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WINTER 2012

The Year in Review

Deep Portage is a multi-faceted Learning Center and 2011 was a year that allowed each facet to shine! A few of the highlights:



Sustainable Energy Program – during the year we completed multiple projects that now deliver 10 kilowatts of solar electricity, 10 kilowatts of wind turbine electricity and a 700-gallon-per-day solar hot water system. Solar furnaces now heat Classrooms 1 and 2, the Interpretive Center is heated with a new wood gasifier, and through many electrical and envelope improvements, our main campus facility has a significantly smaller carbon footprint! Deep Portage's

electrical bill has been reduced by 50% and our reliance on propane is now at 10% of our 2007 usage level. These improvements were made with a grant from the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources and a Federal Department of Energy grant.



Student Programming - During our fiscal year, we served nearly 9,000 program participants. Many of the students that attend our residential school-year programs are from under-resourced schools and were able to attend because we have the lowest tuition rate of any accredited environmental education center. We continue to offer the best staff-to-student ratio of 1 to 15 or less, and our school clients

appreciate our efforts to book only one school on campus at a time. Deep Portage summer camps were enjoyed by over 400 campers!

Adult and Community Programs - Skiers, hikers and hunters of all ages visit Deep Portage throughout the year. Our "Friends" memberships provided \$15,500 towards the cost of maintaining our trails, providing equipment for our staff and students and holding valuable community programs that focus on outdoor skills, natural resource education and entertainment.

The Deep Portage Bird Observatory - puts Cass County on the map as a place for birding research and as a birding destination. In the last five years Deep Portage staff have observed 275 species of birds in Cass County. Banding, point counts and bird surveys have led to increased knowledge of distribution of our local avian friends.



A big "THANK YOU" to our donors and participants who have made this past year another great one. We look forward to the year ahead and have already kicked off a new food initiative and a gardening initiative. We are excited for many more bright-eyed youngsters ready to have a Deep Portage expedition!

Lynne Harrington, President - Deep Portage Foundation



Deep Portage

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WINTER WILDLIFE UPDATE

Written by Joshua Sweet, Deep Portage Learning Center



As colder weather descends upon Deep Portage, one of the greatest predators of the North Woods changes color from autumn brown to snowy white. Though only seven to fourteen inches in length, the ermine remains an active hunter throughout the winter season. Also known as a short tailed weasel, this fierce carnivore is a spectacle to see at Deep Portage Conservation Reserve.

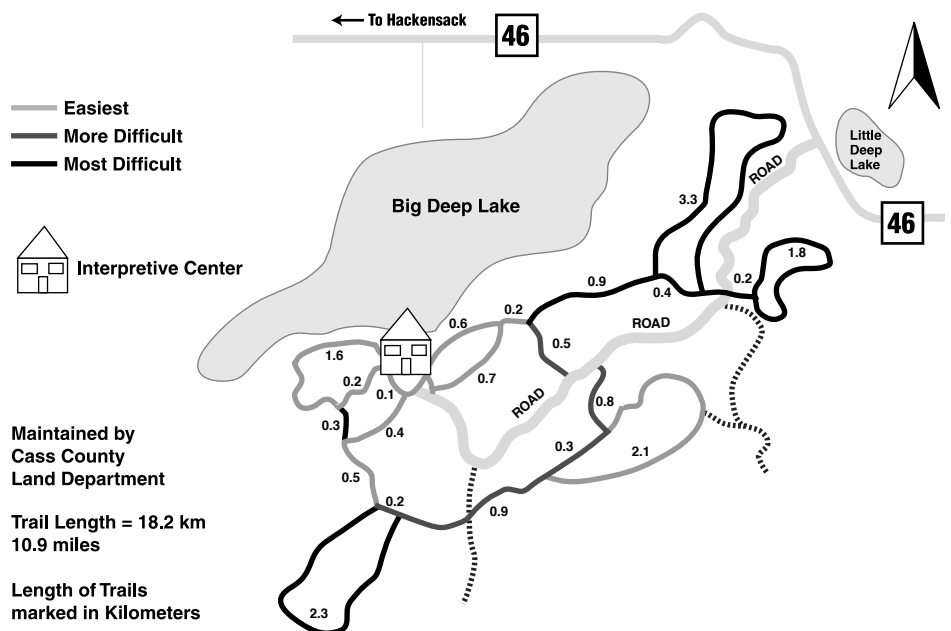
While the elusive ermine weighs only two to five ounces, it has quite the appetite and is more than capable of consuming up to 30 percent of its own body weight each day. While pursuing mice, voles, birds, and rabbits, this native Minnesota mammal will

trek through the snow almost soundlessly. This adaptation is primarily due to the fact that when chasing prey, an ermine's back legs will land precisely where its front legs have already laid tracks.

