

# Burntside Lodge

## Guidebook



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*Established 1913  
National Register of Historic Places*

### *What You Will Find*

*Whether your stay at Burntside is a few days, or a few weeks, you will be truly enchanted by the hospitality of your hosts and the myriad of activities available to you at this northwoods retreat.*

A classic, grand old Lodge with a large comfortable lobby and inviting stone fireplace.

Peaceful, comfortably furnished cabins, each unique and different, that will provide wonderful rest & relaxation throughout your stay.

A restaurant serving casually sophisticated Modern American cuisine.

Fine wines, specialty cocktails and micro brews in a bar that offers breathtaking views of the lake.

A natural sand beach where you can swim, sunbathe, and enjoy the clear waters.

A marina where you can rent canoes, kayaks, fishing boats and pontoons to explore the lake.

A lakeside Finnish sauna that will leave you feeling fresh and invigorated at days end.

A Fitness Center with a treadmill, elliptical trainer, multi-stack weight system and exercise bike (*modest fee applies*).

A gift shop with many distinctive, handcrafted items unique to the northwoods region and beyond.

A library with lake views and books for all ages as well as puzzles and games.

The Wall Street Journal, New York Times, local and regional papers.

Complimentary wireless internet access in the main lodge & many of our cabins.

## *Your Cabin*

Each cabin at Burntside remains on its original footprint with a history all of its own. Thoughtfully renovated and updated, each remains true to their original character with wood floors, knotty pine and log walls and many of their original furnishings. You will find comfortable beds and pillows outfitted with fine linens. Bath towels are included for each guest and are exchanged by our staff on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We recommend bringing along your favorite beach towels. All cabins are equipped with a hairdryer.

Kitchens are supplied with dishes, pots and pans, toasters, coffee makers, microwaves, wine glasses & wine key, silverware & utensils and include dish towels and dish soap. Each cabin also has an outdoor bbq grill; you provide the charcoal. Blenders, hand mixers and waffle irons are available at the front desk.

**Maid service** is available for an additional charge.

**Smoking** is *not permitted* in any of the buildings at the resort.

**Check-in** is at 3:00 p.m. If you are in the area early please call to determine if your cabin is ready. If you are unable to arrive before 8:00 p.m., please let us know as our front desk is not open 24 hours a day.

**Check out** is no later than 10:30 a.m.

**Cell phone** reception will vary depending on your provider and oftentimes, your location on the property. AT&T and Verizon offer the most reliable service.

**Wireless Internet** is available in the main lodge and many cabins.

**Tap water** is pulled from Burntside Lake and is purified and tested regularly so it is safe to drink.

## **Pets**

We do have a no pets policy. Moose (the chocolate lab) and Marina (the black lab) are our resident canine ambassadors. They love our guests and feel 'they' are the reason you choose to stay at Burntside and are happy to be your best canine friend away from home.

## *The Lake*

Burntside Lake is singular in its beauty, cleanliness, and spring-fed purity. Shaded inlets and unusual rock outcroppings display some of nature's finest craftsmanship. The extensive waters make it possible for avid boating enthusiasts and placid fishermen to pursue their pleasures without interruption by either. The quiet wilderness at the gateway to canoe country and the border of the Superior National Forest calls many varied interests and maintains room for all.

Burntside Lake is 12 miles long and 6 miles wide, and has over 140 pine crowned islands. Its beauty is unsurpassed among the 10,000 lakes of Minnesota.

A half-hour paddle across the lake will bring you to the Dead River, where you will have the chance to spot a number of the forest's inhabitants. On a slow ride up this tranquil river it is not uncommon to see ducks, loons, otters and blue heron. Those with patience and a keen eye may even be rewarded with the sight of a bull moose nestled among the reeds and cattails.

## *Marina*

Burntside offers a variety of watercraft. From regular fishing boats to larger craft, canoes and kayaks, hydrobikes to stand-up paddle boards, we offer many different ways to explore the lake. Please stop by the front desk to check availability. All rentals are personally checked out and must be returned to the harbor before dark.

Docking fees of \$1 per foot/per day for guests bringing their own boat (does not apply to canoes or kayaks).

Please advise us in advance if you will be bringing your own boat. Our staff will assist you with the launching of your boat and parking your trailer.

## *Fishing*

You will find excellent smallmouth bass and trophy lake trout as well as northern pike and walleye. Burntside Lake is known as a challenging lake to fish due to its clear water and abundant natural feed. For more reliable fishing, guided day trips into the Boundary Waters and Canada are available through various outfitters in Ely.

