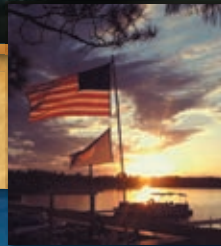
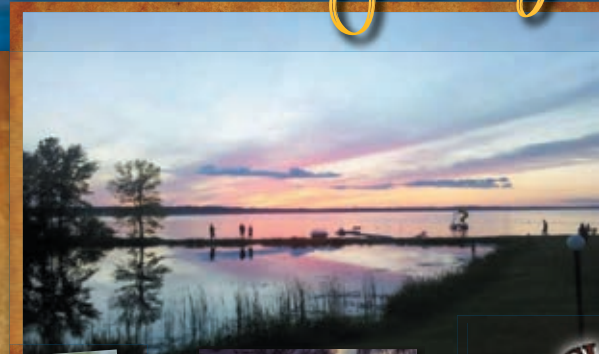




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We are a year-round vacation destination. Many of our resorts are open all four seasons to provide comfortable accommodations for all your outdoor sports and recreations. Spring brings with it, the anticipation of warmer weather, birds returning, Maple Sugar harvest and blossoms appearing from the earth's winter shelter. Opening fishing season brings out the boats, and promise of a great fish catch (or at least some great fish tales of the one that got away). Summer is soon in full swing with many local activities and festivals. Please join us this year for our combination SummerFest and Cass Lake/Bena All Class Reunion July 10-12, 2020. Whether you graduated with us or not, you are invited to join us for a fun time! Summer Lake time means not just fishing, but also swimming, canoeing, kayaking, and just the sheer pleasure of sitting on the shore & soaking up the sights! Fall seems to come quickly in the north, and with the cooling temperatures, the beautiful colors of the forests. We have multiple hunting seasons, such as duck, goose, grouse, deer and bear. Early fall is also the return to school and the wild rice harvest, which is an important natural resource for us. Winter brings cold and snow, but with it, many enjoyable sports as well! Snowmobiling, skiing & ice fishing are very popular. We invite you to our annual Winter Fishing Challenge held each February on Cass Lake. It's a great community event!

No matter which season you visit, the Cass Lake area welcomes you! We want you to enjoy our local businesses, dining, entertainment and many Casinos in our area. In 2019 we said "Good Bye" to the Palace Casino & Hotel, and welcomed a brand new casino on HWY 2, called, "Cedar Lakes Casino & Hotel" in Cass Lake.

Come visit and stay! You will take home lasting memories that will bring you back season after season & year after year.

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Cass Lake Area Chamber



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The Cass Lake Area Chamber of Commerce office is located in the Minnesota Welcome Center of the Cass Lake Area, off Highway 2 along the shorelines of Cass Lake. Whether you're looking for information, a beautiful view, or just to stretch your legs, stop in and see what the Chamber, the City of Cass Lake, and the Area has to offer. Email us at: info.casslake@gmail.com or visit us at: www.casslake.com.

Cass Lake Stats

Population.....	770
Elevation.....	1330 ft. above sea level
Avg. Rainfall.....	26.4in
Avg. Snowfall.....	41.1in
Summer High.....	79.4°F
Summer Low.....	60.5°F
Winter High.....	22.2°F

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Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2020

- Feb 7 & 8 Cass Lake Area Chamber & Cedar Lakes Casino
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www.casslake.com
- Feb 13 & 14 North Country Resort, Retail & Restaurant
Buyers Show-Walker info@leech-lake.com
- Feb 14-16 Bemidji Outdoor Sports Show bemidjisportsshow.com
- Feb 20-23 Frozen Block Party-Walker

MARCH 2020

- March 7 Northland Fat Bike Rally www.visitbemidji.com
- March 8 Daylight Saving Time
- March 19 First Day of Spring!

APRIL 2020

- April 3-5 The Bemidji Jaycees Home Sport & Travel Show
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- April 4 North Country Women's Expo Walker
- April 15 Spring Turkey Opener www.dnr.state.mn.us
- April 23 Average Ice-Out Date for Cass Lake
- April 25 Northstar Shooting Sports Club
Annual Fundraising Banquet www.nssclub.org

MAY 2020

- May 7 Fishing Opener www.dnr.state.mn.us
Annual Paul Bunyan Coop Celebration
www.paulbunyancommunications.net
Cass Lake Fireman's Walleye Tournament & Fundraiser
- May 25 Memorial Day
Leech Lake Memorial Pow Wow
www.llojibwe.org > powwow>schedule

JUNE 2020

- June 13 Chippewa Triathlon www.chippewatriathlon.com
- June 14-20 Peak Flower Bloom Bog Walk
- June 18 & 19 MOONDANCE Softball Tournament
- June 18-20 MOONDANCE Jammin Country, Walker,
www.jammincountry.com
- June 20 First Day of Summer!
Late June, Lady Slipper Blooms Trail

