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## Summer Getaway to Wisconsin's Door County

"Cape Cod of the Midwest" is popular tourist destination



by Jan Ross, Staff Writer

The last time we were in Wisconsin's Door County, the

powdery snow was up to our knees and we learned to snowshoe. This trip was a little different.

Since Door County is often advertised as "the Cape Cod of the Midwest" because of its lovely 300 miles of coastline, it seemed like the perfect summertime escape. It was, in many ways, an idyllic trip. The fact that some days were cloudy, cool and foggy and the mosquitos had a field day feasting on my legs (bring bug spray!) did not detract from our enjoyment.

Because Door County has become a very popular tourist destination, you will have your choice of lodgings, but I highly recommend the Little Sister Resort. With a variety of cottages, chalets

and rental homes, its location right on the shores of Little Sister Bay, a hot breakfast included for every member of your family and a restaurant, it's a great choice. Our two-bedroom chalet was perfect for two adults and a child and we enjoyed our full kitchen. The resort is adjacent to the Bay Ridge Golf Course for the golfers in your group and also has a playground, basketball court, bikes to ride and plenty of non-motorized watersports such as paddle boards available at no extra charge. If you pay a visit to Fred and Fuzzy's, the restaurant on the shore of the bay, be sure to order the fried cheese curds. A local specialty, they are delicious.

When you're ready to try some local eateries, head to the famous Al John's Swedish Restaurant, where you can check out the goats grazing on the unique grass roof and sample some delicious Swedish meatballs. Or try The Cookery in nearby Fish Creek. Family owned and run, this lovely and friendly location serves some fabulous gourmet food. We had the best meal of our trip here.

For a view of Door County from the water along with a fascinating historical tour of the area, book a cruise with Shoreline Charters. We took the "Coastline, Cliffs, and Caves" tour, which leaves right from the marina in Sister Bay, only about 10 minutes from the Little Sister Resort.

Several villages comprise the Peninsula of Door County, and we checked out a number of them during our visit. Each has plenty of local shops and restaurants, and many have beaches on the beautiful, clear water of the bays as well. One of our favorites was Egg Harbor, where we stumbled on Eggstravaganza, a celebration of the town's 50th anniversary. Scattered throughout the



village

were 50 magnificently decorated large eggs, each more extravagant than the last.

We had to pay a visit to White Fish Dunes State Park to check out the beach that was covered with a deep layer of snow during our winter visit. It certainly looked different on this visit!

Winter or summer, you should open up to beautiful Door County.

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