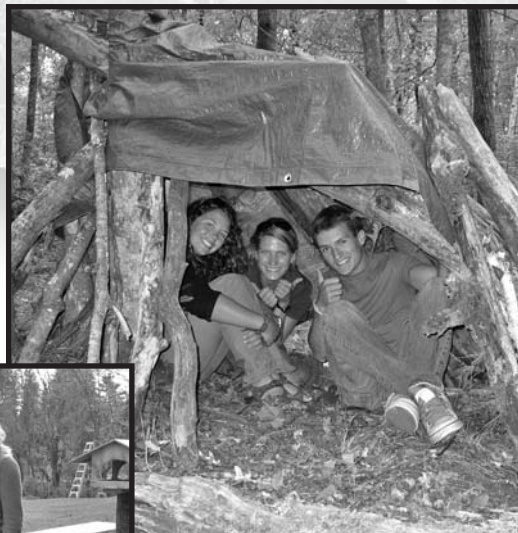
Ermine populations can be found across Minnesota in all seasons in habitats ranging from forests to prairie grasslands. However, despite their immaculate camouflage and ability to defend themselves, the ermine will often fall victim to larger predators in the North Woods. Some of the most common predators include birds of prey and the mink, a larger relative in the weasel family.

In hopes of catching a glimpse of this remarkable creature and other wildlife, we invite you to come visit us at Deep Portage Conservation Reserve. Our trails and interpretive center are open 365 days a year and admission is free. Call for hours and special events.

TRAIL MAP



DEEP PORTAGE LEARNING CENTER



2012 ADULT SCHOOLS

ADULT WINGSHOOTING SCHOOL

MAY 18-20, 2012 | TUITION: \$425

Deep Portage, The Deep Portage Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society, and King Shooting Sports are teaming up to make you a better shot. This class covers the basics of good wingshooting techniques. Our instructors teach a modified "Churchill" method of instinctive shooting. Both classroom and field instruction will cover topics such as safe gun handling, gun selection, and gun fit as well as techniques for proper grip, stance, pre-mount, mount and swing. Instructor to student ratio is 1:4 ensuring all participants receive personal attention in the classroom and in extensive practice on our sporting clay range.



CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO FIRST 20 REGISTRANTS
REGISTRATION REQUIRES A
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Membership Benefits Include:

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- ▼ Discounts on Saturday Programming (excluding materials fees)
- ▼ Deep Portage Mug with annual animal design