JULY 2020

- July 4 Independence Day
Leech Lake Traditional Pow Wow,
www.llojibwe.org > powwow>schedule
- July 10-12 Cass Lake/Bena All Class Reunion & SummerFest
Information/Registration @ www.casslake.com EVENTS
- July 11-12 Deer River Wild Rice Festival
www.wildricefestival.com
- July 16-18 MOONDANCE Jam, Walker
www.moondancejam.com
- July 18-19 Art in the Park, Bemidji
www.watermarkartcenter.org
- July 29- Aug 1 15th Annual Dragon Boat Races-Bemidji
www.bemidjdragonboat.com

AUGUST 2020

- Aug 7 Deuces Wild, Dueling Pianos
www.moondancejam.com
- Aug 7-10 Leech Lake Regatta
info@shoresofleechlake.com
Cajun Fest-Northern Lights Casino
www.leech-lake.com

SEPTEMBER 2020

- Sept Goose Hunting Opener www.dnr.state.mn.us
- Sept 7 Labor Day
Labor Day Pow Wow-Cass Lake
www.llojibwe.org/powwow/schedule.html
- Sept 12 Ethnic Fest www.leech-lake.com
- Sept 26 Harvest MOON www.moondancejam.com

OCTOBER 2020

- Oct 2-3 Cystic Fibrosis Walleye Classic-
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NOVEMBER 2020

- Nov 11 Deer Season Opener www.dnr.state.mn.us
- Nov 27 The Night We Light Parade-Bemidji
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DECEMBER 2020

- Reeds Customer Appreciation Sale-Walker
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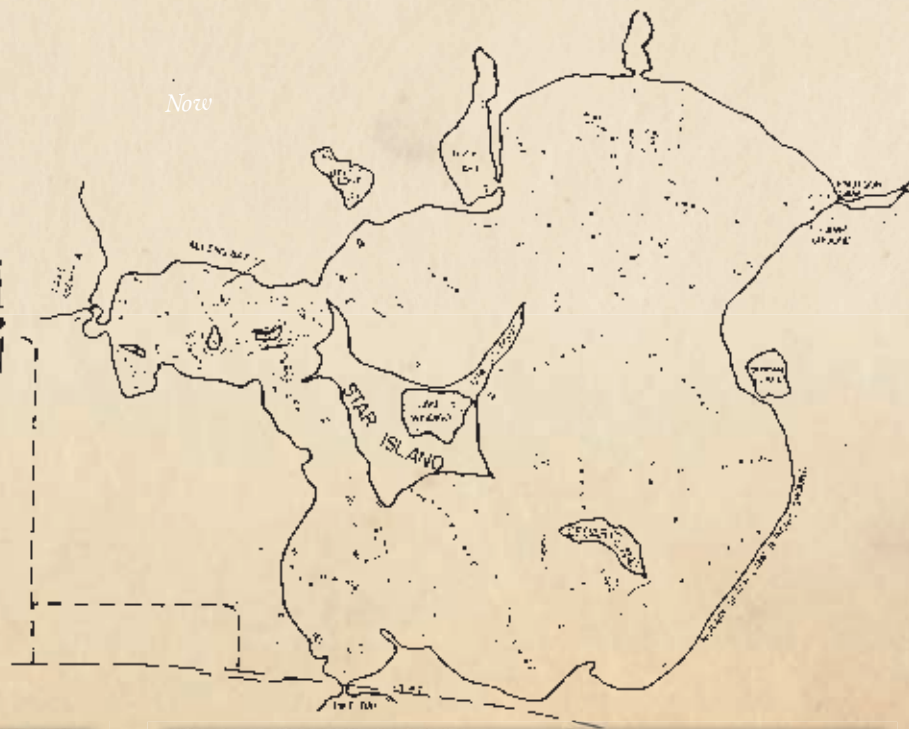
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Area Lakes

Cass Lake

Cass Lake, just northeast of the City of Cass Lake, is the largest of the eight lakes that make up the Cass Lake Chain of Lakes and the eighth largest lake in Minnesota. The scenery is incredible on the 15,596-acre lake with 26.9 miles of forested shoreline, sandy beaches and depths down to 120 feet deep in areas. Cass Lake is known for its fine populations of walleye, muskie, and a variety of pan fish. Whether you are after that trophy muskie or a mess of perch, Cass Lake's maze of steep drop-offs, mid-lake bars, and sunken islands are sure to be holding just what you have been dreaming of.



