

# Whitefish Chain Resort Tour

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## **Bay View Lodge:**

Tucked away along the serene shores of Cross Lake, Bay View Lodge has been a beloved destination for families, couples, and outdoor enthusiasts since 1945. In 1956, H.J. (Butz) & Luella Pass expanded Bon Repoz resort and painted the cabins a bright Pepto-Bismol pink, creating a distinctive look which became part of the resort's charm. In 1975 the Gregg brothers purchased the resort. They continued to expand the property adding an additional 3 cabins. In 1977 the Gunelson Family took ownership and made significant improvements to the property. They added stairs to the lake and added a Lodge for guests to congregate. The Berg family took ownership in 1987. Jim and Mary Ann Berg renamed the resort to Bay View Lodge and worked tirelessly to enhance the resort by adding an onsite boat ramp, a seasonal campground, and remodeling every cabin. Jim and Mary Ann retired in 2018 and passed down the legacy to their son, Tim. Tim and his wife, Patricia, and family currently operate the resort in hopes to continue the history and tradition of Northern Hospitality.

## **Black Pine Beach Resort:**

Riding the wave of public demand for lodging facilities in the increasingly popular Whitefish Area, a banker from Salem, NE, put up the money for a friend named Marion Arnold to come up north and build a resort on a piece of property on Pig Lake in an area known as Black Pine Beach. Marion and his wife, Anne, armed with some money and a dream, packed their belongings and made the long trip from Salem to Ideal Corners, MN. The year was 1939. Marion was not a carpenter, so he hired the cabin construction done. This was an unusual approach. His cabins were constructed with Western lumber. The Arnolds owned the resort for many years. Finally, age and failing health forced them to sell in 1968. For 9 years, Black Pine Beach Resort was owned by a train engineer and his wife who cut back the operation to only 6 weeks a year. It became a hobby resort. But, through all these changes, the banker's family, now the next generation, continued to vacation at Black Pine Beach every summer. In 1977 the train engineer and his wife divorced and the resort went up for sale by owner. Bob and Lynn Scharenbroich purchased the early parts of 1978. Making all the life changes at once, Bob and Lynn loaded up all their belongings and the new baby, and took off for the beginning of a new life only 5 miles from Lynn's childhood home. They operated the resort until they retired in 2023, when Jeff and Jackie Novitsky purchased and took over operation

## **Boyd Lodge:**

Welcome to Boyd Lodge established in 1934 located in beautiful Crosslake, Minnesota! We are a premier year-round lakeside resort on the shores of both Rush Lake and Lower Whitefish Lake. During the summer, we specialize in the traditional family lake vacations you remember from your youth: turtle races, root beer floats, scavenger hunts, swimming, fishing, and pretty much everything from your childhood trips to the lake. In the winter, our excellent ice fishing, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing are exactly what you hope for in a traditional "up north" Minnesota winter vacation on the lake. When you return to

your cabin or cottage after a day of outdoor activities, why not curl up in front of the fireplace and enjoy a real wood-burning fire? In 1967 Lynn and Ceil's daughter Nancy and husband Roger Schwieters took over the operation of the resort. They made many additions and improvements to the resort over the years. Then in 2010, Lynn's grandson, Mike, and his wife Ruth moved to Crosslake to become the third generation operators of Boyd Lodge.

## **Clamshell Beach Resort:**

Clamshell Beach was founded in 1938 by Henry Ecklund, a single man who quickly found out that taking care of all the details associated with guests and cabins were more than one person could take care of. The property had several resort owners since then. In 1997 the resort was sold to David and Lisa Moe. When they bought the resort there were twenty two cabins – eleven 1950/60s vintage mobile homes, ten cabins and an owner's home. The ages of the cabins were 34-59 years old. Six of those ten cabins were located inside the Shoreland Impact Zone and their average size was just 608 square feet. Today, all the mobile homes have been removed and the resort consists of 17 cabins, 8 units have been added since 2004 and the resort actually has less bedrooms on the property than when they bought the resort. In 2008, the resort was approved by the Minnesota Commerce Department to sell its resort cottages on a Fractional Basis. This resort model is used throughout the United States in exclusive areas to provide a common sense approach to buying a luxury asset – without the hassles of maintenance – while also assuring that people will continue to have access to the public resources.

