



## Things to do and places to see on your way to Ely

Here are just a few ideas for making your trip to YMCA Camp du Nord a bit different, interesting, fun, and maybe even educational! This information comes from a couple of publications put out by the Minnesota Office of Tourism. For your own free copies, call them at one of the following numbers and ask for "Explore Minnesota Arts and Attractions" and "Explore Northeastern Minnesota", both of which are filled with ideas. 1-800-652-9747 (in Minnesota) and 1-800-328-1461 (outside of Minnesota).

### **Canal Park Marine Museum** Duluth, MN 55812, **218-727-2497**

Operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the most visited marine museum on the Great Lakes; exhibits and programs on upper lakes commercial shipping, Duluth ship canal and aerial bridge. Summer hours 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Spring/Fall, 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. December-April, Friday-Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. No Fee, group tours. Boatwatchers hotline: 218-722-6489.

**Grand Portage National Monument** Hwy 61 (Box 666), Grand Marais, MN 55604. **218-387-2788**. Reconstructed Northwest Company Fur Trading Depot. Indian artifacts, fur trade artifacts and history. Mid-May to Mid-October, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Group Tours.

**Hinckley Fire Museum** 106 Old Hwy 61, Hinckley, MN 55037, **612-384-7338**. Restored 1894 Saint Paul and Duluth Railroad Depot housing artifacts and stories from the great Hinckley fire of 1894, a firestorm that devastated six towns in east central Minnesota. State historic site. May-October 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Adults \$1.50, 12 and under free with adult, group tours.



**Hull Rust Mahoning Mine** Hibbing, MN 55746, **218-262-3895**. The world's largest open pit iron ore mine, a National Historic Landmark. Open May 15-October 1. 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Call for tour arrangements, or view from observation area on Hibbing's outskirts (follow marked route in town).

**Ironworld USA** Hwy 169 (Box 392), Chisholm, MN 55719, **218-254-3321, 800-372-6437** (from MN). Iron Range Interpretive Center with exhibits on mining history and ethnic heritage of area. New expansion includes outdoor amphitheater, Festival Park, railway and trolley along an open pit mine. Performances daily in summer; ethnic festivals.

**NorthWest Company Fur Post.** Co. Hwy 7 (Rte. 2 Box 252), Pine City, MN 55063, **612-629-6356**. Authentically reconstructed wintering fur post of 1804-5 stocked with goods of the fur trade; costumed guides demonstrated everyday activities of voyageurs; state historic site. May-October 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; April, May and October by reservation. Group tours.



**Split Rock Lighthouse State Park** 2010 Hwy E. (20 miles NE of Two Harbors) Two Harbors, MN, **218-226-4372**. Lighthouse station built on cliff overlooking Lake Superior in 1910; now a state historic site with light tower, lighthouse keeper's family home furnished as in past, visitors center with exhibits and 15 minute film on history of lighthouse. May 15-Oct 15 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Park sticker admission requirement, group tours by appointment.

### **Tower-Soudan Historical Museum** Train coach, Tower, MN 55790, **218-753-4343**.

Local history, railroad equipment; memorial Day-Labor Day 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

**Tower-Soudan Mine Tours** Tower Soudan State Park, Hwy 169, Soudan, MN 55782, **218-753-2245**. Visitors wear hardhats, take and elevator ½ mile underground, and ride a mining car and walk on a unique guided tour of the state's oldest, deepest and richest iron ore mine. The mine was in production from 1884-1963. Interpretive center with mining displays on surface. Memorial Day-Labor Day 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., tours leave every half-hour. Adults \$7 and Children \$5.

**United Hockey Hall of Fame** Hat Trick Ave. (Box 657), Eveleth, MN 55734, **218-744-5167**. Honors Americans who have significantly contributed to hockey in the U.S. as players, coaches and administrators. Areas also devoted to high school, amateur, college, professional and international hockey. Winter Mon-Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Sunday 12:00-5:00 p.m. June 15-Labor Day, Monday-Saturday 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Adults \$2, juniors \$1.25, children \$1.00, group rates and tours.



**Vermilion Interpretive Center** Vermilion Campus, 1900 E. Camp St., Ely, MN 55731, **218-365-3226**. Depicts local history through artifacts, photographs, oral histories, historic films, and displays. Displays include Objibwe Indian, fur trade, mining, logging, immigration and more. Open year-round; summer, daily 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Winter Sun-Tues 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**The International Wolf Center** 1396 Hwy 169, Ely, MN 55731, **218-365-4695**. The IWC strives to educate the public worldwide about the wolf. The center offers exhibits and programs, lectures and public viewing at the 1.25-acre wolf habitat.