

An aerial photograph of a large, calm lake surrounded by dense green forests. Several small, tree-covered islands are scattered throughout the water. A small white boat is visible in the middle of the lake, leaving a white wake. The sky is a pale blue, and the overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

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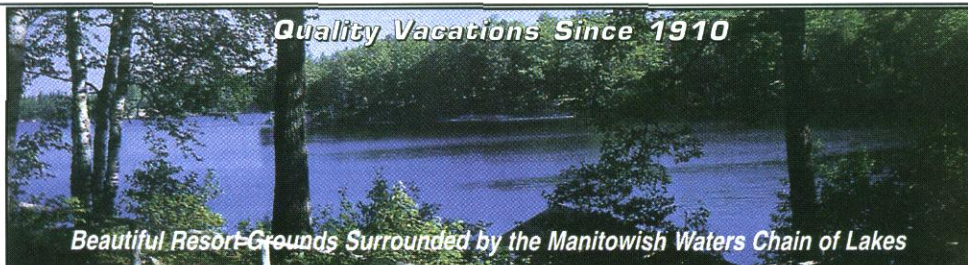
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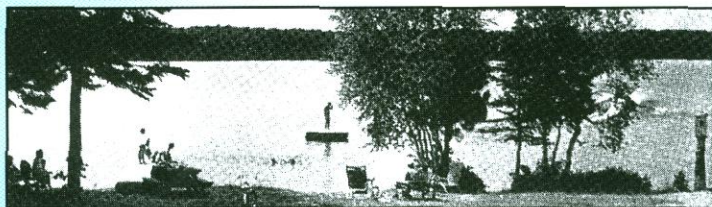
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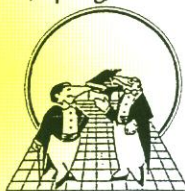
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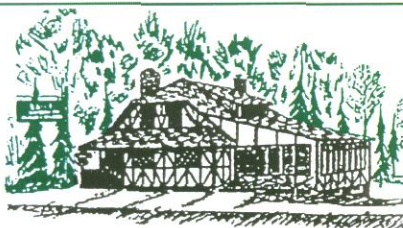
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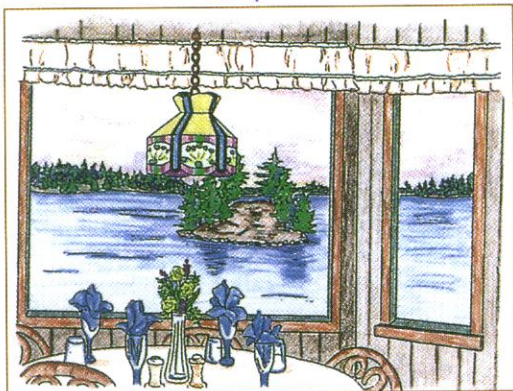
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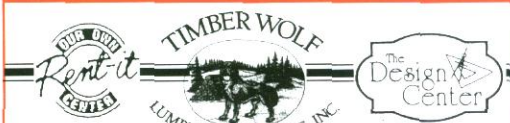


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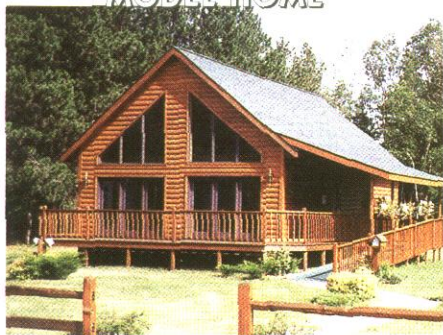
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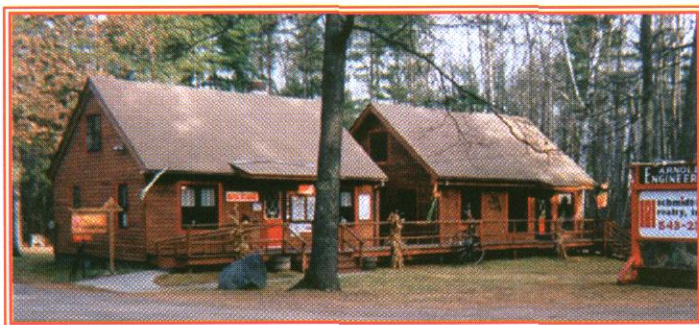


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- 6 Discovery Center Brown Bag Lecture, 12 p.m.
- 7 Full Moon Ski & Sauna @ Discovery Center, 6 p.m.
- 9 Discovery Center Fisher Tracking, 9 a.m.
- 11 Intro to Snowshoeing @ Discovery Center, 10 a.m.
- 17 Skijoring @ Discovery Center, 9:30 a.m.
- 19 Winter Bird Banding @ Discovery Center, 9 a.m.
- 20 Discovery Center Brown Bag Lecture, 12 p.m.
- 24 Sno-Skeeters Spaghetti Dinner @ Pea Patch Saloon, 5-9 p.m.
- 29 Wolf Tracking @ Discovery Center, 9 a.m.

FEBRUARY

- 3 Blood Drive @ MW Community Center, 1-7 p.m.
- 3 Discovery Center Brown Bag Lecture, 12 p.m.
- 5-6 Discovery Center Porcupine Mtn. Ski Trip
- 7 Full Moon Ski & Sauna @ Discovery Center, 6 p.m.
- 8 Sno-Skeeters Lumberjack Breakfast (location TBA)
- 11 Owl Calling @ Discovery Center, 6 p.m.
- 14 Winter Rendezvous @ Rest Lake Park, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Ice fishing contest, prizes, games, raffles, snowmobile activities & demos, cook-out & beverages — 715-543-8336
- 20 Discovery Center Fisher Tracking, 9 a.m.
- 21 Sno-Skeeters Winterfest Dinner & Snowmobile Raffle (location TBA)
- 22 Sno-Skeeters Lumberjack Breakfast @ The Wolf's Den, Mercer, 9 a.m. - noon
- 25-26 Discovery Center Willow Basket Making, 6:30 p.m.
- 26-27 Discovery Center Porcupine Mtn. Ski Trip

MARCH

- 6 Full Moon Ski & Sauna @ Discovery Center, 6 p.m.
- 16 Discovery Center Brown Bag Lecture, 12 p.m.
- 27 Maple Sugaring @ Discovery Center, 10 a.m.

APRIL

- 11 Easter

MAY

- 1 Spring Season Fishing Opener
- 9 Mother's Day
- 12 Paul Bunyan Family Feed @ Paul Bunyan Cook Shanty, Minocqua. A Northwoods Wildlife Center fund raiser — 715-356-7400
- 22 Lake Superior / Northwoods Great Wisconsin Birding & Nature Trail ~ Grand Opening Celebration @ North Lakeland Discovery Center
- 29 Musky Season Opener
- 31 Memorial Day

JUNE

- 5 Garage Sale @ Northwoods Wildlife Center, Minocqua. Proceeds benefit NWC
- 6 MW Lions Club Golf Outing @ Trout Lake Golf Club. Open to public - 715-543-2438
- 7 MW Lions Bingo starts (See On-Going events)
- 13 Manitowish Waters Lions Club Auction @ MW Community Center
- 15-17 Boater's Safety Course @ MW Community Center, 8:30 a.m. - Noon each day - 715-543-8440
- 16 MW Skiing Skeeter Water Ski Shows begin (See On-Going events)

(June Continued)

- 20 Father's Day
- 24 MW Lions Pork Chop Feed @ Community Center / Pavilion, 5-7 p.m.

