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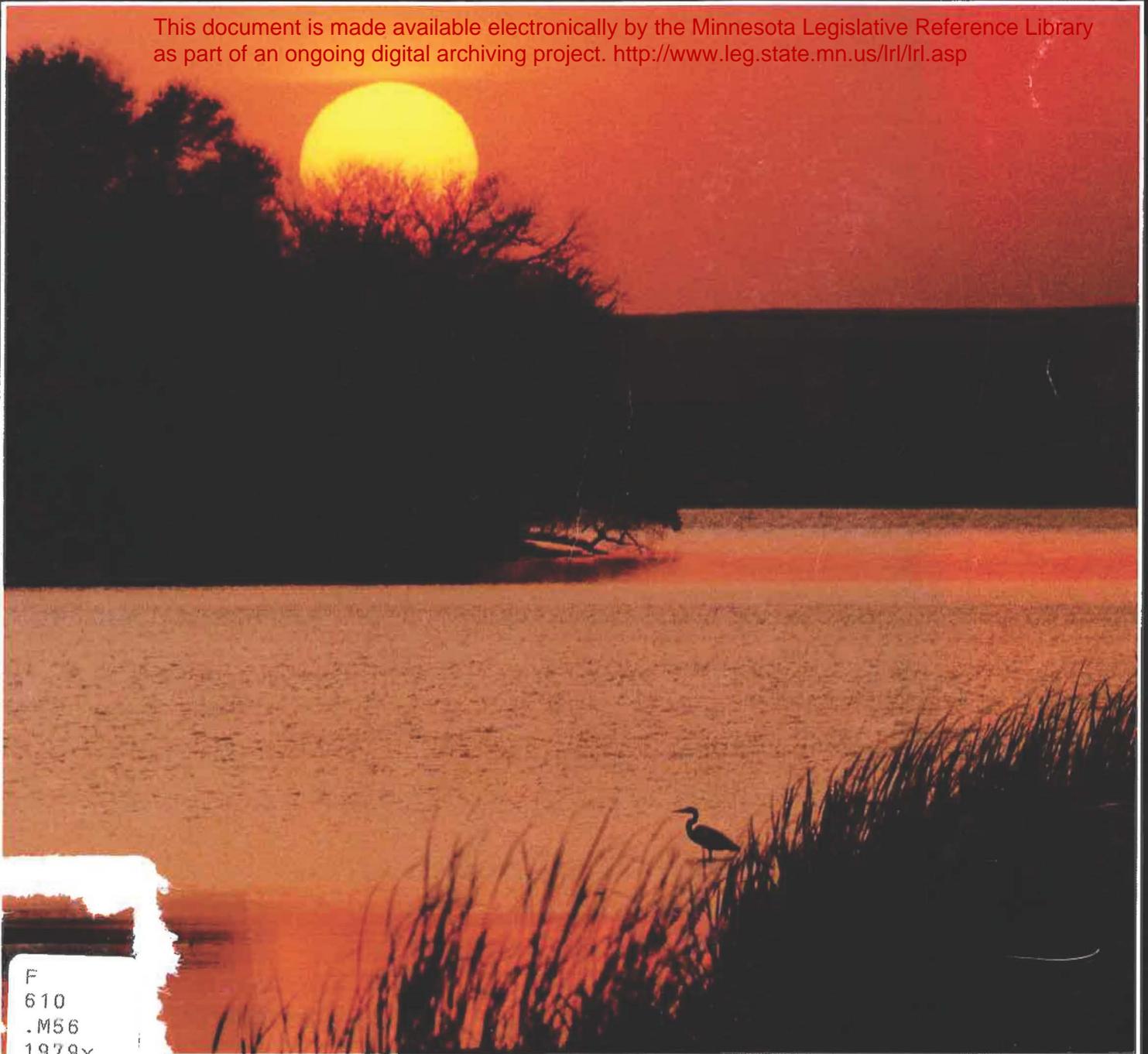
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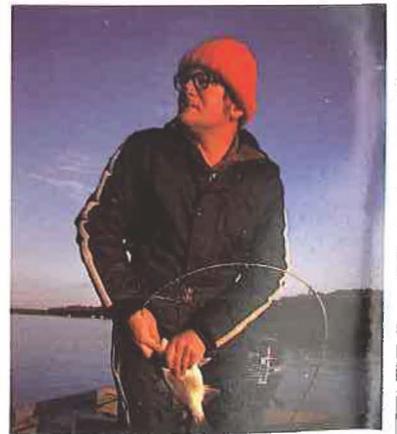


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A stately Great Blue Heron (cover) browses along the shore of a peaceful Minnesota lake at sunset.

Above, camping in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness provides uncomparable solitude and challenges, (far right) Minnesota has almost 3 million acres of state forest lands open to the public for in-season hunting, fishermen (right) always get their bounty during autumn in Minnesota . . . the fish just seem hungrier, sailboats and swimmers (opposite page, top) on Minneapolis' Lake Calhoun, a family enjoys a cruise (middle of page) in their runabout on one of Minnesota's many lakes and rivers, a sailboat (bottom of opposite page, left) navigates a channel between Minneapolis' Lake of the Isles and Cedar Lake as a fisherman tries his skill, winter activities (center) take many forms in Minnesota. Here a family enjoys the increasingly popular sport of cross country skiing, and (right) snowmobiling is also a popular winter sport in Minnesota. Many communities annually sponsor races.



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Minnesota has more shoreline than California and Oregon combined.

MINNESOTA beckons you to take the vacation of a lifetime. You are invited to experience the mystique of this diverse and dramatic landscape. A landscape formed thousands of years ago as giant glaciers, some more than one mile thick, moved across this soil from the north.

As these glaciers receded, they scraped the hills and carved the rocks, leaving large basins and crevices, especially in the rugged north central and northeastern portions of the state.

The majority of this thundering icy drift escaped, however, one giant sheet of ice remained. It melted and formed the smooth, fertile plain of the Red River Valley — which today holds some of Minnesota's richest agricultural land.

In the southeast, the steep hills and rolling meadowlands were left unscathed by glacial movement, and the trout-laden streams and picturesque rivers of the area flow gently toward the mighty Mississippi — "Father of Waters."

When the glaciers completed their mission in the north central and northeastern sections of what is now Minnesota, the basins and crevices filled in with water and twenty-five



Aerial view of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness gives an indication of the miles and miles of canoe routes available.



thousand miles of rivers and streams and more than 15,000 shimmering, blue lakes were formed... this is our geological heritage... this is Minnesota. Lakes. And A Whole Lot More.

It was man's frontier spirit that brought the first explorers to Lake Superior's uppermost shore. In pursuit of popular hides, these French explorers were met by Minnesota's early residents: the Ojibwe and Dakota (Sioux) peoples.

It was with these people that the explorers traded for furs. And it was these original residents who guided the explorers down the rivers into Minnesota's beautiful interior. We in Minnesota like to think of the Ojibwe and Dakota peoples as our first "tour guides."

It was the burgeoning fur business at the North West Company that gave Grand Portage its place in history. Today, as one of Minnesota's two national monuments, you can relive the experiences of this fascinating era. Grand Portage National Monument at the northeastern tip of Minnesota is a re-creation of the 200-year-old trading post. Hike the trails blazed by the American Indians and French explorers... visit the stockade... see the Great Hall where deals were bartered by day and merriment took

over at night.

To the west of Grand Portage the glacial event wrought America's last wilderness. The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness is for those who have dreamed of a wilderness experience... Minnesota can make it happen in this region unaffected by the 20th century. You'll find a labyrinth of paddling pleasure with more than 1000 miles of

canoe routes and over 2000 managed campsites... you'll need to get a travel permit in advance which is available free from Superior National Forest offices or from local canoe outfitters and resorts.

There's more canoeing in Minnesota. And camping, too. More campsites, lakes, streams and trails than you can imagine! A variety of canoe routes are available, ranging from whitewater to meandering rivers.

The state has more than 700 campgrounds, private and public, and the state forests have nearly 3 million acres of area set aside for the camper. A sticker gains entry into 63 state parks. Most have camping facilities and many have electrical hookups for recreational vehicles.

You can combine a camping outing with a canoeing experience for a real Minnesota money-saving vacation. Most outfitters will equip you with a canoe, packs, food, accessories and even a guide.

The deep, vivid and tragic history surrounding the Sioux Uprising of 1862 can be encountered at the many state and county parks in the southwestern region. Fort Ridgely State Park provides an especially clear account of events that led to the uprising and also offers many varied recreational opportunities.

Pipestone National Monument protects the sacred quarries holding the soft red stone from which the Plains Indians carved ceremonial pipes. Their crafts and traditions come alive each summer as their descendants work the quarries. Pioneer history also lives on in many unique county historical museums, in special community displays and at the many exciting annual festivals throughout Minnesota.

Minnesota's farming industry is number one nationally in the production of sweet corn, timothy seed, non-fat dry milk and turkeys raised. Second nationally in American cheese, sugar beets, butter, all hay and rye; third in flaxseed, green peas, honey and milk cows on farms. You can view first hand these vital lands and even tour food processing plants on the Agri-Tour, one of Minnesota's newest vacation experiences.

Many of the nation's, and the world's largest food processing plants can be seen on the Agri-Tour. There are some surprises, too. How about the world's largest ear of corn, or the world's largest tiller? They're both here in Minnesota... in addition to a whole lot more.

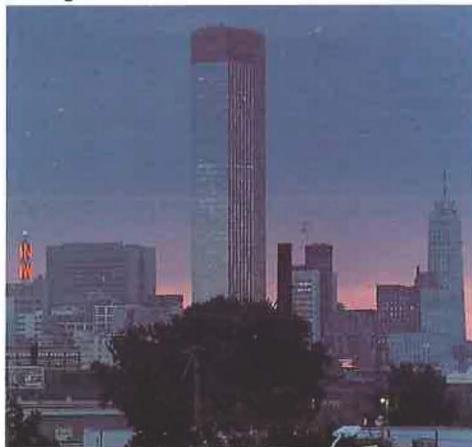
Minnesota is actionland. And Minnesota means fishing! Almost 800,000 anglers tested Minnesota water last year. And our bet is that most of them found success. The pursuit of game fish continues in sunshine or on ice — and you don't have to pay through the nose for the privilege. Cast for trout in a fast water stream... try to match the hatch if you've got the skill; or troll for walleye and northern pike. Dedicated anglers cast and retrieve for the muskellunge, known hereabouts as muskie. There's bass water everywhere and panfish abound, especially in northwestern Minnesota.

You'll have to come more than once to really appreciate Minnesota's number one natural resource. We like to think of it as our "theater of seasons." When summer gives in to fall, you will be overwhelmed by the reds, yellows and oranges amid the grandeur of seasonal transition. And they say that when the water cools down in the fall, the fish get even hungrier! And hunting in autumn in this lovely land is a cosmic experience.

When fall yields to winter the real action starts. Some folks think that coexistence with snow is nearly impossible — but Minnesota is here to show you how. And it doesn't take that much of an effort. We not only coexist with snow, but we play on it, in it, with it... constructing snow sculptures, sledding and tobogganing. Winter campers, hikers and snowshoers grow in number every year; and Minnesotans ice skate as well as they walk! You can rent an ice fishing shack at many different places and fish for winter walleye and panfish, too.

Winter sports enthusiasts will be delighted with the 34 downhill ski areas with modern lifts. More than 300 Minnesota downhill runs just wait to test skiers. And more than 2000

A blue hue is cast by the Minneapolis skyline in evening.



miles of cross country ski trails are set aside for the exclusive use of the ski tourist.

Many resorts and lodges stay open all winter to accommodate the winter vacationer and some cater to the snowmobiler in particular. After all, snowmobiles were invented here in Minnesota. It's no wonder that there are over 7000 miles of marked and groomed snowmobile trails statewide. And there are always many stopping places along the route where the snowmobiler is welcome and good cheer is plentiful.

If you're looking for a winter fest, Minnesota is the place to be. There are several winter carnivals and festivals that will delight the whole family. Everyone celebrates together in Minnesota.

Today this attractive and exciting year round vacationland invites you — on water or on land, in sun or on snow.

To make it easier for you to identify and plan your ideal Minnesota vacation, the state is divided into six regions: Arrowhead, Heartland, Hiawathaland, Metroland, Pioneerland and Vikingland. Each region has its own charm. Come. Join us. If only for a while.

But there's a whole lot more to do and see. The legend of the most famous remnant of Minnesota's early lumbering era extends across the lake country in the north... Paul Bunyan Center in Brainerd... Lumbertown USA on Gull Lake... Paul Bunyan and Babe, the blue ox statues in Brainerd and Bemidji... and there's more. You can fill

American Indian celebrations annually take note of the important involvement of the Chippewa and Sioux tribes in Minnesota's history.



an entire family vacation learning the Bunyan legend. And while you are at it, visit the logging camp at the new Forest History Center in Grand Rapids for the real story of this exciting and romantic lumbering period.

And there's a whole lot more history. Iron ore discovery on the Mesabi, Vermilion and Cuyuna ranges brought about an industry that today supplies seventy percent of the iron ore used for America's cars, bridges and skyscrapers. The world's only underground mine shaft tour is available in Minnesota. Tour it by descending 2400 feet in an elevator cage! And, even on the Iron Range you don't have to go far before you run into one of Minnesota's lakes. But again, there's a whole lot more.



ARROWHEAD



ARROWHEAD is a land of extremes where every vacation whim can be realized. Once the land of the early 16th century French explorers, the three-sided arrowhead is now reserved for its cordial residents and numerous visitors.

Where else can you explore, within a few hours' drive, America's last wilderness canoe area, an underground iron ore mine, or a busy international harbor that plays host to ships from Aden to Zaire? Only in Arrowhead.

From the tip of the Arrowhead, at the crest of the North Shore, America's most beautiful drive, down to the port of Duluth, relentless winds and breaking waves have carved spectacular cliff sculptures out of the rock lining the wooded shore of Lake Superior. Lake Superior, the mighty by-product of ancient volcanic formations and glacial movements, dominates Arrowhead's eastern edge with not-so-subtle mastery.

From the cascading water of the many falls to the utter magnificence of a lighthouse perched on the edge of a 178 foot precipice... Arrowhead is a place where the visitor can intimately enjoy the naturalness of the north country.

There is fun, beauty and excitement everywhere in Arrowhead. There are sparkling lakes and more. From the mellow and picturesque loveliness of the St. Croix at Taylors Falls to the impressive thunder of the many streams that tumble from the hills into Lake Superior... Arrowhead will astound you!

These fish-laden streams originate in the hills and untamed forests of America's last wilderness. The lakes that dot the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness are famous producers of lunker walleye, northern pike, lake trout and smallmouth bass. Unequaled adventure awaits the visitor to this area of solitude and challenges. For the hiker, backpacker



A solitary canoe (left) rests on the bank of a pristine lake in the BWCA and (right) two hardy climbers approach their goal at the top of one of the many sheer rock cliffs in the Taylors Falls area along the scenic St. Croix River.



and snowshoer there are more than 100 miles of State Forest trails in Arrowhead. Trails once followed by the Sioux, Chippewa, and French explorers. Picture yourself as a voyageur . . .

Crane Lake is the gateway to Arrowhead's picturesque Voyageur's National Park. This choice portion of forested lake country is set aside for peaceful recreation. The main body of land is Rainy Lake's Kabetogama Peninsula, accessible only by water or by air. Be sure to bring along your camera . . . make the incredible visual memories permanent.

South of this vast, impressive wilderness is the Iron Range. This is another of the many diverse experiences to behold in Arrowhead. At the Iron Range Interpretative Center at Chisholm and The Forest History Center in Grand Rapids you will see

and hear about the loggers and miners who left behind a history rich in legend and literature.

Yes, Arrowhead is a land of extremes. Arrowhead's urban center, the port of Duluth, is highlighted by an imposing aerial bridge, and you can see ocean freighters from around the globe. This is a nautical paradise. Catch the sights from Hawk Ridge. Visit one of Duluth's several unique restaurants, or the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center housed in Duluth's classic 1892 French Norman

railroad depot.

The rock hound always reaps a harvest in Arrowhead. The Lake Superior Agate, Minnesota's state stone first discovered in Carlton County, can be found all the way up Superior's fabulous shore. Other minerals are also found in abundance. Rock hounding is an incredible family fun activity and requires no special equipment. All you need are the resources of Arrowhead.

The recreational vehicle traveler will bask in Arrowhead's resources. A



Camping on Gneiss Lake (left) in Arrowhead's Cook County. The Arrowhead region has 19 state parks for your enjoyment. One of five waterfalls (below) in Gooseberry Falls State Park, just north of Two Harbors. An ore carrier crew member (immediate right) works on the docks at the international port of Duluth, and (far right) the stark contrast between ore carrier and sailboats is apparent near Duluth on Lake Superior. A small pleasure craft (below right) awaits the call to service from its owner on the north shore of Lake Superior.



favorable route is Highway 1, which divides Arrowhead from Ilgen City to Ely. Campgrounds managed by the Superior National Forest are scattered throughout the route.

Arrowhead is a place for the angler, but also the hunter and trapper ... the seer, the doer: even in winter. Arrowhead offers eight great downhill ski areas, almost 2500 miles of marked and groomed snowmobile trails and more than 800 miles of cured ski touring trails. Both snowmobile and cross country ski trail

maps are available at most communities.

The Arrowhead, in all seasons, is accessible to the hiker, the boater, the backpacker, camper and canoeist; its impressive array of lakes, rivers and streams make it ideal for family fun. This is a land you should experience.

For action and relaxation,

Arrowhead fits the bill. Its famous resorts, assorted hotels and motels are waiting to serve you and yours. For sun fun in summer and snow sports in winter, Arrowhead is glad to have you for a friend, even if it's temporary.





HEARTLAND



IN HEARTLAND, lakes are everywhere you look. The multi-season vacation possibilities in this area center around these vast liquid resources rimmed with romantic stands of pine and stately white birch. Any resident or visitor will attest to the fact that Heartland has "Lakes. And A Whole Lot More."

Heartland has the facilities to quench every vacation thirst. In Heartland's twelve counties there are hundreds of campgrounds and more than 5000 camping sites. Heartland's many excellent lodging facilities range from luxurious accommodations to rustic housekeeping cottages.

For the good sport, Heartland's waters provide excellent swimming and waterskiing on crystal clear lakes. There are more than 50 golf courses, and the Heartland hunter will find an abundant bounty of game in thick woods and around the many waters. Hundreds of thousands of acres of federal, state and county lands are open to public hunting.

Heartland may be a winter and summer, spring and fall playground, but Heartland is also a land of legend. Paul Bunyan and Babe, his blue ox companion, live on in tall tales and towering statues in Minnesota's Heartland.

While Paul's logging tactics are legendary, it is also said that Babe helped create Heartland. Folks say that he had a habit of wandering the countryside for days, and when he did, his thundering tracks formed the basins for what are now Heartland's lakes.

Many Heartland communities preserve the memories of Paul and Babe, taking their rightful places in this fantastic vacationland's history. Bring the family to Paul's birthplace at Ackeley, where his cradle is preserved. It can hold as many as 100 children at one time! In Hackensack, you can visit the huge statue of Paul's sweetheart.

Brainerd goes to great lengths to

perpetuate the legend of Paul Bunyan and Babe, the blue ox. At the Paul Bunyan Amusement Center talk to the animated 50 foot statue of Paul, who is accompanied by a 15 foot replica of Babe. Also available are exciting rides in the amusement center; or get a bird's eye view of this vast lake and resort area on a helicopter ride.

Nearby, on Gull Lake, is Lumbertown USA, a full size recreation of an 1870's lumbertown. For top notch auto racing Brainerd has an International Raceway. For slower souls, catch (if you can) the summer Wednesday afternoon turtle races at nearby Nisswa.

Bernidji is also known as one of Paul's favorite haunts, and both Paul



Symbol of wisdom (left) captured by photographer in one of Heartland's many dense woodlands as a youthful angler (right) displays his catch on a lake near Nisswa.



and Babe are commemorated with statues guarding the shores of Lake Bemidji at the southern entrance to the city.

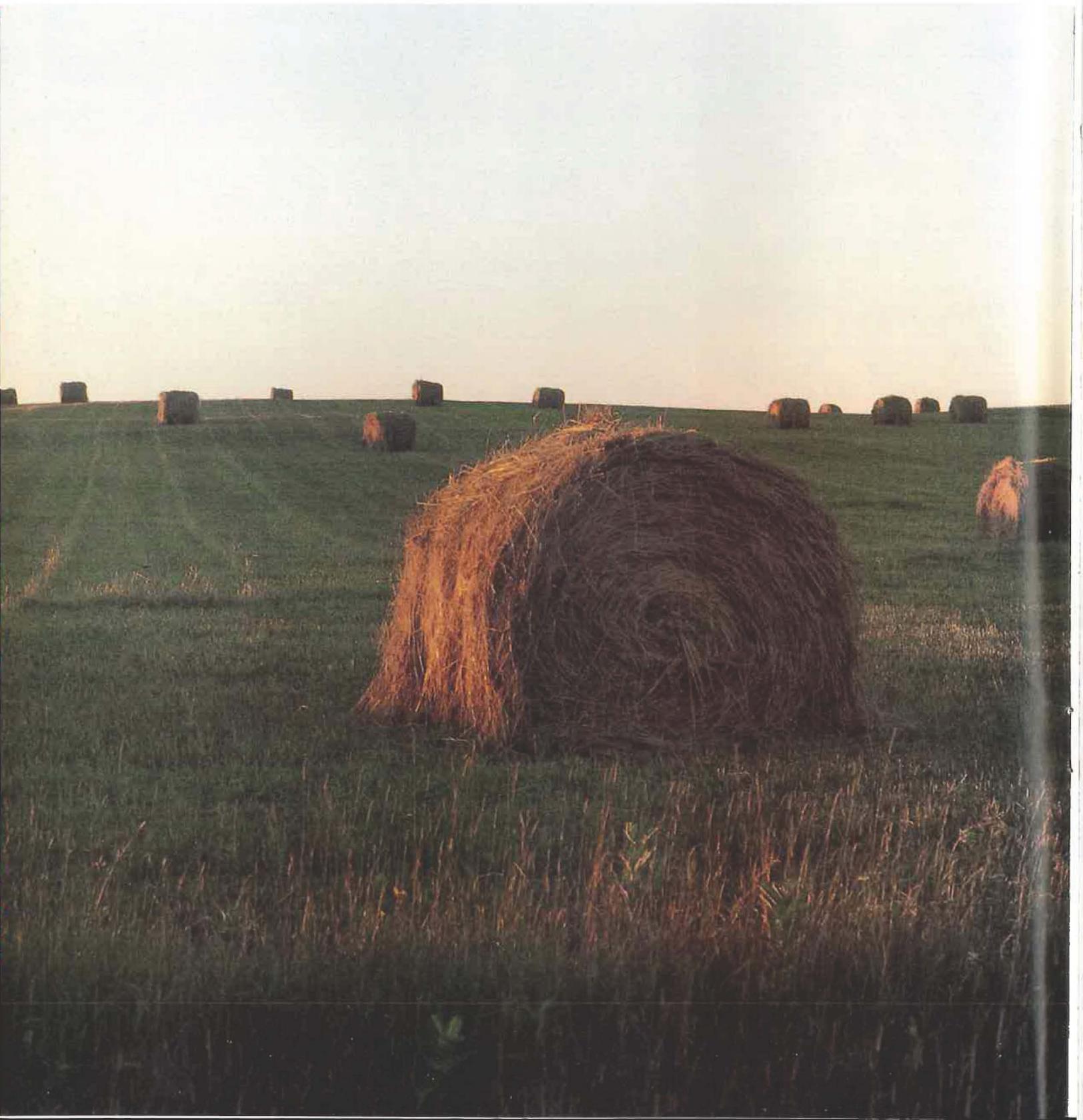
While Heartland has its folk heroes, it also has its real heroes. In Little Falls, the man who made the first flight across the Atlantic Ocean,

Charles A. Lindbergh, is commemorated with a state park and interpretive center. The "Sinclair Lewis Boyhood Home" has also been restored and designated a national and state historic site in Sauk Centre.

Heartland's bigness goes well beyond its heroes' reputations and the physical dimensions of its legends.

