

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. In late June travelers are rewarded with the spectacle of blooming showy lady's slipper orchids which are plentiful along this route.



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

LEGEND: 1. Blackduck - Pine Tree Park, Blackduck Area History and Art Center, Wood Carver's Festival (last Saturday in July) fishing, hunting, shopping, lodging 2. CCC Camp Rabideau 3. Webster Lake Campground - bogwalk and trails 4. Lady's Slipper Interpretive Site - boardwalk, orchids and bog view 5. Pennington - gateway to lady's slippers, resorts, convenience store 6. Mississippi River Interpretive Site and a portion of the Great River Road follows this route 7. BiMiZii Campground 8. Norway Beach Recreation Area - camping, majestic pines 9. MiGiZi Bicycle Trail - around Pike Bay 10. Cass Lake - Lyle's Logging Camp, Historical Museum, Pow-Wow's, Summer Fest, Chippewa National Forest Supervisor's Office (CCC-built log structure) 11. Cedar Lakes Casino and Hotel

- wildflowers • birding • hiking
- biking • golfing • camping • fall colors • boating • fishing • hunting • canoeing • skiing • snowshoeing • history



CCC Camp Rabideau
National Historic Landmark
Most intact CCC camp in U.S



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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