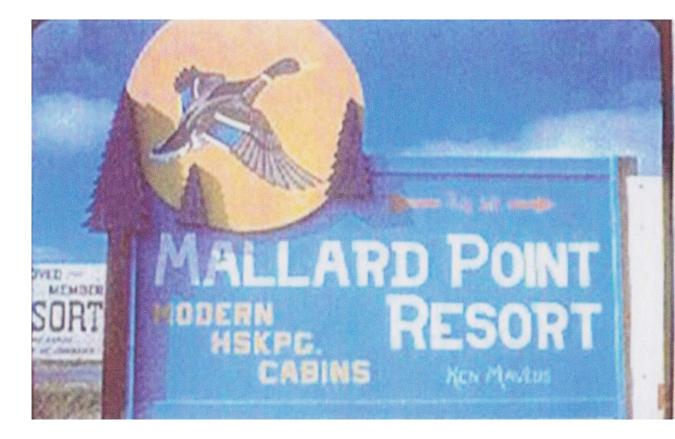
MANUAL & GUIDEBOOK

MALLARD POINT



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# THE ESSENTIALS

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#### WIFI ThePoint\_Guest Password: fireflies

#### PARKING

You may park in front of the 'God's Country' garge or in the parking area near the swim buoy.

- \* We ask that you leave one spot in front of the garge open for other guests to load/ unload.
- Please drive slowly in the driveway and neighborhood at all times. We have small children as do our neighbors.

#### **TRASH & RECYCLING**

Cans are located under the God's Country garage overhang on the far side.

\* Please sort according to signs.

#### **PET RULES**

- Pets must be declared on your reservation and the \$75 pet fee must be paid through your booking platform.
- \* Keep pets off furniture and beds.
- \* Keep your pet leashed unless you have checked with any other guests and confirmed they are okay with them being off-leash.
- \* Avoid the application of topical chemical flea/tick treatments during your stay. These can be a hazard to other guests and lake water.
- \* You assume all responsibility and liability for the safety of your pet.
- \* Clean up all pet waste.

#### **CONTACT INFO**

Don't hesitate to contact us with questions or issues.



EMILY: 920.350.9220 JAMES: 218.209.2552

# **BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR**

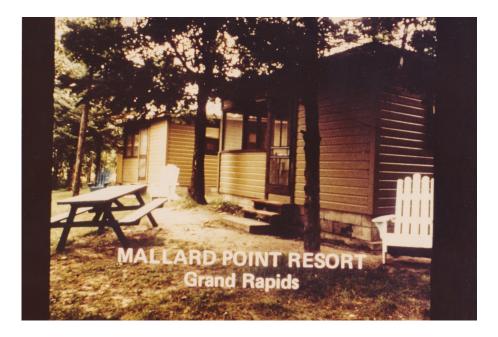
Mallard Point is a shared place. The cabins are built on the footprints of the original Mallard Point Resort cabins (see History). We want you to kick back and enjoy your stay, but please respect other guests.

#### IF THERE ARE GUESTS IN THE OTHER CABIN:

- Follow quiet hours from 10pm-7am (keep voices down outside, NO music outside, etc.)
- \* Keep outdoor areas tidy, especially hazards like fishing equipment.

#### IF YOUR GROUP HAS BOTH CABINS:

- \* There are no quiet hours! Make the place your own.
- \* Keep noise levels 'contained to our property' after midnight.





### CHECK OUT TIME: 11AM



#### **BEFORE YOU LEAVE:**

- \* Do your dishes (you may leave in drying rack)
- \* Close all windows
- \* Set fireplace to 66 (winter/fall only)
- \* Set both wall heaters to 50 (winter/fall only)
- \* Leave all bedding on beds
- \* Leave towels in bathroom
- \* Double check that kayaks/boards are pulled away from shoreline

# THINGS THAT MAY RESULT IN CHARGES TO YOUR SECURITY DEPOSIT:

- \* Broken or damaged property
- \* Pet stains on rugs, bedding, or furniture
- \* Trash and non-burnables in fire pit
- \* Hazards in outdoor areas (fishing line, hooks, broken glass, etc.)
- \* Scratched, dented, or 'runaway' kayaks/boards
- \* Late check out



Forgotten items have a base price of \$10 to return by mail.



