

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Sherwood Forest Lodge Complex

and/or common

2. Location SE of Pine River on SR 77

County State Aid Highway 77 at Lake Margaret
street & number and Gull Lake not for publication

city, town Pine River mic. Lake Shore vicinity of congressional district 7th

state Minnesota code 22 county Cass code 021

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: resort
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation

4. Owner of Property

name Janet and Gary Thompson

street & number Route 6, Box 268

city, town Brainerd vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cass County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Walker state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Statewide Survey of Historic
title Resources has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			several cabins moved in (see below)

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Sherwood Forest Lodge complex is located within the lakeshore plat of Tingdale Brothers' Sherwood Forest on Gull Lake, within the municipality of Lake Shore. The lodge property extends from the shore of Gull Lake west to the shore of Lake Margaret, crossing County State Aid Highway 77, which provides access to the lodge. The lodge complex includes the main lodge building and 20 cabins, 10 on each lake shore.

The main lodge building is situated along the west side of and facing CSAH 77. It is a rectangular one story structure on a east-west axis, of peeled log rustic architecture with a gable roof of moderate pitch and over-hanging eaves. Four dormers with large gable roofs are regularly spaced along the south roof slope. Extending along the full south side is a screened-in porch, and to the north is an L-wing of identical construction with an extended shed dormer on both the east and west roof slopes. The main lodge interior is of highly varnished log construction with a massive stone fireplace at the west end of the main hall. The fireplace has steps on either side and walk-through archway in the chimney which penetrates the roof ridge.

The cabins along Lake Margaret, randomly situated on a steep lakeshore slope, are small rectangular wood buildings with simple gable roofs, constructed of tongue-in-groove siding with vertical half-log strips; intact features include stone fireplaces and chimneys and glassless screened window openings with wooden awning shutters. Five cabins were constructed on these sites at about the same time as the main lodge; the remaining five were constructed on the Gull Lake shore and moved to the Lake Margaret shore about 1935. At that time plumbing and a front room were added to each. Many of the early plumbing fixtures remain. At that time the present ten Lake Margaret cabins were constructed in a similar design, using horizontal false half-log siding.

The recent addition of a swimming pool is the only significant change at the lodge complex since 1935. All structures in the complex are in good repair and with the exception of the noted c1935 alterations retain original integrity.

The complex also includes, on the northern edge, four small outbuildings. These include a former cook's quarters, a former housekeeping unit used when the resort was operated only on the American plan, a bunkhouse which was reportedly utilized by the construction workers when the lodge was being built, and a recent (1978) garage. A swimming pool has been added immediately southwest of the lodge.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) recreation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates ca.1929, 1935

Builder/Architect

Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Sherwood Forest Lodge is significant as a totally intact and well-preserved complex of resort structures, including a main lodge and associated cabins. It is representative of the lodge-cabin lake-shore arrangement which, by the time of its construction about 1929, was becoming common throughout the north central Minnesota lake resort region. Both the main lodge and the cabins are also representative of the rustic log architecture and craftsmanship which had become stylish during the first major period of resort lodge construction in the 1920s. The main lodge in particular is a fine example of log and stone construction combined in a rustic, woodsy design created to appeal to vacationers interested in hunting and fishing. In recent decades, the predominant emphasis for many area resorts has switched from the traditional north woods sports of hunting and fishing to other types of popular outdoor recreation; many of the complexes themselves have also undergone significant changes. The high retention of the more primitive and rustic features of both the lodge and the individual cabins make the Sherwood Forest Lodge a significant complex. It continues today in its original function of providing hunting and fishing resort accommodations to a clientele from throughout the mid-West.

9. Major Bibliographical References

"Abstract of Title." Original in possession of owner; copy on file in State Historic Preservation Office, Minnesota Historical Society.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property approx. 9

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Gull Lake

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	5	3	9	5	4	4	0	5	1	4	8	7	4	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

1	5	3	9	5	8	0	0	5	1	4	8	7	2	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

1	5	3	9	5	7	6	0	5	1	4	8	6	5	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

1	5	3	9	5	4	4	0	5	1	4	8	6	6	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

