

# Vets Stay for Free This Veterans Day!

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I was thrilled to receive a press release that detailed a new “vets stay for free” program this Veterans Day. After all it’s a nice way to say thank you to folks who have put their lives on hold in order to serve the country. But I was even happier to find out that two of my favorite wheelchair-accessible inns are participating in this Select Registry, Distinguished Inns of North America promotion – the [Inn & Spa at Cedar Falls](#) and [Whispering Pines B&B](#).

I visited the Inn at Cedar Falls many years ago, while doing the initial research for [There is Room at the Inn](#). I was immediately impressed with innkeeper Ellen Grinsfelder, who said “Many years ago a guest told me that although a lot of inns claim to be accessible, very few actually get it right. When we built our accessible Redbud Cabin, I wanted to make sure it was truly accessible so I hired a local access consultant.”

And it really paid off.

The Redbud Cabin features ramped access to the front door, wide doorways and good pathway access to the first-floor kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, living area and back porch. The first-floor bathroom features a roll-in shower with a hand-held shower head, grab bars in the shower and around the toilet, a roll-under sink and a portable shower bench. The second-floor bedroom and bathroom are only accessible by a flight of stairs, but it’s a great option for kids, attendants or able-bodied friends.

Additionally the inn is located just a few minutes from Hocking Hills State Park, which is absolutely beautiful this time of year.

And then there’s the Whispering Pines B&B.

Located just 90 minutes south of Cleveland, this nine-room romantic country inn overlooks Atwood Lake, and features some spectacular views of the surrounding countryside from the hillside garden.

The accessible Iris Room is located on the first-floor, with level access from the front deck. It features good pathway access and wide doorways; and it’s outfitted with a gas fireplace, a 25-inch high bed and a whirlpool tub in the bedroom. The bathroom boasts a roll-in shower with grab bars and a hand-held showerhead, a roll-under sink and a portable shower chair. There are also grab bars on the back and left toilet walls (as seated).

All in all, it's a very comfortable, spacious and accessible room. Add a sumptuous home cooked breakfast to the mix and you have all the makings for a perfect getaway.

So if you're a veteran, be sure and snap up one of these free stays before they're all gone. It's easy. Just contact the inn directly to reserve your free room for Thursday November 10, 2011. Proof of your veteran status may be required, and although no fees will be charged for the stay, a credit card may be required to hold your room. Additional nights are also available, so consider extending your stay and taking a little mini vacation.

But don't tarry, as this deal is too good to pass up. And like I said, the rooms will go fast.

So have a great time, and have a Happy Veterans Day!