

Up in the land where Paul Bunyan statues are big and the tall tales about him are even bigger, lie some of Minnesota's most beautiful resort communities. This is the land of 10,000 lakes and truly untouched wilderness surrounding Bemidji, Duluth, and Brainerd, among others, otherwise known as Minnesota's Northwoods.

Though only the hearty live here year round and the winter averse just vacation here in the summer, there's still no shortage of activities and sights to fill your itinerary, no matter the season. Whether you use this book as a bucket list, a tour guide, or a cure for cabin fever, we've got you covered.

We'll entice you to try new outdoor activities, such as wading across the headwaters of the Mississippi, eat unusual foods, and sip flavorful beverages. You'll also find a plethora of things to do inside on rainy days, such as exploring the US Hockey Hall of Fame Museum. Carefully crafted itineraries and seasonal—yes, there are four seasons here—activities will provide plenty of inspiration for visitors and locals alike.

Local author Julie Jo Larson's own wanderlust led her to share her penchant for her region with the world. Grab a friend or two, a copy of *100 Things to Do in Minnesota Northwoods Before You Die*, and your sense of wonder because adventures await you in the Minnesota Northwoods.



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