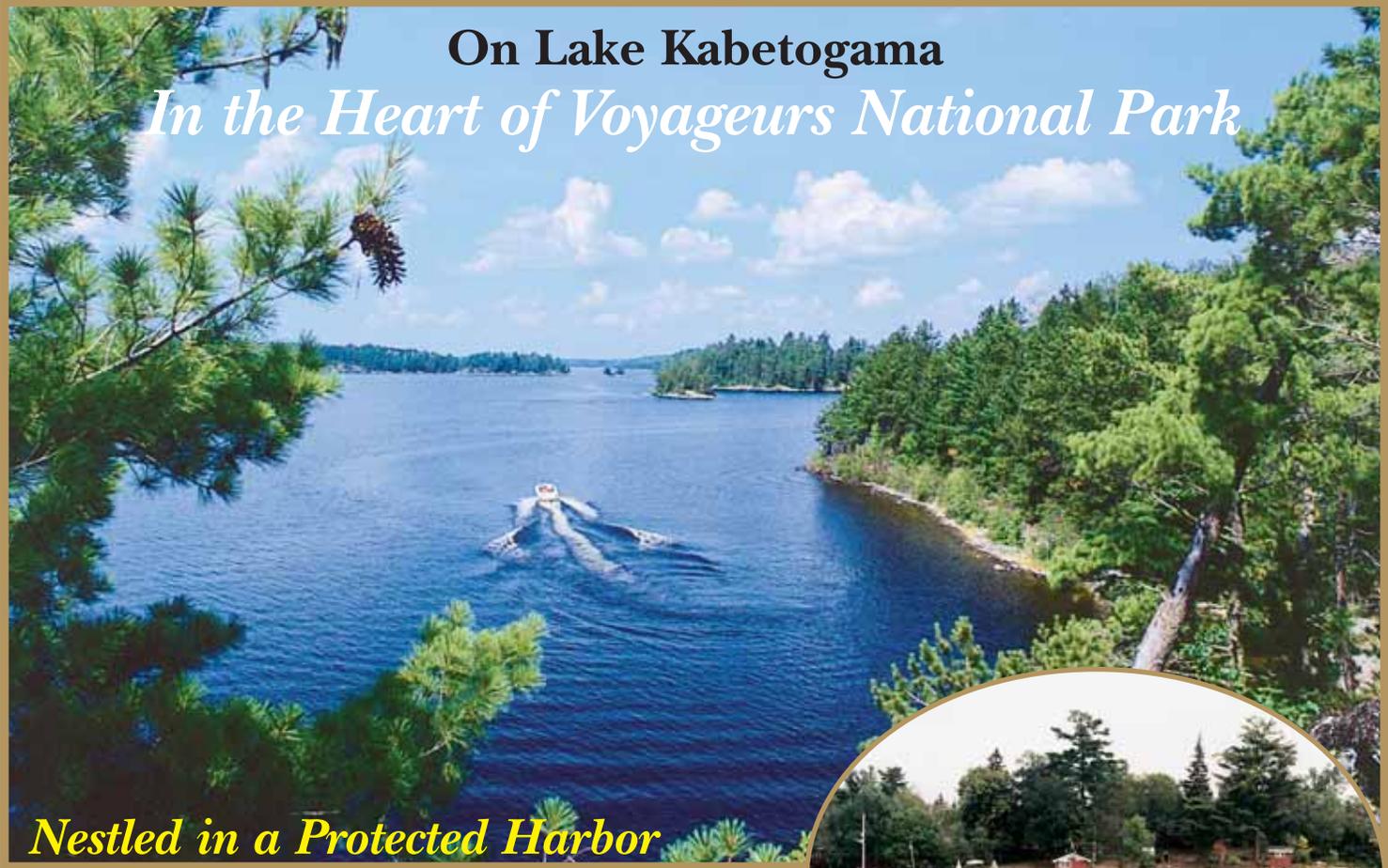


Birch Grove Resort

On Lake Kabetogama

In the Heart of Voyageurs National Park



Nestled in a Protected Harbor

- Modern 2- and 3-bedroom well-spaced cabins on the lake
- Park at your door
- 16 ft. boat provided with cabin
- BBQ grills, carpeted, knotty pine interiors with decks
- Camping sites with hookups
- Fishing guide service available
- Bear guide service
- Sandy beach and excellent water-skiing
- Protected harbor
- Groceries, ice, beer, pop, bait, gas, boats & motors
- Free fish filleting

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Explore the many islands on beautiful Lake Kabetogama.

