

**Christelle-Jean C. said...**

**Feb 1, 2016**

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### **The Best Birthday Cottage Weekend Ever!**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**

**January 29, 2016**

My friends and I simply had the best experience in this humble abode. As soon as you walk in, we felt like we were in a different world, but it also felt like home. There's something comforting about this retreat; maybe its the beautiful art, the photography (taken by the owner herself), the beautiful rooms, the interior design, how well kept it is, the beautiful of the lake, or maybe it's a combination of all of them. Working with Brenda was so delightful and made the entire process a memorable experience for my boyfriend's birthday. From day one, Brenda has been nothing but kind, patient and very accommodating to the needs of not only myself but for my guests as well. Her hospitality made it easier on us in planning this entire event. She made sure that we were well taken care of and that we were happy. Brenda also her business partner Karen gave us an amazing tour and informed us and demonstrated all that we needed to know in regards to the retreat. Once we entered the cottage, everything was so well stocked and supplied, we were beyond surprised on how well the cottage was equipped. I have nothing but good things to say about Winking Rosebud Retreat. I would recommend this to everybody who wants to THE perfect cottage retreat. We will definitely be coming back. Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts Brenda and Russ!

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Families with Teenagers

**Markian K said...**

**Jan 20, 2016**

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### **It Felt like Home but Treated like Royalty in a 5 Star Hotel**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**

**December 31, 2015**

Stayed at the Winking Rosebud from December 31st to January 3rd 2016. First off, I want to mention that Brenda took a chance renting out to a group of 20 something year olds. Many cottages turned us away because of this fact, but Brenda welcomed us with open arms. My experience started 2 months before I arrived. From the first email, Brenda would answer within a day every time Let me tell you that the pictures do not do this place enough justice.I simply could not believe the space of the cottage. We had a group of 26 of us and there was plenty of room.

Even a table big enough to fit us all for dinner The kitchen of my dreams. As an aspiring chef and one of the cooks for the whole group, I will tell you right now that I spent most of my time in the kitchen. I had been worried that the kitchen would not have the tools needed to prepare everything I wanted, so I packed some things from home, but that box never got unpacked from the car. The kitchen had plenty of room for 4 people to be doing separate things at once. The only thing to mention is that the thermometer on the BBQ seems to be broken, and if you wanted to keep something at a specific temperature then you had to know what you were doing. Other than that, the kitchen was stocked with spices that were provided, the fridge and freezer had enough room to fit everything we brought and still had room in it The bedrooms were clean, comfortable spacious and very open. I stayed in the master room but know that the bedrooms work on open concept theme. There aren't any doors you can lock, with us this held no problem because we all ended up sleeping wherever we fell asleep anyways. I was shocked at the amount of responsibilities NOT asked of us. All we were told to do at the end was to put the towels in the washer. That was it. We of course took all the linens off the bed, cleaned as much as we could and all in all tried to leave the place as we found it. Again, 5 star hotel feeling The grounds themselves, no words could describe how beautiful and spacious it is. It felt like driving into a fairy tale. I only wish we came during the summer and could experience the lake and enjoy the water. We had 7 cars, and no problem finding parking 10 minute drive from town where you could find anything you needed, grocery store, liquor store, etc It was painful to leave such a beautiful place, I recommend it to anyone and everyone, will return. 2500 characters is not enough to give a proper review.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**Miriam T. said...**

**Dec 9, 2015**

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### **Beautiful Retreat for Corporate events and the most Wonderful Owners and service team**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay  
December 4, 2015**

We stayed at the Winking Rosebud from Dec. 4-6th. Before I mention how beautiful the grounds are and the property itself, I must underline that the hospitality offered by the owners was one like no other...As a company we've been taking our employees to a corporate weekend getaway to celebrate the holidays every year for the last 10 years. We stay at the finest cottages, and the Winking Rosebud topped every single cottage we've stayed at over the past 10 years. Brenda and her husband were genuinely friendly and welcoming throughout the entire booking process and always provided quick feedback on questions we had prior to arriving. The property manager Karen welcomed us upon our arrival and gave us a wonderful tour and was available throughout our entire stay if we had any questions!! Brenda went so far as to check up on us after our first

night's stay to make sure everything was to our likings. The property itself is unlike anything you've ever seen. Beautifully decorated with eclectic artifacts, you can tell that Brenda and her family are very well travelled and provide a home that guarantees a welcoming experience for anyone. Every room is unique, the energy is very warm and welcoming, every bathroom is special, the floors are heated throughout the main lodge which is an absolute treat, the indoor pool and sauna are also a real treat, the house is very well equipped with everything you need to host a wonderful get together, there is really NOTHING they didn't think of and the additional cottages on the property are clean and comfortably and equally well decorated! I highly recommend staying at the Winking Rosebud for a corporate retreat, a team building activity weekend, a brainstorming session, whether you are looking to offer a relaxing weekend to your staff by the beautiful lake or gather your team to brainstorm or simply to celebrate milestones....this place is a real gem!

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Romantic Getaway

**Ruth A. said...**  
**Nov 18, 2015**

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### **What an absolute gem!**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**November 13, 2015**

A dozen ladies descended on this amazing retreat for the weekend and were so pleasantly met by the most incredible spot. Enough room to spread out, a fridge large enough for an army and the most fabulous architecture, decorations and thought put into a property. This resort has tons of private sleeping areas, along with lots of space to be social. We hiked, relaxed by the water, sat on the spacious decks, cooked in the well appointed kitchen and relaxed by the fire. Every time we turned around we saw beautiful artwork, photography, and artifacts from all over the world. We are grateful for the opportunity to have stayed in such an oasis of museum type quality environment. But don't be fooled by that, we also took in the pool, hot tub, karaoke machine and state of the art kitchen! This spot has it all! We will definitely be visiting again.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**Jenny M. said...**  
**Oct 19, 2015**

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### **Great Girls Getaway!**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**September 21, 2015**

Every year our group of ladies searches for a place for our fall getaway. This year, our group of 15 had a fantastic time at Winking Rosebud. It was a perfect getaway. Lots of space, lots of bedrooms and very well appointed. The kitchen is very well stocked including the super-size fridge and freezer. We really enjoyed cooking in the kitchen together and creating our delicacies! The main lodge is very eclectic and you will find treasures all over the house. There is lots to do there. We enjoyed using the kayaks and swimming in the lake. We played horseshoes and volleyball. The indoor endless pool and sauna and the outdoor hot tub are so relaxing and soothing. The view of the lake from the main lodge and the guest cottage is so beautiful. It is lovely just relaxing on the deck and watching the water. It is a great spot for biking and hiking as well. Outside of the retreat, we played golf, shopped in Westport and enjoyed the local restaurants. We were also close enough to enjoy a day in Kingston with its many tourist attractions and restaurants. I would definitely recommend this retreat to a large group or for a family reunion. We all loved the place so much we have booked again for next year's getaway. We look forward to returning to The Winking Rosebud. It is a gem! Thank you Brenda for making our stay so memorable!

