

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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

**1. Name**

historic Grand View Lodge

and/or common

**2. Location** off SR 77

street & number Off State Aid Highway 77 not for publication

city, town Nisswa vicinity of congressional district 7th

state Minnesota code 22 county Crow Wing code 035

**3. Classification**

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

**4. Owner of Property**

name ETOC Inc., Grand View Lodge and Tennis Club

street & number Route 6, Box 22

city, town Brainerd vicinity of state Minnesota

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Crow Wing County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Brainerd state Minnesota

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Statewide Survey of Historic 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 55102

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## 7. Description

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**Condition** excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Grand View Lodge buildings are located along the piney northern shore of Gull Lake, within the municipality of Nisswa. The early lodge structure is situated at the north end of a long rectangle of land which extends about 400 yards north from the lake front. Immediately to the south are tennis courts and the main lodge structure, built at the head a long gentle slope to the beach. A sandy, tree-lined path extends from the south entrance to the lake.

The early lodge is a two story wood frame structure of irregular plan with intersecting gable roof and a variety of one story room and porch additions. The east and south facades have been stuccoed, painted dark brown, and ornamented with white stickwork and triangular eve brackets. The remainder of the building has beige lap siding. Fenestration consists of a variety of window types including casements and 6/6 and 2/2 double-hung sash.

The main lodge consists of an original large three story rectangular post and beam log structure with a two story, half-log sided, wood frame extension at the west end. A large, square, two story concrete block structure has been added to the first extension. The exterior of the entire structure is painted or stained dark brown, with window and door trim and log beam and rafter ends painted white. The original section walls are constructed of horizontal logs at the first and second stories with lap siding at the third story. An enclosed porch at the second story rear facade has vertical logs. A log balcony which originally extended around the entire third story has been removed except for the east end and half of the south side. There are gable-roofed entrances to the main (second) floor, centered on the north and south facades. Fenestration consists of four part, multi-light, folding casement windows with transoms, along with a variety of fixed and double-hung sash. The interior of the main lodge contains dining and multi-purpose rooms on the lower floors and sleeping rooms with horizontal hall on the third floor, all with a high-gloss varnished natural log finish.

Other buildings within the overall property boundaries of Grand View Lodge are excluded from nomination because they do not meet the criteria for age and integrity.

# 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** 1920's

**Builder/Architect**

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Grand View Lodge buildings are significant for being among the most elaborate and articulated examples of rustic log architecture in the north central Minnesota resort region. Built during the mid-1920s, Grand View is truly one of the grandest of the resort lodges. The early lodge building, constructed in 1918 around an earlier log structure, is among the earliest resort structures, as witnessed by its domestic-style wood frame design. The main lodge retains considerable original integrity; the two unobtrusive additions to the west end do not detract significantly from the overall proportions and design of the original lodge structure. The main lodge survives as a well-preserved and well-maintained example of the high water mark of early rustic log resort architecture. The present owners are interested in maintaining the historical integrity of the buildings.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED  
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property 16.26 acres

Quadrangle name Gull Lake

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UMT References

A | 1, 5 | | 3, 9, 9, 0, 2, 0 | | 5, 1, 4, 9, 7, 1, 0 |  
Zone Easting Northing

B | 1, 5 | | 3, 9, 9, 1, 3, 0 | | 5, 1, 4, 9, 7, 1, 0 |  
Zone Easting Northing

C | 1, 5 | | 3, 9, 9, 1, 2, 0 | | 5, 1, 4, 9, 2, 2, 0 |

D | 1, 5 | | 3, 9, 9, 0, 1, 0 | | 5, 1, 4, 9, 2, 5, 0 |

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** The nominated property consists of that area bounded by Forest Ave. on the north, Park Ave. on the east, Woodward Ave. on the west, and Gull Lake on the south. For reference see Crow Wing County Auditor's map of Government Lot 2, Sec. 22, Township 135 Range 29, calculated from plat of Gull Lake Park.

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

state code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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

organization Minnesota Historical Society date March 19, 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

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 3-25-80

**For HCRS use only**  
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for W. Ray Luce date 5/23/80  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Kristin O'Connell date 5/20/80

Chief of Registration

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lynn  
11/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to  
Grand View Lodge in Crow Wing  
County, Minnesota.**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 80002034

**STATE:** MINNESOTA

**COUNTY:** Crow Wing

**RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):**

**CITY:**

**VICINITY OF:**

**ADDRESS:** off Co. Hwy.77

**CERTIFICATION DATE:**

**REMOVED DATE:**

**COMMENTS:**

*Nina M. Archabal*

**Nina M. Archabal  
State Historic Preservation Officer**

**JUN 17 1988**

**Date**