

Byway Organizations Get Things Done in Minnesota

Heartland Byways Conference

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Omaha, Nebraska

Who is in our Byway Organizations?

- Citizen volunteers
- Chambers of commerce
- Visitor and convention bureaus
- Tourism associations
- County Commissioners
- City Council members
- Mayors
- Main Street business owners
- Resort and hotel owners
- State Legislators
- DOT staff
- State Park managers
- State Historic site managers
- National Forest Service staff
- National Park staff
- Tribal officials
- Explore Minnesota Tourism staff
- University of Minnesota staff
- Marketing firm owners
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Western Wilderness

North America's largest lake Superior is a source of food and transportation. From the early family homesteads, the French and later British came in search for fur to export to Europe. The traders used the portage route from the north shore of Lake Huron to Lake Superior. By 1840, the fur trade industry in the region was declining. Settlers and entrepreneurs quickly turned to commercial fishing and logging for work.



Fur traders used boats to travel up and down the coast of Lake Superior.

Steamboat Visitors

The North Shore became a popular tourist destination when Michigan's South Shore, Marquette and Sault Ste. Marie locks and canals were opened in 1855. Steamboats came from the east to local ports. Regionally, Duluth became the destination port and hub of activities. Local boats took visitors to small camps along the shore where they hunted, fished, camped, collected rocks, and relaxed in wilderness.



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Global Connections

Ships flying flags from around the world carry cargo on Lake Superior. During the 1930s, Marine locks and canals completed the 2,343 mile inland waterway connecting Lake Superior with the Atlantic Ocean via the lower Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway. Ships can travel from Duluth to the Atlantic Ocean in just over a week and can reach any port in the world.



Large cargo ships carry over eight times the volume of ships in the 1930s.



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Did you know?

Lake Superior received its name from a French phrase "le lac superieur," meaning upper lake.

Today, more than 1,000 cargo ships enter the Duluth Superior port annually, making it one of the busiest inland ports in the world.

Lake Superior is the largest of North America's five Great Lakes. It covers 31,700 square miles and contains 10% of the world's fresh water.



Grand Rounds National Scenic Byway

Est. 1883









**Paul Bunyan
National Scenic Byway**





Gateway Gazebo

Nice of you to stop by.
Hope you're havin' a good time up here
in my old stompin' grounds.

Yup, ol' Babe and I did some stompin' alright. Stomped up these 10,000 lakes. But you probably heard that one. Probably heard a lot of stuff about me. Well, let between us, some of those kids stretch the truth a little.

I mean, really. Think how huge a guy would have to be to leave footprints the size of Pelican Lake or Whitefish! Hey, I'm a big fella, and I admit I would lose a few pounds, but come on. That would be scary huge. I'm really more like a cuddly-friendly XXXXXXXL

No, it was Nature that shaped this land. Thousands of years ago, great sheets of polar ice covered half the continent. Giant glaciers, three miles thick, scraped over the land, stripping it down to the bedrock like

loose bark comin' off a log. The ice dog and goosed and made fine sand out of whole mountains... then it stopped.

The story goes, it was me and Babe that chopped those glaciers down. Johnny Inkslinger told everybody we needed ice cubes to keep the root beer cold at the Really Big Lumberjack Spring Ring Beard Trainin' BBQ. Sheesh! Who thinks this stuff up? They didn't even have root beer back then.

hoped that was the Pre-Rest Bear Age, when giant blaw and wooly mammoths and 500-pound beavers roamed the lands. Now that a big beaver? They offer a few thousand years, the climate got warmer and started melting those glaciers. As they melted, the water filled all these rocky sandy canyons and gorges, leaving the lakes we have today.

The glacial melt is an interesting landscape, almost like hills and valleys and by rocks stick out. In fact there's one big rock out on the way that seemed to say was left here by the glaciers. But one old fellow said it was a meteor and swore he saw it fall right out of the sky. And you know what? That's exactly what happened. But it wasn't a meteor.