E

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property consists of Lots 16, 17, and 18, Block 23; Lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22, Block 24; and Lots 22 and 23, Block 25, Tingdale Bros.' Sherwood Forest on Gull Lake.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Robert M. Frame III, Architectural Historian/Research Historian-Survey

organization Minnesota Historical Society

date March 1980

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

telephone 612-296-9074

city or town St. Paul

state Minnesota

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date

5/7/80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

W. Ray June
Keeper of the National Register

date

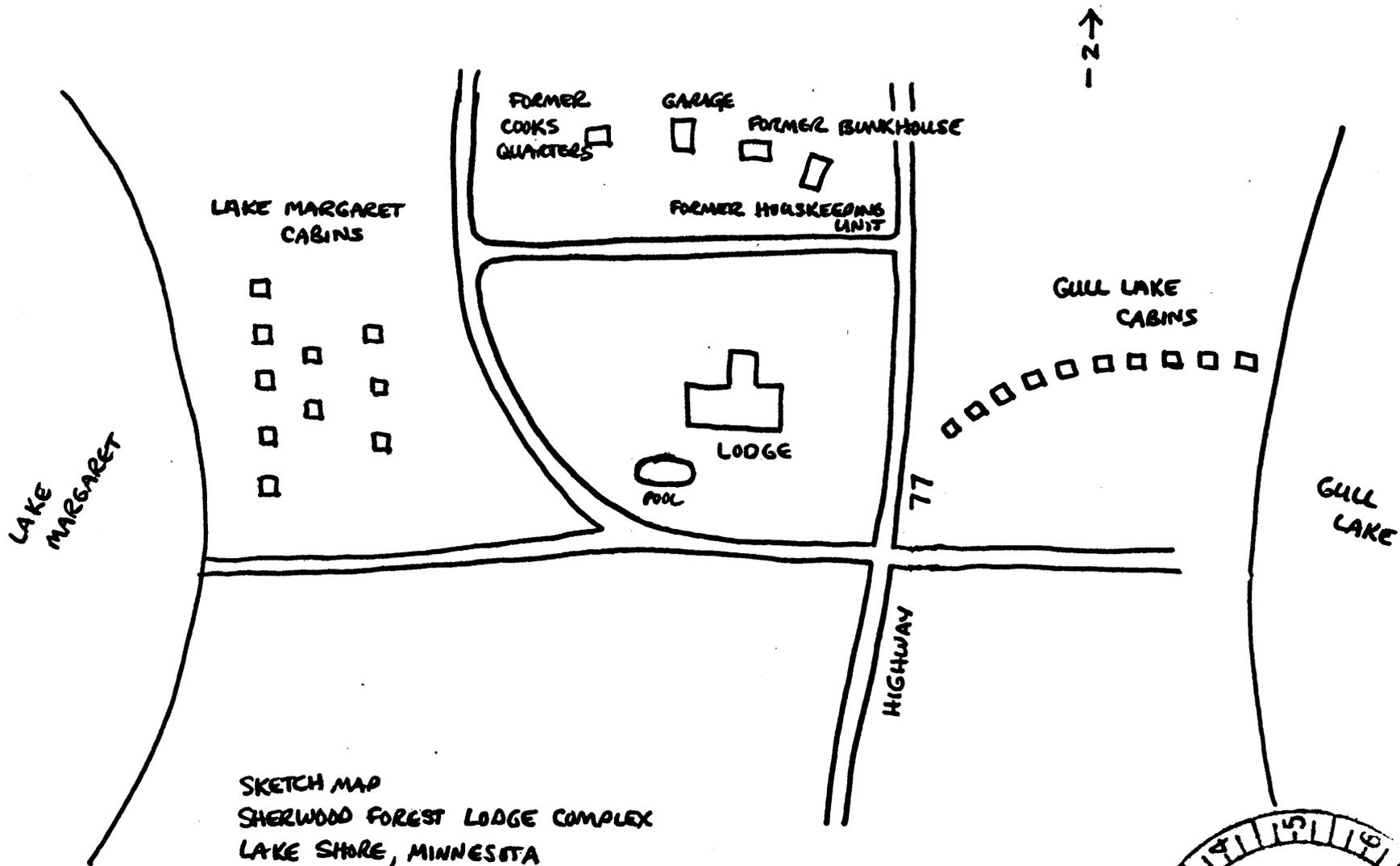
6/16/80

Attest: Kristin O'Connell

date

6/12/80

Chief of Registration



SKETCH MAP
 SHERWOOD FOREST LODGE COMPLEX
 LAKE SHORE, MINNESOTA

NOT TO SCALE; BUILDING OUTLINES
 ARE APPROXIMATE



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lyman
1/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to
Sherwood Forest Lodge Complex in
Cass County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80001992

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Cass

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY: Lake Shore

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS: Co. Hwy. 77

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS: Property is located within the city limits of Lake Shore.

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date