# INSIDE



#### FIREPLACE

- \* Use the thermostat on the wall near the TV to adjust the temperature in the cabin.
- \* The fireplace should turn on within 30 seconds of increasing the temperature above the current room temp.
- If the fireplace does not turn on after increasing the temp, this typically means the pilot light is out. Look through the glass to see if the blue pilot light is visible under the logs.
- \* If you see the pilot light, try the thermostat again.
- \* If you cannot see the pilot light, refer to the metal instructions on the back of the fireplace for relighting the pilot.
- \* If you are not comfortable attempting to light the pilot, call Emily.

#### WALL HEATERS

The fireplace is powerful enough to keep the cabin warm, but there are wall heaters in the lower bedroom and bathroom to help heat these areas furthest from the fireplace.

- \* Turn up the FIREPLACE FIRST to the desired temp and turn up wall heaters if these rooms are still to cold.
- \* DO NOT set the wall heaters higher than the fireplace thermostat.
- \* DO NOT set the wall heaters to less than 50 (they ensure that cabin doesn't freeze if there is a fireplace issue).

#### OVEN

- Push in the oven knob and turn to 500 deg. (you should hear a clicking sound).
- \* Continue to hold the knob in, like you are lighting a stovetop burner, until the oven lights.
- \* Once it's lit, release the knob and turn to desired temp, like you would a stovetop burner.
- \* DO NOT leave oven door open while broiler is on.

#### TV

- \* The TV is a Roku TV. You can log in to your streaming accounts.
- \* We do not have basic or cable service.

#### **CEILING FAN**

\* Make sure the light switch labeled 'fan' is on and use the fan remote to adjust light/fan.

#### **DRINKING WATER**

We've worked hard to help our guests eliminate the need for bottled water.

\* Our well water is tested and safe for drinking as well as softened for taste.

#### **BLUETOOTH SPEAKER**

- \* Press and hold the knob in until is blinks.
- \* Open bluetooth on your device and select Enby to connect.

# OUTSIDE

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#### **FIREWOOD**

Help yourself to firewood under the garage overhang. A \$5 contribution/fire helps us continue to provide wood for guests.

- \* Do not put trash in the firepits.
- \* Do not put wood on your fire before heading inside for the night.
- \* Extinguish your fire at the end of the night.
- \* Close windows on the lake side if smoke is going in that direction.

#### **SWIMMING**

The beach area is shallow and has a gradual slope. You can also swim off the end of the dock off the point. The depth is approx. 5' and the ground is rocky so jump with caution.

- \* No diving from dock or swim raft.
- \* Jump only off the end of the dock, not the sides.

#### **MAUI MAT**

\* No dogs on the mat!

#### LIFE JACKETS

Life jackets are in the storage locker or hooks on the west side of our house.

#### LAWN GAMES AND CHAIRS

Bocce ball and extra lawn chairs are in/near the storage locker on the west side of our house.

#### **FISH CLEANING**

Clean fish in the Fish House only.

#### **DOCKING YOUR BOAT**

You may dock your boat on either side of the pier on The Point or on your cabin pier. It is rocky along the shore, so go slow.

\* Outlets are located in the small garage and out on The Point.

#### **BOATS FOR RENT**

- \* Pontoon: \$225/day, or \$50/hr
- \* Alumacraft: \$50/day, or \$20/hr
- \* Fuel not included in pricing.

30%

ON BOAT RENTALS OF 3 DAYS OR MORE.

CONTACT EMILY TO RESERVE

## TIPS FOR PADDLING

- 1. Calm days are best for paddling.
- If you do go out on a windy day, paddle into the wind first so you drift back if you get tired.
- 3. Always bring an extra paddle with you in the canoe.
- 4. If you're unsure about standing on a paddleboard, start out on kneeling.

#### PADDLEBOARDS / MUST READ INFO!

The paddleboards are not cheap plastic boards. Not following these rules may result in a broken fin, scratches, or chips and charges to your security deposit.

