

**BY AUTO -** From the Chicago area, take I-90 to the Portage Exit on Highway 78. This highway will merge with Highway 51, which can be followed north through Tomahawk. Turn west on Highway 8 north of Tomahawk and then north again on Highway 13. When you arrive in Fifield, turn west on Highway 70, proceed about ten miles and turn south on Boyd's Road. Continue for two miles and you're home. We are about 380 miles from Chicago.

**BY PLANE** - For those flying commercially, Northwest Airlink and United Express fly into Rhinelander, 83 miles from Boyd's. A car can be rented from there. Both Park Falls and Phillips also have small airports for private aircraft.



## **BOYD'S MASON LAKE RESORT, INC.**

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ONE OF THE NORTHWOOD'S FINEST AMERICAN PLAN FAMILY RESORTS FOR OVER 100 YEARS

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Founded in 1893, Boyd's Mason Lake Resort is one of the oldest and historically unique resorts in Wisconsin. The Boyd family came to northern Wisconsin from Canada, primarily interested in harvesting the vast tracts of timber that were then in this area. However, as people from the metropolitan areas showed interest in spending their summers in the north, the Boyd's saw the possibility of running a summer resort as well as a logging operation.

Using his own sawmills, Hugh Boyd and his woods crews built all the cabins from the native hemlock trees. His building program lasted about 32 years (from 1895 to 1926) and resulted in the Main Lodge, barn, shop, approximately 31 cabins and many various out-buildings being built. Hugh died in 1932, leaving the resort to his two sons, John and Jim. Jim passed away in 1957 and John died in 1966. Having no family other than a step-son living in Washington state, who had no interest in owning a northern Wisconsin resort, there was no one to leave the business to, and the future of Boyd's Resort was in question for a short time.

The Simon family had moved within the resort property from California several years earlier and came forward and bought the resort from John Boyd's estate. Mr. Simon's parents had known Hugh Boyd and his family since the early 1900's, and in those early years had purchased two of the original cabins Hugh had built. Beginning as a youngster, Mr. Simon worked off and on for the Boyd's up until World War II, and his mother was the bookkeeper during the 1920's. The first season for the Simon's was 1967, and it was quite a change going from retired orange ranchers to the owners of a sprawling, somewhat tattered summer resort. Richard Simon, Sr. passed away in 1998 and his wife, Kathryn, passed away in 2006. The resort was left to their children, Richard Simon, Jr. and Christine Simon. Almost 4 decades later, Boyd's Mason Lake Resort is still going strong, and I think old Hugh Boyd, John and Jim would approve. Christine's two sons, Ryan Stroud (Shayne) and Tyler Stroud (Laura), will be the next upcoming generation to continue the long standing, well-established tradition for many years to come.

DICK SIMON AND





TYLER AND LAURA STROUD RYAN, SHAYNE, KERRIS AND TILLMAN STROUD





The Boyd's Dogs - Your pets are always welcome!

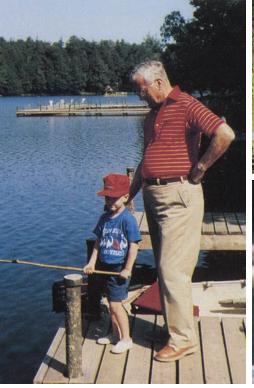




Boyd's offers other activities as well as fishing. There are literally miles of mapped and maintained trails within our 2600 acres of woodland for hiking, bicycling, and dog walking – your pets are always welcomed at Boyd's. There are weekly softball games and volleyball games anytime. In addition, we offer mountain bikes, canoes, kayaks, two pontoon boats, two paddle boards, a paddle boat, and several types of fishing boats. We have our older, 16' fiberglass Fisher boats powered by new 8HP Yamaha outboards, and 14' Smokercraft and Alumacraft boats, which are carpeted with flat floors and livewells, and powered by 9.9HP Yamaha and Mercury four-stroke outboards. For those guests interested in a river trip, we can arrange canoe trips on either the north fork or south fork of the Flambeau River.

