

Live From Virgin Forest Park!

In 1923, Robert Loveless and Palmer Hanson built a dance pavilion on the shores of Alder Lake. The Park Hall, or Virgin Forest Pavilion, was an addition to the new resort complex that Loveless created known as Virgin Forest Park. Dance pavilions were popular in the Northwoods and elsewhere at the time, and Virgin Forest Pavilion was one of the largest. The orchestras and bands that played there were mostly from Minneapolis, Milwaukee or Chicago. A player piano took the place of live music when necessary. Tourists and locals from miles around enjoyed many years of music on Alder Lake. The pavilion fell silent in the 1930s, and during a heavy snowbound winter in 1940, the roof collapsed.