

# PAUL BUNYAN

## *Family Fun*

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**Paul Bunyan family Fun is your answer to fun in the Brainerd Lakes area! At [Paul Bunyan Amusement Center](#), there are rides for kids of all ages (even adults). For a great afternoon, drop by [Paul Bunyan Bowl](#) for some bowling and wind down your evening with dinner at [Paul Bunyan Sports Bar & Grill](#). From the slippery water-slides and soothing hot tubs to the smooth roller-blade track at the [Nisswa Family Fun Center](#), you are sure to find plenty that will entertain even the hardest to please! For the perfect ending to a great day, lay your head on one of our pillows at the [Paul Bunyan Inn](#).**



**And now come see what's new in 2002!  
Paul Bunyan is proud to announce its' newest attraction, a [4 story climbing wall](#)!**



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Welcome!!! Paul Bunyan Center or PBC, as we sometimes call it, has been around since 1950. It offers an exciting adventure that keeps the legend of Paul Bunyan alive in central Minnesota. Nestled in the friendly Brainerd Lakes Area, visitors to PBC can be greeted by a wink and a wave from Paul as he welcomes each and everyone to the park by name. Boasting over 40 rides and attractions for the whole family while they tour the Brainerd area, Paul Bunyan Center will certainly not disappoint anyone looking for a good time. For fun and excitement be sure to stop by and see Paul this summer!



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Nisswa Family Fun Center offers you a great alternative to cruising the lake on those beautiful summer days. Take a wild ride on our mammoth [waterslide](#), or cruise around our roller-blading track. Either way, you are sure to please the whole family!


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## SPORTS BAR & GRILL

1851 Excelsior Dr.  
Baxter, Minnesota  
829-2318

**BIG** FOOD

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# Paul Bunyan Bowl

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**Come have a ball at Paul Bunyan Bowl!**

We are open daily at Noon and offer:

- Computerized Scoring
- Full Bar
- Bumpers for the kids!
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- Video Games
- Food



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Bowling Times 829-  
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<b>Item:</b>	<b>Available Sizes:</b>	<b>Price:</b>
	<b>Small</b>	<b>\$12.95</b>
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	<b>X-Large</b>	<b>\$12.95</b>
<b>Adult Ash Sweat Shirt:</b>	<b>X-Large</b>	<b>\$18.95</b>



<b>Child Ash T-Shirt:</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>\$12.95</b>
	<b>10-12</b>	<b>\$12.95</b>
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<b>Item:</b>	<b>Available Colors:</b>	<b>Price:</b>
<b>Paul Sipper</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>\$1.29</b>
<b>Babe Sipper</b>	<b>Blue</b>	<b>\$1.29</b>







**Paul Bunyan Sport Bottle**

**Red**

**\$4.95**

**Teal**

**\$4.95**

**Green**

**\$4.95**

**Purple**

**\$4.95**



**Plush Babe the Blue Ox**

**\$10.95**

*\*12" LONG, 6" WIDE, 7" TALL*

**Book Title:**

**Price:**



**The Giant Lumber Jack  
-Paper Back**

**\$1.98**

**Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox  
-Paper Back**

**\$1.98**



**Paul Bunyan / Minnesota Coloring Book  
-Coloring Book**

**\$1.98**

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-Hard Cover**

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**Paul Bunyan Swings his Axe  
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# Paul Bunyan Inn

W. Jct. Hwy. 210 & 371 Brainerd, MN 56401  
 1-877-P-Bunyan  
 (1-877-728-6926)

Whether you are here for business or pleasure, the **Paul Bunyan Inn** is the perfect place to stay. Our friendly staff and great location are sure to meet your needs. We offer a large variety of rooms, equipped with everything to make your time with us relaxing and affordable.

Our beautiful indoor pool, sauna, and whirlpool add just the right touch of fun and relaxation. Parking at your door and a large parking lot, provide extra room for campers, trailers, and anything you may be pulling!

