



Tofte

It was a fisherman's life all around. Spurred on by the promotion of fish wholesalers in Duluth and the promise of opportunity, an extended Norwegian family settled at the base of Carlton Peak in 1893. Four years later, they christened the town "Tofte," a Norwegian family seat, in combination with the opening of the first post office.

A replica of the 1900s fish houses that once sat across Bluefin Bay, the twin-gabled red building houses the North Shore Commercial Fishing Museum. Many of the relics, artifacts and photos have been donated by the descendants of the original immigrants, the Toftes and Engelsons. Include a visit to this wonderful collection that preserves and shares the fishing heritage of the North Shore.

Nearby are shops, cafes & restaurants, the local grocery and liquor store, a great yarn shop, an outfitter and the ranger station, four seasons of trails, a lakeside public park and picnic pavilion, and a little lakewalk connecting it all.

Lake Superior

Fun Facts to Know & Tell

- ◆ Biggest of the Great Lakes at 350 miles long, 160 miles wide and a surface area of 31,700 square miles
- ◆ Contains 10% of the world's fresh water with a volume of 440 trillion cubic feet, that's 12 more zeros!
- ◆ Average depth is 439 feet with a deepest depth of 1333 feet
- ◆ Average water temp is 42° F
- ◆ Calmest months are June and July
- ◆ Stormiest months are October and November
- ◆ Maximum recorded wave height is 31 feet
- ◆ Over 350 shipwrecks have occurred with more than 1000 souls lost

Have fun in Tofte!

- 82.4 Get info about everything to do in the woods at the Tofte Ranger Station
- 83.0 Picnic on Lake Superior at Tofte Park
- 83.0 Rent snowshoes and tramp out in the woods.
- 83.0 Check out the parade, music, Tofte Trek and other fun at the 4th of July celebration
- 83.4 Learn about commercial fishing, past and present, on the Lakewalk and at the North Shore Commercial Fishing Museum
- 83.4 Hike the quick, steep trail to Britton Peak (2.5 miles north on Sawbill Trail)