**Recommended for:** Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Age 55+

**Winking Rosebud Fansaid...**  
**Sep 4, 2015**

**Winking Rosebud...A single review can't cover all of the wonders it offers.**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**August 21, 2015**

Every year a group of us...and by group I mean 7 or 8 families totaling well over 30 people... gather together to spend a few days reminiscing about our school days. Where does one go when one has a group that large who not only need enough beds for everyone, a full kitchen and a few bathrooms, but also a way to entertain the plethora of kids? Apparently the answer to that question should always have been...The Winking Rosebud. In August, we brought our crew to what we thought was a cottage compound of sorts. In fact, where we really brought them was to a work of heart that offers not only all of the things we needed and wanted, but so very many more things that we truly could not have thought to ask for. I mean really...a lap pool? How very cool is that?! Clean, clear lake with a beautiful dock and wonderful swimming? Check. Kayaking, canoeing, a raft with a slide, a volleyball court and a horseshoe pit? Check. Check. And Check. But what about those rainy days...'cause you know they're going to happen when you rent a cottage...well, for starters, the walls of books, the karaoke machine and the foosball table should entertain you for a bit. Personally, I wandered around in a bit of a daze for long periods of time, simply oohing and aahing over each new and fascinating art and décor treat that was tucked so

perfectly in every nook and cranny (just wait until you see the master bathroom...COOLEST. SHOWER. EVER.) Each time I turned around, there was something that I'd missed. This cottage is a veritable wealth of colour and creativity. When I took a break from the gazing and décor ogling, I drove a mere 10 minutes to some of the best little stores I've experienced in cottage country in a long time. Honestly...I could go on forever. Oh wait...I have :) But honestly...30 people...all sleeping comfortably, no battling for bathroom time, not a thing that we had to do without...and did I mention the hot tub and the firepit?...I truly can't cover it all in only one review. On top of it all, I had the merest moment to say hello to one of the owners of this dream location, and between my fits of raving about everything, I saw easily and clearly why this place was so amazing...there is nothing that seemed more important to Brenda than to be sure that each and every one of us walked away from her cottage oasis with a warm memory and a bit more joy than we had when we came. Winking Rosebud. Seriously. You need to see it to believe it.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Pet-friendly, Girls Getaway, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**Married Retreater said...**

**Sep 10, 2015**

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### **Amazing Post-Wedding Retreat Space for Family and Friends**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**

**August 15, 2015**

We added a family and friends retreat to the end of our wedding and chose the Winking Rosebud because of how many people could be accommodated. The first day we had 35 adults sleep over and slowly had our group shrink in numbers over the course of the week. With 35 people we had more than enough space (even the introverts could find a peaceful spot) and when we were down to 14 people we didn't feel too far away from each other (keeping the extroverts happy). We had fantastic weather and spent most of our time sitting on the dock or on the small beach, jumping in and out of the water to cool off. We also took advantage of the yard space (the viking game 'kubb' was a hit, using the firewood provided), the fire pit (great for singalongs, storytelling, and s'more making), the hot tub, the infinity pool, the sauna, the keyboard, the karaoke machine, the amazing kitchen (we enjoyed doing group cooking in the space for communal meals), the deck overlooking the lake (we ate most of our meals out there - and used the BBQ for a number of them), the canoe and kayaks in the boathouse, and other amenities I'm sure I've forgotten. There were also lots of great spaces to hold nighttime game playing. Any large group looking for either a fun filled retreat with lots of games or a relaxing retreat with connection to nature and spa-like amenities would be happy with the Winking Rosebud. The main lodge (albeit strangely decorated) is a beautifully constructed building that allows you to naturally rise with the sun with its ample East-facing windows. If I am looking to vacation with a large group again I would definitely come back to this magical space.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**The Terps said...**  
**Aug 17, 2015**

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### **A Dream Come True for our 45th Wedding Anniversary**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**August 7, 2015**

Over a year ago we had a family meeting to decide what to do for our 45th. We couldn't have found a better place than the Winking Rosebud. It was a large complex where we could all enjoy doing whatever we wanted. The resort is amazing. Super clean everywhere and extremely well maintained. Brenda and Ross take great pride in owning this complex and we were so fortunate to have found this beautiful place, hidden in the forest. We all enjoyed the beautiful water on the Rideau Lake. Both the kids and adults loved the kayaks, canoe and our own motor boat. The men loved the fish they caught on the lake and we all enjoyed a fish feast. Everyone had wonderful beds and most of us were able to have our own rooms. The foosball table in the carriage house was a hit as well as we played many a volleyball game. The endless pool, sauna and hot tub were enjoyed by young and old. Each couple made one meal and then cleaned up. They all commented on the great facilities in the kitchen. Lots of space for our food in the fridge/freezer and the dishwasher was an added bonus for those cleaning up. There were lots of counters for prep work as well as a well stocked kitchen. The large porches on the lodge and cottage made for great conversation by all. The view overlooking the water and surrounded by the many trees were so relaxing for either sitting alone reading or playing all those card games so many of us enjoyed. Karaoke was also a big hit for both the young kids and the older group. Mind you, some of us could sing a whole lot better than others. I would like to thank Russ and Brenda for sharing their home so we could enjoy the best vacation we ever had. The main lodge is out of this world with a unique decor that must be seen to be enjoyed.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**the konks said...**  
**Sep 1, 2015**

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### **winging rosebud - family retreat**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**July 31, 2015**

Every 2 years my brothers/sisters/parents and our children vacation together. 20+ in all. The winking rosebud was excellent. Clean, well maintained, and plenty of space for everyone. The views of the lake are spectacular, and plenty of outdoor activities for all. We are a family of teenagers and young adults -- everyone enjoying the outdoor activities and plenty of family space. The steps to the lake were a little difficult for my parents -- but they were able to manage them 1 or 2 times per day. We rented a boat, and all enjoyed lots of fishing and boating on the lake. Thank you for sharing your home.