Here's the story. One night as we all sat around the campfire, there was a beautiful full moon. And kangaroos were kangaroos. We were all laughing about how much tougher and stronger and all that stuff. That's when I noticed it. I said I could throw that kangaroo all the way over the moon.

I've got a goal, and I want
long to get a pretty good kitty on that
I promised that week and I'm in it
the night as high as I could. To tell

you're both I love that it was for
the reason that I did it was just to get
up and go.

We found out where I committed the
next morning. Right across the street
that old guy's **Two-bits**. Good thing
wasn't there another guy to make
a couple of dollars.

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Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox
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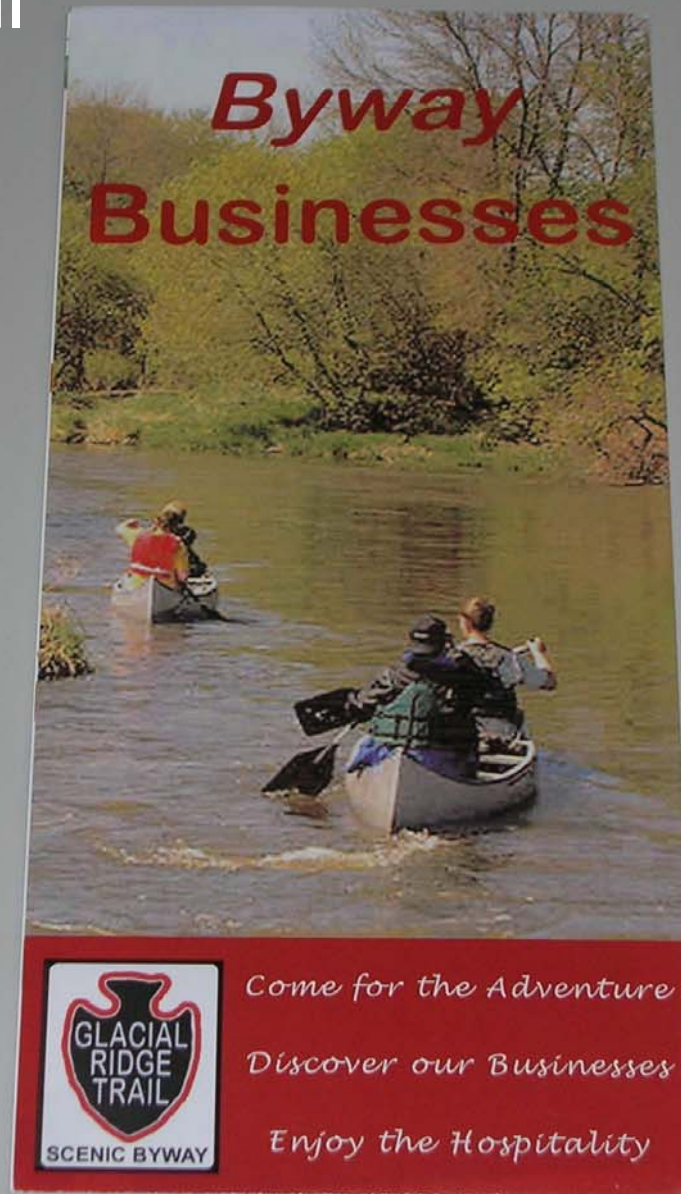




Celebrating Water on Scenic Byways

Glacial Ridge Trail Scenic Byway

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Camp Rabideau CCC Camp



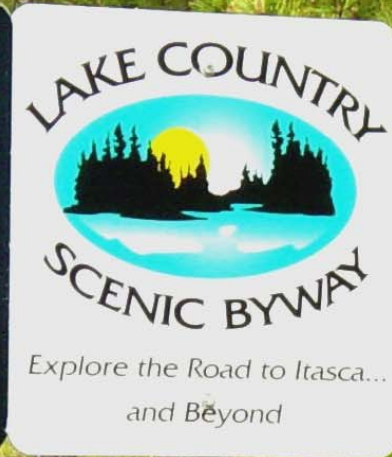




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