

2 Kemble St  
Lenox, MA

# The Kemble

LENOX, MASSACHUSETTS



Dear Guests,

Thank you for planning your visit to The Kemble Berkshires! Below you can find some essential information about your visit, including check in and check out times, what is provided, driving directions, event pricing and information on some local attractions. Underlined text includes hyperlinks that will bring you to the relevant websites.

We hope you enjoy your stay at The Kemble, and please call us any time if you have any questions, concerns, or needs. *Note, the property is undergoing a major update from March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 until May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – we will complete a renovation of the third floor spaces, lighten up the aesthetic and add a long list of amenities.*

### **THE HISTORY AROUND YOU**

The three-acre estate you will visit was built and owned by U.S. Secretary of State and prior Attorney General and State Senator of New Jersey Frederick Frelinghuysen and his wife Martha Griswold Frelinghuysen around 1881. The house was designed by Rotch & Tilden, it was handsomely furnished, and the Frelinghuysen's entertained lavishly, with U.S. President Chester Arthur among their many guests. Frederick Olmsted, designer of Central Park, consulted on the landscape.



The property donates 1% of net income to The Lenox Library, which works to connect the community to resources and programs that encourage lifelong learning and celebrate local history and culture.

### **DRIVING DIRECTIONS**

- The address is: 2 Kemble St, Lenox MA
- Google Maps works very well for directions, link here: [HERE](#)
- The property is:
  - 55 minutes from the Albany, NY airport
  - 1 hour, 9 minutes from Bradley airport, CT
  - 2 hours, 50 minutes from Brooklyn, NY
  - 2 hours 6 minutes from Boston, MA
- There is over 5,000 square feet of dedicated parking

## **ACCESS**

- Check-in is at 4PM; check-out is at 11AM
- The front door has a remote access keypad for easy check-in
- If you are hosting an event at The Kemble, it must wrap up at 11PM

## **SMART SYSTEMS**

All of Kemble electronic systems are available via Wifi, including the TVs and the Sonos sound systems.

TVs can run on Google Cast, accessible by the [Google Home App](#). You can access anything you of your own accounts that you like online via the smart TVs (including Netflix, Amazon Prime, etc).

The SonosOne speakers throughout the house can also be controlled via the Sonos Application once downloaded to your phone. The Sonos can also be controlled from Amazon Music, but you have to download the Alexa application, and turn on associated functionality there. For instructions on how to set up Sonos on your phone, you can look [HERE](#).

**PROPERTY VIDEO CAN BE FOUND [HERE](#)**

**THREE DIMENSIONAL PRE-RENOVATION VIRTUAL TOUR CAN BE FOUND [HERE](#)**

In order to see the floor-plan, help assign rooms and to do a virtual walk-through of the property, you can find a link to a 3D Model of The Kemble. An updated scan will be provided once renovations are completed.



## A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

### ■ To Do – stay in!

- **nAtURAlly Catering**: Aura Whitman is a true artist available for catering or as a private chef: (413) 822-7738, [aurawhitman2368@gmail.com](mailto:aurawhitman2368@gmail.com)
- **Magdalena Events**: planning a wedding or special event? Magda, Arielle and their team are tops: (347) 239-3546, [magda@magdalenaevents.com](mailto:magda@magdalenaevents.com)
- **Berkshire Corporate Retreats & SAVIA Leadership**: Mike Jaffe has two decades of leadership training and corporate event planning under his belt: (917) 701-8722, [mike@humanwakeupcall.com](mailto:mike@humanwakeupcall.com)
- **Berkshire Yoga Dance & Fitness**: you can't beat yoga at home! Rachael Plaine can be reached at: (413) 822-2034, [info@berkshireyogadancefitness.com](mailto:info@berkshireyogadancefitness.com)
- **Tricia McCormack Photography**: family photos, weddings, portraits, Tricia is just great: (413) 358-8006, [tricia@triciamccormack.com](mailto:tricia@triciamccormack.com)
- **Elaina Mortali Photography**: document your stay! Elaina brings out the best in you; she can be reached at: [emortaliphotography@gmail.com](mailto:emortaliphotography@gmail.com)
- **Canna Provisions**: for all of your cannabis needs, from flower to bespoke paired cannabis dinner tastings, 220 Housatonic St, Lee: (413) 394-5055, [cannaprovisionsgroup.com](http://cannaprovisionsgroup.com)
- **Kelly Bancroft**: get a massage in house, or on the deck with views of the vineyard, call Kelly Bancroft, LMT: (413) 329-4933, [kellybancroft@gmail.com](mailto:kellybancroft@gmail.com)
- Delivery!!! Looking for a more casual food option at home? **Arizona Pizza Company**, **Lua Hale** or **On a Roll Cafe** deliver
- **Guidos**: make use of our professional kitchen, pick up groceries and bust out your inner chef!