**Recommended for:** Families with Teenagers

*My Response*

For those who don't prefer stairs, there is road access to the lake by four wheel vehicle. For the rest of us, a few stairs are great exercise!

**Jimmy P. said...**  
**Sep 3, 2015**

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**50th Wedding Anniversary/Family Reunion**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**July 18, 2015**

Our large group (20 adults, 4 teens, 8 kids) was fortunate to rent the entire complex to celebrate a milestone anniversary and attempt to relive childhood summer vacation memories with our own children and grandchildren. The Winking Rosebud Retreat delivered on all counts – beautiful views and accommodations, crystal-clear water, and unbelievably good fishing. Blessed with fabulous weather for almost the entire week, we spent most of our time on the water and failed to utilize all of the many available amenities the Retreat had to offer. The owners were fantastic - assisting us with our stay before (providing info on shopping, dining, etc.), during (personally coming over to address some minor electrical issues), and after (returning at their own expense a sentimental item left behind). In all, a terrific venue in wonderful location, with several in the group saying “best summer vacation ever”. Kudos also to Big Rideau Lake Boat Rentals and Len's Cove Marina – super-friendly, helpful, and top-notch rental equipment.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**Satisfied! said...**  
**Jul 23, 2015**

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## Winking Rosebud a wonderful venue for family retreat

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**July 3, 2015**

Our extended family met at the Winking Rosebud for a week long retreat in early July. It is just an awesome venue for a large group that wants to spend time together and yet have private space for down time. The amenities for cooking, sleeping and gathering indoors are luxurious and substantial. Yet there is a relaxed and comforting ambience that we appreciated immensely. Our group included 10 children ranging in age from 1 to 14, and they all loved what they were doing, outdoors and in, for the whole week! For us, some of the very special highlights of the Winking Rosebud are a wonderful indoor pool and sauna, a very high end central kitchen with huge fridge, plus a second complete modern kitchen in the 4 bedroom cottage, extremely comfortable beds and quiet bedrooms, many individual and attractive spots for intimate conversations in smaller groups, the big screened dining porch where we all ate together in the evening, and of course, the clean and beautiful lake for water sports. It has all the amenities that support the numerous five star reviews, and at the same time, beautifully natural and accepting of the activities associated with an outdoor focus. We would choose it again without hesitation as a very special venue for a family reunion.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Age 55+, Families with Teenagers

**Kingston said...**  
**Mar 31, 2015**

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## Perfect Winter Retreat!

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**

We used the Winking Rosebud as our winter retreat. We had quite a large group, and the facilities provided ample sleeping arrangements, kitchen supplies and room for us all. The pool and sauna made it feel like a vacation even though it was winter, and the main lodge was a fantastic center for the weekend. There is lots of privacy and the views are stunning! From towels to a personalized walk through of the property to firewood to coffee, it had everything we needed and more! Brenda made sure we had everything we needed, including a local contact in case we had any other requests. It was a wonderful experience. I can only imagine how beautiful the property is in the summer, and I know our company hopes to come back every year.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Pet-friendly, Girls Getaway, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**Miss Moss said...**  
**Apr 2, 2015**

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### **Beautiful Group Get Away**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**March 20, 2015**

This is the second time I have visited the Winking Rosebud with a large group of people and we certainly hope to make it an annual event. The retreat is beautifully built and its location is equally stunning. From the infinity pool, to the skating ring, to the hot tub and onto the ski trails, into cozy beds and excellent kitchens, our group has always found a winter-time retreat here delightful! We rent the entire retreat and find that it easily accommodates a large group of us. With private rooms and the two kitchens, we find that people celebrating and families with young children can all easily intermingle. Brenda cares very much about her space and her guests and works hard to make sure that everything is in good order. The space is luxurious yet welcoming and its easy to feel comfortable at the Winking Rosebud. Staying at the Winking Rosebud is guaranteed to be a highlight of any gathering or vacation. Weather its yoga on the deck or drinks at the tiki bar, beautiful memories will follow you home. We are grateful to have this type of space to relax and connect in and look forward to many more celebrations held here.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**Nancy said...**  
**Feb 28, 2015**

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### **Fun for Everyone**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**February 6, 2015**

We had a wonderful time at Winking Rosebud for our annual winter weekend getaway. There was something for everyone: cross country skiing, snowshoeing and sledding. Our group included 10 kids ranging from 9 months to 14 and everyone had a blast, enjoying the amazing indoor pool, sauna, hot tub and foos ball. There was lots of space in the main house for our group of 24 to relax and enjoy ourselves. Loved the heated terracotta floors and eclectic decor!

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**The Burega Family said...**  
**Sep 7, 2014**

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### **A Magical and Whimsical Experience for our Family**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**August 25, 2014**

Our family recently chose the Winking Rosebud Retreat for an end of the summer get-a-way before our children headed back to college in September. From the moment we walked through the wonderfully hand carved doors into the Main House, we were awestruck by the inspirational and eclectic surroundings all around us. The clear and sparkling Big Rideau Lake made our morning kayak a beautiful and peaceful way to start our day. The indoor pool and sauna offered a fun and relaxing way to end our day. This beautiful retreat offers the perfect setting, along with all of the amenities and features required, to host an original and unforgettable event for a large gathering of people. We thank Brenda for her warmth and hospitality and look forward to returning to the Winking Rosebud Retreat one day soon.

