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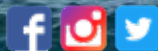
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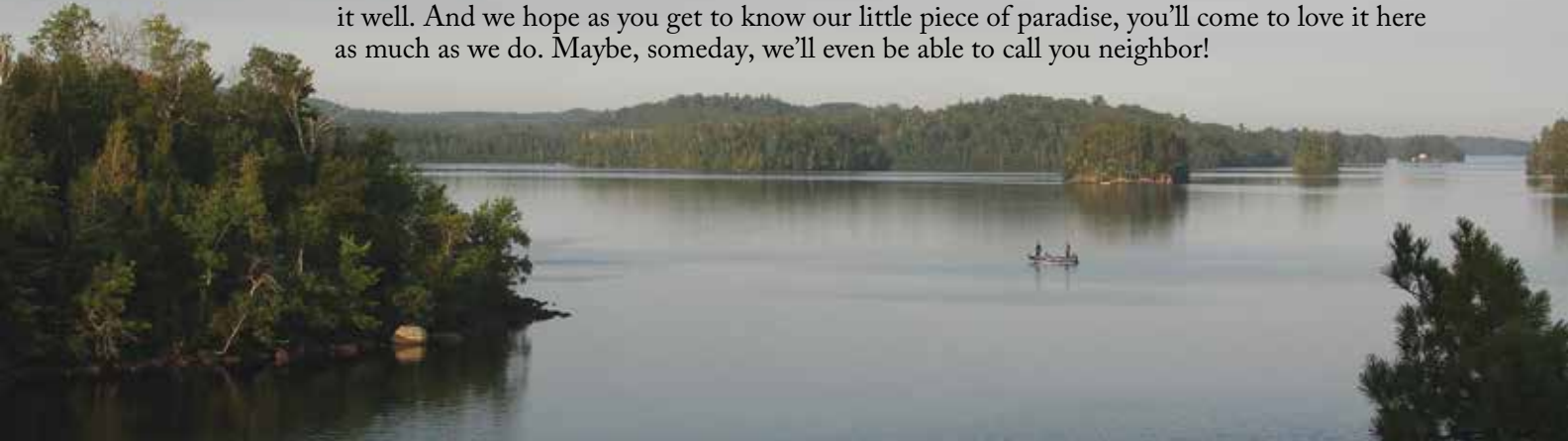
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Whether you're new to our area, or a regular visitor, we're happy to have you in the Lake Country and we've produced this guide specifically to make your stay here the best it can be. While summer is always a great time here in the Lake Country, we know this one is going to be different from most as the nation still grapples with the impacts of the COVID-19 virus. Efforts to halt the spread of the virus resulted in the cancellation of several summer festivals that were frequently a highlight of many visits to the area. And some events remained uncertain when we went to press, so please excuse any discrepancies that show up in our schedule of events. We suggest you check websites or Facebook, if possible, for the latest information before traveling to an event, a museum, or other attraction to check on their status. With all that said, it's still summer in the Lake Country, which means you'll find no shortage of fun things to do. And most of them you can enjoy while still following your guidelines for "social distancing." The bottom line is, you came here to have some fun and get away from all that, which is what this guide is designed to help you do. For us, home is the Lake Country that extends from Voyageurs National Park to Lake Vermilion to the Ely area, and we know it well. And we hope as you get to know our little piece of paradise, you'll come to love it here as much as we do. Maybe, someday, we'll even be able to call you neighbor!



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Soudan, MN • Hiking trails open, status of mine tours and park exhibits was uncertain at press time.
Call 218-300-7000 for the latest information.

Bear Head Lake State Park
Ely, MN • Park, hiking trails and fishing are open but status of the campground was uncertain at press time. • Call 218-235-2520 for the latest information.

International Wolf Center
Ely, MN • Open daily, once permitted, 9-5 p.m., through Oct. 18. 218-365-4695 • wolf.org

Embarrass Heritage Homestead Tours
Embarrass, MN • Cancelled for the summer due to COVID-19. www.embarrass.org

Orr Visitor Center and Wetlands Walk
Orr, MN • May be closed due to COVID-19. Wetlands Walk open daily • 218-757-3288

VNP Kabetogama Visitor Center
County Rd. 123 • Status unavailable as of press time. www.nps.gov/voya • 218-875-2111

VNP Ash River Visitor Center
Off County Rd. 129 • Status unavailable as of press time. www.nps.gov/voya • 218-374-3221 •

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North American Bear Center
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Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary
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Editor's Note: Please be aware that many traditional summer events in our region have been canceled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Organizers of some other events had not made final decisions when GO Lake Country hit the press in mid-May, so some of the events listed here may have subsequently been canceled. We apologize for any inconvenience.



JUNE

TAKE-A-KID FISHING, June 5-7. Minnesota residents 16 and older fish for free when they accompany an angler 15 and younger. For more, visit www.dnr.state.mn.us.

COOK MUSIC IN THE PARK, Every Wednesday evening tentatively starting scheduled in July and August. Music, featuring local musicians, begins at 6 p.m. at the gazebo in downtown Cook. Food available. Held at the nearby VFW in case of rain.

LAKE VERMILION POWWOW, Postponed, no new date set as of deadline.

JULY

NORTHERN LIGHTS MUSIC FESTIVAL, July 1-20, hopes to present three weeks of opera, solo recitals, orchestral and chamber music at various venues. Their plans are subject to change this year based on health restrictions. See www.northernlightsmusic.org for the most up-to-date information.

JULY 3RD FUN DAYS, downtown Orr. Boat parade, family fun during the day and fireworks at night. This plan is subject to change due to health restrictions. Check timberjay.com for updates.

TOWER-SOUDAN 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION, July 4. One of the oldest, largest and best celebrations in the

area. parade, children's activities, entertainment, fireworks! This plan is subject to change due to health restrictions. Check timberjay.com for updates.

4TH OF JULY IN ELY, July 4. The true small town parade starts at 1 p.m., with family activities to follow and fireworks at 10 p.m. over Miner's Lake. This plan is subject to change due to health restrictions. Check timberjay.com for updates.

CRANE LAKE 4TH OF JULY, July 4. Annual parade on Gold Coast Rd. begins at 7 p.m., with food, music, and fireworks at dusk. This plan is subject to change due to health restrictions. See visitcranelake.com for the latest information.

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AUGUST EMBARRASS REGION FAIR, Aug. 28-30 at Timber Hall in Embarrass. An old-fashioned fair with demolition derby, mud run, animals, garden exhibits, 5K walk/run and much more. Visit them on Facebook for the latest information.

SEPTEMBER CRANE LAKE'S LABOR DAY CELEBRATION, Sept. 4-7. Head to the border for a full weekend of activities, including music, food, end-of-season sales, kids' games, 5K race, and more. See visitcranelake.com for more.

LAKE VERMILION ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SHOW, Sept. 6, noon to 4 p.m. If you love the look of lovingly restored wooden boats, this is the show for you. It's an annual event held at The Landing on the westernmost tip of Lake Vermilion. See acbs.org/event/2019-lake-vermilion-antique-classic-boating.



ELY'S HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL, Sept. 11-13. More than 125 artists and crafters, demonstrations, food, live music at Whiteside Park. See www.ely.org for more.

SISU COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT, Sept. 13, 4 p.m. Live music and supper at the restored Seitaniemi Housebarn in Waasa. 218-984-3012 or www.sisuseritage.com for more.

ELY MARATHON, Sept. 25-26. 5K Glow Run at 7 p.m. on Friday. Full, half, and kids' marathon races, plus canoe portage races, on Saturday. See elymarathon.com for more info and to register.



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The “new guy’s” top picks for the sea-

Hello, visitors to northern Minnesota!

As the “new guy” in town at the *Timberjay Newspaper* as of February, I’ve had my first taste of Minnesota winter, and now I’m eagerly looking forward to discovering what was underneath all that snow as summer arrives.

It’s a darned shame so many community festivals and social activities have been canceled because of the COVID-19 outbreak, but that’s all



**DAVID
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the more reason to take advantage of all of the other great opportunities this area has to offer. As a newbie who enjoys the great outdoors and nature photography, I’m in tourist-mode heaven as I look ahead to summer.

Here are my personal top five “must do” items on the list so far, which will still leave plenty of room and time to add more!

Catch walleye, muskie, and trout

As a native Kansan, I’ve always fallen in with the catfishing crowd. Bait the hook, throw it in, and kick back and relax on the shore while waiting for a catfish to wander by. I’ve done a little boat-based bass fishing in Oklahoma and caught trout in streams and lakes in Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana, but it’s clear I’m going to have to step up my

Top left: Big lake trout are among the most sought-after targets for many anglers in the Lake Country.

Above: An overlook along Nina Moose Lake, just off the Echo Trail.

Below: An insect-eating pitcher plant, a common denizen of Lake Country peatlands.

Facing page left: A view of the Lost Lake Peatlands near Lake Vermilion.

Facing page right: A young wild bear rests on a tree branch at the Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary.



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game living near the shores of Lake Vermilion and all the surrounding lakes to be successful stalking new aquatic prey.

First order of business has to be hooking up (pardon the pun) with one or more of the many outfitters or guides in the area to learn about gear I'll need— one look at the pictures of some of the monstrous fish that people actually catch around here and I'm sure that the ultralight rod and reel combo I've taken backpacking isn't going to cut it! Expert advice is what I need, and a tour of a few hotspots wouldn't hurt either.

And while I don't own a boat myself, looks like there are plenty of rental options, or local guides, to get me out on the water and into the action.

