

LAKES OF THE NORTH ASSOCIATION

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L/N HISTORY AND INFORMATION

Open the door of the historic past to 1840, when the county of Antrim was established. Fifteen square miles of the county was to become Lakes of the North country. But first, the drama of Michigan's exciting timber era played its role when the logging business developed in the mid-1800's and the "Timber Barron" was created. Most notably was David Ward, who worked his way up from a land surveyor to a millionaire timber king. He owned and worked most of what is now Lakes of the North. During the peak of Ward's dynasty the "Resorting" industry appeared creating charming alternatives to the summer heat of Chicago and Detroit, with clean air, a pleasant climate, and fishing and boating on cool, blue lakes.

By 1912, the logging industry ended when great fires swept across much of the northern half of the Lower Peninsula. Gone were the sawmills and huge herds of game, but the people stayed and rebuilt. Extreme care was taken to replenish and protect the natural beauty that is prime recreation area today.

Lakes of the North remained part of the Ward holdings until, in the mid-1960's, the 9,350 acres of land was purchased by American Central Corporation, then developed and subdivided into nineteen recorded plats of 8,028 lots, with approximately 3,000 acres designated as common grounds for the use and enjoyment of its association members. Sales of the nearly 1-acre parcels began in 1968. Development included 9 recreational facilities (a 9-hole golf course and pro shop, riding stables, clubhouse with an indoor swimming pool, 2 beachhouses, a winter sports facility, a campground and an airport). In 1972, Lakes of the North was incorporated to become one of the first Property Owner Associations in Michigan. Through the years all 8,028 lots, covering over 110 miles of roads, were sold and are now owned by approximately 5,000 members.

In the mid-to-late 1980's further development included an additional 9-holes to the golf course, the Settings Restaurant, and the large assembly room and kitchen at the original Clubhouse.

Property development of L/N lots has steadily flourished, with new home construction expected to continue. As of July of 2018, there are approximately 440 residential homes, with a total of over 1,100 homes standing within the Association's boundaries.



ADDITIONAL L/N AMENITY INFORMATION

Airstrip

4Y4 General utility airport Open Year Around	Asphalt runway – 4,217' (Resurfaced in 2012) Tie downs – 9	Radio controlled lighting (5 clicks on – 8 clicks off)
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Campground

160 camp sites 2 modern bathhouses (1 open year around) Dumping station Storage area Trailer spotting	Enclosed pavilion with kitchen, lounging, games, TV, WiFi Electricity Fire pits Grey water crocks Picnic tables	Three playgrounds Putt-putt course Frisbee golf Basketball Baseball diamond
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New Clubhouse (opened 6/23/15)

Indoor pool, large jacuzzi, splash & current pools, shower rooms game room & exercise room	Big screen TV & lounge area 3 add'l TV's, WiFi Tennis courts & playground Shuffleboard & horseshoe courts	<u>Assembly Hall</u> Large assembly room (capacity 180) & commercial kitchen L/N Member rentals available
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Golf Course

18 holes (open to the public) 7,000 yards, par 72 Pro Shop Clubs available	Driving range Putting green Cart & club rentals Lessons available	Memberships Group outings
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Harold Lake

Beachhouse with concessions, games, bathrooms & changing area Canoe & rowboat use. Kayak, paddle boat & board rentals	Dock Covered pavilion Picnic tables Barbeque pit and grills Playground	Basketball court Volleyball net
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Pencil Lake

Beachhouse with bathrooms & changing area	Canoe & rowboat use Dock	Picnic tables Playground
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Riding Stables

Trail rides Petting farm Hourly rates	<u>Settings Restaurant</u> Open year around Casual setting WiFi Daily specials	Appetizers, sandwiches, soups & salads. Breakfast, lunch & dinner menus
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Winter Sports Area

Cross-country ski trail and rentals Ice skating rink and rentals Ping-pong table	Television Concessions
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