This area maintains claim to the titles of both "Walleye Capital of the World" and "Muskie Capital of the World."

Lunker fish in Heartland come from lunker waters. Four of Minnesota's largest lakes are in Heartland. Upper and Lower Red Lakes and Mille Lacs, famous for walleye, are very notable waters;



Leech Lake, on the southern edge of the Chippewa National Forest (oldest in the U.S.), is where an annual Muskie Fishing Derby is held. Lake of the Woods has charter boats available for fishing and excursions. Cass Lake and Winnibigoshish are also highly regarded by fishermen for walleyes, northerns and muskies.

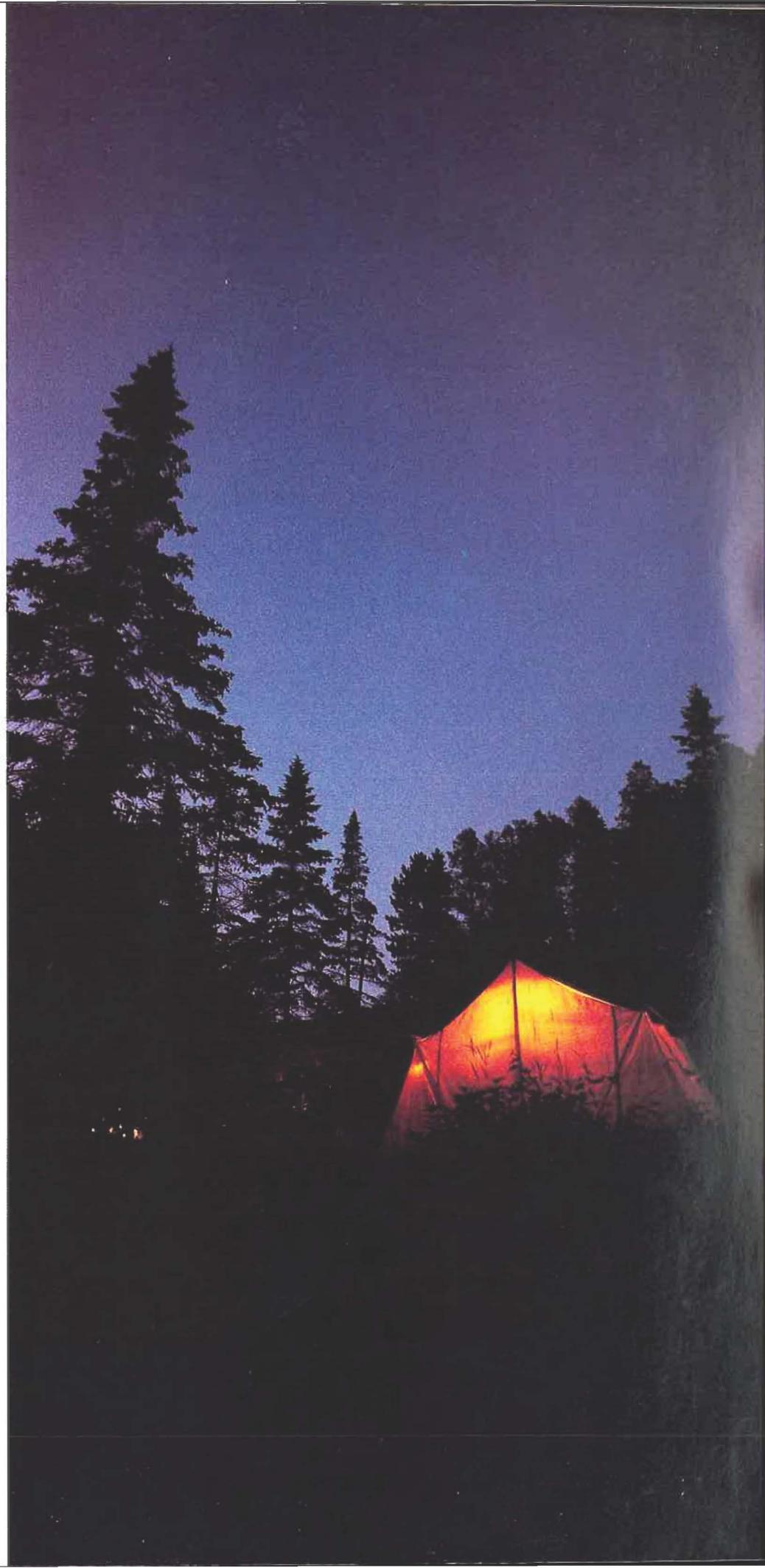
There are many, many more splendid fishing lakes in Heartland, lined with nearly 1000 popular resorts and operated by kindly folks who know all of the local fishing secrets, and they are glad to share them!

When Heartland's lakes freeze, the fishing doesn't stop. Nor do the many exciting activities. When the unspoiled forests become covered by winter's snowy white carpet, most of Heartland's resorts stay open to welcome ice fishermen, winter campers and downhill skiers intending to corner the action at one of Heartland's five downhill ski areas. The snowshoer will delight in the scenic trails available for winter hiking, and the ski tourer will revel in almost 400 miles of groomed cross country ski trails that test every level of skill. In addition, the Heartland snowmobiler can explore more than 1700 miles of marked and groomed trails.

Heartland's northwest Angle, jutting into Lake of the Woods, is the northernmost point in Minnesota. Recently accessible only by air or water, there is now an all weather road through Canada to accommodate the traveler. Fort St. Charles, founded in 1732 and located on a Lake of the Woods island, can also be visited in this peaceful area. The Northwest Angle State Forest is a true wilderness and its isolated beauty lingers for all to see and enjoy.

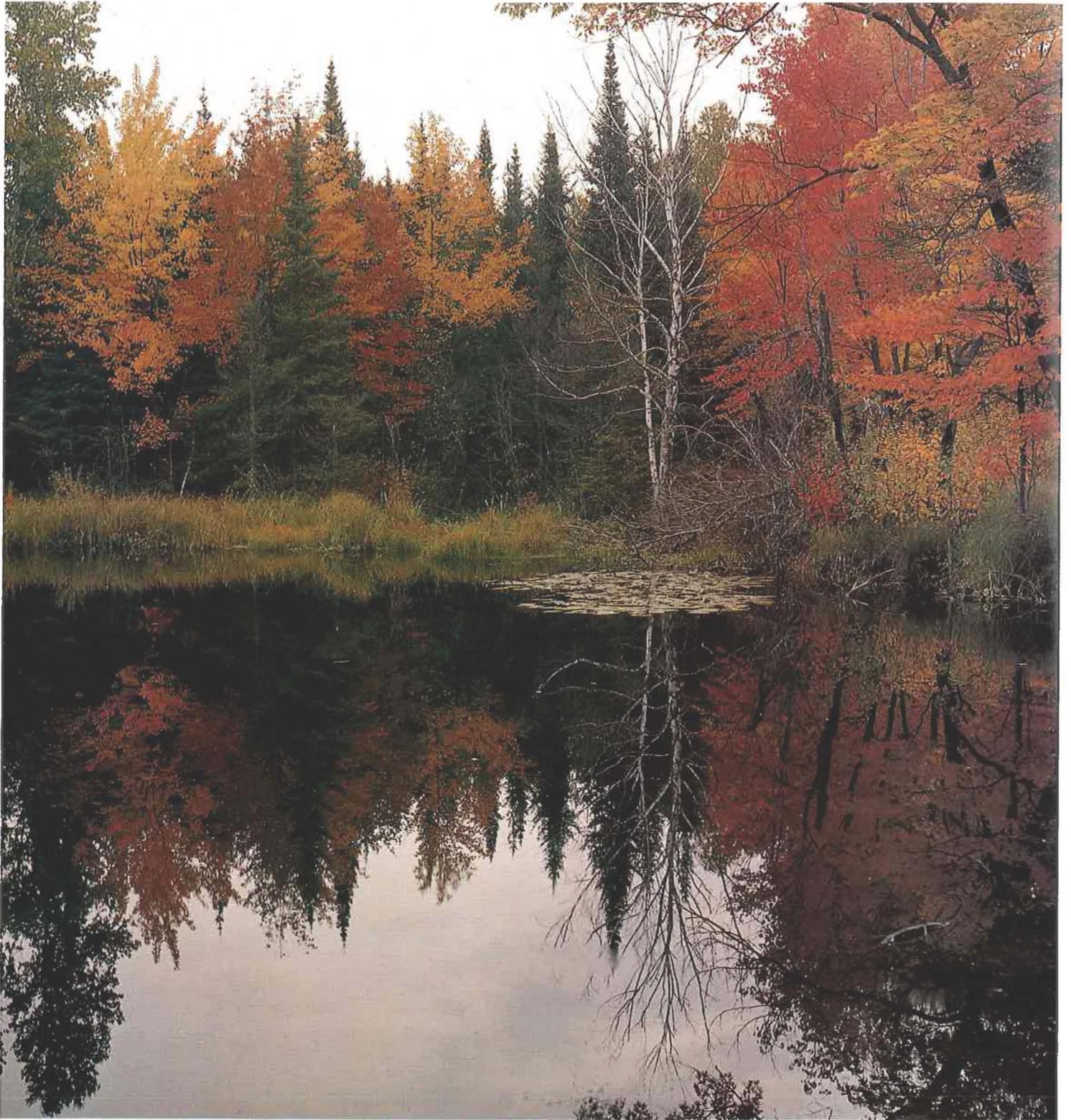
All this and more underscore the fact that when the compass needle indicates "north" you are headed in the right direction—headed for Heartland.

Hay bales (left) dot a field in central Minnesota. (Right), Heartland's 8 state parks have over 500 campsites and there are hundreds more at private and municipal campgrounds.





HIAWATHALAND



HIAWATHALAND has charisma. It's the charm of a string of delightful rivertowns that beckon you to blend into a way of life and the attraction of rolling hills surrounding deep valleys with some 300 miles of stocked trout streams. It's the excitement of seeing deer lazing along these whitewater streams and the thrill of the apple harvest. Hiawathaland is the appreciation of a good cultural experience and the smell and love of good food and warm hospitality. And Hiawathaland is a whole lot more.

It is fine canoe country. Four of Minnesota's finest canoeing rivers are here. You can canoe almost 50 miles on the Cannon River from Faribault through Cannon Falls downstream to the bustling rivertown of Red Wing.

The 74 mile Root River Canoe Trail is a fantastic canoeing experience leading through 2000 acres of gallery

forest guarded only by its wild inhabitants. The Zumbro River from Lake Zumbro to the Mississippi is also great canoeing water, and the Cedar River is another.

Hiawathaland is a region blessed with many natural, cultural and historic advantages. The essence of all three can be experienced along the Mississippi from Red Wing to Winona. This route, a segment of the Great River Road, is one of the most stunning scenic drives in the United States. The bluffs along the cold blue river are lined with centuries-old stands of virgin hardwoods.

Red Wing, famous for its shoes and pottery, is a city rich in river legend and history. Take a ride on a river excursion boat. You'll want to visit the old historic hotel there, too. And don't miss the view of the river from Memorial Skyline Drive as it cuts

through sandstone bluffs on its long journey southward.

Just downriver, Old Frontenac is a timeless oasis with a history that dates back to 1723, when it was the site of a French fort. Frontenac State Park surrounds Old Frontenac, and this peaceful area is perfect for snowmobiling and cross country skiing.

The Mississippi widens to form Lake Pepin just below Frontenac at Lake City, a haven for water sports. In fact, waterskiing was started here in 1922. Sailboats cast lovely silhouettes and capitalize on brisk breezes in summer here and rock hounding enthusiasts will delight in the rich stores of agates found in this area.

Wabasha sits on a terrace in the Hiawatha Valley flanked on both sides by tree-lined bluffs. The state's oldest operating hotel is in Wabasha, and it's

The glorious colors of fall foliage (left) can be seen in the many hardwood forests in Hiawathaland, and a boat house (right) is reflected on the Mississippi River near Winona.





chock full of antiques! Photograph the many lovely old homes in Wabasha as you travel the scenic backroads. And remember your fishing

pole because Wabasha is known as the "White Bass Capital of the World."

The fishing in the river along the Great River Road is action packed and certainly not limited to White Bass. The Mississippi also produces lunker walleyes and northern pike, in addition to blue and channel catfish and largemouth bass. Winter ice fishing is also fun and productive.

Hunting along the Mississippi is also ideal. Some of the finest waterfowl shooting in the state is available as ducks and geese make their annual southerly migration down the Mississippi flyway.

The Steamboat Museum in Winona's Levee Park is housed in a

real steamboat, the Julius C. Wilkie, and annually in mid-summer Winona celebrates "Steamboat Days." Winona may end your river journey, but it is only the start of the Hiawathaland excitement.

In Whitewater State Park impressive limestone formations and hardwood forest surround a fine camping area and miles of trout water flanked by some of the richest valley farmland anywhere. It's hard to believe that less than one hour away is the world famous Rochester Mayo clinic.

In Rochester, tour the Medical Museum and Mayowood, the palatial former Mayo family estate built in 1910. Rochester is all this and more.

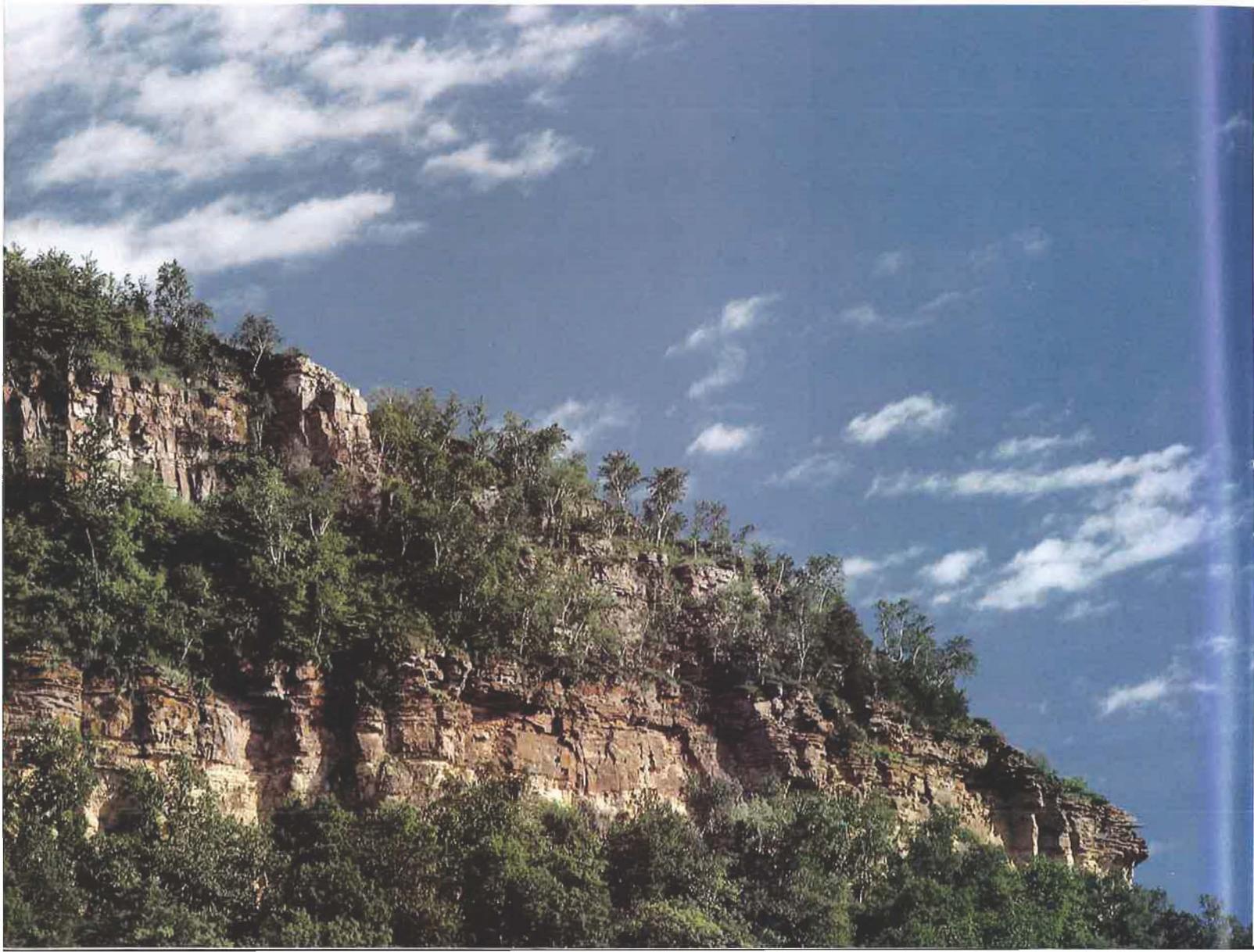
It is the gateway to a unique historical experience. Just north is the boardwalk town of Mantorville, proud of and alive with the doings of yesteryear. Once a stage depot, this town is restored to its original 1880's

appearance, and original melodramas are performed each summer in the opera house.

In the nearby frontier village of Wasioja, the only Civil War recruiting station left in Minnesota is located.

The four southernmost counties of Hiawathaland possess natural wonders unique to Minnesota. Unaltered by ancient glacial movement, this area has four state parks that encompass more than 3000 acres. The fishing, camping and nature trails in these parks are ideal.

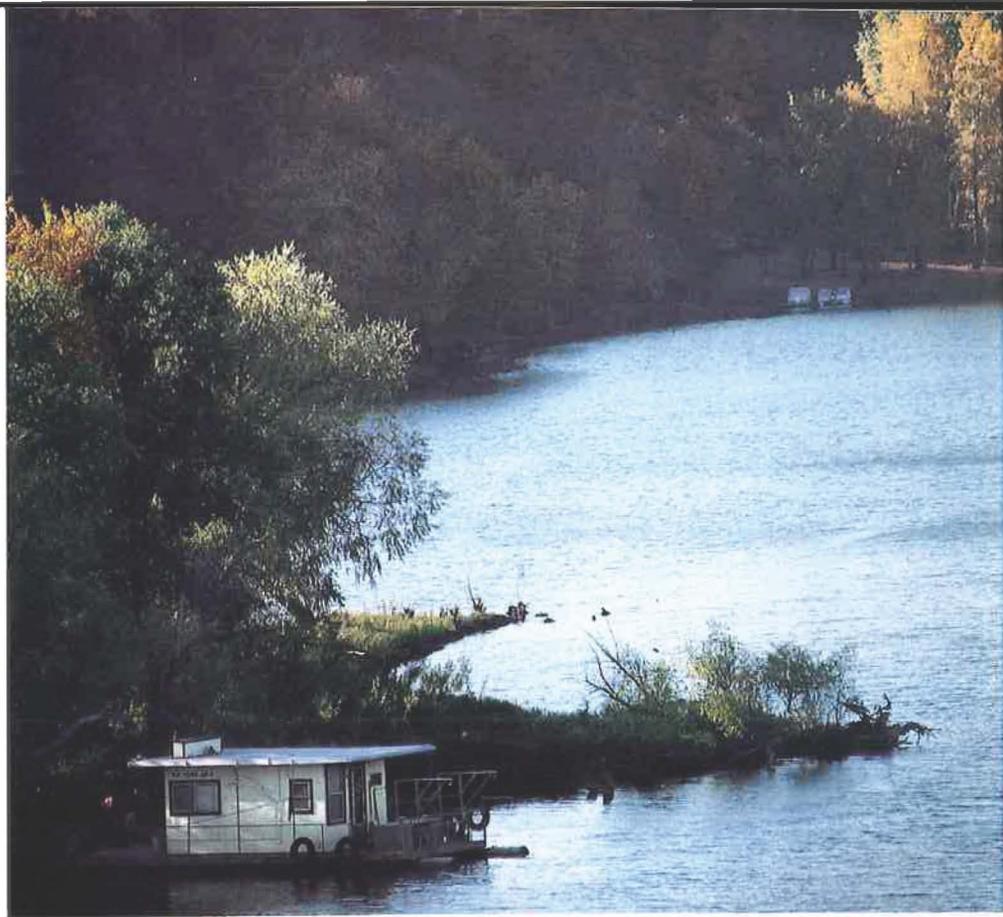
When we say "A Whole Lot More" in Minnesota, we mean it. The natural wonders of Hiawathaland are further proven by a visit to the Harmony or Spring Valley areas. Take a guided tour and see picturesque stalagmites, stalactites and rock formations carved beneath the surface in chilly caverns. If you have antique fever, check with the chambers of commerce in various



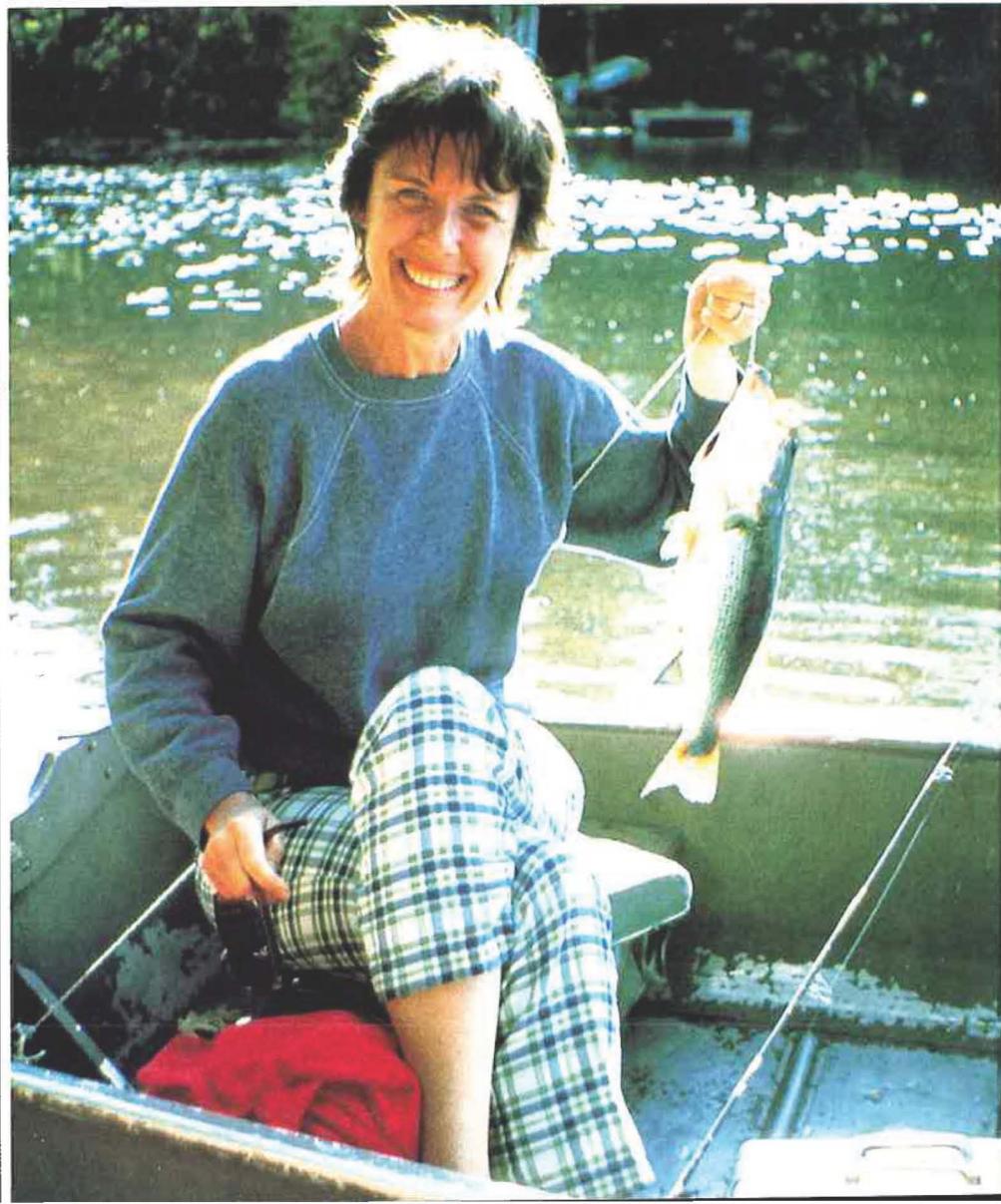
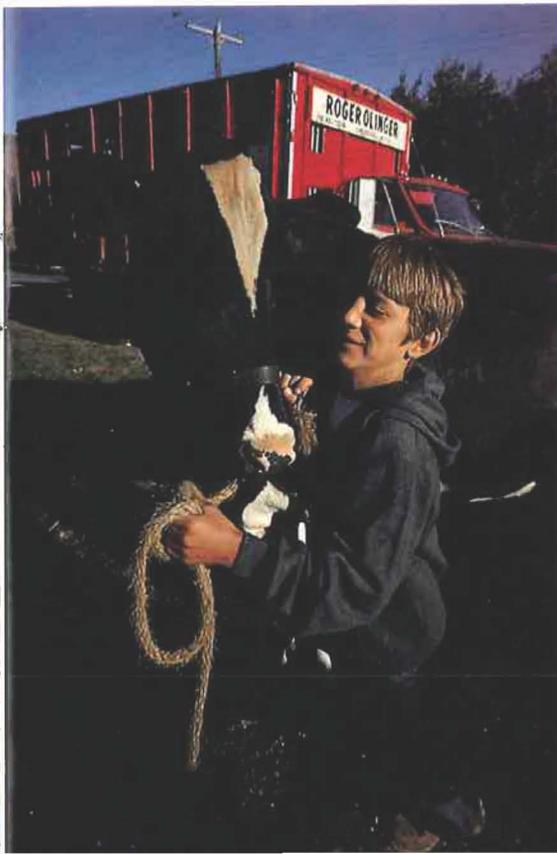
areas of Hiawathaland for locations of dealers. This area boasts of having more antique shops per capita than anywhere in the United States . . . bring home authentic recollections of Hiawathaland's historic splendor.