Explore the Echo Trail

Now that the snow has cleared, I'm gearing up for one of my favorite activities, which is getting off the main highways and exploring. The Echo Trail, that winding wilderness portal that leads from Ely to Echo Lake, looks like it could take up as much of my summer as I'd give it. Numerous lakes and streams along the way,

reportedly gorgeous scenic views, and access to plenty of trails will definitely demand extra batteries and chips for the camera.

Golfing

I haven't picked up a set of clubs in years, but looking over the number of intriguing and reasonably-priced courses so near, that's going to have to change, and soon. I learned the game on a nine-hole course on the edge of the Kansas Flint Hills, so I'm glad to find several of those around. Ely, Babbitt, Wolfridge, and Vermilion Fairways look like they provide a



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Left: Don't forget your camera if you visit the Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary. It offers a once-in-a-lifetime chance to photograph black bears in the wild.



good mix of challenge and forgiveness as I work the kinks out of a very rusty swing. I can guarantee my game won't be in good enough shape by the end of the summer to do justice to one of the state's best courses, The Wilderness at Fortune Bay, but after looking at the course flyover online I may just have to put on my humility hat and tackle it anyway. It's all about being in the outdoors and not about the score, right?

Peatlands

While I did some research before deciding to move to Minnesota, the diversity of nature in this region astounds me. And a completely unexpected and fascinating discovery has been peatlands. Who knew? I've never been on peatlands before, and with

the variety of terrain, birds, flowers and plants, I can't wait to go exploring. Lost Lake Peatlands is just a few miles from my home in Tower and will be a good start.

Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary

While I'm eager to visit the International Wolf Center and North American Bear Center in Ely, I'm locked in for the Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary near Orr, having already purchased my American Bear Association membership and signed up to volunteer. The huge observation deck will provide great photo opportunities, and it's a forgone conclusion that I'll be signing up for one of their private photo sessions. I've seen black bears in the wild from a distance, but this is an up-close and personal

experience unlike any other.

My, I've left out so much, yet I can't see how I'll even begin to get to all of this in the next few months with just weekends available – after all, they didn't hire me at the *Timberjay* just to play! We may not have all of the same festivities as usual, but for folks with real vacation time there's plenty of magic still to be found here in the Lake Country!

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Sounds of the beaver pond

Photos and story by Marshall Helmberger

SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST— Out here in the backwoods, you can usually hear a beaver pond before you can see it. The winnowing of snipe. The chorus of frogs. The slap of a beaver’s tail on the still water. The “konk-a-ree” of the red-winged blackbird. The persistent chatter of the eastern kingbird— a member of the appropriately-named tyrant fly-catcher family— which lords over most

beaver ponds like an over-caffeinated Napoleon.

These are the sounds of life, which is why I find myself attracted to beaver ponds whenever I’m ready to pull out the camera to see what I can put in the “crosshairs” of my camera lens.

This particular beaver pond, located a couple miles west of the Pfeiffer Lake campground off an old logging road, had been calling out to me for a

while. I like to mountain bike on the old road and had stopped a few times on an overlook to just listen to the sounds of the pond. It’s a big pond, one that has clearly provided a home to a wide assemblage of life for decades.

Finally, one summer Saturday, I loaded my kayak into the back of the pickup, and drove as close as I could get, dragging the kayak (it’s indestructible) the rest of the way through the woods in order

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to explore the pond's twists and turns.

Much of the pond is dominated by the ghosts of the black ash forest that once grew in this narrow valley, tucked between two ridges of glacial till. The bleached "bones" of those trees still stand high above the pond, creating perfect reflections on the glass-like water.

The beavers' lodge was tucked into a far corner of the pond and as I passed by

it, two of the resident beaver came out to make their displeasure known. I'm sure I was among the first human intruders into their world and they weren't about to let my presence go without objection, as they circled around me, slapping their tails every minute or so until I decided to move on down the pond.

Red-wings and grackles, both inhabitants of swamps and beaver ponds in the

North Country, flew back and forth noisily, no doubt tending to nestlings as well as territorial boundaries.

Further down the shore, I found sign that a moose had recently been feeding on aquatic vegetation in the shallows. Around the next bend, I saw a pair of trumpeter swans, off at a distance, eyeing me warily through the dead trees. How long they had been watching me was unclear, but they

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Facing page:
A pair of trumpeter swans fly above their beaver pond home in the Superior National Forest.

Right:
Water arum, also known as wild calla lily.

Far right:
A beaver swims near its lodge.

photos by
M. Helmberger



seemed to know the moment I spotted them and quickly disappeared from view into a thicket of cattails and other vegetation. They would reappear later, their deep trumpeting adding to the sounds of the morning, only to take flight briefly before settling back in on the other side of the pond. It wasn't clear if the swans were nesting since I saw no sign of any cygnets. It's not unusual for younger adult swans to pair up and identify a nesting site, such as a large beaver pond, but then wait several years before finally breeding. That's not unusual in large, long-lived birds. Trumpeters can live up to 30 years in the wild.

Trumpeters are one of the species that has certainly benefitted from the return of the beaver in recent years. The sharp reduction in beaver trapping has allowed beavers

to thrive and they're creating new habitat for waterfowl all throughout our region. While I know that beavers can be de-

structive at times, they remake the North Country in ways that few other denizens, other than humans, can achieve. Which

is why I'll continue to listen as I explore the backroads for the telltale sounds of life at the beaver pond.

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Left: Paddling a traditional voyageur canoe on Rainy Lake.

Right: Kayaking at Voyageurs National Park.

If you're looking to spend some time in the park, you've got lots of choices. A number of family-run resorts are found along the edges of the park and offer comfortable accommodations and, in most cases, use of boats, canoes, swimming beaches, and more. The Park Service also maintains more than 200 water-access campsites, which feature picnic tables, fire grates, tent pads and bear-proof food lockers. Most of these campsites are located on islands and they offer a fabulous opportunity to experience the park at its rustic best. All sites now require a reservation based on a new policy. See www.nps.gov/voya/index.htm for details.

If you want to explore the park, but aren't looking to rough it, you can rent a houseboat, which can sleep several people in style, and be free to travel throughout most of the park's major lakes.

Other popular activities in the park include:

☞ Fishing—The big border lakes are famous for their fishing. Everything

As the nation's only true water-based national park, the 219,000-acre Voyageurs National Park is best seen from one of its several large lakes. While you can reach its three main visitor centers by road, the interior of the park is accessible only by water.

Unlike the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness to its east, Voyageurs

National Park is open to motor use and also offers boat tours to many scenic and historic sites within the park. But while motorboats are commonly used, the park also offers great opportunities for those seeking a quieter experience. Canoeing has always been a common mode of travel in the park and kayaking has become increasingly popular as well.



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☞ **Birdwatching**—Voyageurs National Park is home to an impressive variety of birds in the summer months. It's one of the best places in North America to view warblers on their summer breeding grounds. The Locator Trail on Lake

Kabetogama is a popular spot to see warblers, since it passes through a variety of habitats, giving birders the opportunity to see many different species. In addition, the park's vast lakes attract other highly sought-after birds like common and Caspian terns, white pelicans, peregrine falcons, bald eagles, and loons.

☞ **Hiking**—A number of hiking trails exist within the park, offering access to remote lakes and the vast forests associated with the park. The longest trail, the 24-mile Kab/Ash Trail, runs along the park's south side. The trail's four access points allows users to hike just a portion of the trail at any time.

☞ **Touring the Ellsworth Rock Gardens**—This unusual rock garden, located on Lake Kabetogama, contains a

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☞ **Tour boat rides**— Voyageurs is a water-based park, so you'll need a boat to really experience its beauty. If you don't have one yourself, consider a tour boat trip from either the Rainy Lake or Kabetogama visitor centers. Reservations for all tours are now made by going online at Recreation.gov or by calling the National Call Center at 877- 444-6777.

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<<LAKE COUNTRY FISHING

TROUT LAKE REBOOT

TROUT LAKE— The lake trout population here is continuing its recovery from its low ebb nearly two decades ago— and DNR fisheries staff aren't entirely sure why it's happening.

Back in the late 1990s and early 2000s, many anglers had just about given up on catching lake trout here on this big, cold, and clear lake located north of Lake Vermilion in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. "I quit fishing for them," said Rob Bryers, who grew up on Lake Vermilion and had fished lakera "north of the portage" for years. "It was about the early 1990s when it just tanked," Bryers recalls.

Speculation abounded as to the reasons why. Some blamed eelpout, while others suggested smallmouth bass were making short work of the younger trout. Despite repeated stocking, it was apparent that the introduced stock

was failing to thrive.

Back in 1998, deep water gill nets deployed by the DNR captured just three lake trout during that year's fish population assessment, a low ebb. Six years later, in 2004, after several substantial stocking efforts, the DNR caught just four lakera in their survey nets. By then, many feared that the lake's trout fishery could disappear to history.

And then something changed. In 2010, DNR fisheries staff caught ten lakera in their survey nets and that jumped to 21 in 2014. And finally, in 2018, the DNR caught 27 lake trout in their nets— the highest number in memory. "It's been doing very well," said Edie Evarts, Tower area fisheries supervisor.

These days, Bryers, who now guides on both Vermilion and Trout, heads to Trout as often as he can and has found from his own

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experience what the DNR's test data is also demonstrating—that the lake trout are back at Trout Lake.

“Every trip I've taken so far this year, we've caught fish,” said Bryers, and in some cases several fish. And that's unusual for a generally low-density species like lake trout, where catching one or two in a day is considered a successful outing.

Bryers said he finds the situation somewhat surprising given that fishing pressure remains relatively high on the lake and improved fishing technology has made it easier for anglers to fish for trout, even in the summer when they typically inhabit deep water.