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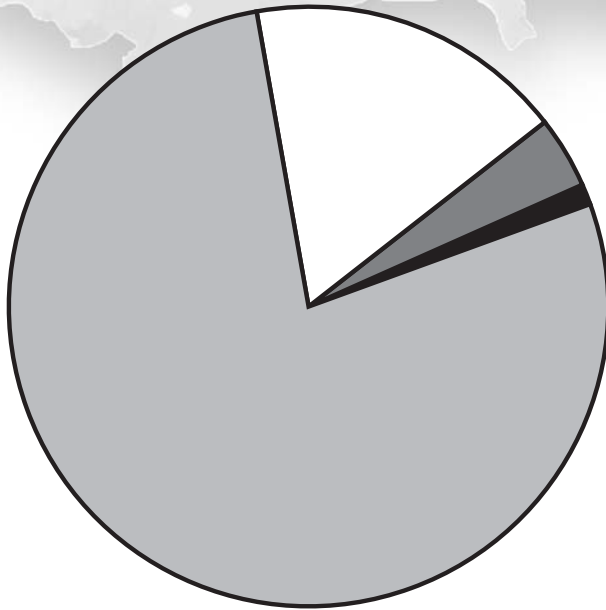
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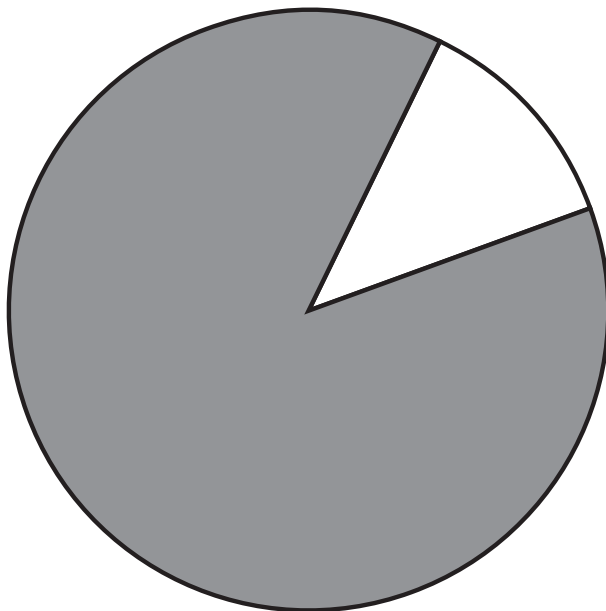
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Deep Portage Foundation
 September 1, 2010 - August 31, 2011
 Statement of Activities (audited)



Public Support & Other Revenue

<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Support	\$ 156,310
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fees	\$ 719,699
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sales	\$ 39,007
	Less Cost of Goods Sold	\$ (24,303)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interest & Investments	\$ 5,374
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	Total Revenue	\$ 896,087



Expenses

<input type="checkbox"/>	Educational Programs	\$ 787,793
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Administrative	\$ 103,391
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	Total Expenses	\$ 891,184
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	Change in Assets	\$ 4,903

UPLAND BIRD

JULY 22-27, 2012 | TUITION: \$400 | AGES: 12 - 16
 PREREQUISITE:
 MN DNR FIREARMS SAFETY CERTIFICATE

Sponsored by the Ruffed Grouse Society and Pheasants Forever, this camp offers campers that have a firearms safety certificate the opportunity to learn the basics of hunting upland game birds. Classes cover the habits and habitat needs of game birds as well as safe and proper wingshooting techniques and even how to prepare and cook game birds. Students will learn ethical hunting techniques and the role of conservation organizations in maintaining the sport of game bird hunting as well as how to locate hunting areas and how to respect private landowners. Trained dogs are an important aspect of upland bird hunting so this course includes a field trip to Pine Shadows Kennel where students learn about bird dog breeds and training techniques. Upland Bird Camp is a great way to meet friends and learn about birds and bird hunting.

MINI CAMP - YOU CAN DO IT!

JULY 1-3, 2012 | TUITION: \$200 | AGES 9-16

This short camp is an economical way for kids to get a taste of outdoor adventure at Deep Portage. Activities include Canoeing, Fishing, Climbing Wall, Water Canaries, Wilderness Survival and Campfires. Focus is on helping campers build skills, knowledge, and self-esteem. For Boys and Girls Ages 9-16.

FORKHORN I

SESSION 1: JUNE 10-15, 2012
 SESSION 2: JUNE 17-22, 2012

SESSION 3: JULY 22-27, 2012 (ALL GIRLS CAMP)

SESSION 4: AUGUST 5-10, 2012

TUITION: \$400 / \$360 FOR MDHA MEMBERS | AGES: 11-16

Sponsored by the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, this camp provides participants with basic knowledge necessary to become an ethical, responsible, and successful deer hunter. To understand our prey, we study white-tailed deer biology, habits, habitat needs. Campers then learn hunting skills including marksmanship and field to feast game care and preparation. Students that do not yet have their MN DNR Firearms Safety Certificate (required to hunt in MN) will be trained by DNR Firearms Safety instructors and can test to receive their certificate as part of the camp experience.