## **Heath's Resort:**

Welcome to Heath's Resort, where our family is here to help yours create lasting memories. Since 1938, we've been sharing the beauty of the Whitefish Chain with guests who come back year after year for good times, laughter, and a chance to unwind together. Just three hours north of Minneapolis, we're proud to be a place where families, couples, and friends can reconnect in a relaxed, down-to-earth atmosphere.

Our 17 cozy cabins are more than just places to stay—they're spaces to make memories. Ranging from snug 2-bedroom retreats to spacious 6-bedroom cabins, each one is thoughtfully set up with everything you need to feel right at home. From fully equipped kitchens to Satellite TV and free Wi-Fi, we've got the conveniences covered so you can focus on enjoying your time together.

At Heath's Resort, we're all about creating unforgettable family moments by the water.

Our expansive sandy beach is the heart of summer fun, with a safe swimming area and plenty of water activities to keep everyone smiling. Bounce on the water trampoline, paddle around in kayaks or canoes, or explore the lake on a paddleboard or paddleboat—there's something for everyone to enjoy.

## **Kilworry Resort:**

Kilworry resort is located in the city of Pine River off of County Road 1. Located on Whitefish Lake of the Whitefish Chain. Kill-Worry Camp, owned by Charles Webber, who had built the four cabins there from the logs he cleared off the land in 1917. In 1943, Mr. and Mrs. George Coughlin Sr. purchased the camp and changed the name to Kilworry Resort. Today, Norma Coughlin and her five children own the resort. The place grew from four cabins to 12, with all of the original cabins replaced and improved. At one time there was no running water in the cabins. Staying at Kilworry meant pumping and hauling water, warming the cabin with wood heat, eating regular fish dinners, keeping food cold with ice blocks delivered by Bud Coughlin and using outdoor toilets. Today the Kilworry cabins have electricity and plumbing, and one has air conditioning.

## **Pine Terrace Resort:**

Pine Terrace Resort is located in the heart of Minnesota's premiere vacation area – Crosslake, Minnesota. Enjoy a quiet family vacation with all of the [amenities & attractions](#) of our popular recreation areas nearby.

Pine Terrace Resort is in the heart of the Minnesota Resorts and close to Brainerd Lakes area. The words "family vacation" or "family resort" is synonymous with Pine Terrace. We offer a great fishing vacation in Minnesota, secluded on 36 acres with hiking trails throughout. All our Minnesota lake cabins enjoy the peace and quiet of all of what you would expect from a getaway that takes you back to when life was not so busy. Sit back and soak up the sounds of the natural habitat while sitting on the deck of your lakefront cabin. Located on secluded Star Lake, about 30 miles north of Brainerd, Minnesota. Star Lake is one of the six connected lakes known as the Ossawinamakee chain of lakes nestled just south of the Whitefish Chain of Lakes. Being the only resort on the entire lake offers an excellent opportunity to experience the lake with minimal boat traffic so you can enjoy Minnesota fishing, canoeing, kayaking, paddleboat rides, water bikes, and the sandy beach. Use our private boat ramp if you want to launch your own boat.

## **Pinedale Resort:**

Pinedale has been a vacation destination for many families for over 70 years. Located halfway between Crosslake and Pequot Lakes, Minnesota, the cabins sit on the south shore of Pig Lake to view Whitefish Lake to the north. As you travel the lane and approach the cabins; stress of the city hubbub and everyday tensions are left behind. The quiet, secluded compound of cabins provide a variety of opportunities for everyone's idea of a vacation; whether relaxing on the beach, reading, walks, bird watching, floating in the water, fishing, boating or other water activities.

## **Seaquist-Olufs Resort:**

## **Towering Pines Resort:**

Towering Pines Resort established in 1936 as a resort, located between the towns of Crosslake and Pequot Lakes Minnesota borders the beautiful Clamshell Lake, part of the famous Whitefish Chain. We have 540 feet of scenic lake frontage all of it available for you to work on your tan, play with your kids, enjoy the northwoods scenery and wildlife, and more! When not out enjoying the pleasant environment, you will settle into one of our 19 fully furnished cabins - designed for comfort & relaxation! All of our cabins have a heater or fireplace. The majority of our cabins do not have a/c.