“For some reason, it is sustaining itself, despite the situation,” said Bryers.

The DNR doesn't have good data on Trout Lake fishing pressure, according to Evarts, since the lack of road access to the lake makes it challenging to conduct a creel census, which is the usual method the DNR uses to assess fishing pressure. But Evarts noted that when fishing is good, anglers generally make the effort to take advantage.

Fishing pressure can have a significant impact on trout populations, according to Evarts, since they're a top fish predator that is rarely found in large numbers. Think

muskie, only way better tasting. And, in part, because trout are so highly sought after for eating, anglers tend to keep the fish they catch.

Stocking not a major factor in recovery

While some lakes rely on trout stocking to maintain the fishery, Evarts said the evidence from Trout Lake suggests that stocked fish have had little impact on the recovery—and that has prompted the agency to re-examine its stocking efforts. “The stocked fish don't seem to be making it, but the natural fish in the lake are doing well,” said Evarts.

During one recent survey using trap nets on reefs where lake trout spawn, the DNR caught 54 lake trout, ranging in size up to 37 inches, and only one was clipped, indicating it was a stocked fish. “We get anecdotal reports from anglers that they almost never catch clipped fish,” said Evarts.

Genetics testing conducted by the DNR also confirms that the native Trout

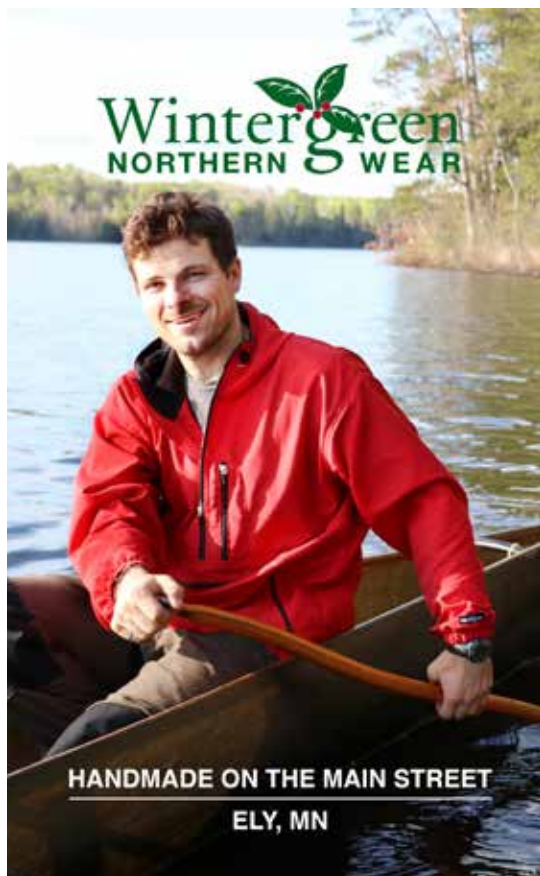
Lake strain of lake trout continues to dominate in the lake. That's despite an aggressive program of lake trout stocking in recent years, including up to 40,000 yearling fish every other year—most recently in 2018.

Given the lack of road access, the DNR ends up flying the trout in, which is an expensive venture for the DNR. According to Evarts, the DNR is currently revising Trout Lake's management plan and the agency is considering discontinuing stocking efforts, at least for now. “We're thinking that the stocking isn't really giving us any returns,” she said. “It's a pretty expensive program, having to fly all the yearlings in. It takes more than one trip. If it was working well, we could justify it.”

For now, at least, the natural trout population here appears to have rebounded. And, for anglers like Bryers who love Trout Lake, that's what matters. “It's been good and consistent,” said Bryers.

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Summer in the Lake Country is prime time for most area wildlife, whether it's the more than 150 species of breeding birds, or large mammals like moose, wolves, and black bears. If you're hoping to spot some interesting wildlife during your visit, here's what you need to know.

ELY AREA

There are plenty of opportunities to view wildlife at the "end of the road." The International Wolf Center and the North American Bear Center, both located on the edge of town, provide a great way to learn more about these two large predators.

The Bear Center, located on Ely's west side, features live bears in an out-



You can watch wild bears as they climb trees and interact at the Vince Shute Sanctuary near Orr. The center is open to the public in the evenings, Tues.-Sun. through Sept. 1.

door enclosure as well as indoor exhibits highlighting the work of renowned bear researcher Lynn Rogers. Call 1-218-365-7879 or visit www.bear.org for more.

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THE ECHO TRAIL

Stretching 70 miles from near Ely to Echo Lake, north of Orr, the Echo Trail offers a fascinating journey through some of the most spectacular scenery in the Upper Midwest. It's located along the edge of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, so wildlife is abundant. For anyone hoping to spot a moose or a timber wolf, a day trip of exploration along the Echo Trail or one of its many side trails, is a good bet. Try the Bass Lake or Angleworm trails, both located north of Ely. The Stuart River portage is also scenic and long enough, at a mile and three-quarters, to provide your morning's exercise. Next time, try it with a canoe on your back!

If you're a birder, the varied habitat along the Echo Trail gives you one more good reason to go. It passes through the heart of the region's true boreal forest and it offers excellent habitat for species like three-toed woodpeckers, Cape May and pine warblers, yellow-bellied flycatchers, boreal chickadees and spruce grouse.

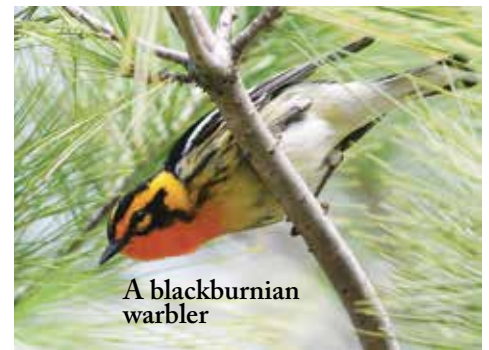
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A blackburnian warbler

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Campers can access remote campsites managed by the U.S. Park Service at Voyageurs National Park, but almost all require boat access. The same is true for hundreds of remote wilderness campsites managed by the Forest Service and located in the 1.1 million-acre Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. You'll need a canoe, and a willingness to pack your gear across sometimes difficult portages to access these spectacular camping opportunities.

See the following list for information on the many camping opportunities in the Lake Country.

LET'S CAMP

Editor's Note: At the time we went to press, campgrounds were closed in Minnesota in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was expected, however, that the closure would be lifted shortly, which is why we have opted to include the campground listing here.

From rustic wilderness campsites to fully-modern RV camping grounds, the Lake Country offers camping options for all tastes and budgets.

The U.S. Forest Service operates several campgrounds in the area, and all include wells, comfortable camping sites, and most have swimming beaches and docking.

The Minnesota DNR also offers camping opportunities at Bear Head Lake State Park, the new Lake Vermil-

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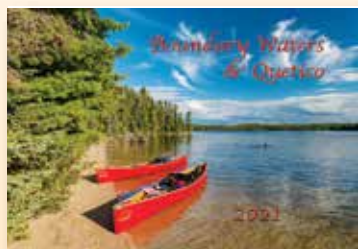
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TAKE A TRIP TO ELY

If you haven't made a trip to Ely yet, get in the car. The International Wolf Center, the North American Bear Center, or the Dorothy Molter Museum will keep the kids entertained without spending a lot of money. The Wolf Center's indoor viewing area is a series of carpeted stairs, a perfect place for children to burn off some energy. Then have lunch at any of the fine eating establishments in town and check out some of the shops and galleries in downtown Ely afterwards.



EXPLORE AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE



The Bois Forte Heritage Center tells the story of the Bois Forte people, who have called the Lake Country home for more than 250 years. The center is very nicely designed and extremely informative. You can explore the facility on your own, or center staff will happily offer a guided tour.

The center is open Tues.-Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and is located on the Fortune Bay Resort grounds, on Lake Vermilion. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for kids 4-12 and seniors, \$20 for families of four or more. 218-753-6017.

US HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

Hockey fans visiting the Lake Country won't want to miss a stop at the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Museum, in Eveleth. It's America's hockey showcase, highlighting and honoring the contributions to the game from outstanding coaches, players, and others who have helped promote American hockey through the years.

Eveleth has long been known as "The Capital of American Hockey" and enjoys a rich hockey tradition, having produced more top quality players than any community of its size in the country.

You'll find the hall of fame just off Hwy. 53 in Eveleth, where its big, white edifice sits prominently along the highway. It's open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Memorial Day-Labor Day. After Labor Day, it's open Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Adult admission: \$8, discounts for seniors and children age 17 and under. Visit www.ushockeyhall.com for more information.



READ A NEW BOOK

Local libraries are located in Cook, Orr, Ely, Virginia and Babbitt.



VISIT A FAMILY FRIENDLY FARM

Connecting people to animals and the land is the mission of Cook's Country Connection, near Cook. It's a petting zoo filled with everything from barnyard chickens, to llamas, to exotic pigs, and it's open to the public. Visit www.cookscountryconnection.com for times and prices.

FIND A FORECAST FOR THE NORTH SHORE

The weather is often different along the North Shore of Lake Superior. Check the weather for places like Silver Bay or Grand Marais and consider a day trip to the big lake. It's a lot closer than you think!



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LAKE COUNTRY HIKING TRAILS >>

There's no better way to put a little social distance between yourself and the rest of the world than with a hike in the Lake Country! Here are some trails that are definitely worth exploring.



