

CABLE

THE TOWN OF CABLE was founded in 1880 when the railroad pushed through to this location. The town was named after R.R. Cable, the director and major stockholder of the railroad. Today, the natural beauty of the area attracts many tourists to hike, boat, fish, ski, camp and just relax.

THE HAYWARD MUSKY FESTIVAL is held every June. The muskellunge is one of the most prized game fish among anglers. The musky is abundant in the many lakes around Hayward. Through the years, many world record muskies have been caught in the area. The former world record musky, 69 lbs.-11oz., was caught in the Chippewa Flowage by Louis Spray in 1949. The present world record is 69 lbs.-15 oz. and was caught in N.Y. State in 1957. Locally, muskies weighing 100 lbs. have been reported but not highly authenticated.

THE BIRKEBEINER SKI RACE is held every year in February. The race, from Hayward to Cable, draws about 8000 skiers, many from around the world. The race, 55 kilometers (34 miles), is the largest ski race in America. The race commemorates the Norwegian legend of two Viking soldiers who skied 55 kilometers to save a child prince from invading forces. The name BIRKEBEINER comes from the nickname given to these two Vikings who wore "birch bark" leggings.

THE NATIONAL FRESHWATER FISHING HALL OF FAME has a giant walk-through "musky" and museum complex which offers visitors interesting and educational viewing of many mounted species of fish and angling equipment.

THE CITY OF HAYWARD was founded by Anthony Judson Hayward when he developed a sawmill on the Namekagon River in 1880. The lumber industry accounted for most of the town's growth until the early 1900's when the tourism industry began to grow. Today, the natural beauty of the area draws many visitors to fish, hunt or just relax in one of Wisconsin's finest vacation spots.

THE NAMEKAGON RIVER is very popular for canoeing and tubing, offering many miles of natural beauty.

Great fishing for smallmouth bass, muskies, walleyes and panfish.

BALD EAGLES can be seen in the area soaring high overhead. Bald eagles can have a wingspan of up to 8 feet. It takes about 4 years for the head and tail feathers of a young eagle to turn white. Eagles feed mostly on fish.

THE FALL FESTIVAL is held every September when the leaves begin to turn color and the landscape becomes a beautiful panorama of reds, yellows, oranges and purples.

WILDLIFE can be seen throughout the area. Ospreys, bald eagles, blue herons, loons, ducks, kingfishers, white-tailed deer, otter, raccoon, porcupine and beaver are present in this heavily wooded part of Wisconsin.

HISTORYLAND and OLD HAYWARD have logging camp tours, old buildings, an Indian museum and a train depot describing the history of the area in days gone past.

THE WORLD LUMBERJACK CHAMPIONSHIPS are held every year in July in the "Lumberjack Bowl", a long and narrow bay of Lake Hayward. Featured events are logrolling, tree chopping, tree climbing and sawing.

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