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Guest Services

Check-out time:

- 11:00 am

Continental Breakfast

- Served daily from 8:00 am ~ 10:00 am

Gift Certificates

- Please visit our website to purchase gift certificates

Housekeeping

- Every other day or by request
- If you need additional towels or supplies, please stop by the Front Desk
- We do reserve the right to enter any guest room in the event of foul play or disturbance to other guests

Ice

- Bags of ice are in the ice chest located on the first-floor hallway by the second entrance

Manhattan's Take Out

- Please visit our host stand in the restaurant to place a pickup order
- Available during regular business hours

Medical Services

- In case of emergency, dial 911
- Front Desk staff will assist you with any non-emergency appointments
- Urgent Care can be reached at the Crosslake Clinic at 218-692-1010

Meeting/Banquet Rooms

- Meeting & banquet space for 30 - 150 people
- For larger groups or for help in planning your event please contact our Director of Sales:
- Crystal Glaser at 218-251-2171 or crystal@crosslakereservations.com

Pak-N-Play

- A limited number are available at no charge
- Please contact the Front Desk.

Pets

- Pets are allowed for a nightly fee
- Please contact the front desk for more information and pet waste bags

Reservations

- Visit mblodge.com or call our reservation line at 218-692-2246
- Lodge Reservations may be made up to 1 year in advance (some restrictions apply)
- A 25% non-refundable deposit is required at the time you make your reservation

Rollaway Beds

- A limited number of rollaway beds are available for a charge of \$10 per night
- Please contact the Front Desk to order

Smoking

- We are a non-smoking facility
- Smoking receptacles are placed by entrances

Sofa Sleepers

- The blankets, sheets and pillows are located under the lounge portion of the sofa
- In larger rooms the blanket, sheets and pillows are in the closet
- If you need extra linens or pillows, please contact the Front Desk

WiFi

- Complimentary WiFi is available throughout the building
- No password required

Churches

Immaculate Heart Catholic Church: 218-692-3731

Worship Times:

Tuesday & Thursdays: 8:30 am

Saturdays: 4:00 pm

Sundays: 8:30 am

Confession:

Saturdays: 3:00 pm

Sundays: 7:45 am

Mission of the Cross Lutheran Church: 218-692-4228

Worship Times:

Sunday: 9:30 am

Crosslake Lutheran Church: 218-692-3682

Worship Times:

Memorial Day - Labor Day

Indoor Service: 8:30 am

Outdoor Service (located on Daggett Pine Road): 10:00 am

September – May:

Indoor service: 9:30

Crosslake Presbyterian Church: 218-692-4769

Worship Times:

Sunday: 9:00 am

Crosslake Evangelical Free Church (aka The Log Church): 218-692-4141

Worship Times:

Sunday: 9:30 am

Providence Community Church: 218-692-7000

Worship Times:

Sunday: 10:30 am

Crosslake Christian Assembly of God Church

Worship Times:

Sunday: 10:45 am

Feel free to stop by the Front Desk and we will happily assist you with directions

Area Attractions

Crosslake Dam, Public Park and Beach

- The Corps of Engineers dam controls the water level of the entire Whitefish Chain. There are two swimming beaches, a playground, many scenic campsites and boat access to Crosslake. As you drive or walk into the campground, look to your right for an interpretive panel that tells the story of the dam tender and read how Babe the Blue Ox helped create the dam. Walk over to the Dam and learn the history of the dam.

Crosslake Historical Society

- Open Saturdays & Sundays 11 am - 4 pm Memorial Day - Labor Day
- Each building in the log village features a "stop-and-listen" system in which you push a button to listen to a recording about the specific site.

Crosslake Public Library

- Come join the fun found in books, large and small. Puppets and rhymes will help the preschoolers jump and giggle. Story time is every Thursday at 10:30 am. The library is open Monday - Saturday at 10 am.

Crosslake Railroad Museum

- Open to the Public
- Saturdays: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Sundays from Noon - 3:00 pm - Free however donations are appreciated.
- Northern Trackers Railroad Club is a non-profit Model Railroad club and Museum, dedicated to preserving the history of railroad, logging and mining industries in North Central Minnesota in the early 1900's. Scale model displays, educational programs and workshops focusing on introducing model railroading and area railroading to children and adults alike

National Loon Center

- **The Nest (National Loon Center Kiosk): Located in Crosslake Town Square**
- The National Loon Center in Crosslake, Minnesota aims to restore and protect loon breeding habitats, enhance responsible recreation, and serve as a national leader in advancing loon and freshwater research and education.
- Our floating classroom, the StewardShip, provides a fun and informative tour of Cross Lake that includes respectful (and exhilarating) observation of loons as well as lessons about the actions we can take to conserve loons and freshwater ecosystems. There are plenty of activities and teachings aboard the StewardShip to learn why and how to value the natural world we live in. - Book your tour on line at <https://www.nationallooncenter.org/the-stewardship/>

Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway

- Like the intricacies of a good Paul Bunyan tale, the Minnesota Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway weaves together the Native American, logging, resort, recreation, pioneering, and geology stories of a well-traveled past.
- Tour in your cars, pedal your bikes, or just put on some good walking shoes. Here's your invite to the lakes and lands that helped give life to the Great Northwoods, Legend of Paul Bunyan. Maps available at the Front Desk.

Uppgaard Wildlife Management

- The area features guided tours during the summer, departing every Wednesday at 9:30 am. The Uppgaard Wildlife Management Area, donated in 1987, contains 110 acres of landscaped wildlife habitat. Following Carroll Henderson's highly regarded reference book, Landscaping for Wildlife, the DNR manages the site to attract everything from butterflies to whitetail deer. As one of the few non-game wildlife areas, Uppgaard is perfect for nature watching. Its wide, well-packed woodland trails work well for hiking, biking, horseback riding, and cross-country skiing.