From: Elaine Goodrum
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To:

A HISTORY OF BIRCH GROVE RESORT



IN THE LATE '20s, MY FATHER STARTED coming to Kabetogama with his brothers. My mom started in the '30s. In 1950, my parents built their own cabin so as a child I was introduced to Kabetogama.

My boys also liked going to Grandma's cabin in the woods. In 1972, we left Iowa and bought the resort. We didn't know a screwdriver from

pliers, but one learns fast. It was a good place to raise my two sons who still live in the area. One is a carpenter and the other owns a resort on Crane Lake.



We acquired many dear friends along the way. They are more like family. Some have been coming back for 50 years and many for 40 years. It's great to see the three generations and how one gets hooked on the area.

Fishermen and families alike will enjoy our northwoods hospitality. We offer six ultramodern cottages, carpeting, full baths, and they come completely furnished. *Please bring your personal towels.* All cottages have knotty pine interiors, are in close proximity to the lake, and enable you to park conveniently next to your cabin. Our protected bay is ideal for water-skiing and a sandy beach invites swimming or relaxing.

Kabetogama is known as one of Minnesota's finest wall-eye lakes. Enjoy scenic granite cliffs, virgin pines, wildlife such as deer, bears and eagles. In midsummer enjoy picking wild blueberries and raspberries. The low pollen air and cool



Grill up some fresh caught fish while enjoying a view that's hard to beat.

nights are here for your enjoyment. A safe 16' aluminum boat is furnished with each cabin. Complimentary fish fillet service is provided for our guests. We also have groceries, gas, bait, ice and beverages for your convenience. Limited camping space on level ground is also available.



EXCELLENT FISHING



In Minnesota, the land of 10,000 lakes, Kabetogama is a wild, untapped treasure. Anglers who long for wide open spaces and good fishing will revel in the cool, clean waters and solitude of Kabetogama. Walleye, northern pike, bass and crappie abound in our area. Spring fishing always creates

excitement as fish travel from spawning beds to shallow reefs and the unending shore-lines of Lake Kabetogama. As the water warms by mid-June, schooling walleyes travel to deeper waters and challenge even the most adept anglers. As you explore the hundreds of warm water bays and inlets you'll run across sauger, smallmouth bass and jumbo perch for which these waters are well known. Northern pike provide an overlooked challenge on Kabetogama and during midsummer you'll find many die-hard anglers throwing everything in the tackle box to entice those lunkers to snap and run with their most treasured lure. It's excitement whether you land the big one or not.

Crappies school up in later season and can be found against rock walls or suspended over weed lines. If one strikes and turns sideways you'll swear it's a 10-pounder.



Fall fishing can be a real treat for those who make one last trip of the year. September and October slide in with breathtaking fall color and a special awakening of fall watchable wildlife. The woods come alive with



Enjoy relaxing on the patio outside the Clubhouse or gathering on our deck overlooking the lake after an invigorating day on the water.



Cabins are nestled in trees for added privacy and a spectacular view of Lake Kabetogama. Listen to the loons harmonizing across the waters with their delightful vocalizations.

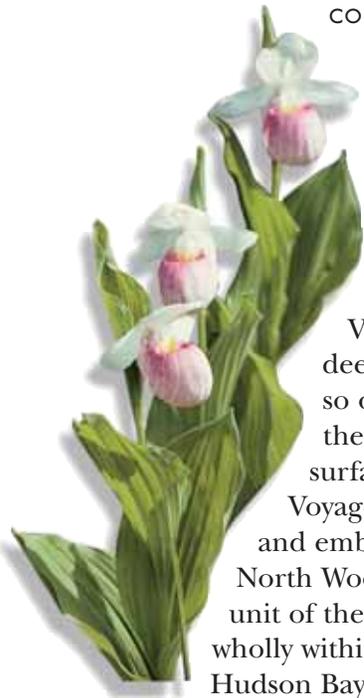
color and movement. It's a special time of year to reflect on past fishing trips and the enjoyment it has brought to family and friends. Some only keep enough for a special shore lunch to savor the fresh taste of fish cooked on an open campfire.

