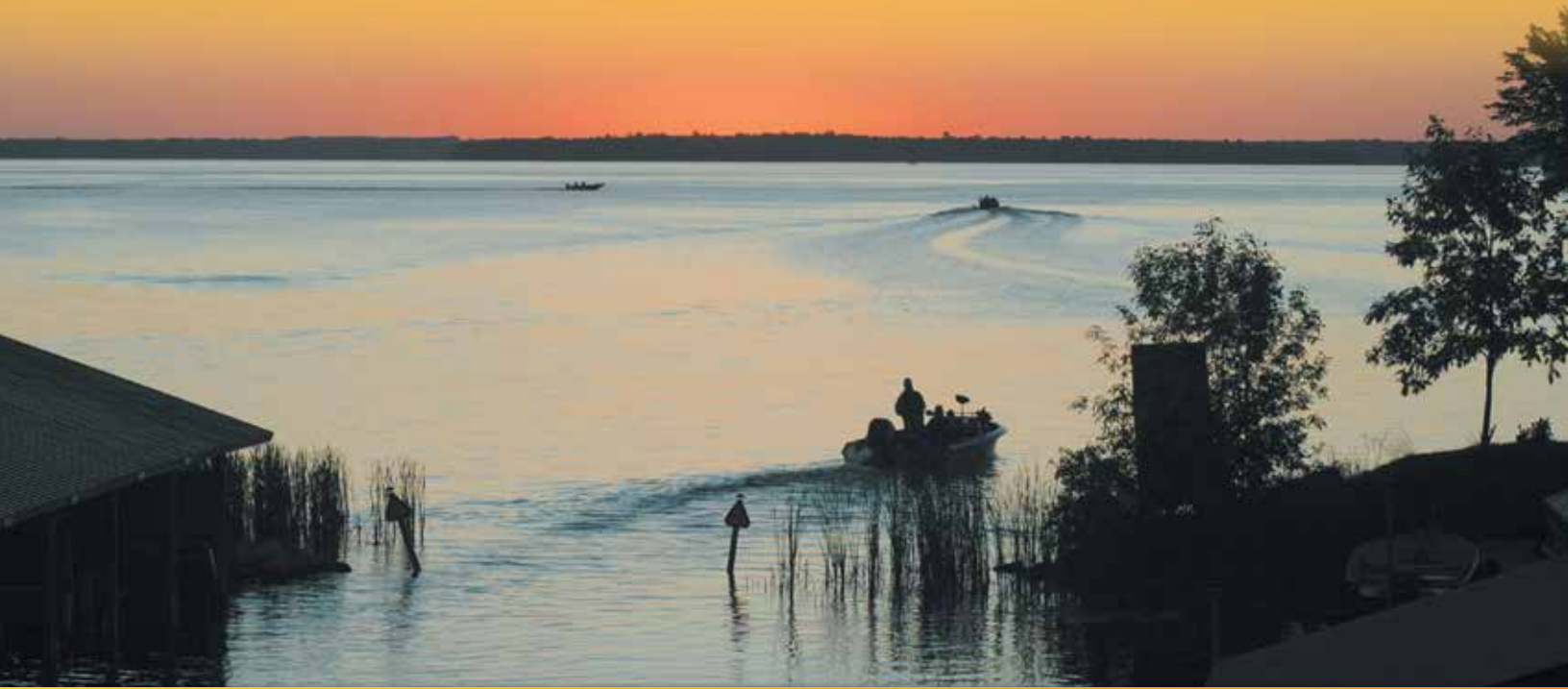




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Visit the Cass Lake area and you are sure to take home lasting memories that will bring you back season after season, year after year.



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Cass Lake Area Chamber

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

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Cass Lake Stats

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

Thanks to all who submitted photos for this years guide, and to Oak Haven for our great cover photos.