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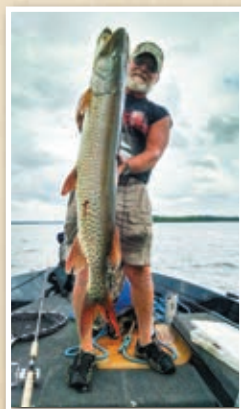
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Pike Bay

Pike Bay is connected directly to Cass Lake and is the southernmost lake of the Cass Lake Chain. Pike Bay is famous for its trophy walleye, muskie, and jumbo perch.



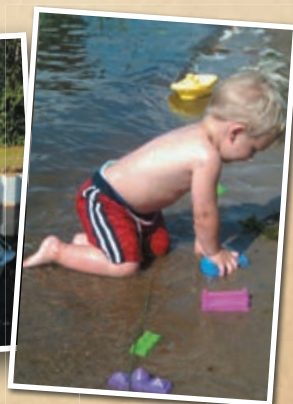
Star Island

Star Island is one of the most unique features of the Chippewa National Forest. Named for its star shape by the Ojibwe Indians, "Star Island" is the largest of four islands in Cass Lake. Star Island has over eight miles of shoreline and encompasses 980 acres of both public land and private homes. The Chippewa National Forest is responsible for managing more than three-fourths of the island for public, scenic, and recreational use. Unique to Star Island is the "Ten Section Area", which was one of the earliest designated portions of the national forest. The old growth trees are a favorite with the bald eagles. The earliest residents of Star Island are believed to be the Woodland people about 1,500 years ago.

Lake Windigo, sitting inside Star Island, is the only spring fed lake within a river fed lake in the northern hemisphere. Lake Windigo's unique location earned it a notation with "Ripley's Believe It or Not" in 1958. The lake covers 199 acres with a maximum depth of 25 feet.



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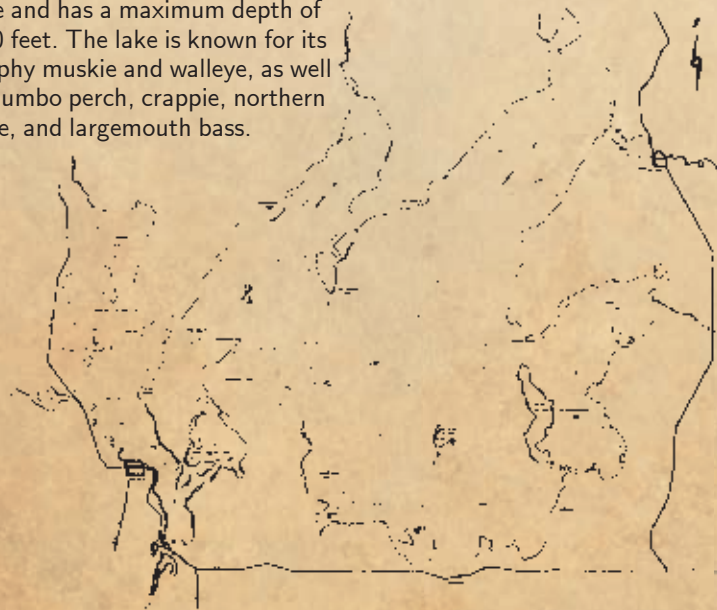
Kitchi Lake

Kitchi Lake's 1,758 acres are easily accessible by boat from Cass Lake. The Turtle River and Kitchi Creek flow through Kitchi with access to Big and Little Rice Lakes. Kitchi Lake holds northern pike, bluegills, black crappies, perch, walleye, muskie and large mouth bass.



Leech Lake

Leech Lake is the third largest of Minnesota. It is 102,947.83 acres in size and has a maximum depth of 150 feet. The lake is known for its trophy muskie and walleye, as well as jumbo perch, crappie, northern pike, and largemouth bass.



Lake Winnibigoshish/Little Winnie

Lake Winnibigoshish or Big Winnie, as it more commonly known, is the fifth largest lake in Minnesota, covering more than 67,000 acres. It has an average depth of 15 feet, and a maximum depth of 78 feet. It was created in 1884, when the Lake Winnie Dam was built on the Mississippi River. Two other lakes were created in the area as well, Cut Foot Sioux and Little Winnie. Scenic unspoiled shoreline with many convenient boat accesses, and abundant walleye, northern, perch & bass await you. Lake Winnie is also host to a walleye fish hatchery. The Minnesota Dept of Natural Resources encourages people to visit the hatchery. To schedule a tour, call 218-327-4430

Little Winnibigoshish, known as "Little Winnie" is 945.29 acres in size and has the maximum depth of 28 feet. The wooded habitat of the Chippewa National Forest surrounding the lakes has the largest bald eagle population in the lower 48 states, & offers ample opportunities for hikers, photographers & naturalists alike.



