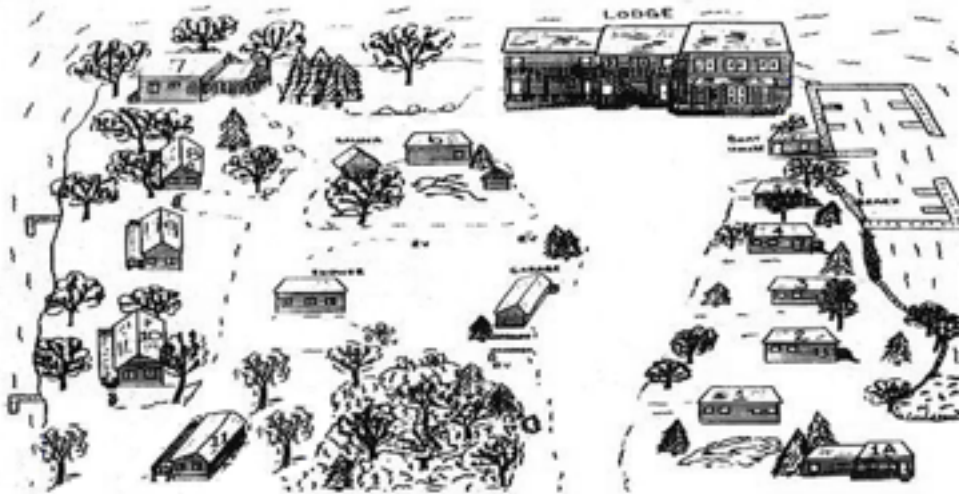


# Sandy Point Journal

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## A few words about us

*Our secluded twelve acre park-like setting is surrounded on three sides by Lake Kabetogama and Voyageurs National Park and is 275 miles north of the Twin Cities*



**Our log Lodge** Our lodge was crafted in 1997 by a local log building company and houses our restaurant, bar and lodge rooms. Try some of our delicious food. Our restaurant is open for breakfast lunch and dinner. You can't go wrong with one of our meals.

### **The resort is wireless.**

**Cabins with views** We have 12 cabins ranging from a honeymoon cabin to a deluxe two story. The kitchens are fully equipped to cook your favorite vacation meals, our beds are new and the living rooms are comfortable. DVD/VCR players are connected to the TV's to replace limited TV reception. All cabins have a wireless signal.

**Lake Kabetogama** is a 15 mile long, over seven mile wide, glacial lake. It is a healthy fishery and is

known for its walleye and sauger and large northern pike. Jumbo crappies, small mouth bass and perch are also here. It is loaded with islands, sand beaches and underwater structure.

### **Fishing/lake/learning tips:**

- Use a navigation map and learn the lake buoy system. It is easy to do.
- Check with our dock hands and chat with our guests to learn fish biting and lure tips.
- Local guides are a great investment. Hire one to learn the lake, find the fish and hear great local history. After a great day on the lake, bring us your fish and enjoy the benefits of our full dock service.
- The Kabetogama Visitor Center is loaded with information about our area. We keep the summer Park activities posted in the Lodge.

**Tip: our website and Facebook sites show great resort pictures**

## Stay with us, visit Voyageurs National Park

Nearly 200 years ago voyageurs paddled birch bark canoes full of pelts and goods through this area on their way to Lake Athabaska, Canada.

Today, our lake, Kabetogama, plus three others make up a national park that recognizes this history. Canoes are still used for transportation but more common are motorboats and kayaks.

Established in 1971, it is the largest water based national park in the US. It's 218,000 acres include lakes Kabetogama, Rainy, Namakan and Sand Point, the Kabetogama Peninsula and scores of islands. Lake Kabetogama has over 100 islands with sand beaches, picnic/camp sites and rocks to explore. This glacial area has some of the oldest exposed rocks in the world. Bear, otters and deer are often seen. The boreal forest, which rings our northern hemisphere made up of pines, birch, ash, tamaracks and aspen, is on full display. There are over 230 listed species of birds including loons, ravens, eagles, great blue herons, and warblers. The Park's visitor centers have great interpretive activities. We could go on!

