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GUEST GUIDE

The Ultimate Sherkston Shores Guest Guide

Everything you need to know before & during your stay.

WELCOME

Welcome to Your Sherkston Shores Vacation!

You've booked your getaway — now it's time to enjoy it!

Sherkston Shores offers beaches, swimming, water attractions, activities, entertainment, and plenty of opportunities to relax and spend quality time together.

We've created this guide to help you arrive prepared, avoid common vacation headaches, and get the most out of your stay.

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BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

01 Know What's Included With Your Rental

Every private rental at Sherkston Shores is different.

Before your arrival, make sure you know:

- What's included with your rental
- What you need to bring
- Whether linens are provided
- Whether towels are provided
- Kitchen supplies and appliances
- Wi-Fi availability
- Parking arrangements
- Pet policies
- Check-in and check-out times
- Resort-pass requirements
- Any additional fees

OUR TIP

Don't assume something is included just because another rental provides it. If you're unsure — ask us before you arrive.

02 Understanding Resort Passes

One of the biggest questions for Sherkston guests is:

“Do we need resort passes?”

Access to resort amenities can depend on the time of year, current Sherkston policies, and the type of access available with your stay.

Before your vacation, confirm:

- ✓ Who needs a pass
- ✓ What's included
- ✓ Which amenities require access
- ✓ Whether passes are included with your rental
- ✓ Whether additional passes need to be purchased
- ✓ Current pricing and availability

OUR TIP

Confirm this before arrival rather than waiting until you get to the resort.

03 Grocery Shopping

Having a kitchen is one of the easiest ways to make your vacation more comfortable — and potentially save money.

Consider bringing or purchasing:

Breakfast

- Eggs
- Bacon/sausage
- Cereal
- Bread
- Fruit
- Coffee
- Juice

Lunch

- Sandwich supplies
- Wraps
- Chips
- Fresh vegetables
- Fruit
- Snacks

Dinner

- BBQ items
- Pasta
- Burgers
- Salad
- Pizza ingredients
- Easy family meals

Snacks

- Granola bars
- Popcorn
- Crackers
- Ice cream
- Drinks
- Kid-friendly snacks

OUR TIP

Do a larger grocery shop before arriving at the resort whenever practical. It can save time and help avoid impulse purchases.

04 Eating During Your Stay

You don't have to cook every meal!

Depending on the season and current operations, guests can enjoy food options within Sherkston Shores as well as restaurants and takeout options in the surrounding area.

We recommend planning a combination of:

Breakfast at the rental + lunch on the go + dinner out

or

Easy meals at the rental + a few special restaurant nights.

This gives you flexibility without turning your vacation into a meal-planning marathon.

PACKING GUIDE

05 What Should You Pack?

First-time visitors always ask the same thing: what should I bring? Sherkston Shores is a gated community away from major shopping, so forgetting something important can be frustrating. Here's everything you need for a comfortable, stress-free stay — check each item off as you pack.

The Basics — What Every Guest Needs

Lock these in before you even leave your driveway.

- ☐ **Government-issued photo ID** — all guests aged 25+ must present valid photo ID at the main gate
- ☐ **Booking confirmation** — printed or on your phone, with your host's name and cottage address
- ☐ **Cash and credit card** — most vendors take cards, but cash is handy for food trucks, events, and tips

Beach Essentials

Sherkston has multiple beaches along Lake Erie plus the Quarry, so come prepared for a full day in the sun.

- ☐ **Beach towels** — at least one per person, plus extras
- ☐ **Sunscreen** — SPF 30 or higher, reapply frequently on the lake
- ☐ **Beach chairs or a blanket** — the beaches don't provide seating
- ☐ **Beach umbrella** — shade is limited on the main beach during peak hours
- ☐ **Sand toys for kids** — buckets, shovels, and water toys
- ☐ **Waterproof bag** — protects your phone, keys, and wallet at the beach
- ☐ **Reusable water bottles** — staying hydrated in the sun is important
- ☐ **Sunglasses and a hat** — Lake Erie sun can be intense in July and August

Cottage Supplies

What's included varies by host — always confirm, but plan to bring:

- ☐ **Bed linens and pillows** — many cottages do not provide these
- ☐ **Bath towels** — separate from your beach towels
- ☐ **Toiletries** — shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, etc.
- ☐ **Toilet paper and paper towels** — stock up before you arrive
- ☐ **Dish soap and sponge** — for washing up after meals
- ☐ **Garbage bags** — you'll need to use the resort waste depots
- ☐ **Laundry detergent** — if your cottage has laundry or you'll use the coin laundry
- ☐ **Aluminum foil and plastic wrap** — handy for storing leftovers

Food and Groceries

The onsite Sherkston Supermart is a convenience store with convenience store prices — stock up before you arrive to save money.

