

## TOP OF THE NATION



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**WELCOME...** The Northwest Angle and Islands are what Minnesota vacations are all about. We boast breathtaking views, awesome fishing, and great resorts mingled into the Lake of the Woods and surrounding forests. There's something for everyone in every season!

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 at the Northwest Angle & Islands 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.

You are always welcome...spring, summer, fall or winter.



FREE – Guide to the Northwest Angle & Islands

# The Angler

An easy drive from anywhere in the Midwest!



Anglers are frequently interested in the age of walleye they have caught. It is rather difficult to provide this information with a great degree of certainty because individual fish can grow at very different rates. The sex of fish, stage of sexual maturity and various genetic factors all influence growth in a population. Major influences between lakes can be climate and lake productivity.

Generally, male walleye in Lake of the Woods start to mature when they are 12 inches long and 3 years old, but it is not until they are 16 inches long and 5 years old, that the male walleye sexually matures. Male walleye longer than 24 inches are extremely rare.

Female walleye grow faster than male walleye, after they are three years old. They also mature at an older age. Female walleye start to mature when they are 4 years old and 15 inches long, but all of them are not sexually mature until they are 7 years old and 20 inches long. Generally, female walleye which are 25 inches long are about 10 years old, and 30-inch females are in the range of 20 years old. The oldest Lake of the Woods walleye we have aged was a 23-year-old female that was 30.3 inches long.

This information was created by personnel at the Minnesota DNR Baudette Area Fisheries Office.

**The only one-room school in Minnesota.  
It houses grades K through six.**



Thanks to the effort of local residents and the hard work of senators and congressmen, the Angle School was opened once again in the fall of 1994. This school is the only one-room, state-funded school in Minnesota. Grades K through six are covered here. High school students ride the bus to Warroad school district, #690, which is 60 miles away.

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## Four Seasons of Fun!

## DID YOU KNOW...

- That the final boundary between the United States and Canada was definitely established at the Northwest Angle in 1925.
- That the Northwest Angle & Islands is famous in history – Fort St. Charles, Dawson Trail, site of a noted Indian Treaty in 1873, carried a Hudson Bay Trading Post longer than any other bit of American territory.
- That four nations' flags have flown over this area – those of Britain, France, Spain and the United States.
- That the waters of Rainy Lake, Rainy River and Lake of the Woods flow north to the Hudson Bay. Therefore, you travel **down** to Kenora and **up** to Baudette.
- That Captain Charles McKeever, Flag Island, guided a vice president (Hubert Humphrey) and a presidential candidate (Walter Mondale).
- The Danny Orlis book and radio series heard on "Back to the Bible" radio show on Saturday mornings was based on Dave Colson (Jake's Resort). The book series has been reprinted.
- That John Tanner, stolen as a ten-year-old in Kentucky in 1789, lived as an Ottawa-Ojibway Indian at Plantation Island, now Garden Island, from 1790 to 1823. His Indian name was The Falcon.
- "Lake Wobegon North" (otherwise known as The Northwest Angle & Islands) is one of the few places Garrison Keillor has yet to visit and broadcast a show.
- That the freshwater cod is known as a lawyer, burbot, or eelpout.

## CROSSING THE CANADIAN BORDER

You should have your motor vehicle registration card and some type of personal identification. Other regulations: one case of beer or 40 oz. of liquor and one carton of cigarettes, per person, no hand guns are allowed across the border and you must have a valid reason for a long gun (if you are transporting the gun). The long gun must have a clip/magazine of less than 5 rounds. If you are taking a pet, you must have rabies vaccination papers with you.

## EVENT CALENDAR

### BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL & CHILI COOK-OFF

*First Weekend in August*

### WINTER FEST

*First Weekend in February*

### PROGRESSIVE DINNER BY SNOWMOBILE

*Dates Vary; Contact the Chamber*

### ANNUAL CHAMBER/COMMUNITY BENEFIT BREAKFAST

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## HOW TO GET HERE

The Northwest Angle and Islands is accessible by car (to the mainland of the Northwest Angle), air, watercraft, snowmobile, bombardier or your own boat. Area businesses can make travel arrangements to your destination when you make reservations.

**AUTOMOBILE:** From Warroad, go north on Hwy. 313 to Sprague, Manitoba. From Roseau, take Hwy. 310 to South Junction, turn right to Sprague, Manitoba. From Sprague, go north on Hwy 308. Watch for the Northwest Angle sign (junction 525). Turn right onto Hwy. 525 to Jim's Corner.

**AIR:** Plane service is available out of International Falls.

**LAKE:** The Island Passenger Service or winter bombardier service at the Northwest Angle, Minnesota, 63 miles from Warroad, offers a 10-mile, 15-minute ride to the Island section of the lake. The Lake of the Woods Island Transportation Service is also available both summer and winter out of Baudette, MN.

**SNOWMOBILE:** Snowmobile Trail Maps are available for arrivals by sled. Departures can be from Baudette, Warroad, Roseau or the mainland of the Northwest Angle.