**Recommended for:** Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**Sebastien said...**  
**Dec 24, 2014**

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### **excellent site for a week with the extended family**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**August 8, 2014**

I spent a week at Winking Rosebud with a large group (2 grandparents, 3 couples, 5 grand-kids, and some extra friends at different times during the week and two dogs) in early August. We rented the entire property. Brenda put in a lot of special touches that made everyone feel extremely welcome from the first moment (e.g., folded towels in bedrooms, fresh flowers, firewood for the pit). The resort is very spacious and the water front is extremely welcoming with two docks, a sandy area and the floating pontoon and clear water for swimming. There is very little boat traffic and from the house, you can barely see any other properties. There were plenty of activities for the kids, with the volleyball court and the large open spaces with lawn for running around. Having three separate living areas provided people with some space, but the main house

with its large open kitchen and living room was a focal point for everyone to regroup at the end of the day. Everything was very clean and up to date. There were plenty of linens and towels and the kitchen had everything you could ever need. We looked at a lot of places and Winking Rosebud was unique in terms of the number of people it could comfortably accommodate, how much room there was on the water and on the property for running around, how secluded it felt, and how clean modern it was. I strongly recommend it for people looking for a large group gathering.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Pet-friendly, Girls Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**Faye said...**  
**Aug 18, 2014**

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### **Family Reunion**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**July 25, 2014**

We recently had a family reunion at this cottage and we loved every minute of it. The weather did not cooperate fully but when we had breaks from the rain; we had many activities to choose from; the volleyball court, the horse shoe pit and the kayaks. The lake was fantastic to swim in and the kids loved the slide! The indoor pool was a life saver!!!! The surroundings were peaceful and we saw a few deer. The cottages were immaculate and the beds were very comfortable. The kitchen was extremely well equipped and we found everything we needed to feed 20 people. The most amazing part was the large tables that we ate, played games and built puzzles on and with the screened in front porch we never felt crowded. I would most definitely consider and recommend this destination again. The pictures accurately describe the cottages.

**Recommended for:** People with Disabilities, Families with Young Children, Pet-friendly, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**Cathy said...**  
**Aug 10, 2014**

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### **A Wonderful Venue for our Family Reunion**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**July 20, 2014**

**Helpful votes:0/0**

We just wanted to thank Brenda and Russ for sharing their lovely vacation property with our family for our recent reunion. We had a large group with many young children and the setting was magical. Beautiful views of Big Rideau Lake from the porch, fun on the floating dock and kayaks, chasing fireflies at night, beautiful stars and late-night campfires - what a setting for a get-together! The retreat has every modern convenience and easily accommodated our large group. Thank you again for some wonderful memories!

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Families with Teenagers

**Steve said...**

**Sep 8, 2014**

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### **"Best holiday ever" as voted by the Aussies**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**

**July 4, 2014**

We needed a place to house 4 families fro, Australia in what was to be their first Ontario experience ever and the winking rosebud provided the ultimate staging point for a week they will never forget. The Winking Rosebud is a fantastic holiday destination. Situated right on a lake with your own private jetty and spectacular views over the lake. Quiet and secluded yet only a 10 minute drive to the local shopping areas. We stayed with 4 families in total and there was plenty of room for all the different age groups to have their own special areas. The hot tub on the verandah was a big hit although the parents never really had the opportunity to enjoy it!! The property is so unique, the main house is fantastic with 2 large tables to feed large numbers with ease, the kitchen is extremely well equipt and makes cooking for large numbers no trouble at all. The property enables the children to have the freedom they enjoy while being safe in the large grounds the Winking Rosebud has to offer. We absolutely loved our time at the Winking Rosebud and the children voted it "the best holiday ever" We would recommend this as a holiday destination without question.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Families with Teenagers

**StanFam said...**

**Jul 10, 2014**

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**Peace and quiet but lots of fun things to do! Everything you can think of is there!**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**July 1, 2014**

My family and friends stayed for a combined Canada Day and Independence Day vacation. There were 6 families, with a total of 20 people in all. Ages 9 to 93! Everyone had a nice place to sleep and a separate place to call their own for some privacy. Can't wait to go back and hope to make this an annual trip! Thanks for everything! :)

**Recommended for:** People with Disabilities, Families with Young Children, Pet-friendly, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**kneeds said...**  
**Aug 12, 2014**

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### **Perfect summer weekend**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**June 20, 2014**

We rented this cottage for a week for our wedding reception, and had the most amazing time. Our entire extended family was in attendance, and everyone loved it! We were completely taken care of - everyone had a place to sleep, the (amazing) kitchen was very well stocked, the various decks and docks were a perfect place to relax. The lake itself is just beautiful - the water was so warm! I can't recommend it enough. Thanks so much for having us!

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**dmadd said...**  
**Jul 11, 2014**

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### **Business Meeting at Winking Rosebud**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**June 16, 2014**

I actually would like to rate it as a 4 1/2!!! Recently we had a company meeting at Winking Rosebud. The facilities were fantastic and the view was to die for! Work & relaxation rolled into

one! It's a great place to get away from the office and a great change from the typical hotel stay with particularly high costs for catering, rooms and dinners out. The 3 nights stay cost us a third of what it would have cost had we chosen the hotel route. Yes, you do have to cook your own meals and clean up but its a great way to bond with your co-workers! Winking Rosebud is ideal for small business gatherings!

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**Ericka said...**

**Jul 20, 2014**

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### **Amazing family weekend!!!!**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**

**June 6, 2014**

We had an amazing family reunion at the Winking Rosebud. The rooms were beautiful and spacious and absolutely spotless! The fully equipped kitchen was wonderful to prepare our delicious meals. We had a fabulous time, the weather was perfect, the fish were happy to bite creating a lot of entertainment. The dock was one of the favourite spots to be whether it's the kids fishing off the dock, swimming, or just relaxing watching it all. The camp fires burned toasty warm with beautiful starry skies. We slept really well in our cabin and we were so happy this location it was so very private. The place was super duper spectacular and we all raved about it and all its uniqueness. The kids had so much fun from the indoor pool, kayaks, and plenty of room for them to run around outside playing tag while the adults relaxed in the hot tub. So much to do and so much to see...with all the dragonflies buzzing around while the teams played volleyball what a magical sight on this site. This was a wonderful destination where we all enjoyed this special time together immensely :) We all had a terrific time and would recommend this resort to anyone and everyone. Thanks again :)

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Pet-friendly, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**Lindsay M. said...**

**Jun 15, 2014**

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### **Perfect setting for our small wedding!**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**May 21, 2014**

We chose to hold our small, intimate wedding at the retreat and it made for an unforgettable experience for ourselves and our guests!! First of all, the gorgeous view of the lake and the natural setting all around us made for a beautiful outdoor ceremony. There were so many places to potentially hold the ceremony on the grounds of the retreat, all providing for stunning settings! And secondly, we held our reception for 65 people inside where we were surrounded by unique architecture and design and pieces of art and photography from around the world. There was so much to actually look at in the house, our guests were absolutely fascinated with the decor! We heard at least a dozen times that our wedding was the 'best and most unique location for a wedding' people had been to. The property is kept immaculately clean and maintained and the owners are very responsive to questions and help. We called the owners several times with questions and they were always happy and willing to help. The retreat is full of amenities, anything you could ask for. We enjoyed using the kayaks on the crystal-clear lake. I'm in love with this place and I highly recommend this magical spot. I'm so thankful to the owners that we were able to rent this beautiful spot where we have our memories of our special day!!!! Thanks!!!

