

# BAYFIELD

*and the apostle islands*

where the water  
meets the soul.

## Overview

With a population of 611 Bayfield takes pride in its quaint, harbor-town atmosphere and offers an escape from the frantic pace of everyday life. Bayfield is proud to offer a relaxing retreat at the edge of nature's unspoiled beauty.

Winter in Bayfield offers the finest in cross country and downhill skiing, snow shoeing, dog sled adventures, and hikes out to the ice caves. For a once in a lifetime experience, hop aboard the windsled, an amphibious winter transport, for a lightning quick trip across frozen Lake Superior to Madeline Island for some winter fun. Or take your car on the ice road just to say you have done it!

You'll find unique, one-of-a-kind shops and boutiques where your shopping has never been better - outfitter wear and supplies, funky fashion statements, fudge and pies made before your eyes, Scandinavian gifts, children's gifts, a great selection of used books, home décor or whitefish and trout fresh from Lake Superior.

Bayfield's restaurants and eateries have been included on the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel's ten best list, written up in the New York Times as well as *Bon Appétit* and featured in *Gourmet* magazine. Cuisine ranges from home cooking to gourmet, and area chefs take inspiration from Bayfield's harvest of berries, fish and apples, adding to traditional chowders, blueberry pancakes, fresh pies and dishes of their own devising, and feature local specialties like sautéed whitefish livers.

With over 700 available guest rooms, visitors to Bayfield have numerous choices. Accommodations range from Victorian homes remodeled as bed and breakfasts to ultra modern architecture, waterfront properties, secluded woodland hide-a-ways, and in town hotels and motels. A community recreation center offers a full size swimming pool, hot tub, fitness room and racquetball court.

The exquisite beauty of the Bayfield Peninsula proves irresistible in attracting a variety of artists from all disciplines. Bayfield's many art galleries and studios invite visitors to see first hand the quality work created by local painters, potters, woodworkers, weavers and metalsmiths. Noted as one of the best 100 artist towns in the U.S., the numerous studios and galleries have something for everyone's taste.

Year round events make for a great time in Bayfield in any season. From the Apostle Islands Sled Dog Race held in February to the Apple Festival in October, Bayfield is host to an assortment of not-to-be-missed special events.