



Wisconsin's many lakes afford a variety of fishing.

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MIDWEST—SPORTSMAN'S HAVEN

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CHICAGO—The Midwest has a two-way appeal to summer vacationists. Thousands of small lakes and fishing streams, and vast areas of virgin timberland make it a sportsman's paradise. And for the millions who plan their holidays to escape the cities during the hay fever season, the northern areas offer relief from ragweed as well as from the heat.

There is more to this section of the country than Chicago and flat plains country, though this city is naturally the focal point of most tourist traffic, and Chicago should be a major stop on any tourist's itinerary. Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota have the best summer playgrounds of the Midwest. These States border on the Great Lakes and they are starved with little lakes—Michigan boasts more than 6,000, Wisconsin more than 7,500 and Minnesota 11,000, big and little.

The Midwest has its full share of swanky and expensive resort hotels, but most accommodations are operated for the middle-income group. Thus, a cabin adequate for a family can be rented for \$35 a week, and other costs follow the moderate range of housing. Transportation, too, is modestly priced in dollars and in time. It is only two days by car from the Eastern Seaboard, overnight by train, and four and one-half hours, or less, by plane to Chicago or the lake country to the north. Great Lakes cruises offer a more leisurely approach.

Here is a summary of the principal resort areas of the Midwest:

MICHIGAN

Schoolcraft County—Upper Peninsula, centering at Manistique, 347 miles from Detroit. In this area are 200 lakes, the Hiawatha National Park and Blaney Park, private bird and game sanctuary. There are more than thirty-three sizable resorts (cabins \$15 to \$35 a week). All summer sports available. For details write to Manistique Chamber of Commerce.

The Copper Country—Houghton, the headquarters, is 437 miles from Chicago and 567 from Detroit. This historic forest area is ideal for hay fever sufferers. It has numerous

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lodges, ample accommodations and moderate rates. Near by is Isle Royal National Park, in Lake Superior. All land and water sports are available. Houghton can be reached by good road from Detroit, by bus or by the Milwaukee and Michigan Central Railroads. Isle Royal can be reached by ferry or by lake boats of the Chicago, Duluth & Georgian Bay Transit Company sailing from Buffalo, Cleveland or Detroit. For details write the Superintendent of Isle Royal National Park, Houghton, and Copper Country Vacationist League, Houghton.

Grand Traverse Bay Region—Covers five counties in northwest Michigan. Traverse City is 296 miles from Detroit, 322 from Chicago. With 215 lakes and fifty-seven streams, this is fishermen's country.

Mackinac Island, Charlevoix and Harbor Springs are well-known Michigan resorts. Charlevoix is 264 miles from Detroit, Harbor Springs and Mackinac 300 miles each. Mackinac Island, three miles long and two miles wide, is one of the most delightful summer spots in the nation. Its quaintness is preserved by not permitting automobiles on the island, which can be reached by train or auto and ferry, or by lake vessel.

WISCONSIN

Heart O' The Lakes Region—This area covers 3,000 square miles, and contains 2,500 lakes, and a resort business in which more than 150 million dollars has been invested. Vilas County is noted for its muskellunge, the Wabeno-Soper area for 300 miles of trout streams. Capital of this region is Rhineland, which is 345 miles from Chicago.

Door County—The Green Bay section has long been a popular resort center for Midwesterners. Only 241 miles from Chicago, it is, according to Chamber of Commerce claims, hay fever-proof. Whitefish Bay, Baileys Harbor,

Ephraim, Washington Island and Potawatami State Park are well-known centers. Automobile ferries cross Lake Michigan at Frankfort, Mich.

Wisconsin Dells—Miles of amazing rock formations along the Wisconsin River make this a tourist's attraction. Here Winnebago Indians perform tribal ceremonials. The Dells, 200 miles from Chicago, offer plentiful accommodations at moderate rates. For details write Wisconsin Tourist Bureau, 209 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

MINNESOTA

Northern Minnesota—This vast, sparsely settled area is primarily for those experienced in outdoor vacations. It has magnificent scenery, thousands of lakes. The country is rugged, and isolation can be complete. It is no place for the tenderfoot. Famous resort regions are the Arrowhead, covering ten northeastern counties, and Lake of the Woods.

Crow Wing County—Brainerd is 522 miles from Chicago. Miles Laes Lake is a short drive east of Brainerd, Detroit Lakes is ninety-three miles to the northwest. Most resorts are reached via Minneapolis-St. Paul, Lake of the Woods via Duluth and International Falls.

ILLINOIS

Chicago—Thirty miles of beach on Lake Michigan, scores of resort lakes in Lake County forty to sixty miles away. Here starts the 1,000-mile "drive around the lake."

New Salem State Park is of interest to students of Lincolniana. There are no overnight accommodations at New Salem, which is 219 miles from Chicago. Starved Rock State Park, ninety-two miles away, has well managed, moderate tourist accommodations.

INDIANA

The Dunes—Slowly moving sandhills, forty miles from Chicago, the Dunes are a natural wonder, bordering on Lake Michigan.

Turkey Run State Park, a resort region, is 155 miles south of Chicago, sixty-two miles west of Indianapolis. Clifty Falls State Park is ninety-three miles southeast of Indianapolis.