**Recommended for:** People with Disabilities, Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**The Keith Family said...**  
**Apr 28, 2014**

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**Unbelievable!!**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**April 25, 2014**

Where to even start!!! We went for two nights for a family getaway - finding a cottage to accommodate all 20 of us is always a challenge... when looking for somewhere to stay that was really all that was on my priority list, when I fell across the Winking Rosebud. It exceeded any and all of our expectations. Not only is the property in itself the most peaceful and beautiful place I had ever been, the houses (particularly the main house) was packed full of different artifacts from what is obviously the many travels of the owners!! There was so much to look at that I'm sure we missed 60% of it! We were able to bring the table from the sun porch into the kitchen to create a giant 20 person table to fit the whole family (something that has honestly never happened before - we tend to be spread out around the house wherever we go!) Sitting around the fire playing guitar and singing songs well into the night and relaxing in the hot tub at the cottage overlooking the most serene view I've ever seen are probably my favourite parts of the trip! The kids had a blast in the pool as well as on the drums and piano that they have there at your disposal. We went on a long walk on our first day there and probably could have walked forever just admiring

the nature and peace that was all around us! Almost as impressive as their amazing house is Brenda and Russ' amazing "customer service" - I put this in brackets cause they make you feel more like family than customers! I must have sent Brenda 1000 emails leading up to our trip full of dozens of questions and she answered every single one of them without fail - and you could almost see the smile on her face through the emails!! There really isn't anything bad to say about this trip. While family reunions are always about who shows up, the Winking Rosebud definitely set us off to an unbelievable start! I really don't think it would be possible not to have fun there!!! I will most definitely be back!! Thank you thank you thank you, Brenda and Russ, for opening up your home to us!

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**Samy said...**  
**Apr 18, 2014**

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### **Winking Rosebud Retreat.**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**April 11, 2014**

the retreat is the bliss . Best of the Best .i would love to be there again during the summer time . sincerely appreciate your hospitality . Sam

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway

**Afrin said...**  
**Apr 8, 2014**

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### **Amazing find for a getaway!**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**April 4, 2014**

Wow. That's how we first reacted when we walked into Winking Rosebud. We were a rather large group and each one of us had an amazing time at the Winking Rosebud. Its the perfect place for large family/friends getaway! The cottage and the area is truly amazing. Brenda and Russ have filled every bit of the house with beautiful artwork and treasures from their travels. The house felt like a home and was extremely welcoming! The cottages were fully stocked with everything you could possibly need. We didn't have to worry about a thing! The rooms were very spacious and all

of us enjoyed the heated pool and sauna. Brenda and Russ did an amazing job with the cottage. We hope to go back again soon!

**Recommended for:** Pet-friendly, Adventure Seekers, Families with Teenagers

**Kingston said...**

**Mar 31, 2014**

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### **Wonderful Location for Company Retreat**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**

**March 21, 2014**

Wow! What a wonderful retreat location, just an hour outside of Kingston. It is so quiet and peaceful, and the large property allows for a private weekend. The cottage itself has a massive open concept living room, dining room and kitchen overlooking the lake. The kitchen is fully stocked with every small appliance you could possibly think of, and the layout is perfect for cooking for large groups. This is our second year staying at the Winking Rosebud, and we will definitely be back!

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Pet-friendly, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Families with Teenagers

**dkb said...**

**Feb 10, 2014**

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### **A truly magical place.**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**

**February 7, 2014**

What an incredible way to spend a beautiful snowy weekend with friends. We absolutely loved everything about this place - cozy accommodations, roaring fireplace, full service kitchen, hot tub, heated swimming pool, and stunning views. This is truly a very special, magical place and we are already planning our next visit. It's very apparent that the owners of this gem have put a lot of love and passion into every detail. What an amazing experience!

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Pet-friendly, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Families with Teenagers

ryan said...  
Feb 10, 2014

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**Don't tell anyone about this place!**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**February 7, 2014**

Any photo of winking rosebud will never be able to do it justice. The setting is serene and beautiful. As you enter the property you know that you're in a very special place where a lot of time and thought and love has been spent putting everything together and keeping everything maintained. The two main buildings were immaculate on arrival. Clean sheets, spotless floors and counters, everything extremely tidy and in its right place. The beds are all quite comfortable. There's a type of bed for every sort of sleeper. The kitchen is stocked with every sort of glassware, dishes, kitchen utensils, appliances, etc... Pretty much anything you could want is supplied. It's very warm and cozy in the dead of winter. The fireplace and heating systems all work quite well in all buildings. There was not a deficiency of any type during our stay and if there had been I had a feeling that things would have been taken care of promptly. The hot tub and pool worked flawlessly. Thank you Brenda & Russ

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Pet-friendly, Girls Getaway, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

Kozy said...  
Feb 4, 2014

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**Awesome Cottage Complex**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**January 31, 2014**

Rented the WR for a weekend get together between Toronto and Ottawa friends. Not often you walk into a place that exceeds all of your expectations. Clearly evident that this was not intended to be a rental property. The main lodge is stunning and the remaining outbuildings provide space enough to make even our loudest friends tolerable! Cleared the snow off the ice and had some memorable hockey games while others ice fished. A true Cdn experience. Easy dealing with the owners and maintenance personnel arrived quickly (via ski-doo) when one of the showers was leaking. Couldn't say enough good things about this place. Pricey for a weekend - but with enough people, great value.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Families with Teenagers

**Erika said...**  
**Nov 19, 2013**

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### **The most amazing cottage rental yet!**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**November**  
**15, 2013**

