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# LAKES INN AT DUNVILLA IS 'HOME-AWAY-FROM-HOME'

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Located "in the middle of nowhere," the Lakes Inn at Dunvilla sits along a river, adjacent to railroad tracks and easy to get to just off US Highway 59, north of Pelican Rapids. That doesn't sound like nowhere to most visitors though. It's a perfectly positioned, quaint get-away.

Located in the heart of the Pelican, Lizzy and Lida lakes area, Lakes Inn at Dunvilla is close to plenty of fishing, kayaking and hiking along with other local recreational activities. There are plenty of activities in the area for guests to choose from, like golfing, Maplewood State Park and the Dunvilla shooting range across the river from Lakes Inn.

New owners of Lakes Inn at Dunvilla recently re-opened the modern-style inn with 23 standard rooms, five suites, one deluxe suite and one premiere suite. The rooms are beautifully appointed and feature wooden headboards, light-wood furnishings, and warm, neutral colors.

Pet-friendly rooms are available, too.

Guests can enjoy plenty of amenities like use of the fitness room, lounge, lobby fireplace and a party room. Lakes Inn also features an indoor saltwater pool and a hot tub. Outdoors, guests have access to a fire pit with a grill.

"We're here to serve people, and love meeting guests from all over," said Robert Kohler, general manager of Lakes Inn since 2017. "I always talk about it as a home-away-from-home. We want people to feel like they're at home here, and comfortable."

The paved parking lot is spacious enough to accommodate boat trailers, and future plans include a fish-cleaning house.

Though the summer months in Otter Tail County and Lakes Inn "are our bread-and-butter months," Kohler said that with The Barn at Dunvilla located next door, their convenience to event guests makes it a destination hotel.

Over the winter, Lakes Inn offers a stay-and-play package with Detroit Mountain for discounted lift tickets and tubing. Check the Lakes Inn website, [LakesInnDunvilla.com](http://LakesInnDunvilla.com), for more details about other stay-and-play packages in the area.

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