JULY

- 3 Just Tri-It Triathlon @ North Lakeland Discovery Center. 300-yd swim, 15km mountain bike, 5km trail run — 715-543-2085 or www.discoverycenter.net.
- 4 MW JULY 4th CELEBRATION. Community Center festivities (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.): arts & crafts, airplane & helicopter rides, raffles, live music, children's craft-making & games, Lioness bake sale & desserts, Sno-Skeeters brat fry, Lions beverage stand. Parade (1 p.m.) through downtown (CTH W). Water ski show (7:30 p.m.) at Rest Lake Park. Fireworks (9:30 p.m.) over Rest Lake. 715-543-8488 or www.manitowishwaters.org
- 5 Craft Day begins @ Koller Library (See On-Going events)
- 7 Children's Story Hour begins @ Koller Library (See On-Going events)
- 8-10 Friends of the Koller Library Annual Used Book Sale — 715-543-2700
- 9 MW Lioness Salad Luncheon & Style Show @ MW Community Center, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Salad lunch, style show, raffles & door prizes. For tickets, call 715-543-2896
- 9 Cranberry Marsh Tours begin (See On-Going events)
- 15-18 39th Annual Manito Art League Art Show @ MW Community Center. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday. Fine art & craft show open to the public for viewing with all items for sale. People's Choice Voting. Donations welcome. 715-686-7505 or 715-543-8488
- 17 Taste of Manitowish Waters. Held at MW Community Center Pavilion, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hearty samples of appetizers, soups, entrees, & desserts served by our fine Chamber-member restaurants. Beverages & live music. 715-543-8488 or www.manitowishwaters.org
- 18 Summer Cruise on the Willow Flowage, Hazelhurst. Proceeds benefit the Northwoods Wildlife Center. (715) 356-7400
- 21 MW Community Church Fleazaar, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. Huge outdoor sale on the grounds of the Community Church (Hwy. 51 & Marathon Rd). Bazaar with handmade items & baked goods inside the church; food tent outside. 715-543-2998
- 22 MW Lions Club Steak Fry @ Community Center / Pavilion, 5-7 p.m.
- 23-25 Northwoods Summer Art Tour. View artwork throughout 4 Northwoods counties. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. (Maps available at the Chamber)
- 26 - 15th Annual "Midsummer in the Northwoods" Bluegrass Festival @ Cozy Cove. Over 90 scheduled hours of Bluegrass & Cajun music, 11 a.m. 'til past midnight each day. Sponsored by Bluegrass Institute of the Wisconsin Northwoods. 715-543-2166 or www.onemorebluegrassshow.com
- 27 MW Lioness Golf Outing @ Tahoe Lynx Golf Course, Mercer. Public welcome. 715-543-8816
- 28 Libations for the Koller Library. Hors d'oeuvres, raffles & beverages at Little Bohemia, 5-7 p.m.

(July Continued)

- 31 - Manitowish River Fest @ North
Aug. 1 Lakeland Discovery Center. Canoe & kayak demos, Paddle & Portage race, speaker series, kid's activities, fine art exhibit w/ children's art project, food & beverages, educational booths, demos by Native Americans, historic pontoon cruises, voyageur trips, live music, Northwoods fish boil, pancake breakfast & more!
715-543-2085 or www.discoverycenter.net.

AUGUST

- 3 Blood Drive @ MW Community Center, 1-7 p.m.
12 MW Lions Pork Chop Feed @ Community Center Pavilion, 5-7 p.m.
22 MW Fire Dept. Open House & Harley Raffle Drawing @ Fire Hall, 12-4 p.m. 2004 Harley Heritage Softail Classic, drawing @ 3 p.m. Ticket sales start March 15.

SEPTEMBER

- 5 MW Lions Club Cash Raffle Drawing. Free food & refreshments for ticket holders. 5 p.m. @ MW Community Center. Purchase tickets from Lion members or call 715-543-2165
6 Labor Day
10-12 28th Annual World Championship Musky Classic. Orientation at MW Community Center, 9 a.m., Friday. Fish Friday afternoon, all day Saturday, & Sunday morning - designated lakes in Manitowish Waters, Boulder Junction, Presque Isle & Winchester. Sportsman & Open divisions. Awards ceremony, luncheon & raffle drawings, Sun.
25 **Cranberry Colorama**. Held at MW Community Center, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Crafts, fall produce, bake sale, airplane rides, music, cranberry samples, cranberry cooking contest & Taste of Harvest featuring area restaurants. Free shuttle bus cranberry marsh tours, Lakes Assoc. fall color pontoon cruises, self-guided auto & bicycle tours.
715-543-8488 or www.manitowishwaters.org

OCTOBER

- 5 Northwoods Wildlife Center Fall Banquet @ Little Bohemia (715) 356-7400
29 33rd Annual Kornstalk Carnival @ North Lakeland Elementary School, 5-8 p.m. Carnival games, children's costume parade, food & refreshments, raffles. 715-543-8417
30 Spook Walk @ North Lakeland Discovery Center, 6-8 p.m. Haunted trails, spooky cabins, storytelling, children's games, refreshments & treats. 715-543-2085
30 Trick-or-Treat for the Town. Dress up for Halloween and trick-or-treat at Manitowish Waters businesses, 12-2 p.m. 715-543-8488

NOVEMBER

- 1-12 Christmas Wreath & Garland Sale. Sponsored by the Manitowish Waters Chamber of Commerce. Fresh balsam wreaths & garland strands available to order ~ Pick-up Nov. 26, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., downtown MW - 715-543-8488
20 Deer rifle season opener
25 Happy Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 25 Merry Christmas
★ Christmas for the Town. Santa and Mrs. Claus, lunch & homemade treats @ MW Community Center. (Date TBD)

On-going EVENTS

May 1 - 22. **Birding Programs** (Saturdays) @ North Lakeland Discovery Center - Register at 715-543-2085 or www.discoverycenter.net

May 29 - Nov. 30 **Vilas County Musky Marathon**. Registration forms: 1-800-236-3649 or www.vilas.org

June 7 - Aug. 30 **MW Lions Bingo** @ MW Community Center. Every Monday (except July 12; make-up date July 10). Lioness concessions begin at 6:15 p.m., bingo games called 7 - 10 p.m. Cash prizes, children welcome w/ adult. 715-543-8488 or 2165

Late June - Mid-August **MW Skiing Skeeters Water Ski Shows**. Free shows every Wed & Sat, 7 p.m., Rest Lake Park. Bring a blanket or lawn-chair; snacks available. Special show July 4th. 715-543-8488 or www.manitowishwaters.org

June 15 - Aug. 15 **Northwoods Wildlife Center Educational Programs** (Tues evenings, Weds & Thurs - call for times) - 715-356-7400

June 22 - Aug. 26 **Children's Discovery Hour** (Tues & Thurs, 10 a.m. / Kids K-4th grades) @ North Lakeland Discovery Center - Register at 715-543-2085 or www.discoverycenter.net

June 23 - Aug. 25 **Interpretive Hikes** (Weds, 9 a.m.) @ North Lakeland Discovery Center - Register at 715-543-2085 or www.discoverycenter.net