One of the main ingredients that makes Boyd's such a special place is the native residents that call the woods, fields, lakes, and treetops their homes. As mentioned before, there are usually a number of white tailed deer wandering the grounds, which they share with a variety of squirrels and chipmunks. It is also quite common to see a family of loons on either Long or Little Bass Lakes, multiple families of geese on Little Bass and Dog Lakes, blue herons along the shorelines, raccoons poking around the docks at night, eagles flying low over the lakes in hope of seizing a fish dinner, shy black bears enjoying the deeper woods, otters making their circuit of our lakes, and maybe even an occasional fox, coyote, or timber wolf.

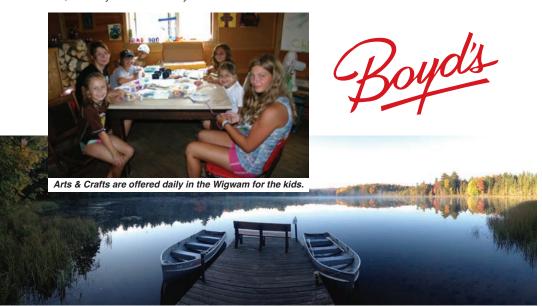








All four of our primary lakes were surveyed in 1990 and 1991 by Jeff Roth of Aqua Tech USA, and are now specifically managed for various species of game fish. Long Lake is managed for muskies and walleyes, Little Bass Lake is managed for walleyes, Dog Lake for largemouth bass and bluegills, and Dave Lake is managed as a two-story fishery – the top, or warm water story is devoted to crappies, and the bottom, or cold water story, is managed for rainbow and brown trout, which we introduced in 2000 with supplemental stockings annually since then. We do supplement our game fish populations at various times, depending on Jeff's recommendations. Just as importantly, we supplement the forage bases in all four lakes every other year or so with hundreds of thousands of fathead minnows, and we put thousands of suckers about 8-10" long into Long and Little Bass to keep the muskies happy. In 1996, we installed a destratification system in Little Bass Lake which supplies dissolved oxygen through the entire water column. Dissolved oxygen in sufficient quantity to support fish life was present only in the top ten to twelve feet, so the system theoretically allows the fish to use the entire lake.







From outward appearances, little has changed through the years. Boyd's is still secluded and removed from the "outside" world, being located fifteen miles from the nearest town and at the end of our own private drive. This family oriented resort now covers over 2600 private acres, with five spring fed lakes. For the serious and novice fisher person alike, there are muskies, walleyed pike, both largemouth and smallmouth bass, and a variety of panfish. Although the fishing is not as good as it was in the turn of the century, our various fisheries management programs are helping. Please see the middle section of this brochure for a further description of these programs.

Although the rustic outward appearance of Boyd's has been maintained, our commitment to continually upgrade and maintain our facility has changed much within. All nineteen cabins have been completely remodeled, new boat docks have been built, a recreation building and swimming beach have been maintained and innumerable other attractions, conveniences, and activities added. It is our sincere commitment to provide our guests with comfortable, fully modern accommodations in a truly secluded northwoods environment. We believe we were fortunate enough to inherit, and hopefully wise enough to maintain, an exceptionally beautiful area of northern Wisconsin, and we would like to share this with you.

(All pictures in this booklet were taken at Boyd's)









AMERICAN PLAN means no menu planning, no cooking, and no dishwashing. Just sit back, relax, and enjoy the three, all-you-can-eat meals that are served to you family-style each day. Our pastry cook is always happy to bake something to make your special occasions even more memorable, and at your request our cook will be glad to prepare your fresh-caught fish for your eating enjoyment.









There are usually deer to be seen around the cabins and in the woods and fields. We have carried on a winter feeding program for over thirty years, and it has now evolved into the planting of food plots for the deer. We are now "farming" our old fields and airstrip, and have about 40 acres planted in biologic, corn, sunflowers, turnips, beets, and rutabagas – a very nutritious food source.

One activity that almost everyone takes advantage of is fishing, and we are committed to providing our guests with the opportunity to enjoy quality fishing for a variety of species. Live bait, tackle, guide service, fish cleaning house, and wrapping and freezing facilities are all available.