Kabetogama will provide all the ingredients for a great fishing trip, so come when you can and enjoy a variety of fish any time of year. You'll return again and again.



Voyageurs National Park...

Our nation's fifty-four national parks protect for the American people — and the world — wonderful and evocative scenery and varied natural systems that represent the singular and diverse character of our nation's rich natural heritage. They also provide a setting in which we can connect with our cultural roots and history.



And so it is with Voyageurs: its four big lakes and over 500 pine-covered islands are a product of the leveling action of the glaciers. We can understand the course of the glaciers in Voyageurs in the vistas of deep blue water that contrast so obviously with the green of the boreal forest and the dark surfaces of rocks and ridges.

Voyageurs is, in fact, the essence and embodiment of the Great North Woods. Voyageurs is the only unit of the national park system that is wholly within the arctic watershed of Hudson Bay. Its values and significance are not limited to what we see or can sense — its past and our connections to that past are equally part of why Voyageurs is a national park.

The native people of the north and the first Europeans — the fur traders and their paddlers, the French Canadian voyageurs — explored and settled this part of North America using the waters as roads, and canoes as transport. In such ways, we share much of our natural and cultural history with the people of Canada. The boundary between Canada and the U.S. in this area — which is also the northern boundary of the park for over 50 miles — is defined by international treaty as the historic route of the voyageurs.

As a water-based national park, Voyageurs provides a window for current park visitors into what it means to depend on water for transportation. The park has fewer than 8 miles of paved roads in its 218,000 acres — so our access today is by boat, canoe, or plane in summer and by snowmobile, ski, or snowshoe in the winter.

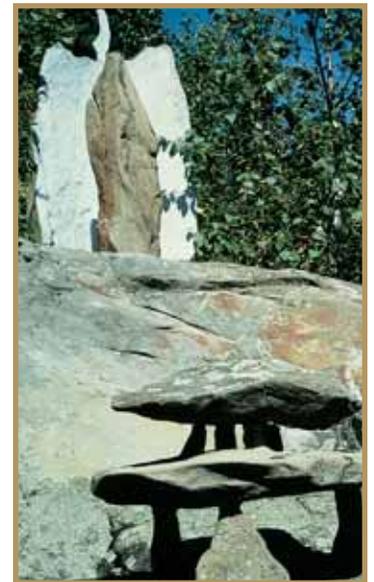
The beaver the fur traders came to exploit have returned. They seem to be everywhere and can be watched — swimming purposefully, building dams, stripping trees, and rearing their young — throughout the park. Over time, their dams and tree-felling will open meadows, build soil, and contribute to ecological succession — just as they did when Voyageurs was the water route of the fur traders.

In subtle ways, each aspect of Voyageurs' natural and historic richness tells a story of the ecology, wildlife, and history of this area and its relationship to the present. The eagles and wolves of Voyageurs give us a view of our wild past; Kettle Falls and the Little American gold mine show a different kind of wildness. We hope you will take the time to look beyond the obvious in this wonderful park, to find meaning, relevance, and pleasure in the subtle and hidden values preserved and protected here.

Ellsworth Rock Gardens

The **Ellsworth Rock Gardens** was built over a period of more than 16 summers, beginning in 1944. Because it was only accessible by water, everything had to be brought to the site by boat or over the ice. The garden is located on the north shore of Lake Kabetogama just east off Cutover Island.

A trip to Ellsworth Rock Gardens offers a great picnic spot with the remnants of over 150 flower beds and 60 rock sculptures.



Sight-Sea-Er Tour Boat

The Sight-Sea-Er Tour Boat operates on Lake Kabetogama offering spring, summer and fall boat trips. Enjoy a sunset cruise or an all day excursion to Kettle Falls.

and Points of Interest

Kettle Falls

CROSSROADS OF HISTORY

Deep in the heart of Voyageurs National Park lies a historic remnant of the past, a jewel in the forest — the Kettle Falls Hotel. From the end of the nearest road, it's a boat ride of twenty miles or more to the historic hotel, an unforgettable boat ride through a maze of pine and aspen covered islands.