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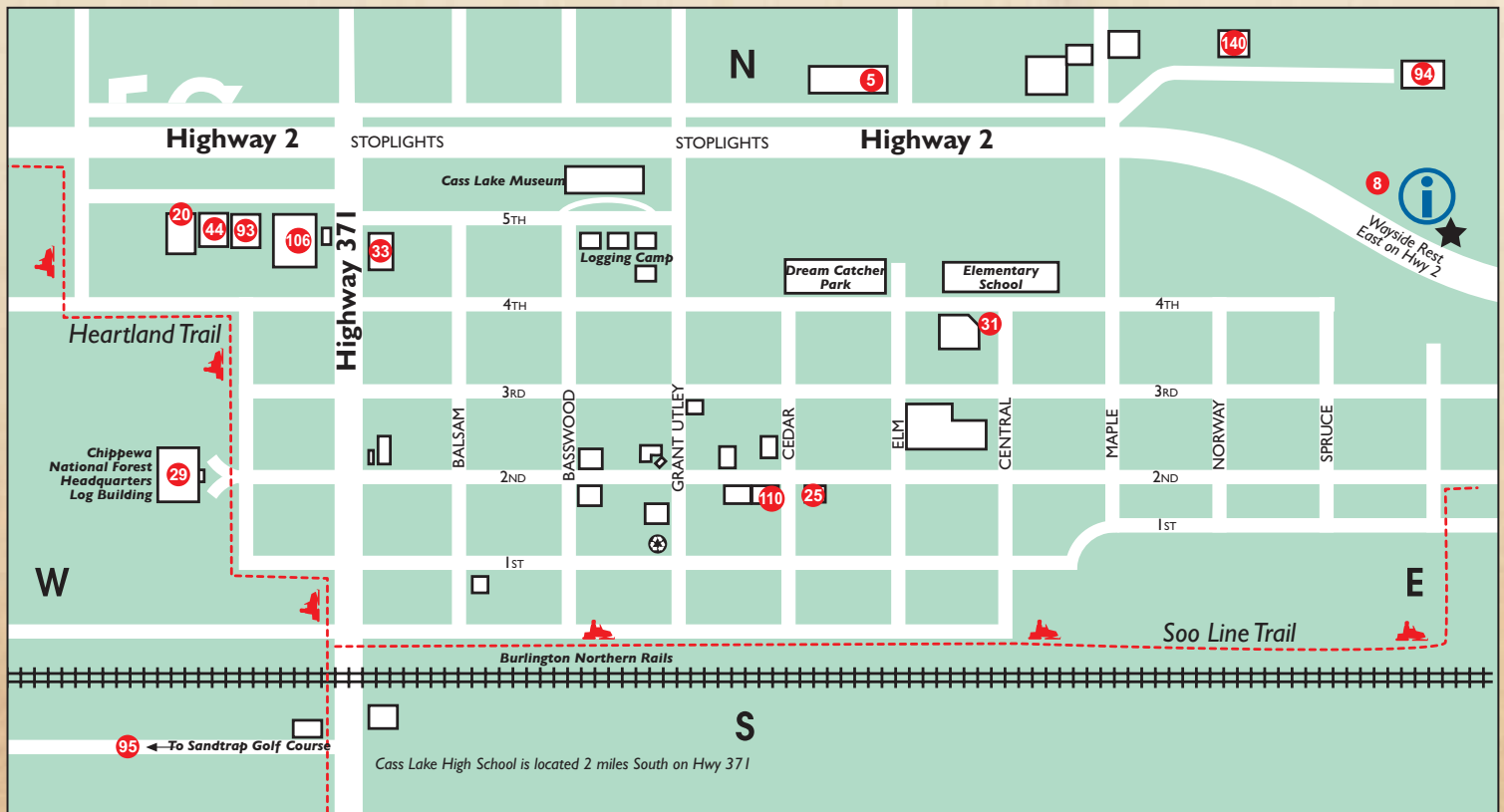
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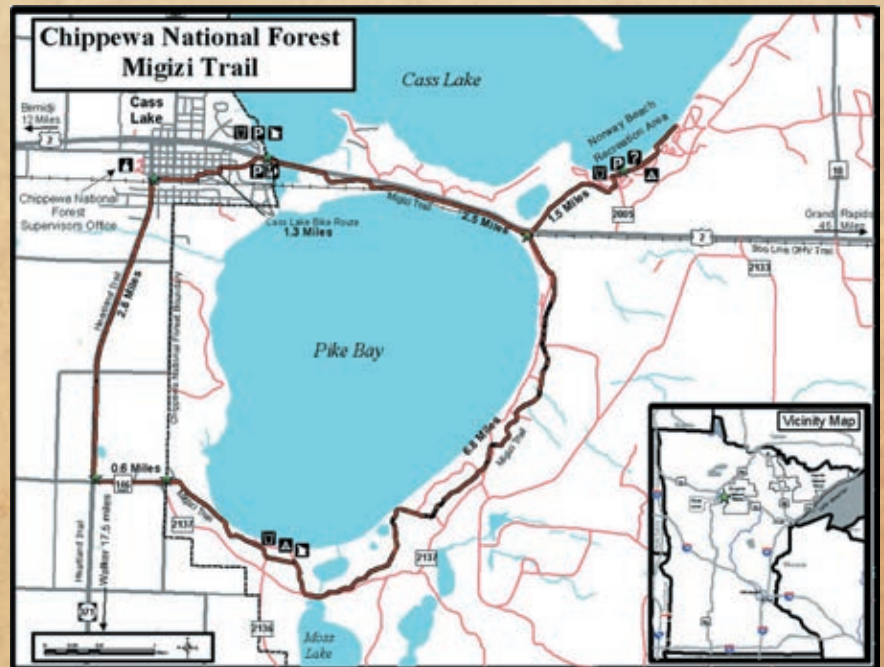


