

Manitowish Waters Chamber of Commerce

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Whether our guests are here for work, pleasure, or just passing through, we'll provide them with an Original "Up North" Experience. Our Trails and Tales make for a great experience.



Stay for adventure, relaxation, romance, business or pleasure. Shop, dine and play. All will enjoy their time in beautiful Manitowish Waters!

Trails - Outdoor Exploration

Our town is formed around the "Legendary 10 Lake Chain" which offers clear, clean waters providing recreation and relaxation.



Our lakes, rivers and streams are the centerpiece of most summer vacations. Bountiful lakes offer a vast variety of fish including the elusive Musky, Walleye, Small and Large Mouth Bass, Crappie, Bluegill and Perch.

We are home to a 17 mile paved biking and walking trail. You can bike over 45 miles, from Manitowish Waters to Boulder Junction to Sayner, and ending in St. Germain.



The WinMan Trails are a network of silent sport trails just a few miles north of Manitowish Waters. Spanning 1,300 acres of private and public land, the trails offer mountain biking, hiking, classic and skate skiing, groomed and ungroomed snowshoeing and winter fat biking.

Summer offers a variety of arts and crafts fairs, Sunday Music in the Park, and a variety of community festivals.

Fall offers bright colors and cranberry marsh tours. Our annual Cran-A-Rama is a celebration of all things cranberry, and the many marshes that are abundant in our area.



Outdoor recreation is our specialty! We are one of the top snowmobiling destinations in the world. Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and ice fishing are also great activities for the whole family.

Spring welcomes back the birds, buds and our seasonal residents - and a fresh start.

Tales - Our History

From the earliest times to present day, the history of the Northwoods of Wisconsin has been written by the lakes, rivers, forests and changing seasons. Bands of Native Americans were the earliest inhabitants of Manitowish Waters, drawn by abundant wild rice, fish, game and maple syrup harvested to sustain generation after generation. European voyageurs and fur trappers were next, and in the 19th Century explorers traded and mapped the territory for the next influx of immigrants.

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The Northwoods' vast timber resources that stretched over the land seemed endless. Timber barons sent work crews into the Northwoods to fell giant red and white pines, floating them down raging rivers in the spring, and later bringing them out of the woods by oxen. Today our forests welcome residents and visitors to enjoy our natural resources.

Entrepreneurs saw promise in Manitowish Waters in other ways - some through homesteading; others sensing the desire of city folk to relax, fish and hunt in the pristine and beautiful Northwoods. Sportsmen and wealthy families traveled by rail from Chicago and Milwaukee to rail hubs, and were then taken by horse and wagon, some even by boat, to reach their vacation destination.



The first lodge was built on Island Lake in the 1880s. By the first few decades of the 20th Century, Manitowish Waters and the rest of the Northwoods swelled in population as more and more vacationers sought to escape big city life.

During Prohibition, the lodges and halls filled with "one-armed bandits" and "rum runner" spirits. The local law rarely enforced federal laws against alcohol and gambling. Famous (and infamous) guests were legendary. Among the latter, were members of the Chicago mob. For the most part, they behaved themselves while "Up North" and didn't attract much outside attention.



A notable exception occurred in 1934, when the FBI caught wind that the John Dillinger gang was staying at the Little Bohemia Resort. The FBI arrived in Manitowish Waters and stayed at Voss' Birchwood Lodge. A trap was laid, but Dillinger escaped. The resulting shootout left town constable Carl Christensen riddled with eight bullet wounds. He survived, got \$3,500 from the federal government for his troubles, and started his own resort and bar on Hwy 51.

Visitors can still see the bullet holes in the walls of Little Bohemia Resort; Christensen's scrapbook and other historic artifacts are housed at the Koller Library and at businesses throughout town. The town's colorful history also includes tightrope walker Bob Loveless and a caged bear at the Howling Bear.



Today, Manitowish Waters is famous for its cranberry industry, its location on the Great Wisconsin Birding and Nature Trail, and its breathtaking "Legendary 10 Lake Chain."

We are a community connected by a love for nature, our sparkling waters and numerous recreation opportunities.

Visit www.ManitowishWaters.org for more information



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Your Wedding Destination

Manitowish Waters provides many settings with breathtaking backdrops for your outdoor or indoor ceremony and celebration. Many of our facilities can host more than 250 guests.

We are home to several facilities that will provide an intimate venue for celebrating your marriage:

-  **Aberdeen Restaurant & Bar**
-  **Camp Jorn YMCA**
-  **Chippewa Retreat Resort**
-  **Great Northern**
-  **Lake of Torches Resort Casino**
-  **Little Bohemia Lodge**
-  **North Lakeland Discovery Center**
-  **Red Crown Lodge**
-  **Voss' Birchwood Lodge**

Floral Consultants is Manitowish Waters' full service florist. Kae Nilsson and her award-winning design staff are here to help you on your special day.

Manitowish Waters offers diverse lodging options for you and your guests, ranging from hotels, condos, resorts and more.

We also offer unique dining experiences for you, many of which are within a five mile radius of Downtown Manitowish Waters.

Manitowish Waters is the destination for your special day!

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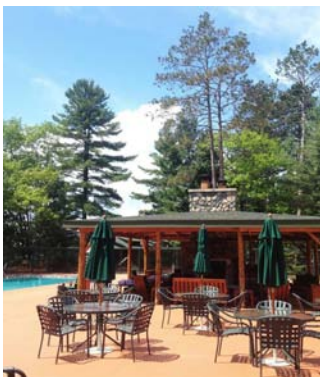
Your Conference and Retreat Destination

Manitowish Waters offers the perfect destination for your corporate retreat or group meeting. Manitowish Waters is where businesses meet to unwind and rejuvenate!

Our refreshing breezes, peaceful forests and intimate facilities all combine to relax and refresh your attendees.

We are home to many beautiful and unique facilities offering state-of-the-art amenities:

- Aberdeen Restaurant & Bar
- Camp Jorn YMCA
- Chippewa Retreat Resort
- Great Northern
- Lake of Torches Resort Casino
- Little Bohemia Lodge
- The Lodge
- North Lakeland Discovery Center
- The Pines Restaurant and Beer Garden
- Red Crown Lodge
- Voss' Birchwood Lodge



We also offer unique dining, shopping and recreational experiences for your attendees. Manitowish Waters is the destination for your conference!

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Our area Fishing specialists are here to help you get the catch of the day:

- American Institute of Taxidermy
- Angler's Choice Guide Service
- Bob's Manitowish Guide Service
- Greer's Pier Marina
- Rick McClellan Guide Service
- Sportsmen's Outpost
- Townline Sports
- Waters Marine

Ask about group rates, as many Guides specialize in family fishing. Full and half day trips are available. Enhance your experience with a shore lunch offered by one of our Guides.

We also offer unique dining, shopping and recreational experiences for you. If you're looking for world-class fishing, look no further than Manitoish Waters!

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