

Koochiching County: QUALITY of LIFE

“Ironically, rural America has become viewed by a growing number of Americans as having a higher quality of life not because of what it has, but rather because of what it does not have.”

~ Don Dillman

Many factors play into the decision-making process when companies assess a location for their business. Certainly the economics of the location are primary. Beyond that, the quality of life that exists in a community or a region is becoming increasingly important to employers and employees alike when looking at a location to work and live.

Why chose Koochiching County and International Falls?

Some of the things you won't find: Traffic congestion, long commutes, violent crime, uncaring neighbors, a fast paced life that places pressure on family life and takes you away from the things that matter...

Some of the things you will find:

Recreation

Koochiching County's outdoor resources make it a world-class place to live. The area's history was created around natural resources, namely Rainy Lake and Rainy River. Rainy Lake, with over 212,000 acres, is one of the premier fishing and recreational lakes in Minnesota. Home to Voyageurs National Park, Rainy Lake is the backbone for the tourism industry in Koochiching County. Additionally, the county's forests provide recreational opportunities for hunting, hiking, ATV trail riding, and snowmobiling.

Education

A tradition of excellence in the public and private schools – low class size, sports and arts activities, state-of-the-art technology. International Falls is also home to Rainy River Community College, a two-year public college offering associate degrees and technical program certification along with workforce and customized training.

Healthcare is of the utmost importance to the needs of area residents. Falls Memorial Hospital and the surrounding community clinics provide state of the art technology. Falls Memorial Hospital offers diagnostic and therapeutic services, rehabilitation services, urgent care and a physician-staffed emergency room 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Affordable Housing

If you choose to live on a lake, river, or farm, with the privacy of the woods or the accessibility of living in town, you'll find your ideal home situated in Koochiching County. From single-family homes, to apartment complexes there are housing styles to meet every budget.

Healthcare

Arts

The area's schools feature music, art and drama programs, and the Northland Art Society provides a strong network for visual artists. The Rainy Lake Community Orchestra, Backus Community Center, Border Concert Association, several choral groups, a local theater and other various civic groups contribute to the rich cultural life, complimentary to the natural beauty of the area.