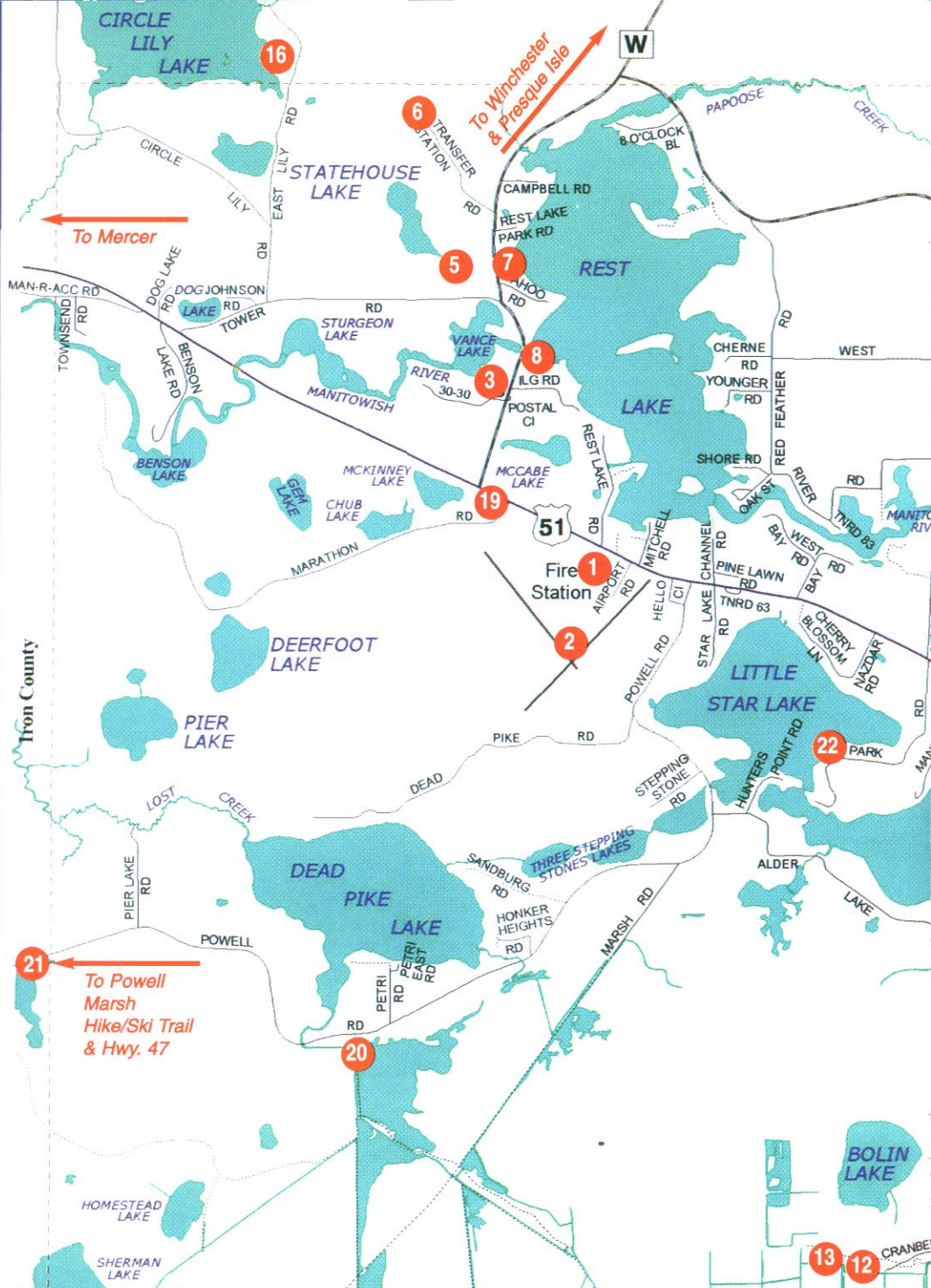
June 29 - Aug. 19 **Adventure Club** (Tues & Thurs, 1-5 p.m. / Kids 5th-8th grades) @ North Lakeland Discovery Center - Register at 715-543-2085 or www.discoverycenter.net

July 5 - Aug. 23 **Craft Day** @ Koller Library (Mondays, 11 a.m. / Kids 8+) 715-543-2700

July 7 - Aug. 25 **Children's Story Hour** @ Koller Library (Wednesdays, 10 a.m.) 715-543-2700

July 9 - October 15 **Cranberry Marsh Tours**
Free Friday morning tour, 10 a.m., featuring the five cranberry marshes of Manitowish Waters.
July 9 - Sept. 10, Fridays, meet at the MW Community Center for a video, juice & craisin samples, prize drawings & pictorial display; then drive to a marsh for a tour. Sept. 17 - Oct. 15, the Friday tour is fully conducted from Alder Lake Cranberry. Maps available at MW Chamber. 715-543-8488 or www.manitowishwaters.org (Reservations NOT required)

Mid-Sept. - Mid-Oct. **Self-Guided Fall Color Tours**
Visit the MW Chamber for a map and suggested auto or bike routes to view the breathtaking fall colors (which generally peak between the last two weeks of Sept. to the first two weeks of Oct.). Color progression updates posted at www.travelwisconsin.com or call 715-543-8488



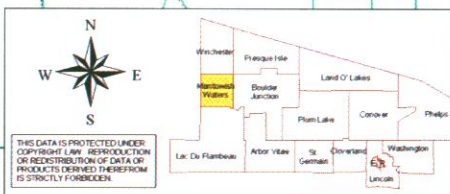
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Road Map

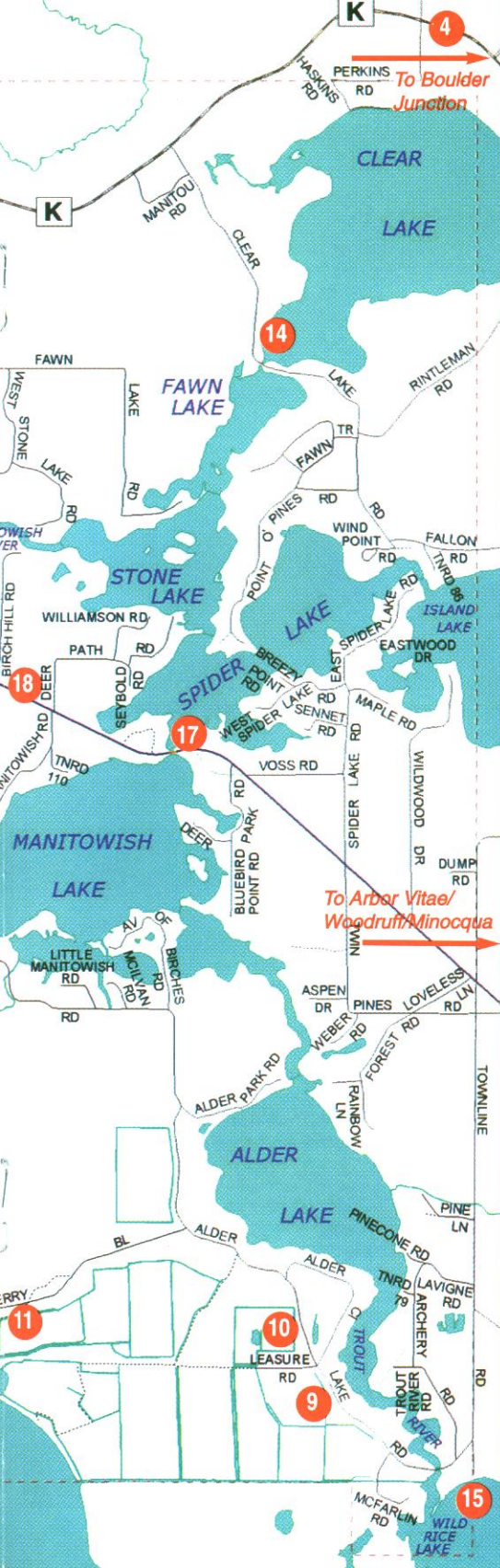
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1. Chamber of Commerce/
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Town Offices/Frank B.
Koller Memorial Library/
Fire Dept./Lions Pavilion
2. Airport
3. Post Office
4. North Lakeland
Elementary School
5. North Lakeland
Discovery Center
(hike/bike/ski/
snowshoe trails)
6. Waste & Recycling
Center
7. Rest Lake Park:
Boat Landing/Waterski Shows
8. Koller Park
- 9-13. Cranberry Marshes
- 14-17. Boat Landings
18. Catholic Church
19. Community Presbyterian
Church
20. Powell Marsh Wildlife
Refuge
21. Powell Marsh
Hike/Ski/Snowshoe Trail
22. Little Star Beach (Self-
register for State Forest
parking sticker)

LEGEND

- State/Federal Highways
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- Town Roads
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- Other Roads
- Municipal Boundary
- Bridges

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Cozy, clean 2-bedroom+ sofabed housekeeping cabin in Hillcrest Resort on Manitowish Waters 10-lake chain. On waterline in breathtaking wooded setting. Screened-in porch, picture window, ceiling fans, full-sized tub/shower, end-cabin privacy, sandy swim area, boat/pier, fishhouse, firepit, grill, paddleboat, canoe, games. 20mi. north of Minocqua on Hwy. 51. RELAXING! www.anglerscozycottage.com

BIRCH BAY CABINS 🐾

715-543-2922

A family-run, 3-cabin resort nestled on a quiet channel of water on the Manitowish Chain. Each cabin accommodates up to 6 people & all have fieldstone fireplaces. Close to fine restaurants & yet quiet, peaceful walking, or a beautiful sunset, right out your door.

