



Dear Guests,

Thank you for planning your visit to The Freeman! Below you can find some essential information about your visit, including check in and check out times, what is provided, driving directions and information on some local attractions. Underlined text includes hyperlinks that will bring you to the relevant websites.

We hope you enjoy your stay at The Freeman, and please call us any time if you have any questions, concerns, or needs.

THE HISTORY AROUND YOU

The 40-acre estate you will visit was redeveloped and owned by a prior CFO at Mercedes Benz when the company was Fortune #2. Originally a hunting lodge was built on the property in 1915, portions of the original lodge remain, including hand made cabinets and large fireplace. The large manor addition was added in the 1980s and renovated in 2021. We have renamed the property after local woman Elizabeth "Mumbet" Freeman, the first African American to sue and win her freedom under the Massachusetts constitution in 1781. The property will donate 1% of net income to The Elizabeth Freeman Center, which works to end cycles of domestic violence.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

- The address is: 46 Bow Wow Road, Egremont, MA (although in most GPS units, Great Barrington appears rather than Egremont)
- Google Maps works very well for directions, link here: HERE
- The property is:



- 1 hour, 7 minutes from the Albany, NY airport
- 1 hour, 14 minutes from Bradley airport, CT
- 2 hours, 20 minutes from Brooklyn, NY
 - o 2 hours 26 minutes from Boston, MA
- Estate boundary and site map:





ACCESS

- Check-in is at 4PM; check-out is at 11AM
- The front door has a remote access keypad for easy check-in

SMART SYSTEMS

All of The Freeman electronic systems are available via Wifi, including the TVs and the Sonos sound systems.

TVs can run on Google Cast, accessible by the Google Home App. You can access anything you'd like online via the smart TVs (including Netflix, Amazon Prime, etc).

The SonosOne speakers throughout the house can also be controlled via the Sonos Application once downloaded to your phone. The Sonos can also be controlled from Amazon Music, but you have to download the Alexa application, and turn on associated functionality there. For instructions on how to set up Sonos on your phone, you can look HERE.

PROPERTY VIDEO CAN BE FOUND [coming soon]

THREE DIMENSIONAL VIRTUAL TOUR [link HERE]

In order to see the floor-plan, help assign rooms and to do a virtual walk-through of the property, you can find a link to a 3D Model of The Freeman





A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

1. To Do - stay in!

- a. <u>nAtURAlly Catering</u>: Aura Whitman is a true artist available for catering or as a private chef: (413) 822-7738, aurawhitman2368@gmail.com
- b. <u>Magdalena Events</u>: planning a wedding or special event? Magda, Arielle and their team are tops: (347) 239-3546, magda@magdalenaevents.com
- c. Berkshire Corporate Retreats & SAVIA Leadership: Mike Jaffe has two decades of leadership training and corporate event planning under his belt: (917) 701-8722, mike@humanwakeupcall.com
- d. <u>Berkshire Yoga Dance & Fitness</u>: you can't beat yoga at home! Rachael Plaine can be reached at: (413) 822-2034, info@berkshireyogadancefitness.com
- e. <u>Tricia McCormack Photography</u>: family photos, weddings, portraits, Tricia is just great: (413)358-8006, tricia@triciamccormack.com
- f. Elaina Mortali Photography: document your stay! Elaina brings out the best in you; she can be reached at: emortaliphotography@gmail.com
- g. <u>Canna Provisions</u>: for all of your cannabis needs, from flower to bespoke paired cannabis dinner tastings, 220 Housatonic St, Lee: (413)394-5055, <u>cannaprovisionsgroup.com</u>
- h. Kelly Bancroft: get a massage in the Master, or on the deck with views of the vineyard, call Kelly Bancroft, LMT: (413) 329-4933, kellybancroft@gmail.com
- i. Delivery!!! Looking for a more casual food option at home?

 <u>Vivaldi's Pizzeria</u>, <u>Naji's Mediterranean</u> and <u>Xicohtencatl</u>

 <u>Restaurant deliver</u>
 - j. Berkshire Food Coop: pick up groceries and bust out your inner chef!