- ☐ **Groceries for the week** — breakfast items, snacks, lunches, and dinners
- ☐ **BBQ supplies** — most cottages include a BBQ with one propane tank — bring extra propane, charcoal if needed, and BBQ tools
- ☐ **Condiments and spices** — salt, pepper, oil, your favourite sauces
- ☐ **Coffee and filters** — most cottages have a coffee maker but not supplies
- ☐ **Snacks and drinks** — for beach days and evenings on the deck
- ☐ **Cooler and ice** — great for beach days and keeping drinks cold on the go

Clothing and Footwear

Pack for warm summer days, cool lake evenings, and everything in between.

- ☐ **Swimsuits** — bring 2-3 so you always have a dry one
- ☐ **Light layers and a sweater** — Lake Erie evenings can get cool even in July
- ☐ **Rain jacket** — summer storms happen, especially on the lake
- ☐ **Comfortable walking shoes** — for exploring the resort on foot
- ☐ **Flip flops or sandals** — essential for beach and pool areas
- ☐ **Pajamas and casual cottage wear** — you'll spend a lot of time relaxing

Entertainment and Activities

Sherkston has tons to do, but having your own gear makes things even better.

- ☐ **Sports equipment** — tennis rackets, pickleball paddles, basketballs — the courts are free to use
- ☐ **Bikes** — great for exploring the resort, especially without a golf cart
- ☐ **Fishing gear** — fishing is permitted in designated areas
- ☐ **Board games and cards** — perfect for evenings on the deck or rainy days
- ☐ **Outdoor games** — bocce ball, cornhole, ladder toss
- ☐ **Firewood** — campfires are permitted in designated areas; bring your own or buy at the Supermart
- ☐ **Bug spray** — Sherkston is cottage country — bugs are part of the experience, especially at dusk

Kids and Family Extras

Traveling with young children? A few extra items make life much easier.

- ☐ **Life jackets for young children** — the beach is swim-at-your-own-risk with no lifeguards
- ☐ **Baby sunscreen** — the resort sun is strong
- ☐ **Kids' pool floaties and water toys**
- ☐ **Stroller or wagon** — great for moving around the resort with young kids
- ☐ **First aid kit** — bandages, antiseptic, children's pain reliever
- ☐ **Nightlight** — cottages can be very dark at night

Tech and Convenience

- ☐ **Phone charger and portable power bank** — you'll use your phone constantly for navigation, photos, and host communication
- ☐ **Bluetooth speaker** — for music on the deck or at the beach
- ☐ **Extension cord or power bar** — cottage outlets can be limited
- ☐ **Camera** — the sunsets over Lake Erie are worth photographing properly

What You Can Buy at the Resort

In case you forget something, the Sherkston Supermart carries basic groceries and snacks, deli and cooked meals, ice and firewood, clothing and sandals, tape and utility items, some toiletries and sunscreen, propane, and beer and wine (LCBO on site). Prices run higher than a regular grocery store, so treat it as a backup rather than your main source.

OUR TIP

Bring less clothing than you think you need — and more swimsuits than you think you need!

A little preparation goes a long way at Sherkston Shores. The resort is large, fun, and packed with activities, but it's not a hotel with a front desk around the corner. Packing smart means you spend less time scrambling and more time on the beach.

06 Parking & Vehicles

Parking arrangements can vary by property and current resort rules.

Before arriving, confirm:

- ✓ Where you're permitted to park
- ✓ Number of vehicles allowed
- ✓ Any parking restrictions
- ✓ Whether visitor parking is available
- ✓ Whether additional vehicle fees apply

OUR TIP

If you're bringing more than one vehicle, ask before arrival so there are no surprises.

07 Do You Need a Golf Cart?

A golf cart can be convenient, but whether you need one depends on:

- Your rental's location
- Your family's mobility
- How frequently you plan to move around the resort
- How much time you plan to spend at the beach/pools
- The number of young children in your group

OUR TIP

Don't automatically assume you need one. First determine how far you'll actually be travelling from your rental.

08 Bringing Your Dog?

If you're travelling with a pet, confirm the property's pet policy before booking.