To learn more go to:  
[www.voyageurs.gov](http://www.voyageurs.gov)

## January 2016 Greetings from Sandy Point!

**Greetings from the frozen north and happy 2016!** We hope our brochure finds all of you well. It is a cool -30 windchill outside, Gordon and Abby are opening our 7 spear house ice holes and I am deciding its a good time to stay in to write and peruse seed catalogues. We are adjusting to 'real' winter conditions after a treat of warm weather in December. Several spear fishermen left today and we will see more in a couple days. The following weekend will shift to snowmobile guests.

**Sandy Point Updates** Last year we added two more Lund Alaskan fishing boats and a new pontoon boat to our fleet. All were met with high interest and a lot of use. With the help of Rhory, Raphy and Christian, Cabin Four got remodeled, with new furniture and walkway. Our deep thanks go to Char, and Jean, for designing, building and installing a beautiful new reservation cabinet. It is my new organization center! Five cabins have new facia boards along with fresh paint.. This fall, new lodge room furniture and a pole barn for boat/ spear house storage went in. We are one year into our new septic system and hope that the bugs are worked through. Yeah!

**Thank you to our staff** who worked hard and made a big difference in the life of Sandy Point Resort. We appreciate all their efforts! Christian and Ted handled boats, cleaned fish, mowed, picked up garbage and delivered firewood. Wow! Ben, Kendal, Brianna, Taylor, Patty, Missy, Shania, Bree, Polly, and Aubrey made the restaurant run smooth. Many of them even doubled up on Saturdays to help clean. The staff put together a fitness challenge where the most active employee of the month was rewarded with a 'FitBit' to track their activities. We all had fun with this! In the fall Gordon's son Kalen came and worked, along with Kendal and Brianna. Kate and Scott came from Denver and worked through a busy Labor Day week.

**Wonderful family news** This Spring Rhory and Jenna are expecting their second child. Its official, Raphy and Chip get married this fall. Kate and Scott are making a life move to Duluth. Rhace is working and enjoying life in North Dakota. Rhegy, Brooke and kids are thriving in Manitoba. Kalen will be coming back to Sandy Point. Sarah continues to work hard and Kayla is exploring furthering her education. Everyone is well and we are blessed to watch their lives unfolding.

**Thank you to our wonderful guests!** We are looking forward to catching up with you and meeting new friends/guests through the year. If you are new to Sandy Point, track us down! We'd be happy to give you many ideas for enjoying a well-earned vacation! Keep up with us on Facebook!

From the shores of Lake Kabetogama and Voyageurs National Park, *Jennifer, Gordon and Abby*



**PICK YOUR LODGING** Our cabins and lodge rooms are on the lakeshore with beautiful views

**Lodge rooms - We are wireless** Our updated, lake-view lodge rooms have air-conditioning, outside entrances, private baths, two queen beds and Dish TV. No Pets, No Smoking



**Cabins** Our cabins have well equipped kitchens, grills, decks, fire rings and DVD/VCR players. No TV reception. **The resort is wireless.**

**1A** Remodeled three bedroom unit with two queen beds, one double bed, futon, rollaway, tub, shower and new dock. Non-smoking

**1** Screened porch, two bedrooms with two double beds, two singles, a day bed and a futon. Non-smoking

**2,3,4** Two bedrooms, two double beds and sofa bed. Beautiful sunrise view.

**5** Two bedrooms, one double bed, one double/twin bunk, futon. Newly renovated. Beautiful sunrise view.

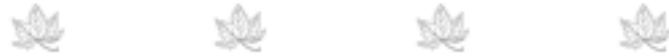
**6** Our honeymoon cabin. One bedroom with queen bed, shower, newly renovated - charming!

**7** Deluxe, two story house with large sunporch. Private, great view. First floor has living-room, dining-room, big kitchen, two full bathrooms, and a master bedroom. Second floor two bedrooms total two double beds, one queen, four singles. Beautiful sunset view.

**8-II** Three bedrooms with four double beds and a sofa bed or a futon couch. Fireplace and docks with electric hook up. Beautiful sunset view.



