

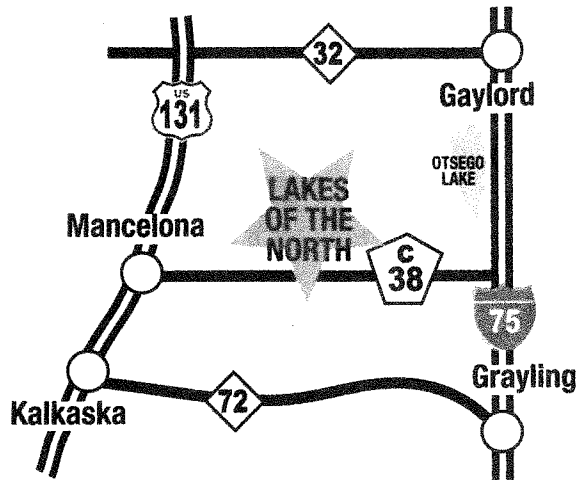
Find Up North Magic at Lakes of the North

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Lakes of the North is a private residential/recreational community located halfway between Gaylord and Mancelona on 10,000 mostly forested acres. Its amenities include an 18-hole championship golf course and full-service restaurant (both are open to the public), a 160-site year-round campground, a clubhouse with banquet facilities and an indoor swimming pool, two lakes with beach houses, an airport with a newly-paved 4,212 foot runway, a winter sports activity center and a horse riding stable.

There are 3,000 acres of beautiful common property. This land is dedicated to the use and enjoyment of all Lakes of the North property owners. If you enjoy hiking, wild berry or mushroom picking, hunting, birding, wildlife watching, ORV-ing or snowmobiling – it can all be done on the common areas. The association is surrounded by snowmobile trails that run from Houghton Lake to the south all the way to Mackinaw City to the north. The ORV trail network is easily accessed in the summer months as well.

There are active committees within the association that provide events for golfers, campers, pilots and ORV-ers.



Potluck dinners, lunch outings, a book club, card games, Winterfest and other social activities occur throughout the year.

Whatever you like to do, Lakes of the North is centrally located to enjoy all that Northern Lower Michigan has to offer. A one hour or less drive can take you to destinations such as Traverse City, Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Houghton Lake or the Mackinac Bridge.

Its 5,000 members pay an annual \$332 primary lot maintenance assessment (and \$166 per each additional lot owned). Both vacant lots and homes are available for purchase by the general public membership to obtain membership in the association. Call 231.585-6000, or visit www.lakesofthenorthhoa.com, for information.