



View from the Villas June 2010

Welcome to our June issue of View from the Villas! Our goal is to share with you the exciting activities that are available to enjoy on your next visit to the Mountain Villas. We will be alerting you about local activities, festivals and attractions. We will also work to explain recreational activities and guest services available to you at the Mountain Villas.

June and July are beautiful months to enjoy the Villas and the Duluth region. The region is green and the water is flowing toward Lake Superior. It is incredibly beautiful to look over the bay, see the boats and all the wildlife. Summer is a very popular time to enjoy the Mountain Villas. The Villas are not only located away from busy highways, but they are surrounded by a park like atmosphere that is sure to reinforce why we believe the Mountain Villas are "Above the Rest".

There are many exciting activities going on in the Duluth region in June and July (see partial listing on page 2). We are extremely excited about the coming Timber Twister at Spirit Mountain. We'll be offering discounted tickets to our guests so make sure to plan to take a glide down the mountain!

If you would like to receive this newsletter on a monthly basis, please e-mail the Villa Office at mtvillas@cpinternet.com. We appreciate your business, and look forward to serving you in the near future!

Pam Higgins, Mountain Villas Manager



The **Timber Twister** is expected to open around July 1st. It looks like a great new attraction for Duluth and the Mountain Villas! It is located just blocks from the Villas. Villa guests will be able to buy discounted ride tickets.

Timber Twister riders will race along a 3,200 foot track, through the forest, and down the mountain in individual coaster cars. Riders can travel alone or in pairs, and have complete control of their speed (up to 26 mph) for a truly unique, hands-on experience. Unlike an alpine slide, the alpine coaster makes hairpin turns, is elevated off the ground like a roller coaster, and operates year-round due to its unique track system. With a few weather exceptions, riders will enjoy this one-of-a-kind sensation throughout the year. At the end of the ride down the mountain, guests will settle back in their cars for a comfortable and scenic return trip to the top. The complete Timber Twister experience will take riders on a thrilling six-minute journey while overlooking the wondrous views of Lake Superior. This is truly a unique attraction, and is NOT an alpine slide!!!

Activities for your family or group to enjoy on your next visit to the Mountain Villas:

- *Scavenger Hunt (for children under 10)*
- *Orienteering Course (for children over 10)*
- *Geo Caching (for adults)*
- *Bon fires with smores*
- *Timber Twister*
- *Hiking to see waterfalls in the region*



The Mountain Villas region is filled with dozens of great hiking paths. Enjoy the scenic beauty of the hills, rivers and trails that surround this region.

Make sure you pack your hiking shoes or walking shoes with good support on your next trip to the Mountain Villas, you'll want to make sure you take a hike to one of the many waterfalls in the region. From the trails along the St. Louis River at Jay Cooke State Park (just South of the Villas), to the 12 hiking trails maintained by the Duluth Parks and Rec, to the numerous waterfalls that line the coast of Lake Superior, there is always a new trail and waterfall to seek out.

Many of these trails are great for families or people who love taking pictures of flowers and waterfalls. May we suggest a couple easy scenic trips to consider. Probably the closest is to run down to Jay Cooke State Park and hike into the Swinging Bridge Falls (1/4 mile) and Oldenburg Point Cascades (.7 mile).

A second would be the Tischer Creek area in Congdon Park in Duluth. This creek has five waterfalls as it runs through the 34 acre Congdon Park. It's a 1.5 mile trail but the water falls are impressive.

Our final recommendation is to take a trip up to Gooseberry River just NE of Two Harbors, MN (1 hour). While hiking under 2 miles, you'll see four incredible water falls. This is one of the most popular hikes in this region. You'll enjoy the majestic beauty of these falls and the peaceful setting is hard to beat.

Its really hard to describe just three hikes when there are dozens to choose from. Take a new one on every trip to the Villas. You'll be glad you did!

June and July Calendar Sampling

June:

Daily Attractions:

All summer attractions are open
Golfing, Biking, Hiking oh boy!
Great shopping in Duluth

Special Attractions/Activities

- June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30th – Sail boat races on Lake Superior
- June 8, 13, 22 and 29th – Outdoor concerts at Chester Creek from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- June 5th – 3rd Annual Boulderdash 5K
- June 11-12 – 29th Annual Park Point Rummage Sale
- June 19th – Grandma's Marathon (12th largest marathon in United States)
- June 26th – CHUMs 6th annual Rhubarb Festival
- June 26th – Cruise Ship Clelia II visits Duluth

July:

Daily Attractions:

All summer attractions are open
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Special Attractions/Activities

- July 1st – Timber Twister scheduled to open!
- July 7, 14, 21 and 28 - Sailboat Races on Lake Superior
- July 3rd and 4th plus dozens of other summer dates, AAA Duluth Huskies baseball at Wade Stadium
- July 4th – Duluth Fourth Fest – Bayfront
- July 7th and 8th – Downtown Duluth Sidewalk Days Festival
- July 10th – Fifth Annual Bayfront Raggae Festival
- July 15th to 18th and 21st to 25th – Duluth Playhouse presents "The Producers"
- July 17th and 18th – Duluth Air Show
- July 28th to August 3rd – Tall Ships Duluth 2010

For other calendar items, go to <http://visitduluth.com/events/>



The Mountain Villas are located on the South end of Duluth just off of I-35 at the Spirit Mountain Exit (#249). Follow Skyline Parkway past the Spirit Mountain Resort entrance. Our recently updated website can be found at mtvillas.com. The site is a great way to learn about the many amenities of our villas, and conveniently make reservations. If you prefer, you can call us toll free at 1-866-688-4552 or locally at 218-624-5784. Our office hours are Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On weekends we are open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We offer convenient late check in. Give us a call!!!