

★ Dapple-Gray Bed & Breakfast

Owners: Ole and Ruth Van Goor

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Price: \$150–\$175

Credit Cards: MC, V

Handicapped Access: Limited

Open: Year-round

A bed-and-breakfast is the perfect natural outgrowth of an antiques business, or at least it seems so in this case. Having run Dapple-Gray Antiques for three decades, hostess Ruth Van Goor knows a thing or two about decorating, particularly the sort of vintage decorating that B&Bs seem to naturally warrant. Now she and her husband, Ole, run this brand new large and beautiful log B&B, with Ruth's antiques shop tucked into one of the ground-floor rooms. The inn and the shop's namesake, a dapple-gray steeplechase horse, greets visitors to both.

Four suites are each decorated according to a theme that infuses everything from the style of furniture to the pattern on the comforters—Americana, North Woods, Seashore, and Lincoln (as in Abe). Each suite has its own bathroom and its own private lake-view deck. Antiques displays are dotted through the house, but guests also have access to modern amenities such as satellite TV and high-speed Internet.

Common rooms include a sitting room with cathedral ceiling, a 28-foot fireplace and well-stocked library, laundry room, kitchen, and a free-standing wood sauna. Breakfast is warm and usually a notch above, with eggs Benedict, Michigan blueberry pancakes, and Midwest corn fritters all making an appearance. The Van Goors also rent a private summer cabin in the woods with two private bedrooms and one large dormitory-style room that together accommodate 8–10 guests on 27 acres of forest with 600 feet of private rocky shoreline.