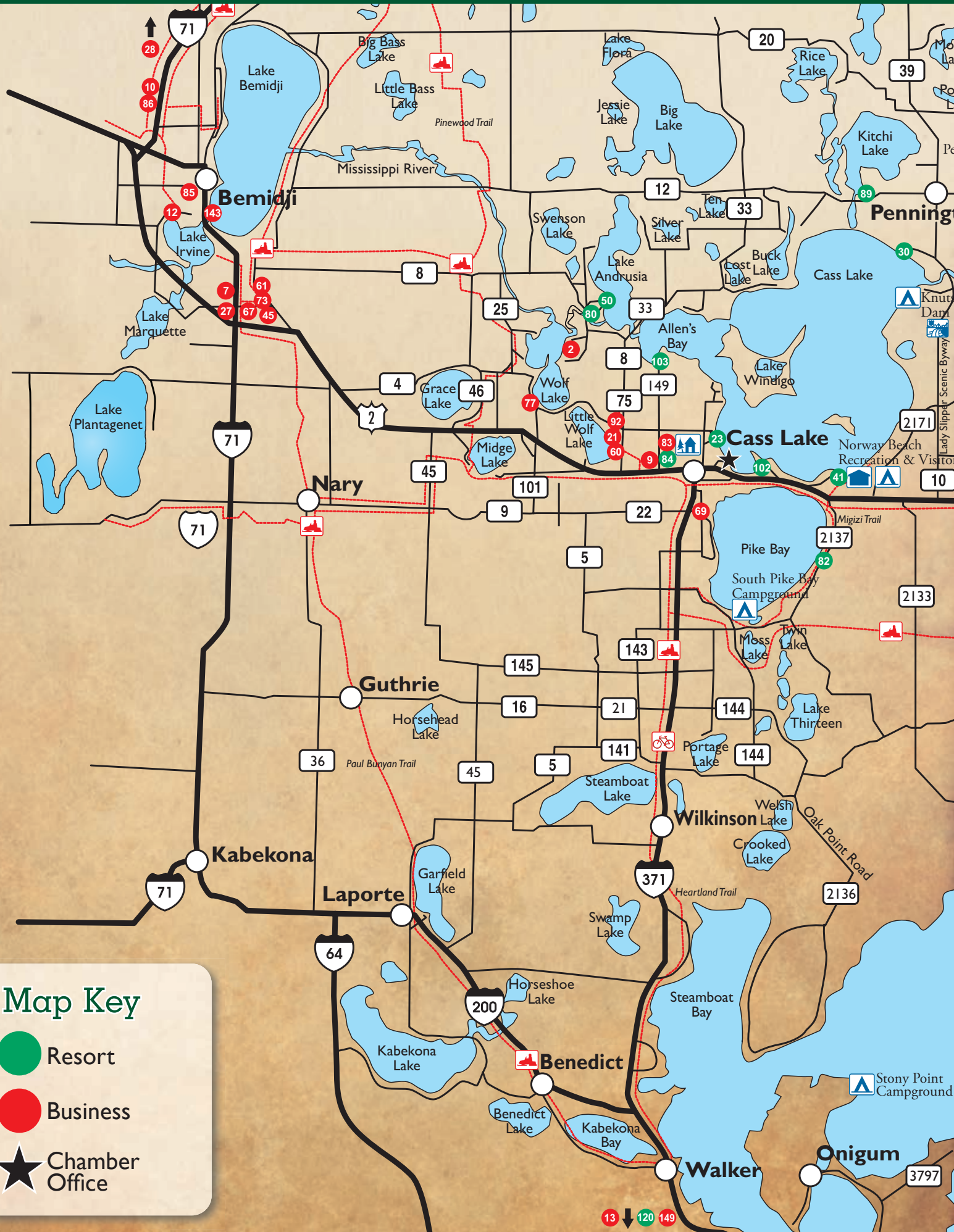
Biking & Hiking

There is no better way to see the Chippewa National Forest than on a trail. Forty-one miles of paved bike trails line the west side of the forest and mountain bikers can travel over 43 miles of unpaved trails on the east side between Deer River and Marcell. The Migizi Trail circles Pike Bay in Cass Lake on a 19-mile paved loop. The Paul Bunyan Trail is 120 miles long that runs from Bemidji State Park to Crow Wing State Park by Brainerd with 112 miles currently paved. The Heartland Trail runs from Cass Lake to Park Rapids and is 47 miles of paved trail.




Include the kids when you hit the trail. Most Minnesota state trails are paved and constructed on former railroads, so they are generally level and kid-friendly.

For more information on Minnesota State Trails, go to: mndnr.gov/trails or call the MN Department of Natural Resources at 888-646-6367





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Lady Slipper Scenic Byway

Lady Slipper Scenic Byway goes "over the river and through the woods," just like the song says. The river is the Mississippi River, where it passes out of Cass Lake as a wilderness stream, close to the beginning of its long journey. The woods are the pines, aspen, and birches of the Chippewa National Forest, which covers a wide expanse of north central Minnesota. The byway itself is a 28-mile drive that follows County Road 39 between the small, northwoods town of Blackduck and Highway 2, east of the City of Cass Lake.



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Along with scenic views of the Forest, the Lady Slipper Scenic Byway brings you to beaches, trails and an interesting piece of our country's history. This byway was recently renamed in honor of the state flower, the showy lady slipper. These lovely orchids, with pink pouches and white petals, grow in abundance along the byway's road-sides in late June, especially just north of Pennington.

Webster Bog

Travel the boardwalk, located near Webster Lake to see and learn about carnivorous bog plants from the interpretive signs along this half-mile trail.

Pennington Bog

This bog, which is located North on the Ladyslipper Scenic Byway by Pennington, contains an abundance of orchids and extends on to adjacent State land as a scientific Natural Area. ***A free entry permit is required, available from the Regional DNR office in Bemidji***

Lost Forty

The Lost Forty area consists of virgin red and white pines that were untouched by the early loggers due to an error that incorrectly mapped the area as a lake. A one-mile self guided interpretive trail and picnic area are at the site. See the Lost Forty and see what northern Minnesota looked like before loggers came to the area in the late 1800's.



