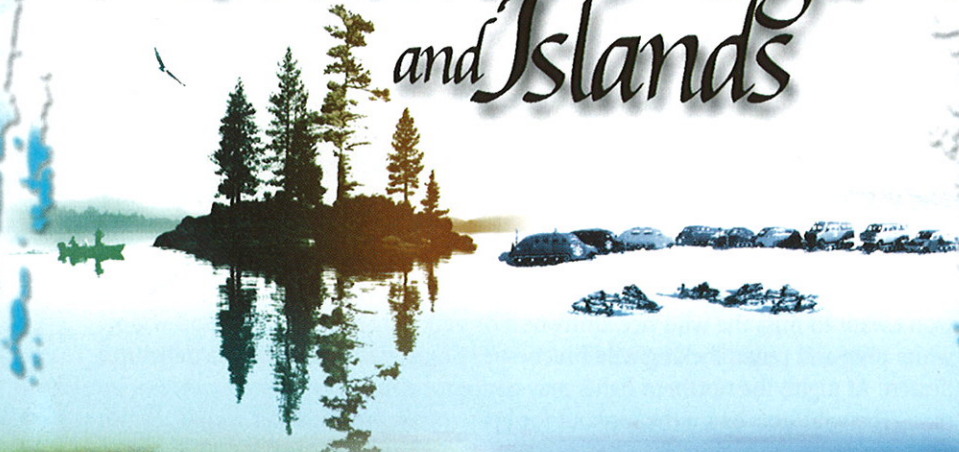
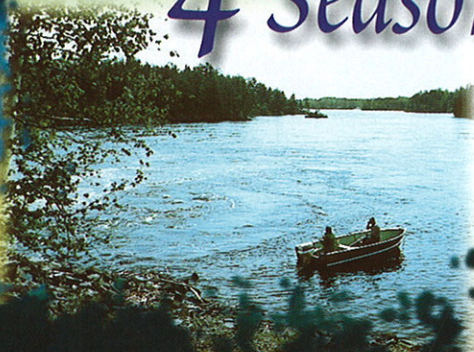


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Lake of the Woods is a border lake sharing shoreline with Manitoba, Ontario and Minnesota. The entire lake is approximately 90 miles long and 55 miles wide, covering 951,337 acres. It has 65,000 miles of shoreline and 14,500 islands. The Minnesota portion of Lake of the Woods is 317,000 acres with a maximum depth of 39 feet.

Visitors experience some of the best angling ever on Lake of the Woods, at any time of the year. Nature buffs are right at home here with birding, photography, camping, canoeing and sight-seeing.

Relax in an atmosphere that seems to be held back in time and enjoy the quiet of natural sounds, smells and sights. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and you can see the beauty of this area for miles on end.

Fortunate are the people who live here...and fortunate the vacationers who find this enchanting land of woods and water. Surrounded by Canada on three sides, we are the northernmost point in the contiguous U.S., and home to the only one-room schoolhouse in the state of Minnesota. There is history, mystery and more to be explored in the northernmost area of Minnesota.

We promise...the call of the loon, clean refreshing air, magnificent blend of pine, rocks, sunsets, star-studded skies, northern lights and all the natural beauty your heart can hold. The possibilities are endless as is the splendor of this region.

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Spring is always welcome along with visitors eager to enjoy a variety of activities. The ice is melting and birds are returning to the area. Forest leaves begin to bud and wildflowers emerge. This is prime birding time. Eagles can be seen near their nesting areas and the return of waterfowl is evident by the call of the loon. Inspiration is close at hand to photographers, artists, writers and hikers as the forests and lakes unfold and come to life.

As hungry fish move into the shallows in search of food, unsurpassed fishing opportunities abound. Fish the sheltered island shorelines of two countries for five species of game fish all in one afternoon. Enjoy a delicious shore lunch of freshly caught walleye, explore an island or two. Enjoy a quiet vacation or an adventure-filled fishing trip. There's no nicer place to be in the spring.

Summer holds so much to do and see! Fish, fish, fish...start your season early when the fish are relating to the shoreline, catch your limit throughout the summer on fast, action-packed reef structure angling. Latest estimates by the Department of Natural Resources fisheries show 819,000 walleye and sauger are harvested annually from Minnesota waters. Walleye larger than 20 inches are more numerous now than in the 1980s. Plan your trip to include sheltered island fishing in Ontario or Minnesota for trophy-size fish. Whenever you come, world-class fishing awaits you at the Top of the Nation.

Climb to the top of Massacre Island or Eagle Rock, visit Fort St. Charles, the old feldspar mine and the most northerly post offices. Find arrowheads and shards on the sand beaches, look for the remaining ruts of the Dawson Trail. Challenge your partner at the most northerly par-3 golf course. Swim and play at a beautiful sand beach.

Add a special touch to your vacation with a meal at an area establishment or take a day trip to Manitoba or Ontario. While enjoying the beauty of the area, you won't want to miss the wild rice, driftwood or pink lady-slippers, diamond willow, white pine and cedar. Picking wild blueberries or raspberries can yield a delightful dessert. At night, the northern lights may dance for you.

The wildlife...be on the lookout for bear, moose, deer, timber wolves, eagles, osprey and pelicans. It's an artists' and photographers' paradise.

"Prime fishing awaits Lake of the Woods anglers...and the best news is that everyone, no matter what level of fishing experience, will catch fish." Gary Clancy



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Winter...take advantage of the Northwest Angle's longest season. Clean, white snow from November through March enables you to enjoy miles of wilderness trails or angling through up to 40" of ice for those tasty walleyes, saugers or jumbo perch.

Experience the best reef and structure fishing Minnesota has to offer. Walleyes are abundant, jumbo perch action is fast-paced, and nice-sized saugers a bonus to fill your limits.

Fishing is successful throughout our extended season, from right after the ice forms through the end of March.

The lake and surrounding area provides a unique playground 70 by 100 miles for cross-country skiers and snowmobilers of all ages and riding skills. A fantastic maze of groomed trails connects you to over 12,000 miles of trails in Minnesota to endless trails in Ontario and Manitoba. Or, travel a wide variety of open lake trails winding through 14,000 islands to the hills and lakes of the North Country. Over one-hundred year-round residents provide shelter, food and fun in this winter wonderland. From extreme to family fun, the Northwest Angle and Islands heralds an exciting season of winter recreation for all outdoor enthusiasts.



Fall offers beautiful autumn colors and cooler days and nights. With summer winding down, and winter on the horizon, the area takes on new feeling. Colorful leaves, reflecting off the glasslike Lake of the Woods, create a perfect picture or painting.

Slowing the pace down with colorful walks and curling up with a good book in a rustic cabin is the perfect getaway.

Fishing/hunting packages are also available for those interested in some super mallard and bluebill hunting. Duck hunting season opens mid-September in Ontario and the first weekend of October in Minnesota.

Trophy fish, especially muskies are still waiting to be caught! A frantic fish that bites in both Minnesota and Ontario waters. Make plans for a great two-nation vacation.

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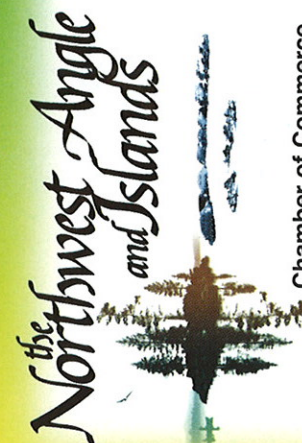
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