BIRCH LAKE LODGE ★ 🐾

715-686-2872

RESTAURANT, RESORT & CAMPGROUND

In Winchester just 10 short minutes away from downtown Manitowish Waters. Spacious campsites can be rented by the day, week or season. Comfortable, affordable cabin rentals. Top it off with a magnificent full-service restaurant & pub located on 17 acres that border beautiful Birch Lake. Come enjoy year-round!

CHATEAU DeLAPORTE

1-877-937-3664

Charming private home on Manitowish Lake on the Manitowish chain. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, sleeps 6 comfortably, plus a pull-out couch for two more. Fully equipped kitchen, screened porch, fireplace, gas grill, row boat & dock. Pets with approval. Linen service included. Spectacular sunsets! cartrks@centurytel.net

CHIPPEWA RETREAT RESORT,**CONDOMINIUM & SPA** ★ 🐾

715-543-8111

Watch the sunsets on beautiful Lake Manitowish. 7 luxurious accommodations with "optional" spa package including our lodge and exercise facility. No need to lift a finger with our daily house-keeping and all the amenities of home. Open year-round. www.chippewaretreat.com.

COFFEY GROUNDS

715-543-8870

Private home with 2 bedrooms, located on Spider Lake on the Manitowish Waters Chain of Lakes. Open July & August. We offer a fully equipped cottage, sandy beach, screened porch, fishing boat, dock & fireplace. Located on Deerpath Rd. off Hwy. 51 W. No pets allowed. Web site: www.scc.net/~evalleen. E-mail: evalleen@scc.net.

FAWN LAKE'S ★

715-543-2772

TIMBER LODGE RESORT

Deluxe lakeside cabins & vacation homes on the Manitowish Chain. 1, 2, 3 & 4-bedroom, fully equipped housekeeping units with lake views, private decks, fireplaces, Weber grills, TVs & VCRs, covered docks, sundeck, swim & play areas, fish cleaning facility, firepit & various lakeside amenities. Boat, motor & pontoon rentals on premises. Great fishing & family fun! On snowmobile trail #2. www.timberlodgeresort.com. 1-800-430-3296

FRIAR'S TUCKAWAY**BED & BREAKFAST** ★

715-543-8231

Located on Little Star Lake with 3 bedrooms, each with private bath & our gourmet breakfasts, providing the perfect atmosphere for a get-away or vacation. Let us help you enjoy the Northwoods. Hiking, biking, canoeing, skiing, antiquing, shopping & more are all convenient to Friar's Tuckaway. See us at: www.friars-tuckaway.com.

GRAF'S COTTAGE 🐾

414-352-5491

On beautiful Spider Lake, romantic view, natural sandy beach, 2 bedrooms, sleeps 4 comfortably, full-size kitchen, fishing boat, life preservers, double pier, weber grill, lawn chairs with table, TV, VCR & telephone.

HILLCREST RESORT 🐾

715-543-8822

Located on the Manitowish Waters Chain of Lakes. Our 6 cottages offer you all kitchen facilities, grill, firepit, fishing, boat, private pier & fish cleaning house. We make sure you & yours will experience that "Northwoods" feeling for your vacation. Finest fishing lakes in Northern Wisconsin. Many nearby attractions.

LAKESIDE COTTAGE

715-421-1132

A quiet, private cabin (one of only two dwellings on 996-acre lake). Located at edge of sugar-sand beach. Screened porch. Wicker furniture, hammock, firepit. Minimal boat traffic. Quiet solitude. Kayak, canoe, sail, swim, fish.

www.wctc.net/lakesidecottage.**LUDWIG'S ALDER PINES** 🐾

715-543-2646

Deluxe lakefront housekeeping cabins on Alder Lake in Manitowish Waters, w/TV, VCR, microwaves, weber grills, swing set. Small beach w/raft, boat included, or docking for your own. Screen house, canoe, paddleboat, horseshoe pit, pets welcome. Thank you for 20 great years! Contact Ruth & Don Ludwig, 515 Alder Circle, Manitowish Waters, WI 54545.

NORTHWOODS RESORT ★

262-827-9726

Located on Little Star Lake on the Manitowish Waters Chain of Lakes. Six 2 & 3-bedroom cabins; fully furnished & fully equipped kitchens. Boat, grill, firepit, sandy beach, swimming raft, horse-shoes, shuffleboard, paddleboat, pontoon rental & many nearby activities. Open year-round for all sports enthusiasts. Call Mike, Bill or Debbie for info. wotto@wi.rr.com 715-543-2456

P-PAW'S PLACE ★ 🐾

262-242-4137

A 4-season, 2-bedroom log cabin on Rest Lake. Nestled in the woods on a secluded bay of the Manitowish Chain, it offers 100' of sand shoreline, stone woodburning fireplace, hardwood floors & fully-equipped kitchen. An up-to-date resort with room for 6.

PEA PATCH MOTEL/SALOON ★

715-543-2455

Located next to the dam and 10-lake chain in Manitowish Waters. 5 rooms w/ 2 dbl beds; 5 rooms w/1 dbl bed, roll-a-way & kitchenette; one apartment w/queen bed, sofa bed, full kitchen & living area. All have coffeemakers & TV; no pets please. On snowmobile trail #8. www.thepeapatch.com

PINESCAPE ★

262-681-8284

A northwoods vacation home located on a private lake in the Northern Highland State Forest. Completely renovated in 2000. Sleeps 6-8. Private dock, boat, gas grill, towels, linens, DirectTV/VCR, fireplace. Enjoy fishing, swimming, biking, hiking, skiing & snowmobiling. Visit our website at: www.pinescape.com.

POTAWATOMIE RETREAT ★

847-381-5990

Open, airy 3-bedroom home with 2-car attached garage situated on private/dead-end road at end of peninsula. Lovely setting — 2 acre wooded lot with gorgeous big water views of Island Lake (Manitowish chain). Private, sandy gradual shore frontage (200 ft.), pier, boat, grill, picnic table. Great water, great location!

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Enjoy the sand beach, roped swim area and picnic facilities at Little Star Beach in Manitowish Waters, a Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest State Park.

RED FEATHER LODGE ★**708-352-7485**

6-bedroom house open all year & 5 cottages on Rest Lake of the 10-lake Manitowish Chain. Great sandcastle beach, row-boats, canoe & paddleboat. Easy access to snowmobile trails & inside garage parking for bikes. Cottages have new beds; 2 units have a fireplace. Western exposure for spectacular sunsets. No pets.

RUNNING BEAR RESORT ★**715-543-8796**

87 Birch Hill Rd. Located between Rest & Stone Lake & just off snowmobile trail. 2 modern, clean cottages have great water-front views & sleep 8 & 6 guests (linens & towels provided). Enjoy natural & landscaped grounds. Many amenities include boat ramp, docks, row boats, canoe, paddleboat, swim area, grills & more!

SKROBOT'S PEACEFUL PINES**RESORT 🐾****715-543-8810**

Small family resort nestled amongst the pines in a quiet bay on Spider Lake. 2 & 3 bedroom cottages, sandy beach, campfire site, boats, docking & privacy. Open May - Oct. 715-543-2373

SPONER'S REST LAKE RESORT**715-543-8818**

500' of beautiful landscaped frontage. 2 immaculately clean ultra modern cottages with microwaves, satellite TVs, picnic tables, wood decks, grills, private U-shaped docks, 14' boats. Horseshoes, basketball, volleyball. Peaceful, friendly atmosphere. Spectacular views. On Manitowish Chain. Contact Bob & Chris Spomer. 33 - Eight O'Clock Blvd., Manitowish Waters, WI 54545.

TELLEFSON'S LOR-WOOD RESORT**715-543-2180**

2 housekeeping cottages with views of beautiful Stone Lake in the center of the Manitowish Waters Chain of Lakes. Great sandy swimming beach. Wonderful fishing. Dockage for your boat or a rowboat is available. Visit us at www.fishinginfo.com/go/tellefsons. Email: lorwood@centurytel.net. Address: 73 Williamson Rd., Manitowish Waters, WI 54545.