VERMILION GORGE TRAIL

The Vermilion Gorge trailhead is located in the community of Crane Lake, 27 miles northeast of Orr. Trail parking is 0.1 mile past the U.S. Park Service office on the left. At a leisurely pace, you can hike this 1.5-mile one-way trail in about three hours. The first two-thirds of the trail is relatively easy, with a wide, gravel trail bed.

But once you reach the river, the trail turns upstream and narrows and the gravel fades to a natural trail surface. This is the steepest and most interesting part of the trail, and you'll notice a dramatic change in vegetation as you climb. The aspen/birch forest, with its dense understory, gives way to an open, park-like grove of red pine. Interpretive signs describe the historical development of the area, including logging, mineral prospecting, and the colorful fur trade era.

The deep gorge formed where the Vermilion River empties into Crane Lake is a dramatic sight and definitely worth the hike. But be careful with small children on this portion of the trail. The steep cliffs can be dangerous.

Stop in at the LaCroix Ranger District visitors center, on Hwy. 53 in Cook for a map of the trail.



Left: The Vermilion River Gorge

Above: Bear Head is a friendly and quiet state park located between Tower and Ely.

Above right: Don't forget your binoculars!

BASS LAKE TRAILS

Located six miles north of Ely just off the Echo Trail, the Bass Lake trails are among the most popular in the area. A series of loop trails circumnavigate Bass and Dry lakes, and a portion of Low Lake, and they take hikers through historically and ecologically unique terrain along the way. These trails have it all, including remote backpacking campsites, scenic overlooks, waterfalls, sandy beaches, and more.

Allow yourself at least four hours to hike the trail, longer if you want to pack a lunch, a swimsuit, and make a day of it. You'll want sturdy footwear, since the trail is rugged in many spots.

Bass and Low lakes occupy a long narrow basin that glaciers carved out of Pre-Cambrian rock. Prior to 1925, the two lakes were separated by a ridge of glacial gravel which acted as a natural dam between them. Logging operations in the area led to the construction of a sluiceway to move logs from Bass Lake to Low Lake, a drop of nearly 60 feet. Seepage soon weakened the sluiceway as water moved through the gravel adjacent to the structure. In April of 1925, the sluiceway and glacial ridge collapsed in a giant washout that created a 250-foot gorge in a matter of hours.

This catastrophe lowered the level of Bass Lake 55 feet in just ten hours. Bass Lake was reduced to about half its original size and two small lakes became isolated in the old lake bed. Approximately 250 acres of land was then exposed and a portion of the trail now winds along the former lakebed.

Pick up a trail guide at the U.S. Forest Service visitors center, located on Hwy. 169 on the east end of Ely.



BEAR HEAD LAKE & LAKE VERMILION STATE PARK TRAILS

While most people probably think of these parks for their namesake attractions, they each offer excellent hiking opportunities. Bear Head Lake, located halfway between Tower and Ely, offers a great selection of hiking trails through a wide variety of hilly terrain. Stop at the park office at the entry and pick up a trail map.

For years, visitors to the Soudan Underground Mine took the mine tour and assumed they'd seen all the park had to offer. In fact, there has long been great hiking at this park, much of it through beautiful old-growth pine. Park trails are generally wide and flat, and accessible to hikers of all abilities.

With the 3,500-acre addition that formed Lake Vermilion State Park, the number of trails has expanded and more trails are in the works. Visit the Soudan Mine visitors center for a map of all the latest trails.

SECRET/BLACKSTONE TRAIL

This gem of a trail system can be found near the end of the Fernberg Road, about 18 miles east of Ely. The 3.5-mile loop trail follows a winding path of moderate terrain, with a few steeper hills. The trail leads hikers from high scenic overlooks, to wetlands, to waterfalls. A mixed forest provides habitat for many species of wildlife, so don't be surprised to see signs of bear, wolves, or even moose. Much of the surrounding forest was heavily damaged by the massive 1999 blowdown that flattened nearly 350,000 acres of the Superior National Forest, so it is a good spot to see the forest's recovery.

The trail's ultimate destination is a rock cliff overlooking Ennis Lake. The cliff is popular with rock climbers and it provides an outstanding vista.

Pick up a trail guide at the U.S. Forest Service visitors center, located on Hwy. 169 on the east end of Ely.

Area Churches



Trinity Lutheran Church

231 2nd St SE, Cook, MN 55723
218-666-5965 • www.trinitycook.org
Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. On-site services are currently suspended. Online services are available at www.facebook.com/TLC.Cook.MN

Evangelical Covenant Church

11 SE 2nd St., Cook, MN 55723
218-666-2266 • *Pastor Linda Freeman*
Services: Sunday 10 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

124 5th St SE, Cook, MN 55723
218-666-5334 • Masses: Sunday 8 a.m.,
Tuesday 9 a.m., Thursday 8 a.m.
www.stmmhc.com

CRANE LAKE

Crane Lake Chapel

7399 Handberg Rd, Crane Lake, MN
55725. Sunday Service 11:30 a.m.
Parsonage 218-757-3336

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St. Anthony's Catholic Church

231 E Camp St, Ely, MN 55731
218-365-4017 • Masses:
Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.
Tues, Thurs & Fri 8 a.m.
Please visit our website for parish events
and offerings, www.stanthonysely.org

Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA)

301 E Conan St, Ely, MN 55731
218-365-5605 • Sunday Worship
Service 9:30 a.m. Handicap accessible.
Nursery available.

First Lutheran Church (LCMS)

915 E Camp St, Ely, MN 55731
218-365-3348 • Sunday Worship
Service 10:30 a.m. • *Interim Pastor John
Grohs.* secretary@firstlutheranely.org
www.FirstLutheranEly.org

Praise Fellowship Center

302 E Boundary St, Ely, MN 55731
218-365-6033 • Sunday Bible Class
9 a.m. • Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

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church website for service times and information
due to the COVID-19 pandemic...**

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

715 S Central Ave, Ely, MN 55731
218-409-6870 • Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church

226 E Harvey St., Ely, MN 55731
218-365-5130 • Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Find COVID-related updates at
elypresbyterian.org/ThisWeek.

Ely United Methodist Church

305 E Camp St., Ely, MN 55731
Pastor Craig Haberman
218-365-3355. www.elyumc.org
Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.
Please call or check our website for service
times.

Ledgerock Community Church

1515 E Camp St, Ely, MN 55731
218-365-4890. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Men's & Women's Bible Study,
Tuesday 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school for all ages 11 a.m.

EMBARRASS

Evangelical Free Church of Embarrass
5606 Taylor Rd, Embarrass, MN 55732
218-984-3402 • Sunday School 9 a.m.
Please call or check our website for current
service schedules. Sunday Worship at
10:30 a.m. www.efreechurch.com
Listen to messages at sermonaudio.com/efce

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Holy Cross Catholic Church

10696 Shady Grove Ln, Orr, MN 55771
218-757-3273 • Masses: Saturday 5 p.m.,
Thursday 5:30 p.m. www.stmmhc.com

SOUDAN

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

36 Church St, Soudan, MN 55782
218-753-5341 • Services: Sunday
8:30 a.m. with Communion • *Pastor Greg
Anderson* • Contemporary service last
Sunday of month with music.

TOWER

St. Martin's Catholic Church

108 N Second St, Tower, MN 55790
218-753-4310 • Masses: Sunday 10:30
a.m., Wednesday 9 a.m., Friday 8 a.m.
Confessions are a half hour before Masses
Adoration: Wednesday 8 a.m., Friday 7
a.m. www.stmmhc.com

St. James Presbyterian Church

302 Spruce St, Tower, MN 55790
218-753-6005 • Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
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Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Daisy Bay Beach House

Hard to Find South-Facing Exposure on Vermilion.

TOWER, MINNESOTA This is a secluded one owner Lake Vermilion Estate with a South-facing sand beach and island studded views of Daisy & Big Bays. It is set back off a paved road on 250 feet of shoreline and is close to town, golf, and dining. The home was custom built in 2007. It includes 3,708 square feet, three bedrooms, a loft and three baths in the main home. Amenities include a prow front ash great room with a two story stone fireplace, and floor-to-ceiling glass that opens to a 54 foot lakefront deck. A huge stainless/granite/hickory kitchen with a buffet and island opens to the lakeside dining and great room. The lakeside main floor master bedroom has a walk-in closet, a granite bath, and a glass door to the lakefront deck. The walkout

lower level has two bedrooms and a family room with a full bar that opens to the 54 foot lakefront patio. The yard is gradual and leads to the sandy shore. There is in floor heat on all three floors, central air, central vac, and a covered entry. One of the additional structures is a three car garage with an apartment above that features a bedroom, a bath, a granite kitchen, and in floor heat on both levels. An extra garage features a rec room above. There is a double rail boathouse and three docks. Seasonal waterfall. Whole house sound including outside.

OFFERED AT	\$949,000	
DETAILS	3+ BED/3 BATH	3,708 SF
	1.38 ACRES	250 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB	JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138904	



Private Peninsula on Vermilion's Norwegian Bay

Like Driving to Your Own Island.

