

## Wildlife and Wilderness

Season Itinerary: Spring, Summer, Fall

### Day 1

**9:00 a.m.** – Enjoy a hearty breakfast at **Chamberlin's Ole Forest Inn**.

**10:00 a.m.** – grab a lunch or a cooler and head to the **Manistique River** for a day of river kayaking or canoeing. Rent your canoes or kayaks from Northland Outfitters and choose between the 2.5 hour, "10 Curves Trip" – 10 miles long, or if you are feeling more adventurous take the 4 hour "Seney Refuge Trip" – 15 miles long. Be sure to call Northland Outfitters ahead of time to reserve your kayaks or canoes.



**3:00 p.m.** – After a long afternoon in the sun and some great exercise make your way back to Chamberlin's for some R&R. Take out a good book and relax on the wraparound porch and enjoy the simple beauty of Big Manistique Lake. Let the children fish, explore the neighboring woodlands or play in the large front lawn of Chamberlin's Ole Forest Inn. Otherwise if you are feeling adventurous head 50 minutes north east to Newberry and visit **Oswald's Bear Ranch**. Where you can touch, hold and get your picture taken with a baby bear cub and experience the great black bear up close and personal.



**5:00 p.m.** – Travel back to Chamberlin's for dinner, try a bowl of their delicious homemade Chili, or their Chamberlin Special sandwich ... chicken salad with bacon and swiss on grilled swirl rye bread.

**6:15 p.m.** – Venture just minutes into the small town of Curtis nestled on the northern shore of South Manistique Lake and explore Main Street or check with the Chamberlin's staff on happenings at the **Erickson Center for the Arts**.

**8:00 p.m.** – Once back at Chamberlin's for the evening head out to the front yard and sit around the bonfire as the sun dips down into Big Manistique Lake. Take pleasure in participating in a wilderness past time of telling campfire stories.

## Day 2

**9:00 a.m.** – Enjoy a filling breakfast at **Chamberlin’s Ole Forest Inn**.

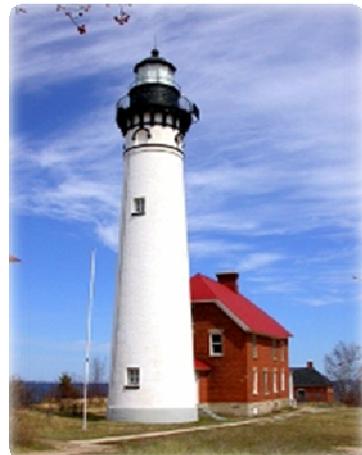
**10:00 a.m.** – Travel approximately 20 minutes to the **Seney National Wildlife Refuge**. Go to the Visitors Center and ask about the “Pine Ridge” hiking trail...the trail starts right at the Visitors Center and is a 1.2 mile long trail. The trail takes you through a wide range of habitats. Have a camera ready to snap photos of all sorts of different creatures. Ask at the Visitors Center about family friendly areas that are welcome to stopping and having a picnic.

Or ask about the “Marshland Wildlife Drive” a 1 hour drive/ 7 miles long. Observation decks are scattered throughout the route and offer stopping points to take photos and explore the natural habitat surrounding the area.



**1:00 p.m.** – Drive 45 minutes to **Grand Marais** and have lunch at the **West Bay Diner** or **The Lickity Split**, they serve sandwiches and ice cream treats. If you are looking for a “sports bar atmosphere” and want a good burger, pizza or prime rib, try the **Grand Marais Brewing Company**.

**2:00 p.m.** –The amazing thing about Grand Marais is its many options for how you are feeling for the day. Lie on the beach of Lake Superior; explore the small gift shops of downtown Grand Marais, visit the **Pickle Barrel House Museum**, drive into Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore to see the **Au Sable Light Station**.



**5:00 p.m.** – Travel about 1.2 hours back to Chamberlin’s for the night, just in time for a delicious dinner and relaxation next to their cozy ten-foot stone fireplace.