Itasca State Park

In 1832, the Anishinaabe (meaning, "Original People") leader & guide, Ozawindib, from Star Island, led explorer Henry Schoolcraft to the source of the Mississippi River. Schoolcraft and a missionary companion, created the name, "Itasca" from the Latin words for "truth" and "head" (veritas caput). In the late 19th century, Jacob Brower, historian, anthropologist & land surveyor, came to the area to settle the dispute of the actual location of the Mississippi's headwaters. He saw how the region was being quickly transformed by logging, and was determined to protect some of the beautiful pine forests for future generations. His efforts led the State Legislature to establish Itasca as Minnesota's First State Park on April 20, 1891. (by a margin of only one vote!) Thankfully, the park now totals more than 32,000 acres and includes more than 100 lakes. Here you can walk across the mighty Mississippi as it starts its winding journey 2,552 miles to the Gulf of Mexico. In 1965 it was named as a National Natural Landmark, and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1973. Explore, bike or hike the park's many scenic trails. Camp under the stars or stay at the historic Douglas Lodge or cabins. You don't want to miss visiting this historic park! For more information call 218-266-2100 or visit www.dnr.state.mn.us



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Activities

Amusement/Entertainment

The Cass Lake area features something for everyone. Be sure to visit one of the Casino's in the area. Bingo or other casino games may interest you. Stop in at one of the local restaurants/bars and get a sampling of live local music and entertainment. For big name acts and events try the Northern Lights Entertainment Center, the Sanford Center - home of BSU Hockey, or Moondance Country/Moondance Jam.

Canoeing & Kayaking

Travel the route of the Anishinabe Indians and the early explorers. The Chippewa National Forest offers several canoe & kayak routes, ranging from the mighty Mississippi and the unpredictable Leech Lake to the slow-moving Rice River and other small creeks. The "headwaters" of the Mississippi River is the third longest river in the world, and only a 45-minute drive away. It is one of those sites you must see.



Fishing

Fishing opener kicks off in May. With eight lakes on the Cass Lake Chain, Lake Winnie, Leech Lake, and the many surrounding lakes, we have some of the best fishing for walleye, northern pike, muskie, bass, perch, and pan fish. Whether you're after a fish dinner or a trophy for your wall, we have it all. For information on fish consumption for area lakes go to www.dnr.state.mn.us.



