

Back in Time Tour

Day 1 – Little Falls

10:00 A.M. – Experience the history of Morrison County at the Morrison County Historical Society. The museum was named after lumberman Charles A. Weyerhaeuser, who had managed the operations of Pine Tree Lumber Company in Little Falls.

*Morrison County Historical Society
1600 Lindberg Drive South, Little Falls, MN 56345
(320) 632-4007*

Memorial Day – Labor Day: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.; Sunday: 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. Winter Hours: Tuesday – Saturday: 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

1:00 p.m. Stop for Afternoon tea on the porch at the Waller House and get a tour of this beautiful 1897 Queen Anne Victorian Home.

*Waller House Inn Bed & Breakfast
301 3rd Street SE, Little Falls, MN 56345
(320) 632-2836 | www.WallerHouseInn.com*

2:30 P.M. – Head over to Camp Ripley to see the Military Museum. This museum aims to enhance public understanding of how armed conflicts and military institutions have shaped our state and national experience. The museum also functions as a major repository in Minnesota for historical artifacts and records. Indoor and outdoor exhibits depict the stories and contributions of Minnesotans who served in all branches of service or on the home front, in time of peace and war, from our early frontier years to the present.

*Military Museum – Camp Ripley
15000 Highway 115, Little Falls, MN 56345
320-632-7374 | www.MinnesotaNationalGuard.org/camp_ripley/index.php
May-September, Daily: 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
October-April, Thursdays and Fridays: 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.*

Day 2 – Brainerd

9:00 A.M. – Drive across the road to Crow Wing State Park and visit the site of Crow Wing (original town site) before the railroad came to Brainerd and uprooted the community north.

*Crow Wing State Park
3124 State Park Road, Brainerd, MN 56401
(218) 825-3075
Open year around. Monday-Thursday: 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Friday and Saturday: 9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M. during the summer.*

10:30 A.M. – Continue your journey north to Brainerd and see the Northern Pacific Railroad, where it all began, and marvel at the changes while you explore the businesses that now call it home.

*Northern Pacific Center
1511 Northern Pacific Road, Ste 104, Brainerd, MN 56401
(952) 924-8872 | www.NorthernPacificCenter.com
Call for an appointment.*

11:00 A.M. – Head over to the Crow Wing County Historical Society and surround yourself in the past. Three levels of priceless history awaits you! See historic logging tools, paintings, American Indian items, railroad artifacts and so much more. Walk through the two remaining old jail cells and two story sheriff's residence, restored to reflect life at the turn of the 20th century. The Crow Wing County Jail and Sheriff's Residence are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

*Crow Wing County Historical Society Museum
320 Laurel Street, PO Box 722, Brainerd, MN 56401
(218) 829-3268
Tuesday – Friday: 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M., Saturday: 10:00 A.M – 2:00 P.M.
Closed Sunday - Monday. Closed the month of January.*

12:30 P.M. – Enjoy lunch while you catch a ride on the Mississippi Belle and take a scenic ride down the Mississippi River.

*Mississippi Belle Cruises
14935 Wonderland Park Road, Brainerd, MN 56401
(218) 828-3503 | www.BrainerdBoat.com
Call to schedule a ride.*

2:00 P.M. – Stop by Nisswa to explore their Historical Village and to learn more about the town.

*Nisswa Area Historical Society
2083 Main Street, Nisswa, MN 56398
Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.; After Labor, Saturday Only: 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.*

5:00 P.M. – Eat dinner at Sherwood Forest, a classic steak and chophouse. The gorgeous 1920's timber lodge that the restaurant is located in is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

*Sherwood Forest
7669 County Road 77, Lakeshore, MN 56468
218-963-8787 | www.GrandViewLodge.com*

Day 3 – Mille Lacs

10:00 A.M. – Begin your day at The Mille Lacs Indian Museum which displays exhibits dedicated to telling the story of The Band. Trace their journey to settle in Northern Minnesota, learn about their fate during a period of treaties made and broken and follow their story up to the present. Videos, listening stations and objects reveal information about The Band's life today, from how dance traditions are carried on to members' interests in music to sovereignty issues.

*Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post
43411 Oodena Drive, Onamia, MN 56359
(320) 532-3632 | www.mnhs.org/places/sites/mlim
April, May, September & October: Thursday - Saturday Noon – 5:00 P.M.
Memorial Day - Labor Day: Wednesday – Saturday & Monday 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Sunday: Noon – 5:00 P.M.*

5:00 P.M. – Head over to Grand Casino and check in for a night of gaming and entertainment. Or if you prefer, head over to Eddy's Lake Mille Lacs Resort to spend the night and partake in their fishing launch.

*Grand Casino Mille Lacs
777 Grand Avenue, PO Box 343, Onamia, MN 56359
(320) 532-7777 | www.GrandCasinoMN.com*

Day 4 – Crosby

10:00 A.M. – Head over to Crosby and start the day with a tour of the Croft Mine. At this historic park, take a narrated ride down into the depths of a mine and hear the sounds of ore drills reverberating along the tunnel walls, making mining history come alive in a truly unique underground experience. Learn about the tragic Milford Mine disaster.

*Croft Mine
2nd Ave E & Spalj Dr, Crosby, MN 56441
(218) 546-5466
Memorial Day – Labor Day, Friday – Sunday: 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.*

Noon – It's time for lunch! Venture over to Ruttger's, the first resort in Minnesota, and have lunch at Zig's, which is located on one of the beautiful Ruttger's golf courses. If you are visiting in Oktober, don't miss out on Oktoberfest!

*Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge
25039 Tame Fish Lake Road, Deerwood, MN 56444
(218) 678-2885 | www.RuttgersResorts.com*

1:00 P.M. – Shop at Hallet Antique Emporium, which offers a fine collection of furniture and priceless pieces from the past.

*Hallet Antique Emporium
28 W Main Street, Crosby, MN 56441
(218) 546-5444 | www.Hallett-Abbey.com
7 Days a Week, All Year Round: 9:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.*

2:00 P.M. – Hike the trails, tour the mine pits, take a canoe or kayak out on the water (rented from Cycle Path & Paddle) at the Cuyuna Recreation Area.

*Cycle Path and Paddle
115 3rd Avenue SW, Crosby, MN 56441
218-545-4545 | www.CyclePathPaddle.com
Call to schedule your tour.*

5:00 P.M. – Ride back to Brainerd and spend the night in any of our water park hotels, luxury resorts or small, family friendly lodging. Enjoy dinner at any one of our many dining establishments.

Day 5 – Pequot Lakes

9:00 A.M. – Visit the trailside Welcome Center and take a spin on the Paul Bunyan Trail.

*Brainerd Lakes Chamber - Pequot Lakes
Along the Paul Bunyan Trail, Downtown Pequot Lakes
PO Box 208, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472
(218) 568-8911 or (800) 950-0291 www.ExploreBrainerdLakes.com
Monday – Friday: 9:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Saturday: 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.*

9:30 A.M. - Learn about life during the Depression and war years at the Pequot Lakes Historical Society. Then lighten the mood by shopping on Main Street in its many colorful and unique shops.

*Pequot Lakes Area Historical Society
1779 Co Rd 17 SW, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472
(218) 568-5708 or (218) 568-4205
Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend, Saturday: Noon – 4:00 P.M. Other times by request.*

Noon – Enjoy lunch at Timberjack Smokehouse and Saloon that features a northwoods dining feel that you won't soon forget.

*Timberjack Smokehouse & Saloon
4443 County Road 168, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472
(218) 568-6070 | www.TimberjackSmokehouse.com*

1:30 P.M. – Visit the Historic Fire Tower in Pequot Lakes and learn the conflicting legends of its origins – was it really just a DNR forest-fire watch post? Or was its purpose for larger troubles?

*Historic Fire Tower Pequot Lakes
Located off County Road 11, Pequot Lakes, MN*

3:00 P.M. – Take a step back in time a visit Twin Pine Trading Post for some shopping.

*Twin Pines Trading Post
31049 Front Street, PO Box 827, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472
(218) 568-5103 | www.TwinPinesTradingPost.com
Monday – Saturday: 9:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.; Sunday: 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.*

5:00 P.M. – Dine at Antlers on Breezy Point's Whitebirch Golf Course and gaze at the momentous antler chandeliers that add the rustic, northwoods feel to this pine lodge.

*Antlers
9252 Breezy Point Drive, Breezy Point, MN
218-562-7162 | www.BreezyPpointResort.com*

Day 6 – Crosslake

9:30 A.M. - Visit the Crosslake Area Historical Society to go back in time and catch a glimpse of the community back when the only tourist was the new guy at the lumber camp.

*Crosslake Historical Society Museum
Crosslake, MN 56442
(218) 692-4056
Memorial Day – Labor Day, Saturday & Sunday: 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.*

10:00 A.M. – Enjoy the morning at the Northern Trackers Rail Road Museum where you can view model trains replicating those from the logging and mining industries of the early 1900's or find a book in the library and immerse yourself in the life of an old railroad hand.

*Northern Trackers Railroad Club
13570 County Road 3, Crosslake, MN 56442
(218) 692-1900 | www.NorthernTrackersRRClub.com
Call to schedule a tour.*

Noon – Enjoy lunch at Manhattan Beach Lodge and sample a fabulous meal as you enjoy panoramic view of Big Trout Lake.

*Manhattan Beach Lodge
39051 County Road 66, Manhattan Beach, MN 56442
(218) 692-3381 | www.MBLodge.com*

1:30 P.M. – Take a stroll or swim at the beach at the Army Corps of Engineers Campground located on the very popular Whitefish Chain of Lakes. The recreation area offers a wooded camping setting with a variety of tree species being present and an abundance of water related recreational opportunities. These two features, and many amenities located within walking distance, make the Crosslake recreation area an excellent destination.

*Army Corps of Engineers Campground
Located on Cty Rd. 3, Crosslake on Cross Lake
(218) 692-2025*

3:00 P.M. – Spend the afternoon shopping at the Crosslake Town Square with its unique, rustic shops for an afternoon of unique shopping and treat yourself to ice cream at the Chocolate Ox as you stroll around the square.

*The Chocolate Ox
Crosslake Town Square, 35752 Allen Avenue, Crosslake, MN 56442
(218) 692-5345
Summer Hours: Monday – Friday, 11:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Saturday: 10:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.; Sunday: 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Winter Hours: Saturday, 11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.*

5:00 p.m. – Feed your hunger by stopping by the Wharf, a beautiful waterfront property, and indulge yourself with some of the best Angus steak, seafood and sandwiches in the area as you watch the sun set over the water from one of their two lakeside decks.

*The Wharf
35452 Pine Terrace Road, Crosslake, MN 56442
(218) 692-3454*

7:00 P.M. – End the day by pulling out a lawn chair and listening to Live Music in Crosslake Town Square (summer time only).