There are no words to describe how thoughtful, tasteful and serene this retreat truly is. We rented the entire site for a weekend reunion and as much as I try not to have any expectations, mine were blown away nevertheless. The pictures on the website do not do any justice to the character and detail that each of the abodes have, especially the main cottage. Everyone felt at home and I think this only contributed to the tremendous amount of energy that was generated over the weekend in terms of creativity and connection! Although I have not yet personally met the owners, I felt like they were kindred spirits and Brenda was absolutely lovely when some questions came up over the weekend over the telephone. I would stay here again in a heartbeat and recommend it for any family or friend gathering. Thank you so much to both of you for opening up your home to us!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

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### **Winking Rosebud Retreat**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**August 30, 2013**

We had a fantastic family long weekend at the Winking Rosebud Retreat. Our party of twenty ranged in age from 3 to 87 and there was something for everyone to do there. The sauna and the lap pool were a huge hit with the kids, teens and young adults and the deck with the beautiful view was more than enough for the adults. Much fun was also had at the waterfront swimming to the raft and fishing from the dock and everyone enjoyed the bonfires at night. The hosts were lovely and committed to us having a great time. We particularly appreciated Brenda and the staff finding and our daughter's lost watch and sending it to us as soon as they found it.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Pet-friendly, Girls Getaway, Age 55+, Families with Teenagers

CLC said...  
Oct 16, 2013

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**A MAGICAL FAMILY REUNION**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**August 23, 2013**

So much to do.....so little time!!!! Our one week family reunion at the Winking Rosebud Retreat was all that we hoped it would be, and more. The lap pool, the sauna, the hot tub, the decks, the music, the games, the fishing, the swimming, the firepit. Our days and nights were full. We had space for privacy and quiet moments when we wanted them. And with the large open concept of the Main House we also had space for chaos and noise and raise-the-roof laughter and good times. Preparing meals together in the remarkable and immaculate kitchen was a big part of every day. We appreciated the large fridge and freezer, the two sinks and all the counter surfaces, and we had every dish, glass, utensil, pot, pan and gadget that we could ever need. And eating all of our evening meals together in the screened-in porch was a real treat for 27 family members from all across Canada. The views are stunning, the Main House is eccentric and filled with light and colour. The buildings are all beautifully furnished and maintained. Everything is reflective of the love that Brenda and Russ have for their beautiful property. It was a wonderful family get-together. Thanks to the Winking Rosebud for a week of lovely memories.  
**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**Kthrasher said...**  
**Aug 13, 2013**

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**Magnificent stay.... A vacation to remember**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**July 26, 2013**

Just returned at a wewinking rosebud where upon your arrival you are greeted by the welcome committee who gives you a tour and shows you everything that you need to know.... This place had everything from spices to linens. It truly is a hassle free turn key property. Our stay at the winking rosebud retreat was truly enjoyable. Went with 12 adults and 3 children we all had plenty of room to stretch ant and get a moment of privacy. The property along with all the amenities are outstanding. From the acres of trails to the volleyball court and horseshoe pits there is some thing for everyone. The waterfront is breath taking, kid friendly with a walk out beach, but also as awesome dock to relax on. Would definitely recommend this property to friends and family. Thanks winking rosebud retreat.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Pet-friendly, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Families with Teenagers

**Jody said...**  
**Aug 1, 2013**

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### **Buisman Family Reunion**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**July 19, 2013**

Our stay at the Winking Rosebud Retreat property was a great one week holiday. We came with an extended family group of 28 adults/young adults and one very young child. Between the main house, the cottage, and three other buildings, there was plenty of room for everyone to sleep, eat, relax and just hang out. The buildings were well stocked with towels, dishes and cooking utensils. The appliances in the main house were top notch. The home is uniquely decorated, showing a possible travel interest of the owners, and fun to look at. There were plenty of books around to read and games to play, as well as videos to watch on the amazing big screen TV. The large house also has an indoor exercise pool and sauna, both of which were welcome additions to the basics. The cottage has a hot tub, also nice to have. There is enough open space to share together and if you want, there's enough space to get away from each other as well. The owners are great to deal with and do a wonderful job of helping to keep things in good condition for use. There were a few minor issues as you would find in any place, and more particularly when you are trying to accommodate such a large group. However, every time we were in contact with the owners, they responded quickly and efficiently. The dishwasher broke down, and the previous renters had left some issues with their three dogs. A repair man for the dishwasher was immediately sent over and the pet policy is now under review. In all, we enjoyed ourselves thoroughly and would recommend the location for large or small groups. Thank you, Brenda and Russ for giving us the opportunity to gather with our large extended family for a week of fun, relaxation and many wonderful memories!

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Age 55+, Families with Teenagers

**Shannon said...**  
**Jul 24, 2013**

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### **MacDonald Family Reunion**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**July 12, 2013**  
**Helpful votes:0/0**

We needed a large place to house 24 family members who were coming from all points for a wedding in Perth. Winking Rosebud delivered!! Not only did we have beds enough for everyone, we had the space to feel like we were still on a fabulous, relaxing vacation. From the minute everyone stepped through into the main house, it was "ooohs" and "ahhhs". Each part of the property, from the Annex Cabin to the Carriage House, and down to the Boat House was clean, stocked and nicely appointed. The gigantic kitchen, with every amenity, was just what we needed to make sure 24 bellies were satisfied. The Lake was pristine and the perfect temperature for cooling off on the hot days we had for our week. When the lake felt too intimidating for the little kids, the indoor pool was their hangout for them to splash around and chill! Many of our party arrived the area several hours early, and nearby Westport proved to be a perfect spot to spend an afternoon before our check-in time with wonderful shops & restaurants, ice cream parlors, and a grocery store. We couldn't have been happier with our stay. The many pictures still do not do the place justice.. it's a must see. Thank you Brenda, Russ & the property management team for creating the spot where so many happy memories were made this summer.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Pet-friendly, Sightseeing, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**Ryan Hall said...**

**Jul 3, 2013**

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### **What a great weekend!!!**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**

**June 21,**

**2013**

**Helpful**

**votes:0/0**

We were at the Winking Rosebud Retreat for my brother's bachelor party. There were 12 guys for 3 days and 3 nights. We had an amazing weekend to remember! The place is spectacular. The property is huge. No one had to share a bed. The lake is beautiful and the fishing excellent. We had dinner in a different part of the main cottage every night, and there was still seating that we didn't get to! Some of the guys have already been talking about when we can come back! The property was very clean and well maintained. The owner was always just an email away if I had any questions. Thanks for a great weekend!