COOK, MINNESOTA A private peninsula estate on Lake Vermilion. Just 18 miles to town or the airport. The 8,000 square foot home was custom built to welcome family and friends and to showcase views of the water from almost every room. There are 4 bedrooms - each a master suite, 7 bathrooms, 4 fireplaces, and a hidden wine cellar. The timeless exterior is limestone with a slate roof and copper gutters, chimneys, and turret tops. Similar to the Glensheen mansion, the foyer was designed with two grand entrances, one roadside and one lakeside. Whether your company arrives by car or boat, there are beautiful entrance doors on either side of the home to welcome them. A large gourmet kitchen is open to the great room

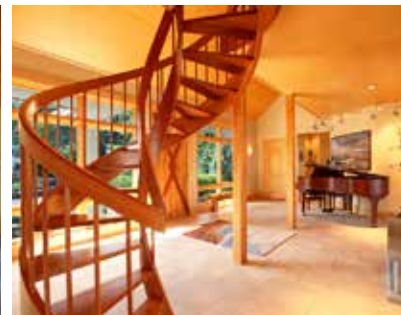
and the bar. Fireplaces accent both the great room and bar. The bar is open to the screen porch with a slate floor. Custom Alder cabinetry supports Brown Leather granite and marble countertops. A main floor lakeside master suite has a gas fireplace and its own turret with glass doors to a lakeside patio. It has an expansive walk in closet as well as a spacious bathroom with a whirlpool tub. Additional amenities include a backup generator, manicured grounds, a boathouse, a dock, and an attached 3+ stall garage with a fitness room and sauna above.

OFFERED AT	\$3,985,000	
DETAILS	4 BED/7 BATH	8,000 SF
	23 ACRES	2,780 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB	JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#137821	

Lake Superior Vistas

HOVLAND, MN A premier custom builder's private estate at waters edge on Lake Superior! Just 18 mi to Grand Marais, 15 to Isle Royale Ferry, 22 to Canada. Mesmerizing views of Lake Superior toward Isle Royale. Set on 279 ft coastline & 2 wooded acres. Custom built by master builder for his family, 3+BR-all main floor lakeview/3BTH cedar sided home, attached 2 stall garage, workshop. Great room offers natural light pouring in window walls, soapstone fireplace, in-floor heat & glass doors open to 80 ft lakefront deck. Stainless/granite kitchen with island open to lakeside great room & dining room. Lakeside main floor master with fireplace, bath with lakeview tub, glass doors open to lakefront deck. Main floor guest BRs. Upstairs lakeside office could be addl BR. Walkout garden level. Additional frontage & acreage available.

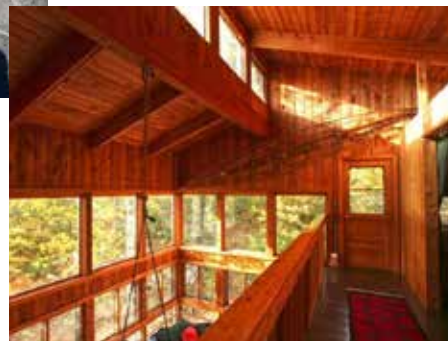
OFFERED AT \$1,450,000
DETAILS 3 BED/3 BATH 4,877 SF
 2 ACRES 279 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138384



One-of-a-kind Retreat

COOK, MN One of a kind very rare waterfront property on one of Nat Geo's Top 10 Most Scenic Lakes in the USA, Lake Vermilion. Property includes private island, private bay, one mile of shoreline, 46 acres adjoining state/state forest lands, 3 cabins grandfathered on waters edge, excellent swimming & fishing, sunrise and sunset vistas across sparkling blue water. Located in an area of breathtaking scenery in Wakemup Bay with miles of pristine coastline. See survey for potential to divide into 9 lots with the island being lot 10. Currently water access w/potential to build road. Stewardship of this land dates back to the Lakota/Ojibwe & the Voyageurs. In the last 60 years, several generations have gathered here to share major events such as weddings, newborns spending the first weeks of life & family retreats. Create your own stories with every visit!

OFFERED AT \$1,750,000
DETAILS 4 BED/1 BATH 2,080 SF
 46 ACRES 5,288 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#137705





North Arm Tranquility

ELY, MN Master Builder Bissonett's own historic family estate set in towering pines at waters edge on the North Arm, Burntside Lake, Just outside of Ely. Home features sunsets over 411 feet of sugar sand shoreline, 9.2 acres (with an additional 40 acres available). Ideal location off Echo Trail in Boundary Waters area, just 15 miles to Ely. One vertical log wall remains of the original 1890 cabin/school, which was likely the oldest building on Burntside Lake. Built in 2000, this is a 2,314 SF, 2 bedroom (potentially 3)/2 bath West-facing home that is about 30 feet from the water. Other features include a level, park like yard, a 40x30 workshop with high ceilings, in-floor heat and 1 bed/1 bath guest quarters above, another 3 stall insulated garage, a guest cabin, a sauna guest cabin, a boathouse w/rails, and 2 docks.



OFFERED AT \$990,500
DETAILS 2 BED/2 BATH 2,314 SF
 9.2 ACRES 411 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138702



Niles Bay Lodge

COOK, MN Easy one level living at private Lake Vermilion estate offers panoramic island studded views. Meticulously built by professional contractors in 2014. End of road location on coveted Niles Bay. 2 acres, 258 feet of excellent swimming shoreline. 13 mi to town/airport & 2 mi to marina/convenience store. 3 bed/2 bath home, vaulted great rm w/massive wood burning fireplace. Upscale kitchen w/island open to great rm, dining & heated screen porch, all lakeside. Main flr lakeside King suite. Main flr guest BR & BTH. Spacious open loft w/water view. In flr heat, cent air, drilled well, back up generator. No stairs—easy drive from house to garages or boathouse. 3 stall garage with 1 bed/1 bath guest quarters above (in flr heat both flrs). Another heated 2 stall garage, a heated boathouse w/rails, and dock. T dock for sunsets on the point!



OFFERED AT \$894,500
DETAILS 3 BED/2 BATH 2,274 SF
 2 ACRES
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#139272

Riverside Country Sanctuary

MT. IRON, MN Private estate built by contractor for his family, set on wooded acres featuring a river & 2 ponds. Beautiful country views & abundant wildlife! Just 15 mi to Virginia or 10 to Hibbing. Custom built 2003, cedar sided home w/ lg attached garage, covered & enclosed porches riverside. Cedar sauna log cabin, 48x36 detached garage w/in-flr heat, 60x36 detached garage w/36x20 heated workshop. Vaulted great rm w/massive firepl & natural light pouring in two story tall windows, open to covered porch, firepit patio & 3 season porch w/hanging bed—all along the river. Hickory/granite/SubZero kitchen features Aga stove & 2 islands, open to DR & south patio. Main flr master BR, bth & laundry. Upstairs master BR & fam rm/office/potential BR, each open to a private deck overlooking river. Spacious loft BR. Wine cellar. Addl acreage available.

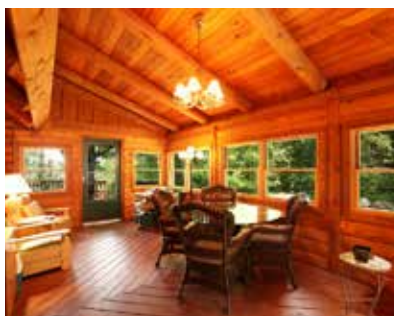
OFFERED AT \$889,500
DETAILS 3 BED/3 BATH 5,240 SF
31.9 ACRES 3,858 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138967



Voyageur Log Lake Home

TOWER, MN Secluded Lake Vermilion Voyageur Log Home w/excellent swimming shoreline, private gradual lot near end of road, towering old growth white pines, beautiful views! Just 5 mi to town, championship golf, dining. 2,400 SF, 3B/3B home, 3 car garage, boat-house. Lakefront great rm w/natural light pouring in two story tall Anderson windows, massive stone firepl, glass doors open to 3 season porch & lakefront cedar deck. Hickory/granite kitchen w/sit around L & slate flr open to living & dining—all lakeside. Main flr master w/ ensuite bath. Up log stairs is reading/game rm overlooking lake & BR w/own deck & full bth. Spacious walkout garden level offers family rm w/barnwood trim & gas firepl; bth w/ heated flr; BR (no egress) or office/studio, laundry rm. Cent air, covered entry, open yard for activities, well, newer septic, good internet.

OFFERED AT \$595,000
DETAILS 3 BED/3 BATH 2,400 SF
2.25 ACRES 176 FT SHORELINE
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Rest & Relax, Big Bay

TOWER, MN Private peninsula retreat on Lake Vermilion features 2 classic cabins, historic lighthouse/gazebo on point, extra large wet boathouse w/electricity & water, sauna, building site at location of steamboat era resort lodge with gradual slope to water. Ideal location between Canfield & Big Bays—see sunrise views across Big Bay into Armstrong Bay & sunset views all the way into Daisy Bay (5 mile views). Set on 2,925 feet of S, SW, E & N-Facing shoreline. Original lodge burned in 1959 leaving huge level building site, privacy is assured & commands outstanding views. Original year round caretakers cabin has 1BR/1BTH, vaulted sun room open to deck, stone paths, outdoor stone hearth. Yr rnd log cabin has 2BR/1BTH, massive fireplace, screened porch. Nostalgic lighted paths. 3 dock sites. Floatplane harbor. Room for helipad.

OFFERED AT \$749,500
DETAILS 2 BED/1 BATH 1,044 SF
 21.25 ACRES 2,952 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138145



Hunters Farm Paradise

COOK, MN From the waterfall to the walleye fishing to the hay fields and prepared hunting features, this property has it all! 280 Acres of rare prime farmland between Tower and Cook located on 2,200' of Rice River Frontage. Just 12 miles to the Lake Vermilion public launch. Buildings include a 36x26 heated shop with a high bay door, a 80x40 machine shed, a 60x34 barn, and a 1,600 SF farmhouse w/wood and oil heat. The property features trails and culverts to access everything, a 1.5 acre duck and fishing pond, hunting stand locations, active hay fields, and great walleye fishing, even a 13' circumference Oak tree! Purchase this unique property and use it as the ultimate hunting property or farm it as in the past.

