

Loud Island

VAN ETTEN LAKE - MICHIGAN - USA

Loud Island is a premier historical estate on Van Etten Lake, Michigan - the private summer retreat of Edward F. Loud of the H.M. Loud and Sons lumber empire, and a testament to the Great Lakes' Lumber Era. The 1902-1904 cedar-and-hemlock lodge spans seven bedrooms and three baths around a grand 38-by-38-foot living room with custom California redwood furnishings. A caretaker's home on its own bay, geothermal heat, underwater-cable power, and 180 feet of mainland frontage complete the infrastructure. Surveyed for a 12-lot lakefront subdivision and adjusted from \$2.4M to \$1,000,000, Loud Island is a one-of-a-kind Michigan treasure.

USD 1,000,000

34.4 ACRES - 1902 CEDAR LODGE - GEOTHERMAL - FREEHOLD

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At a Glance

PRICE	USD 1,000,000 (adjusted from \$2.4M peak)
LOCATION	Van Etten Lake, Oscoda, Michigan, USA
ACREAGE	34.4 acres
LODGE	1902-04 cedar-and-hemlock, post-and-beam
LIVING ROOM	38 × 38 ft, California redwood furnishings
BEDROOMS	7
BATHROOMS	3 full
CARETAKER	Separate home on its own bay
MAINLAND	180 ft frontage, docks, boat well
SUBDIVISION	Surveyed for 12 lakefront lots
TENURE	Freehold
STATUS	Available

LUMBER-ERA LEGACY

Edward F. Loud's private summer retreat from the H.M. Loud and Sons lumber empire - a 1902-04 cedar lodge with a 38-by-38-foot great room, extensively renovated in the 1980s and '90s from foundation to roof. Stewardship of American history, ready for its next chapter.

ISLAND VITALS

ELEVATION	COORDINATES
590 ft above sea level	44.482°N, 83.373°W
REGION	WATERS
Van Etten Lake, Michigan	Van Etten Lake (all-sports)





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A Lumber-Era Landmark

Loud Island serves as a testament to Michigan's "Lumber Era." Originally the private summer retreat of Edward F. Loud, the island offers a level of seclusion rarely found in the Great Lakes region - a heavily wooded sanctuary of mature hemlock and hardwood stands over a century old.

THE LODGE

Cedar & Redwood

Built between 1902 and 1904, the cedar-and-hemlock lodge features clear cedar post-and-beam construction. The interior is dominated by a grand 38-by-38-foot living room with custom California redwood furnishings and a dining room seating twelve. Extensive 1980s and '90s renovations updated the property from foundation to roof.

INTERIORS

Seven Bedrooms, Modern Systems

Seven bedrooms and three full baths, plus an office and an exercise room. The gourmet kitchen features cherry cabinetry, SubZero refrigeration, and Dacor cooktops. Below the historic skin: geothermal heat pumps for efficient heating and cooling, and high-capacity power via underwater cable.

GROUNDS

Caretaker Home & Workshop

A separate caretaker's home sits on its own bay, with a large heated workshop nearby. A central clearing serves as the maintenance hub - and an ideal future helipad. Over a mile of walking and running paths follows the shoreline.





TERRAIN

Land and Water

Loud Island is a self-contained ecosystem in the calm waters of Van Etten Lake. The lodge perches on a high peninsula with rare dual-exposure views - sunrise and sunset over the water. Van Etten is an "all-sports" lake contiguous to the Au Sable River, world-renowned for steelhead fishing and international canoe racing.

KNOWN FOR

Loud is the lumber baron's island - Edward F. Loud's 1902 cedar lodge on Van Etten Lake, surveyed for a 12-lot lakefront subdivision, offered at \$1,000,000 after a multi-year adjustment from \$2.4M.



ACCESS AND UTILITIES

Arrive by Jet

One of the most accessible private islands in the Midwest: the adjacent public airport accommodates even the largest private jets. The mainland lot on Loud Drive - 180 feet of frontage, multiple docks, a boat well - handles everything else. Its depth could host up to 12 double garages.

LIFESTYLE AND VALUE

Legacy or Development

Equally suited as a prestigious family legacy, a corporate retreat, or a high-end lakefront development: the property is already surveyed for a 12-lot subdivision of 1+ acre lots with 200-300 feet of frontage each. In the 2026 Oscoda market, the "Up North" experience without the Mackinac crowds.

THE REGION

Michigan, USA

In the United States, foreign buyers enjoy freehold rights, and Michigan's lake islands are a classic freehold purchase: clear title, deep buyer pool, and a century of Great Lakes cottage tradition. Some states have added ownership restrictions near sensitive sites - a reminder that local counsel is part of any smart acquisition.

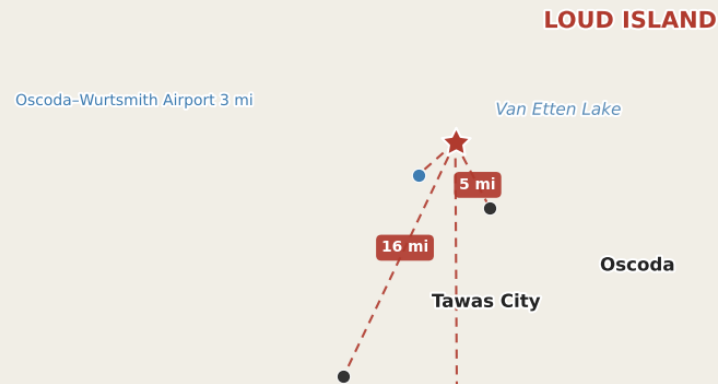
1902 CEDAR LODGE - 12-LOT SURVEY - JET-CAPABLE AIRPORT

LOCATION

On the Map

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LOCATION



Straight-line distances, approximate • Coastline: Natural Earth

LOUD ISLAND

Van Etten Lake, Michigan • 44.482°N, 83.373°W

DISTANCES

Oscoda	5 mi
Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport	3 mi
Tawas City	16 mi
Detroit Metro Airport	157 mi

ELEVATION & CLIMATE

Island elevation	≈590 ft above sea level
Summer high (Jul avg)	79°F
Winter low (Jan avg)	16°F

ACCESS

- Private mainland lot w/ 180 ft lake frontage
- Multiple docks + boat well on mainland
- Jet-capable Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport adjacent

Straight-line distances, approximate.
Sources: mindat.org (island coords + elevation),
weatherspark (Oscoda-Wurtsmith normals), Natural Earth.

GALLERY

The Estate in Frames





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