**FALL AT SANDY POINT**



**Fish • Birdwatching • Colors and Trails**

**Fishing** Fall at Sandy Point is beautiful and relaxing. Visitation is down and the mild fall temperatures are perfect for long walks on park trails. The fish go on a feeding frenzy that peaks in late September into October, making fishing very successful. Not only will you find walleye and northerns, this is a good time to search for large crappies.

**Birding** This is a chance to see wildlife preparing for the winter season. Loons flock up on the lake dressed in their fall plumage. This time of year loons get along well, hunting for food together before flying to the atlantic and the gulf for winter. Watch other water birds as they arrive from the arctic and northern Canada on their way to warm winter climates. Other birds are flocking for the fall migration, too.

**Fall Colors** With our longer growing season choose Sandy Point for the viewing of fall colors. What we once saw as a collection of shrub maples and oaks are now full grown trees that boast beautiful fall colors that mingle with the yellow aspens and tamaracks. Take a hike through nearby trails and bring your camera! Or, boat over to the Kabetogama Peninsula and walk a wilderness trail and discover one of our rare areas left virtually untouched by man.

**Fall rates** We have great fall rates that make a fall trip even better. Settle in to one of our winterized cabins. If there is a nip in the night air, gather around the fireplace and enjoy the solitude of the great northwoods and border lakes.

**Tip:** We will happily help you plan a fall park touring weekend to enjoy the season. Call us!



**WINTER WONDERLAND AT SANDY POINT**



Lake Kabetogama is a true winter wonderland. Come enjoy this season and enhance your life! Start the season in early December with spear fishing or angling. Yes, our ice is ready for people by December 1. We have some cross country skis and snowshoes for you to use. The last week of December starts the snowmobiling season. Five of our cabins are winterized, our lodge rooms are ready, the sauna is warm and food is cooking. Come on up! We'll see you here!

<b>CHECK LIST</b> Wait! Don't forget!	<input type="checkbox"/> Bath towels	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuits	<input type="checkbox"/> Camera/Binoculars
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking shoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Beach toys	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses
	<input type="checkbox"/> Suntan Lotion	<input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bug lotion	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing gear	_____

**Consider hiring a fishing guide** It's a great investment for learning current fishing conditions. These independent, local guides know the lake, where the fish are and what they are biting. Benefit from their daily experience on the the lake, under all conditions. Rates are around \$300 for two people based on an eight hour day. Extra for additional people. Gas and bait are also additional. Rates are subject to change. Let us help schedule a guide for your trip.

**FOR RESERVATIONS CALL US AT 218.875.2615**

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## Lake Kabetogama - Part of the world's Boreal Forest Community

### *More about our heritage*

**The Boreal Forest** is an immense ecosystem spanning 6.5 million square miles across northern regions of Russia, China, Scandinavia and North America. It accounts for 25% of the world's intact forests. Set on glacially altered land, it is made up of forests, lakes, wetlands, rivers and tundra. Spruce, aspen, birch, poplar and tamaracks dominate the forests in this land covered with bogs, fens, marshes, over 1.5 million lakes, and some of our continent's largest river systems.

**The Boreal floor** is covered by organic matter made up of peat and moss - more than 10 feet thick in some areas, created by fallen trees, pine needles, leaves, and plant remains. It is prevented from

decomposing by our cold boreal temperatures. This ground cover stores more carbon than any other terrestrial ecosystem on the planet.

**Here you can see animals** as large as a moose and tiny as a shrew. Our continent's largest population of wolves, lynx, black and grizzly bears, and woodland caribou are in this forest system as are over 80 species of butterfly and 40 species of dragonfly.

**The lakes** hold some of the world's largest trout, walleye, bass, perch and whitefish.

**The best known creatures, however, are the birds.**

According to Bird Studies Canada, billions of birds breed in the Boreal Forest each spring. Over 300



species regularly occur in the boreal forest. Our Voyageurs National Park alone has over 230 listed species.

**The bird list includes:**

- loons and grebes
- swans, ducks and geese
- hawks and owls
- sandpipers and plovers
- vireos and flycatchers
- warblers and sparrows

**We hope you'll enjoy taking a closer look at our area the next time you visit!**

*Note: pictured above is a Killdeer, member of the plover family and a successful breeder at Sandy Point.*

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