
PRIVATE ISLANDS INC.
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STOUT'S ISLAND LODGE
TWO ISLANDS · 18 ACRES · RED CEDAR LAKE · PRIVACY 55 ROOM STAY — 76 WHOLE ISLAND

THE ISLAND · RED CEDAR LAKE, WISCONSIN

The Island of Happy Days

Stout's Island Lodge stands on an island in Red Cedar Lake, in Wisconsin's Northwoods — two islands, joined by a steel bridge gifted by Andrew Carnegie, together 18 acres.

The island was the summer estate of Frank D. Stout, the Chicago lumber baron who bought it in 1887 and called it the Island of Happy Days — now a working lodge whose foyer still carries his welcome: 'All that's mine is yours, my friend.'

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ACRES ACROSS TWO ISLANDS JOINED BY THE CARNEGIE BRIDGE

1912

THE MAIN LODGE — IDAHO CEDAR AND CALIFORNIA REDWOOD

1,800

ACRES OF LAKE AROUND THE ISLAND







STAY

The Lodge and Nine Cabins

Rooms are let individually across the Main Lodge and nine cabins, and no two are alike. Every room has its own bathroom and entrance, and many have wood-burning fireplaces or decks.

THE BUILDINGS

Main Lodge	nine rooms · built 1912
East Wing	two rooms
Shore Lodge	six rooms · newly built
Gardener's House	five rooms · the family house
Douglas' · Wilson's	four rooms each
Clara's · Harry's	three rooms each
Allison's · Calista's · Katherine's	two rooms each

Whole cabins can be taken as well as single rooms. There are no televisions in the rooms and no Wi-Fi in them — Wi-Fi lives in the Great Room and on the patio. Some buildings are adults-only unless taken whole.









LIFE ON THE ISLAND

Life on the Island

THE TABLE

The restaurant sits in the Main Lodge's original dining room, by a fireplace of stone imported from Italy, and serves Midwest regional cooking drawn where it can be from local farms and the lodge's own kitchen garden. A continental breakfast is served in the dining room each morning, and Mrs. Stout's Room and the Ice House can be reserved for private dining.

THE LAKE

Canoes, kayaks, hydro-bikes and paddleboards wait at the boathouse, and the swimming dock and raft lie off the south shore, with a small beach in the shallows under the bridge. Bluegill, bass, northern pike and walleye can be fished from the boathouse shore.

DAYS ON THE ISLAND

There is a clay tennis court, croquet, bocce, badminton and the lawn games on the south lawn, paths around the main island and across the bridge to the east island, a meditation labyrinth, and a game room above the boathouse. At dusk there is a bonfire, with s'mores, weather permitting.

THE REGION · WISCONSIN'S NORTHWOODS

Red Cedar Lake and the Northwoods

Red Cedar Lake is a big Northwoods lake — some 1,800 acres of public water, busy in summer with fishing boats and summer camps, in a county of small farms and forest. The island stands near its northern end; Rice Lake, its gateway town, lies some ten miles to the south-west.

Across the lake stands Tagalong, the golf course Frank Stout built as his own St Andrews — the lodge's guests play it still, with tee times arranged by the lodge. Around the lake lie the small farms and deep forest of the Wisconsin Northwoods, and the village of Birchwood at the lake's north end.



GETTING THERE

Ten Minutes by Ferry

DRIVE

TO THE SHORE LANDING

Guests drive to the lodge's shore landing and parking lot, where County Highway V meets Highway 48 — 2799 27th Street, Birchwood — and leave the car on the mainland.

ON THE HOUR

THE LODGE FERRY

The ferry leaves the shore on the hour from 8 in the morning to 10 at night and takes ten minutes. It carries passengers only, ten at a time — no vehicles ever come to the island — and luggage is carried to your room.

1 HR · 2½ HRS

THE AIRPORTS

Eau Claire's airport is about an hour away by road, and Minneapolis–Saint Paul International about two and a half hours. Rice Lake, the island's gateway town, is ten miles south-west.

Guests arriving by their own boat can rent a dock slip in advance, and one float plane at a time can be accommodated on the lake.





CLIMATE

The Northwoods Year

SEASON	HIGHS	LOWS	LAKE	
MAY	68°F	46°F	COLD	The season opens — cool nights, and the lake still cold from the winter
JUN–AUG	76–80°F	56–60°F	SWIMMABLE	High summer — July is the warmest month of the year
SEP–OCT	55–69°F	38–49°F	COOLING	Autumn colour — early October brings the peak of the leaf season
NOV–MAR	23–40°F	6–26°F	FROZEN	The closed season — the lake freezes and snow lies deep

THE SHORT VERSION

Figures are the long-term averages for Rice Lake (WeatherSpark), some ten miles south-west — the nearest documented reference for this lake. The lodge season runs May to October.



