

Directions to the Lakehouse

The following are driving directions from Chicago, the Chicago suburbs and Dubuque. If you need directions from a different location, please let us know. Also, please be careful when driving through the small towns as the speed limits change frequently and there are lots of well-funded police departments (with very bored policemen). Many of our friends have been stopped.

The Lakehouse phone number is (815) 493-6901.

- **From Downtown Chicago and Northwest Suburbs (about a 2-1/2 hour drive from Chicago and a 2-hour drive from suburbs):**

1. Take 90 West towards Rockford for 70 miles. After the McDonald's Belvedere Oasis and the Chrysler Plant, look for Highway 20 West (this exit is also referred to as 39 South) to Freeport (do not take Business 20).
2. Take Highway 20 West (do not take Business 20) around Rockford and towards Freeport for 35 miles. Immediately after you are on Highway 20 West, you should see Magic Waters (water park) on your right.
After you are on Highway 20 and pass the water park, the next 4 exits have decent food places. Our favorite is the [Beef-a-Roo](#). You'll just need to read the highway signs that indicate what restaurants are at each exit.
3. Immediately before Freeport, Highway 20 splits. Take 20 Business into Freeport (do not follow Highway 20 towards Galena).
4. You will be driving on Highway 20 Business for about 5 miles. At the Highway 26 stop light intersection (there is a Wal-Mart, Dairy Queen, Wendy's and McDonald's on the corners), turn left onto Highway 26 South.
5. Drive on Highway 26 South for 7 miles. Turn right onto Highway 72 West. Drive on Highway 72 West for 10 miles.
6. At the 4-way stop sign intersection of Highway 72 and Highway 73, drive straight. The road changes and it is a bit rough. You'll pass a couple marinas on the right and will stay on this road for about 3 miles.
7. You'll pass the "Fast Stop" gas station on the right-hand side (don't make any turns here) and will soon pass signs that indicate trail crossings. When you see a sign that says "Dangerous Intersection," you'll turn right at this intersection onto Lake Carroll Blvd.
8. Take Lake Carroll Blvd. for .5 mile (you will pass a ski lift on the left) and turn right onto Spring Creek Drive.
9. Take Spring Creek Drive for about .4 mile and turn left onto Briarwood Dr. (Briarwood Dr. is a little hidden; if you reach a "Y" in the road, you've gone too far.)
10. Drive straight on Briarwood Drive for .3 of a mile. You will pass some streets on the left but do not turn into them. Turn right onto Lakewood Court.
11. We live in the cream/yellow house with white trim at the bottom of the street. There is a wooded area on the left, a brown house on the right and the lake is in the back. Our address is 12-119 Lakewood Court, 815-493-6901.

- **From Western Chicago Suburbs (about a 2-hour drive):**

1. Take I-88 (toll road) west to I-39 North (I-39 will be about 15 miles past the \$.95 toll on 88).

2. Take I-39 North (towards Rockford) for about 5 miles and exit at Highway 64.
3. At the stop sign at the end of the exit ramp, turn left to head west on Highway 64.
4. You'll be on Highway 64 for about 45 miles and will travel through various small towns including Oregon and Mt. Morris. BE VERY CAREFUL TO FOLLOW THE SIGNS FOR HIGHWAY 64 AS THERE WILL BE SEVERAL TURNS ALONG THE WAY.
5. In Lanark turn right onto Highway 73.
6. You will drive on Highway 73 for about 5 miles. At the 4-way stop sign of Highway 72 and Highway 73, turn left onto a bumpy/hilly road. You'll pass a couple marinas on the right and will stay on this road for about 3 miles.
7. You'll pass the "Fast Stop" gas station on the right-hand side and will soon pass signs that indicate trail crossings. When you see a sign that says "Dangerous Intersection," you'll turn right at this intersection onto Lake Carroll Blvd.
8. Take Lake Carroll Blvd. for .5 mile (you will pass a ski lift on the left) and turn right onto Spring Creek Drive.
9. Take Spring Creek Drive for about .4 mile and turn left onto Briarwood Dr. (Briarwood Dr. is a little hidden; if you reach a "Y" in the road, you've gone too far.)
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- **From Dubuque – This route has the fewest turns and is harder to get lost (about a 90-minute drive). There's a more direct route below:**

1. Take Highway 20 east to Highway 73. You will go through Galena, Elizabeth, Woodbine and Stockton. Highway 73 is in a 45 mph zone about 10 miles east of Stockton.
2. Go south on 73 for about 13 miles. You may see signs for Lake Carroll, don't turn into the main entrance where the biggest sign is located.
3. At the 4-way stop sign of Highway 72 and Highway 73, turn right and continue west on a bumpy/hilly road. You'll pass a couple marinas on the right and will stay on this road for about 3 miles.
4. You'll pass the "Fast Stop" gas station on the right-hand side and will soon pass signs that indicate trail crossings. When you see a sign that says "Dangerous Intersection," you'll turn right at this intersection onto Lake Carroll Blvd.
5. Take Lake Carroll Blvd. for .5 mile (you will pass a ski lift on the left) and turn right onto Spring Creek Drive.
6. Take Spring Creek Drive for about .4 mile and turn left onto Briarwood Dr. (Briarwood Dr. is a little hidden; if you reach a "Y" in the road, you've gone too far.)
12. Drive straight on Briarwood Drive for .3 of a mile. You will pass some streets on the left but do not turn into them. Turn right onto Lakewood Court.
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- **From Dubuque – This route is most direct and scenic but has lots of turns (about 60 miles and about a 70-minute drive):**
 1. Take Highway 20 east through Galena and Elizabeth.
 2. About 2 miles past Elizabeth, 31 miles into the trip, turn right on Derinda Rd...36 miles into the trip you will pass a small church/chapel/cemetery. Follow all the signs that direct you to Mount Carroll.
 3. 39 miles into the trip, turn onto Massbach (FOLLOW THE SIGNS TO MOUNT CARROLL).
 4. Take Massbach for 1/2 mile, then turn right onto Derinda (same name as previous road). This road turns into Elizabeth Road.
 5. 44 miles into the trip, turn left. There is no street sign. You will still be on Elizabeth Road. Just follow the signs to Mount Carroll.
 6. 51 miles into the trip, Elizabeth Rd. will intersect with Highway 78. Go straight. DO NOT FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS TO MOUNT CARROLL. This road is narrow and curvy.
 7. About a mile later (52 miles into the trip), turn left onto Loran. In about 1.5 miles you will pass a cemetery on your right.
 8. 54.5 miles into the trip, turn right onto Georgetown Rd.
 9. 56 miles into the trip, turn left on Townhall Rd.
 10. 58 miles into the trip, turn left onto Browning.
 11. 59.5 miles into the trip, turn left onto Lake Carroll Blvd.
 12. Take Lake Carroll Blvd. for .5 mile (you will pass a ski lift on the left) and turn right onto Spring Creek Drive.
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