Four Wheeling / ATV

If trail riding on ATV's is your idea of a good time, then Cass Lake should be your destination. Cass Lake is home to the trailhead of the Soo Line North ATV Trail. The 148 mile trail is made up of three sections. The Trail is open to Class 2 ATV's from April 1 to November 30 with camping, lodging, and food available in the various towns along the trail.

Golfing

For all you golfers, we have a variety of courses, from amateur to professional, Sandtrap Golf Course and Greenwood Golf Course are sure to suit your needs.

Hunting

Our area residents are very fortunate to live and work where they do. Many area sportsmen's, travel and hunt in many states, but some of the best all around hunting is right here in the Cass Lake area. We have a wide variety of hunting, from deer and bear to small game, and waterfowl. We are home to the Chippewa National Forest, which has over 400,000 acres, and is open to the public for hunting.



Ice Fishing

As soon as the lakes freeze over, the villages start to appear, and the angling and spearing begins. With many ice houses for rent, you can enjoy the peacefulness of ice fishing too.



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The Cass Lake Community Library

The Library's unique stone building was built in the early 1940's by the local Junior Chamber of Commerce & the Commerce and Civic Association for use as a museum. The Library opened in June 1947 in the old City Hall, but moved across the street in November 1957 to occupy the basement of the museum. In 1969 the library joined the KRLS, and in June 1974 moved to the upstairs of the building, where it remains today. The library provides free wireless Internet access & public Internet computers & printing. Contact the library for Children's Story Time schedule. Phone 218-335-8865 or email at: casslake@kris.org



Norway Beach Recreation Area

Norway Beach is located four miles east of Cass Lake, on Hwy 2. There are a variety of family activities available here, such as camping, interpretive trails, public swimming beaches, paved bike trails, boat ramps & reserveable picnic shelter. You can also visit the Norway Beach Visitor Center. For more information phone 218-335-8600.

Swimming / Snorkeling / Sailing

Our sandy beaches and lakes are perfect for relaxing in the sun, taking a dip in the lake, or snorkeling and discovering all the lakes wonderful life forms. Cass Lake is also great for sailing. With the right wind you can race around the islands or just set your sails on a slower pace ride to enjoy the sites.



Snowmobiling

Under a blanket of snow, the Chippewa National Forest becomes a land of unexplored adventures. Over 315 miles of motorized trails provide access for snowmobilers to 1,300 lakes, scenic woodlands, and frozen wetlands. Trails connect to nearly 200 miles of routes beyond the Forest. Snowmobilers may also travel on unplowed National Forest roads unless posted closed to recreational motor vehicle use.



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Pow Wow celebrations bring together traditional dancers from all over the United States and Canada, outfitted in historic dress and colors. Pow Wows are religious and social gatherings of the Indian people and visitors are invited to participate. The grand entry march that begins each Pow Wow is a spectacular display of colorful outfits and traditional meanings associated with the earth, birds, and wildlife; interpreted by the dancers. For more information, go to www.llojibwe.com or call 218-335-8200.

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Cass Lake Museum

Experience some of Cass Lake's past in the historically accurate Lyle's Logging Camp. Replicas of equipment once used by loggers are on display and each building is furnished just as it was in the early days. The museum's six buildings were built virtually single-handed by retired forester Lyle Chisholm. Adjacent to Lyle's Logging Camp is the Cass Lake Museum, formerly a railroad depot and one of the few remaining original Soo Line buildings in Minnesota.



Lyle's Logging Museum

Logging camps varied in size from accommodating just a few men, to up to 200 or more. For a number of years following the founding of Cass Lake, there were many men in camps of this type during the winter months in the surrounding area. The museum is open Memorial Weekend through Labor Day. Call for more information: 218-335-6723



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

The Ojibwe Indians, later named Chippewa by the US Federal government, arrived in what is now Minnesota in the early 1700's. At the time of the white man's arrival into Minnesota, the Chippewa occupied over half of the state. Most of the occupied Indian lands in Minnesota were ceded to the Federal government in 1807 and through a series of legislative acts; several Indian Reservations were "reserved" for Native Americans. The Leech Lake Reservation is one of six reservations affiliated with the federally recognized Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; the fourth largest Tribe in the nation.

Chippewa National Forest

The Chippewa National Forest was the first National Forest established east of the Mississippi River in 1908. Originally known as the Minnesota National Forest, the name was changed in 1928 to honor the original inhabitants. The Forest has a rich history, ranging from prehistoric times to the early logging era and Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) days.