Winter action in Hiawathaland gets underway with a Scandinavian-like fervor. Miles of ski touring trails wind their way through silent forests. Four downhill skiing areas are in Hiawathaland and almost 1500 miles of marked and groomed snowmobile trails. The winter camper and snowshoer will rejoice at the many nature trails in Hiawathaland's thick forests.

Come. Find out for yourself. Hiawathaland is unforgettable.

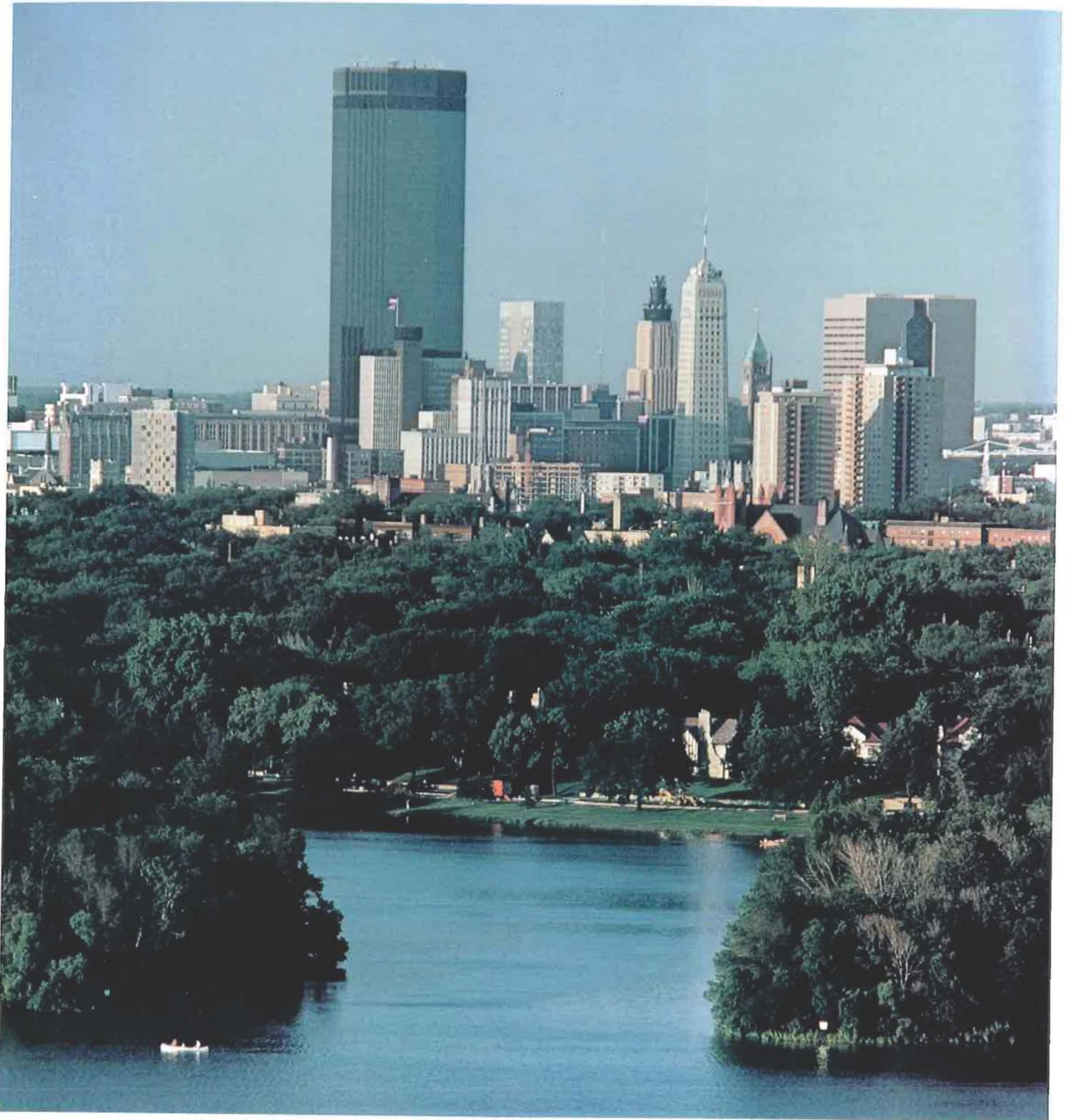


Steep bluffs (left) line the Mississippi River on the scenic drive from Red Wing to Winona, and (below) a young boy with dairy cow on farm in Hiawathaland's Owatonna area. (Right, top) houseboats can be rented at either Winona or LaCrescent, and (right, bottom) this happy angler is one among the one million who purchase fishing licenses annually in Minnesota.





METROLAND



METROLAND truly has something for everyone. Metroland is fun, culture, food, history. Metroland is the fine mix of the cosmopolitan air of the city blended with the serenity of a rolling rural landscape.

Metroland prides itself in its 900 lakes and rivers, more than 500 parks, its many theaters, over 50 camping areas, more than 3500 restaurants and nightclubs, extensive winter sports facilities, major league sports and major league people. Metroland's people are its greatest resource and Metroland's hospitality leaves nothing to be desired.

The people of Metroland love fairs and festivals, parades and pageantry. And you will, too. The St. Paul Winter Carnival celebrates winter and snow; the Minneapolis Aquatennial rejoices sunshine and water. In June each summer the country's largest Swedish festival, Svenskarnas Dag, is held in Minneapolis. And at the end of every July, Buffalo in Wright County hosts Rodeo Day. The granddaddy of them all, the Minnesota State Fair, brings together over one million people at the end of every summer.

Another exciting fair, open all summer, is a turn-of-the-century theme park near Shakopee. The kids will love it. Nearby, a touch of Metroland history is evidenced by period buildings which have been restored to recreate a Minnesota river community in the mid 1800's. This is the Minnesota Valley Restoration Project. In August and September, the Minnesota Renaissance Festival also annually recreates the sights and sounds of an age gone by.

Just south of the Twin Cities is the Minnesota Zoological Garden. View unencumbered animals year 'round in four major exhibit areas: the Northern Trek, Sea Life, Minnesota Wildlife and The Tropics. The fifth exhibit area, The Children's Zoo, is open on a seasonal schedule.

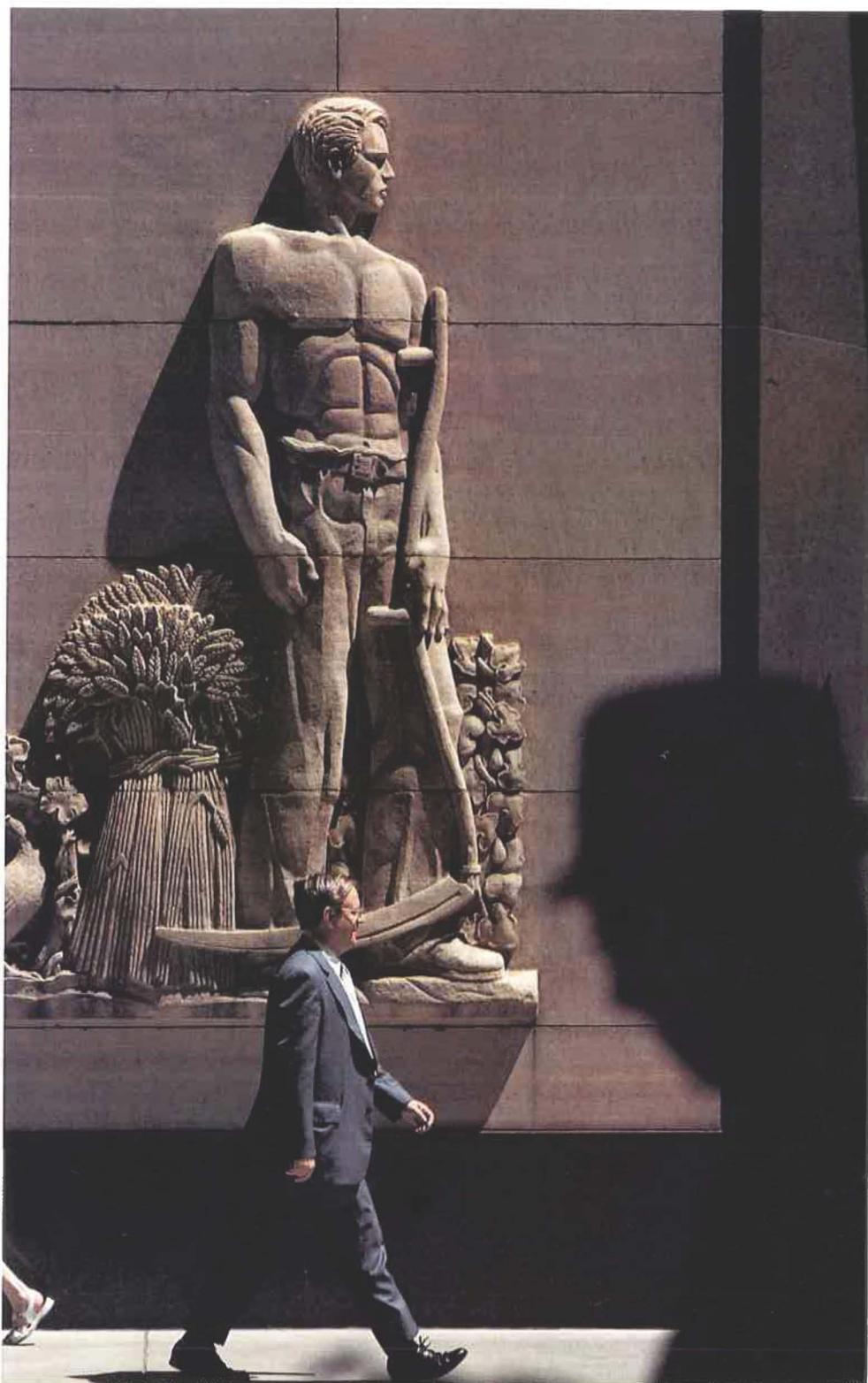
And Metroland has history. A part

of this rich history is actively recreated at Fort Snelling, built in 1820. During the summer, visitors can observe and participate in early 1800's Army and fort life... court marshals, cannons firing...

The Annandale lakes family vacation area also has its slice of history. Visit Pioneer Travel Park or hike

a system of nature trails. Here you can enjoy lakeside recreation within an hour's drive of the Twin Cities.

At Hastings, tour a charming river city with many fine examples of 19th century architecture... even an octagon house. Upriver from Hastings, along the scenic St. Croix River, are the quiet and quaint Washington County



Minneapolis (left) offers fine dining and excellent cultural and entertainment opportunities, and (right) a unique sculpture at the Farmers and Mechanics Bank in downtown Minneapolis.



river towns of Afton, Stillwater and Marine-on-the-St. Croix.

Snow time is fun time in Metroland. There are parks and nature trails

everywhere, perfect for a picture taking outing. Children and adults alike shout with glee sledding, toboggoning, or tubing on the powdery snow... or building a hefty snowman. For more active physical recreation, Metroland's 9 downhill ski areas offer challenge... all within shouting distance of motels, hotels, restaurants and shopping.

There are also a few hundred miles of ski touring trails and almost 500 miles of marked and groomed snowmobile trails. And more indoor tennis facilities per capita than anywhere in the nation!

Metroland is a whole lot more than this. There are many neighboring cities in America, but the Twin Cities are in Metroland. Minneapolis and St.

Paul share bridges, an international airport, the University of Minnesota, a deep appreciation of the arts, professional and amateur sports action... thousands of hotel and motel rooms to fit every budget. Splendid culinary outlets abound, and it's hard to go too far without coming upon one of hundreds of clean and green community parks.

Shopping in both cities is a delightful year 'round experience. Both downtowns have extensive skyway systems; air conditioned in summer and heated in winter; they turn both downtown business districts into huge shopping malls.

And there's a whole lot more. The State Capitol building in St. Paul is a museum in itself. Its self-supporting marble dome is the largest in the world. Inside, you will marvel at the many fine paintings, sculptures and unique decorations. Much has been

done in St. Paul to preserve its rich history. The old Federal Courts building in downtown has been renovated and is now an arts center. The Science Museum of Minnesota's Omnitheater has an audio visual system that will take you on fantastic voyages through space and time. And St. Paul's diverse ethnicity is tastefully apparent in its cuisine.

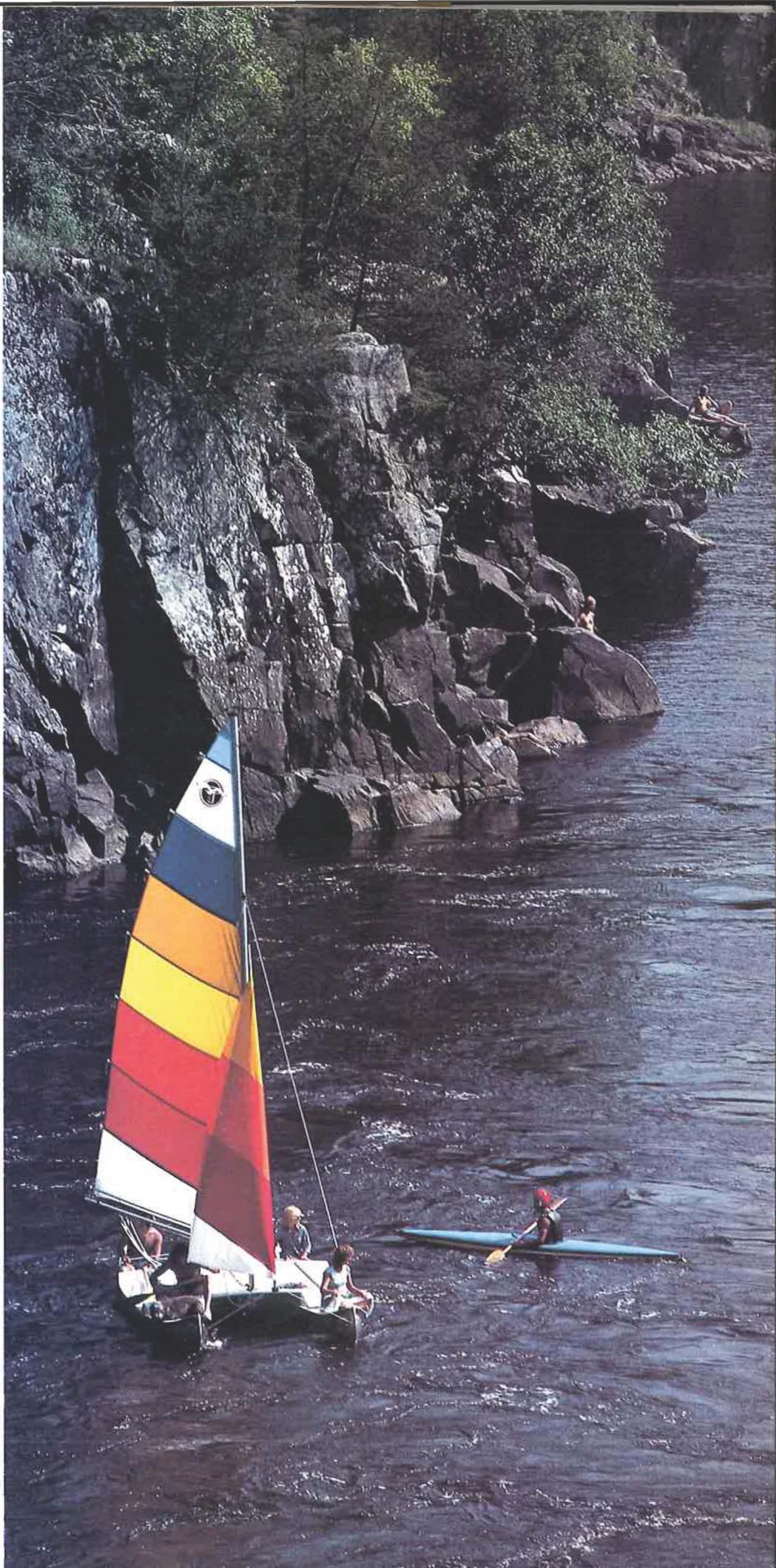
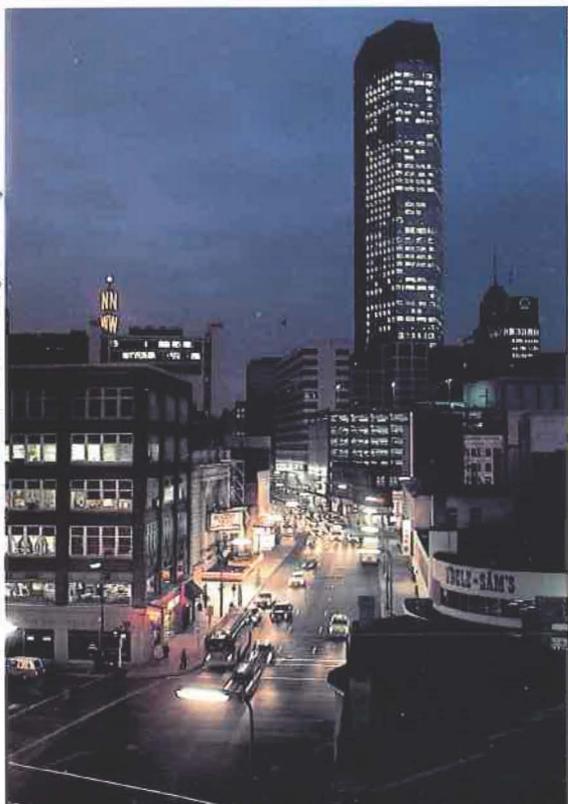
The IDS Center, Minneapolis' 57-story monolith, has become the focal symbol for more than 2000 square miles of Metroland. Minneapolis' love for the arts is evident in the vast collections of masterpieces in its many museums and institutes, including the Minneapolis Institute of Art and the Walker Art Center. Adjoining the Walker is the nationally acclaimed Tyrone Guthrie Theater.

Metroland surely has a whole lot more. It's the realization of the



difference between the variety of lifestyles here: from casual country to high-rise urban; from lakeshore to the rural experience. You can participate. Indoors, outdoors, in town or out of town, it's all here in Metroland.

A black knight (left) about to engage in joust at the annual Minnesota Renaissance Festival near Shakopee and (below) the annual Minnesota State Fair in St. Paul is one of the largest state fairs in the United States. A skyline view (bottom) in the evening of Minneapolis and (right) a sailboat and kayak shadowed by rocky cliff on St. Croix River near Stillwater.





PIONEERLAND



THE POPULARITY of vacations in southwest Minnesota emphasize history and the recognition of agriculture, Minnesota's number one industry.

Within Pioneerland's 27 counties lie 17 state parks and over 50 percent of Minnesota's historic sites, some of which tell a part of the story of the original American's resistance to white settlement of their homeland.

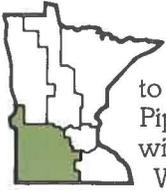
At the start of the Hiawatha-Pioneer Trail near Jackson, you can see an historic replica of an early chapel, a sod house and the only water wheel-operated flour mill known in the midwest.

In Cottonwood County the presence of this area's earlier residents is evidenced at a state historic site. The Jeffers Petroglyphs are ancient rock carvings that indicate pre-18th century life in the Little Cottonwood River Valley.

The Pipestone National Monument contains the famous quarries that produce the soft red stone used by the American Indians to fashion ceremonial pipes. Today you can see the ancestors of these original Americans chip away at the stone to form these pipes. At the monument you can also hike the 3/4 mile Circle Trail to see the striking geological



Picturesque Alexander Ramsey waterfalls (left) at Redwood Falls and a herd of bison (top right) graze the prairie in Blue Mounds State Park near Luverne. A sod house (middle right) at Fort Belmont near Jackson, and (bottom right) a Bigelow, Minnesota organic farmer labors on his soil.



formations in a wooded oasis. The trail leads you to a lovely ravine formed by Pipestone Creek and then winds its way to photogenic Winnewissa Falls.

At Redwood Falls a large city park is located in a beautiful wooded area with colorful waterfalls and a family zoo. Each year in June, Redwood Falls hosts the United States' oldest and most successful Inventor's Congress.

You can step off of the history book pages at Fort Ridgely. See ruins of the old fort, a restored commissary, and with the aid of many historic plaques your imagination will visualize the tremendous battles that took place here. During the summer enjoy plays in a natural outdoor amphitheater.

New Ulm is a colorful and scenic slice of old Germany. Here you can visit many original battle locations and historic attractions. It's cooks will

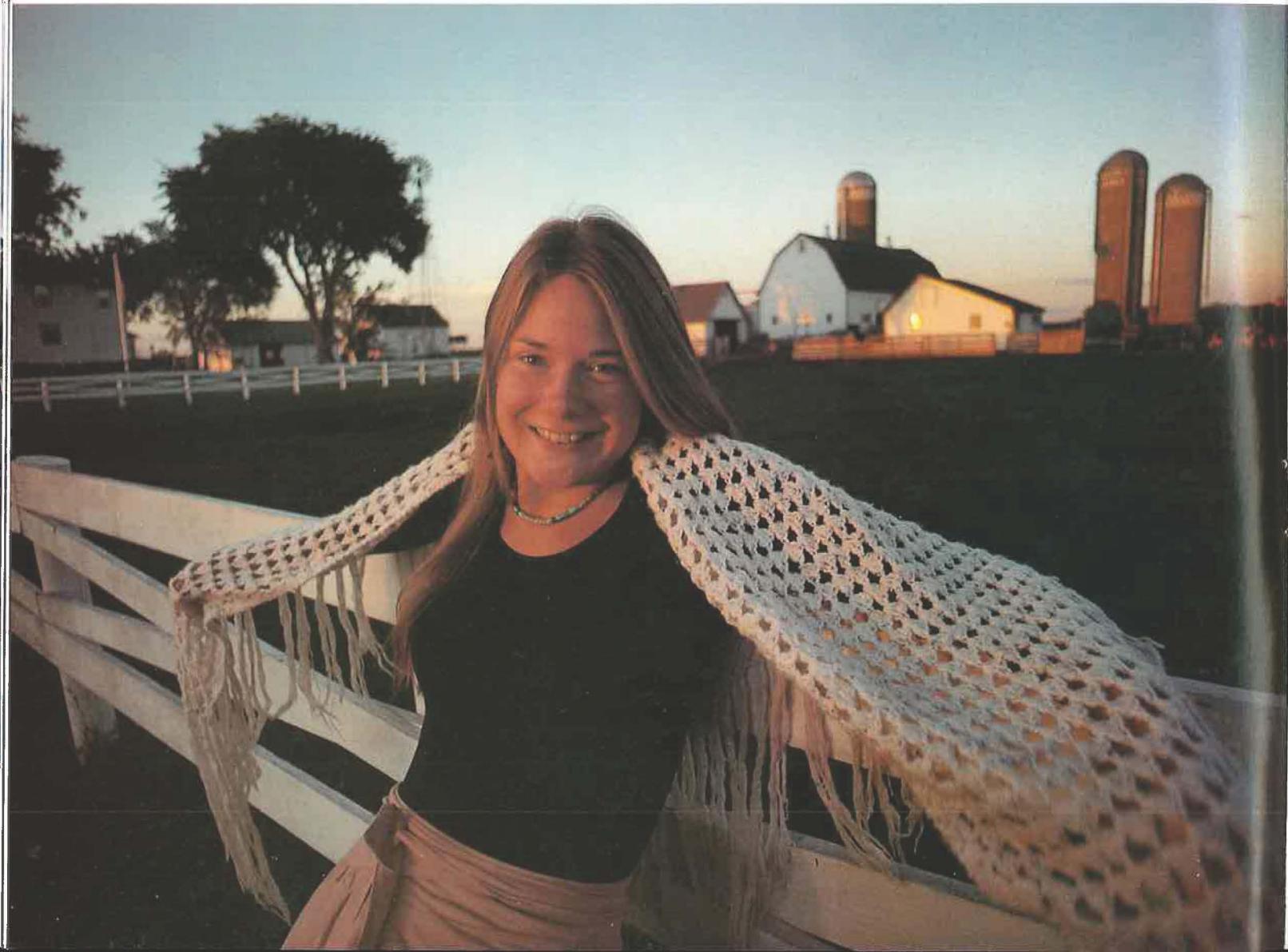
delight your palate at the many fine German restaurants found throughout the community. Architectural masterpieces fleck the downtown, highlighted by the old Post Office, an eye-catching Gothic edifice built in 1910. Just off Main Street is a unique brick mural that authentically depicts pioneer life in the Minnesota River Valley during the 1850's. Hermann's Monument overlooks New Ulm and is a replica of a statue in the forests of Germany. Scramble to the top in the summer to command a panoramic view of the river valley.