The hotel was built between 1910 and 1913 to provide meals and lodging for workers constructing the dams at Kettle Falls and Squirrel Narrows. Situated in a propitious location along the historic waterway on the Minnesota/Canadian border, the Kettle Falls area has had a long and colorful history.



Ojibwe Indians camped here and fished for sturgeon below the falls. French-Canadian fur traders portaged around Kettle Falls where the waters from Namakan Lake drop twelve feet into Rainy Lake.

Around the turn of the century, huge log rafts carrying millions of board-feet of timber often filled the narrows of Rainy Lake as loggers harvested the vast forests. During the 1920s, fifty or more commercial fishermen arrived each week in summer to sell their catches in 100-pound boxes to buyers gathered at auctions at the Rainy Lake dockside.

During Prohibition, illegal booze was sold at “blind pig” shacks near the hotel. As an added historical fact, because of a twist in the middle of the water drainage, Kettle Falls is one of only a few places on the border where you can look south into Canada from the United States.

Today, visitors can stay and eat at the same hotel that has offered meals and liquid refreshments to its guests for over eighty years — the hospitality still remains the same. To reach Kettle Falls, visitors can take tour boats which offer almost daily trips to the area during the summer months, or experienced boaters can reach the hotel in their own or a rented boat.

Grand Mound

Where dense forest meets the Bigfork River, an immense mound of earth stands, the monument of a people whose history lay buried for hundreds of years before the arrival of Europeans.

Grand Mound, the largest prehistoric burial mound in Minnesota, is attributed to the Laurel Indians, a Middle Woodland people who lived in the upper Great Lakes latitudes from 200 B.C. to A.D. 800. The remarkable story of these people is told at the site's visitor center, 17 miles west of International Falls on Highway 11. Operated by the Minnesota Historical Society, it's open May 1 through Labor Day and weekends in September and October. There is an admission charge. Call (218) 285-3332.

Boise Cascade

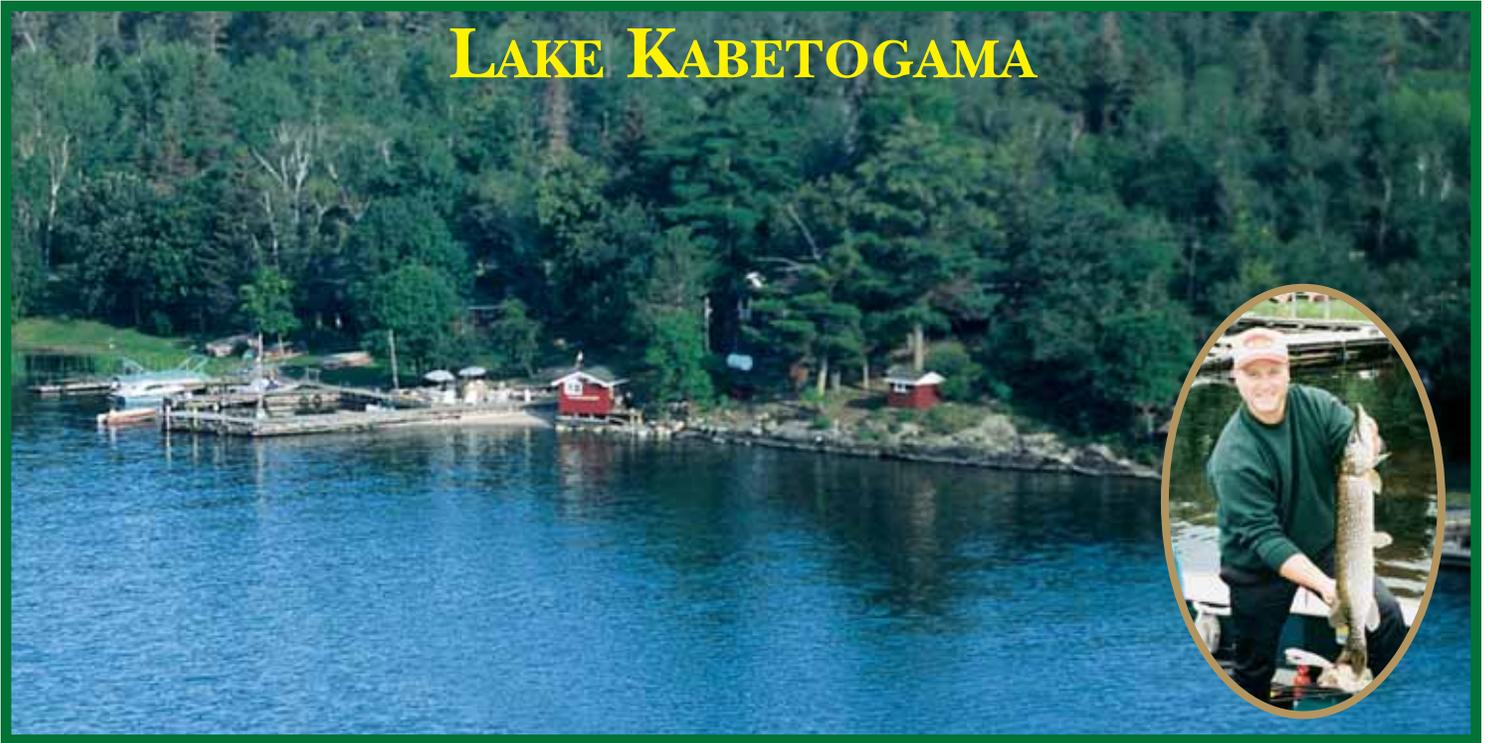
See the largest, fastest paper machine in the world at the Boise Cascade Corporation mill, located on Second Street. *Touring America* magazine lists this as one of the top 18 plant tours in the country. June through August, Monday through Friday, tours are regularly scheduled; other times by reservation. No children under 10 or cameras are allowed. There is no admission charge.