FORKHORN II

SESSION 1: JUNE 17-22, 2012 | SESSION 2: JULY 8-13, 2012
 TUITION: \$400 / \$360 FOR MDHA MEMBERS
 AGES: 12-16

PREREQUISITE: MN DNR FIREARMS SAFETY CERTIFICATE

Sponsored by the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, this advanced hunting camp is for youth who have received their MN DNR Firearms Safety Certificate. It is a more intensive camp that takes students beyond the basic white-tailed deer hunting and offers training in bow hunting, map and compass skills, specialty hunting techniques, marksmanship training, ethical hunting practices, and game care and preparation. Students will be certified in the Minnesota Bowhunter Education Program (MBEP) as part of the camp.

FORKHORN III

JULY 29-AUGUST 3, 2012

TUITION: \$400 / \$360 FOR MDHA MEMBERS

AGES: 13-16

PREREQUISITE: MN DNR FIREARMS SAFETY CERTIFICATE

Sponsored by the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, this advanced camp is a sampler covering several hunting and outdoor disciplines. It includes topics such as: Minnesota's wildlife heritage, small game, big game, waterfowl, planning the hunt, and shotgun wingshooting techniques. Campers also learn advanced first aid, wilderness survival, advanced game tracking, wild edibles, fair chase philosophy, and more.

IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE CAMP

JULY 29-AUGUST 3, 2012 | AGES: 9-16

TUITION: \$400 PER CAMPER OR \$700

GRANDPARENT/GRANDCHILD OR PARENT/CHILD

Activities include:

Invasive Species Watch, Land Navigation, Environmental Advocacy 101, Fish Identification and Printing, Sustainable Living, Intro to Firearms Safety, Shoreline Management, Freshwater Testing & Macroinvertebrate Search, Canoe Skills, Campfire Songs and Stories, Climbing Wall, Natural Resource Planning, Bog Walk, Outdoor Survival, Fly Fishing and Tying, Campout and Cookout, Intro to Archery.

REGISTER EARLY - ALL CAMPS REQUIRE \$100 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT

Camper's Name: _____

Age: _____ Male or Female: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Work Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Has child attended prior Deep Portage Camp? _____

Does child have Firearms Safety Certificate? _____

- Upland Bird Camp (\$400)..... July 22-27, 2012
- Izaak Walton League Camp (\$400 or \$700 w/Parent or Grandparent) July 29-August 3, 2012
- Mini Camp (\$200) July 1-3, 2012
- Forkhorn I (\$400 or \$360 for MHDA Members) Indicate 1, 2, 3, 4 Choice
 _____ June 10-15, 2012
 _____ June 17-22, 2012
 _____ July 22-27, 2012 (all girls)
 _____ August 5-10, 2012
- Forkhorn II (\$400 or \$360 for MHDA Members) Indicate 1 & 2 Choice
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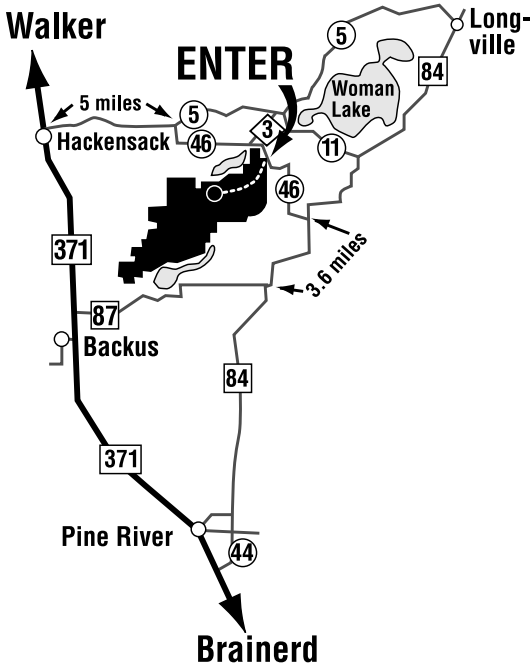
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Winter is a wonderful time of year to explore the northwoods. Located in Cass County, Deep Portage is a meeting place for community, education, and the environment. We have over 20 kilometers of classically groomed cross-country ski trails for skiers of all levels and plenty of beautiful backcountry to discover on snowshoes. Our Interpretive Center offers a great place to warm up while you explore our interactive displays. Come out and explore with us!

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