Lovely Minneopa State Park's waterfalls and the Seppman Old Stone Wind Mill will interest you on the way to Mankato. While in Mankato, shop along the new downtown mall and visit Hubbard House Museum, located in an 1871 Victorian mansion.

North along the Minnesota River Valley is the college town of St. Peter,

with charming classic architecture in the buildings and homes. The nearby Traverse des Sioux State Park is where the 1852 land deed agreement was negotiated and signed with over 5000 Santee Sioux. This was the largest gathering of American Indians in one place in our country's history.

Fishing in Pioneerland is always exciting and fruitful. Walleye, northern pike and panfish fanciers will get their limits at one of the fine lakes near Spicer. Big Stone, Lake Shetek and Lake Benton are other great fish producers. Nearby, the Lac Qui Parle Wildlife Area and the Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge are the home of almost 50,000 geese each autumn. Channel catfishing is a common endeavor along the Minnesota River. And ice fishermen take notice, when the winter freeze hardens the surfaces of Pioneerland's lakes, the fish don't stop biting!

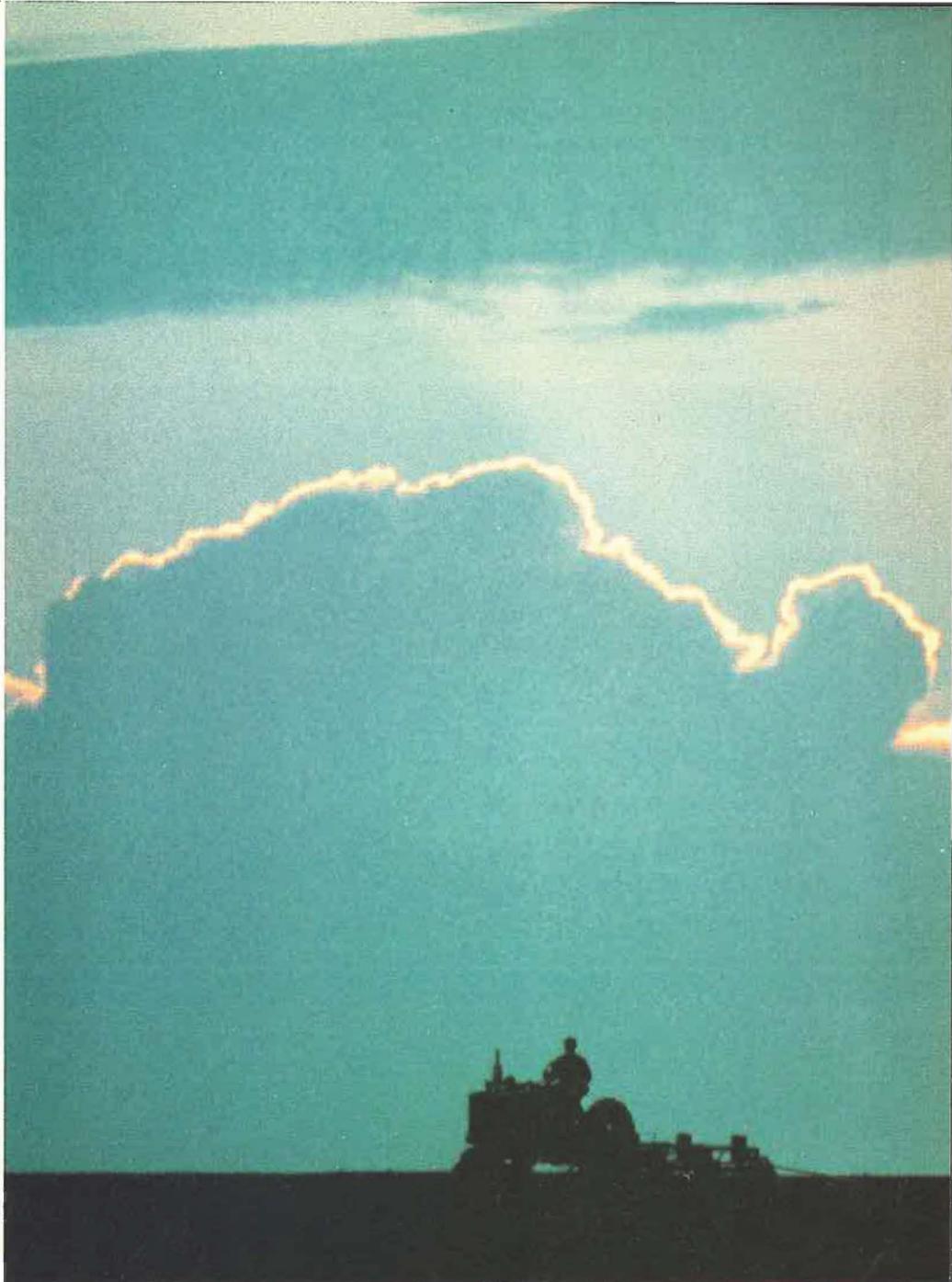


The Cannon River chain with over 50 lakes near Waterville is known as the "Bullhead Capital of the World." They say that the best time to catch a bullhead is any time you get the chance to fish for them.

Pioneerland's Agri-Tours will take you across this region's verdant countryside, with hills and dales rising and falling along your route. The Agri-Tour will help you understand Minnesota's number one industry. Thousands of acres of productive blue black Pioneerland soil annually produce the lifeblood of America. Traveling these vast croplands, you will note the many "world's largests." (The world's largest sugar beet processing plant, the world's largest constructed tiller, the world's largest corn and pea processing plants, the world's largest turkey processing plant, the largest butter urn and the largest rye mill) . . . and the list goes on in Pioneerland.

Fun and learning combine for an excellent vacation mixture in Pioneerland. Hike, swim, fish, ride horseback, snowmobile, cross country ski or just plain relax at one of the numerous resorts, hotels, motels, and campgrounds waiting to serve you.

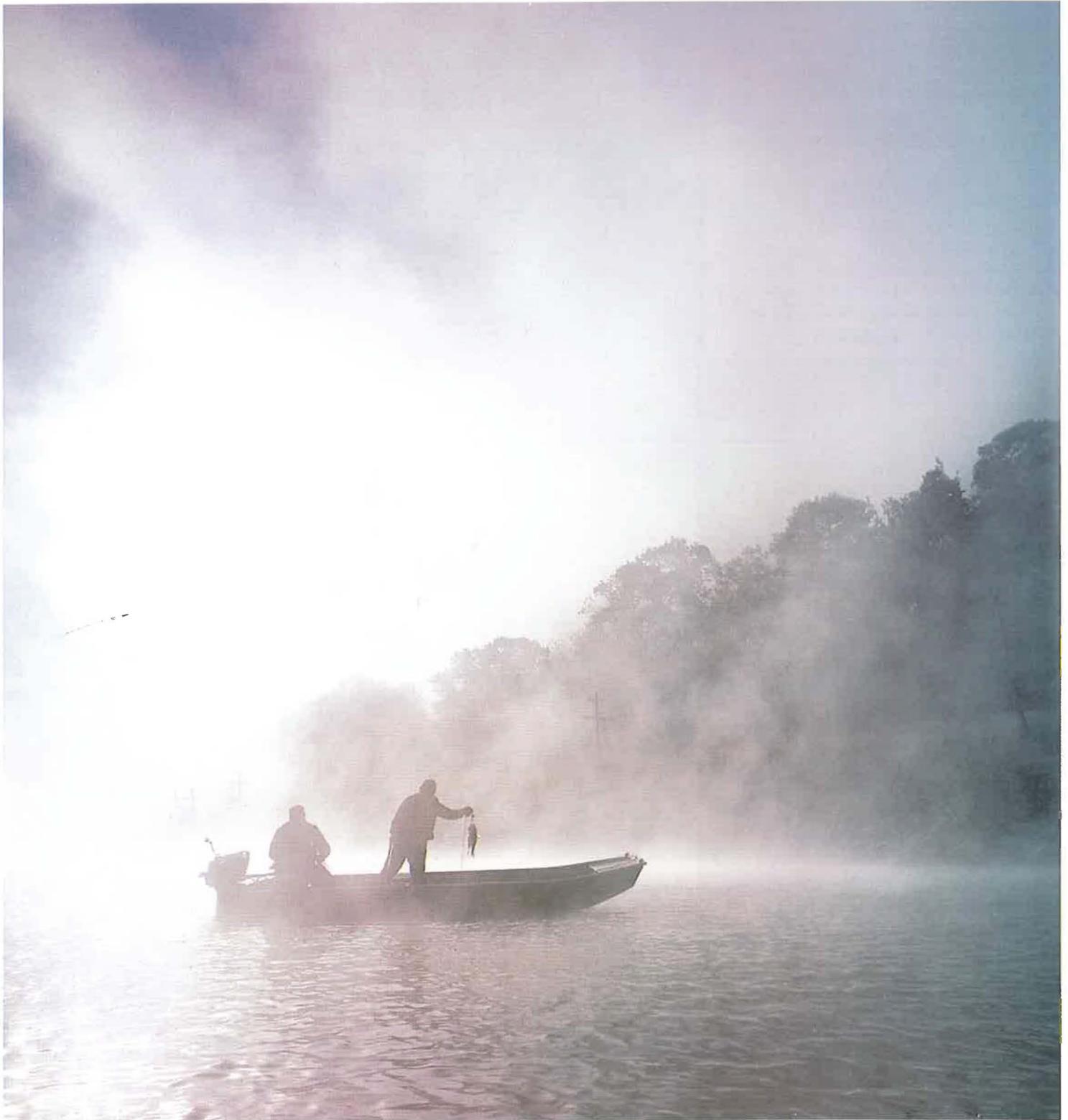
Combine all of Pioneerland's resources for the ideal family vacation. Once you have seen this region and felt the pulse of its hard-working people, you will want to return again and again.



Pioneerland's 27 counties possess some of the most prosperous farmland (left) in the state, and plowing (top right) is a common sight in this rich agricultural region. The sunflower (bottom right) is gaining in popularity as a cash crop among Minnesota farmers.



VIKINGLAND



VIKINGLAND has experiences to be reckoned with. From its virgin prairies and forests to its rich agricultural lands and gleaming lakes, Vikingland will satisfy your vacation needs.

This is a land rich in history, with 10 state parks and more wildlife management areas than any other Minnesota region, in addition to 2 of Minnesota's 4 national wildlife management refuges. Vikingland has its share of controversy, too.

Did Columbus really discover America? No, according to the Kensington Runestone, found in Vikingland. The controversy continues, but the Kensington Runestone and other 14th century artifacts of Scandinavian design are on display in Vikingland's Alexandria... make up your own mind.

Vikingland also includes several thousand crystal clear lakes. The

shores of these lovely lakes are dotted with hundreds of campgrounds and family resorts. Rough it or not, there is a lakeshore facility perfect for any vacation budget. Imagine being lulled to sleep at night by the gentle noises of water lapping on the shoreline...

Go scuba diving or struggle with scrappy game fish on one of the 1000 lucid bodies of water in the Fergus Falls resort area. If you need some inspiration, not too far away is Inspiration Peak.

Swim on the sandy, mile-long beach at Detroit Lakes, or try your luck with hook and line on one of the more than 400 surrounding lakes. If you're in Detroit Lakes in July, help the local folks celebrate their liquid recreational blessings at the Northwest Water Carnival.

You can tour a state fish hatchery at Glenwood, or choose to hunt or fish in this splendid family vacation area

dominated by Lake Minnewaska. The annual Glenwood Waterama on July's last weekend provides lake-oriented excitement... the intense community spirit will inspire you.

Not too far away you can rock hound in Glacial Lakes State Park, an oak-forested area embracing a unique segment of hills and a large valley formed by the last glacier—nearly 11,000 years ago!

Vikingland is also a mecca for the hunter. It sports thousands of acres of prime unposted marsh and timberland. And hundreds of acres of wild rice paddies bring in the waterfowl. Deer, moose and bear abound in the northern reaches of Vikingland, and upland game, sharptails and Hungarian partridge also provide a challenge for the sportsman.

Canoeists will find water to their liking in Vikingland. The Crow Wing River especially beckons paddlers...

Fishing in dawn's early mist (left) is always successful, as displayed by these two Vikingland anglers and (below) Nature Memorial Prairie in Vikingland's Clay County.





the water is so clear you can see fish swimming below your canoe! Canoe rentals are available in many Vikingland communities with nearby access to rivers. Red Lake County is a canoeist's dreamland with 7 rivers and 7 streams...

And there's a whole lot more. Vikingland's history is preserved in many of the 17 counties. Historical

museums in most counties offer interesting and unique accounts of Vikingland's development. The impressive Outdoor Life Museum at Bagley has a remarkable collection of stuffed mammals, including a Kodiak bear!

In Bagley, you are on the threshold of Vikingland's coup de

grace... Itasca State Park. You'll need more than a day to see and experience an adequate sampling of the park's 32,000 acres of fun and adventure. The park is located where the Mississippi River begins its 2,552 mile journey to the Gulf of Mexico. You can see white tail deer browsing along the park drive, and you'll hear



A boy fishes (right) on one of the almost 2,000 Vikingland lakes as the sky and clouds (below) hover over a scenic lake to create an enticing mood. Vast cornfields (opposite page, top left) can be found in most of the state's agricultural regions. Two sisters, (opposite page, bottom left) on one of the 114,000 farms in Minnesota that cover 30 million acres.



coyotes howl at night while camping on one of the more than 200 campsites.

An urban adventure also awaits you in Vikingland. Moorhead's restaurants offer superb repast, and the city's clubs provide nightly entertainment. Catch a summer production from the Straw Hat Players, enjoy a pop or classical concert or visit an art gallery.

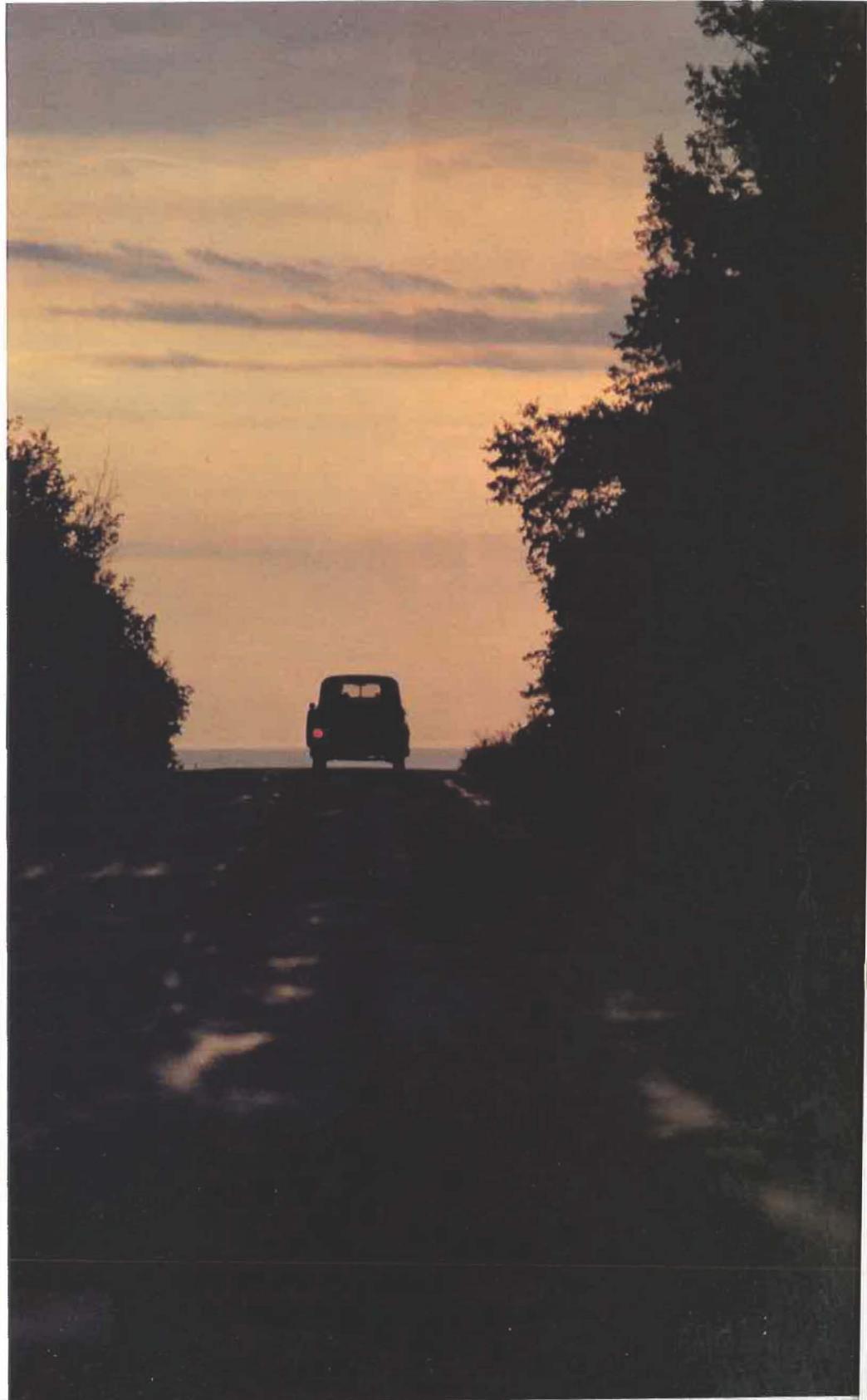
In Marshall County lies the Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, occupying a bay on prehistoric Lake Agassiz. Once featured on television's "Wild Kingdom" series, wildlife observation, deer and moose hunting, as well as birding and photography are prime activities for visitors to the Agassiz refuge. The role played by this and Vikingland's Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge in the welfare of our wildlife resources is monumental.

Vikingland is known in winter as

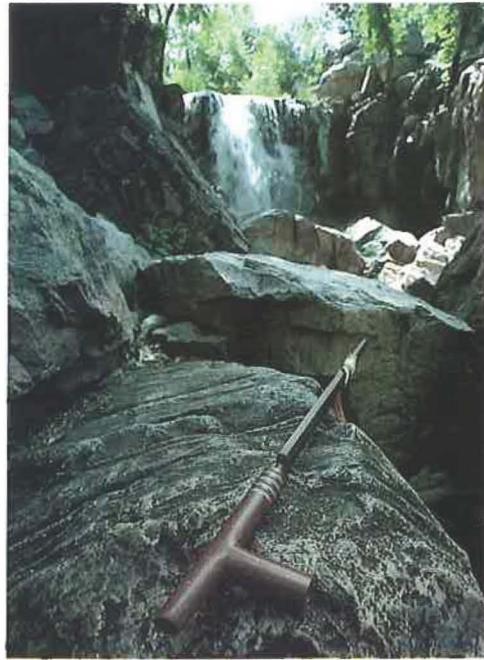
"The Land of Blue Snow" because of the reflection of the blue sky on snow through pure, unpolluted air. This is the setting for Vikingland's winter recreation, with ice fishing on the many lakes, snowshoeing in pristine forests and on white blanketed prairies, and camping in the fine state forests. Many of Vikingland's family

resorts leave their doors open in winter for those who want to utilize the five downhill ski areas or many cross country ski trails and almost 1000 miles of snowmobile trails.

For an intriguing and fulfilling summer or winter vacation, Vikingland is here for you to enjoy.



Set your sights on our sites.



Split Rock Lighthouse (above) for many years served as a beacon for the great ore carriers on Lake Superior and the huge garrison flag (far left) flies above the Minnesota River Valley at Historic Fort Snelling, the state's major historic site. (Left) A pipe carved from stone found in the sacred quarries around Pioneerland's Pipestone National Monument.

MINNESOTA'S state parks and historic sites are available to you for your education and enjoyment.

If you would like a park brochure and trail map, please write the Minn. Dept. of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation, 2nd floor, Space Center

Building, 444 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55101.

The Minnesota Camping Guide is available by writing to the Minnesota Tourist Information Center, whose address appears on page 48. The guide lists more than 700 private and

municipal campgrounds.

If you would like a descriptive brochure on one of the historic sites, please write to the Minnesota Historical Society, Ft. Snelling Branch, Bldg. 25, Ft. Snelling, MN 55111, (612) 726-1171.

ARROWHEAD

STATE PARKS



BANNING: 2 mi. N. of Sandstone. Kettle River flows through scenic rock gorges; historic sandstone quarry and townsite.

32 modern campsites, picnic grounds, stream fishing, 4 mi. of foot trails, 5 mi. ski and

6 mi. of snowmobile trails.

BAPTISM RIVER: 33 mi. N.E. of Two Harbors. Outstanding scenic beauty; highest waterfall in the state. Stream fishing and 2 mi. of foot trails.

BEAR HEAD LAKE: 16 mi. E. of Tower. Wilderness setting. 24 modern campsites, 50 primitive campsites, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, stream and lake fishing, boats or canoes, 10 mi. of foot trails, and 15 mi. of snowmobile trails.

CASCADE RIVER: 10 mi. S.W. of Grand Marais. Rugged, rocky terrain along Lake Superior; river flows through a twisting rocky gorge. 45 modern campsites, lake and stream fishing. 15 mi. of foot trails. 2 mi. of snowmobile and 15 mi. of ski trails.

FRANZ JEVNE: 3 mi. N.E. of Birchdale. Fishing area and rapids on Rainy River. 12 primitive campsites.

GEORGE H. CROSBY MANITOU: 8 mi. N.E. of Finland. Mountain and forest area with 4 mi. of Manitou River, including 2 waterfalls. 23 primitive campsites for back-packing, lake and stream fishing, and 9 mi. of foot trails.

GOOSEBERRY FALLS: 13 mi. N.E. of Two Harbors. Beautiful, rocky Lake Superior shore. Stream with falls and rapids. 125 modern campsites, trailer dump station, picnic grounds, lake and stream fishing, 6 mi. of foot trails and 1/2 mi. of snowmobile trail.

INTERSTATE: 1 mi. S. of Taylors Falls. "Glacial Garden" of outstanding geologic formations. In narrow Dales of St. Croix River. 47 modern campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, stream fishing, boats or canoes, 5 mi. of foot trails, and 2 mi. of ski trails.