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## A MAP MALFUNCTION DEFINES THE ANGLE

The history of, "Why," the Northwest Angle and Islands is part of the United States and Minnesota is very interesting. The Angle was created because some of our founding fathers didn't know their wilderness geography. In defining the boundary between American and British possession (to become Canada) at the treaty of Paris after the French and Indian War, the intention was to run a line through the Great Lakes to the ultimate source of the St. Lawrence River.

Individuals involved in the decision to include the Angle in the U.S. lands, eventually to be part of Minnesota, were Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and John Jay – the land became U.S. property because of ignorance, compromise, accident and an astronomer's ruler.

While the confusion had its beginning at the treaty of Paris at the conclusion of the American Revolutionary War (1783), it did not end until the boundary was surveyed and definitely established in 1925 – nearly a century and a half later.



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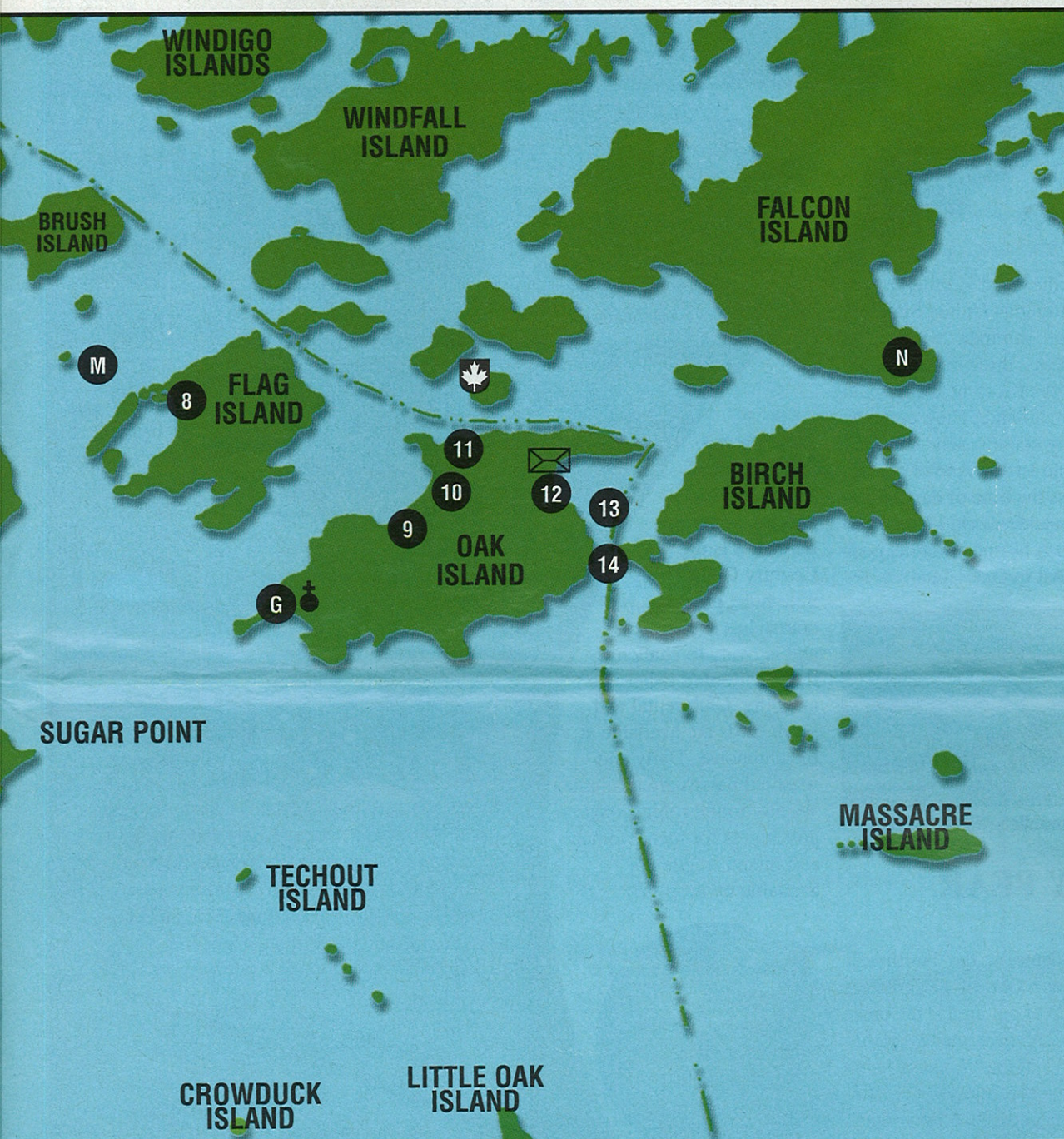
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## WILDLIFE

Our location in Northern Minnesota gives the visitor the chance to observe a wide variety of wildlife not common to other parts of the state. Black bear, otter, mink, fisher, and a rare relative, the pine marten, can be seen. Deer are common and occasionally a moose can be observed. The elusive timber wolf can also sometimes be seen or heard. Beaver, skunk, and the red fox, varying in its many shades of red, fill out the list.