OFFERED AT \$495,000
DETAILS 3 BED/2 BATH 1,621 SF
 280 ACRES 2,200 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#137625

Big Sturgeon Comfort and Class

SIDELAKE, MN Custom lake home at waters edge with sandy swimming shoreline, private level lot, beautiful blue water views! Brick home on S.-facing lakeshore w/att & det garages. 2 story tall great room with natural light, two sided gas fireplace. Spacious lakeside DR, mission style glass doors to huge lakefront patio. Stainless kitchen. Main floor lakeside master. Dock & private boat launch!

OFFERED AT \$499,000
DETAILS 3 BED/4 BATH 3,310 SF
2.19 ACRES 150 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138381



Log Lake Home, Secluded Bay

ELY, MN Handscribed log home, private peninsula & bay! Set on gently sloping mature forest & 1,382 feet of shoreline, Little Long Lake—incredibly clear water, sunrise to sunset views! Home w/living, dining, kitchen, loft, rec rm & all BRs lakeside. Glass drs to lakefront deck. Walkout LL. Level path to point w/firepit, picnic & hammock area. 2 docks.

OFFERED AT \$747,500
DETAILS 3 BED/2 BATH 2,891 SF
5.5 ACRES 1,382 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138682



Lake Superior Retreat

HOVLAND, MN Secluded Lake Superior retreat set at waters edge on easily accessed ledgerrock beach, mesmerizing views of Lake Superior just North of Grand Marais! Mulfinger designed & built by renowned contractor Kemp. 2 lakeside Master BR/2BTH home. 2 stall garage w/room for guest quarters above. Stone fireplace, glass doors open to wrap around covered porches. Cedar sauna. Furnished.

OFFERED AT \$729,000
DETAILS 2 BED/2 BATH 1,647 SF
8.4 ACRES 300 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138173



Cascade Beach - Lutsen Getaway

LUTSEN, MN Cascade Beach! Secluded Lake Superior year round retreat at waters edge ledgerrock beach & incredible water views! Set back off paved Scenic 61—no road noise. Only 10 mi to ski & golf at Lutsen. Knotty pine home w/2 stall garage. Vaulted great room w/pegged oak floor, cobblestone fireplace & floor-ceiling glass open to wrap around deck. Spacious loft w/room for at least 2 beds.

OFFERED AT \$698,500
DETAILS 3 BED/1 BATH 1,903 SF
4.94 ACRES 309 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138185



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Sunset Beach Home, Vermilion

TOWER, MN Lake Vermilion Fectos Point beach house! Dig your toes into the sand or relax in your beachfront livingroom as the sun sinks down into the water—see 4 miles all the way across Frazer Bay. Updated home, 2 stall garage w/guest quarters above, boathouse, two docks. Lakeside kitchen, dining & living room open to deck & screen porch. Lakeside king suite w/private bath & doors to the beach.

OFFERED AT \$698,500
DETAILS 3 BED/2 BATH 2,010 SF
 1 ACRE 160 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138444



Murphy Lake Log Home

EVELETH, MN Stunning log home set on secluded Murphy Lake, level lot w/S.-facing shoreline, just 10 minutes to Eveleth & Virginia, 20 to Hibbing, 45 to Duluth. One owner home, 2 stall gar w/yr rnd apt above, guest cabin at waters edge. Vaulted great room w/fireplace & floor-ceiling glass lakeside open to wrap around deck. Custom kitchen. Spacious loft w/bath & room for at least 2 beds.

OFFERED AT \$424,900
DETAILS 2 BED/3 BATH 2,260 SF
 3 ACRES 206 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#137927



Fall Lake Beauty, Edge of BWCA

ELY, MN Secluded like-new lake home offers main flr living, sandy swimming, private gradual lot! S-facing shoreline on Fall Lake w/opp. shoreline the waterfall, 7 mi to Ely & a short paddle into the BWCA! Vaulted great rm, full length sun rm, wrap around lakefront deck. Maple kitch w/Silestone counters & island. Walkout LL, lakeside patio & screen porch. Steel roof, 3 car gar, sauna, dock.

OFFERED AT \$595,000
DETAILS 3 BED/2 BATH 2,614 SF
 2.3 ACRES 220 FT SHORELINE
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Eagles Nest Chain Yr-Rnd Home

ELY, MN Furnished private peninsula lake home on level lot w/390 feet of shoreline near end of dead end road & across from 100's of acres of St. & Fed. land - coveted Eagles Nest chain! Ideal location between Ely & Tower. Cedar sided home, 2 stall gar., sauna bldg, 2 docks. Vaulted LR w/pine ceiling, fireplace front stove & door to lakefront deck. Open eat-in kitchen showcasing great lake views.

OFFERED AT \$485,000
DETAILS 3 BEDS/2 BATH 1,140 SF
 1.5 ACRES 390 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138193

Frazer Bay Cabin & Building Site

TOWER, MN Secluded Lake Vermilion setting near end of road on Frazer Bay. Offers S.-facing sand swimming shore, gradual lot, yr round cedar sided guest home, 3 stall insulated garage, dbl rail boathouse, dock, sauna, insulated bunkhouse & room to build new home w/mesmerizing island studded view! Log cabin sauna at waters edge. Underground water, sewer & electric installed to building site.

OFFERED AT \$424,500
DETAILS 1 BED/1 BATH 1,344 SF
6 ACRES 200 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138566



Lake Superior Serenity

HOVLAND, MN Waters edge cottage tucked into beautiful Chicago Bay on Lake Superior just North of Grand Marais. Totally remodeled by Master Builder. This yr-round cabin is your dream getaway retreat offering sweeping big water views from the vaulted living room & the lakefront deck. Relax in front of the fireplace as the waves crash onto the shore & the orange moon rises!

OFFERED AT \$324,500
DETAILS 2 BED/1 BATH 960 SF
1 ACRE 200 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138385



Armstrong Lake Home - 9 Acres

ELY, MN Easy one level living in this one owner lake home with mesmerizing blue water vistas on 9 private acres & S.-facing shoreline, set off paved Hwy 169 in beautiful Eagles Nest area, close to State parks, town, golf, dining. 3+ stall garage. Prow front great room with natural light & lakefront views, stone firepl, glass doors open to lakeside deck. Kitchen with sit around island.

OFFERED AT \$315,000
DETAILS 2 BED/2 BATH 1,050 SF
9 ACRES 690 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138609



Excellent Cabin w/Sand Beach

COOK, MN Exceptional Lake Vermilion log retreat at waters edge, prime Frazer Bay! Private level lot w/sandy swimming area, island studded E. & S. views from 2 docks. Great location - walking distance to Mom & Pop Store & full marina close by. Cabin grandfathered in at waters edge. Lakefront deck & large yard for activities lakeside. Shed. Dock.

OFFERED AT \$349,500
DETAILS 2 BED/1 BATH 616 SF
1.17 ACRES 224 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#137910





Niles Bay Hideaway

COOK, MN Easy one level Lake Vermilion living at waters edge! Newer year round home, private level lot, E.-facing sunrise views all the way across Niles Bay! Vaulted great rm offers water view, wood stove, doors to lakefront deck. Full basement offers open BR, area for another BR or fam rm. In flr heat. Huge 40x30 3 stall garage, screened gazebo, firepit at waters edge. Dock. Good internet.

OFFERED AT \$445,000
DETAILS 3 BED/2 BATH 1,322 SF
 2 ACRES 325 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138962



Frazer Bay Year Round Home

TOWER, MN Furnished one level Lake Vermilion yr-rnd retreat w/mesmerizing island studded views of prime Frazer Bay! Private gradual lot w/swimming shoreline, close to town, golf, dining. Lakefront livingroom w/firepl open to spacious deck. Kitchen w/island open to living, dining & vistas. Lakeside master BR w/door to deck. 2 stall garage. Immaculate boathouse. Sauna at waters edge. Dock.

OFFERED AT \$389,000
DETAILS 2 BED/1 BATH 1,136 SF
 0.6 ACRES 100 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#137141



Echo Trail Getaway

ELY, MN Secluded Echo Trail cabin with modern comforts - nestled deep in the forest, just 5 miles to Ely, easy access to area lakes, trails & BW. Yr-round retreat w/separate sauna & storage bldgs. Open layout of main floor features spacious LR opening to large 3 season porch. Upstairs, beautiful loft BR. Home features gas & elec lights. Generator in its own bldg, drilled well. Addl acreage available.

OFFERED AT \$229,500
DETAILS 1 BED/1 BATH 1,052 SF
 40 ACRES
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#137928



Sunrises on Bear Island Lake

BABBITT, MN Updated & well maintained year round lake home on E.-facing shoreline, Bear Island Lake. Private gradual 2 acres adjoining 100's of acres of St. land & near public beach & launch, Beautiful island studded views, 15 mi paved rd to Ely! Cedar sided home w/ attached 2 car garage. Spacious kitchen, glass door to lakefront deck. Wilkout LL, open yard, storage bldg.

OFFERED AT \$424,500
DETAILS 3 BED/3 BATH 2,520 SF
 2.2 ACRES 350 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#137513

Wilderness Retreat

ELY, MN Secluded Echo Trail wilderness log cabin retreat back in the woods - 35 acres adjoining 1,000's of acres of St. & Fed. land at edge of the BWCA, 7 mi to Ely. One room log cabin offers wood stove for heat, propane cookstove, living and dining areas, loft bedroom, covered front porch. Wood fired sauna guest cabin has changing room, covered front porch and sauna benches convert to bunk beds.