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Our two largest cabins can easily accommodate groups of twelve or more. Both uniquely blend the "rusticness" of the old original log cabins with the modern conveniences so necessary for a comfortable vacation. Each has an "annex" (a smaller building immediately adjacent to the main cabin) which increases the accommodations and makes an ideal situation for large groups of fisherman, several families, ad family reunions.



BOYD'S is an American Plan resort, and American Plan means service. Three all-you-caneat meals are served family-style each day in our dining room, and we provide all housekeeping services on a daily basis. The dining room is in the Main Lodge and adjoins a spacious lobby with fireplace.

For the kids, there is a playground just outside the lodge offering two swing sets, slide, merry-goround, jungle gym, giant sand box, and volleyball/badminton net. The Wigwam, our recreation building, is also located on the playground. It offers a pool table, several video games, foosball game, candy counter, and is the focal point of our supervised arts and crafts projects for the younger set. With advance notice, we can usually arrange sitters to give the parents a break.





**TERRY** has four bedrooms: a master bedroom with two double beds and full bath, another with two twins, and two bedrooms upstairs each with one double bed. The large living room sports a huge fireplace, there is a card room with wet bar, the bedrooms and baths are fully paneled, and there is furnace heat. The annex has four twin beds, full bath, furnace heat, and is fully paneled. In addition to being secluded on a beautiful hemlock point, Terry has its own sand swimming beach as well.







GOSS offers four bedrooms. The master bedroom has two double beds and its own full bath. Two bedrooms have twin beds in each, and the upstairs loft has two doubles. There is also a large living room with huge fireplace and wet bar, a second full bathroom, and electric heat. There is also an annex which has three bedrooms, two with twins and one with two double beds, one and one-half baths, living room/porch with wet bar, furnace heat and full paneling. Goss is located on the opposite end of the lake from Terry in its own little bay and has a private dock. Being the last cabin we have on the north end of the lake, it enjoys a secluded setting under the hemlocks.

Four large cabins which compare favorably with most summer homes. All have large fireplaces, refrigerators, wet bars, furnace heat, and are located on the lake with their own private docks.

The five cabins featured on this page have all been remodeled and are located in the Main Lodge area. Two of these are intermediate sized and three are small, and have refrigerators and screened porches, except Willow, which has a sliding glass door walkout onto an open deck.



**PATTERSON** 



SIMON





HILLSIDE



**MIDDENDORF** 

PATTERSON offers four bedrooms, one with two double beds, one with two twins, and two with a double bed in each, two full baths, and is paneled in cedar, ash, and pine. It is the farthest home we rent; being located toward the south end of Long Lake, practically a mile from the lodge.

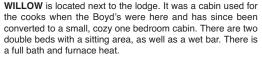
SIMON has three bedrooms upstairs, one with a queen bed and two with double beds. There is also a large living room with a fireplace and a beautiful screened porch overlooking Long Lake. The basement has two double beds, one single bed, a full bath, a sitting aerea with a fireplace, and a wetbar.

MIDDENDORF has three bedrooms, one with two double beds, one with two twin beds, and the third has a double bed. There is a large living room, two full baths, screened porch, and the cabin is fully paneled in ash.

OTTIE has four bedrooms, two with two double beds and two with two twin beds, a large living room with spiral stairway to the upstairs, two and one-half baths, a glassed-in porch facing the lake, and a sand swimming beach.

FARGO was purchased in January of 1994 and remodeled that winter. The lower level has a living room with fireplace, card room, full bathroom, a bedroom with two single beds, and is fully paneled and carpeted. A second living room with fireplace is on the upper level along with two bedrooms each with a double and single bed, and another full bathroom.





HILLSIDE has been remodeled and offers two bedrooms with two double beds in each, two full bathrooms, a small wet bar, hemlock paneling throughout, Franklin fireplace, and furnace

GIRLS is right on the lake, has its own dock, and is located next to the swimming beach. It has two bedrooms, one with a double bed and the other with two twin beds, bathroom with tub/shower module, living room with wet bar and fireplace, and furnace heat. The cabin is fully paneled from floor to ceiling and carpeted from wall to wall.

CORNER is located adjacent to Girls and is identical to it except it does not have a fireplace.