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Pet-friendly, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

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## **A wonderland of adventure and exploration!**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**

**April 26, 2013**

**Helpful votes:0/0**

From the moment you enter through the gates of the Winking Rosebud Retreat, you can feel that you have crossed through the portal of an amazing otherworldly dimension. There are so many astonishingly beautiful details laid out to be enjoyed, from the uniquely designed and hand-carved wooden front doorframe to the world that opens up inside, full of colour, light and splendour! This place was created with an astounding eye for all that is beautiful and to be in this space even for a weekend, leaves one feeling like they have travelled to a place of magnificence! Not a moment was wasted in exploring all the otherworldly delights that this retreat has to offer! Sunlight beaming through the large circular windows onto the beckoning clear waters of the revitalizing indoor wave pool, the healing powers of the infrared sauna, the transparency of the walls overlooking a ceilingless bedroom with a stunning view of crisp, clear waters of the lake through the bright open patio door...leading you to another magical place on the vast deck outside that hangs over the water making one feel like a bird observing from a luxurious perch over a lakeside paradise! The open concept of the main building is a wonderful venue to share with friends, family or any other purpose as it is highly adaptable to receiving extensive set-up of musical equipment and lights that reflect the unique and dream-like architecture as the night falls. Beautiful memories have been made here, and having been here just twice, leaves the visitor longing for immediate return! The surrounding buildings are woven beautifully into nature. A guesthouse with outdoor jacuzzi, outdoor showers, and other beautiful accommodations demand further exploration! Descend onto the lake via a stunning natural hand-carved Escher-like staircase that takes you down to the clear waters, with a boathouse with long dock that promises a place to launch away by canoe or waterski or windsurfer onto the vast open expanse of the lake...making one yearn to be on the water! The cleverly designed boathouse also allows the guest to literally sleep above the waters in the cozy bunk-style rooms. Simply breathtaking- all of it! The owners have put so much special care into the creation and maintenance of this special retreat, you will immediately feel like someone has created the space especially for you! There is not a disappointment to be had other than having to pack up and leave this magical place! Highly recommended

**Recommended for:** Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Romantic Getaway

**Kingston said...**

**May 28, 2013**

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## **Corporate Retreat**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**

**March 22, 2013**

We brought a large group on a corporate retreat as a teambuilding weekend, and the Winking Rosebud was perfect. The sleeping arrangements were very comfortable, and the living areas were large enough for our entire group. The kitchen was so well stocked and very spacious, making cooking for 25 very easy. Unfortunately the weather didn't allow for swimming, but the view was incredible. I would love to return in the summertime, as the warmer weather would allow us more use of the property. Overall, it was a wonderful place to hold such an event and we will most definitely be returning in the future.

**Weekend Escape said...**  
**Mar 1, 2013**

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### **Relaxing Retreat With A Lot of Character**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**February 22, 2013**

The Winking Rosebud is a wonderful retreat, with a lot of character! Our group was looking to escape the city (and our work) for a weekend to relax and catch up with old friends. The warm and inviting atmosphere at the Winking Rosebud was quite ideal for this, and the cottage came fully stocked with everything we needed to do so. From the gorgeous view, relaxing pool and sauna, to the marvelous kitchen built for entertaining, our only regret was not making it a long weekend!

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**L W. said...**  
**Mar 13, 2013**

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### **Character-filled home beautifully situated, gracious honest owners equals perfect retreat!**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**February 15, 2013**

A character-filled home situated beautifully overlooking a beautiful lake, this property was absolutely perfect for our family retreat. To start, the owners are lovely, honest and kind. The bounty of their extensive travels is displayed throughout their unique one-of-a-kind home. Then the home itself handles large groups easily and has many amenities including a indoor pool and sauna, a drum-set and speakers and a Tiki Bar. The layout is quite flexible and, by having a couple of bedrooms on the ground floor, easily accommodates all age ranges. The 4 bedroom building is steps from the main home and worked well for a group with different sleep schedules! The setting of this retreat is lovely - quiet, wooded, nestled in the country-side. We have only

visited in the winter months, but I am sure the summer is even more spectacular. Highly recommended!!!! We will come back!!!!!!

**Recommended for:** Age 55+, Families with Teenagers

**Winter Weekend Getawaysaid...**

**Feb 11, 2013**

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### **Winter Weekend Getaway**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**

**February 8, 2013**

For the past 4 years, my friends and I have rented a cottage for a winter weekend getaway. We are a large group of 12 people, and it can be difficult to find a space that comfortably accommodates. When we arrived at the cottage, my friends and I were absolutely astonished by its overall size. It afforded us with more than enough sleeping arrangements, an impressive supply of dishware, towels and sheets, as well as enough space for all us to gather around the dining room table. I believe that this has been the first time that we haven't been burdened with taking turns sleeping on makeshift beds or eating off paper plates. Upon our arrival the cottage was clean and tidy. A lot of care was taken to ensure that all of the essentials were provided. A variety of entertainment was also provided. DVDs, board games, keyboard and drum set, a sauna and pool, an impressive book collection, and the television and speaker station were state-of-the-art. My friends and I had an amazing time at the Winking Rosebud Retreat! We were comfortable, warm and spent countless hours enjoying the cottages endless amenities. It was a great weekend and I will highly recommend the establishment to friends, colleagues and family.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

**briannah said...**

**Feb 8, 2013**

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### **Dear Brenda&Russ**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**

**February 1,**

**2013**

On behalf of my group, I would love to thank you for the opportunity to stay at your wonderful Retreat. We couldn't have asked for a more perfect weekend. Everyone absolutely loved the facilities and we were happy that everything ran so smoothly. We enjoyed a weekend of skating, ice hockey, swimming and hot tubbing on the cold icy nights. We all can't thank you enough for

you hospitality and this wonderful opportunity. The Retreat had a unique and charming theme that makes you forget the rest of the world. Would definitely want to come visit again sometime in the future. Best Regards, Brianna H

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Families with Teenagers

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## Surprised and Inspired

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**

**October 19, 2012**

"I had the pleasure of being a guest at the Winking Rosebud Retreat's Main Lodge October 2012. I went to celebrate my 30th birthday with 12 of my closest girlfriends and was looking for a special getaway to enjoy the occasion and treat everyone. The Winking Rosebud surpassed ALL of my expectations and more. The minute you walk into the front entrance you're transported into a magical place. I felt as though time had stopped and I was able to completely relax and of course have fun. The cottage decor is unlike anything I've ever seen complete with inspiration from around the world and a stunning view. It is apparent that the owners have built it with a lot of love. My personal favourites were the staircase, the natural light and the beautiful porch but I guarantee that you will be surprised and inspired by many things there. Of course, the amenities were part of what made the cottage a fun treat; the sauna, fireplace, pool, bar, piano, drum set and fully stocked kitchen are just some of the things available to make sure you have a great time. The grounds are secluded and ensure you have your own private getaway. The view of the lake is simply stunning and I guarantee you won't want to leave, I know I didn't. To top it all, in addition to being prompt, professional and answering all my questions, the owners were friendly, available and such lovely people. We were very well taken care of. I would recommend this retreat to anyone. I will never forget my 30th birthday and the place and people that made it so special. Thank you Brenda and Russ!!!"