## We also offer...

- \*Free continental breakfast
- \*Outdoor plug-ins
- \*Meeting rooms available
- \*Fax service available
- \*AARP, corporate, and frequent-stay discounts
- \*Roll-aways, cribs, iron and ironing board available upon request
- \*Truck, semi, or bus parking
- \*Non-smoking rooms available
- \*Handicap rooms available
- \*In-room pizza and popcorn
- \*Lumber Bucks (discounts for Paul Bunyan entertainment)







All rooms include:

- \*Touch-tone phone w/ voicemail
- \*Color cable television w/ HBO
- \*In-room coffee maker
- \*Air Conditioning
- \*Computer data links

Suites include:

- \*Microwave
- \*Hair dryer
- \*Refrigerator
- \*Jacuzzi tubs (some)
- \*Indoor access to pool (some)

## Within walking distance...

- [Paul Bunyan Amusement Center](#)
- [Paul Bunyan Sports Bar & Grill](#)
- [Paul Bunyan Bowl](#)
- Convenience Store & Gas Station
- Pine Meadows Golf Course
- Westgate Mall and other shopping
- Paul Bunyan Trail\*
- Movie theaters
- Grocery store



- \*Start of the Paul Bunyan Trail for Bicycling, Inline Skating & Snowmobiling
- \*Snowmobile from your room to the trail!\**

## Other area attractions...

- Paul Bunyan Nature Learning Center
- Nisswa Family Fun Center
- [Rolling Thunder](#)
- Brainerd International Raceway
- 450 Lakes
- Various restaurants & supper clubs
- Northland Arboretum for great cross country skiing
- Grand Casino Mille Lacs

## Room Rates



# Welcome to [explorebrainerdlakes.com](http://explorebrainerdlakes.com)

## Welcome to the Brainerd Lakes Area.

Whether you're considering visiting, relocating or just eager to learn more, we want you to feel at home. We're located in the heart of Minnesota, and our 465 lakes area offers the best for everyone year round, making fishing and watersports very popular activities. You can golf more than 450 holes, including many championship-level courses, as well as enjoy horseback riding, canoeing, snowmobiling, biking and even downhill skiing. During your visit, you can stay at one of over 130 lodging facilities - including bed and breakfasts, motels, resorts, campgrounds and private homes.

More than 50,000 people reside year around in the lakes area and the population doubles during the summer tourist season. They are attracted by our outstanding natural attributes and outdoor recreation, high quality of life, education, transportation, shopping, healthcare and faith communities. More and more businesses are relocating here, too, due to our advances in technology and infrastructure.

Browse our site and learn more about the Brainerd Lakes Area. We welcome you!



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of info  
on the  
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## Hot Deals

Great deals on lodging,  
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## Calendar of Events

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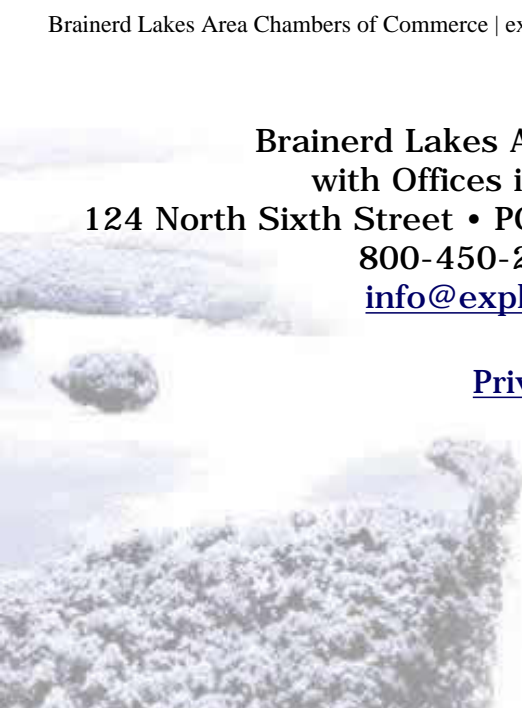
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Sun, snow, rain, or wind,  
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New in 1999!

