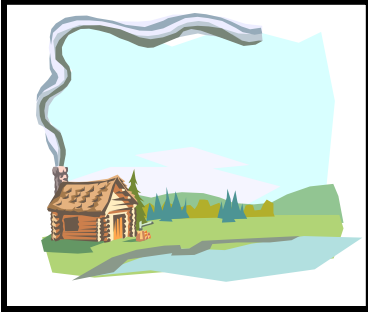


Ely Area Attractions



Ely Chamber of Commerce Log Cabin/Information Center *218-365-6123 or 1-800-777-7281*, 1600 E Sheridan St, www.ely.org or fun@ely.org. Finnish lumberjacks built the Chamber of Commerce log cabin, once located on Basswood Lake in 1938. Using an axe they shaped and fitted the logs. During the winter of 1975-76 the cabin was dismantled log by log, moved over ice and rebuilt at the present location.

Burntside Heritage Tours *218-365-5445* Historical pontoon boat ride on Burntside Lake. Tours are 2 hours long, daily by appointment \$15/person.



Dorothy Molter Museum *218-365-4451*, located east of Ely on Hwy 169. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Sundays Noon – 5:30 p.m. Fee: \$6/adults, \$5/Seniors \$4/children 6-17 years old and children 5 and under are free. Best known as the Root Beer Lady or Nightingale of the Wilderness, Dorothy carved out her legacy in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) located within the Quetico-Superior National Forest. Dorothy lived on the Isle of Pines on Knife Lake for more than 56 years where she paddled, hiked, fished, skied and snowshoed until her death in 1986. She was visited by as many as 7,000 people a year.

Ely-Winton History Museum *218-365-3226* Located on Ely's Vermilion Community College campus, this center shows the local history of logging and mining through artifacts, photographs and displays. Open Memorial Weekend through Labor Day 10 a.m. 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday. Fee: \$3 adults (16 and up), \$1 youth 6-15, and children 5 and under are free.

International Wolf Center 1396 Hwy 169, Ely, MN, *800-Ely-Wolf (359-9653)*. An informative series of exhibits chronicles the history of the wolf as it evolved in nature as well as its role in the many cultures familiar with this sometimes idolized, often demonized animal. There is a nature and wolf-themed gift shop. For hours and fees visit www.wolves.org

North American Bear Center 1926 Highway 169 Ely, Minnesota 55731 www.bear.org. A stunning bear center where you can learn about the bear from bears themselves. For hours and fees visit www.bear.org

Kawishiwi Wilderness Station, Superior National Forest *218-365-7600 or 218-365-7561*. Information about attractions on the Superior National Forest in the Ely area is available at the Kawishiwi Wilderness Station located across the street from the International Wolf Center on Hwy 169 just east of Ely. The station is open from May 1 to September 30, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. District office open year-round from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. BWCA Wilderness permits issued for hiking, biking, backpacking and canoeing.

Pillow Rock (Greenstone) From the Chamber turn left on 169, go 4 blocks and follow the historical marker sign across from the IGA Store. Pillow rock is an ellipsoidal greenstone outcrop of an age estimated at 2.7 billion years. The pillowed structure is characteristics of lava that solidified under water. Please note there is also a sculpture in Whiteside Park.

Sisu Heritage Homestead Tours *218-984-2106* located 30 miles southwest of Ely – near Embarrass – you can see actual pioneer homesteads, saunas, a rare housebarn and more representing the Finnish heritage of the entire community. Several of these buildings are on the National Register of Historic Places. Open daily May 23 – September 15, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Begin from the Visitor Center located at the intersection of Highway 135 and County Road 21. There is also a Sisu Tori gift shop.

Tower-Soudan Mine Tours Tower Soudan State Park, 1379 Stuntz Bay Rd, Hwy 169, Soudan, MN, *218-753-2245*. Visitors wear hardhats, take a caged elevator ½ mile underground and into the heart of the mine. An electric train ride brings visitors to the last and deepest area mined, unchanged from when the mine closed in 1963. The mine was in production from 1884-1963. Interpretive center with mining displays on surface. Memorial Day-Labor Day 10 a.m.-4 p.m., tours leave every half-hour. Adults (13 and older) \$10, Youth (5-12) \$6, Children under 5 No Charge.