**Community**

**Bemidji**
Bemidji is the first city on the Mississippi River. We’re proud of our lakes and forests, which provide the fishing and wilderness experiences so many folks associate with Northwoods Country. Take in the world famous Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox. According to Kodak Corporation, the statues of Paul and Babe are the second most photographed attractions in America, so bring your camera! For a Best of Bemidji Guide to conventions and motels, check out VisitBemidji.com.

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/Bemidji

**Blackduck**
We’re serious when we say Blackduck is “on top of the world.” The town is located about a large mallard’s beak from the Continental Divide, which separates the major watersheds in this neck of the woods. Blackduck isn’t only on top of the world, it also sits atop the northwest edge of Chippewa National Forest. We’re talking hunting, fishing and water sports. Or we could be talking hiking, bird watching and sightseeing.

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/Blackduck

**Cass Lake**
It’s a popular fishery and a great community. It’s also an excellent vacation choice, especially since it’s near the Chippewa National Forest. Cass Lake is home to one of the world’s most amazing and rare natural attractions, 195-acre Lake Windigo, located on Star Island in the middle of Cass Lake. It’s recognized by Ripley’s Believe It or Not as the Northern Hemisphere’s only freshwater lake in an island in a freshwater lake. Visitors can reach Star Island, but only by boat.

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/CassLake

**Where Eagles Soar!**
**BEMIDJI REGIONAL AIRPORT**
Fly into Bemidji with Delta Airlines on a 35 passenger turboprop or a 55 passenger jet. There are 3 connecting flights to and from Minneapolis/St. Paul daily.

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/Airport

**SANFORD CENTER**
Newly constructed in 2010, the Sanford Center is located on the shores of Lake Bemidji. The sports and entertainment facility hosts concerts, hockey games, family shows, trade shows and community events.

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/SanfordCenter

**WINTER WONDERLAND**
When winter rolls around, the Northwoods is all about snow and cold weather activities such as ice fishing, snowmobiling, skiing, or snowshoeing. So bundle up and hop on a snowmobile, because you are in the center of the 14,000 miles of trails in Minnesota!

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/Winter

**SANSFORD HEALTH**
The Northwoods area provides a range of medical services to meet individuals needs. Services include: acute inpatient rehabilitation, cardiac rehabilitation, Diabetes Resource Center, dialysis, emergency services, general and vascular surgeries, imaging/radiology, intensive care, medical-surgical, obstetrics, pediatrics, respiratory therapy, urology.

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/Health

**FALL**
Enjoy the fall colors on a hiking trail or take a leisurely drive on one of the three Scenic Byways. Chill out roasting marshmallows by a campfire in the cool crisp air. For Northwoods folks, fall means hunting season! As the leaves peak at the end of September, hunters get their guns ready for hunting opener. Duck, goose, grouse, deer and bear are all popular targets.

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/Fall
Recreation

Dining
All this fresh northern air can stir up an appetite. Grab a bite at a Northwoods supper club, a hometown cafe, or even a chain restaurant. Nothing beats a fresh fish fry with a side of locally harvested wild rice and a Minnesota brewed beer. Cheers!

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/Dining

Golf
Seven area golf courses range from professional country clubs with tournaments, to small, 9 hole, par 3 courses. Don’t forget to pack your clubs!

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/Golf

Casinos
Spend an evening challenging Lady Luck in one of Northwoods Country’s three great casinos: Palace Casino, Northern Lights Casino and White Oak Casino courtesy of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/Casinos

Scenic Byways
The state of Minnesota has over 2,500 miles of scenic byways to discover Mother Nature at her finest. Three National Scenic Byways cross or border the Chippewa National Forest. The Lady Slipper Scenic Byway in the Forest hugs the rustic route with some resorts tucked into the woods. Motor the Great River Road, the Avenue of Pines or Edge of the Wilderness.

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/Byways

Shopping
Be sure to browse the area’s unique shops and boutiques for merchandise ranging from antiques and collectibles, to rustic décor, to that one-of-a-kind souvenir or Northwoods apparel. Indulge in fine art, perhaps hand-milled pottery or an orginal oil painting by an area artist.