**Paul Bunyan is thrilled to announce its newest ride this year, The Frog Hopper! This exciting children's ride allows children to "hop" up and down to a height of 20 feet allowing them to experience brief weightless sensations. Rides last from approximately 1 to 2 minutes,**



with room for up to 6 participants. Even though the ride is designed for children ages 2-13 years old, two of the ride seats can comfortably seat adults. The Frog Hopper is one of the most exciting new children's thrill rides to come along in years. Your children are sure to love this new experience as just one of their many fun filled adventures at Paul Bunyan Amusement Center. Don't just take our word for it though, come try us and see what we mean!





Since 1950

# Paul Bunyan Amusement Center

BRAINERD-BAXTER CORPORATION  
Ship: 1900 Fairview Road, Baxter, Minnesota 56425  
Mail: Box 563, Brainerd, Minnesota 56401  
Phone (218) 829-6342 - Fax (218) 829-4096

## SUMMER JOBS WITH FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING TO SUIT SCHOOL & YOUR NEEDS -MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND TO LABOR DAY-

**FULL TIME JOB AVAILABLE FOR THE \$\$\$\$ YOU NEED!!**

**\$5.15 / Hour**

**Ride Operators: \$6.00 / HOUR\***

**\*You will earn more each year you return**

### **In addition to pay check, we've also provided:**

- ~Mid-Summer Raises
- ~Year End Bonuses
- ~Movie Passes
- ~Free Gifts
- ~Marjans Gift Certificates
- ~Pauline's Restaurant Gift Certificates
- ~Pizza Coupons
- ~Employee of the Month Bonuses

### **Paul Bunyan Employment Also Includes:**

- ~Free use of the park when you are off duty
- ~Free Old Tyme Photo
- ~Free Helicopter Ride
- ~Employee parties
- ~Family Discounts
- ~Paul Bunyan Bowl Discounts
- ~Babes Bar and Grill Restaurant Discounts
- ~Rolling Thunder Go-Kart Discounts
- ~Nisswa Family Fun Center Discounts
- ~Discounts on merchandise within the park:

Gift Store  
Photo Shop  
Space Probe

Moc Shop  
Candy Store  
Bumper Boats

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Crazy Maze



**Call for an application today!**  
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**Open May 25th through September 2nd, 2001**

**Open Daily at 10:00 A.M.**

## **Admission**

General	\$9.95 + tax
Senior Citizens & Handicapped	\$4.95 + tax
Two and under	Free

## **Group Rates**

Standard Rate	\$8.50 + tax
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Group: At Least 20 people. For every 10 paid admissions, 1 is admitted free. The bus driver is also free.

Reservations:	(218) 829-6342 (218) 829-4096 fax
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## **Birthday Parties**

Standard Rate	\$8.50 + tax
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**Birthday Party:** There must be a minimum of 6 people paying. Party of 8 or more, allows birthday child and one guardian to be admitted free. Party includes: unlimited rides inside the park all day, a decorated table in our party room, and an ice cream sundae for everyone. We ask that you call in advance to make a reservation. Phone: (218) 829-6342.

## **Additional Attractions**

- |                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Space Probe      | \$1.00 + tax |
| Trampoline Thing | \$2.00 + tax |
- Open: 10:00 a.m. weekends through Memorial Day  
(weather permitting)*
- \*Bumper Boats                      \$3.75 + tax (Extra rides 2.25 + tax)
- Open: 10:00 a.m. weekends through Memorial Day  
(weather permitting)*
- Open: 10:00 a.m. weekends through Memorial Day  
(weather permitting)*
- \*Batting Cages                      \$1.00 + tax (Per 16 balls)
- Open: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. daily (weather permitting)*
- (Batting cages can be rented for groups)
- \* *Enjoy these attractions without paying gate admission!***

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## Paul Bunyan Center - 1955

Paul Bunyan Center was founded in 1950 by Sherm Levis. The Center, at that time, was as a place to showcase the huge animated Paul Bunyan statue that Sherm Levis and Roy Kuemicheal purchased in 1949. In the present day, Paul Bunyan Center is a large tourist attraction, boasting over 40 rides and attractions owned and operated by the McFarland Family.