## *Dining*

The dining room at Burntside Lodge is casually sophisticated with spectacular views of Burntside Lake and a dining experience unmatched in the area. Our menus showcase the finest and freshest ingredients. Everything from our breads to our sauces, to our ice creams are original and made fresh daily in our kitchen.

Our menus offer an innovative approach to classic cuisine. Our mission is simple: to serve delicious food to our guests in a relaxed atmosphere of gracious hospitality. From our bar, you will find a thoughtful selection of interesting and affordable wines and well-crafted cocktails.

Menus change depending upon what seasonal, local products are available, and everything that we serve is made from scratch, in-house.

### **Cappuccino/Espresso Bar**

We offer a Cappuccino/Espresso Bar to our guests and visitors which is open from early morning until evening. You may also find yourself tempted by our housemade blueberry scones, muffins and chocolate chip cookies.

### **Restaurant Information**

Our dress code is smart casual.

Childrens Menus is available for kids 12 & under.

Dinner service begins at 6:00. We do give preference to resort guests and recommend advance reservations.



## *What to Do*

*From listening to a common loon, to hiking in the forest, or paddling the lake in a canoe or kayak, there is little left to be desired. You have the leisure to do as much, or as little as you wish.*

Swim in the crystal clear waters of Burntside Lake.

Stargaze and perhaps have the fortune to view the northern lights.

Visit the resident wolves at the International Wolf Center.

Tour the North American Bear Center outside of Ely for an educational opportunity with live bears.

Visit the Vince Schute Bear Sanctuary near Orr. Open evenings, excluding Mondays, June through Labor Day.

Visit the Dorothy Molter Museum and learn about the "Rootbeer Lady", the last woman to live in the BWCAW.

Tour the Tower-Soudan Mine, 22 miles away, for a journey beneath the earth.

Hike to the waterfall on the Bass Lake Trail or explore other trails in the area.

Golf at Ely's Nine Hole course.

Golf The Wilderness at Fortune Bay, an 18 hole course 30 minutes from The Lodge.

Visit the Giant's Ridge Golf Course in Biwabik, a 50 minute drive from The Lodge, to golf The Legend and The Quarry.

Explore the many unique shops in Ely.

Pick seasonal strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, or wildflowers.

*relax... relax... relax*

## *The Weather*

The weather at Burntside Lodge is typically very pleasant throughout the summer months, with average temperatures peaking in July at about 79°. In recent years we have experienced temperatures near 90° plus humidity in July. Be aware that the weather is unpredictable, and periods of rain and cooler temperatures occur as well.

The following are **average** summer temperatures:

	May	June	July	August	September
High	65	73	79	76	66
Low	36	46	52	48	40

## *What to Bring*

Over the years, many of our guests have said that the following items have helped make their stay that much more enjoyable:

Flashlight	Camera	Bug Repellent
Fishing gear	Warmer clothing	Rain gear
Swimsuit	Beach towel	Sunscreen

## *The City of Ely*

Located just six miles away is the community of Ely. Incorporated in the late 1800's, much of its early development came from iron ore mining and lumber industries. Ely has a history worth exploring!

Today the city boasts a thriving population of 3,500 people and a wide variety of distinctive shops and services including:

- 🌲 Antique/Vintage Shops
- 🌲 New/Used Bookstores
- 🌲 Two Grocery Stores
- 🌲 Weekly Farmers Market
- 🌲 Unique Gift and Clothing stores

You will also find museums, galleries, a day spa, restaurants, churches for all denominations and a community radio station.

In the event of an emergency, the city has a 24 hour Urgent Care facility at the hospital. Prescriptions can be filled at our local Shopko.

## *How to Get Here*

### **By Automobile**

To get to Burntside Lodge from the Twin Cities, take Interstate 35 north. After approximately 110 miles you will reach State Route 33, which you will follow north through Cloquet and connect with US 53. Continue northward on US 53 through Virginia until you reach Highway 169, a right turn. This turn off is approximately 5 miles outside of Virginia. You will follow 169 through Tower towards Ely.

Approximately three miles before you reach Ely, you will find County Road 88 on the north side of the road, this will be a left hand turn. Follow County Road 88 approximately 3 miles and you will see our sign on the left. This trip takes 4 to 4 1/2 hours.

For a more scenic route, follow Interstate 35 into Duluth and take the Route 61 North Shore Drive. Shortly after Silver Bay, at Illgen City, you will see a turn for Highway 1 on the left, this road follows directly into Ely. You will want to allow an extra 45 minutes for this scenic drive.

### **By Plane**

Delta Airlines and United fly in and out of Duluth. Car rental service is available at both airports. Most major airlines fly into Minneapolis where car rental is also available.