- \* Wade out a few feet before getting on and avoid rocky areas.
- \* Place boards in the water backwards with fins in deeper water.
- \* Do not drag accross sand.
- \* If you are not experienced, we recommend paddling out on your knees to deeper water where you are clear of rocks and weeds if you fall.

#### **KAYAKS & CANOE**

All watercraft available to guests are down by the beach.

- \* Kayaks and canoe are tough plastic and fine for kids to jump around on, paddle in shallows, and pull up onto the beach or rocks.
- \* Life jackets are in the storage locker along the west side of our house.

#### WHEN YOU ARE DONE:

Be sure to pull kayaks, canoe, and boards all the way onto shore when you are done. Many a boats have ended up across the lake with a change in wind.



## SAUNA GUIDE

#### RULES

You are responsible for understanding the risks of sauna for yourself and your minors.
Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult.
3. Do not leave any items whatsoever in the sauna.

#### **START A GOOD FIRE**

The sauna is wood-fired, it takes one to two hours to get hot depending on the outdoor temperature.

- \* Go inside the sauna and turn the small handle on the stovepipe to be vertical, this is very IMPORTANT.
- \* Stack paper and kindling in the stove door at the back of the sauna and light.
- \* When your kindling is fully lit, add a few small logs.
- \* Once the logs are burning, add another 4-5 pieces of wood to fill the stove.
- \* Shut the stove door and latch on the outermost notch.

#### GET IT TO 150° OR MORE

Be prepared to stoke every 15 minutes!

- \* Check the stove every 15-20 minutes and fill the stove with wood. You can now latch the door on the inner notch.
- \* Check the thermometer inside the sauna
- \* When it reaches 150°-170°, it's ready!
- \* To slow it from getting hotter and hold the temp you're at you can turn the handle on the stovepipe to horizontal. Caution, it's HOT!

#### **SWEAT**

Sauna isn't just about sweating, it's about alternating between hot and cold.

- \* Bring a towel and proper footwear with you out to sauna and leave them outside.
- \* You can bring a lantern with you while you're in the sauna, but please take back with you to the cabin.
- \* Enjoy relaxing in the heat and letting yourself sweat.
- \* Pay attention to your body and take breaks when YOU need to!
- \* When you're ready for a break, step outside and cool off. Take a dip in the lake, or if there is ice, just embrace the cool air.
- \* Repeat if you feel good.

#### WHEN YOU'RE DONE

- \* Make sure you take all lights, etc. out of the sauna.
- \* You do not need to put out the fire, just close the stove door and leave as is.



## **MALLARD POINT FAVORITES**

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## 1. PICNIC AT THE GORGE

A trip to the Gorge is one of our favorite ways to spend an afternoon. It's about a 45 minute paddle or a 15 minute boat ride. There are many acres of public land on both sides, so you can park your watercraft and explore. Bring a lunch or snack and enjoy hanging out on the rocks. There's a good chance you'll have the place to yourself.

### 2. SUNSET CRUISE

Summer and fall sunsets are the best from MacDougal Bay, the most Northern point of Prairie Lake. It's mostly State land and the sun sets over beautiful reed beds and pine stands. Whether you pontoon or paddle, be sure to get there at least a half hour before sunset for the best colors.

### 3. SAUNA & LAKE JUMP (OR SNOW ROLL)

Sauna is for all times of year! During the summer we like to jump off the end of the dock at sunset. During the fall, there's nothing more invigorating than immersing yourself in the brisk lake. Kids love the rush too and are often surprisingly brave. During the winter months, try a jump in the snow or just embrace the cold air as you step outside.

## 4. STARLIT PADDLE (OR SNOWSHOE)

Don't leave without a good look at the stars. We recommend taking the kayaks just offshore (and out of the way of any boats) and taking in the night sky to the north. In the winter when the ice is safe, wander out onto the lake on a clear night for amazing views of the Milky Way. If you're lucky, you just might catch the Northern Lights.

## 5. WATCHING ICE IN / OUT

It's truly a special time when the ice freezes and thaws. If you've never experienced this, we welcome you to join us in November and March/April. The lake changes throughout the day as it forms and breaks. In the early winter you'll hear booms and snaps as it expands. From the cabin, you'll see eagles, pelicans, ducks, otters, beavers, and more, as they gather here for this seasonal change.