The Forest boundary encompasses about 1.6 million acres. Water is abundant on the Chippewa, with over 1,300 lakes, 925 miles of streams, and 400,000 acres of wetlands. The Forest's landscape is a reminder of the glaciers, which blanketed northern Minnesota some 10,000 years ago.

As you visit the Chippewa National Forest you will observe a working forest. Recreation developments, wildlife habitat projects, and timber harvest are evident. Timber is harvested from about one percent of the Chippewa National Forest each year. Timber sales provide raw materials for the paper and wood industry, and improve wildlife habitat for white-tailed deer, ruffed grouse, and non-game species such as hawks, swallows, and sparrows. - CNF

History of the City of Cass Lake

In the Ojibway language, the lake was called "Gaa-Mi-Squa-Wah-Sko-Koo" meaning, "The place of the many red cedars". It was called "Lac du Cedre Rouge" by the early fur traders, who in 1794, had built a post for the Northwest Fur Company at the entrance of the Red Cedar River.

The search for the source of the Mississippi River brought many explorers to the area. In 1820 the Cass Expedition, headed by Territorial Governor, Lewis Cass of Michigan, arrived, but was prevented from traveling further upstream due to the low water level that year. Not seeing the inflow of the river, Gov Cass designated the lake as the headwaters of the Mississippi. Upper Red Cedar Lake was renamed "Cass lake" in honor of this early explorer.

Camp Rabideau

Camp Rabideau was created by President Roosevelt in 1933 as one of more than 4,500 Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camps nationwide. The CCC's were created to employ young men to work on conservation & public works projects to bring the nation out of the Great Depression. Minnesota CCC projects centered mainly on forestry and state and national park projects. They also supported soil and water conservation. The men in forest camps cut and cleared brush to help conserve existing forests and planted 123,607,000 trees. They participated in tree disease prevention programs, built roads, strung telephone lines, and fought forest fires. Camp Rabideau was listed as a National Landmark in 2006, as the best preserved CCC Camp in the United States, with fifteen buildings remaining. Tours are free and available Memorial Day through Labor Day. The camp is located six miles south of Blackduck on County Road 39. For more information call 218-835-4291



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It was P.M. Larson who came in 1903-1911 as new Superintendent in Cass Lake and insisted on building a school for the children of Cass Lake. At the time there were numerous school buildings and classes housed all over the town, in churches, halls, or wherever space was found. P.M. Larson was determined to bring them together into one school. Property was purchased across from St. Charles Church, known as the "village cemetery". The graves were moved to a spot near the old dairy and later to Pine Grove Cemetery. Construction began in 1903 & school opened in 1904, housing all elementary- high school students. The project cost was, \$19,000 for the building and \$5,000 to pay for the equipment in it. (pic #1 & 2)

The school population grew quickly, and in 1919 the Board of Education asked for a special election vote to consider a \$70,000 bond for a new high school. It was approved & property obtained (by eminent domain) across the street from the U.S. Land Office. An additional \$30,000 was requested before the year was over and was also approved. After opening to construction bids, it was discovered that another \$50,000 would be needed to construct the building. On March 16, 1920 the contract for the new high school building was granted to Edward Jackson & Son of Bemidji, Mn. The school opened in 1921 with a school population of 1,214 students, 80 of them high school students. (pic 3 & 4)

Needs for the school buildings changed over the years. In 1954 the East wing addition was built. In 1955 the NE section of the high school was added. Around 1967-68 the old 3 story brick elementary building was torn down. During the mid-1980's the NW addition of the high school was constructed.

Over the years the school district consolidated with the Bena schools, making the Cass Lake/Bena School District. In 1940 construction of the Bena school began. In the 1940's and 50's Bena had a population of 320-330 residents. By the 1970's Bena had dropped to a population of 169, with apx 69 students. By 1985 the Bena Elementary school enrollment declined to only 32 students. The school closed, and all the students are now bused to Cass Lake.

In 1989, the desire to expand the elementary school, and build a new high school was under discussion. In Nov '89 voters approved a \$6.85 million bond for the projects. It was later found not be adequate, so in July 1991 the state approved \$7.05 million dollar aid, providing the school first spend \$6.97 million of its own. There were some delays with getting materials for construction, but eventually the completion of the new high school was 1994. (Pic 5)

In 2019, the city of Cass Lake had a population of 770, with the Cass Lake/Bena schools student population of: K-6 grade = 543, Middle School 7 & 8 grades=338, and High School 9-12 grades=228.

We had our last All Class Reunion in August 1994 with many classmates returning to tour our much loved "Old School." The High School was torn down August 1996. The building may be gone, but our fond memories & school friendships remain.



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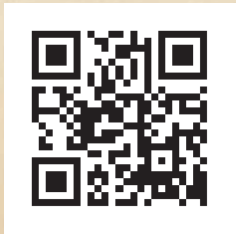
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