

## Lady Slipper Scenic Byway

**The landscape that attracts visitors to the Lady Slipper Scenic Byway today is a product of its history.** A rich yet subtle history that is quietly told by the terrain and waterways, the vegetation and the wildlife, and finally by the human settlement patterns which compose the landscape. The landscape waits quietly, telling its stories to those who stop long enough, and care enough, to listen.

This byway—perhaps more than other byways in the state—provides an opportunity to explore not only the relationship people have with their landscape but more precisely the way a person and the landscape have a responsibility to each other—that both are stewards of the other; by restoring one, the other is restored.

Historically, the Lady Slipper Scenic Byway corridor has sustained many people throughout many eras. It was the homeland for generations of Native Americans and provided the resources necessary for their traditional way of life. It supplied European and American fur traders with animal pelts. It supplied trees to loggers and logging provided a reason to establish communities. It gave men in the Civilian Conservation Corps a purpose, a job, and training while they restored the area's natural resources and constructed its infrastructure, including this highway.

Today, residents and visitors come to the byway to experience the majestic character of the great North Woods and the beauty of the area lakes and rivers. The experience can range from participating in active sports to seeking quiet solitude.

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**LEGEND:** **1** Blackduck - Pine Tree Park, Blackduck Area History and Art Center, Wood Carvers Festival (last Saturday in July) fishing, hunting, golfing, shopping, lodging **2** Fire lookout tower **3** CCC Camp Rabideau **4** Webster Lake campground, bogwalk and trails **5** Pennington - gateway to lady's slippers, resorts, convenience store **6** Mississippi River and a portion of the Great River Road follows this route **7** Norway Beach Recreation Area - majestic pines, sandy beach **8** Cass Lake - Lyle's Logging Camp, Historical Museum, Pow-Wow's, Rib Fest, resorts, Chippewa National Forest supervisor's office (CCC-built log structure) **9** Palace Casino - hotel, restaurant, meeting facilities and entertainment **10** Mi-Gi-Zi- Bike Trail - around Pike Bay to Norway Beach



The Chippewa National Forest, home of the byway, has the largest breeding population of Bald Eagles in the lower 48 states



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 • history



Lakes, forests & bogs abound



A seasonal, changing palette of colors



Several varieties of lady's slipper orchids can be found along and near the byway

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