Here is a little more information on SkyLand that we hope is helpful:

 First, a little fun history:

**This is an OLD House:** SkyLand Guest House was built in 1790. That was 225 years ago. This is not a high-tech, drywall and shag carpet, wired for sound modern reproduction of old. This is the REAL thing. IE, old and beautiful. (The distribution of electricity was not operational outside of New York City until 1890, 100 yrs after this house was built. 1790)

 The first non-Native American child in this area was born in this house.

When slavery was abolished in the North, the house was part of the Underground Railroad.

The windows in the living room facing the Lake are from this era, as are the ornate museum quality door locks leading into the “parlor”/front downstairs bedroom.

 If you look closely at the inside of the door dividing the living room from the main hallway, you will see that an actual indent has been worn into the wood from over 200 years of peoples thumb sliding the simple latch up.

The house is currently on the Historic Registry.

**All rooms have lake view.**

**7 Bedrooms,**

**3 ½ baths**

**Sinks/Powderrms in 4 of the 7 bedrms.**

**Rooms:**

**Downstairs has 2 bedrooms which sleeps: up to 6 guests:**

**#1**. Queen Memory foam & Sofa Futon. Room has a sink built into antique dresser. Air.

**#2.** King & Twin Room has powder room with sink.

**Grand Staircase leads to 3 bedrooms which: sleeps up to 8 guests:**

**#3.** King & Queen Room has pedestal sink in alcove. Air.

**#4.** Queen Room has personal sink

**#5.** Twin & Twin

**#6 Open Staircase leading to bedroom #6 and children’s play loft. Sleeps 4**

King & Futon Sofa Bay window overlooks lake. Air.

The upstairs loft bedroom is ideal for young couples, teens or children. One accesses this room via open stairs within the kitchen.

**#7 Small spiral staircase leading to exquisite room with skylight over bed. Sleeps 2.**

King. Very private room. Extra large Bay Window overlooking Seneca Lake. Air.

Additionally, one of the living room couches folds out into a sleeper sofa, if needed.

**3 Full Bathrooms, one half Bath and,**

**4 personal sinks/powderrooms in the 4 largest bedrooms**: Bathrooms are all plentifully stocked with toilet paper, hand towel, washcloths, hand soap, and bath mat.

All powder rooms have a hand towel, wash cloths, hand soap, and additional magnifying makeup mirrors, makeup/mascara removal cotton pads are in every single bedroom.

All bedrooms have towels & washcloths.

Each room has a wrought iron hook placed quite high specifically for hanging floor length gowns.

Above the grand staircase there is a stack of ‘beach towels’, extra bedding, and in the “oops I forgot” section, there is also a hairdryer, curling iron, extra shampoo, stacked washer/dryer, iron and ironing board.

The two downstairs bathrooms have large step in showers and the upstairs bathroom has a tub.

**What We Provide:**

Every Room has bath towels, washcloths and Liquid Hand soap.

A stack of green towels for taking swimming or other outside activities.

All linens and bedding. (If you want to use the livingroom foldout couch, bring linens…)

Washer & Dryer with Ironing board and Iron.

The **kitchen is 21x21 ft large:** It is stocked with silverware, and fun colorful festive dishes, dinner and salad plates, and soup/salad bowls for 18, all waiting for you in the cupboards, and large mixing and handmade pottery serving bowls. Lots of water glasses, colorful mugs and a few wine & martini glasses.

All cutlery, steak and cutting knives, serving spoons, cork screw, blender, waffle makers (kid & adult), toaster, microwave, stove/oven, dishwasher, coffee pot, coffee bean grinder, coffee filters, large mixing bowls, lots of large and small pots and pans, outdoor griddle for large scale bacon cooking, salt, pepper, spices, tea, dishtowels, sponge, dish detergent, dishwasher detergent, and other things you might need for real cooking. The layout of this spacious kitchen (21x21 feet)with its enormous sit around **island (3 ½ x 7’** made out of a bowling alley w. bar stools )allows for a lot of people to cook simultaneously without getting in each other’s way. This huge kitchen also has an additional **large 3x8’ teak table** that can seat 10+.

The 21x21 foot eat in kitchen has a shaded breakfast deck facing the lake. To the side of the kitchen, overlooking the backyard, is a natural log roofed area, with a huge **cedar table (3 ½ x8 ‘** seats 14) with cedar benches, food prep counter with a griddle for cooking bacon and a propane gas grill:

The backyard is ideal for afternoon and evening activities. There are a few lawn games, and a raised deck with additional chairs placed around a metal fire grate.

**BBQ:** The propane grill has a propane tank in it. Grilling utensils hang beside the gill.

**Shed:** In the backyard is a shed filled with larger children’s toys (play houses, kitchen…), and a few outside games. The shed is also a nice place to store bicycles.

**Restaurants:** If you are not into cooking, **SkyLand is in the middle of what is called the “Golden Corridor”.** **This means it has the highest concentration of wineries and restaurants along Route 414.** It also boasts two breweries within walking distance, and a distillery. Seneca Lake is dotted with over 30 wineries, 3 breweries, 1 distillery and 6 wonderful restaurants. Watkins Glen is 6 minutes South on RT 414 and has an additional selection of restaurants to choose from.