**OUR TOP PICKS** 

## **BEST BREAKFAST:** BREWED AWAKENINGS CAFE

## BEST BEER:

KLOCKOW BREWING COMPANY & RAPIDS BREWING COMPANY

BEST COFFEE:

NOPO COFFEE CO.

### BEST PIZZA: LMNO P-Z & SAMMY'S

## BEST DINNER PLACE:

RAPIDS BREWING COMPANY & UNWINED UP NORTH

# FOOD & DRINK

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### COFFEE & BREAKAST

#### NOPO COFFEE CO.

Coffee shop with modern vibes, good coffee, and healthy eats.

#### **BREWED AWAKENINGS**

Wholesome, organic, and vegetarian fare using regionally sourced ingredients. Brewed has been the local coffee joint for over 20 years.

## BARS & RESTAURANTS

### **RAPIDS BREWING COMPANY**

RBC has top-notch craft brews and an elevated wood-fired oven menu that includes pizzas and fusion food. Our favorite summer patio spot with a fantastic line-up of live music year around.

#### **KLOCKOW BREWING CO.**

Grand Rapids' first micro-brewery, Klockow has excellent beer, regular live music events, and a stack of boards games for kids & adults alike.

#### SAMMY'S PIZZA

An Up-North staple. Delivers to Mallard Point!

#### **UNWINED UP NORTH**

Wine bar featuring a menu of Minnesotan wines. A great spot for sandwiches and salads.

#### **UECKERS & LMNO P-ZA**

Our take-out pizza place of choice. They offer GF options and go big on the toppings.

#### **FUJI JAPANESE RESTAURANT**

Sushi in Northern Minnesota?! You betcha. It's a hole-in-the-wall, but their food will not disappoint!

#### FOREST LAKE RESTAURANT

Referred to simply as 'The Forest Lake', this is a classic steakhouse. If you're looking for a steak and fish menu, this is the place.

## **GROCERY STORES**

#### **SUPER ONE - SOUTH**

The only standard grocery store in town (aside from Target/Walmart). This location has a larger selection, inlcuding organic food.

#### **SUPER ONE - NORTH**

You'll find most things here, but it's the smaller of two Super Ones.

## FARMER'S MARKET

### SATURDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

Local produce, meats, breads, and canned goods as well as a selection of handmade products. 8am-1pm, Saturdays and Wednesdays.

### **CLAYTON'S PRODUCE**

Clayton's Farm set's up in the parking lot of Glenn's Army Navy during August and September. Their produce is excellent and they use organic practices. Check their FB page for more info.



THE GORGE & MESABI TRAIL



Public land - You can hike anywhere in this area

- Paved walking/biking path
- Parking area

## HIKING

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#### THE GORGE & MESABI TRAIL

Explore The Gorge and first section of the Mesabi Trail, which extends all the way to Ely! Start at Gunn Park and walk the paved trail until the first big corner, when you can cut in and trek down to the lake to walk along the rocks.

DRIVE:	5 minutes
TRAIL MILES:	200
TRAIL TYPE:	Paved
ATTRACTIONS:	Gorge, open pit mines, woods,
	lakes and rivers

#### **AMERICAN LEGION PARK**

Wooded, rolling terrain right in town. The trails are lighted in the winter!

DRIVE:	10 minutes
TRAIL MILES:	5+
TRAIL TYPE:	Unpaved
ATTRACTIONS:	Lighted in the winter, lake views,
	close to town

#### FOREST HISTORY CENTER

1900s logging camp with museum, interactive exhibits, events, and nature trails.

DRIVE:	20 minutes
TRAIL MILES:	5+
TRAIL TYPE:	Paved and unpaved
ATTRACTIONS:	Old logging camp, firetower,
	Mississippi River

#### **SYLVAN POINT**

Sylvan Point trails connects to the Forest History Center Trails and is close to town.