OFFERED AT \$149,500
DETAILS 1 BED/PRIVY 384 SF
35 ACRES
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#137931



Peaceful Isle of Pines Home

TOWER, MN Drive across the bridge to Isle of Pines on Lake Vermilion & leave your stress on the Mainland! Year round one level home set on gradual lot in towering pines w/ distant views of Lake Vermilion, access to your own dock on Daisy Bay, 2 stall garage, abundant wildlife. Granite kitchen w/island open to great rm w/vaulted ceiling, fireplace, glass doors to large wrap around deck in the pines.

OFFERED AT \$349,500
DETAILS 3 BED/1 BATH 1,309 SF
2.8 ACRES LAKE VERMILION ACCESS
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138459



Ely Lake Historic Estate

EVELETH, MN Waterfront historic estate set on paved dead end road on Ely Lake. Whole point lot features lots of shoreline, sandy swimming, mesmerizing views across the lake, 10 mi to town. Originally built 1920, huge addition 1972. Grand old home has great bones, 3 fireplaces, sun porch, waterfront deck, level park like yard, 2 stall garage, boathouse w/guest quarters ready to be refurbished.

OFFERED AT \$338,500
DETAILS 5 BED/4 BATH 3,908 SF
1.7 ACRES 550 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138704



Giants Ridge Area Lake Home

AURORA, MN Easy one level lake living in this well kept home w/spacious lakeside yard & 3 stall garage! Set on paved road on Embarrass Lake. Excellent swimming shoreline w/boat launch. Kitchen open to dining & living w/glass door to deck & lake view. 3BR/2BTH all on main floor, lakesidemaster & guest BRs. Walkout LL w/bath, sauna, office, huge unfinished recroom w/glass French doors.

OFFERED AT \$324,500
DETAILS 3 BED/3 BATH 2,912 SF
1.3 ACRES 162 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138876





Whiteface Reservoir Beachhouse

MAKINEN, MN Beachhouse at waters edge on S.-facing sand beach, 2.4 gently sloping acres! Whiteface Reservoir, just 30 mi to Virginia/40 to Duluth. Yr-rnd retreat: 2BR/1BTH home + guest cabin in heated 60x40 garage w/lakeside patio. Basswood livingrm w/stone firepl featuring petrified wood & rocks from all over the world, open to waterfront porch. Patio, firepit, dock.

OFFERED AT \$324,500
DETAILS 3 BED/1 BATH 1,214 SF
 2.44 ACRES 207 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138985



Basswood Beauty

ELY, MN Fabulous Basswood Log Cabin! Armstrong Lake home set back off paved rd, Eagles Nest area between Ely & Tower. Gradual lot w/S.-facing swimming shoreline, sunrise to sunset water views w/opp. shoreline pristine forest. Vaulted great rm, gas fireplace & window walls lake-side, wrap around deck. Lakeside BR. Basswood paneling throughout - each piece selected by custom guitar maker.

OFFERED AT \$298,500
DETAILS 2 BED/1 BATH 900 SF
 2.5 ACRES 425 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#137706



Endless Views of Vermilion

TOWER, MN Walls of glass showcase miles of picturesque coastline. Custom year-round home, built to emphasize the stunning view. Private setting on acres of towering pines, rock outcroppings & S.-facing shore. Kitchen w/island open to great rm w/wood stove & doors to wrap around deck. Lakeside main flr master. Walkout LL w/BR & family room. Dock.

OFFERED AT \$479,000
DETAILS 4 BED/2 BATH 2,235 SF
 3.3 ACRES 265 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138565



Riverfront Farm on 120 Acres

EVELETH, MN Updated historic square log farmhouse on 120 acres at end of road featuring river, fields & woods, open yard, space to garden, Easy access to area lakes & trails. Beautiful country views & abundant wildlife! 15 mi to Virginia. Barn, guest cabin, garage, 2 sheds. Artisan well. Huge farmhouse kitchen open to livingroom w/glass door & river view. Enclosed front porch. Prime hunting.

OFFERED AT \$239,500
DETAILS 2 BED/1 BATH 1,624 SF
 120 ACRES 4,710 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#137819

Eshquaguma Classic Cabin

GILBERT, MN Furnished retreat in the pines at waters edge - S.-facing sandy shore w/stunning sunsets, Lake Eshquaguma. Solidly built 1964, updated 1975, new roof & vinyl siding 2006. Privately owned not a lease. Open floorplan w/incredible blue water vistas through the pines, glass door to deck, great retro kitchen w/metal cabinets. Gentle slope to open level yard lakeside, dock.

OFFERED AT \$195,500
DETAILS 1 BED/1 BATH 720 SF
1.42 ACRES 110 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#139123



Giants Ridge Villa

BIWABIK, MN Giants Ridge Golf & Ski Resort. Furnished 2BD/2BTH/2 jetted tub Villa at bottom of Ski Hill (lockout w/2nd kitchen). Between Golf Courses, steps away from beach, pool, hot tub & tennis, near biking & snowmobile trails, walk to lodge, dining, spa! Kitchen open to living room with gas fireplace & slope side deck. Potential income via optional rental program w/onsite management.

OFFERED AT \$99,500
DETAILS 2 BED/2 BATH 1,088 SF
WYNNE LAKE ACCESS
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138874



Giants Ridge Condo at The Lodge

BIWABIK, MN Giants Ridge Golf & Ski Resort. Immaculate furnished 1BD/1BTH Condo in The Lodge at Ski Hill, next to championship Legends Golf Course. Shared use of docks on Wynne & Sabin lakes, beach. Near biking & snowmobile trails. Ski in/ski out Lodge offers dining, spa, pool & hot tub. Potential income via optional rental program w/onsite management. Assoc fee includes utilities.

OFFERED AT \$69,500
DETAILS 1 BED/1 BATH 504 SF
WYNNE LAKE ACCESS
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138877



Updated Country Home, 18 Acres

TOWER, MN One level updated country home on 18 acres w/open area for garden, 2 stall att. gar., 2 stall det. gar. + wood shop, 1940 era wood burning sauna, beautiful views & abundant wildlife! Just 18 mi to Virginia, 5 to Lake Vermilion. Built 2004, kitchen w/new stainless apls, countertops & sink. Roof less than ten years old. Central Air. Maint free ext. Great country home! Ready to move in!

OFFERED AT \$224,500
DETAILS 2 BED/2 BATH 1,300 SF
18.2 ACRES
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM





Long Lake Serenity

EVELETH, MN Year round redwood cottage set back off road in towering pines on private Long Lake, just 3 mi to Eveleth/airport. Beautifully remodeled new kitchen w/ quartz counters, lakeside deck & bath. Sandy West-facing shoreline offers gorgeous sunsets. Livingrm & 3 bedrms open to water views, cobblestone patio. Open yard for activities, dock, city sewer, htd 2 stall gar. w/storage above.

OFFERED AT \$274,500
DETAILS 4 BED/2 BATH 2,531 SF
 1.5 ACRES 100 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM



940 Feet of Hwy 53 Frontage

COOK, MN Highway 53 frontage (the Interstate to Canada) & 18.39 acres just 3 miles South of Cook near the airport & 25 miles North of Virginia. Two driveway approaches, north entrance for 12 ton. 32x27 year round 2 bedroom home, 82x46 steel building with 3 phase power & 220, 88 x 24 open air pole barn, 37 x 14 storage bldg. Well.

OFFERED AT \$144,900
DETAILS 2 BED HOME STEEL BUILDING POLE BARN
 18.39 ACRES
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138569



Pup North is For Sale!

EVELETH, MN A dog lovers dream job! Thriving boarding business and an updated country home on 20 acres. 12 miles to Virginia and 1 hour to Duluth. Business has financeable books and a great reputation! Home features 2 fireplaces, a large office, master suite, screen porch, and a workshop. 3 stall htd gar. Addl 28x16 gar. Kennel has large reception area, 2 fenced runs, 24 pens, and laundry facilities.

OFFERED AT \$550,000
DETAILS 3 BED/2 BATH 2,936 SF
 20 ACRES 24 PEN KENNEL/2 RUNS
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138565



Historic Iron Ore Bar

TOWER, MN No major upgrades required to reopen & lots of room to build your own condos. Solid bldg, prime location visible from the bridge in Tower w/those going to Ely passing by every day. Steps away from only in town docking on Vermilion. 3-story concrete bldg w/living quarters, hwy & river frontage. Updated electrical. Incredible potential for brewpub w/riverside deck & shops or lodging.

OFFERED AT \$138,500
DETAILS BAR/APARTMENT/EXPANSION ROOM
 1.34 ACRES 8,400 SF BUILDING
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138666

Pine Island Seclusion

TOWER, MN Secluded Lake Vermilion year round retreat in protected bay near Moccasin Pt, breathtaking sunset views! Short boat ride to mainland. Furnished—easily sleeps 10. Two story great room w/white washed wood walls, oak floor & window wall lakeside open to wrap around deck. Loft w/2 BRs both w/water views. Gradual park like grounds with side by side path to waters edge. Dock.

OFFERED AT \$395,000
DETAILS 3 BED/2 BATH 1,475 SF
4.3 ACRES 400 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138001



Gold Island Retreat

TOWER, MN Secluded island retreat w/shoreline & docks both sides of island, sand beach, private gradual lot, mesmerizing views! Gold Island - Lake Vermilion. Short boat ride to mainland. 1/2 log sided retreat, 2BD Main Cabin + 1 BD Guest Cabin + Sauna on beach at waters edge. Main cabin offers walls of windows showcasing views of both shorelines, stone fireplace, lakefront decks both sides.