Calendar of Events

APRIL 2018

AAD Shrine Circus – Sanford Center www.thesanfordcenter.net

April 23 is the average ice-out date for Cass Lake

Chase the Moondance – Moondance event at Chase on the Lake

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Northstar Sportsman's Banquet – Moondance/MDJ Saloon

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MAY 2018

13th Fishing Opener - Walleye, Northern,

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JUNE 2018

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3rd Week of the Month Peak Flowers Bloom Bog Walk

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22-23rd 12th Annual Moondance Jammin Country

7th Annual Moondance Softball Tournament

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Crazy Days – Walker www.leech-lake.com

Lady Slipper Blooms Trail - late June - see page 13

June 28- July 4 Bemidji Jaycee Water Carnival

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JULY 2018

Leech Lake 4th Of July

Traditional Pow Wow – Cass Lake

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Independence Day Community Celebration – Walker

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Deer River Wildrice Festival www.wildricefestival.com

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AUGUST 2018

Dragon Boat Festival – Bemidji www.bemidji.org

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Labor Day Pow Wow – Cass Lake

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MWC Tournament Stony Point

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Deer Hunting Season Archery Opener

29th Moondance 6th Annual Harvest Moon Festival

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OCTOBER 2018

Cystic Fibrosis Walleye Classic – Break on The Lake

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Pheasant, Beaver, Mink, Muskrat, Otter Openers

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NOVEMBER 2018

Night We Light – Bemidji

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Deer Hunting Season Firearm, Deer Muzzle Loaders Openers

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DECEMBER 2018

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Wreath Making 101

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JANUARY 2019

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Snowshoe Hike-North Country Trail www.leech-lake.com

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Winterfest Bemidji www.bemidjiwinterfest.com

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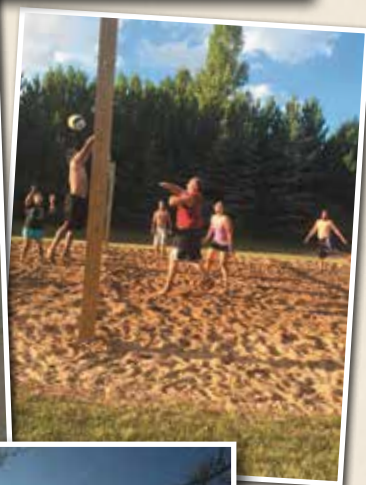
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Lake Plantagenet

Lake Plantagenet is located west of Cass Lake and southwest of Bemidji. It is 2,529 acres in size and has a maximum depth of 65 feet.

Kitchi Lake

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Attractions

Chippewa National Forest

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

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

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

Lost Forty

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

Itasca State Park

Established in 1891, Itasca is Minnesota's oldest state park. Today, the park totals more than 32,000 acres and includes more than 100 lakes. Walk across the mighty Mississippi as it starts its winding journey 2,552 miles to the Gulf of Mexico. Stand under towering pines at Preacher's grove. Visit the Itasca Indian Cemetery or Wegmann's Cabin, landmarks of centuries gone by. Camp under the stars, or stay the night at the historic Douglas Lodge or cabins. Explore Wilderness Drive past the 2,000-acre Wilderness Sanctuary. For more information about this park call 218-266-2100 or visit www.dnr.state.mn.us

Webster Bog

Travel the boardwalk, located near Webster Lake, to see and learn about carnivorous bog plants from the interpretive signs along this half-mile trail. Explore the pitcher plant and sundews, just travel North on the Ladyslipper Scenic Byway towards Blackduck and watch on your right for the magnificent Webster Bog.

Camp Rabideau

Camp Rabideau was created by President Roosevelt in 1933 as one of more than 4,500 Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camps nationwide. The CCC's were created to employ young men to work on conservation and public works projects to bring the nation out of the Great Depression. Camp Rabideau was listed as a National landmark in 2006, as the best preserved CCC Camp in the United States, with fifteen buildings remaining. Tours are free and available Memorial Day through Labor Day. The camp is located six miles south of Blackduck on County Road 39. For more information contact 218-835-4291.

Pennington Bog

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



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Star Island

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

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

Lady Slipper Scenic Byway

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

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



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Activities

Ice Fishing

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



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Canoeing & Kayaking

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

Hunting

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



Fishing

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



Swimming / Snorkeling / Sailing

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



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Pow Wow Celebrations

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



Activities

Amusement/Entertainment

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

Four Wheeling / ATV

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

Snowmobiling

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



Biking & Hiking

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



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