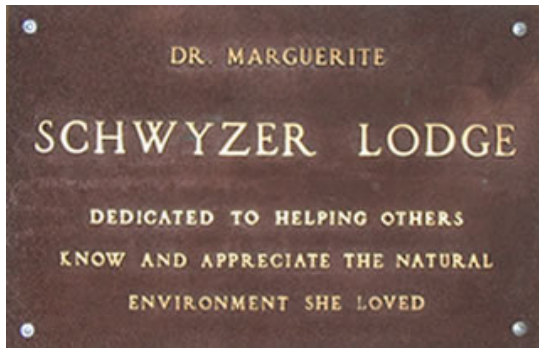


A Bit of Schwyzer & Audubon Center History

The Audubon Center was created from a bequest of land and buildings from Dr. Marguerite Schwyzer, a doctor from St. Paul, MN. The Schwyzer Lodge is the original summer residence of the Arnold Schwyzer family. The land was originally purchased by Dr. Arnold Schwyzer of St. Paul in 1898, four years after the Hinckley Fire devastated Pine County, and was turned into a farm. Although the lodge wasn't used as their primary home, they spent most summers up on the lake relaxing and entertaining friends and medical colleagues from "the city". The farm was run year around by many hard working locals, some who still live near Grindstone Lake.



In 1943 Dr. Arnold Schwyzer died. The property was passed through the hands of the three Schwyzer children, ending up with Dr. Marguerite Schwyzer. When she passed away, she donated "the farm" to the National Audubon Society. The land was later transferred to the Audubon Center of the North Woods, a separate non-profit organization, to be used as an education center and a place where people could come to learn about, and appreciate nature.



**Audubon Center
of the North Woods**

Historic Schwyzer Lodge

Vacation Rentals
2010-2011



Historic Schwyzer Lodge on Grindstone Lake

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Come Relax by the Lake

The Location

The Audubon Center is conveniently located where the North Woods begins, in east-central Minnesota, less than two hours from the Twin Cities, Duluth and St. Cloud.

Situated on the shores of beautiful and mysterious Grindstone Lake, and surrounded by a 530 acre wildlife sanctuary, the historic Schwyzer Lodge is



Sunset over Grindstone Lake

the perfect choice for your relaxing get-away with family or friends.

Come in the summer to take a dip in the cool waters of Grindstone Lake and listen to loons from

the screened-in porch. If winter is more your style, cozy up by the fireplace after a day of cross-country skiing or snowshoeing. Come enjoy the spectacular autumn colors and aromas or witness the landscape coming to life before your eyes in the spring.

For any season and any reason, the Schwyzer lodge is the perfect place for your North Woods getaway.



Lakeside view of Schwyzer Lodge & porch

Highlights & Amenities

- Quiet & secluded, yet convenient, location
- Fireplace
- Complete living room, bedroom, kitchen, bath, and dining facilities
- Sleeps up to 14 individuals (four bedrooms)



Schwyzers cozy fireplace



Gather in the living room, complete with library and fireplace

- ♦ Located within a 530 acre wildlife sanctuary. Close to Banning, Moose Lake and St. Croix State Parks
- ♦ Enjoy access to 13 miles of hiking and cross-country ski trails through various landscapes such as restored prairies and wetlands, coniferous, and hardwood forests.

- Large screened-in porch overlooking 100+ year old white pines and the clear, cold waters of beautiful Grindstone Lake

- Take a peek at the Center's Education Raptors (bald eagle, red-tailed hawks, kestrel, barred and great horned owls). They reside outside of our wildlife barn and can be viewed and enjoyed at your leisure.



Everyone's favorite: the Schwyzer porch

Rates & Contacts



Late summer view of Grindstone Lake

*Rates are based on 4 person occupancy

Based rate = \$225/night for the first 4 people

- ♦ Additional occupancy: \$15/person/night, \$5 for children 5-12, children under 5 are free.
- ♦ Minimum weekend rental is two (2) nights
- ♦ Fishing and swimming allowed at own risk
- ♦ Sorry, no pets
- ♦ There is a \$5/person charge for linen package (sheets, blanket, pillow and towels) or you may prefer to bring your own sleeping bag/linens, pillow and towels.
- ♦ Kitchen is well-stocked with dishes, pots and pans, living room has TV/DVD player.
- ♦ We will not provide meals, but if we have program groups, we can make meal service available at an additional cost (please inquire).
- ♦ Credit card confirmation or \$100 deposit via check is required to hold your reservation.

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