



Stop Dreaming, Start Building.

Home. It's such an important part of our family. Yet so often, we get overwhelmed by being there due to the chaos with kids or because of the many things on our long "to do" lists!

We have found that identifying a "home away from home" to be a pivotal component to our family's health. Many of our clients agree. Whether camping or sneaking off to the lake house, getting away is vital to rejuvenating the soul.

For us...since we're friends...it's Door County, WI, a quick ride from Green Bay. Time and again, we come back rested, our batteries recharged so we can run the upcoming week's marathon that we call our life. What's so special about this Northeast Wisconsin gem?

The Beaches

Fish Creek and Egg Harbor have all recently invested in their beach front, but our absolute favorite is Sister Bay. We grab our favorite beverage from one of the beer gardens, set up our chairs and music on the sand and then sit back and watch our kids create amazing sand castles and dodge in and out of the water. The best days are sunny and clear when you can see people relaxing and enjoying themselves on paddle boats and the many other boats that come in and out of the bay.

Peninsula State Park

We are very fortunate to have such an amazing state park. Filled with bikes paths, hiking trails for every skill level, and options for going off the beaten path to let that inner adventurer out, maybe climbing on logs or on limestone formations.

Trolley Tours

If you have young kids, they might get excited about the Door County Trolleys as it gives a nod to the kids TV show *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood*. For adults, taking a tour is a great way to get an overview of the county. Since we're home builders, we can't help but be drawn to the different types of homes up there. There's an amazing mix of styles and sizes. From amazing detailed architecture on the bay to charming cottages in some of the downtown areas. You can't help but look at some of the fixer uppers and dream about the possibilities.

Good Eats

We'll be honest with you, going out to eat is one of our favorite parts about getting away to Door County. Shipwrecked in Egg Harbor tends to be a consistent stop for us. Open year round, it is a place we try to go to in off hours so we can play a round of cards, enjoy a beverage and their meatloaf or crab cakes. CHOP in Sister Bay is a favorite for a great steak and some innovative culinary combinations. Grasse's Grill in Sister Bay never disappoints for lunch and their homemade vegetable dip is out of this world and helps balance out the ice cream you're sure to consume at some point on your visit.

Golfing

You don't have to be a golf pro to get out on the courses and enjoy the beauty of Door County. Even if traditional golfing is not your jam, there's Pirate Mini Golf in Sister Bay that is always a good time. The Orchards is one of our favorite courses. Mixed with orchards, tall grass and even the iconic water feature along HWY42.

Spirits

We'd be remiss to not mention the cocktails and adult beverages that can be found. Our favorite outdoor establishment is the Staubbur Beer Garden at Al Johnson's. It's a busy place for good reason with their refreshing drinks on a hot day. The kids come out ahead with their own specialty drink containing a Sweedish Fish. Looking for a chill night or

evening out of the sun? Door County Brewery is your place - grab a flight of beer and a game from their shelves to kick back in the huge barn inspired building. If craft cocktails are more your thing, Hatch Distillery is a must! So many delicious and innovative cocktails.

Each place not only pleases your pallet, but your eyes as well with a distinct architectural style and ambiance at each location. Scandinavian, down home, and a touch of modern.

Door County, it calls us - not just physically, but it calls our hearts, and our minds. It helps us come back to our day-to-day life refreshed and ready to take on the world. And when that to-do list starts to get long again, we feel the sun, the water breeze, the pull of a kick-back vibe calling us to our home away from home again.