The Whitefish Chain of Lakes

Ever wonder how Crosslake became Crosslake? The following is just a little of the history behind the Whitefish Chain! To begin at the beginning, Native Americans cared for and lived off the land. Two of the prominent tribes in the area were the Sioux and the Ojibwa. In fact, the two aforementioned tribes once battled on the shores of Cross Lake! Once settlers appeared, negotiations were made by the United States government to purchase the land because it had a natural reservoir.

After reviewing survey results in 1836, Congress appropriated funds to start the Pine River Dam, which was completed by 1886. Back then, the sole industry in what is now our resort area, was logging. The chain of lakes was created in order to move the heavy beams from place to place, eventually shipping them by train to big city destinations. Logging continued from the early 1870's until 1912. Before the dam was built, the lakes were not interconnected.

The first entrepreneur to establish a resort-like business was Ami Gould, who operated a logger's road ranch in the Watertown Township (Crosslake), in 1870. It was a place where weary folk could eat a home-cooked meal and stay the night. Nearly thirty years later, Rufus Heath built a homestead on what is now County Road 15. The Heaths resided in their home until 1928. The original building now stands in the Logger's Camp of the Historical Society. Another family, the Ostlunds, came to the Whitefish Chain area in 1892.

As the local population evolved from loggers to families, the landscape followed suit. A school was erected, followed by a town hall, a store (The Crosslake Store), and a Post Office. Resorts grew out of logging camps, and became a place of refuge for city-dwellers. Today the Whitefish Chain continues to flourish as a tourist haven.

Boating enthusiasts and fishermen alike spend hours on the Whitefish Chain of lakes in the summer, while snowmobilers and cross-country skiers enjoy its ice in the winter. The lakes along the chain are: Arrowhead, Bertha, Big Trout, Clamshell, Cross, Daggett, Island, Little Pine, Loon, Lower Hay, Lower Whitefish, Middle Whitefish, Pig, Rush, and Upper Whitefish.

Feel free to stop by the Front Desk for a map of the Whitefish Chain and boat launches.

A 90+ Year Tradition...

The Manhattan Beach Lodge was built in 1929 as a get-a-way for the fun-loving and well-to-do of the Twin Cities and Chicago. The trains would roll through Illinois and Wisconsin into St. Paul where passengers would transfer to the express to Brainerd. There they would be met by Lodge representatives where steamers trunks would be loaded onto wagons for the final 28 miles to Manhattan Beach.

Days would be spent boating, swimming, playing tennis on the courts in the front or horseback riding from the stables across the road. In the evening, the Lodge would be in full bloom. Ladies and gentlemen, dressed in the latest city fashions, would stroll down the lighted boardwalk from their cabins to the main lodge for dinner. Cocktails and dining were accompanied by the dame glorious sunsets we see today. After dinner, the band would strike up waltzes and charlestons as guests would celebrate their vacations until the early hours.

For those less light on their feet, gambling was available in the basement. "Gaming" was a mainstay of most central Minnesota resorts of the era. The nautical frescoes on the walls added atmosphere as the high rollers tossed silver dollars into the slots.

The onset of the depression changed the clientele of the Lodge but not the nature of the operation. From John Dillinger's summer home on the chain, the newly rich of prohibition were directed to the Manhattan Beach Lodge. Nothing was denied the "gat-toting boys" from out of town.

As the face of America has changed over 75 years, the Lodge has changed with it. The busses of the big bands made their stops in Manhattan Beach through the 30's and 40's. As central Minnesota became the vacation escape for Hollywood's elite, the Lodge was an integral part of the scene with a guest list including Bob Hope and his entourage.

According to legend, a saxophone player from one of the bands mysteriously disappeared while staying at the Lodge. His belongings were located but he was not, and there are those who say he still roams the halls late at night and that you can hear the plaintive cry of his sax - or maybe it's just a loon.

During the 50's and 60's, Manhattan Beach Lodge served primarily as a family resort. The main dining room continued to operate, and the Lodge was open year 'round to cater to the winter sports enthusiast as well as the summer vacationer. Most of the cabins were sold during this period, and the property to the immediate north was developed as condominiums. The Lodge rooms were no longer suitable to the tastes of modern America, and the rooms were last rented in the late 70's.

1990 marked a new beginning for the Lodge. The menu was upgraded to restore the reputation of fine dining. In 1991, the name was changed back to Manhattan Beach Lodge with a continuing emphasis on quality food, service, and entertainment and, in 1995, the main lodge building was fully renovated with ten guest rooms. Again, in the spring of 1999, eight more rooms were added to the Lodge to bring it to the 18 guest rooms we have today. While the property no longer includes dozens of guest cottages, the feel of a full-service resort remains intact. In the fall of 2008, Jason and Kista Brunkhorst began their quest in the restaurant business and changed the restaurant name to Manhattan's. As owners of Whitefish Lodge & Suites, Kista, from Alaska, and Jason, from Thief River Falls, have grown to love the area. Progressing forward, Whitefish Catering was established, in the spring of 2009, bringing Whitefish Lodge and Suites and Manhattan Beach Lodge together creating excellent cuisine for weddings and other events.

We hope that you appreciate the history of Manhattan Beach Lodge and continue to support us in creating the future. And maybe, just maybe, while you visit the Lodge, you will hear the wail of a saxophone extremely late at night or at least the treble of a Loon...



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