**Rachel (Toronto) said...**

**Oct 30, 2012**

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## Fantastic Venue for Girls Weekend

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**

**October 19, 2012**

"Not only was the WRBR beautiful and an excellent venue for a girls weekend, but Brenda was an excellent host, paying particular attention to the details to ensure we had everything we needed for a memorable time. I would not hesitate to return again, or to recommend to my friends and family this lovely getaway. Thank you Brenda for sharing such a lovely oasis with us."

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Ha said...

Oct 30, 2012

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### **Beautiful Guest House**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**

**October 12, 2012**

Hi Brenda and Russ, The weekend was fabulous! It was a beautiful guest house!! The hot tub was very enjoyable and the surrounding nature was stunning! One of the girls even saw a moose on her morning run! Everything was functioning well! Definitely an enjoyable weekend! Thank you for allowing us to use your facility!

Kristina said...

Oct 30, 2012

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### **Magical**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**

**October 11, 2012**

You have no idea what you've done for us. Honestly, we had such a fun, relaxing time at your place. We have a HUGE family (Italian:) and LOVED your cottage and took pictures to show our friends. It was all really special and I can't thank you enough. We went for walks and went into Westport as well. My nephews and I had a picnic on the dock and threw stones in the water...so fun! Your place is so so magical and we will definitely be back. We felt so lucky the whole time we were there! I know you book up fast so I'll come up with a date for next summer and get back to

you to see if it's still available. We would love to return. Thanks again Brenda....what a fantastic place you have created. I can't wait to come back! Kris PS You were right about it being private"

**Lis said...**  
**Oct 30, 2012**

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### **Booking it for our Next Year's Family Reunion!**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**October 5,**  
**2012**

Thank you for everything. It was wonderful to walk on your trails at the back of your property. We LOVED that garbage bags, toilet paper, paper towels, etc were there and ready to use. It was also so kind to have spices, and other things in case we forgot things. The indoor pool was a big hit, as was the hot tub. We all loved it so much we hope we can rent again from you for next year's family get-together.

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### **Struck by the Beauty and Details!!**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**September 21, 2012**

The weekend was out of this world amazing; everyone enjoyed themselves to the fullest. We sure did take full advantage of everything the residence had to offer inside and out. My mom and dad (and the rest of the family for that matter) were so star struck by the beauty and detail of the home and property that everyone wishes to use this residence for family reunions every summer:) Again we greatly appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts as this weekend has left us memories that we shall cherish for eternity. My mom and I hope you are not disappointed with how we left things, we tried as best as we could to leave it in a state where you would be happy. Again it was a pleasure meeting you and Russ and the Sxxx family wish you all the best in the future.

**Ann and Mike P. said...**  
**Mar 11, 2013**

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### **Tranquil Setting Ideal for 50th Anniversary!**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**July 20, 2012**

We were so pleased with our accommodations at Winking Rosebud retreat. We were celebrating our 50th anniversary with all our family. There was something for everyone. We had karaoke competitions between the generations. Needless to say to much laughter. The extra cottage allowed for an escape for the grandparents at night. The children loved the raft and row boat and spent hours playing at the beach. The boat house gave them a hiding place as well. We were able to eat as a group and found we were well supplied to accommodate our numbers. The tranquil setting was ideal for family time. Proximity to Ottawa and the small towns gave us our rainy day get away. All in all great memories for this family. Ann and Mike P. and family -----Original Message-----

**Ken said...**  
**Oct 30, 2012**

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### **One of the Most Fulfilling Weeks of our Life**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**June 27, 2012**

I am sitting in your house, bathed by the sun, contemplating the good life. At 7:00 this morning, curtained by fog, I swam in a still lake celebrating the beauty of it all. I sat on the dock with a frog as a companion and a loon as a sentry. My family has had one of the most fulfilling and fun filled weeks of their lives. I am overwhelmed by how much they enjoyed your place. They have slept in every possible location, enjoying the diverse experience of waking up by glorious sunrises and nights of shooting stars and a moon full of radiant light.

**Matt (Toronto) said...**  
**Oct 30, 2012**

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### **Blown Away!!!**

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**June 15, 2012**

"We had an absolute blast and we are very much interested in booking with you again! I will definitely recommend your place to everyone I know. We caught lots of fish, the weather was great, and everyone was absolutely blown away with the accommodations. The next time we book, it will likely be a group of families. I am also going to recommend it to my workplace as a potential great place for a team builder. No complaints whatsoever! Lol!!! ..... I'd love to make your place an annual vacation spot with my family and close friends..

Deb M. said...  
Nov 6, 2012

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**Gorgeous, Luxurious, & Awesome**

No Rating

Sherwood Rd, Portland, ON, K0G 1V0, Canada (378568)

**Date of Stay**  
**December 4, 2011**

I think one of the best things about your home is that although it is gorgeous and located in an incredible place, more than anything, it is meant to be lived in! Even with all it's little luxuries it felt like home. Example, wooden spoon with burn marks from the flames while cooking, countertops incredibly beautiful yet durable, floors that could be wet and shoes could be worn, yet their beauty said please dance on me (and I did!). Everything had a purpose. Even the flower embedded in the fireplace, which so many people noticed, made you smile. My full time kitchen staff (she's 52 and owns an incredible farm!) thought the best thing was she could go from the pool through her bedroom to the living room to sing karaoke in her bathing suit! It is just such incredible ambience. it's a magical place you've created. It is AWESOME!!!