



Grand View Lodge
in Nisswa.

Lodges We Love

Grab some cocoa, your sweetie and a spot in front of the fireplace for a cozy weekend at one of these AAA Three Diamond-rated lodges.

GUNFLINT LODGE



Grand Marais

Gunflint's sweet cabins, all with fireplaces, are a short stroll from its pine-paneled lodge, with a hot-beverage bar, bottomless cookie jar and comfy couches overlooking frozen Gunflint Lake. There's a lounge and a fine-dining restaurant, too, making it a lovely landing spot after sleigh rides, guided hikes to hear wolves howling, boreal-forest birding and more. Winter's a promising time to catch the northern lights here, too.

GRAND VIEW LODGE



Nisswa

Sitting in this historic 1921 lodge, in front of a stone fireplace topped with a moose mount, feels like experiencing the past. The lodge houses a fine-dining room and lower-level pub, plus a dozen attached guest rooms. Brisk winter days are perfect for snowshoeing, skiing, ice skating and more. For a delightful warm-up, there's an on-site spa (can you say "couple's massage"?) and de'Vine, a wine and culinary event, Feb. 6-7.

GRAND ELY LODGE



Ely

Grand Ely's massive log-beam lodge offers a fire-warmed lobby overlooking Shagawa Lake. Guests staying in the attached rooms and suites can enjoy the heated indoor pool and whirlpool. It's minutes from the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and easily facilitates all kinds of winter activities, including snowmobiling, snowshoeing, ice fishing and even dogsledding (Ely is the "Sled Dog Capital of the World," after all).

SAWMILL INN



Grand Rapids

This classic, family-owned lodge retains its original '70s vibe, most notably in its old-school dining room, where walleye, steaks and fresh popovers are served amid rough-hewn log walls and a split-rock fireplace. While the inn, including heated pool, is on the outskirts of town, the bountiful winter beauty surrounding Grand Rapids awaits just a short drive away.

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