

A new resort for gay people has opened in Michigan which promises to be a leading gay vacation spot in the Midwest. Located in the scenic Lake Michigan resort communities of Saugatuck/Douglas, Douglas Dunes was opened to provide gay people the services of a complete vacation facility in an area that has been of great attraction to the gay community for many years.

The resort is situated on over seven acres of land and consists of a swimming pool, motel, restaurant, and three bars. The public and gay beaches are a two minute drive; likewise the shops, restaurants, and various attractions of the area.

Inside the main building are three interconnecting bars and the restaurant. With windows on three sides, tropical plants and ceiling fans, the Lounge bar has a light, airy feeling. Down a short flight of steps brings guests to the game room and the patio bar, an outdoor deck measuring 48' by 60' and surrounded by a stockade fence and planted with trees and flowers. A number of tables with umbrellas are scattered about the deck, which is used during daylight hours for breakfast and lunch. The site of Tea Dances on Saturday and Sunday afternoon when the crowds come off the beach and away from the pool for dancing under the sun, the deck at night becomes a softly lit dance floor and a chance for fresh air. The disco is accessible from both the deck and the lounge, and features a cozy side bar.

Upstairs the Sir Douglas restaurant offers "casually elegant" dining and a

kitchen preparing a delicious variety of foods throughout the day. All produce used at Sir Douglas is fresh, not frozen, and much is grown locally. The meats are cut on the premises and all baked goods are made from scratch.

Breakfast will start your day with a delicious Belgian Malted Waffle with a variety of fresh fruit toppings and whipped cream. Omelets, blueberry pancakes, and a cantelope half with frozen yogurt are several of the other menu specialties. Lunch offers a variety of sandwiches, a favorite being the "Dunesburger". The dinner menu starts with appetizers such as Sir Douglas Shrimp, offers a great selection of entrees (including one for vegetarians), and ends with a choice of house desserts.

Outdoors among the evergreens and maples guests enjoy a surprisingly large heated swimming pool with plenty of deck space for lounging and socializing. Waiters are available at poolside for those wishing to order drinks and sandwiches. Pool use is also available to non-registered guests for a nominal daily fee. Bath house facilities will be available shortly.

The motel overlooks the pool and contains 22 units, each with telephone, color cablevision, air conditioning and full bath with shower.

The Saugatuck/Douglas area offers interesting shops and antique stores, good restaurants and a host of attractions. In spring summer, and fall you'll find horseback riding, ship tours, duneschooners, the Ox-Box summer school of painting,

art fairs, a winery tour, charter fishing, excellent beaches and swimming, canoe rentals on the Kalamazoo, several festivals, a professional summer theatre and an absolutely delightful climate. Winter brings snow and lots of it, making the nearby state game area an excellent spot for cross-country skiing. Downhill is available an hour away, and local farms and stables provide sleigh rides.

Douglas Dunes will also work with any size group to arrange retreats, conferences, and meals. A bunkhouse is in the works, which will greatly increase the lodging capacity of the resort. Weekend packages are available for \$76.00, which includes two nights and a late check-out time of 6:00 p.m., allowing for all-day use of the pool and other facilities. Discounts are available to persons staying five or more days. For reservations, information, and directions, write or call Douglas Dunes at P.O.Box 365, Douglas, Michigan, 49406. (616) 857-1401.