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## Real Estate

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The 29-mile shoreline of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, is an exceptionally expensive stretch of real estate with property starting at \$1 million, according to local real estate agents.

## A 21st Century getaway

The cabin in the woods is getting an update in style – and price

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**A** summer place, a weekend home, a retreat – in the woods, by the lake or on the beach. What could be more

appealing as the perfect antidote for our long, cold winter? But gasoline prices are up, so somewhere nearby would be preferable.

Research from the National Association of Realtors (NAR) indicates that most vacation homeowners want to be within a relatively short drive, less than half a day, “People want to be able

to use their second home frequently,” said Kenneth Roth, a senior economist with NAR.

He noted that about 6 percent of all homes sold each year are second homes, with 52 as the median age of all vacations homeowners.

“What we’re seeing is a gradual increase in second home sales as a result of the aging Baby Boomers,