JAY COOKE: 2 mi. W. of Duluth. Spectacular with St. Louis River running through gorge. 96 modern campsites, trailer dump station, picnic grounds, stream fishing, 14 mi. of foot trails, 14 mi. of snowmobile trails, and 3 mi. of ski trails.*

JUDGE C. R. MAGNEY: 14 mi. N.E. of Grand Marais. Waterfalls and rapids of Brule River, exceptional geologic and scenic values.

38 modern campsites, stream fishing, and 3 mi. of foot trails.

MC CARTHY BEACH: 20 mi. N.W. of Hibbing. Heavy virgin pine timber on rolling hills between 2 lakes; exceptional sand beaches. 45 modern campsites, 39 primitive campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake fishing, boats or canoes, 8 mi. of foot trails, 13 mi. of snowmobile trails, and 8 mi. of ski trails.

MOOSE LAKE: 1 mi. S.E. of Moose Lake. Bordered by two beautiful lakes. Picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake fishing, 8 mi. of foot trails, 10 mi. of snowmobile trails, and 5 mi. of ski trails.

ST. CROIX: 16 mi. E. of Hinckley. Pine, spruce, hardwoods, wildlife; St. Croix River and several smaller rivers flow through this area. 224 modern campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, children's group camps, picnic grounds, swimming beach, stream fishing, boats or canoes, 127 mi. of foot trails. 75 mi. of saddle trails, 75 mi. of snowmobile trails, 8 mi. of bicycle trails, and 13 mi. of ski trails.*

ST. CROIX WILD RIVER: 12 mi. E. of North Branch. At the scenic confluence of the St.

Croix and Sunrise Rivers. 73 semi-modern campsites, 4 back-packing campsites, 4 canoe campsites, 50 primitive group campsites, 150 picnic sites, public access to river, Trail Center, interpretive center, 30 mi. hiking trails, 30 mi. cross country skiing trails, 1/2 mi. snowmobile trail.

SAVANNA PORTAGE: 16 mi. N.E. of McGregor. The major link in Mississippi to St. Louis River route; primitive wilderness character. 63 modern campsites, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake fishing, boats or canoes, 16 mi. of foot trails, 60 mi. of snowmobile trails, and 18 mi. of ski trails.*

SCENIC: 7 mi. S.E. of Big Fork. Virgin Norway Pine stands beside unspoiled lakes. 74 modern campsites, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake fishing, boats or canoes, 5 mi. of foot trails, and 18 mi. of snowmobile trails.

SPLIT ROCK LIGHTHOUSE: 27 mi. N.E. of Two Harbors. Symbol of Lake Superior North Shore. Historic lighthouse operated by Coast Guard until 1968. Cassette tape tour of lighthouse available. 1 mi. foot trail.

HEARTLAND

STATE PARKS



CHARLES A. LINDBERGH: 2 mi. S. of Little Falls. Boyhood home of famous flyer along wooded bank of Mississippi River. Lindbergh boyhood home and interpretive center open to public. 52 modern campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, and 2 mi. of foot trails.

CROW WING: 9 mi. S.W. of Brainerd. Historic Crow Wing village site; important in fur trade and Red River ox cart days; confluence of Mississippi and Crow Wing Rivers. 101 modern campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, stream fishing, 12 mi. of foot trails, and 12 mi. of snowmobile trails.*

FATHER HENNEPIN: 1 mi. N.W. of Isle. Deciduous forest with extensive shore of Mille Lacs Lake. 62 modern campsites, trailer dump station, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake fishing, and 4 mi. of foot trails.

HAYES LAKE: 22 mi. S.E. of Roseau. Wooded area on edge of prairie. 20 primitive campsites, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake fishing,

TEMPERANCE RIVER: 23 mi. S.W. of Grand Marais. Spectacular river gorge with large potholes; on Lake Superior. 26 modern campsites, 19 primitive campsites, picnic grounds, lake and stream fishing. 5 mi. of foot trails, and 8 mi. of ski trails.

TOWER SOUDAN: 1 mi. W. of Soudan. Minnesota's deepest and oldest underground iron mine at Lake Vermilion. The nation's only underground mine tour. Picnic grounds, lake fishing, 5 mi. of foot trails, and 15 mi. of snowmobile trails.

HISTORIC SITES

NORTH WEST COMPANY FUR POST: In 1804, traders landed on the banks of the Snake River and set up a wintering post. Today, an authentically reconstructed fur post is stocked with the goods of those early times and guides dressed as voyageurs are engaged in activities typical of the post in the 1800's.

*Located off Interstate 35 at Pine City exit, 1-1/2 miles west on County Road 7. For further information, hours, or reservations for group tours, call 612/629-6356.

W. H. C. FOLSOM HOUSE: This rare example

of Greek Revival architecture overlooks the scenic St. Croix Valley. It was built in 1855 by a Maine lumberman who became a major Minnesota figure.

*Located on Government Road in the Angel's Hill district of Taylors Falls. For further information, hours, or reservations for group tours, call 612/726-1171.

GRAND MOUND INTERPRETIVE CENTER: 136' long, 98' wide and 40' high, Grand Mound is the largest prehistoric Indian Burial Mound in Minnesota and one of the largest in the Upper Midwest. A new Interpretive Center explains the culture of the people buried here.

*Accessible from State Highway 11, fifteen miles west of International Falls. For further information, hours, or reservations for group tours, call 218/279-3332.

FOREST HISTORY CENTER: This turn-of-the-century logging camp shows how lumberjacks lived and worked in the woods during the height of Minnesota's lumbering era.

*Located off County Road 76 near Grand Rapids. For further information, hours, or reservations for group tours, call 218/326-1390.

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LAKE BEMIDJI: 6 mi. N.E. of Bemidji. Virgin pine forest on sandy shore. 113 modern campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, children's group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake fishing, boats or canoes, 3 mi. of foot trails, and 3 mi. of ski trails.*

MILLE LACS KATHIO: 5 mi. N.W. of Onamia. Hills, meadows and forest; site of the major battle between Sioux and Chippewa, 1745. 71 modern campsites, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake and stream fishing, boats or canoes, 15 mi. of foot trails, 15 mi. of saddle trails, and 25 mi. of snowmobile trails.

SCHOOLCRAFT: 8 mi. S. of Deer River. Historic Indian wild ricing site. Pine forest embraces a section of Mississippi River. 38 modern campsites, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, stream fishing, and 2 mi. of foot trails.

ZIPPEL BAY: 9 mi. N.E. of Williams. Gently sloping land bordering beach on Lake of the Woods. 50 primitive campsites, pioneer group

camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake fishing, 10 mi. of foot trails, 12 mi. of snowmobile and 6 mi. of ski trails.

HISTORIC SITES

CHARLES A. LINDBERGH HOUSE AND INTERPRETIVE CENTER: The boyhood home of the first aviator to fly the Atlantic Ocean alone was built in 1906 by "Lucky Lindy's" father, a distinguished lawyer and congressman. The contributions of three generations of Lindberghs are described in the Interpretive Center.

*Located 2 miles south of Little Falls on County Road 52. For further information, hours, or reservations for group tours, call 612/632-3154.

MILLE LACS INDIAN MUSEUM: Once the homeland of the Dakota (Sioux), the area around the Museum was settled by the Chippewa whose descendants still live here. It features dioramas portraying Chippewa life in each of the four seasons.

*Accessible from U.S. Highway 169 on the southwest shore of Mille Lacs Lake at Vineland. For further information, hours, or reservations for group tours, call 612/726-1171.

HIAWATHALAND

STATE PARKS



CARLEY: 4 mi. S. of Plainview. Rugged, steep-sloped, wooded valley of Whitewater River. 22 primitive campsites, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, stream fishing, 4 mi. of foot and 3 mi. of ski trails.

BEAVER CREEK VALLEY: 4 mi. W. of Caledonia. Steep bluff valley; trout stream

threads its way through the Valley. 28 modern campsites, 20 primitive campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, stream fishing, and 7 mi. of foot trails.

FORESTVILLE: 7 mi. S.E. of Wykoff. Scenic segment of Root River Valley and abandoned townsite of Civil War era; Meighen Store. 68 modern campsites, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, stream fishing, 10 mi. of foot trails, 8 mi. of saddle trails, and 10 mi.

of snowmobile trails.

FRONTENAC: 8 mi. N.W. of Lake City. Rolling woodlands along Lake Pepin. 1917 fur trading post and 1860 river town. 39 modern campsites, 20 primitive campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, lake fishing, 6 mi. of foot trails, and 11 mi. of snowmobile trails.

HELMER MYRE: 5 mi. E. of Albert Lea. Heavily-wooded island in Albert Lea Lake.

142 modern campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, lake fishing, 16 mi. of foot trails, 10 mi. of snowmobile trails, and 2 mi. of ski trails.

JOHN A. LATSCH: 14 mi. N.W. of Winona. Limestone bluffs and panoramic view of Mississippi River. 8 primitive campsites, picnic grounds, stream fishing, and 2 mi. of foot trails.

LAKE LOUISE: 2 mi. N. of Leroy. Wooded area where 2 streams form a lake in upper Iowa River. 19 modern campsites, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, stream fishing, 11 mi. of foot trails, 7 mi. of saddle trails, 7 mi. of snowmobile trails, and 4 mi. of ski trails.

NERSTRAND WOODS: 16 mi. S.E. of

Northfield. Remnant of big woods with picturesque prairie creek. 62 modern campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, 11 mi. of foot trails, 5 mi. of snowmobile trails, and 6 mi. of ski trails.*

RICE LAKE: 10 mi. E. of Owatonna. Virgin deciduous forest surrounding undeveloped natural lake. 41 modern campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake fishing. 4 mi. of foot trails, 4 mi. of snowmobile trails, and 4 mi. of ski trails.

O. L. KIPP: 1 mi. N. of LaCrescent. Inspiring view of Mississippi River Valley. 31 primitive sites, picnic grounds.

WHITEWATER: 9 mi. N. of St. Charles. Formed by deep ravine with limestone formations and

hardwood forest. 96 modern campsites, 49 primitive campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, children's group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, stream fishing, 15 mi. of foot trails, and 8 mi. of ski trails.

HISTORIC SITE

MEIGHEN STORE: Under the management of Robert Foster and Felix Meighen this country store provided the village of Forestville with foodstuffs, dry goods and hardware from 1857-1910.

*Located in Forestville State Park, 7 mi. S.E. of Wykoff. For further information, hours, or reservations for group tours, call 507/765-3309.

METROLAND

STATE PARKS



AFTON: 15 mi. N. of Hastings. Lower St. Croix River park of varying terrain. Excellent birding area. Adjacent to historic Afton.

FORT SNELLING: Junction of Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers in St. Paul. Oldest building in

state. High bluffs overlooking broad Minnesota River Valley. Picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake and stream fishing, boats or canoes. 12 mi. of foot trails, 9 mi. of snowmobile trails, and 3 mi. of ski trails.

LAKE MARIA: 8 mi. W. of Monticello. Rolling land with deciduous tree cover which surrounds 2 small lakes. Pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, lake fishing, boats or canoes, 7 mi. of foot trails, 4 mi. of snowmobile trails, 7 mi. of saddle and 2 mi. of ski trails.

ST. CROIX ISLANDS: Near Stillwater in the St. Croix River. Islands in St. Croix River, scenic valley area.

WILLIAM O'BRIEN: 16 mi. N. of Stillwater. Beautifully wooded, rolling countryside on the St. Croix River. 125 modern campsites, pioneer

group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake and stream fishing, boats or canoes, 13 mi. of foot trails, and 11 mi. of ski trails.*

HISTORIC SITES

MINNEHAHA DEPOT: Known as "The Princess," this gingerbread-trimmed depot was built in the 1870's as a stop on the Minneapolis to Chicago line. Now it's restored to its 1890 appearance.

*Located on Minnehaha Avenue near 49th Street in Minneapolis. For further information, hours, call 612/726-1171.

FORT SNELLING: Built between 1820 and 1824 by U.S. soldiers under Colonel Josiah Snelling, the Fort was the indisputable guardian of American interests in the upper Northwest. Today, the fort is a living museum with costumed soldiers actively involved in the traditional military life of the 1820's.

Accessible from Interstate 494 and State Highways 5 and 55 in St. Paul. For further information, hours, or reservations for group tours, call 612/726-9430.

ALEXANDER RAMSEY HOUSE: An 1872 French Renaissance mansion, it was the home

of Alexander Ramsey who served as governor, U.S. Senator and secretary of war. It features walnut woodwork, marble fireplaces and Brussels carpeting.

*Located at 265 South Exchange Street, St. Paul. For further information, hours, or reservations for group tours, call 612/222-5717.

MINNESOTA STATE CAPITOL: Completed in 1904, the marble-domed statehouse was designed by Cass Gilbert, architect of the U.S. Supreme Court Building and George Washington Bridge.

*Located at Aurora and Park Avenues in St. Paul, accessible from Interstate 94, Marion Street exit. For further information, hours, or reservations for group tours, call 612/296-2489.

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BUILDING: Contains a comprehensive collection of materials relating to state and regional history, plus Scandinavian American and general American culture.

*Located at 690 Cedar Street, St. Paul. Open year round for tours. For further information, hours, or reservations for group tours, call 612/296-2881.

PIONEERLAND

STATE PARKS



BIG STONE LAKE: (3 areas) 8, 17 & 20 mi. N.W. of Ortonville. A series of 3 separate areas along Big Stone Lake. Important for scenic values and prehistoric record of man. 42 primitive campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer

group camp, picnic grounds, lake fishing, boats or canoes, 3 mi. of foot trails, and 5 mi. of snowmobile trails.

BIRCH COULEE: 2 mi. N.E. of Morton. Site of one of the hardest-fought battles of the 1862 Sioux Uprising. Picnic grounds and 1 mi. of foot trail.

BLUE MOUNDS: 7 mi. N. of Luverne. Prairie

hunting grounds of the Sioux; unusual Sioux quartzite. 76 modern campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake fishing, 4 mi. of foot trails, and 4 mi. of snowmobile trails.

CAMDEN: 7 mi. S.W. of Marshall. Natural wilderness valley in prairie farming area. 36 modern campsites, 10 primitive campsites, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, stream fishing, 9 mi. of foot trails, 4 mi. of saddle trails, and 6 mi. of snowmobile trails.*

FLANDRAU: S. side of New Ulm. Cottonwood River Valley with high wooded bluffs. 57 modern campsites, 33 primitive campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, children's group camp, picnic grounds,

swimming beach, stream fishing, 7 mi. of foot trails, 3 mi. of saddle trails, and 4 mi. of snowmobile trails.

FORT RIDGELY: 7 mi. S. of Fairfax. Site of some of fiercest battles of 1862 Sioux Uprising. 20 modern campsites, 30 primitive campsites, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, 3 mi. of foot trails, 5 mi. of saddle trails, and 5 mi. of snowmobile trails.

LAC QUI PARLE: 10 mi. N.W. of Montevideo. Hardwood timber along Lac Qui Parle and Minnesota Rivers. 50 modern campsites, 5 primitive campsites, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake and stream fishing, 6 mi. of foot trails, 6 mi. of saddle trails, and 6 mi. of snowmobile trails.

KILEN WOODS: 8 mi. E. of Lakefield. In Des Moines River Valley. Scenic hills and woods amidst rolling farm land. 20 modern campsites, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, stream fishing, 5 mi. of foot trails, and 3 mi. of snowmobile trails.

LAKE SHETEK: 14 mi. N.E. of Slayton. Wooded shore; site of massacre of 1862 Sioux Uprising. 88 modern campsites, 20 primitive campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, children's group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake fishing, boats or canoes, 4 mi. of foot trails, and 10 mi. of snowmobile trails.

MINNEOPA: 6 mi. W. of Mankato. Waterfalls in wooded gorge, historic mill site and village. 50 modern campsites, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, stream fishing, and 3 1/2 mi. of foot trails.

MONSON LAKE: 4 mi. S.W. of Sunburg. Site of 1862 Sioux Uprising Massacre. 20 modern campsites, picnic grounds, lake fishing, and 1 1/2 mi. of foot trails.

SAKATAH LAKE: 2 mi. E. of Waterville. Virgin hardwood forest. 59 modern campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake fishing, 4 mi. of foot trails, and 5 mi. of snowmobile trails.

SIBLEY: 5 mi. W. of New London. Virgin hardwoods cover moraine hills along Lake Andrew. 85 modern campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, children's group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake fishing, boats or canoes, 4 mi. of foot trails, 5 mi. of saddle trails, 6 mi. of snowmobile trails, and 3 mi. of ski trails.

SPLIT ROCK CREEK: 1 mi. S. of Ihlen. Recreational area along artificial lake.

17 modern campsites, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake fishing, 1/2 mi. of foot trail, and 1-1/2 mi. of snowmobile trails.

TRAVERSE DES SIOUX: 1 mi. N.W. of St. Peter. Site of village of Traverse des Sioux 1858 treaty signing with the Sioux. Picnic grounds, stream fishing, 2 mi. of foot trails, 10 mi. of snowmobile trails, and 10 mi. of ski trails.

UPPER SIOUX AGENCY: 4 mi. S.E. of Granite Falls. Banks of picturesque Yellow Medicine River; location of a government outpost called the Upper Sioux Agency. Pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, stream fishing, 9 mi. of foot trails, 8 mi. of snowmobile trails, and 6 mi. of saddle trails.

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UPPER SIOUX AGENCY: Established in 1854 as a center teaching farming methods to the Dakota (Sioux). A brick duplex has been restored and foundations of other buildings are marked.

*Located 9 mi. south of Granite Falls on Highway 67. For further information, hours, or reservations for group tours, call 612/564-4024 or 507/697-6321.

LOWER SIOUX AGENCY: Scene of the first organized Indian attack in the War of 1862. An Interpretive Center tells of the long, proud struggle of the Indians in a time of drastic change.

*Located 9 mi. east of Redwood Falls, accessible from County Road 2. For further information, hours, or reservations for group tours, call 507/697-6321.

JEFFERS PETROGLYPHS: The work of native Americans from as long ago as 3,000 B.C.,

these carvings comprise nearly two thousand reproductions of human figures, weapons and animals.

*Located east of Jeffers; from junction of U.S. Highway 71 and County Road 10, drive east on #10 three mi., then south on County Road 2 one mile. For further information, hours, or reservations for group tours, call 507/877-3647.

HARKIN-MASSOPUST STORE: Alexander Harkin opened a general store in West Newton in 1869. He prospered until a railroad bypass turned the village into a ghost town. The store closed in 1903, and most of the stock was left on the shelves. Now you can examine merchandise, check prices and smell the aromas of a century ago.

*On Nicollet County State Aid Highway 21, 8 mi. northwest of New Ulm. For further information, hours, or reservations for group tours, call 507/359-9729 or 507/697-6321.

FORT RIDGELY: A restored stone commissary now houses exhibits explaining Fort Ridgely's two crucial battles that turned the tide of the 1862 Dakota (Sioux) war.

*Located in Fort Ridgely State Park, accessible from State Highway 4, 7 mi. south of Fairfax. For further information, hours, or reservations for group tours, call 507/426-7888.

W. W. MAYO HOUSE: An English immigrant, Dr. William W. Mayo, built this small Gothic house in 1859. Later, he and his two sons established the world-renowned Mayo Clinic.

*Located at 118 North Main Street, Le Sueur. For further information, hours, or reservations for group tours, call 612/726-1171.

VIKINGLAND

STATE PARKS



BUFFALO RIVER: 13 mi. E. of Moorhead. Prairie oasis and prehistoric Campbell Beach of Lake Agassiz. 44 modern campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, stream fishing, 4 mi. of foot, and 4 mi. of ski trails.

GLACIAL LAKES: 5 mi. S. of Starbuck. Spring fed lakes surrounded by virgin prairie and a virgin oak forest. 23 modern campsites, 21 primitive campsites, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake fishing, boats or canoes, 5 mi. of foot trails, 9 mi. of saddle trails, 10 mi. of snowmobile trails, and 6 mi. of ski trails.

ITASCA: 28 mi. N. of Park Rapids. Area of lakes and virgin forests. Source of Mississippi River. Famous Douglas Lodge. 237 modern campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, children's group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake and stream fishing, boats or canoes, 28 mi. of foot trails, 12 mi. of snowmobile trails, and 21 mi. of ski trails.

LAKE BRONSON: 2 mi. E. of Lake Bronson.

Artificial lake, in vast Red River Valley. 180 modern campsites, 25 primitive campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake and stream fishing, boats or canoes, 6 mi. of foot trails, and 6 mi. of snowmobile trails.

LITTLE ELBOW LAKE: 16 mi. E. of Waubun. Rolling land with deciduous tree cover; 3 lakes, 23 primitive campsites, picnic grounds, and lake fishing.

LAKE CARLOS: 10 mi. N. of Alexandria. Rolling, wooded land along sandy shoreline. 146 modern campsites, 12 primitive campsites, trailer dump station, pioneer group camp, children's group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake fishing, 15 mi. of foot trails, 17 mi. of saddle trails, and 15 mi. of snowmobile trails.

MAPLEWOOD: 7 mi. S.E. of Pelican Rapids. Spectacularly beautiful; including about 20 lakes. 51 modern campsites, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, lake fishing, 19 mi. of foot trails, 19 mi. of saddle trails, 25 mi. of snowmobile trails, and 7 mi. of ski trails.

OLD MILL: 17 mi. N.E. of Warren. Prairie terrain except for rolling valley with winding river. 26 modern campsites, pioneer group camp, picnic grounds, swimming beach, stream fishing, 6 mi. of foot trails, 6 mi. of snowmobile trails, and 2 mi. of ski trails.

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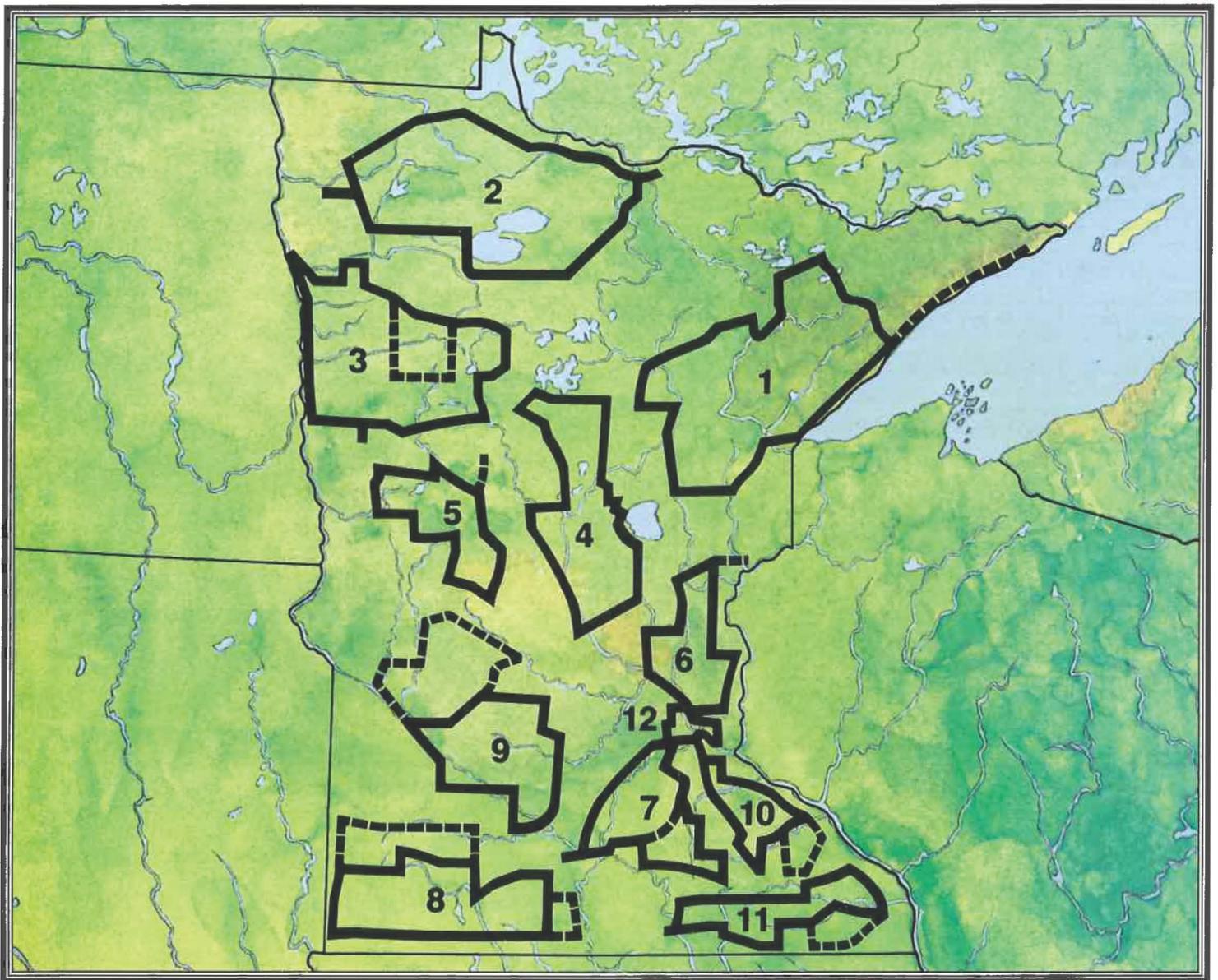
SOLOMON G. COMSTOCK HOUSE: Built in 1883, the restored Comstock House offers a glimpse into the lives of a community leader and his family a century ago.