### ■ To Do – reservations recommended

- **Catamount**: the longest zip line in the United States?! No!? Oh YES!
- **Tanglewood**: a little James Taylor? Pat Benatar? Lady Gaga? Boston Pops? Ben Harper? Reba McEntire? Picnic on the lawn is the way to go
- **Shakespeare and Company**: really fun, gorgeous campus, one of the largest standing Shakespeare Companies in the country
- **Berkshire Theater Group**: great stage company created by the merger of The Colonial Theater (built in 1903) and The Berkshire Theater Festival (established in 1928) with awards from many including the NY Times and Wall Street Journal
- **Barrington Stage Company**: creates theatre experiences that engage and excites its audiences by entertaining as well as challenging them with the most dynamic and provocative productions
- **Williams Theater Festival**: visit for some amazingly good theater, Williams is ranked the #1 liberal arts college in the country

- Kripalu: the largest yoga center in North America is nearby
- Jacob's Pillow: the longest running dance festival in the country
- Jiminy Peak: skiing, snowshoeing and mountain coaster
- Bousquet Mountain: ski area, water park, ropes course, go-carts, etc
- Golf Club at Wyndhurst Manor (Miraval Golf Course): 6,204 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 70; the course rating is 70.0 and it has a slope rating of 125 on Bent grass; designed by Wayne E. Stiles, ASGCA/John Van Kleeck, the course opened in 1926

▪ **To Do – no reservation**

- MassMoCA: the largest contemporary art museum in the United States with 130,000 square feet of exhibition space
- The Clark: founded in 1950, The Clark is one of the few institutions in the United States that combines a public art museum with research and academic programs
- The Norman Rockwell Museum: a great lesson in American history, don't miss the basement, which has a copy of every cover of Rockwell's paintings for The Washington Post
- The Berkshire Museum: a diverse collection of around 40,000 objects combining art, science and history

▪ **Hikes**

- Kennedy Park: a beautiful 500 acre park in Lenox with old carriage roads and singletrack hiking paths, light rolling hills
- The Appalachian Trail: there are many trail crossings throughout the Berkshires, no need to hike the entire 2,200 miles, many short stretches are perfect for a day hike too
- Bash Bish Falls: the highest waterfall in Massachusetts, about .6 mile hike round-trip to see this 80 foot plunge into an emerald pool
- Monument Mountain: a steep hike with rapid elevation gain (1640 feet) to some of the Berkshire's most dramatic views
- Mount Greylock: highest peak in Massachusetts, in the shadow of which Herman Melville wrote Moby Dick (~25 min): (if you do this, you might enjoy lunch and a beer after at the Ye Olde Forge)
- The Mount, Edith Warton's estate: free jazz on the lawn, bar, sculpture and formal gardens

▪ **Restaurants – reservations recommended**

- Nudel: local, artisanal foods, reviewed by Food & Wine, James Beard Foundation and NY Times
- Bistro Zinc: modern French bistro with an elegant bar
- Alta: local organic ingredients, Mediterranean inspired with an awesome wine list
- Wheatleigh: for an unbelievable formal dinner on an amazing historic property and another registered Great Estate

- **The Old Inn on the Green:** quite possibly the most romantic dinner you will ever have, and killer farm to table food (this is a long drive, but we can't leave this off the list!)

## **PROVIDED – GENERAL STAY**

We pride ourselves in providing the most comprehensive list of amenities available at a vacation rental:

- A total of 27 beds, one king or queen in each of the 13 bedrooms, two queen pull out couches, six pull out twin sleeper couches, three twin aerobeds and three queen aerobeds
- A welcome basket with a few local products
- Fresh cut flowers and bowls of fresh citrus, candy and biscotti
- Commercial grade high-speed wifi
- Kayak and paddle board with life jackets
- A cell phone lockbox with key (disconnect, it feels good!)
- Kitchen utensils, pots, knives, pans and cookware
- (30 each) glassware, bowls, plates, silverware, pitchers
- Beverage dispensers and carafes
- Spice rack, a Stash tea selection and cocoa
- Popcorn for in-house movie night on one of the nine TVs!
- Dog treats for your furry friends if you're bringing them
- Serving platters and bowls
- Coffee maker, grinder and a Chemex for pour-overs
- (2) Refrigerators, stove and dishwasher
- A toaster oven, microwave, bread maker, waffle-iron, Vitamix blender, crock-pot and food processor
- Two large capacity washing machines and two dryers
- A wide variety of board games and outdoor games (bocce ball, coquet, badminton, cornhole and large-jenga)
- One set of linens for each bed and extras
- Meyer's hand and dish soaps and Dr. Bronner's all-in-one soaps
- (30) bath and (30) beach towels
- (30) umbrellas
- (25) throw blankets and (12) jumbo bean bags
- Foosball table and ping pong table
- Oculus virtual reality headset, PS4 and retro arcade
- Laptop and printer/scanner
- (15) yoga mats and some basic equipment, weight rack and stretching straps
- (1) large dog crate

- (1) Pack-n-Play Child's Playpen, (1) Graco high-chair and baby bath, (1) baby bath, (1) baby monitor
- Emergency toiletries (eye masks, toothbrushes and paste, chargers, vanity kits, shower caps, sewing kits, deodorant, earplugs, razors and shave cream)
- Library – with a large collection of books from 1910 - 1940

### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS PROVIDED – EVENTS**

- First weekend in May until the last weekend in October: 44-foot round sailcloth tent
- (175 each) glassware, bowls, plates and silverware
- Additional serving platters and bowls, beverage dispensers and carafes
- Commercial walk-in refrigerator, commercial dishwasher, cold-prep refrigerator table, bottle refrigerator and commercial metal table prep area

### **EVENT FEES**

The Kemble makes a unique backdrop to your intimate events, which we host year-round for up to 175 guests. With thirteen bedrooms, your loved ones can stay with you and enjoy the history and modern luxury of this registered Great Estate.

- <50 guests: \$2,500
- <100 guests, no amplified outdoor music: \$5,000
- <100 guests, amplified outdoor music: \$11,500
- <175 guests, no amplified outdoor music: \$9,500
- <175 guests, amplified outdoor music: \$13,500

### **FINE ART**

The grounds and building are home to a mixture of fine art, including pieces by local and nationally acclaimed artists – *catalogue coming soon*.

### **• CONTACT US ANY TIME**

If you need anything at all, please don't hesitate to contact us any time:

- Hospitality Manager, Jen Herrington: (413) 446-5515
- Property Manager, Jesse Sherwood: (412) 414-6758
- CEO, Shared Estates, Daniel Dus: (917) 808-6377 (text is best)

## **SELFIES and SOCIALS PLEASE!!!**

Please sign our guest book if you find a moment, we love to hear about the memories created in our spaces. Please leave or send a picture of your group if you like for our scrap book as well. And please tell us about your stay at The Kemble on **VRBO**, **Facebook**, **Instagram**. Most importantly - have fun!

## **DON'T DO THAT! JUST RELAX!**

Your cleaning fee includes laundry and a thorough cleaning of the property for the next guests. *It assumes, however, that you are not leaving garbage and dishes throughout, so please do a general pick-up and bring excess garbage to the receptacles at the rear of the house.*

*Please do not move the furniture, or if you do, please return it to its original locations prior to check-out.*

**PLEASE RECYCLE.** *Rinse plastics and place in bins. There are over 6 billion tons of plastic waste polluting the world, let's try not to add to it.*

## **YOUR STAY COUNTS**

The Kemble Berkshires is proud to be an annual contributor to The Lenox Library. 1% of net income goes to this important organization support youth, cultural and history education programs.

***THE KEMBLE IS CARBON NEUTRAL! WITH 100% OF ITS NET ENERGY CONSUMPTION OFFSET BY RETIREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS.***

*Cheers to a delightful stay in the Berkshires,  
Daniel Dus*

## **SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY**

- ***Dial 911 in case of emergency: you are at: 2 Kemble Street, Lenox MA***
- **The closest emergency room is Berkshire Medical Center at 725 North Street, Pittsfield MA, phone is (413) 447-2000**
- **The closest 24 hour veterinarian is Berkshire Veterinary Hospital at 730 Crane Avenue, Pittsfield MA, phone ahead at (413) 499-2820**
- **There are emergency fire ladders in every upstairs room**
- **There are fire extinguishers in every bathroom and most closets**

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