**What to bring:**

 Ice, firewood/matches, kindling. Food. (Some people bring coolers with prepared foods, other’s go grocery shopping and do a lot of cooking, baking and BBQing. Other’s love to dine out at the large number of wonderful restaurants, which we consider, in our neighborhood.)

**Parking:**  Your personal spacious parking lot is right in front of your house, and positioned under the large shade trees facing the lake. Additional parking for cars with trailers, boats etc., is on the North side of the property.

**Sorry, no pets**.

**Windows, cooling, and our lake effect:**  The amazing thing about this area, and this house, is that it virtually always stays cool. The lake is 36 miles long and 600 feet deep, and very very cold. So the Summer air, blows over the cold water, cools the air down In the Summer and this cool air blows cools the surrounding area down. This is one of the reasons this area is so perfect for growing grapes. The cool air in the summer, prevents mold from growing on the grapes, hence less spraying, hence better grapes and wine.

 The evenings do get chilly, so we provide a stack of blankets that are on a shelf outside above the huge cedar table for you to wrap up in while around the fire in the evenings.

 The house will feel like you have had the air-conditioner running all day if you leave the windows closed during the day and open them in the evening . In addition, every room has fans, or fans plus ceiling fans, and four room air conditioners.

 All seven bedrooms have window **air-conditioners** for those individuals who feel more comfortable knowing that they could turn it on if they needed it.

**Internet:** The house has free wireless internet. You do not need to log on. No password needed. It should come right up.

There is a **huge TV monitor**, DVD and VCR player, but **no cable**.( Our guests always thank us during their departure because the manner in which the interior of the house and exterior spaces are set up, it tends to bring people together so everyone can enjoy each other without being on top of each other. Not having 18 people fighting over which channel to watch helps tremendously in having everyone enjoy their vacation.)

**Children:** Children are very welcome. In your personal outdoor shed, you will find: Hi-chair, foldable play house, baby toys, girls & boys toys, books, board games, hula hoops, Frisbee and lawn games. Swing & slide are in the back yard but off to the side. **Games:** Additionally there are boardgames, and lots and lots of toys in the children’s play loft overlooking the kitchen.

**Play-loft** overlooks kitchen. The upstairs play loft is accessible via open stairs within the kitchen. It is next to bedroom #6. ( The play loft is *a small play area filled with toys and is on one side of the stairs and looks down onto the kitchen. Also, under the stairs is a tiny play area for toddlers, stocked with toddler toys. Look in shed for outside lawn games.)*

**What helps you enjoy each other:** The house is perfect for large groups because they can cook, eat, sleep and be together comfortably. But sometimes it is also nice to be able to slip away and have a little alone time. Because the house has so many different spaces, it lends itself perfectly being together, but not on top of each other. Here is a list of all of the **different spaces to slip away into:**

**a)**The backyard, outdoor roofed dining & BBQ area facing South, **b)** the backyard open raised deck & fire area, facing Southwest, **c)**the side roofed Breakfast deck, facing West , **d)**the cozy front roofed porch, facing West, **e)**the huge kitchen in which lots of people can cook without getting into each other’s way, and **f)** the semi divided living room, **g)** the Movie area, **h)** and lastly, a door that divides the living area wing from the sleeping area wing.

**Swimming:** Smith Park is 2 miles North on 414. Clute Park is down in Watkins Glen. There are a few other’s such as Lodi Park north of us that is also beautiful and huge. And then of course the much photographed, breathtaking beach with nearby waterfalls by Trumansburg located between Seneca and Cayuga Lake, called Tuganock State Park and Waterfalls.

**Seneca Lake/Scenic By-Way of RT 414 & /RT 14:** Seneca Lake is the largest of 10 finger like lakes. Since it is 36 miles long and 600 feet deep, the lake tempers the climate, creates a constant breeze and makes it ideal for fruit/grape growing. RT 414 runs along the Eastern side of Seneca Lake, and RT 14 runs on the Western side of Seneca Lake. These two State Highways are dotted with close to 40 wineries, breweries, distilleries, restaurants and shopping opportunities. Seneca Lake is the largest Wine Trail in the US, even beating out California.

**Watkins Glen/Race Track:** Watkins Glen is a 6 minute drive south of SkyLand, and is on the Southern tip of Seneca Lake. The racetrack is up the hill and another 6 miles South of Watkins Glen. There are no hotel’s or restaurants around the racetrack. Pretty much everything is either located in Watkins Glen or around Seneca Lake. Watkins is a very small town but has a large grocery store, Tops. Also CVS pharmacy, a liquor store, more restaurants, a sightseeing and dinner cruise boat, a sailing adventure boat, an amazing gorge / waterfall walk that draws thousands of people a year, a racing library, and the famous racetrack.

**I hope this was helpful to you.**

**See you soon & happy packing.**

**All the best,**

**Barbara**