*Located at 5th Avenue South and 8th Street (State Highway 75) in Moorhead. For further information, hours, or reservations for group tours, call 612/726-1171.

*Handicapped Facilities:

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has chosen this as one of eight state parks minimally accessible to the handicapped. Each has wheelchair-accessible picnic areas; designated camping areas close to handicapped-accessible sanitation buildings, water supply, etc.; and trails designated for easier exploring.

Vacations you can afford to take twelve times a year.



MINNESOTA'S Minnetours are short, routed loop trips of our state's areas that are especially rich in historical, natural and recreational opportunities.

Each Minnetour is routed from an arbitrary starting point and proceeds in a counter-clockwise direction. But, since these are loop trips, you can start a Minnetour at any point you choose.

The directions in each Minnetour should accurately guide you. But you may want to take side trips or short cuts, so we suggest that you obtain a

copy of the current official Minnesota highway map. And don't hesitate to

A proud angler displays his hefty catch.



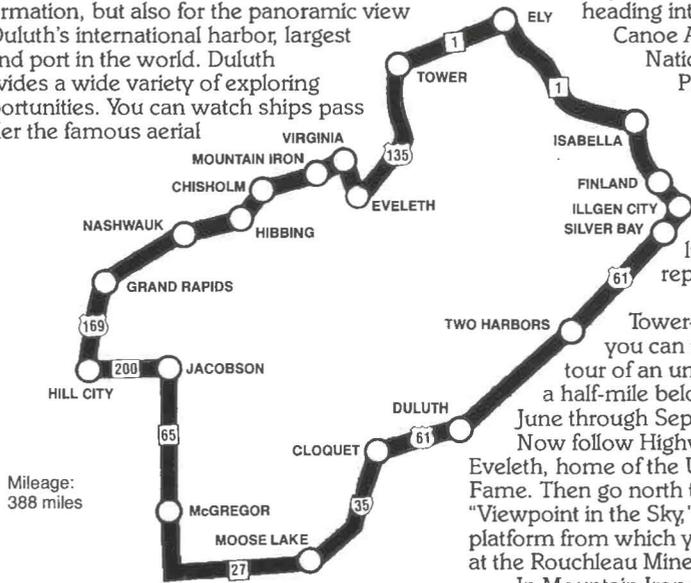
ask for directions when you stop for food and fuel. Minnesotans are good neighbors.

For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce in communities of interest. And for the dates of events mentioned in our Minnetour descriptions, write to: Minnesota Tourist Information Center, 480 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55101, (612) 296-5029. Residents of Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota may call, toll-free 1-(800) 328-9161.



SUPERIOR TREK *Minnetour 1*

Duluth is a good starting point for this tour. If you drive into the city on I-35, stop in the Thompson Hill Information Center not only for information, but also for the panoramic view of Duluth's international harbor, largest inland port in the world. Duluth provides a wide variety of exploring opportunities. You can watch ships pass under the famous aerial



lift bridge from the big picture window in the Marine Museum; drive the 30-mile Skyline Drive for a spectacular view of the city and harbor; visit the arts complex and several museums of the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center in the old Union Depot; visit the Lake Superior Transportation Museum in the Arts Center, or visit one of the state's largest zoos, just below Spirit Mountain recreation area.

Now head north on Highway 61 along Lake Superior's magnificent North Shore Drive. Travel to Two Harbors, birthplace of 3M, on old Highway 61, the scenic route along the lakeshore.

At Two Harbors, observe ore loading operations from Paul Van Hoven Park or from Fisherman's Point. Eight blocks south of Highway 61 in town is the Two Harbors Information Center and the Lake County Historical Society Museum, open Monday through Saturday. Continue north on 61 to Gooseberry Falls State Park. Park your car, load your camera and take the footpath to the magnificent falls.

Proceed north to Split Rock Lighthouse State Park. It preserves a lighthouse built in 1909, and exhibits in the fog signal building explain how the light station assisted navigation on Lake Superior during its nearly 60 years of operation.

You can lunch in Silver Bay or buy snacks for a picnic at Palisade Head. Palisade Baptist Church is a good landmark to watch for before you turn off to the 350-foot rock cliff providing an awesome view of Lake Superior, and inland, the jagged Sawtooth mountains.

Continue to Baptism River State Park where a scenic foot trail leads to another spectacular waterfall.

Drive Hwy. 1 through the stately pines of the Superior National Forest, and enjoy some

of Minnesota's most beautiful wilderness views on the route into Ely. Ely is best known as a jumpoff point for canoeists heading into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, largest unit of the National Wilderness Preservation System and the nation's only wilderness canoe area.

About a mile east of town on Highway 169 is the Voyageurs Visitor Center, with mining and lumbering displays plus a replica of a voyageur canoe. From Ely, go west to Tower-Soudan State Park, where you can take the country's only tour of an underground iron mine. It's a half-mile below the ground and open June through September.

Now follow Highways 135 and 37 to Eveleth, home of the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame. Then go north to Virginia and the "Viewpoint in the Sky," a 20-story observation platform from which you can watch operations at the Rouchleau Mine.

In Mountain Iron you can tour U.S. Steel Minntac's taconite plant. Then continue to Chisholm and its new Iron Range Interpretative Center in the southwest corner of the city to gain an understanding of the area's people and industry. The Minnesota Museum of Mining is also in Chisholm. To detour to the beautiful Thistledew area of McCarthy State Park, drive north about 15 miles on County Road 5.

Next is Hibbing, once known as the "City That Moved," and home of the world's largest open-pit iron mine, the Hull-Rust-Mahoning Mine — almost five miles across and nearly 600 feet deep.

At Grand Rapids, visit the Information Cabin with questions. You might also arrange a

tour of Blandin Paper Company's mill or the Forest History Center, where a turn-of-the-century logging camp shows how lumberjacks lived and worked in the woods during the peak of Minnesota's lumbering era. The Itasca County Historical Society Museum is also interesting.

In Hill City is spring-fed Hill Lake where you can picnic, swim and camp.

From there follow Highway 200 through Hill River State Forest to Jacobson. Head south about 20 miles and stop at Libby, a former fur trading center. Now there's a U.S. government dam and lock, campground and museum with copper tools, pictures of old steamers and Indian pottery. It's open daily 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

South of McGregor is the 16,000-acre Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge. Great blue herons, geese and Indian burial grounds are prime attractions.

Continue east to Moose Lake, host of Agate Days in mid-July. Agate hunters can find our state gemstone along almost any gravel road in Carlton County.

From Moose Lake, take I-35 north. Visit the Carlton County Historical Museum in Carlton as you drive through Jay Cooke State Park, which features spectacular terrain with the St. Louis River running through a picturesque gorge.

If you're interested in architecture, stop in Cloquet. There's a gas station in town designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, the only one he designed.

Alternate Route

From Illgen City, follow Highway 61 to the tip of Minnesota and the Grand Portage National Monument, a fur post restored to its 18th century appearance to recall when it was the boisterous center of Voyageur activity.

Interspersed along this scenic drive are many state parks and resorts. In early August catch the Fisherman's Picnic in Grand Marais, "Home of the Fishburger." Another attraction is the Lutsen North Shore Art Fair in mid-July.

The state parks and Grand Portage National Monument along Minnesota's north shore provide over 50 miles of excellent hiking trails. Here two hikers troll along the shore of Lake Superior near Grand Marais.





VOYAGEURS' EMPIRE *Minnetour 2*

We begin this Minnetour in International Falls on the Canadian border. Here you can tour Boise Cascade's largest paper manufacturing facility by appointment between June 4 and August 31. Take in the county museum, too, for its displays of logging equipment, toys, tools and an old-fashioned bar. It's in Smokey Bear Park and

International Falls. There are no roads into the interior.

From International Falls take Highway 11 west about 17 miles. Here visit the new Grand Mound Interpretive Center, where exhibits and an audio-visual program explain the early Indian cultures who built burial mounds here nearly 2000 years ago.

As you enter Baudette, you'll see a giant walleye, which

to that French fort established in 1732. Back in town, watch the making of wood windows at Marvin Windows. Tours are given 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, by appointment. Relax and stay the night in Warroad's modern marina and campground.

At Roseau, you can tour the Polaris snowmobile plant at 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. To take in a bird egg exhibit containing an egg from the now extinct passenger pigeon, visit the county museum. Finally, if you don't mind going out of your way a bit, take Highway 11 six miles west to Highway 89, then 12 miles north to Pinecreek, to visit the Roseau Wildlife Area. Here's a chance for you to photograph birds, water fowl, deer and moose on more than 50,000 acres of refuge. Tours can be arranged at the area's office in Pinecreek.

Care to take in a state park and a fine county museum? Just before Greenbush, veer west and north to Lake Bronson.

Drive to Karlstad and continue on toward Newfolden. An unusual park, Old Mill State Park, is 11 miles west of Newfolden on County Road 28. An historic mill has been restored so you can see it operate as it did in the old days. The park has camping facilities, a swimming beach and foot trails.

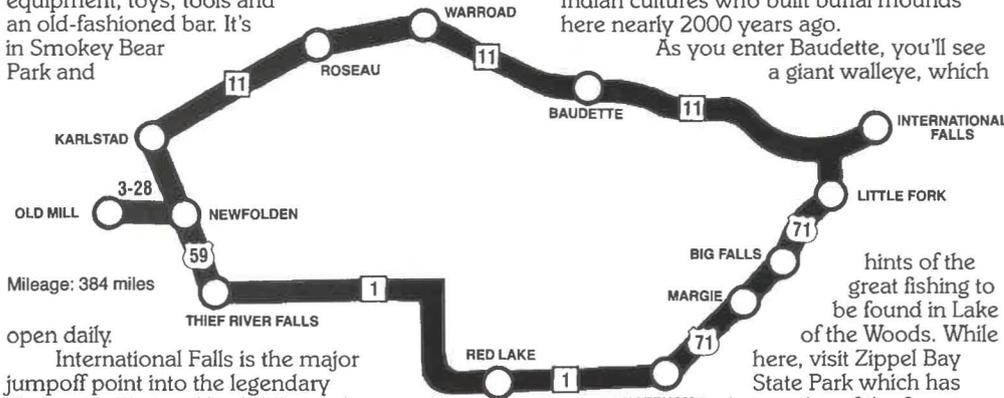
Go south to Thief River Falls, home of Arctic Enterprises, Inc., another nationally prominent snowmobile manufacturer. Its tours begin at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday; March through November. On weekends, don't miss the new Pennington Pioneer Village, located on Highway 32 on the south edge of the city. There's a museum with Indian beadwork, a rustic church, depot, post office, and homes furnished with antiques.

On your way out of town on Highway 1, stop at the Northland Ecological Study Area, a 40-acre natural tract operated by Northland Community College and open to the public.

Now follow Highway 1 through the Red Lake Indian Reservation and around Lower Red Lake. This land, uniquely, was retained by the Chippewa and never sold to white men. On the reservation, visitors can see commercial fisheries, fishing villages, sawmilling and other activities. On July 4th a giant pow wow is held at Red Lake. The Tribal Council houses an Indian crafts shop where beadwork and leather items are for sale.

If you want to see where Paul Bunyan is buried, drive five miles north on Highway 72 to Kelliher. Otherwise, go on to Northome and through the Pine Island State Forest to Big Falls. This is Minnesota's largest state forest and derives its name from the islands created by the now extinct Lake Agassiz.

At the junction of Highways 6 and 71 in Big Falls is a Wayside Logging Display with a sleigh used to haul pine logs to the Big Fork River in the early 1900s. It was pulled by steam-powered haulers or by horses on icy winter roads. For campsites, take County Road 3 west from Big Falls about four miles to where a sign directs you to primitive state forest campsites on the Big Fork River.



Mileage: 384 miles

open daily.

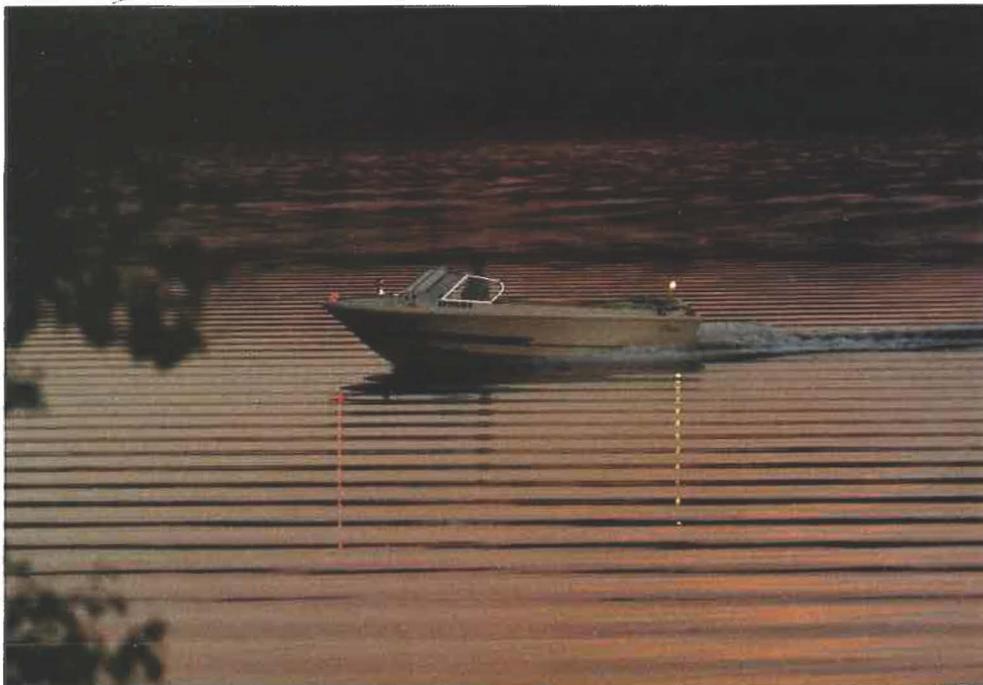
International Falls is the major jumpoff point into the legendary Voyageurs National Park. The park encompasses some 219,400 acres, of which about 80,000 are water. The main body of land is Kabetogama Peninsula, accessible principally by water, with an interior that holds a number of lakes that can be reached only by foot. Through this forested lake country, the French-Canadian voyageurs transported furs for a century and a half. Though the colorful voyageur is gone, his land is not. From the water, the stretch of lake country today looks much as it did during the late 1700s and early 1800s. You can enjoy camping, fishing and boating within the boundaries of this national park. Access roads lead from Duluth, Orr and

hints of the great fishing to be found in Lake of the Woods. While here, visit Zippel Bay State Park which has three miles of the finest sand beach in the state, a fishing stream, foot trails and picnic facilities and a campground. Be sure to visit the new Lake of the Woods County Museum in Baudette, too.

Now backtrack to Highway 11 and continue westward to Williams. There, just off the highway, is Lady Slipper Rest, a state wayside where three varieties of lady slipper, or moccasin flower, grow wild.

Continue northwest to Warroad, only American port on Lake of the Woods. Visit Fort St. Charles by driving through Canada to the Northwest Angle and taking a passenger boat

A runabout carves an interesting pattern in a lake. There is water to accommodate every type of craft in Minnesota.





HOMESTEAD TRAIL *Minnetour 3*

This tour begins at Moorhead, in the heart of the agriculturally rich Red River Valley. Visit the Clay County Historical Museum, in the depot on 8th Street, for good background on the area. On 8th and 5th Avenue is the big, yellow Cornstock House which contains exhibits detailing Red River



Valley history. Moorhead is also the home of Concordia College and Moorhead State University and its Strawhat Players summer theatre. And there are two art centers to visit, Rourke Art Gallery and the Red River Art Center.

Drive straight east to Buffalo River State Park, located on the shore or "beach" of the Red River Valley (in reality, the bed of prehistoric Lake Agassiz). Hiking trails head through virgin prairie land where marsh and prairie flowers are abundant.

About 10-miles further along is Hawley, where the word "Viking" has special meaning. What is believed to be a Viking mooring stone was found on a nearby lakeshore and transferred to Hawley Park where you can view it.

During Labor Day weekend, take a detour south to Rollag where the Western Minnesota Steam Threshers Reunion draws together the state's largest collection of steam engines and gas tractors.

Consider driving north on Highway 32 to Ulen to see the Viking sword believed to be over 700 years old, a remnant of Viking explorers. The sword, found by a farmer plowing his field, may be seen in the town museum. If you arrive on a day the museum is closed, go to the drugstore to see about getting in.

When you reach Detroit Lakes, get out your sunfishing gear. Or visit the fine county museum in the basement of the courthouse. Three and a half miles west on Highway 10 is Fort Detroit, a replica of a frontier fort, complete with stagecoach rides.

Continue east to Rochert, about two miles north of the highway. This is the headquarters of the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge, an area of deer, small mammals and many lakes with stands of wild rice.

Move eastward to Park Rapids and pass through Smokey Hills State Forest. Though best known as a resort town, Park Rapids was born in the lumbering era and that industry is still important here. The Hubbard County Historical Museum in the old courthouse. Nearby lakes, including Fish Hook Lake located within the city, are among the best fishing waters in America.

Stay on Highway 71 to reach Itasca State Park. You must visit this beautiful park with its stands of virgin Norway pine more than a century old. Here, too, is the birthplace of the Mississippi River, so narrow and shallow you can wade across. For information on the area's Indian burial mounds and sparkling Lake Itasca itself, stop at the park's interpretive center. Next to the swimming beach is the Brower Inn, where Up North Handcrafts, created by area residents, are sold. Midday Thursday through Sunday watch craft demonstrations. Nearby, observe the reconstruction of a log cabin originally built in 1893.

As you head toward Bemidji, look for Paul Bunyan and Babe statues on the west shore of Lake Bemidji. At the intersection of highways 71 and 2 is the Chamber of Commerce information building, housing the Beltrami County Historical Museum, an aquarium and artifacts from Paul Bunyan legends.

At Bagley you'll find excellent camping and swimming, an outstanding outdoor life exhibit at the Clearwater County Historical Museum.

At Marcoux, turn north on Highway 32 to Red Lake Falls. This bustling community was built to take full advantage of the natural beauty of Sportsmen's Park with its lovely waterfalls.

A good place for a picnic is Old Crossing Treaty Wayside. To get there, take County Road 11 about eight miles west toward Huot. This is the site where, in 1863, the Chippewa ceded 9.7 million acres of land for white settlement of the Red River Valley. It was also the important crossing for Red River Ox carts, the tracks of which are still partially visible.

Now follow County Road 11 to Crookston, processing center for barley, potatoes and sugar beets grown in the area, and home of the Polk County Pioneer Museum.

East Grand Forks, west of Crookston, is a port of entry for Minnesota. It has the largest of American Crystal Sugar's sugar beet processing facilities, one of the two Potato Research Centers in the U.S. and a river, the Red River of the North.

Alternate Route

Camping enthusiasts may wish to investigate Mahnommen County to plan a future trip. It lies totally within White Earth Indian Reservation. Take Highway 59 south from Erskine to Mahnommen. Going east on Highway 113 from Waubun, stop in at Little Elbow Lake State Park, which includes a primitive campground, picnic area and fishing spot. The route takes you past the entrance to Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge.

Follow Highway 113 to Highway 71, or turn north on County Road 39 through White Earth Indian Reservation to Bagley.

A flock of birds on the wing is silhouetted against farm buildings.





BUNYAN LAND *Minnetour 4*

Begin this Minnetour in St. Cloud, whose quarries supply granite for venerable buildings around the nation. The city is an attractive retail and service center as well as a recreational

State Forest and Mille Lacs Wildlife Area. Five miles northwest of town is Mille Lacs Kathio State Park with an interpretive center and a naturalist to explain this area once inhabited by large tribes of Dakota and Chippewa.

As you tour the south and west shores of Mille Lacs, treat the kids to Ft. Mille Lacs where a live animal park, forest trails, restaurant and museum of Indian art, artifacts and tools of early pioneers and loggers are located. Follow Highway 169 around the west side of the lake and you'll come to the Minnesota Historical Society's Mille Lacs Indian Museum. If you stop nowhere else, stop here. It's a very successful depiction of the history and culture of Minnesota's Indians. The museum is open daily May 1 through Sept. 30, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Nearby is the Mille Lacs Indian Reservation where a marina with cabins, restaurant and bait shop is open to the public.

Continuing on to Garrison, it will become obvious that this huge lake has many fine fishing resorts. It's one of the finest walleye-producing lakes in the state. In winter, more than 5,000 fish houses spring up and roads criss-cross the frozen lake to connect them.

To take in two acres of formal gardens and Oriental rockwork, trout-fishing, picnicking and a zoo, take Tame Fish Road to the Ak-Sar-Ben Gardens. They're open every day, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Now drive north to Deerwood, the beginning of the Cuyuna Iron Range. In Crosby visit the Cuyuna Range Historical Museum, or tour the Scorpion plant where snowmobiles are manufactured.

By the time you get to Remer on Highway 6, you'll be in Chippewa National Forest, abundant with lakes, fish and wildlife. From

Remer, drive west to Leech Lake, site of a July 4th regatta. At Walker, you'll find intriguing antique shops, good resorts and restaurants and an excellent museum complex. The Museum of Natural History features wildlife exhibits and Indian ricing equipment. The county museum shares the same building, and nearby is an old schoolhouse to visit.

Now drive southwest to Akeley. Paul Bunyan was born here; his cradle is preserved for you to see and photograph. Akeley was once a booming lumber town and lumberjacks amused themselves with tall tales about Paul. These were eventually collected and Paul Bunyan became an American folk hero.

From Akeley, take County Road 12 east. This picturesque route leads to Hackensack where you can see a colorful monument to Paul Bunyan's sweetheart, Lucette Diana Kensack.

Continue traveling south to Pine River, a busy resort community, then to Pequot Lakes. Here Bean Hole Days are a mid-July festival. And don't miss the turtle races each summer Wednesday in Nisswa, also known for its artist residents.

As you approach Brainerd, look for signs directing you to Lumbertown USA, a pioneer village of interest to the whole family. In Brainerd, visit Paul Bunyan Center where you can actually talk with the 50-foot lumberjack himself. It's open May through September. The Crow Wing County Historical Museum is housed in the County Courthouse in Brainerd. If you enjoy auto racing, check the schedule at the Brainerd International Raceway.

West of Brainerd is Motley. Many believe Babe the Blue Ox evolved in legend from a huge ox that really did pull logs in the area for many years. But today the only vestige left from that era is the pleasant Motley Castle, just a block off Motley's main street.

Follow Highway 10 southeast to Little Falls, home of Charles Lindbergh, Jr. His famous flight was made in 1927. Stop in at the interpretive center, which highlights three generations of Lindberghs through photos, slide shows and displays, then visit the Lindbergh home. For more history on Little Falls families, the Charles Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum just south of Lindbergh State Park; and the newly restored Dewey-Radke home, open summer afternoons and located in the municipal park. Still another attraction in town is the historic "Wanigan" excursion boat harbored in Pike Creek at Smuda's Zoo. It's a replica of the floating kitchens and bunkhouses that followed the log drives down the rivers. The five mile trip is to the location of Zebulon Pike's fort on the Swan River.