TIMBERLINE INN ★**715-543-8080**

Located in the woods of quaint downtown Manitowish Waters. Timberline Inn features luxury extended stay accommodations in a rustic log cabin-like atmosphere. Rooms are tastefully decorated in pine log furniture, specialty rooms with Jacuzzi's and fireplaces, balconies, handicap rooms and come complete with king & queen beds, microwaves, refrigerators, satellite TV & phones. We are open all year 'round. www.timberlineinn.com.

VERMIGLIO'S HERITAGE RESORT**773-282-0928**

Family owned and operated. Two cottages on Rest Lake (Manitowish chain). Peaceful lakefront cabins w/ sand beach, boat launch, fishhouse, boat & docks. Cottages have 2 bedrooms with dbl. beds, kitchenettes w/ microwaves, great room w/ sofa sleeper, showers, gas heat, screen porches & grills. Bed linens furnished — No pets. Open June -Sept. Call for rates & availability — Al Vermiglio.

VERNANGIL'S**715-543-2991**

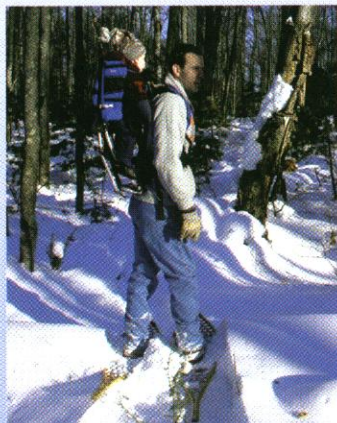
Small resort on Spider Lake (Manitowish Chain). One 3-bedroom for 6 and one 2-bedroom for 4. Each has a full bath (tub & shower) & modern kitchens w/ microwaves. Boat comes with cottage, motors extra. Sandy beach. No pets please. 88 Deerpath Rd.

VOSS' BIRCHWOOD LODGE 🐾**715-543-8441**

Family owned & operated since 1910. Reminiscent of a bygone era, Voss' remains one of Northern Wisconsin's finest summer resorts. Fully equipped housekeeping cottages, lodging rentals & suites in the main lodge. Nestled in a quiet bay of Spider Lake on Manitowish Chain. Breakfast & dinner served overlooking the lake. Luncheon & shops in the chalet building. Open June-Oct. Send for our brochure: Voss' Birchwood Lodge, P.O. Box 456, Manitowish Waters, WI 54545.

WILDERNESS INN ★**715-543-8375**

Motel, bar, restaurant, snowmobile gas. Motel has 9 units, three of which are kitchenettes. All rooms include: 2 double beds, TV, refrigerator, coffee maker & private bath. Restaurant features full dinner menu with nightly specials. Located on CTH W, Winchester. Snowmobile Trail #6. 1-888-543-8375

**RESTAURANTS & LIBATIONS****BIRCH LAKE LODGE ★****715-686-2872****RESTAURANT, RESORT & CAMPGROUND**

Encounter casual dining in a true "Northwoods" setting overlooking beautiful Birch Lake. Exceptional dining awaits you with fine service and scrumptious food at reasonable prices. Three-season lakeside patio dining available. Enjoy creative nightly specials, steaks, seafood & pasta. Wine list. Children's menu & lite menu available.

BLUE BAYOU INN**715-543-2537**

Located on beautiful Lake Manitowish the Mazur family invites you to enjoy the Northwoods' premier dining experience. Featuring Louisiana entrees such as catfish, jambalaya, crawfish etouffé, or select from one of our specials. Complete your evening with Bananas Foster made table-side. Reservations are recommended. Serving dinner nightly. Closed Sunday.

CARLIN LAKE LODGE ★**715-686-2255**

Relax by the fireplace or enjoy the pristine view of Carlin Lake in Presque Isle while sampling our new menu featuring the Northwoods' finest steaks, seafood and authentic German cuisine. Nightly specials. Convenient handicap entrance. Reservations appreciated. Direct access to snowmobile trail. Excellent bass & panfishing! Open daily 4pm.

GUIDE'S INN ★**715-385-2233**

Boulder Junction. Recognized as THE BEST in fine dining in the Northwoods. Featuring more than 35 entrees, all prepared to order. Including numerous veal selections, handcut steaks, pasta, house specialties & much more. FAMOUS for their pan-fried walleye. People visit just to dine with Chef Jimmy Dean! You'll want to be sure The Guides Inn Supper Club is on your "must do" list.

HIGHLAND CLUB ★**715-543-8339**

Full lunch & dinner menu including burgers, steaks, BBQ baby back ribs, seafood & pastas. Live entertainment summer weekends & holidays. Famous Friday fish specials featuring cod, grouper, catfish & walleye. All prepared fried, grilled or blackened. Popular snowmobile pit stop w/fuel available. Families welcome w/children's menus. Located Hwy. 51 N on Snowmobile Trail #8 West.

LITTLE BOHEMIA RESTAURANT**715-543-8433**

Enjoy a relaxing dinner at historic Little Bohemia Restaurant overlooking beautiful Little Star Lake. Visit the famous hideout of John Dillinger & Baby Face Nelson. See bullet holes & memorabilia left behind after the shoot-out. Closed Wed. Lunches served in season. Remember "Dillinger only left because he had to." www.littlebohemia.net.

MICHAEL'S ★**715-543-2550**

A restaurant, bakery & ice cream parlor located on Hwy. 51 in Manitowish Waters. Specializing in homemade bakery, ice cream treats, cranberry country products, breakfast & lunch specialties, along with a full service off-premises catering service. Open year around 7 days a week. Award-winning chili in a bun!

www.michaelsparlor.com**PEA PATCH MOTEL/SALOON ★****715-543-2455**

"Best burger by a dam site." Lunch served 11 a.m. - 9p.m. daily. Featuring appetizers, salads, sandwiches, burgers, homemade pizza, chili & soups, daily specials. Friday Fish Fry. Carryouts available. Full bar. On snowmobile trail #8. www.thepeapatch.com

PINE BARON'S ★**715-543-8464**

A gourmet restaurant & custom catering service. Offering intimate dining in a casual country setting, our emphasis is on creative & elegant international fare with great attention to quality & service. A relaxing setting of local memorabilia completes your dining experience. Pine Baron's... "where dining is always a celebration." www.pinebarons.com

RUSTIC ROADHAUS ★**715-543-2500**

Excellent family dining at affordable prices. Lunch & dinner served daily. Steaks, chops, seafood, appetizers, sandwiches, burgers. Home of the famous 1/2-lb Roadhaus Burger. Homemade pizza - best in the Northwoods! Nightly specials. Next to Umbach's Foods on Hwy. 51. See ad page 7.

SKYVIEW LODGE ★**715-686-2928**

Skyview has been a dining landmark since the 1940s. Enjoy a drink on the deck; if it's chilly, relax in front of our fieldstone fireplace. Watch the wildlife while you eat. Located on Cty. Hwy. W (Trail #6) in Presque Isle. Open for breakfast, lunch & dinner during snowmobile season. 1-800-480-2928

SWANBERG'S BAVARIAN INN ★**715-543-2122**

Featuring extensive wine & beer lists, sumptuous martinis & cocktails. Elegant Old World Favorites, veal, chicken, pork, seafood, steaks & pasta prepared to order & graciously served in a cozy fireside setting. Accessible by boat (Koller Park) or snowmobile (Trail 6). Nightly specials, children's menu, lunch, air conditioned, CCs accepted. Reservations appreciated.

VILLAGE SODA GRILL ★**715-543-8388**

Come to the Soda Grill for your special ice cream treat (Chocolate Shoppe) or maybe breakfast, lunch or snack. We also carry many of your daily needs: newspapers, cards, health & beauty aids, sweatshirts, T-shirts, & many miscellaneous items. LaPorte's Shopping Center. Downtown Manitowish Waters.