LOONS NEST has been remodeled and is similar to Hillside, having two large bedrooms with two double beds in each, living room with fireplace and wet bar, two full baths, furnace heat and fully paneled in balsam, ash, and butternut.



**GIRLS** 







OTTIE **FARGO** LOONS NEST **CORNER** 

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Four of these small cabins have two bedrooms with a double bed in each room. Little Grey is the exception, with one bedroom with two twins. All are paneled, gas heated, have refrigerators, screened porches, and are close to the lodge.

Five completely remodeled, intermediately sized cabins. All have screened porches, refrigerators, wet bars, and are secluded along the lake shore with private docks.











**HENIDA** 

**FERNDALE** 

WICKER



LAKEVIEW

**HENIDA** has a beautifully glassed-in porch, a large living room with a fireplace, one bedroom with two twin beds and one with a double bed, a full bath, and wetbar.

**FERNDALE** is a bright, sunshiny cabin. Since it is small but set off by itself, honeymooners make it their first consideration. It is located on the lake with its own dock and has a full bath.

**ROADSIDE** is situated next to the office at the head of the stairway leading down to the boathouse and marina area. There is a shower in the bathroom and offers a good view of the lake.

**LAKEVIEW** is located next to Roadside and has two bedrooms each with a double bed, large bathroom with shower/tub module, living room with fireplace and wet bar, and screened porch. It is paneled floor to ceiling and carpeted wall to wall.

LITTLE GREY is the smallest cabin we offer. The one room has two twin beds and a sitting area with Franklin fireplace and wet bar, and is paneled in pine. There is also a full bath and furnace heat.

WICKER has a master bedroom with two double beds, sitting area with fireplace and a second bedroom with two double beds. There is also a living room with fireplace and wet bar, full bathroom, furnace heat, and is fully paneled in pine, hemlock, and ash.

RYAN is the largest in this group, having three bedrooms, the master bedroom with two double beds and its own full bath, another with two doubles and one upstairs with two twins. There is a second full bathroom, large living room with fireplace and wet bar, and electric heat. Hemlock paneling is blended with the original rafter-exposed ceiling.

BROSS offers two bedrooms, a master bedroom with two double beds and full bath downstairs and two doubles and a twin bed upstairs with a second full bathroom. The living room has a Franklin fireplace and wet bar, and furnace heat. Bross enjoys a secluded location on Little Bass Lake.

MOHAWK is the smallest of these four, having two bedrooms each with two twin beds, a full bath, living room with wet bar and wood stove, and furnace heat. Mohawk is located directly on the lakeshore offering a beautiful view of Long



RYAN









LITTLE GREY ROADSIDE BROSS MOHAWK



## Boyds

BOYD'S MASON LAKE RESORT encompasses over 2600 private acres and several private lakes as outlined by the red boundary lines on the adjoining map. Four of these lakes are currently managed as specific fisheries and are discussed below. We rent boats and motors and sell live bait and fishing tackle.

LONG LAKE is a narrow, 250 acre lake with a maximum depth of 50 feet. It has excellent structure including weed beds, rock bars, steep, heavily forested shorelines, and four small islands. Since 1990, Long Lake has been actively managed for walleyes and muskies, and there is an abundance of panfish as well as some largemouth and smallmouth bass.

LITTLE BASS LAKE is a 58 acre, 41 foot deep lake offering heavily forested shorelines like Long Lake and several rock bars and rocky points. It has been managed for walleyes since 1991.

**DOG LAKE** is a 36 acre, 44 foot deep lake located just south of Little Bass Lake, and has a lot of lily pads and a couple of beaver houses. Since 1992, this lake has been managed for largemouth bass and bluegills.

**DAVE LAKE** is south of Dog Lake and is a pretty little 20 acre lake with a depth of 35 feet and steep, hardwood covered shorelines. Dave is managed as a two-story fishery – the top, or warm water story, is managed for the native crappies, wile the bottom, or cold water story, is managed for the rainbow and brown trout we introduced in 2000 and have continued to supplement annually since then.



OUR FISHERIES MANAGER CHECKING ONE OF THE PHYKE NETS IN LONG LAKE.