DRIVE:	6 miles
TRAIL MILES:	5+
TRAIL TYPE:	Unpaved
ATTRACTIONS:	Mississippi River and bog

#### **SOUMI HILLS**

Secluded trails in the Chippewa National Forest.

DRIVE:	12 minutes
TRAIL MILES:	20+
TRAIL TYPE:	Unpaved
ATTRACTIONS:	Secluded, rolling terrain

#### **TIOGA RECREATION AREA**

Old mine pit that turned recreation destination. Although most trails are for mountain biking, the haul roads are good for hiking.

DRIVE:	20 minutes
TRAIL MILES:	5+
TRAIL TYPE:	Unpaved
ATTRACTIONS:	Scenic overlooks, clear mine pit
	lake for swimming

#### **JOYCE ESTATE**

This isolated 4,500 acre property was a resort and estate owned by a Chicago lumber barron in the1920's. The site is now a National Historic place and inluces interpretive signage.

DRIVE:	25 minutes
TRAIL MILES:	10+
TRAIL TYPE:	Unpaved
ATTRACTIONS:	Historic estate on one of the clearest lakes in Minnesota. Bring your bathing suit in the summer months.



We have many more ski trails! For a complete list check out: Northern Lights Nordic Ski Club northernlightsnordic.org

# SNOWSHOE & XC SKI

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#### **MOUNT ITASCA**

Winter sports center with beginner to intermediate XC ski trails and snowmaking, so they are the first to open.

DRIVE:	10 minutes
TRAIL MILES:	6+
TRAIL TYPE:	Ski - Classic & Skate
	Snowshoe - backcountry
ATTRACTIONS:	Steep ups and downs, warming
	house

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#### AMERICAN LEGION PARK

Wooded, rolling terrain right in town. The trails are lighted in the winter!

DRIVE:	10 minutes
TRAIL MILES:	5+
TRAIL TYPE:	Ski - Skate & classic
	Hike - Grass
	Snowshoe - trail & backcountry
ATTRACTIONS:	Lighted in the winter, rolling
	terrain, lake views, close to town

#### **SOUMI HILLS**

Lovely trails in the seclusion of the Chippewa National Forest.

DRIVE:	12 minutes
TRAIL MILES:	20+
TRAIL TYPE:	Ski - Classic
	Snowshoe - backcountry
ATTRACTIONS:	Secluded, rolling terrain

#### TIOGA RECREATION AREA

Old mine pit that turned recreation destination. Although most trails are for mountain biking, the haul roads are good for hiking. There are many miles of snowshowing in the winter with great views and fun terrain.

DRIVE:	20 minutes
TRAIL MILES:	Varies by activity
TRAIL TYPE:	Ski - No skinig
	Snowshoe - trail & backcountry
ATTRACTIONS:	Overlooks, clear mine pit lake
	for swimming



**RIDE THE REST OF OF THE RANGE!** www.ridetherange.com

## BIKING

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### MOUNTAIN BIKING

#### **TIOGA RECREATION AREA**

15 minute drive.

Over 20 miles of professionally-built MTB trails carved into the red dirt of the old Tioga iron mine. There are trails for every level of rider, from kidfriendly loops to double-black trails. Bring your swimming suit for a dip in the mine pit afterward.

#### THE LEGION TRAILS

10 minute drive. Park near the Reif Dance entrance of the Reif Center.

The Legion Trail System includes over 7 miles of hand-built trail through dense woods that is tight, twisty, and technical.

### REDHEAD

50 minute drive.

Redhead is rocky and technical, a great place to push your skills where you'll be rewarded with amazing vistas. As long as you're this far north, why not go just a little further?

### CUYUNA

1.5 hour drive.

A pioneer for MTB in MN, Cuyuna has an excellent trail system that's fun for the whole family.

#### **GIANT'S RIDGE**

1.5 hour drive.

Worth the trip if gravity trails are your thing! Go early, because you'll want the whole day.

## ROAD BIKING

### **MESABI TRAIL (PAVED)**

10 minute bike or 5 minute drive. Trail access from Gunn Park on Hwy. 38.

The Taconite Trail connects to the Mesabi Trail which then runs 200 miles north all the way to Ely, so there are plenty of miles to explore. The paved trail winds through woods, past lakes, and across mining land so you really get an Iron Range experience.