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/Shopping

Theatre
Watch live performances at one of the Northwoods area theatres. Several include the Paul Bunyan Playhouse, the Wild Rose Theatre, and the Woodtick Theatre.

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/Theatre

Trails
The Heartland Trail stretches 50 paved miles across the heartland of Minnesota linking Park Rapids, Dorset, Nevis, Akeley and Walker and Cass Lake. You can also catch a link at Akeley through the Chippewa National Forest to the Paul Bunyan Trail to Hackensack, and again at Cass Lake to ride the 18-mile Migizi Trail loop.

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/Trails
WATER SPORTS

Remember when you were a kid and you couldn’t wait to go water skiing while on vacation up north? These days there are plenty of water sports to test your skills. Besides skiing, there is wake boarding, wake surfing, kneeboarding, tubing, canoeing, the list goes on. Any excuse to experience the thrill of the Lake Life.

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/WaterSports

CHIPPEWA NATIONAL FOREST

The spectacular Chippewa National Forest is a living monument to nature that would have been big enough (1.5 million acres) to suit even Paul Bunyan himself. The jewel of Northwoods Country straddles two major drainage systems, the Mississippi River and Hudson Bay. Boasting more than 700 lakes, 920 miles of streams and 150,000 acres of wetlands, the Chippewa provides a seemingly infinite source of wilderness education and recreation.

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/Forest

ITASCA STATE PARK

Walk across the headwaters of the world’s 3rd largest river, the mighty Mississippi River, at Itasca State Park. The park is 32,000 acres strong and lies deep within dense forests of aromatic red and white pine. Here begins its 2,552 mile journey to the Gulf of Mexico, 680 miles of which flow through Minnesota. Established in 1891, Itasca is our state’s oldest state park.

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/Parks
1. Dreamers Resort & Campground
2. Eagle Ridge Resort
3. Finn ‘n Feather Resort
4. Hassel’s Hideaway Resort
5. Hide Out Resort
6. Joe’s Lodge
7. Kitchi Landing Resort
8. Lost Acres Resort
9. Marclay Point Resort & Campground
10. Paradise Resort
11. Pike Point Resort
12. Pimushe Resort
13. Stennes’ & Buhn’s Moose Lake Resort
14. Wood Haven Resort
LAND OF 10,000 LAKES

A total of 11,872 lakes in MN!

AREA LAKES:
- BIG LAKE
- BIG RICE LAKE
- BLACKDUCK LAKE
- CASS LAKE
- GULL LAKE
- KITCHI LAKE
- LAKE ANDRUSIA
- MOOSE LAKE
- PIMUSHE LAKE
- THREE ISLAND LAKE

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/Lakes

> over 60 lakes in our region!
LEGENDARY FISHING

Variety of species is a major reason why anglers have great success here. You can push off from the dock in the morning intent on a shore lunch of fresh pan-fried walleye, find the going a bit tough and instead "settle" for a banquet of delicate northern pike. Ferocious muskies, predatory northern pike and log-sized walleye aren’t all you’ll find here. Set your hook into a largemouth bass and get ready for the fight of your life. Like a bit faster action? Then go after panfish with an ultra light and hang on, because they’re easy to find and catch, and a slab-sized crappie or chunky bluegill feels surprisingly powerful on the business end of light gear.

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/Fishing
Lodging
NORTHWOODS RESORTS

A broad range of accommodations awaits you in Northwoods Country, but lakeside resorts have long been popular with visitors and remain one of the best vacation choices around. They come in all shapes and sizes from small rustic fishing lodges to full-service resorts featuring well-appointed luxury guest units and everything in between. Be our guest “Up North!”

MinnesotaNorthwoods.com/Resorts

» MN has 90,000 miles of shoreline—more than CA, FL, and HI combined!
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To Our Guests

It is our sincere hope that our guide has been of assistance to you, and that we have in some way made your journey to the Minnesota Northwoods an enjoyable and memorable experience. The Northwoods Country has serene and beautiful sights and endless activities to enjoy. But, of all the wonders we have, our greatest treasure is our people. Good, pleasant, hardworking, friendly folks who are dedicated to making your stay a truly enjoyable experience. We are grateful to them and to you for making us a part of your lives. We look forward to seeing you soon!