



EDGE OF THE WILDERNESS NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

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The Edge of the Wilderness National Scenic Byway is a 47 mile winding drive from Grand Rapids, Minnesota north to Effie, Minnesota on Highway 38. The Byway is an **interesting and interactive attraction** that offers visitors **recreational, historical, cultural, scenic, and natural opportunities** in a **gorgeous north woods setting** of rolling hills, clear lakes, lush evergreens, and a variety of hardwoods.

Around every corner, at the bottom of every hill, with the change of every season visitors to the Edge of the Wilderness Scenic Byway will discover a vast array of **pleasurable activities that may range from relaxation to adventure.**

One of the more relaxing and visually appealing times to visit the Byway is during autumn. "As seasons change, the Byway changes to fit the beauty of each season of the year." said Lonnie Kacon of Bigfork (Bigfork is one of four towns located along the



Byway, others are: Grand Rapids, Marcell, and Effie). When looking for a fall-color drive, the Byway should be the top choice on your list. During the fall, **the Byway dazzles travelers with an array of beautiful, radiant fall leaf colors. The Byway is recognized as one of the best fall color routes in the Nation.**

This breathtaking route, rich with chances to explore and learn, has **14 interpretive sites** located along its winding path that give visitors insight to the rich culture and history of the area,

**Scenic Beauty • 14 Discovery Sites
Lakes • Water Sports
Biking • Hiking • Birding • Camping
Cross-Country Skiing • Snowmobiling
History • Fishing • Hunting
Shopping • Dining AND MORE!**

interpretation of a landmark or unique natural area, or information on one of the many recreational opportunities along the way. A **Discovery Guide Tour**



Brochure is available to guide visitors on their Scenic Byway journey.

Nearly half of the Edge of the Wilderness Scenic Byway area winds through the magnificent **Chippewa National Forest**. The Forest boundary encompasses about 1.6 million acres, with over 1300 lakes, 923 miles of rivers and streams, and 400,000 acres of wetlands. Aspen, birch, pines, balsam fir, maples, and other trees blanket the rolling uplands. Throughout the Forest, pristine lakes are abundant. These unique qualities offer visitors an abundance of interpretive and recreational opportunities all year long.



The route was awarded the prestigious status of National Scenic Byway in 1996, it was one of the first twenty National Scenic Byways designated in the U.S. The

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qualities of this outstanding route make it a **"must see" destination** when traveling in Northern Minnesota.

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The Discovery Guide brochure and other Byway information may be obtained by calling the Marcell Ranger Station: **218.832.3161**