2. To Do - reservations recommended

- a. <u>Catamount</u>: the longest zip line in the United States?! No!? Oh YES!
- b. Tanglewood: a little James Taylor? Pat Benatar? Lady Gaga?
 Boston Pops? Ben Harper? Reba McEntire? Picnic on the lawn is
 the way to go
- c. <u>Body & Soul</u>: need a spa day out, look no further, massage, facials, hair, skin, manicures are all right here
- d. Shakespeare and Company: really fun, gorgeous campus, one of the largest standing Shakespeare Companies in the country
- e. Berkshire Theater Festival: great stage company (5 or 20min depending on the stage)



- f. <u>Williams Theater Festival</u>: visit for some amazingly good theater, Williams is ranked the #1 liberal arts college in the country
- g. Kripalu: the largest yoga center in North America is nearby
- h. Jacob's Pillow: the longest running dance festival in the country
- i. Jiminy Peak: skiing, snowshoeing and mountain coaster
- j. <u>Bousquet Mountain</u>: ski area, water park, ropes course, gocarts, etc
- k. Golf Club at Wyndhurst Manor (Miraval Golf Course): 6,204 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 70; the course rating is 70.0 and it has a slope rating of 125 on Bent grass; designed by Wayne E. Stiles, ASGCA/John Van Kleek, the course opened in 1926

3. To Do - no reservation

- a. <u>MassMoCA</u>: the largest contemporary art museum in the United States with 130,000 square feet of exhibition space
- b. The Clark: founded in 1950, The Clark is one of the few institutions in the United States that combines a public art museum with research and academic programs

c. Hikes

- i. The Apalachian Trail: there is a trail crossing less than one mile from the property, no need to hike the entire 2,200 miles, this stretch is perfect for a day hike too
- ii. <u>Bash Bish Falls</u>: the highest waterfall in Massachusetts, about .6 mile hike round-trip to see this 80 foot plunge into an emerald pool
- iii. Monument Mountain: a steep hike with rapid elevation gain (1640 feet) to some of the Berkshire's most dramatic views
- iv. Hopkin's Memorial Forest: a 2,600 acre reserve managed by the Williams College Center for Environmental Studies, this park facilitates research and teaching activites
- v. Mount Greylock: highest peak in Massachusetts, in the shadow of which Herman Melville wrote Moby Dick (~25 min): (if you do this, you might enjoy lunch and a beer after at the Ye Olde Forge)
- d. Other local Museums include: The Norman Rockwell Museum (a great lesson in American history) and The Berkshire Museum
- e. <u>The Mount</u>, Edith Warton's estate: free jazz on the lawn, bar, sculpture and formal gardens

4. Restaurants - reservations recommended



- a. <u>Olde Mill</u>: enjoy a great meal in the heart of South Egremont at this 1700 grist mill turned 40-year old restaurant
- b. John Andrews Farmhouse Restaurant: nestled in the woods and surrounded by beautifully landscaped perennial gardens, views of the forest include an old icehouse built as part of the original farmstead in the late 1700s
- c. <u>Wheatleigh</u>: for an unbelievable formal dinner on an amazing historic property and registered Great Estate
- d. The Old Inn on the Green: quite possibly the most romantic dinner you will ever have, and killer farm to table food (this is a long drive, but we can't leave this off the list!)

PROVIDED

We pride ourselves in providing the most comprehensive list of amenities available at a vacation rental:

- A welcome basket with a few local products and a book about Elizabeth "Mumbet" Freeman
- Fresh cut flowers and bowls of fresh citrus, candy and biscotti
- Wifi
- Kayak and paddle board with life jackets are in the house
- A cell phone lockbox with key (disconnect, it feels good!)
- Kitchen utensils, pots, knives, pans and cookware
- Glassware, (25+ each) bowls, plates, silverware, pitchers
- Beverage dispensers and carafes
- Spice rack, a Stash tea selection and cocoa
- Popcorn for in-house movie night on the 80"!
- Dog treats for your furry friends if you're bringing them
- Serving platters and bowls
- Coffee maker, grinder and a Chemex for pour-overs
- (2) Refrigerators, stove and convection stove and a dishwasher A toaster oven, microwave, bread maker, waffle-iron, Vitamix blender, crock-pot and food processor
 - Two large capacity washing machines and two dryers
 - A wide variety of board games and outdoor games (bocce ball, coquet, cornhole and large-jenga)
 - A total of 19 beds:
 - Primary 1: King bed, queen pull out and chaise lounge
 - Primary 2: King bed and full convertible
 - Primary 3: King bed and full convertible
 - o Bed 4: Full
 - o Bed 5: Full
 - o Bed 6: Two Full (bunked)
 - Lodge room: queen pull out
 - o Library room: queen pull out, privacy doors