Also, enjoy Boise Cascade's new Woodlands Tour. Inquire by calling (218) 285-5511. Reservations for both tours are recommended.



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LAKE KABETOGAMA

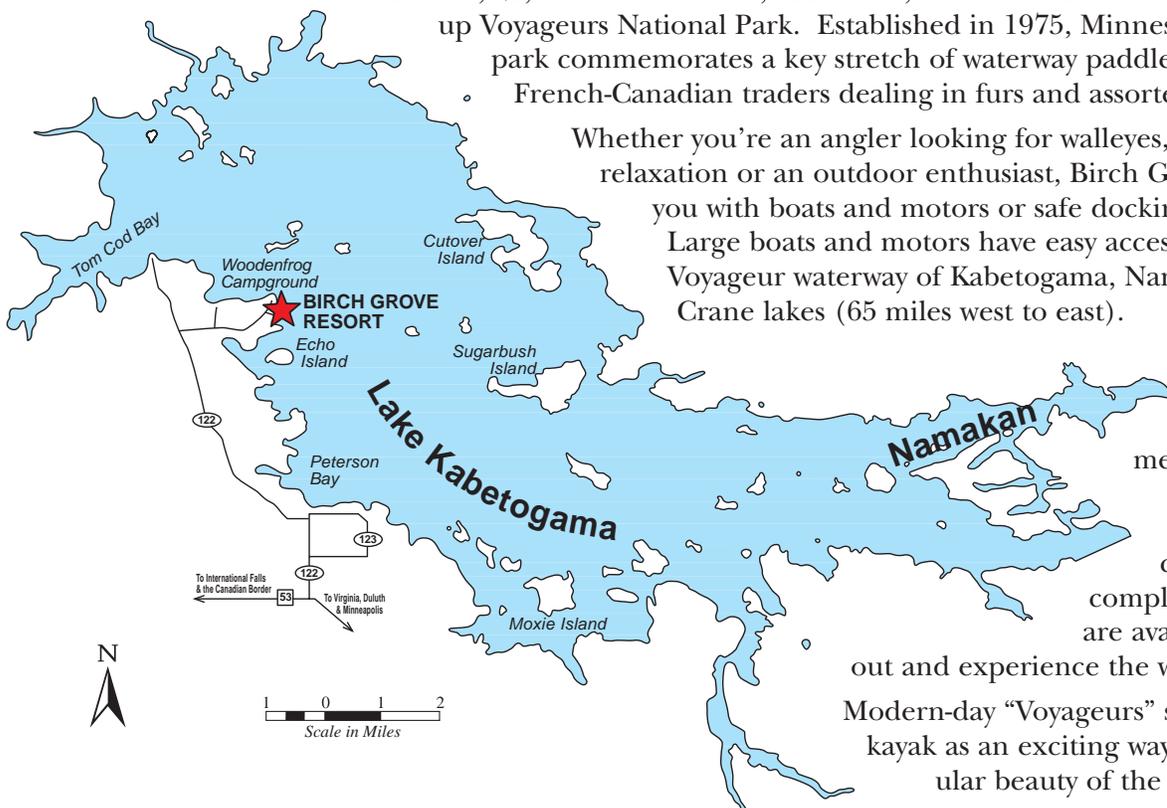


In the heart of Voyageurs National Park, Lake Kabetogama offers a wilderness vacationland, hundreds of miles of scenic shoreline, and numerous islands to explore. Let Birch Grove Resort furnish a camp box and enjoy the unique experience of a shore lunch. Fish, swim, explore, or just plain relax, we have it for you. A chain of lakes that extends for over 50 miles and into Canada awaits the adventurous people to roam and enjoy. PLANE OR BUS PASSENGERS MET ON REQUEST.

LAKE KABETOGAMA GOT ITS BEGINNING AS AN ANCIENT GLACIER FLOW, edged by the great Canadian Shield and surrounded by wilderness untamed by time. Here you'll find the area teeming with plant and wildlife — aspen, white pine and spruce, black bear, deer, moose and wolf. The lake itself is dotted with over 200 remote, scenic islands that maintain their beauty and ruggedness partially formed by harsh winter storms.

Situated along the U.S.-Canadian border in Minnesota, Kabetogama Lake has a 500-mile, sand and rocky shoreline, 25,000 acres of clean, cool water, and is one of four major lakes that make up Voyageurs National Park. Established in 1975, Minnesota's only national park commemorates a key stretch of waterway paddled by 18th century French-Canadian traders dealing in furs and assorted goods.