OFFERED AT \$398,500
DETAILS 2 BED/1 BATH 1,768 SF
4.5 ACRES 1,200 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#137995



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Burntside - Two Private Islands

ELY, MN Two private islands w/grandfathered cabin on premier Burntside Lake, secluded retreat in Natl Forest, surrounded by 360° blue water vistas & no other homes in sight. This is an area of breathtaking scenery. Sunbeam, the northern 0.8 acre island, has cabin w/wood burning stove & bldg for sauna. The adjacent 4.5 acre island is buildable following Planning & Zoning guidelines.

OFFERED AT \$748,500
DETAILS 1 BED/PRIVY 240 SF
 5.3 ACRES 2,850 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#139009



Log Cabin - Ely Island

TOWER, MN Secluded Ely Island log cabin w/panoramic faraway views set in towering pines & rock outcroppings on Lake Vermilion, Short boat ride to McKinley or Stuntz Bay Landings, excellent swimming shoreline in cove out of wind. Yr rnd retreat. Vaulted livingrm w/firepl front gas stove open to coverd lakeside deck. Open loft BR & waterfront fam rm. Drilled well & good internet.

OFFERED AT \$284,900
DETAILS 3 BED/2 BATH 1,479 SF
 2.68 ACRES 265 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138938



Big Bay Getaway

TOWER, MN Private island retreat, Lake Vermilion, secluded swimming area, grandfathered wet boathouse, towering pines, panoramic Views. Located in an area of breathtaking scenery where there are sparkling bright blue bays & miles of picturesque coastline adjoining the state park. Furnished 2BR classic lake cabin w/firepl, new roof. Screenhouse w/firepl & deck. S & SW sunset views.

OFFERED AT \$319,000
DETAILS 2 BED/PRIVY 546 SF
 8.5 ACRES 1,775 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138289



Island Log Home & Mainland Lot

TOWER, MN Island retreat, Lake Vermilion. Yr rnd log home + mainland access lot w/huge garage, dock & room for cabin. Excellent shoreline, gradual landscaped lot, Vaulted great rm w/2 story tall windows, doors to lakefront deck. Black Alder & granite kitchen open to great rm & dining. Lakeside master w/lakefront screen porch & deck. 2 dormered lakeside BRs & bth. Lakefront firepit, 3 docks.

OFFERED AT \$598,500
DETAILS 3 BED/3 BATH 1,748 SF
 1 ACRE 200 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138002



Burntside

ELY, MN Breathtaking 62 acre legacy property. Large old growth forest with 1,402 ft of shoreline at the end of the road on

Burntside Lake adjoining the BWCA. Choice of building sites, good road access & electricity. Giant pines, trails, rock outcroppings peninsulas & protected coves.

OFFERED AT \$889,000
DETAILS 62.8 ACRES 1,402 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138465



Vermilion

TOWER, MN Secluded Lake Vermilion acreage — 17 acres at end of road, towering pines! Just 5 mi to town, championship golf,

dining. Cabin or lake home could be positioned just 75 ft from water. Choice of building sites, potential to subdivide. Easy year round road access & electric nearby.

OFFERED AT \$249,500
DETAILS 17.8 ACRES 424 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138012



Vermilion

COOK, MN Rare South-facing road accessible parcels adjoining 1,000's of acres of State land - unrestricted South/Southwest

sunset views all the way across Niles Bay. Park like forest of giant whispering pines. Surveyed, septic sites, electricity nearby. Adjacent lots available.

OFFERED AT \$214,500-\$275,000
DETAILS 4.6-16.1 ACRES 247-455 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#139296,97,98



Giants Ridge

BIWABIK, MN Rare, large lots with city utilities, paved road. Prime location in quiet bay at Giants Ridge Golf & Ski Resort. Great building sites with high ground. Simple Covenants.

OFFERED AT \$99,500-\$129,500
DETAILS 5.2-8.5 ACRES 400-2,300 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138907-16



Superior

HOVLAND, MN The Lake Superior homesite of your dreams! Beautiful level building site w/gradual slope to water

on Chicago Bay & stunning views of Lake Superior. Spectacular rock outcropping behind building site. Community septic system and electricity.

OFFERED AT \$234,500
DETAILS 1.24 ACRES 215 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138383



Vermilion

TOWER, MN Exceptional 6.8 acre parcel along paved Moccasin Pt Rd. Property offers a choice of prime building site or home for

your RV. Towering pines, rock outcroppings, just minutes from public landings and marinas. Easy yr round access, minutes to town on paved roads. Electric & telephone at road.

OFFERED AT \$49,900
DETAILS 6.8 ACRES
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138717



Burntside

ELY, MN Two lots - Incredible setting for the Burntside Lake home or cabin of your dreams! One of the best views on Burntside! Just 7

paved miles South of Ely, forest of towering red pines & rock outcroppings with spectacular view across the main body of the lake towards the sunset. Electric at road.

OFFERED AT \$394,500 or \$495,000
DETAILS 2.6-3.7 ACRES 205-365 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138085, 86



Superior

SILVER BAY, MN Incredible Lake Superior views from this 52.5 acre parcel. Towering pines and high ground abutting State land to the

West. Develop this property or use it as great hunting land. Many building sites with great lake views. 11 miles from Silver Bay, 3 miles from Hwy 61 and minutes from Hwy 6.

OFFERED AT \$195,000
DETAILS 52.5 ACRES
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138756



Vermilion

COOK, MN Drive to the Lake Vermilion homesite of your dreams. SW-facing natural shoreline. Great building site with high ground, beautiful trees, rock outcroppings & gradual elevation. Electricity nearby. Road access building lots of this quality are rare.

OFFERED AT \$124,500
DETAILS 3.9 ACRES 375 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#137987



Echo Trail

ELY, MN Private boundary-waters-like 35 acres off the Echo Trail deep in the woods, adjoining 1,000's of acres of St. & Fed. land at edge

of the BWCA, 7 mi to Ely. Prime features for your retreat: choice of building sites w/mostly high ground, towering pines, rock outcroppings, wildflowers, abundant wildlife.

OFFERED AT \$89,000
DETAILS 35 ACRES
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#137932



North Vermilion

TOWER, MN Lake Vermilion adjoining the BWCA - mesmerizing 200 degree 2 mile blue water views E., S. & W. Incredible setting for cabin w/panoramic island studded views. Electricity on site. One of a kind property awaiting the nest of your dreams!

OFFERED AT \$159,900
DETAILS 5 ACRES 825 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#137986



Vermilion

TOWER, MN Exceptional parcel set back in the trees along paved Birch Point Rd offers 38x18 metal storage bldg & room for your RV!

Ideal location next to public landing & just down street from marina & Birch Pt Interior, an 88 acre preserve. Easy access to town on paved roads. Electric & telephone at the road.

OFFERED AT \$64,500
DETAILS 0.34 ACRES
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#139102



Armstrong Lake

ELY, MN S.-facing excellent swimming shoreline in beautiful Eagles Nest area, easy access off paved rd, just 8 mi to Ely. Gorgeous sunrise

& sunset views & sun all day long! Unrestricted vistas w/gentle cart path to water & level point perfect for campfire. Driveway, electricity, telephone & good internet at road.

OFFERED AT \$149,500
DETAILS 2.6 ACRES 209 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138567



Eagles Nest Area

ELY, MN Beautiful 10 acre building site set off paved road in Eagles Nest Chain Of Lakes. 12 miles to Ely or Tower & minutes from choice

of public landings and marinas, including Lake Vermilion. Enjoy lake living without lake taxes. Privacy, seclusion & wildlife, short distance to BWCA, close to golf & dining.

OFFERED AT \$39,500
DETAILS 10 ACRES
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#137145



Vermilion

TOWER, MN Put your feet up & relax as the sun sinks down into the water—see 5 miles all the way across Big Bay. Secluded Lake Vermilion building site commands unrestricted S & W facing Big Bay views. Moderate elevation with a gradual slope to the shoreline, choice of stunning building sites.

OFFERED AT \$198,500
DETAILS 7.63 ACRES 1,095 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138146



Giants Ridge

BIWABIK, MN Imagine curling up in front of the fireplace as the snow falls & the lights of the ski hill twinkle or relaxing

on your deck with views up Fairway 12! Secluded 1/2 acre building lot on paved drive on The Legend Golf Course, access to Wynne & Sabin Lakes. City utilities.

OFFERED AT \$34,500
DETAILS 0.54 ACRES
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#138548



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Silver Rapids Lodge

ELY, MINNESOTA Silver Rapids Lodge is For Sale. This business is a well maintained full service Boundary Waters Area resort. Financeable books and excellent development opportunities with an assumable SBA Loan! A one of a kind property at the confluence of White Iron and Farm Lake includes 59.7 acres with 3,040 feet of lakeshore that is split between White Iron & Farm Lake. They are multiple use lakes & also a direct entry to the BWCA. The property features individual small cabins, large group cabins, hotel units, camping and RV sites, a large dining area with a full commercial kitchen, a full bar, banquet areas, retail space, a marina, boat gas sales, rental boats, a 40 person sauna, laundry facilities, recreation space.

Ample room for expansion. Just 3.5 miles to town, the resort is convenient to Ely area amenities such as the North American Bear Center, the International Wolf Center, shopping, and fine dining. Don't miss this turn key opportunity to own your own popular business in the Boundary Waters Area. This offering represents an opportunity to acquire a well maintained and full service profitable resort in a growing market.

OFFERED AT	\$2,625,000
DETAILS	12 CABINS & 42 CAMPSITES
	59.7 ACRES 3,040 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB	JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#136512



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