VOSS' BIRCHWOOD LODGE**715-543-8441**

Excellent dining. Breakfast & dinners served in the main lodge dining room. Varied full menu. Tables set with antique glassware and fresh flowers. Drinks can be enjoyed in our spacious main lobby by the massive fireplace. Old world & gracious. Open to the public, June to October. Reservations appreciated.

WILDERNESS INN**715-543-8375**

Casual dining. Full dinner menu featuring Ribs, Steaks, Seafood, Fowl & combinations. Nightly specials include: Oriental Stir Fry, BBQ Ribs, Steaks, Fish Fry, Prime Rib and Roast Duck. Located on Cty. Hwy. W and snowmobile trail #6.

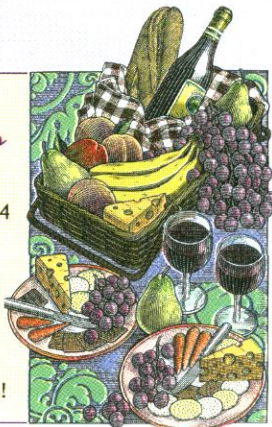
Some of the Northwoods' best dining awaits you in the Manitowish Waters area...



Our two "taste" events (Taste of Manitowish Waters in July and Cranberry Colorama in September) offer unique food samples from area restaurants as well as homemade delights in the annual Cranberry Cooking Contest.

*Taste of
Manitowish Waters
Dining Guide*

Pick up this free 2003-04 menu guide at the Chamber or area businesses and follow your tastebuds to Chamber-member restaurants for delectable food & drink!



Outdoor Recreation at its Finest!

- **Wonderful Waters** - The Manitowish River flows 44 miles from High Lake in Boulder Junction to the Flambeau Flowage in Mercer with 3 portages, campsites and breathtaking scenic beauty along the way. The river is slow flowing, perfect for canoeing and kayaking. Among other waterbodies in Manitowish Waters, the 10-lake chain provides over 3,500 acres of water to explore in many capacities. Vilas County is home to 1,327 lakes and 73 rivers & streams, ranking as one of the highest lake concentrations in the world!

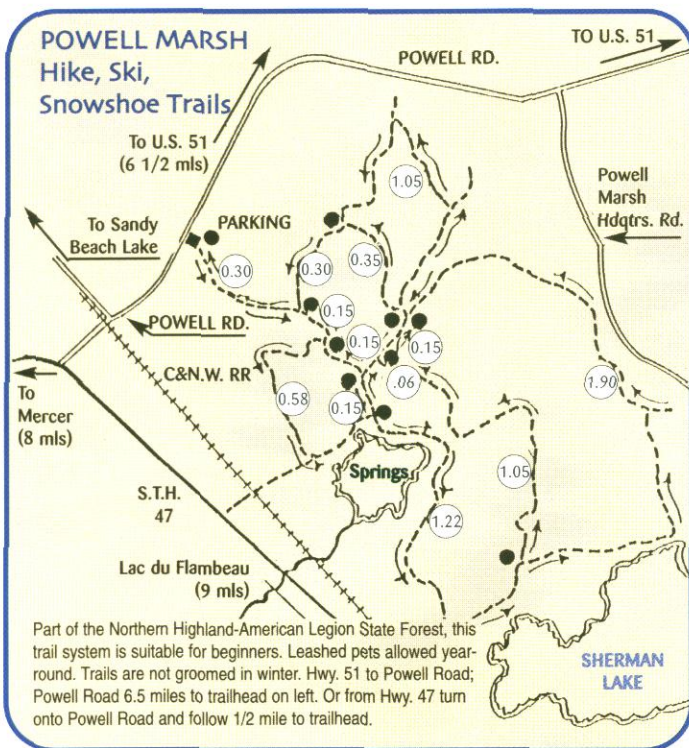
- **Recreational Trails** - In addition to the Powell Marsh and North Lakeland Discovery Center, Manitowish Waters has a short but delightful paved hike/bike trail that traverses from the Discovery Center through downtown on CTH W and south along Hwy. 51 to Powell Road. Vilas County and neighboring counties also offer a wide array of other hike, bike, ski & snowshoe trails for all abilities. It is

very common for people to walk and bike the county roads as well. Not to forget, some of the best snowmobile trails exist in the Manitowish Waters area!

- **Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest** - 226,000 acres in parts of Vilas, Oneida & Iron Counties including areas for picnicking, hike/bike & ski/snowshoe trails, family, group and wilderness campsites, hunting and snowmobiling.

- **Powell Marsh Wildlife Refuge** Popular for hunters, birders, trappers & hikers. Powell Marsh contains an 1,800 acre wildlife refuge. Numerous species of birds and waterfowl can be seen by walking out onto the dikes or viewing with binoculars from the scenic overlook on Powell Road.

For trail & lake maps, county & town road maps, and other recreational information, contact the Manitowish Waters Chamber of Commerce at
1-888-626-9877 or
www.manitowishwaters.org



LEGEND: Trail ----- Direction of Travel → Distance Marker ●

SNO-SKEETERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

The Manitowish Waters Sno-Skeeters Snowmobile Club was founded in 1968 and is one of the oldest snowmobile clubs in existence today in Wisconsin. Located in the very northwest corner of Vilas County, Manitowish Waters borders the Lake Superior snow-belt country. With average winter snowfalls of 150 inches and over 25 miles of professionally groomed trails, the area is one of Vilas County's top winter vacation areas.

The Manitowish Waters trail system is a unique hub network directly linking into 5 other trail systems. With Minocqua/Woodruff to our south; St. Germain to our east; Lake Gogebic to our north; Mercer/Hurley to our northwest; and Lac du Flambeau/Price County to our west, our area residents and guests can choose from a variety of daily destinations.

The Manitowish Waters Sno-Skeeters maintain an active grooming schedule for the area's trail system, with coordinated efforts with the surrounding communities to provide continuous smoothly groomed trails in this northwest sector. The Sno-Skeeters own and operate some of the newest grooming equipment on the market today. Support the club by attending their special events listed on this guide's calendar, pages 14 & 15.

For Trail Information and Weather Conditions: 1-888-626-9877 or www.mw-snoskeeters.com





North Lakeland Discovery Center

1.2 miles east of US 51 on CtH W in Manitowish Waters

Don't
Miss!

July 31 & August 1, 2004

Manitowish River Fest

Art Fair
Pontoon Cruises
Voyageur Paddle Trips
Pancake Breakfast
Fish Boil
Live Music
Children's Activities
Drum & Dance Group
and more!!

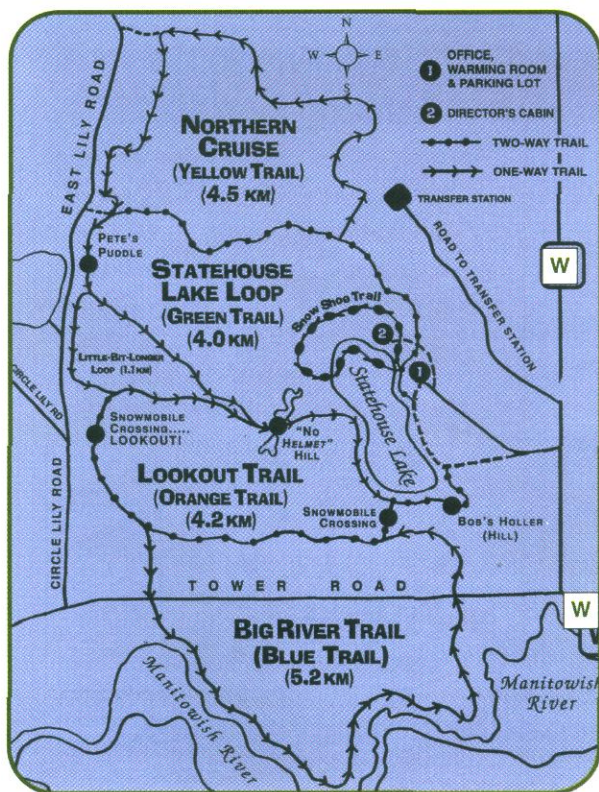
See a sampling of our programs in
the calendar section on
page 14-15

or

call toll-free for
your free summer or winter
program guide
877-543-2085
www.discoverycenter.net

Year Round Program Offerings

- *Children's Programs
- *"Just Tri It" Triathlon
- *Canoe & Kayak Trips
- *Birch Bark Canoe Trips
- *Interpretive Trail
- *20km of hike, bike, ski and snowshoe trails
- *Facility Rental
- *Soup & Ski
- *Snowshoe & Ski Lessons



Hike/Bike/Ski/ Snowshoe Trails

The Discovery Center is a non-profit educational center dedicated to exploring, preserving and enhancing the area's natural, cultural and historic resources. We provide authentic programs that are relevant to the area. These programs educate people and give them the knowledge and enthusiasm needed to care for and preserve the resources of our region.