### TACONITE TRAIL (PAVED)

10 minute bike or 5 minute drive. Trail access from Gunn Park on Hwy. 38.

The Taconite Trail starts at Gunn Park and ends at the Itasca County Fairgrounds in Grand Rapids.

### **BIKE SHOP**

Ardent has you covered for parts, top-notch service, and bike rentals.





For trail updates visit: www.grimba.org

## HISTORY



## LAKESHORE CABINS

Three large, strictly modern 3-room cabins accommodating six at \$75.00 per week.

Two strictly modern, 3-room cabins accommodating four at \$50.00 per week.

Two strictly modern 3-room cabins accommodating four at \$65.00 per week.

One modern 3-room cabin accommodating five at \$70.00 per week.

Special weekly and week-end rates after Sept. 15th. A good, 14-foot round-bottom boat is furnished with each cabin. Extra roll-away bed available at \$5.00 per week. Our week starts at 2:00 P.M., Saturdays. A \$10.00 deposit is required with each reservation.

#### AT YOUR FINGER-TIPS

For your supplies and fresh foods, the friendly community of 8,000 people in nearby Grand Rapids welcomes you. In Grand Rapids there are modern stores, two theatres, the county hospital, churches of all denominations, golf at the beautiful Pokegama Country Club, and dozens of shops to fill your vacation needs. The Mesabi Iron Range is only a short drive away, and Scenic State Park is just a short distance north on Highway 38. There are many outdoor and indoor activities which offer a fun-filled vacation at Mallard Point.

Please accept this as our personal invitation to you to come and spend your vacation with us. We are sure you won't be disappointed. If you have any further questions, just drop us a line.



**Mallard Point** 

on Prairie Lake Grand Rapids, Minn.

#### FOR THE IDEAL VACATION



JUST THE NAME "Mallard Point" gives you some idea that the family resort is located in the heart of the great Northwoods vacationing area. The point and resort are

named for the sporting Mallard duck which inhabits this lake and area. But that is just a hint of part of the natural things you will find while vacationing at Mallard Point Resort. Native stands of pine. beautiful birch trees, unmatchable scenery, deer, and many other forms of wildlife may be seen in the vicinity of the resort. Even the weather helps you to enjoy these outdoor advantages with its warm days and cool nights.

#### THE "POINT"



Prairie Lake is a sporting lake, offering many forms of recreation. Fishing here is unusually good because of Prairie River which flows through the lake and joins the Mississippi five miles south of here.

The challenge to the fisherman is great, for in the lake are found walleyes, scrappy northerns, bass and many pan fish. The water is excellent for swimming with a fine sand beach and no dropoffs.

The explorer will find many miles of shoreline, rich in scenic beauty which can only be reached by water. The lake is part of Prairie River which enters the lake after winding its way down from the north many miles. The outlet, to the south, through the rock gorge is in itself a sight to see. There are many hundreds of lakes in Itasca County and many beautiful scenic drives all within a short distance of Mallard Point Resort.

#### FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Do your roughing outdoors and still have all the conveniences of home when you vacation at Mallard Point. At Mallard Point we have provided all the conveniences which make for an enjoyable vacation for the whole family.

#### LAKESHORE CABINS





#### THE BEACH

Eight attractive strictly modern cabins, each located on the lake shore among the many birch and pine trees make this a picturesque setting for a summer vacation. All cabins are spotless, and all are equipped with gas for cooking, automatic gas heat, electric refrigeration, dishes, silverware, clean bedding and the best of beds with innerspring mattresses. Everything is furnished for housekeeping except towels.

The cabins are arranged to take advantage of the cool breezes from the lake and also to insure privacy. There is a beautiful view of the lake from the living room of each cabin. A deep freeze is available at the main lodge for the sharp freezing of fish.

#### IN ONLY A MATTER OF HOURS

Mallard Point can be reached in just a short drive from Duluth or Minneapolis over good highways. Follow the route you choose to Grand Rapids, Minn., then go five miles north on highway 38 —follow the sign to Mallard Point, on good, allweather roads.