

## FEATURED BUSINESS!!!

### Chicago Point Resort

Cottage rentals mid-May thru September

[www.ChicagoPointResort.com](http://www.ChicagoPointResort.com)

#### **When did you start your business?**

*Chicago Point Resort began in October 1961.*

#### **What is unique about your business and give us a little background history on your business?**

*Chicago Point Resort is a family owned business and located midway between Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo on beautiful Gun Lake in Shelbyville, Michigan. Gun Lake is surrounded by 20,000 acres of state-owned land.*

*In June 1921, the Slater brothers from Chicago bought hillside property on the east side of Gun Lake, appropriately naming it Chicago Point. Wally, Gus and George Slater owned Slater Storage and Slater's Fireproof Storage Company in Chicago.*

*At that time a small cottage, the "Crow's Nest", was on the property. Interestingly, the cottage had been purchased as a home kit from the 1917 Sears Roebuck catalog for \$795.00. Sometime after the house was built, a screened-in wrap around porch was added.*

*When the Slater brothers owned the property, a large six bedroom house, "Journey's End", was built.*

*In October 1961, Chicago Point was purchased by LJ and Florence Strayer. During the early sixties LJ and sons, Donald and Norman, developed the property and constructed several two and three bedroom lake front cottages, and the property became Chicago Point Resort.*

*Since 1972, Donald & Marguerite and Norman & Jerry Strayer, along with their families, continue to accommodate tourists and guests while preserving the casual natural beauty and charm of rural country culture.*

*The "Journey's End" (six bedroom house with the red steps) and the "Crow's Nest" (hilltop cottage #11) look much the same today as they did during the Roaring Twenties.*

*The resort has long been known for its beautiful setting and friendly atmosphere. Many of the families that vacation at Chicago Point Resort have been returning for 20-50+ years with 2nd, 3rd and 4th generations. Every year renters come from multiple states for vacations as well as to enjoy family and friend events and reunions.*

*Today, Chicago Point Resort rents out nine cottages from May through October every year. Lodging offers a private swimming area, recreation docks (swimming, boating, and fishing), campfire site and volleyball facility.*

**What is the one thing everyone who hears about your business asks? Now's your chance to answer.**

*People often ask us "Did Al Capone visit Chicago Point?" According to former area residents and locals, Al Capone was seen a number of times at Chicago Point.*

**Do you support a community charity or event?**

*Most recently we are supporting Equine Assisted Development ([www.eadgl.org](http://www.eadgl.org)), EVE (End Violent Encounters [www.eveinc.org](http://www.eveinc.org)), Orangeville Community, Samaritas Organization ([www.samaritas.org](http://www.samaritas.org)), and Gun Lake Winterfest (<http://gunlakewinterfest.com>).*

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