- Sitting room: queen pull out, privacy doors
- We provide three queen and three single aerobeds for use as needed
- One set of linens for each bed and extras
- Meyer's hand and dish soaps and Dr. Bronner's all-in-one soaps
- (25) bath and (25) beach towels
- (20) umbrellas
- (15) throw blankets and (6) jumbo bean bags
- Foosball table and ping pong table
- Occulus virtual reality headset, PS4 and retro arcade
- Laptop and printer/scanner
- (8) yoga mats and some basic equipment, weight rack and stretching straps
- (1) large dog crate
- (1) Pack-n-Play Child's Playpen, (1) Graco high-chair and baby bath,
 (1) baby bath, (1) baby monitor
- Emergency toiletries (eye masks, toothbrushes and paste, chargers, vanity kits, shower caps, sewing kits, deodorant, earplugs, razors and shave cream)
- Library please, please, please (please) do not remove books!!!

FINE ART

The grounds and building are home to a mixture of fine art, including pieces by local and nationally acclaimed artists including:

• Kamil Peters: "Mumbet"





John Lennon and Yoko Ono. "Two Was One."





• Alix Delinois: "Was This Law Meant for Her?"



• Turi MacCombie: "Fox and Swan"

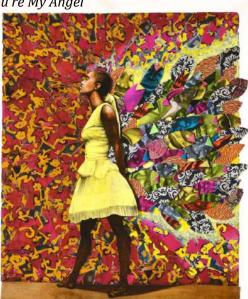


"Swan and Nest"



• Bryan Collier. "You're My Angel"





"Come Sunday"





• Oriole Feshback. "Eyes Open... In Every Sky"



• Randall Deihl. "Farm Stand"



• Pegge Hopper. "Hawaiian Freize



• Susan Hillier. "Back in Light"





"Mirage"



CONTACT US ANY TIME

If you heed anything at all, please don't hesitate to contact us any time:

- Hospitality Manager, Jen Herrington: (413) 446-5515
- Property Manager, Jesse Sherwood: (412) 414-6758
- CEO, Shared Estates, Daniel Dus: (917) 808-6377 (text is best)

SELFIES and SOCIALS PLEASE!!!

Please sign our guest book if you find a moment, we love to hear about the memories created in our spaces. Please leave or send a picture of your group if you like for our scrap book as well. And please tell us about your stay at The Freeman on **VRBO**, **Facebook**, **Instagram**. Most importantly - have fun!

DON'T DO THAT! JUST RELAX!



Your cleaning fee includes laundry and a thorough cleaning of the property for the next guests. It assumes, however, that you are not leaving garbage and dishes throughout, so please do a general pick-up and bring excess garbage to the receptacles at the rear of the house in the white shed.

Please do not move the furniture, or if you do, please return it to its original locations prior to check-out.

<u>PLEASE RECYCLE.</u> Rinse plastics and place in bin in laundry room, place paper separately in a paper or plastic bag. There are over 6 billion tons of plastic waste polluting the world, let's try not to add to it.

YOUR STAY COUNTS

"Any time while I was a slave, if one minute's freedom had been offered to me, and I had been told that I must die at the end of that minute, I would have taken it just to stand one minute on God's earth a free woman." ~ Elizabeth Freeman

The Freeman is proud to be an annual contributor to <u>The Elizabeth</u>

Freeman Center. 1% of net income goes to this important organization fighting to end cycles of domestic violence.



THE FREEMAN IS ALSO CARBON NEUTRAL! WITH 100% OF ITS NET ENERGY CONSUMPTION OFFSET BY RETIREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS.

Cheers to a delightful stay in the Berkshires,

Daniel R. Dus

SAFETY, SAFETY

- **Dial 911 in case of emergency:** you are at: 46 Bow Wow Rd, Egremont, MA
- The closest emergency room is Berkshire Medical Center at 725 North Street, Pittsfield MA, phone is (413) 447-2000
- The closest 24 hour veterinarian is Berkshire Veterinary Hospital at 730 Crane Avenue, Pittsfield MA, phone ahead at (413) 499-2820
- There are emergency fire ladders in every upstairs room
- There are fire extinguishers in every bathroom and most closets

