## NORTHWOODS BEMIDJI BLACKDUCK / CASS LANE







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### 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.

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#### 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.

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#### 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.

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#### AUTUMN COLORS

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.

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# 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!

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#### **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.

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#### SANFORD CENTER

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

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#### SANFORD 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, medicalsurgical, obstetrics, pediatrics, respiratory therapy, urology.

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#### 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!

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#### 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.

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#### 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.

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#### TRAILS

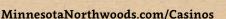
The Heartland Trail stretches 50 paved miles across the heartland of Minnesota linking Park Rapids, Dorset, Nevis, Akeley and Walker and Cass Lake. You can also catch a link at Akeley through the Chippewa National Forest to the Paul Bunyan Trail to Hackensack, and again at Cass Lake to ride the 18-mile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

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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!

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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.



#### 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.

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#### 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 exuse to experience the thrill of the Lake Life.

The 1st practical water skis were invented in 1922 by Ralph W. Samuelson in MN.

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.

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PINK + WHITE LADY SLIPPER



#### 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.

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» 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

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» over 60 lakes in our region!





#### NORTHERN PIKE



#### **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 logsized 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.

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WALLEYE

» MN STATE FISH

LARGE MOUTH BASS





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### **Sodging** MORTHWOODS 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!"

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» MN has 90,000 miles of shorelinemore than CA, FL, and HI combined!

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DREAMERS RESORT & CAMPCROUND	DREAMERS RESORT & CAMPGROUND Wayne Westfall 16585 Wilkey Loop Road NE, Bemidji, MN 56601 218-751-1020 • 1-866-223-7326 www.dreamersresort.com	Big Lake	8		•	L	•	В	В		В	S	•	•	•
Engle Ridge Resort Resort	EAGLE RIDGE RESORT Mark & Janine Faris 10246 Stallion Court NE, Tenstrike, MN 56683 218-586-2700 • 800-279-5177 www.eagleridgeresort.net	Gull Lake	6			L	•		В	•	В	S	94	•	•
Finn'n Feather Resort on Lake Andrusia Berede, Manager	FINN'N FEATHER RESORT Joann Fallis 15150 Finn 'n Feather Blvd. SE, Bemidji, MN 56601 218-335-6598 • 800-776-3466 www.finn-n-feather.com	Lake Andrusia/ Miss. River	20		•	L	•	В	В		В	В	•	•	
- HASSEL'S- HIDEAWAY - RESORT-	HASSEL'S HIDEAWAY RESORT James & Renee Hassel 30353 Squirrel Way NE 218-835-6278 www.hasselshideaway.com	Moose Lake	4		•	L	•	A	В	•	В	S	•		•••
HIDEQUIT	HIDE OUT RESORT Jamie & Angie Arp 6109 Rice Lake Road NE, Blackduck, MN 56630 218-835-6445 • 888-223-6236 www.hideoutresort.com	Big Rice Lake/ Turtle River	7			L		F	В	•	В	S		•	•
Jup's Louise	JOE'S LODGE Jack & Sherry Frost 15228 Joe's Lodge Drive SE, Bemidji, MN 56601 218-335-6773 www.joeslodge.com	Lake Andrusia	20	•	•	L	•	В	В	•	В	S	•	•	•
Citchi Landing RESORT REINGLODE CAINS CLAIMING	KITCHI LANDING RESORT Eric & Danielle McKeeman 4826 Kitchi Landing Ln. NE, Blackduck, MN 56630 218-835-6595 www.kitchilanding.com	Kitchi Lake	9			BL	•	A	в	•	в	S	•	•	•







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LOST ACRES RESORT	LOST ACRES RESORT Tam, Scott, Zach & Mike Mahaffey 26772 Birchmont Beach Road NE, Blackduck, MN 56630 218-835-6414 • 800-835-6414 www.lostacresresort.com	Kitchi Lake	9	•	•	BL	•	В	В	•	В	S	•	•	•	
MARCLAY POINT RESORT	MARCLAY POINT RESORT & CAMPGROUND Steve & Pati Lang 16636 Marclay Point Lane, Cass Lake, MN 56633 218-335-6589 www.marclaypoint.com	Cass Lake	5		•	A	•	A	В	•	В	S	•		•	
READING A SECURITY	PARADISE RESORT Wade & Mary Smerling 8677 Moose Lake Road NE, Pennington, MN 56663 218-835-6514 • 800-845-9124 www.paradiseresort.com	Moose Lake	11			A	•	В	В		В	S	•	•		
Pike - Point	PIKE POINT RESORT Sue & Scott Springer 10393 South Gull Lake Road NE, Tenstrike, MN 56683 218-586-2810 • 800-586-2810 www.pikepointresort.com	Gull Lake	9		•	L	•	F	В	•	В	S		•	•	
Pimushe	PIMUSHE RESORT Ed & Joanne Fussy 7376 Pimushe Trail NE, Bemidji, MN 56601 218-586-2094 • 800-450-2094 www.WeAreYourLakeHome.com	Pimushe Lake	11		•	L	•	В	В		В	S	•	•	•	
	STENNES' & BUHN'S MOOSE LAKE RESORT Mike Schwersinske, Manager 7418 Moose Lake Road NE, Blackduck, MN 56630 218-835-6542 • 818-710-1706 www.mooselakeresort.com	Moose Lake	11		•	L	•	A	В		G	S		•	No. Co	
Wood Haven ÆResort	WOOD HAVEN RESORT Bernie & Beth Fennell 15939 Wood Haven Lane NE, Bemidji, MN 56601 218-586-2291 www.woodhavenresort.com	Three Island Lake	5					A	В	•	В			•		



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Jo Our Guests

Post Card

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!





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