STOUT'S ISLAND LODGE

Red Cedar Lake, Wisconsin, United States · 45.610°N, 91.601°W

DISTANCES – STRAIGHT LINE

Rice Lake	10 mi
Birchwood	8 mi
Eau Claire Airport (EAU)	52 mi
Minneapolis–Saint Paul (MSP)	93 mi

CLIMATE

Air, lodge season	May to Oct — highs 55–80°F
Warmest month	July — average high 80°F
Coldest month	January — average low 6°F
Winter	the lake freezes — the lodge is closed

ACCESS

Drive to the shore landing at Birchwood

The lodge ferry: ten minutes, on the hour, 8 am–10 pm

Passengers only — no vehicles ever come to the island

Eau Claire an hour by road; Minneapolis–Saint Paul two and a half

Island pin: the position published by the lodge itself (45.609633, −91.600991) — the Google Maps place point on the lodge's own location page; Stout's Island, Red Cedar Lake, Barron County. Coordinates: Rice Lake and Birchwood — published GNIS positions; Eau Claire (EAU) and Minneapolis–Saint Paul (MSP) — published aerodrome coordinates. Distances are great-circle from the pin. Climate: WeatherSpark long-term averages for Rice Lake Regional–Carl's Field Airport (NASA MERRA-2 reanalysis), some ten miles south-west (fetched 15 Nov 2026).

THE PRIVATE BRIEFING

SECLUDED, SHARED ISLAND

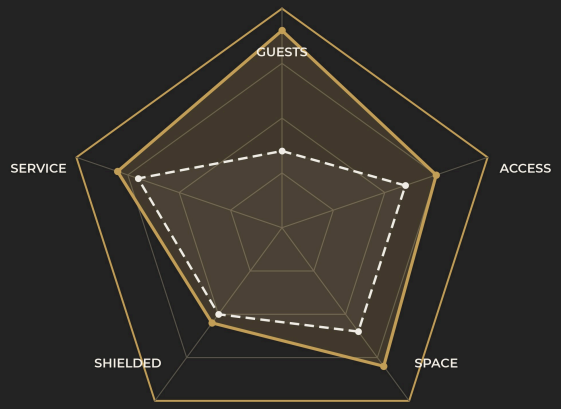
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ROOM STAY · PRIVACY INDEX / 100

PRIVATE BUT CONNECTED

76

WHOLE ISLAND · PRIVACY INDEX / 100



Gold fill — whole island. Dashed outline — room stay.

	ROOM	WHOLE
WHO ELSE IS THERE	7 / 20	18 / 20

Room stay — forty other rooms of guests, plus non-resident diners and wedding parties.
Whole island — one group alone, staff aside; a cabin owner may be in residence.

WHO CAN GET IN	12 / 20	15 / 20

Room stay — the only way on is the lodge's ferry; only registered guests and diners come ashore.
Whole island — the island and facilities are the group's alone; dining closes out.

SPACE TO DISAPPEAR	12 / 20	16 / 20

Room stay — 18 acres, two islands, lawns and trails, shared at peak with a hundred or more.
Whole island — both islands and every building for one group of up to 150 staying guests.

OUT OF SIGHT, SOUND & TRAFFIC	10 / 20	11 / 20

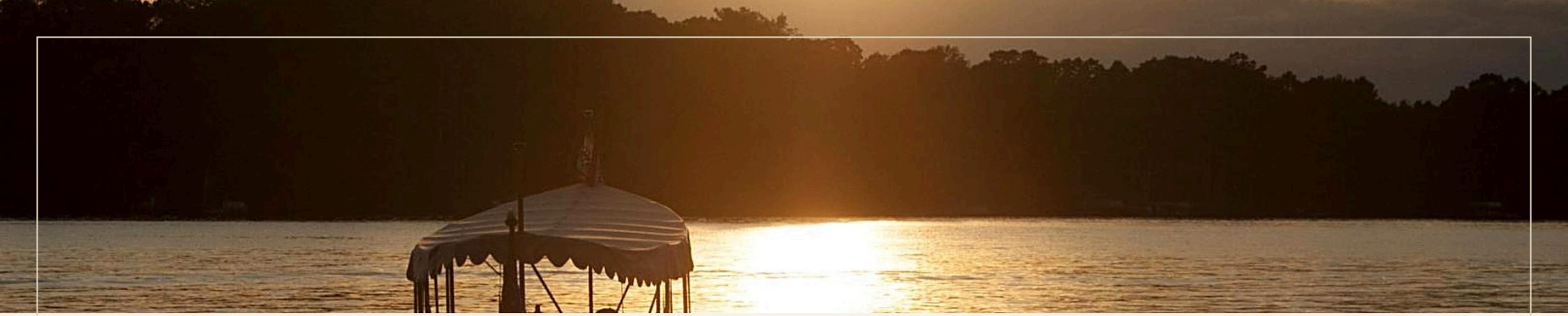
Room stay — a public lake: boats pass all summer, cottages line the shores; no vehicles, quiet hours kept.
Whole island — a buyout changes who is on the island, not where it sits; the lake and its traffic remain.

INVISIBLE SERVICE	14 / 20	16 / 20

Room stay — a full lodge team, warm and present rather than invisible.
Whole island — the whole team for one group, events coordinated; a staffed lodge, visibly run.

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