We maintain a 20km trail system which offers a glimpse of the various habitats in the northwoods following pinetree lined paths, bogs and the Manitowish River. In the summer you can hike or bike on your own; during the winter months we groom the trails for classic-style skiing and offer snowshoeing loops. Rest on a bench along the trails and enjoy the educational wayside exhibits. We do not ask for a trail fee but we appreciate a donation to help offset the cost of maintenance.

The Cranberry Marshes

There are currently five cranberry marshes in Manitowish Waters ranging in size from 63 acres to 186 acres, totaling about 600 acres. These marshes were started soon after World War II in an area of Wisconsin not known for cranberry production. Three of the marshes are still owned and operated by the original families. These pioneers undertook building what is today a major scenic and economic contributor to Wisconsin's northwoods. The cranberry marshes surround the northeast one-third of Little Trout Lake, which is located along the southern edge of the Manitowish Waters town line. The Powell Marsh Wildlife Refuge and the Lac du Flambeau Indian reservation surround the other two-thirds of this nearly uninhabited pristine lake.



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FREE CRANBERRY MARSH TOURS FRIDAYS AT 10:00 AM

July 9 – September 10, 2004:

Meet at the Manitowish Waters
Community Center.

September 17 – October 15, 2004:

Meet at Alder Lake Cranberry.

(See map on pages 16 & 17 of this guide for locations)

The tour starts with a sample of juices
& cranberry treats, watch a short
video, view an educational
pictorial display, then follow a guide to
look at the cranberries –
blooming, growing and being
harvested depending on the time of
year you choose to visit.

Please call the Manitowish Waters
Chamber of Commerce at 715-543-8488
for further information.

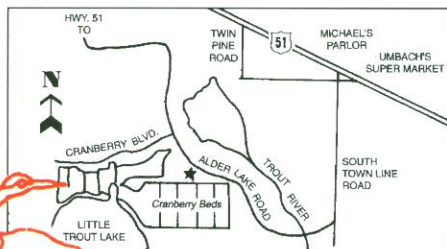
Reservations are not required — all ages welcome!

**FREE SHUTTLE BUS MARSH TOURS
DURING CRANBERRY COLORAMA,
LAST SATURDAY OF SEPTEMBER!**

Cranberry Square Cranberry Farm Market

A working cranberry marsh in Manitowish Waters

- Gift Shop Open May - October
- Educational Display & Movie
- Expanded Line of Cranberry Gifts
- Gourmet Items • Cranberry Candies
- Sweetened Dried Cranberries
- Fresh Cranberries from
Mid-September to late October



Located at Northland Cranberry Marsh
660 Alder Lake Rd. – 2-1/2 miles west of Hwy. 51

(715) 543-2381 • (715) 543-2778

of Manitowish Waters

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Manitowish Waters Cranberry Growers

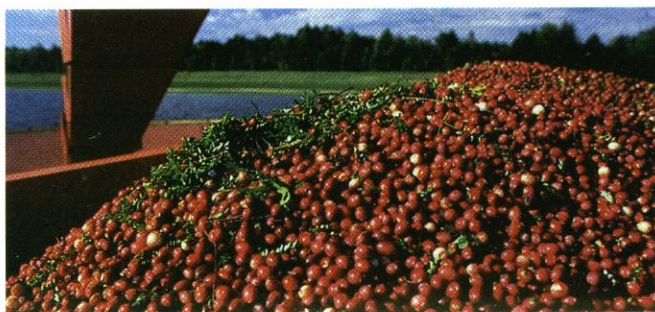
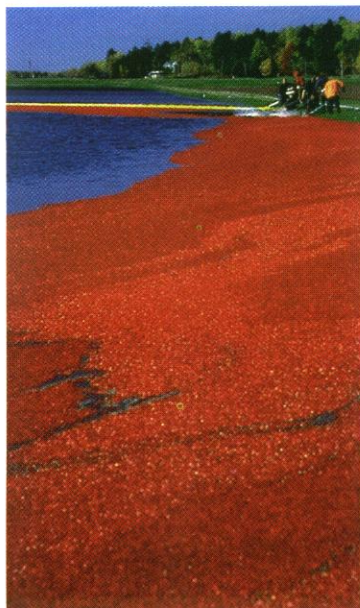
Alder Lake Cranberry

Bartling's Manitowish Cranberry Co.

Folsom Farms, Inc.

Northland Cranberries, Inc.

Rayala Cranberry Company



**Come & Watch Our
Cranberry Harvest!**



**Indermuehle's
Cranberry Gift Shop**

Marsh Location

**Located at 381 Cranberry Blvd.
Manitowish Waters, WI**



Open for Harvest Season

Sept. 20 thru Oct. 20

Mon. thru. Sat. 8:00 - 4:30

Sundays 10:00 - 3:00

Family Owned and Operated since 1946

Group Tours Available and Visitors Welcome

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Jams · Salsas · Mustards · Mixes
Sweetened Dried Cranberries and Cranberry Candies
There is always something new to see and sample!

HAND-SORTED CRANBERRIES AVAILABLE DURING HARVEST

WHERE IT HAPPENED



THANKS TO MICHAEL DUNN
for the great text of
information on the History
of Manitowish Waters
(Pgs. 28-29)

LEGEND

★ THE BUSINESS DISTRICT OR DOWNTOWN

A small lodging place like a roadhouse went into business near the dam and landing, and other businesses gradually began to appear here because this was where people were arriving or departing. The grocery store and hardware store made their appearance in the 1930s and the wide range of other shops followed.

1. THE REST LAKE DAM

The dam was built on the site of low waterfall or rapids. This is the third dam on the site, and it controls the level of the lakes in the Manitowish chain. The first dam was built of logs to impound water to facilitate spring drives of saw logs down the Manitowish River, the flambeau and on to sawmills in the Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire area. The release of the water pent up behind the dam gave the logs sufficient water to float downstream and it speeded their travel. Skilled woodsmen followed the logs down the rivers, and were called drivers. They pushed strays back into the stream and broke up jams. On the flat below the dam were the facilities to support the drive: bunkhouses, probably a blacksmith, a cabin for the dam keeper and a garden for him. A cook and supply boat followed the log drive to feed the drivers. This was built here each season and was known as a wanigan. Above the dam was the landing. A steamboat was built to raft the logs on the upper lakes to the dam, and when not in use it was tied up here. When visitors discovered the lakes and resorts began catering to them, a wagon road was built between the railroad station at Manitowish and this landing. Buckboards and wagons brought vacationists and supplies to the landing. There the hosts from the resorts would meet them with the resorts' launches or powerboats.

2. POWELL ROAD

Early travelers before 1910 or 1912 mostly came by rail from Chicago and Milwaukee on overnight trains with Pullman sleeping cars, and arrived at the chain of lakes in the morning. They had three ways to get here. Most took the Chicago & North Western to Manitowish. Manitowish had the depot, a small hotel, and a livery whose owner provided service by horse and wagon or horse and buckboard to the Rest Lake landing. Some travelers got off the North Western sleepers at Powell, the station before Manitowish for northbound travelers. There was a roadhouse at Powell where they could get breakfast and then they could make the trip by wagon or buckboard along the fringes of Powell Marsh (route of today's Powell road) to a landing on Little Star Lake, where the launches from their resorts were waiting.