Over 275 species of birds can be seen and heard in any season of the year. Canada geese, herons, mallards and loons nest along the shorelines.

Included in the bird of prey list are the bald eagle, osprey, great grey owl and turkey vulture. Associated with Lake of the Woods are white pelicans, cormorants and four species of gulls and terns. The sight of a crow-sized pileated woodpecker is a thrill for any bird lover. Spring's ambassador is the red-winged blackbird, followed by sparrows, warblers, robins, vireos, orioles, yellow-headed blackbirds and hummingbirds. Their activities and song continue into late fall. Dropping temperatures bring northern birds such as junco and snow bunting as short-term guests.



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## What writers say about the NORTHWEST ANGLE AND ISLANDS

"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

"Actually, there's no such thing as a bad day of fishing on Lake of the Woods. Even when the fishing is slow, you can still catch

enough walleyes and saugers to keep things interesting." Terry Tuma

"Despite extended angling seasons and liberal limits, the size and numbers of northerns, walleyes, and smallmouth bass are increasing. We have one of the best walleye populations we've had in decades, and probably the most stable populations ever in the 1900's." Mike Larson, Lake of the Woods Area Fisheries Supervisor, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

"Lake of the Woods...The fishing? Not bad at all. Lots of nice-sized walleyes up to 7 lbs. or so, along with good numbers of saugers, and when a school moves through, the action can be fast and furious." Brad Dokken

"Top of the State, top of the walleyes...Here there is peace. Solitude. Time to think. Water to mesmerize you in summer. Clean, white, snow to soothe the soul in winter. And walleyes. Lots of walleyes." John Myers

(Tackle)  
Terry Tuma



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Aerial view of the Northwest Angle and Islands.



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### Tartar Sauce for Fish

Cookbook Committee

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|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 c. sour cream      | salt & pepper      | 2 T. chopped dill    |
| 1 T. lemon juice     | 2 T. chili sauce   | pickle               |
| 1/2 tsp. dry mustard | 2 T. chopped onion | 2 T. chopped parsley |

Mix well and keep in refrigerator.

## EXTRA, EXTRA...

### READ ALL ABOUT US!

This newspaper is full of great information, from past to present. You'll find a complimentary copy at most area businesses. Or order from the Northwest Angle & Islands Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 11, Oak Island, MN 56741

For more information about us, call 1-866-NWANGLE (692-6453).



## MAIL

The Angle has the most northerly post office in the contiguous United States. A steady trickle of summer, winter and year-round residents, three times a week, gather at the post offices at Oak Island and the Angle mainland. They come to pick up mail, buy stamps, send off hand cancelled bills and letters. And of course, they come to pass the time of day. Mail – one link to the outside world – comes 60 miles by road, then by snowmobile, puddle jumper, or boat to Oak Island.



Don't just snowmobile – "Ride the Edge"

## PRICKLY PEAR CACTUS

What? Cactus plants at the Northwest Angle and Islands? One of the greatest botanical wonders of our area is the presence of the prickly pear cactus plants (*Opuntia fragilis*) – found in micro-habitats along various shorelines on the lake, including Flag Island. Just how these plants came to inhabit the shores of Lake of the Woods is open to conjecture. It is possible some seeds were carried in by birds, or parts of the plant floated to this area in prehistoric times.



Prickly Pear Cactus

*Thank You...* for taking the time to read our newspaper. Have you booked your Northwest Angle & Islands getaway yet? All our businesses work hard to ensure a successful vacation for every guest. Our mission is based on:

- Our willingness to be of service.
- Our attention to detail.
- Our efforts put forth to help each guest have a full stringer of experiences.

Our resorts offer you a scenic, wilderness setting, exceptional accommodations, year around activities, privacy, relaxation, fishing on sheltered shorelines of two countries – all on the pristine, world-class fishery of Lake of the Woods. Explore your options and call today!



Fledgling Bald Eagle

The Indians in their birchbark canoes, the old steam ferries and freighters, the voyageurs, forts, and trading posts, the gold miners, and the caribou are gone; but their spirits are still there on the Wendigo's Lake. The eagle still soars overhead; the loon still yodels on the surface. The crowducks and pelicans still swoop in graceful formations. Come and experience all the Northwest Angle & Islands have to offer you.



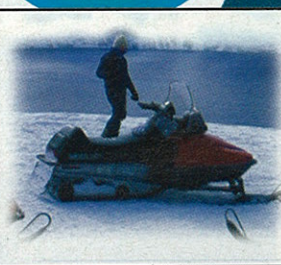
Common Loons

## GOLF

The Northwest Angle's growing attraction is the Country Club. The nine-hole, par 33 course has sand greens and is ready to challenge the vacationing fisherman or golfer. Club rental and score cards are available at the clubhouse. Daily and seasonal passes are available. Weekly round robins/leagues/golf nights for men, women and mixed league are available by drop-in.

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