Whether you're an angler looking for walleyes, someone in need of relaxation or an outdoor enthusiast, Birch Grove Resort can provide you with boats and motors or safe docking for your own boat. Large boats and motors have easy access to the interconnecting Voyageur waterway of Kabetogama, Namakan, Sand Point and Crane lakes (65 miles west to east).



The vast waters of Rainy Lake are accessible by a short mechanical portage. If you want to experience the "great outdoors," canoes, kayaks and complete outfitting services are available for you to camp out and experience the wild.

Modern-day "Voyageurs" still travel by canoe and kayak as an exciting way of taking in the spectacular beauty of the park and its environs.

Canoe Woodenfrog and Surrounding Areas

Woodenfrog Campground on Lake Kabetogama is visited each season by hundreds of tourists and local people alike. Its sandy beach and serene campsites offer the visitor a view hard to find anywhere in the country. The rugged beauty of this area keeps visitors coming back year after year.

The atmosphere here makes it easy to imagine the world of the man whose name graces the campground – Chief



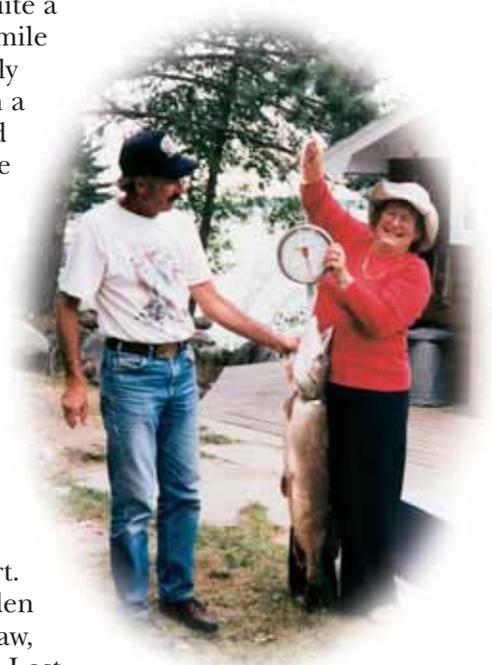
Woodenfrog. His was a world of moccasins, birchbark canoes, hunting, fishing, berry gathering, and tepees. There were few white men and no reservations. There was the Chippewa language. The Indian reigned over this natural kingdom.

