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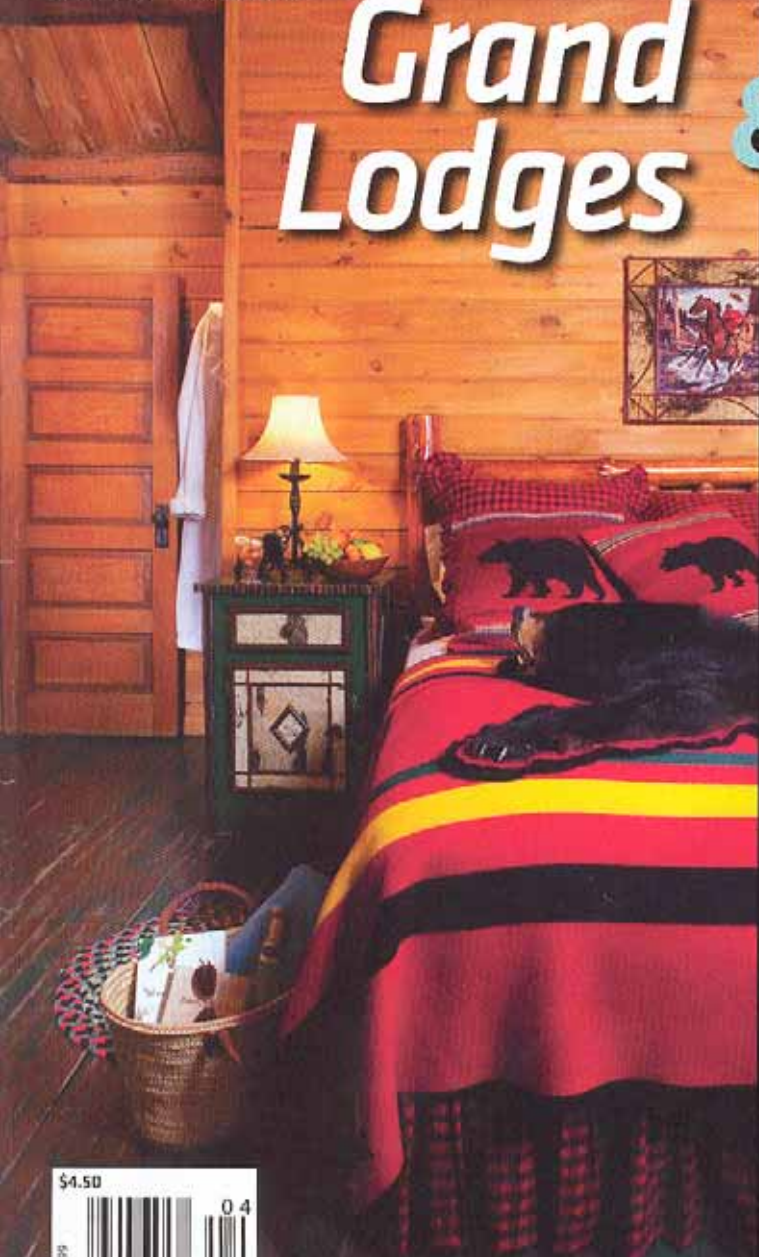
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Ludlow's Island Resort

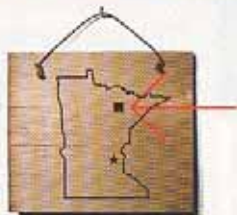
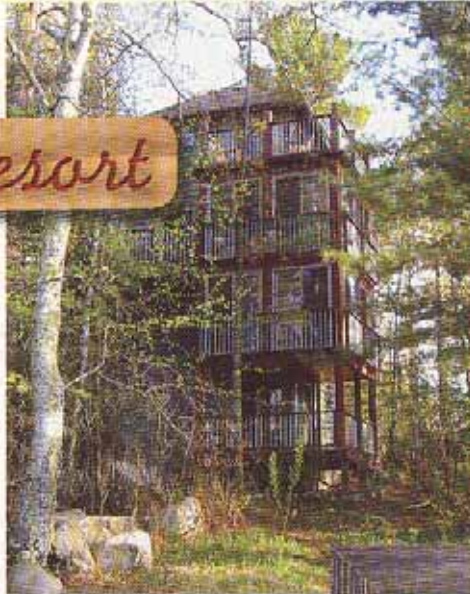
Built: 1939-present

Best For: Imagining you're farther away than you really are.

Backstory: Hod and Lil Ludlow built the first cabin on their Lake Vermilion island in 1933, when Hod was organizing and leading Boy Scout trips near Ely. In 1936 an acquaintance asked if he could rent the cabin for employees and customers. The Ludlow family moved to a tent at the other end of the island and Ludlow's Island Resort was born. Of the resort's many cabins, the most breathtaking is a four-story one with ample windows, designed by an architecture class from the University of Minnesota.

The Vibe: Water world. Only four of the 21 cabins are accessible by car. The rest lie on Ludlow's Island or the unroaded north shore. Built over seven decades, they have a range of period ambiance. As you arrive, pick up the receiver of an antique phone, ring the lodge, and wait for the lapstrake-hulled motorboat to haul you to your lodgings. The cabins have fireplaces, a view of the lake, and access to Internet. Mainland cabins have TVs, but only two island cabins do. The lake, with numerous bays and 365 islands, is ripe to explore. Rent a boat to fish for some of the biggest muskellunge in the state. Take a turn at the oars of a 1890s rowboat or paddle a wood-and-canvas canoe.

Overnight: \$225-\$700 (cabin), season runs May 8-October 11



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ISLAND RESORT**
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