Enjoy a Day Trip to

Duluth.

Pictured here is the famous Lift Bridge located at the entrance to Duluth Harbor. With luck you'll be able to watch a thousand-foot ocean-going vessel entering or leaving the harbor.

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Getting There

The shortest and more scenic route to Duluth is via Wisconsin Highway 35. From Woodland Trails to the Canal Park Shopping Area on the Duluth Waterfront::

- From our driveway, go back to the stop sign at Highway 48. Turn left and cross the St. Croix River into Wisconsin where the road becomes Wisconsin Hwy 77.
- At the stop sign in Danbury, turn left on to Wisconsin Highway 35. Follow this for 57 miles into and through Superior.
- Follow signs to U.S. Hwy 53 N which takes you on to the High Bridge over the Harbor to Duluth.
- Merge on to I-35 North.
- For Waterfront shopping & sightseeing, take Exit 256B toward Lake Avenue.
- Go right on either Canal Park Drive or Harbor Drive, both of which lead you into the Canal Park Shopping Area.

Waterfront Shopping & Sightseeing

Enjoy the shops in the **Duluth waterfront area**. One of the many choices for lunch is Grandma's Saloon located near the lift bridge. (Grandma's, owned by the Palucci family, is the title sponsor of the marathon held in Duluth each spring.)

For mall shopping, go to **Miller Hill Mall** area located on Highway 53 north.

The William A. Irvin Ore Boat Museum.

In her working life the William A Irvin carried more than just millions of tons of rich, red iron ore; she transported dignitaries, the elite and the powerful of the day in her magnificently appointed, wood-paneled staterooms. Her guests dined at the finest table and she was the flagship of the USS Great Lakes Fleet. Now a floating museum, the boat is permanently docked along the Duluth waterfront. Open for guided tours from May-October.

Vista Fleet Sightseeing Cruises

Narrated sightseeing cruises are scheduled daily from May to October. During the cruise, you proceed under the famous Aerial Lift Bridge into Lake Superior. Then tour the harbor for a close view of busy grain elevators, lake freighters and saltwater ships from around the world. For cruise times and rates, check www.VistaFlleed.com or call (218) 722-6218

The Great Lakes Aquarium is *NOT* recommended. Guests who have gone here said admission fee is high for what is found inside.

Lunch or Dinner

Guests have commented on **Bellisio's Italian Restaurant & Wine Bar**. It is part of the Grandma's Restaurant chain and located in the waterfront area at 405 Lake Avenue. It is open for lunch and dinner. For reservations call 218-727-4921

Other Sightseeing

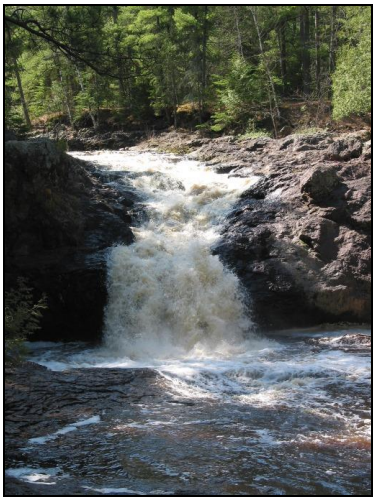
Glensheen, The Historic Condon Estate.
Owned by the University of Minnesota, this 39-room Jacobean Revival mansion that is Minnesota's premier historic house museum. The interiors of the mansion have endured, boasting nearly all of the same furnishings and décor that graced the rooms when estate was completed in 1908. Here, visitors are given a fascinating look at life in an affluent family home from the turn of the last century.
Tour rates are $15 each for the standard tour and $26 each for an expanded tour.
Winter Hours: Saturday & Sunday, 9am – 3pm.
Summer Hours: Daily from 9am – 4pm.

Guests have enjoyed the **Duluth Zoo** (actually Lake Superior Zoo – Duluth). The zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the summer and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in winter. Admission is $9.
Directions from the Duluth Waterfront Area: I-35 south to Grand Ave., Hwy. 23 Exit (left hand exit) to 72nd Ave. W. Zoo Entrance.

For the young, or young at heart, who are willing to walk up six flights, **Enger Tower** offers a panoramic views of the Duluth Harbor. In summer, the area also has beautiful gardens maintained by the Duluth Park Department.

From Hwy 53 north, follow signs to Enger Golf Course. Follow Skyline Parkway past the Golf Course to Hank Jensen Dr. where you go left 1/4th mile to Enger Tower.

A portion of the view from Enger Tower



The upper falls at Amnicon Falls State Park.

For beautiful waterfalls, there are two choices. One is Minnesota's **Gooseberry Falls State Park** located about 35 minutes north of Duluth on Highway 61. I-35 north becomes MN Hwy 61. Follow this past Two Harbors and then follow signs to the park. A Minnesota State Park sticker is required.

The second choice is closer: Wisconsin's **Amnicon Falls State Park** is located just off U.S. Highway 2, about 7 miles east of the Superior city limits.

- From the Canal Park Waterfront Area, take I-35 south.
- Merge on to U.S. Highway 53 south which takes you over the High Bridge into Superior.
- Take U.S. Highway 2/53 east. When U.S. Highway 53 splits off to the right continue on U.S. Hwy 2 for a short distance and watch for signs to Amnicon Falls State Park.

Lunch idea: Pick up lunch from a fast food restaurant or deli in Duluth and take it with you to Amnicon Park where there are picnic tables overlooking the falls. Park admission is $5 for a one-hour pass or $10 for a day pass.