On the return leg of this tour visit Colleeville, about 20 miles west of St. Cloud on Highway 52. The Benedictine community welcomes visitors who want a little peace and quiet and offers them a visit to St. John's Abbey, a unique piece of modern architecture.

Mileage: 332 miles

haven. Stop in for information at the Chamber of Commerce on Fourth Avenue just off Highway 52.

From St. Cloud, go northwest to the scenic countryside of Foley where, in late June, you can take part in Foley Fun Days.

Continue northeast to Milaca and take a breather in any of four village parks. Don't miss the museum in the Village Hall. Inside, its walls of native stone are colorful murals depicting the logging era.

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Charles Lindbergh's bedroom in his boyhood home in Little Falls, located adjacent to Charles Lindbergh State Park and open for tours.

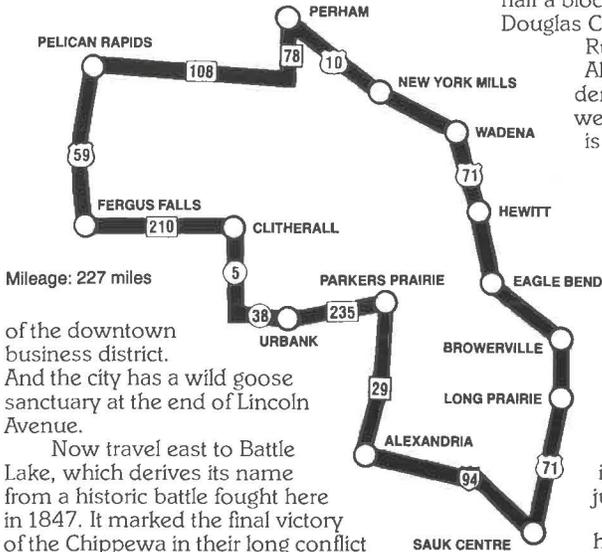




VIKING LORE *Minnetour 5*

Fergus Falls, where the excellent Otter Tail County Historical Museum is headquartered, is a good place to begin this Minnetour. An unusual sight is Lake Alice, on a hill just north

the Kensington Runestone. A runic legend on the stone seems to indicate that a Viking expedition visited Minnesota in 1362 A.D., 130 years before Columbus reached America. Just half a block from a giant Viking statue find the Douglas County Historical Society and Runestone Museum and the Ft. Alexandria Agricultural Museum. Watch demonstrations of square dancing, weaving and candle making. Admission is charged. East from Alexandria, your route roughly parallels that of a 14th century Viking expedition, now marked by highway signs.



of the downtown business district. And the city has a wild goose sanctuary at the end of Lincoln Avenue.

Now travel east to Battle Lake, which derives its name from a historic battle fought here in 1847. It marked the final victory of the Chippewa in their long conflict with the Dakota. Alternatively, drive south from Fergus Falls to Dalton to see the Lake Region Pioneer Threshermen's Association Agricultural Museum. Dalton hosts an annual show of threshing equipment in early September.

Boating is an excellent family fun activity. All types of watercraft can be rented at many resorts and marinas in every vacation region.



Heading east again find Clitherall, the earliest permanent white settlement in this county. It was founded by a group of Latter Day Saints who broke off from Brigham Young's entourage on their trek westward.

Take County Road 5 to Inspiration Peak Wayside. From the top of this hill you can see several lakes in three different counties. Continue on to Urbank and Parkers Prairie, where you turn south to Lake Carlos State Park. It has more than a thousand acres of rolling land abounding in sugar maple and other hardwoods. A supervised swimming beach and boat rentals are available.

South of the park is Alexandria, home of

the small town immortalized by Sinclair Lewis in his Pulitzer Prize winning novel, "Main Street." Enter town via Sinclair Lewis Avenue and you'll drive past the author's boyhood home. It's open to visitors daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day. There's also a museum with more Lewis artifacts in the interpretive center at the junction of I-94 and MN 71.

Next stop in Long Prairie, headquarters of Hart Press Publishing Company, national periodical printers, where tours may be arranged on weekdays by appointment. It's also the home of the "Marching M'bassadors," a high school band that has been winning national competition for years. Stop in at the newly restored Christie House, once home of a somewhat eccentric doctor, open Thursday and Friday afternoons. The house boasts a turn-of-the-century small town luxuriousness.

Keep driving northward through Browerville and Eagle Bend. See a lot of turkeys? No wonder. This is one of the areas contributing to Minnesota's national leadership in turkey production. At Wadena's Sunny Brook Park, fish for trout, explore a hiking trail or visit the zoo. In town there are good places to eat and good overnight accommodations.

If you want a memorable canoe trip, drive to Menahga, north of Wadena. The Crow Wing

Two young fellows demonstrate one of the many recreational pursuits made possible by our thousands of lakes.



A young lady scrambles toward the sandy beach on one of over 15,000 lakes.

Trails, 75 miles of beautiful and accessible wilderness where carefully planned saddle trails, campsites and canoe routes extend south from here. Pick up a map in Wadena, Sebeka or Menahga. The beginning of the organized canoe trail is at the Blueberry Bridge northeast of Menahga. From here, 12 campsites are placed along the river at convenient intervals. The trail ends at McGivern Park. You will find several canoe outfitters in the area of the trails.

From Wadena, take Highway 10 west to New York Mills. If you're fortunate enough to pass through in mid-June, you will enjoy the summer Finnish Festival here.

Perham, a delightful resort community is northwest of New York Mills. Stop at the information center and ask about the pioneer homestead north of town. In late August join the townsfolk in a day of fun — the Pioneer Festival.

By following Highway 108 through the lake country, you'll arrive in Pelican Rapids. The world's largest pelican stands below the dam at the south end of Broadway (behind the drugstore). After you've taken a picture of this giant specimen, drive two miles north of town on Highway 59 to the historical marker noting the discovery of the human skeleton now called "The Minnesota Woman" — earliest evidence of human habitation in Minnesota.

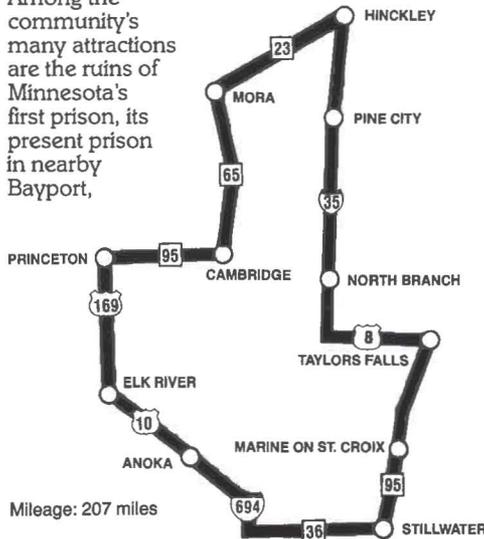
About two miles south of town, take County Road 3 east to Maplewood State Park. True to its name, the park's rolling hills are covered with maples as far as you can see. You'll find 20 lakes within the park with nature and saddle trails.

From here, proceed to Erhard and Fergus Falls, or take a short detour to one of Minnesota's most photogenic old mills. You can reach the Old Phelps Mill by taking County Road 3 for 12 miles to County Road 10. Turn east on 10 to get to the hamlet of Phelps and a water driven flour mill built in 1889.



TOWN AND COUNTRY *Minnetour 6*

This Minnetour begins at the birthplace of Minnesota, Stillwater, where plans for the Minnesota Territory were drafted in 1838. Among the community's many attractions are the ruins of Minnesota's first prison, its present prison in nearby Bayport,



Lumberjack Days in July and an historic house tour which features opulent homes of early lumber barons. Look for the Washington County Courthouse, oldest one in the state, at the corner of Fourth and Pine Streets, where restoration will be complete by July 1978. Future visitors will participate in "see, touch and do" exhibits to be changed several times annually.

Continue north to Marine-on-St. Croix, where the first commercial lumber in Minnesota was cut in 1839. The undisturbed New England-like charm of the town, complete with village square, makes it a particularly

nice stop.

Next, visit William O'Brien State Park, an especially beautiful area on the St. Croix River, for water fun and camping.

Follow the highway to Taylors Falls and approach the town slowly so you can appreciate the majestic beauty of the St. Croix River Valley. You might enjoy taking one of the excursion boats at Taylors Falls for a cruise of the scenic wild river. By all means, visit Interstate Park for some spectacular scenery and geology. And, if you are bilingual or wish a personalized tour, inquire at the bookstore about the Chisago County Guide and Tourism Service. Native historians, teachers and farmers give English and foreign language tours of county parks, geology and the area's heritage.

In 1851, the first frame building in Taylors Falls was built by an independent logger, William H.C. Folsom. Three years later he built another with an imposing view of the valley. To get to it, take Government Street (from the junction of Highways 8 and 95) to the top of Angel's Hill. The home is open afternoons June through September. You will find many of the old homes in the Angel Hill District well worth the drive.

Go west now through the Center City, Lindstrom and Chisago City area where steamboats brought Swedish immigrants to Minnesota in the 1850's. A statue of Karl Oskar Nilsson, a legendary character of Vilhelm Moberg's books, stands in Lindstrom as a symbol of all immigrants who came to the United States. The Yesterfarm of Memories Museum, seven miles northeast of Lindstrom, has an extensive collection of the memorabilia of our early pioneers.

Continue north to Harris and if time permits, visit St. Croix Wild River State Park. Camp or hike the trails in this riverfront park

abundant with wildlife. Now proceed to Rush City and follow the signs to the state owned heron rookery, where these birds nest and can be observed very easily

Back on the freeway again, take it to the Pine City exit, and follow the signs that lead you to the North West Company fur post about two miles west of town. Built in 1804, the post did a brisk business with the Indians before it was totally destroyed by fire. The Minnesota Historical Society has meticulously reconstructed the post and provided Voyageur guides outfitted in clothing of the era.

North of Pine City is Hinckley, a city all but destroyed by a great forest fire in 1894. Go to the new Fire Museum to hear audio tapes of those who survived the fire. The former Northern Pacific Depot, rebuilt right after the fire, houses the museum with furniture salvaged from the fire and a huge brightly-painted mural.

To the southwest is Mora, host of Dala Days in mid-June. Look for the 25 foot high Dala (or Dalecarlian) horse as you drive into town. The Dala horse was a holy animal in ancient Sweden. Today, the brightly painted wooden symbols are sold in Mora's shops and be sure to see the brand new Kanabec County Historical Museum.

About 20 miles south is Cambridge, named after Cambridge, Massachusetts, from which the Minnesota town's early residents came. If you arrive during the first few weeks of June, visit the West Riverside School two miles west of town, where groups of children experience a reconstruction of a turn-of-the-century schoolday.

From Cambridge, head west to Princeton, the "City of Flowers." If it's a weekend visit a museum housed in the former Great Northern depot built—very well—in 1902. To see the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge, drive west of town about five miles. You might also consider a canoe trip down the beautiful Rum River.

Continue south to Elk River, where you can pick from several picnic sites along the Mississippi River. On Highway 10 a few miles south of Elk River is a sign directing you to the Oliver H. Kelley Farm, settled by the man who founded the National Grange Movement. The site is a National Landmark, the house and barn are furnished with antiques and utensils common to farm life in the 19th century. Many of the antiques have been donated by Grange members from across the United States. Picnic grounds are on the premises. (Site closed in 1978.)

Take the highway south to Anoka, best known as the "Halloween Capital of the World," where the occasion is celebrated in a big way each October. When you cross the Rum River via the Main Street Bridge, notice the dam. It's a good spot to drop in your fishing line. Also visit the Anoka County Museum and the nearby restoration of the Banfill Tavern, an old stage shop.

From Anoka, take any one of several routes to the Twin Cities where you'll find a wealth of attractions and historic sites.

Excursion boats can be rented in Taylors Falls for a spectacular scenic experience on the St. Croix River.

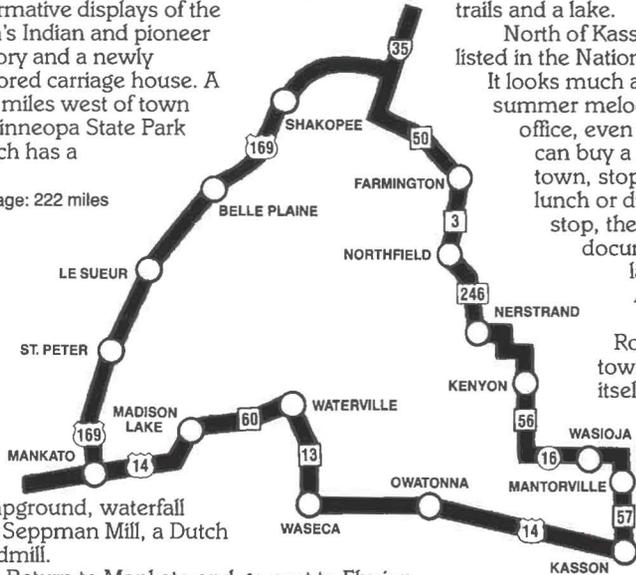




PIONEER HERITAGE *Minnetour 7*

A good place to begin this tour is Mankato's Hubbard House, operated by the Blue Earth County Historical Society. It contains informative displays of the area's Indian and pioneer history and a newly restored carriage house. A few miles west of town is Minneopa State Park which has a

Mileage: 222 miles



campground, waterfall and Seppman Mill, a Dutch windmill.

Return to Mankato and go east to Elysian where the county historical society museum features two duck stamp artists from the county. Then on to Waterville, the "Bullhead Capital of the World." Try your fishing luck. Success is guaranteed!

Turn south to Waseca, built around Clear Lake. Courthouse Park, on the Le Sueur River, is a delightful spot to visit as it preserves a

The Minnesota Valley Restoration Project near Shakopee recreates Murphy's Landing, an 1840-1890 river town.



chunk of the native southern Minnesota woodlands. Waseca also has a University of Minnesota Experiment Station for visitors to view crops, flowers, vegetables and an arboretum.

Continue east to Owatonna, named for a legendary Indian princess restored to health by drinking water in Mineral Springs Park. Her statue is in one of the 17 city parks offering picnic and playground facilities. On the town square is the Northwestern National Bank, designed by the renowned architect, Louis Sullivan. South of town is the Village of Yesteryear, comprised of authentic old buildings, open May 1 through September 15.

On your way to Dodge Center and Kasson, stop at Rice Lake State Park. You'll find picnic and camping areas, a swimming beach, hiking trails and a lake.

North of Kasson is Mantorville, a town listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It looks much as it did in the 1880s, with a summer melodrama, dance hall, sheriff's office, even a boardwalk (for which you can buy a board!) After exploring the town, stop at the Hubbell House for lunch or dinner. Once a stagecoach stop, the restaurant has historic documents on the walls including land grants signed by Abraham Lincoln.

Now turn west to County Road 16 to Wasioja. This old town is an entire historic site in itself, with the only Civil War Recruiting Station preserved in Minnesota, an old school house and ruins of a seminary.

Continuing north, stop in Kenyon at the Gunderson House.

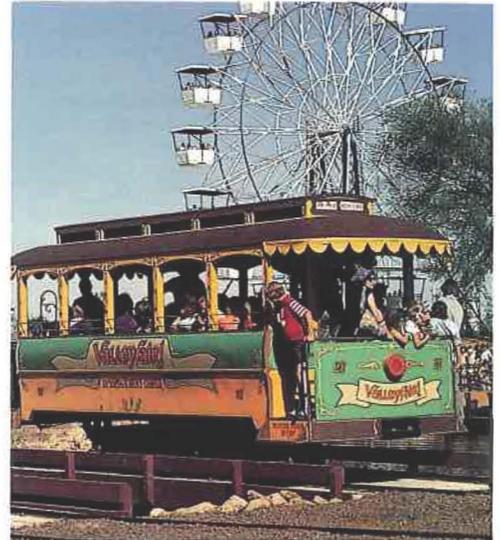
Open weekends, it is the Victorian home of the first miller in the area. Holden Park, a nice picnic spot, is just three miles out of town.

North of Nerstrand Woods State Park is Northfield, home of St. Olaf and Carleton Colleges. It's also the site of Jesse James Days in early September with a reenactment of the famous attempted bank robbery of 1876. The original old bank building houses a museum.

Now head north. As you approach Shakopee, you'll notice the pioneer buildings of Murphy's Landing, a Minnesota Valley Restoration of 1840-90. Areas for touring include a Dakota village, the cabin of fur trader Oliver Faribault, a German immigrant farm and river village. In the Shakopee area you'll find Valleyfair, a theme park, and, on weekends in late summer and early fall, the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. Or how about a bicycle race? Shakopee also has an open-air Velodrome: an olympic-size wooden bicycle track.

West of Shakopee are the old river towns of Chaska and Carver. Both retain much of the character of the steamboat era. Guided tours of restorations in Carver are available. The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska is 560 acres worth of trees, shrubs, perennials, wildflowers. There are 3 miles of roads and 6 miles of trails.

If you prefer, stay on the west side of the river and travel to Henderson, the site of the county historical museum. Or cross the river and stop at the Hillstrom House in Belle Plaine where the state's only two-story outhouse is preserved. The house is open Sunday afternoons only. Continue south to Le Sueur where the Jolly Green Giant has his valley. Green Giant canneries are open Tuesday through Thursday, June 21 through September, for tours when canning operations are in full swing. Also visit the Le Sueur Museum and the



The Valleyfair theme park offers fun with a turn-of-the-century theme, also near Shakopee.

Mayo House, home of W. W. Mayo who with his sons, Will and Charlie, began Mayo Clinic in 1883.

Your next stop is St. Peter, home of Gustavus Adolphus College and the State Hospital Complex, Minnesota's first hospital for the insane. A museum depicting the hospital and care of patients in the 1800s is open to the public in the Old Center building at the hospital on weekdays. History of the county is told at the historical society museum and the Cox House restoration in town.

If time permits, visit Traverse Des Sioux State Park, where the historic treaty was signed which opened southwestern Minnesota to white settlement.

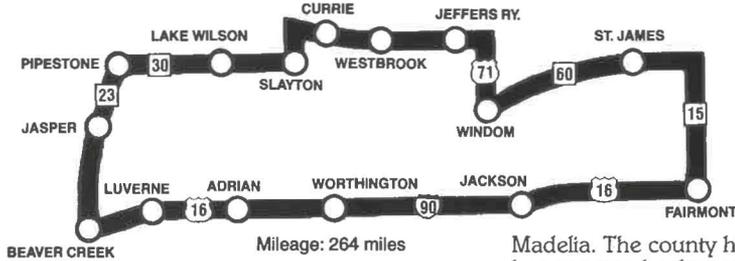
Alternate Route

Rather than follow Highway 13 to Waseca, continue on Highway 60 to Faribault, where you can tour Faribault Woolen Mill, Monday through Friday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Other points of interest are Shattuck School for Boys and the Alexander Faribault House. The new Rice County Museum is located at the fairgrounds along with several historic buildings.



WESTWARD HO *Minnetour 8*

The city of Pipestone and Pipestone National Monument begin this tour which highlights Minnesota's Indian and pioneer heritage. Pipestone is named for the red stone found only in Pipestone and Rock counties. The quarries were considered sacred by the Indian tribes and are



protected at the National Monument. Here, you may watch Indians fashion peacepipes from pipestone and demonstrate other crafts. If you're here the last two weekends of July or the first of August, don't miss the "Song of Hiawatha" outdoor pageant performed in the natural amphitheater. Indian artifacts are displayed at the county museum in the old city hall. Ask there about the walking tour of the historic district.

Travel south from Pipestone to Split Rock Creek State Park. Near the park is the town of Jasper where one of the world's hardest stones, jasper, is quarried. The town was founded at the turn of the century by immigrant Swedish stone cutters.

Now drive south to Beaver Creek Information Center. Then go east to Luverne and visit Hinkly House Museum, filled with pioneer items from the early settlements of the

An American Indian chief.



prairie farmlands.

A few miles farther north is Blue Mounds State Park, where a herd of bison still roam the prairie. An interpretive center on the Plains Indian and prairie has been developed and is the former residence of author Frederick Manfred.

Next stop is Adrian, home of the historic Slade Hotel which has been doing business here since 1891. The Slade contains many of its original furnishings and is included in the National Register of Historic Places.

Then comes Worthington, a town noted for its Peace Avenue of Flags where United Nations

flags are flown daily. The community receives national attention each September during King Turkey Days and the Great Gobbler Gallop, a turkey race.

Drive on to Lakefield with the Martin County Historical Museum. Continue east to Fairmont where five

inter-connected lakes in town create a beautiful setting for a June water festival. Cedar Creek Park on Hall Lake just south of the city has several miles of lakeshore and wildlife habitat.

Turn north toward Madelia. The county historical museum here has recreated a drug store from the early 1900s. A marker northwest of Madelia on Highway 3 recalls where the Jesse James Gang was finally caught.

West of Madelia and St. James is Butterfield where, in August, the Thresherman's Association hosts a Steam and Gas Engine Show. Giant steam engines power old threshing rigs and sawmills, and a parade of engines is scheduled.

Continuing west, you'll come to Mountain Lake, a Mennonite community, and Heritage House, a museum in a typical Mennonite farmstead. Farther west at Windom, view the reconstructed Hidatsa Indian Village at the Cottonwood County Historical Museum.

Now go north on Highway 71 about 12 miles to Highway 30 where you turn east. Soon you'll see a sign that indicates a turn on County Road 2 to the Jeffers Petroglyphs. Indian rock carvings preserved here may go back as far as 3000 years B.C. No one knows exactly what the more than 2000 rock carvings mean or which tribes made them. The petroglyphs site, with a modern shelter and interpretive center, is open daily from May through Labor Day.

Return to Highway 30 and go west through Jeffers and other communities of interest to travelers in search of a good lunch or casual shopping.

In Minnesota, we have graffiti, too. It just happens to be 800 years old. These carvings can be seen at the Jeffers Petroglyphs in Pioneerland near Jeffers, Minnesota.



Next is Currie, the gateway to Lake Shetek State Park. In town, look for the depot with the only remaining hand operated railroad turntable in the state. If you're traveling on a weekend, visit the Andrew Koch cabin, associated with the war of 1862. Fourteen settlers were killed here.

Continue west and then south to Slayton, the "Hub City." Nearby is a wildlife refuge, and, in town, a museum featuring pioneer toys is open weekday afternoons.

The historic Chanarambie Valley southwest of Slayton extends approximately 30 miles from Chandler to Edgerton. Crisscrossed by old wagon trails, Indian graveyards and smoke pits, it is commonly known as Buffalo Ridge. Atop the ridge are huge figures laid out in stones and boulders. A man, a buffalo and others less definite were created by Indians hundreds of years ago.

An American Indian teepee viewed through broom grass on a southwestern Minnesota prairie.



Alternate Route

After the Jeffers Petroglyphs, go north and then west to Walnut Grove, the town featured on the weekly television series, "Little House on the Prairie." The series is based on books by Laura Ingalls Wilder which tell of her childhood, some years of which were spent on a farm "on the banks of Plum Creek."

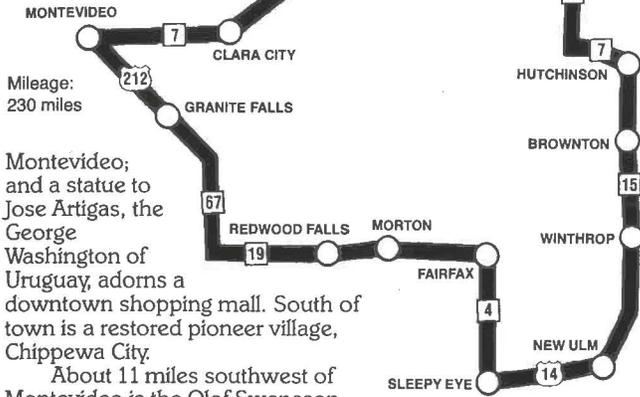
Continue west to Tyler, rich in Danish tradition. Danebod Folk School located in town was founded in 1888 to serve Danish American immigrants. It still serves the community.