If pets are permitted, remember:

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| ☐ Leash | ☐ Bed/blanket |
| ☐ Food | ☐ Favourite toy |
| ☐ Water bowl | ☐ Any required medications |
| ☐ Waste bags | |

And remember that resort rules may also apply.

09 Travelling With Kids?

Sherkston Shores is designed with family vacations in mind.

To make things easier:

Pack a "grab-and-go" beach bag

Keep it stocked with:

- Sunscreen
- Snacks
- Change of clothes
- Towels
- Sunglasses
- Swim diapers if needed
- Water
- Hats

That way you're not packing the same things every time someone says:

"Can we go to the beach?"

10 Make the Most of a Sunny Day

A great Sherkston day might look like:

MORNING

Breakfast at the rental · Beach time · Swimming

AFTERNOON

Lunch/snacks · Water activities · Resort activities

EVENING

Dinner · Entertainment · Sunset · Back to the rental for a relaxing evening

11 What If It Rains?

Don't let a rainy day ruin your vacation.

Use it as an excuse to slow down.

Rainy-day ideas

- Family movie marathon
- Read together
- Board games
- Play cards
- Puzzles
- Catch up on a favourite show
- Make homemade pizza
- Take a nap!
- Bake cookies

And when the skies clear... head back outside!

12 Ways to Save Money

A Sherkston vacation doesn't have to break the bank.

Save by:

- ✓ Preparing some meals at the rental
- ✓ Bringing reusable water bottles
- ✓ Packing snacks
- ✓ Planning grocery shopping
- ✓ Avoiding unnecessary last-minute purchases
- ✓ Sharing meals when appropriate
- ✓ Planning activities in advance
- ✓ Bringing beach equipment from home when practical

OUR FAVOURITE STRATEGY

Spend money on experiences you'll remember — not things you'll forget.

13 Beach Day Checklist

Before leaving the rental:

- ☐ Towels
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Water
- ☐ Snacks
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Hats
- ☐ Beach toys
- ☐ Phone
- ☐ Keys
- ☐ Change of clothes

PRO TIP

Put everything into one large beach bag so you're not making five trips back to the rental.

14 Don't Forget Sun Protection

Lake Erie sun can be deceptively strong.

Remember:

- Apply sunscreen before heading outside
- Reapply throughout the day
- Wear a hat
- Stay hydrated
- Take breaks from direct sun
- Keep young children protected

15 Keeping the Rental Comfortable

You're on vacation — but a few simple habits make everyone's stay better.

Try the "10-minute reset."

Before bed:

- ✓ Put dishes away
- ✓ Wipe counters
- ✓ Put garbage where it belongs
- ✓ Gather towels
- ✓ Put beach items together
- ✓ Reset the living area

You'll wake up to a much nicer space.

16 Save Important Information

Before your trip, save:

HOST CONTACT

RENTAL ADDRESS

CHECK-IN INFORMATION

WI-FI

EMERGENCY CONTACT

NEAREST GROCERY STORE

NEAREST PHARMACY

NEAREST MEDICAL FACILITY

RESORT INFORMATION

17 If Something Goes Wrong

Don't panic. If there's a problem with the rental:

1

Contact your host.

2

Explain what happened and provide photos if appropriate.

3

Allow the host an opportunity to address the issue.

PLEASE NOTE

For emergencies, always contact the appropriate emergency services first.

18 Before You Check Out

Before leaving:

- ☐ Check closets
- ☐ Check under beds
- ☐ Check bathrooms
- ☐ Check refrigerator
- ☐ Check patio/outdoor areas
- ☐ Gather personal belongings
- ☐ Dispose of garbage as instructed
- ☐ Follow checkout instructions

☐ Check chargers/outlets☐ Lock doors/windows**OUR TIP**

Do one final "family sweep." Ask everyone: "Do you have everything?" Then check again.

19 Make Memories — Not Just Plans

You don't need to schedule every minute.

Some of the best vacation memories happen when nobody has a plan.

- Have a slow breakfast
- Stay at the beach a little longer
- Get ice cream
- Watch the sunset
- Play a game
- Sit outside
- Take the family photo
- Laugh about something silly

Those are the moments you'll remember.



Whether you're coming for a weekend getaway, a family vacation, or a longer summer escape, we hope your time at Sherkston Shores is relaxing, fun, and memorable.

We've done our best to make the rental experience simple and straightforward so you can spend less time worrying about logistics and more time enjoying your vacation.

Pack your bags. Bring your sunscreen. Leave the stress behind.

Your Sherkston adventure awaits!

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