Woodenfrog and his family lived right on Gold Portage. Those were the days before the high water. It was said to be quite a portage, at least a mile and a half. The only way through was in a canoe. It was called Gold Portage at the time of the gold rush on Rainy Lake and the name stuck.

The Chief was a very big man in both girth and personality. He was one of the last to leave the Kabetogama area to go to the Nett Lake Reservation. Although information on the Chief is sketchy and many memories seem to be mingled with those of Chief Woodenfrog's son John, the tales are interesting.

Records from Voyageurs National Park's files obtained through interviews with Neil Watson by Mary Lou Pearson in 1982 tell some of those tales. Watson tells how he remembered when Woodenfrog would use his birchbark canoe to transport birchbark baskets full of blueberries to sell for eight to ten cents a quart. Watson recalled when Woodenfrog was the first Indian to get a sixteen-foot wooden boat. It was pretty shallow and presented a challenge to Woodenfrog and his squaw, who were both of pretty good size. He'd pull his canoes behind and head toward Lost Bay or the Narrows to pick the berries that Watson would haul into Ray with a horse and buckboard.

It is a shame that more is not known about Chief Woodenfrog and his family. However, when you spend time at Lake Kabetogama, if you try to go back in time, and imagine what it would be like to live your life all year around as the Indians did, you may just hear the soft padding of a moccasin or two tracking a deer for nourishment; or you may hear the soft tinkling made by the dipping of canoe paddles as the Indians traveled the Kabetogama waterways; or you may catch the smell of fish being smoked. When you visit this area, you will feel the spirit of Chief Woodenfrog. It's an adventure you won't want to miss!



Birch Grove Resort – For a Vacation of a Lifetime!

Some of our amenities and things to do:



- Six modern, well-equipped, well-maintained house-keeping cottages with full bath, carpeting, knotty pine interiors & microwave oven. Please bring your own personal towels
- All cottages nestled on water's edge — some 30 ft. from water
- 16' aluminum boat with each cottage for one week minimum stay or dock space in lieu of the above for private boats
- Complimentary fish filleting, packaging and freezing



- Camping offers full hookups, hot showers, shaded sites, full dock service
- Marine rentals include 16' aluminum boats
- Groceries, ice, bait, gas and beverages available at office
- Well-mannered pets are welcome but *you must clean up after them & leash them*
- Large Weber grills for everyone
- Protected bay

- Outboard motors
- Safe sandy beach
- Vince Shute Bear Sanctuary, in Orr — Open Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend
- Two public golf courses within a few miles
- International Wolf Center, Ely — Open all year (*Weekends only during winter months*)
- Cold Springs Deer Farm
- Fort Frances, Ontario



Falls Country Club offers an 18-hole golf course located in International Falls on the scenic Rainy River. New in 1998.



Directions to Birch Grove Resort:
Take Highway 53 north. Turn right at the large walleye statue on County Rd. 122. Follow County Road 122 to Waltz Road and turn right. Watch for the sign.

BIRCH GROVE RESERVATION FORM

Please return this form with your deposit

Reserve Cabin # _____ Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____ No. in Party _____

No. of extra boats needed (if any) _____ No. of motors & size needed _____ Bringing own boat _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please send a \$200.00 deposit. Make checks payable to: **Birch Grove Resort • 10466 Waltz Rd. • Ray, MN 56669**

Amount enclosed for deposit _____ Check in Saturday after 2:00 p.m. • Check out Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Thank You!

Average Temperature:

	Highs	Lows
May	65	C O O L N I G H T S
June	76	
July	80	
August	80	
September	65	

Distances:

5 hours from Minneapolis/
St. Paul, MN or Fargo, ND
9 hours from Madison, WI
or Sioux Falls, SD
11 hours from Chicago, IL
or Des Moines, IA
13 hours from Omaha, NE
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