West of Tyler is Lake Benton where Hole-in-the-Mountain County Park offers year-round recreation with camping, scenic trails and historic sites to explore in the summer. While in Lake Benton, be sure to visit the restored opera house.



SIoux NATION *Minnetour 9*

Begin this Minnetour at Montevideo. Just south of town is the Camp Release Wayside, from which several hundred prisoners were freed by their Indian captors after the Great Sioux Uprising of 1862. Montevideo is sister city to Uruguay's



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230 miles

Montevideo; and a statue to Jose Artigas, the George Washington of Uruguay, adorns a downtown shopping mall. South of town is a restored pioneer village, Chippewa City.

About 11 miles southwest of Montevideo is the Olof Swensson Farm Museum, with a 22-room brick house, a working grist mill and pioneer farm implements.

At Granite Falls, the county museum has a delightful collection of artifacts, several pioneer buildings and some of the oldest known rock in the world—3.6 billion years old!

Just south of Granite Falls is the Upper Sioux Indian Agency. In August of 1862, driven to desperation by the refusal of the federal government to supply food and clothing under terms of the Traverse Des Sioux Treaty, the Dakota attacked this agency and touched off tragic war of 1862. In the state park here, an interpretive center explains the cultural and natural heritage of the area through murals, a bird watching room, slide show and photographs.

Redwood Falls, birthplace of Sears, Roebuck and Company, is your next stop. Be sure to visit Ramsey Park with its beautiful waterfalls. In mid-June, the city is host to an Inventors Congress, the largest of its kind in the country.

After leaving Redwood Falls, look for signs directing you to the Lower Sioux Agency Interpretive Center where the causes and effects of the Sioux Uprising are explained in detail with modern exhibits and slide programs.

In the Lower Sioux community, you'll find Lower Sioux Pottery, run by the tribe on the reservation. You may purchase pottery and watch potters mold and paint clay vessels.

Two miles northeast is Birch Coulee State Park, site of one of the hardest fought battles of the 1862 war.

More details on the 1862 Uprising can be gathered at Fort Ridgely State Park where you'll find an interpretive center and museum offering a slide show account of the two-day battle at the fort.

Continue to Sleepy Eye, named for a respected Dakota (Sioux) chief. His grave and monument are near the old railroad depot.

Drive east to New Ulm, a charming German community which is proud of its Minnesota history. Visit the beautiful little gardens of Schells' Brewery; Defender's Monument, a tribute to the townsfolk who fought off an Indian attack in 1862; the impressive statue of Hermann; and Flandrau State Park with its campgrounds, swimming and hiking trails. Keep a sharp eye out for the unique architecture of the post office. For more local history visit the county museum and the newly opened Harkin-Massopust Store, a restored frontier emporium, northwest of New Ulm.

Travel north to Hutchinson. A fascinating attraction at the county museum is the mummy. Ask to see it. West of town is a new municipal campground and, nearby, the Sam Anderson Haven for observing elk, deer and waterfowl.

North of Hutchinson is Litchfield, home of the historic Grand Army of the Republic Hall and the county museum. A quick detour to Forest City reveals a rebuilt stockade used in 1862.

Now go west to Willmar and look for a huge steam locomotive and teepee marking an information center and Pioneer Museum (open Sundays).

Alternate Route

From Willmar, travel north to Spicer, a resort community which claims Green Lake as one of the two cleanest lakes in the world (the other's in northern Russia). Continue north to Paynesville where you'll find an historical society center and Lake Koronis for swimming and fishing.

Jog a little west now toward Glenwood and Lake Minnewaska where the Waterama is held in late July. An award winning museum and pioneer village is worth a stop here.

At Starbuck you'll find the Wildlife Museum and Old Tyme Theater. South of town is Glacial Lakes State Park, a segment of hills and valleys formed by the last glacier about 11,000 years ago.

Go west on Highway 28 from Starbuck to Morris, home of a branch of the University of Minnesota. There's also a lovely community park there and the Steven's County Historical Society Museum has interesting exhibits.

Now check out the historical museum in Benson before heading back toward the Minnesota River Valley and Appleton, gateway to the Lac Qui Parle Wildlife Area. On your way back to Montevideo, watch for County Road 13 which takes you to Lac Qui Parle, commemorating the site of Ft. Renville and Lac Qui Parle Mission.

Another option. You may wish to tour the area between Willmar and Glenwood on Glacial Ridge Trail, a driving trail filled with historic sites and state parks. A map for the trail is available in Glenwood and Willmar.

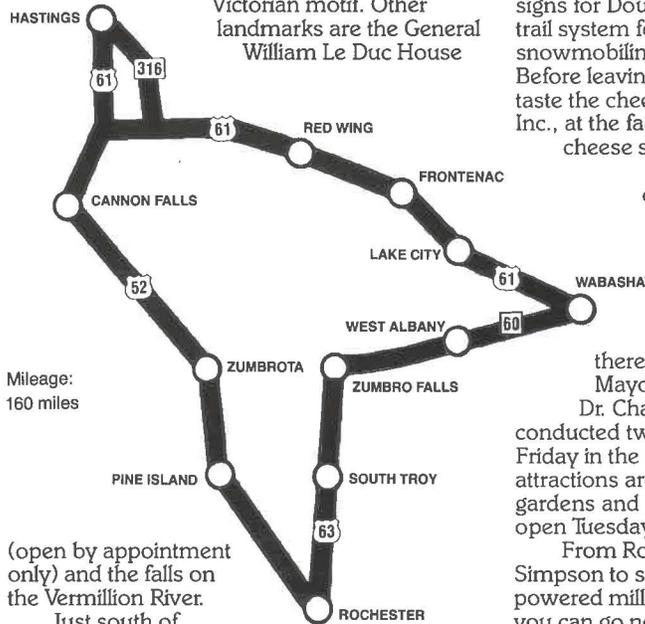
Lovely flowered fields near Glenwood, Minnesota.





RIVER BEND *Minnetour 10*

Begin this Minnetour at Hastings with a walking tour of Old Towne arranged by the Chamber office including the 1871 domed Dakota County Courthouse and the Gardner House, restored to its original Victorian motif. Other landmarks are the General William Le Duc House



(open by appointment only) and the falls on the Vermillion River.

Just south of Hastings is the town of Cannon Falls, tucked in the beautiful valley of the Cannon River. If you like, canoe or inner tube from here to Red Wing.

But if you drive, take Highway 52 south to Zumbrota and look for the city park where the only authentic covered bridge in Minnesota is

preserved. Though the bridge no longer spans the river, it is so well preserved that you can read the jack-knife carvings of schoolboys of almost a century ago.

Continuing south to Pine Island, you'll see signs for Douglas Trail, part of the multi-use trail system for cross country skiing, snowmobiling, horseback riding and bicycling. Before leaving Pine Island, you may want to taste the cheese produced by Land O'Lakes, Inc., at the factory outlet or one of the other cheese shops in town.

Continue on to Rochester, home of the internationally-famous Mayo Clinic. Tours of the clinic are offered weekdays and the Mayo Medical Museum is open daily. Just off County Road 122SW, you'll find the Olmstead County Museum. While there, arrange for a bus tour of Maywood, the spacious estate built by Dr. Charles H. Mayo in 1910. Tours are conducted twice daily, except Monday and Friday in the summer. Two other Rochester attractions are the Plummer House and gardens and Heritage House, a restoration open Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

From Rochester, you can detour south to Simpson to see the Fugles Mill, a water powered mill, with tours on most Sundays. Or you can go north out of Rochester to South Troy and east to Hammond for a little side trip, not indicated on any map. At Hammond, you'll find a township road that goes northwest to Zumbro Falls. It follows the Zumbro River Valley for about six miles and is truly scenic.

If you want to travel paved roads, follow County Roads 11 and 2 to Millville and then

east to West Albany and Dumfries. This route into Wabasha is beautiful. And a couple of overlooks present fabulous panoramas of the Hiawatha Valley or South Shore.

The City of Wabasha is named for three generations of Dakota Sioux chiefs whose villages were in the region. In the last century, the town thrived on steamboat river commerce. A landmark is Minnesota's oldest hotel, the Anderson Hotel, built in 1856 and still in operation with Pennsylvania Dutch cuisine and rooms furnished with antiques.

Follow the river highway north to Read's Landing, where the county museum is in a brick schoolhouse. Further north is Lake City on the shore of Lake Pepin. Here, water skiing was invented by Ralph Samuelson in 1922. Try your luck in this great white bass fishing country. After picnicking in one of the city parks, take the family on an excursion boat tour of Lake Pepin. Twice daily, it tells the history of these waters named "Lake of Tears" by Father Hennepin.

There's a relaxing wayside area to the north just before you come to Frontenac Station. After lunch, explore Old Frontenac by taking County Road 2 off the main highway. Drive along the street facing the river to view the old homes, many of which were built in the late 1850s. The Episcopal Church here has been holding Sunday services for more than 100 years. Before leaving the area, stop at Frontenac State Park for some scenic views of Lake Pepin. You'll find camping areas and hiking trails plentiful.

Now continue on Highway 61 to Red Wing. The town hugs the majestic bluffs lining the Hiawatha Valley. This geographical setting is visible from Memorial Skyline Drive or from the excursion boat trip on the Mississippi. On the walking tour of the town, you'll see some marvelous examples of 19th century architecture. Red Wing also has an old, historic hotel, the St. James, presently being restored. And the history of the area is traced with excellent displays in the Goodhue County Historical Society Museum.

Alternate Route

For pleasant scenery, follow County Road 2 from Millville south to Elgin and Viola. If your trip is timed properly, you may get in on the Gopher Count in mid-June.

East of Viola is one of the most popular parks in Minnesota, Whitewater State Park, located along the trout-laden Whitewater River and in a valley walled by high, wooded, limestone bluffs. Ask the park ranger or naturalist to point out the many hiking trails in the area, one of which leads to a gigantic beaver dam that has been undisturbed for years. This park is one of the busiest in the state and is a camper's dream.

Highway 74 continues through the Whitewater Wildlife Area and joins 61 at Weaver. Turning north on 61, you are on one of the most scenic routes in the United States, the Hiawatha Valley or South Shore dividing Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Four out of every five farms in Minnesota are owner-operated. Here is a typical farm scene.





METROLAND MEANDER *Minnetour 12*

The Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul offer the traveler splendid culinary and cultural experiences, exciting natural and man-made attractions and excellent architectural specimens.

You can get information of specific attractions and sights of interest in each city by contacting the Minneapolis Convention and Tourism Commission, 15 South 5th Street, Mpls., MN 55402 (612/348-4313) or the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce, 300 Osborn Bldg., St. Paul, MN 55102 (612/222-5561). City street maps are available from the Minnesota Tourist Information Center, 480 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55101 (612/296-5029).

Both Metroland cities have much to offer the traveler, no matter what age. Professional sports are a year-round pastime for Metroland residents. The Metropolitan Sports Complex in Bloomington is the home of the baseball Twins, hockey North Stars, soccer Kicks and the women's professional basketball franchise, the Minnesota Fillies.

Cultural endeavors in the Twin Cities have been lauded as second in the nation to New York. Already in the national spotlight for its quality theaters, the Twin Cities area is making great progress in dance, mime and the visual arts. And there's art to appeal to every sense in Metroland with many impressive collections of paintings, sculpture and other fine art. The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra has earned a worldwide reputation, as have the Tyrone Guthrie Theater and Walker Art Center in Minneapolis.

For the definitive combination of art and architecture, be sure to tour the Minnesota State Capitol building in St. Paul. In addition to being the seat of state government, the Capitol building is a museum, art gallery and historic monument. Capped by the world's largest marble self-supporting dome, the Capitol building has many fine pieces of sculpture,

paintings and unique decorations. Guided tours are available every day. Just east of the Capitol is the Minnesota Historical Society, a nationally recognized leader in the field of local history.

The Science Museum of Minnesota in downtown St. Paul has an exciting new addition to its fascinating array of 'hands-on' exhibits. The Omnitheater is a highly-advanced, audio-visual space theater whose projection equipment can show the sky from any point in the solar system.

Take in a little shopping on the Nicollet Mall in downtown Minneapolis where the 57-story IDS Center serves as a striking downtown focal point with its observation deck, many shops and restaurants. And don't forget the campus of the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis—the fourth largest university on one campus in the United States.

If you can appreciate impressive architecture reflecting every important period in the history of structural development, then a walking tour is for you. Self-guided walking tours are available of the downtown areas of Minneapolis, St. Paul, Hastings and Stillwater—contact the local chambers of commerce for maps and information on particular sights.

There's a whole lot more to do and see in the Twin Cities—lovely blue lakes, clean and green community parks and other family fun experiences. In St. Paul, for example, visit Como Park—amusement park; waterfalls; boat, canoe and bike rentals; and a conservatory famous for its varied and colorful floral displays and shows. From Harriet Island in downtown St. Paul you can enjoy a riverboat sightseeing trip on the Jonathan Paddleford or Josiah Snelling. On Minneapolis' Lake Calhoun, between Memorial and Labor Days, you can ride the "Queen of the Lakes," a replica of a sternwheel paddleboat. On the northwest shore of nearby Lake Harriet is the Lake Harriet Garden Center with a large rose garden, display of perennials and varied species of trees.

In Minneapolis' Minnehaha Park you can rent a portable tape recorder and take a self-guided tour through this historical and scenic 144-acre park. The tour includes Minnehaha Falls, immortalized by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "Song of Hiawatha." In winter, the falls become a dramatic, spectacular ice sculpture.

Many attractions await the visitor in the Twin Cities' outlying areas and any visit would be incomplete without seeing these splendid Metroland places.

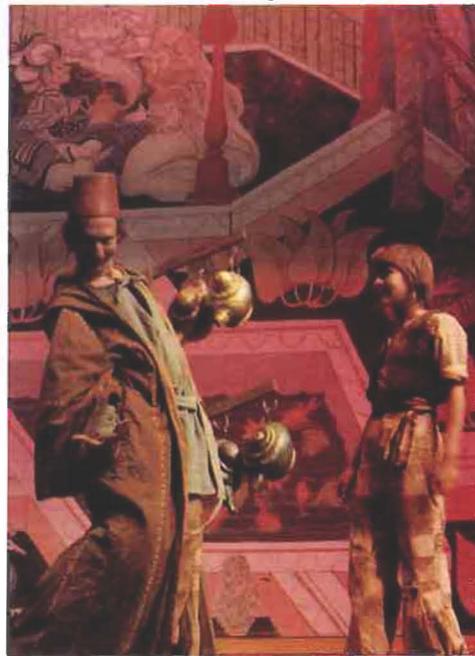
White Bear Lake, just north of St. Paul, has two public beaches and great fishing. In the winter, fishing shacks dot the lake's icy surface and the St. Paul Winter Carnival's annual Ice Fishing Contest is held there.

The Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary, a 20-acre reserve for plants native to Minnesota, is located at Glenwood Avenue and Theodore Wirth Parkway in Minneapolis. And just southwest of the cities, the Northrup King Research Gardens have an abundance of plants, flowers and vegetables, all identified.

Lake Minnetonka, west of Minneapolis, is

one of the best all-around fish producers in the state and is flecked by dozens of bays and inlets along its 92 miles of shoreline. There are many lakeshore restaurants and several points of public access. Boat rentals are also available.

Scene from the performance of 'Aladdin' at the Children's Theater in Minneapolis.



A very new and exciting local facility is the Minnesota Zoological Garden, south of the Twin Cities and east of I-35W in Apple Valley. This major world zoological garden features 500 enchanting acres with over 2000 varieties of plants and 200 species of animals that can be viewed in specially designed habitats with no bars or barriers.

Near the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport off I-494 is Historic Fort Snelling. Within its impressive stone walls are Minnesota's first hospital and school, as well as barracks, powder magazine, settler's store and officer's quarters. Costumed guides show how soldiers and their families lived and worked on the frontier in the 1820's.

Metroland offers a fine selection of historical museums; The Anoka County Historical Society Museum in Anoka, housed in Colonial Hall, provides three fascinating levels of history including an 1879 diorama of Anoka, a doll and toy collection and a fascinating wardrobe exhibit. The Wright County Historical Society in Buffalo is also worthy of a visit. You'll enjoy the early 1900's doctor and dentist offices and the crafts room with all types of handiwork, including needlework, rugs and embroidery. The historical museums in Bloomington, Edina, St. Louis Park, South St. Paul and Long Lake should also be toured.

This concludes your Metroland meander. Surely by now you will agree that Minnesota's Metroland has something to offer everyone... and more.

Guard in round tower at Historic Fort Snelling.



We'll not only show you where to go, but how to get there.



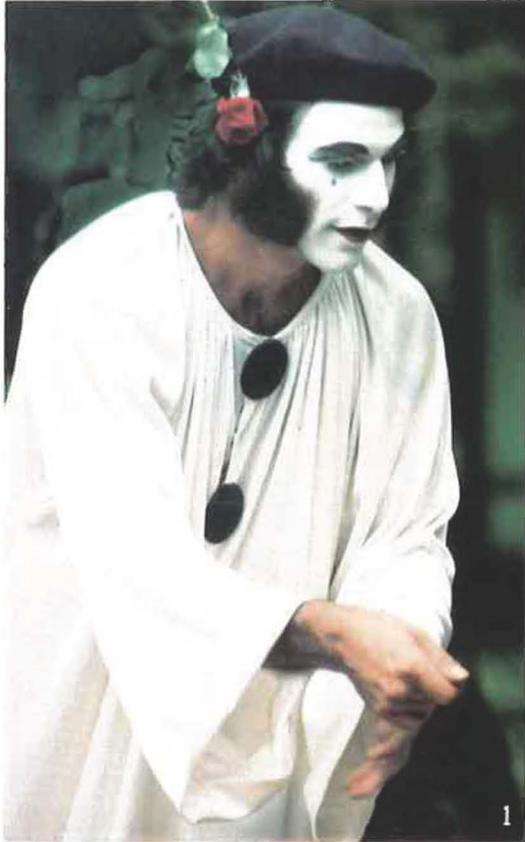
AND get there you will, with the use of this handy mileage chart and map and the official Minnesota highway map, available from the Minnesota Tourist Information Center, 480 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55101.

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	Duluth	Int'l Falls	Grand Marais	Brainerd	Bemidji	St. Cloud	Winona	Albert Lea	Rochester	Mpls/St. Paul	Mankato	Worthington	Willmar	Alexandria	Crookston	Detroit Lakes
Chicago	559	705	678	548	637	493	526	416	359	416	443	344	523	558	711	621
Des Moines	396	539	413	372	461	313	255	152	215	253	210	271	320	174	532	445
Omaha	531	620	644	443	507	388	536	337	396	388	315	220	328	375	492	434
Sioux Falls	378	469	497	292	356	237	285	186	245	241	164	69	177	224	341	283
Sioux City	415	518	530	333	406	278	310	211	270	269	188	92	218	273	412	345
Milwaukee	503	644	617	489	578	430	247	350	293	357	377	465	457	536	651	561
Winnipeg	394	283	507	339	244	381	562	540	527	467	483	480	381	324	160	241
Fargo	249	251	362	142	139	174	354	329	320	234	271	262	163	112	75	50
Grand Forks	115	224	376	209	115	143	431	405	396	317	347	340	239	188	27	117
Thunder Bay	194	204	79	308	342	335	449	440	418	334	421	517	395	393	431	131

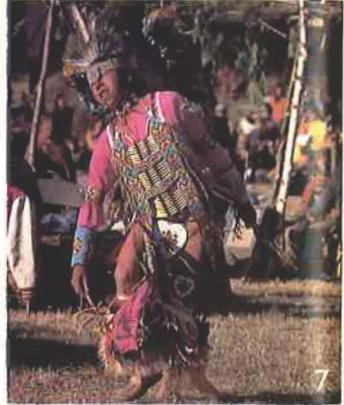
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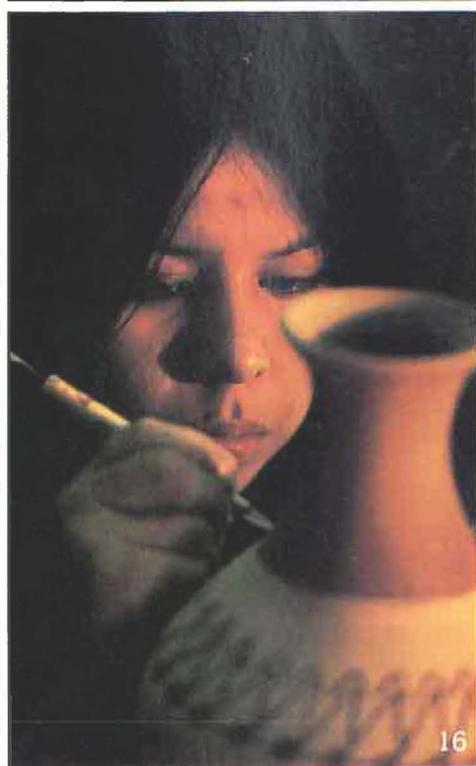
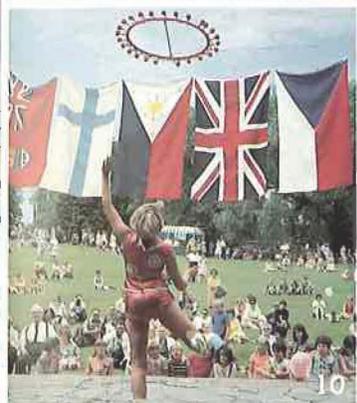
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Lily pads on a woodland lake near Bena, Minnesota.



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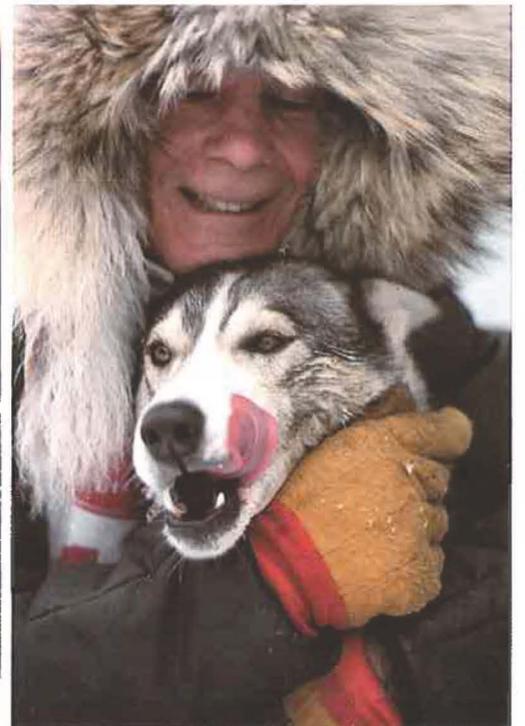
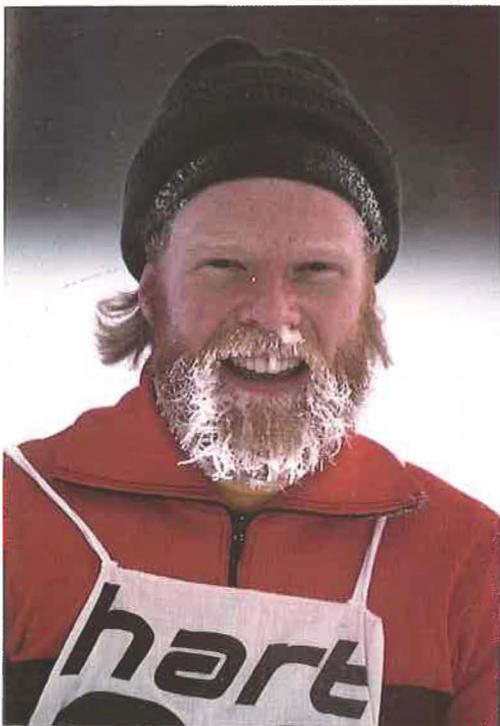
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Sun dogs and snowmobiles (top) at one of the many snowmobile races held annually in Minnesota, and (bottom, left) a frozen-faced ski racer after an intense run. The mysterious wolf (bottom center, below) is abundant in Minnesota's north woods and (bottom center, above) a speed skater rounds the bend on a racing course. Competitive sled dog races (bottom right) are an annual Minnesota winter activity. Here a young fellow hugs his beloved dog after a successful race.

How to beat Old Man Winter
in his own back yard.