

Traveling Minnesota's Far North Shore

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A few weeks ago I took a few days and traveled to Minnesota's North Shore. And anyone who knows me, knows this is my favorite place to visit in Minnesota. The state's topography is so different. Living on the southern prairie and visiting the Northwoods - all within 5 hours.

July 4th in Duluth

Arriving in Duluth on July 4, we decided to take in the firework in Bayfront Park. It is the largest 4th of July fireworks show in Minnesota. It did not disappoint. My favorite was a firework dedication to Prince.

The next day we traveled north. Our first stop? [Betty's Pies](#). You cannot drive my Betty's Pies, which is on Highway 61. And you know what helps? There is a flashing traffic light to alert you to the driveway. We stopped mid afternoon and the place was buzzing. Thankfully they did not run out of the Raspberry-Rhubarb Crunch pie--my favorite!

Gooseberry Falls

Our next stop was Gooseberry Falls. As always, it was beautiful. I purchased a Minnesota State Park sticker for \$25 which gives us access to all of [Minnesota's state parks](#). A regular day pass is \$5 and even if we don't visit 5 parks within the year, it's worth paying the \$25 to support our beautiful state parks.

Lutsen

Lutsen was our destination. We stayed in the [Sea Villas](#) because we wanted to stay right on Lake Superior. Many years ago we stayed here when our girls were young. It's a fun place to stay. The villas have lofts and they are very quaint. The villas are offsite about three miles away but we could participate in any of the main lodge's activities. And we did. What I really love about the north shore is how Lake Superior calms me. Between the scenery and the Lake, I just can't get enough. One night we listened to a folk singer near the main lodge.

Grand Portage National Park

Part of our North Shores travels took us to the very northeastern tip of Minnesota. We visited the Grand Portage National Park. This is the second time visiting. I absolutely love the re-enactments of how life was years ago with the French settlers. Hope you enjoy this video also.

We traveled a little farther and enjoyed the sites of High Falls, the highest waterfall in Minnesota. It was amazing.

Another minor excursion was the Lutsen gondola ride to the top of Moose Mountain. Beautiful and breathtaking. I am sure you will agree.

I truly love northern Minnesota. And I can't wait to come back. It just never gets old.