famous flea market is almost 90 years old and offers visitors the opportunity to step back in time to enjoy some of the best in Amish food and shop eclectic Delaware treasures. The part flea market, part Amish food market is a one-of-a-kind destination on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.



✓ **KALMAR NYCKEL, THE TALL SHIP OF DELAWARE**

1124 E 7th St, Wilmington, DE 19801

Take a Kalmar Nyckel Tall Ship River Cruise or day sail from May 2 - November 1. Come aboard and discover the remarkable story behind The Tall Ship of Delaware, Kalmar Nyckel, and experience Delaware's rich maritime history at the Copeland Maritime Center.



WHERE TO EAT

HOST RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ **CHAIYO SUSHI & THAI**
Location: 1151 E Lebanon Rd, Dover, DE 19901
Cuisine: Thai, Sushi, Japanese
- ✓ **COOL SPRINGS FISH BAR & RESTAURANT**
Location: 2463 S State St, Dover, DE 19901
Cuisine: Seafood
- ✓ **GROTTO PIZZA**
Location: 1159 N Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901
Cuisine: Italian
- ✓ **LA BAGUETTE FRENCH BAKERY**
Location: 323 S Governors Ave, Dover, DE 19904
Cuisine: French Bakery
- ✓ **LA HACIENDA**
Location: 1171 Bay Rd, Dover, DE 19904
Cuisine: Tex-Mex
- ✓ **PHO SAIGON**
Location: 1651 E Lebanon Rd, Dover, DE 19901
Cuisine: Vietnamese
- ✓ **RAIL HAUS - BEER GARDEN**
Location: 92 N West St, Dover, DE 19904
Cuisine: Bar food and German beer
- ✓ **STONERAIL MARKET**
Location: 25 W Loockerman St, Dover, DE 19904
Cuisine: Casual cafe
- ✓ **TIM HORTONS**
Location: 737 N Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901
Cuisine: Canadian chain for coffee, light fare, pastries and breakfast sandwiches



THE EIGHT HIDDEN BEACHES OF DELAWARE

PICKERING BEACH (HORSESHOE CRAB COTTAGE)

88 N. Sandpiper Dr.
Dover DE 19901

WOODLAND BEACH

107 Woodland Ave
Smyrna, DE 19977

KITTS HUMMOCK

3100 Kitts Hummock Rd.
Dover, DE 19901

BOWERS BEACH

3357 Main St.
Frederica, DE 1994

BIG STONE BEACH

S. Big Stone Beach Dr.
Milford, DE 19963

SLAUGHTER BEACH

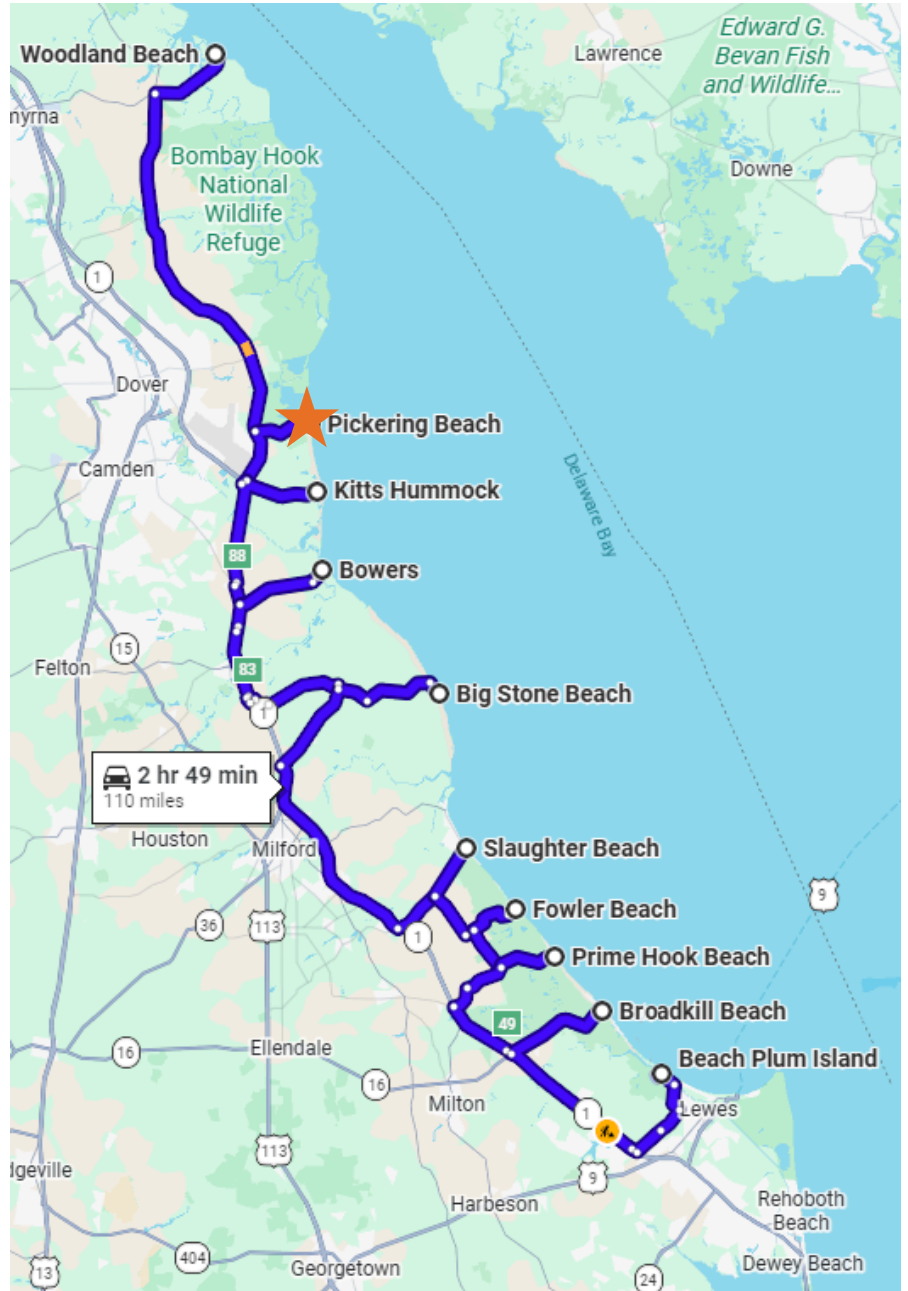
357 Bay Ave.
Slaughter Beach, DE 19963

BROADKILL BEACH

2 S. Bayshore Dr.
Broadkill Beach, DE 19968

BEACH PLUM ISLAND

2848 S Bayshore Dr.
Milton, DE 19968



2 hr 49 min
110 miles

CHECK-OUT CHECKLIST

Before you go please...



CHECK-OUT

- Check out by 10:00 AM
- Send us a quick text letting us know you have left



BED LINENS & TOWELS

- Please leave bed linens on the beds
- Place used towels and robes in the bathroom bin



HOUSE DEPARTURE

- Put furniture back to where you found it
- Lock all doors and windows
- Turn off lights and appliances. except the refrigerator



KITCHEN

- Please leave the kitchen as you found it
- Leave dirty dishes in the dishwasher



PERSONAL ITEMS & STREAMING SERVICES

- Double-check closets and drawers
- Log out of streaming accounts



TRASH & RECYCLING

Dispose of trash and recycling in outdoor bins across the street in the can coral.



CLEANING EXPECTATIONS

Your cleaning fee covers standard turnover. We simply ask that the home is left in reasonable condition.



PLEASE GIVE US A

Review

If you enjoyed your stay with us,
Please leave a review. We would
love to hear about it!