Waters of the Dancing Sky Scenic Byway

WELCOMES
MOTORCYCLISTS!

Kittson County
P.O. Box 299
Karlstad, MN 56732
218-436-2178
visitnwminnesota.com

Roseau Tourism
P.O. Box 307
Roseau, MN 56751
800-815-1824
city.roseau.mn.us

Lake of the Woods/Baudette
P.O. Box 518
Baudette, MN 56623
1-800-382-FISH (3474)
lakeofthewoodsmn.com

Warroad
P.O. Box 551
Warroad, MN 56763
800-328-4455
warroad.org

International Falls
301 2nd Avenue
International Falls, MN 56649
1-800-FALLS-MN (325-5766)
rainylake.org

Lodging and Services readily available along Waters of the Dancing Sky Scenic Byway

Ride the Beautiful Waters of the Dancing Sky SCENIC BYWAY
Kittson County
Kittson County has thousands of acres of State WMA and Nature Conservancy land for hunting, hiking, camping, bird watching, elk watching, fishing, and other outdoor experiences. Be sure and stop at Lake Bronson State Park. There is camping, birding, trails to walk on and look at the lake, boats to rent.

Twenty-two miles north and west on Highway 175 head on over to Hallock to eat at the Caribou Grill. There are motels in Karlstad and Hallock.

Roseau
When in the Roseau area, be sure to visit Roseau City Park and the Polaris Experience Center. Roseau is in a unique transitional area, so there are lots of wildlife watching opportunities here, especially if you take the short trip to Hayes Lake State Park. This portion of the Waters of the Dancing Sky Scenic byway is also part of the Pine to Prairie Birding Trail. Shops, restaurants and gas stations are readily available in the city, and it will be worth your while to explore some of the county roads through rolling farmlands.

If you are a motor buff, you probably know that the snowmobile was largely developed in Roseau. Polaris not only continues to manufacture top quality sleds, but also produces Victory Motorcycles and has now started producing more ATV’s annually than snowmobiles. Take in a Plant tour; you’ll enjoy it.

Baudette
Baudette is where the Rainy River flows into Lake of the Woods, a sprawling lake that includes the northwest angle – a portion of the United States that you drive through Canada to visit. While in the area, explore some of the paved roads heading north along the river toward Wheeler’s Point and the big lake. Zippel Bay State Park is just a short jaunt away. Be sure to take a break in nearby Clementson, where the Rapid River flows into the Rainy, you’ll find a wayside rest with great views of the rapids.

Tourist information is available at the Chamber of Commerce/Tourism offices on the north side of the byway as you are leaving Baudette heading west.

Warroad
The fur trade led to the development of Warroad on the shores of Lake of the Woods. While here, you have to stop at “The Shed” where a collection of 70 classic and muscle cars are housed. Check with the Warroad area Chamber of Commerce and ask about the Ka-Back-e-Nung trail, a short walking tour that takes in spectacular scenery and historic sites. The Canadian National Railway Depot is a state historical site, and has been restored and returned to use as city offices.

It’s worth a stop. There’s also a heritage center filled with interesting displays and information. Warroad is a mecca for true hockey fans, as it not only produces state championship high school hockey teams, but is home to Christian Brothers Hockey Sticks.

International Falls
The Waters of the Dancing Sky Scenic Byway begins at Sha Sha point on Rainy Lake and heads west, where you will find the Visitor Center for Voyageurs National Park. The International Falls area offers public picnic grounds, restaurants, gas stations and lodging. Visit Smokey Bear Park, where you’ll find the Koochiching and Bronko Nagurski Museums, or tour Boise Cascade’s paper mill, home to one of the largest and fastest paper making machines in the world.

As you head west along the scenic Rainy River, stop for the scenic overlooks at Manitou Rapids, and keep an eye out for Basshenge, a quirky piece of roadside art just east of Birchdale mile markers. Hiking trails at Franz Jevne State Park offer views of the Long Sault Rapids and there are overlooks where the road crosses the Rapid River as it tumbles down a short rapids into the Rainy. There are plenty of small wayside rests and parks all along the byway.