3. PAPOOSE JUNCTION

Still others came north on the Milwaukee road on its overnight train as far as Minocqua, where they boarded a coach on the rear of a slow freight train which brought them right to Rice Creek Bridge. There they could alight right from the coach and step into the resort launches. Rice Creek is right off of Island Lake, and there was a side track there for freight cars with resort supplies, and some of those very launches were unloaded from train cars into the creek. From Rice Creek the train proceeded a mile or two to Papoose Junction, where it turned around on a three-legged wye track. Today's Papoose Lake Road is on the grade of the north leg and the train usually made a trip up that leg a mile to Buswell tow. Buswell was active from about 1906 to about 1913 and had a sawmill, store and mill village, and was where children from Island and Clear Lakes went to school. Small sandy lanes from Highway K onto Papoose Lake Road from either the east or the west are legs of the old wye turnaround trackage that was Papoose Junction, almost the only reminder that passenger-carrying trains once touched the Manitowish Waters lakes directly.

4. POWELL MARSH

One of the largest marshes in the state, Powell Marsh has been developed in places as a wildlife refuge and resting place for migrating birds. There is a viewing point on Powell Road which shows the extent of the marsh from one side and some of the diking the DNR has done. Powell Marsh Road, a one-track lane, goes out onto the marsh on a dike from near the intersection of Powell and Alder Lake Roads. This and some other access roads are gated as they reach the watery area. The dike here that crosses the marsh almost to Highway 47 was once a railroad grade, and logs from around the chain were taken across the marsh and down the North Western Railway track to a mill at Lac du Flambeau; the mill closed in 1913.

5. CRANBERRY MARSHES

The cranberry marshes have grown greatly in importance and in extent since development of cranberry marshes began right after World War II. The first marshes were developed near Little Trout Lake and Wild Rice Lake and have spread from those beginnings. One of the canals used by the cranberry growers is actually a modernization of a canal that a summer home owner from Chicago built between his estate on Little Trout Lake and Alder Lake. He built a boathouse near the Alder Lake end of the canal, and had locks to compensate for a difference in lake levels. The canal was actually part of a network of canals that the Chicagoan built almost all the way to the railroad station at Lac du Flambeau around the turn of the last century. Digging canals through the vast expanses of marsh between Flambeau, his estate, and the Manitowish Chain was easier than building embankments for roads. The last buildings from his summer vacation home were removed when the cranberry marshes were developed.

6. EARLY RESORTS

Summer resorts catering mainly to fishermen developed on the chain before 1900. One of the very first was LaFave's on Island Lake, and was a log lodge and a few cabins clustered on the island; when travelers all came by boat the island location was an advantage because it put the visitors right in the heart of the fishing. When that became a disadvantage, the resort was relocated on the mainland and the island sold for private redevelopment. Two other American plan hotel-and-cabin resorts developed near the Highway 51 bridge in the first few years of the 1900s: Buck's Resort, which became Koerners; and Deer Park Lodge, whose proprietor even doubled as the town's first schoolteacher at a school near his property. Both of these locations have now been turned into residential use or different lodging places. Voss' Birchwood Lodge graciously carries on the tradition of the early 1900s and is the resort with the longest history of operation by its founding family—almost 90 years and four generations of family.

7. CAMP JORN

The camp originally consisted of 121 acres on the mainland and a 19-acre island. It was developed as a summer estate by automobile manufacturer Charles Nash. It was later purchased by H.H. (Jack) and Dorothy Dengel and became Camp Thunderbolt. In 1953 the YMCA of Waukegan purchased the Camp and it became Camp Jorn. In 2003, Camp Jorn celebrated its 50th year of camping. (History provided by F.R. Dengel II—2003)

8. NORTH LAKELAND DISCOVERY CENTER

Former Youth Conservation Corps Camp (YCC) where young people spent summers learning conservation practices and working on special projects like stream improvement. Dotted with rustic bunkhouses, a log sauna and main lodge, the Center now offers year-round environmental education & outdoor recreation to its members and the public.

9. AIRPORT

Development of the airport came right after World War II when the public enthusiasm for aviation burgeoned, and the airport has grown from its humble beginning with just one hangar-office and one T-hangar fronting on a grass strip. Since it is under municipal ownership, the airport area has been the ideal site for municipal buildings and play and picnic grounds.

10. LITTLE BOHEMIA

In 1934, as the winter ice was breaking up, the FBI got a tip that fugitive gangsters John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, some associates and some girlfriends might be hiding out and catching their breath at Little Bohemia. Agents flew up to Northern Wisconsin and moved in to capture the group. Shooting broke out as they moved in from the parking lot side, and the low bank along the lake shore enabled Dillinger and Nelson to make their escape. Damage from the shooting and memorabilia from the event are still preserved. The lodge is still now a restaurant in its seventh decade in business.

11. HIGHWAY 51

The channel between Spider and Manitowish Lakes was an obstacle to car travel until a bridge was built, around 1910. The first roads southeast of there were built along the section lines and made right turns every mile; they survive today as paved town roads. The straight diagonal route of Hwy. 51 was not built until about 1930 because it required so much construction across marshlands. The highway was originally numbered Hwy. 10 until the Federal Highway system absorbed it. U.S. 51 begins at Hurley, north of Manitowish Waters, and runs south as far as Louisiana.

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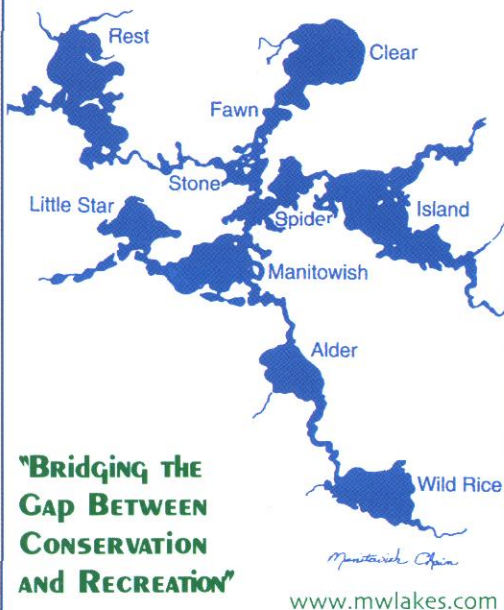
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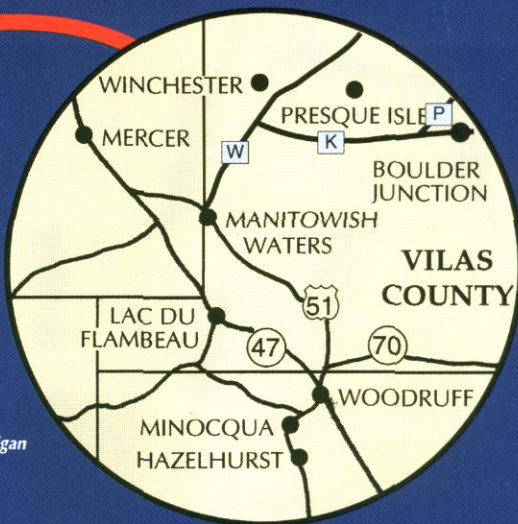
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Madison, WI	250 miles	Duluth, MN	141 miles
Milwaukee, WI	315 miles	Cincinnati, OH	640 miles
Chicago, IL	356 miles	Dubuque, IA	320 miles

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MANITOWISH WATERS CHAIN OF LAKES INFORMATION

LAKES	ACRES	MAX.DEPTH
Alder Lake	274	33
Clear Lake	555	45
Fawn Lake	74	14
Island Lake	1023	35
Little Star Lake	245	67

LAKES	ACRES	MAX.DEPTH
Manitowish Lake	496	61
Rest Lake	808	53
Spider Lake	272	43
Stone Lake	139	43
Wild Rice Lake	379	26



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Aerial view of a portion
of the Manitowish 10-Lake Chain
taken by Emir Butler;
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Lakes shown: *Manitowish,
Spider, Island, Stone & Clear.*
Lakes not shown:
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