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- Bumper Boats
- Bumper Cars
- Bunk House
- Candy Store
- Climbing Wall
- Cook's Shanty
- Dippin' Dots
- Ferris Wheel
- Flight Commander
- Frog Hopper
- Gift / Souvenir Shop
- Ghost Mine
- Hand Cars
- Haunted Fort
- Helicopter
- Himalaya
- Huey Helicopter
- Kiddie Boats
- Kiddie Cars

- Merry-Go-Round
- Mine Shack
- Miniature Golf
- Olde Tyme Photos
- Paul Bunyan
- Picnic Area
- Remote Boats
- Roller Coaster
- Skill Arcade
- Space Probe
- Super-Tron
- Tilt-A-Whirl
- Train
- Trampoline
- Wishing Well
- Zoomer



Blast toward the sky in the Space Probe at Paul Bunyan Center!

- Huge Gift / Souvenir Store
- "Old Tyme Photo Studio"
- "The Moc Shop" (Minnetonka Moccasins)
- Kiddie Boat and Umbrella ride
- Picnic Grounds (Open to Public)

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See the beautiful Brainerd Lakes Area from above, as you fly over some of Minnesota's most popular lakes. An aerial helicopter tour will take you high over Brainerd and the surrounding lakes, giving you a breathtaking view of Minnesota's natural beauty. The Helicopter landing pad is located just outside the entrance to Paul Bunyan Center, making it a convenient and worthy stop as you tour the Brainerd Area.



**Located:**

Next to Paul Bunyan Center  
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## Stories Of Paul's Childhood

As told by Paul Bunyan

When I was born, I was so large that it took five giant storks working overtime just to deliver me to my mother and father.

I was born in the state of Maine but when my parents saw me they were in a state of shock. When I was just a baby, I was so big that my parents had to have fourteen cows to supply milk for my porridge.



My parents built a huge cradle and floated it in the ocean off the coast of Maine. the waves rocked me to sleep. One day I started to bounce up and down in my cradle and

started a seventy foot tidal wave that washed away towns and villages. After that my parents moved into the woods of Maine.

I spent my boyhood in the woods helping my father cut down the trees. Even as a boy I had the strength of twelve men. One day the man at the sawmill refused to buy our logs because they were too large for his saws. I chained them together and pulled them upstream back to camp. My father was quite surprised to see me bringing the logs back.

One day I ripped my trousers while chopping trees. Since my mother was back at the camp, I had to bend a crowbar into a safety pin to hold my pants together.



Once when plowing the field for my father, I came to the end and there wasn't any room to turn around. I solved the problem by simply picking up the plow and the two oxen and turned them around to start the other way.

When I was just a boy I was as fast as lightning. I could blow out the candle at night and hop into bed before it was dark. One time my quickness got me into trouble. I shot a bear and was so anxious to see if I hit it that I ran lickety split toward it--only to get there before the bullet did. The result was that I got hit in the seat of my britches with my own buckshot.

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# Babe the Blue Ox

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## Stories Of Babe The Blue Ox

As told by Paul Bunyan

I found Babe during the winter of the blue snow. When bringing firewood to my cabin, I saw two ears sticking out of the snow. I dug out the animal and noticed it was a baby ox. I put him in my pocket and carried him back to my cabin. Since he was a baby, I decided to call him Babe. Even after Babe thawed out, he kept his blue color.

Babe grew very fast. One night I put him into a barn because it looked like rain. the next morning the barn was gone and so was Babe. I finally found Babe in a valley eating hay with the barn perched up on his back.



When Babe was mature, he was so big that he measured 42 axe handles and a king size plug of chewing tobacco between the eyes. At night Babe would stomp his feet and snort until the men would run out of the bunkhouses thinking there was an earthquake.

To keep Babe from causing mischief, I would give him an eighty pound sugar

lump when he was good.

Babe was very useful in many ways. For instance, I had a logging road that was very crooked and twisted. I finally tied one end of the road to a large stump and hitched Babe to the other end with a logging chain. Babe dug his hoofs into the ground and tugged and strained until he had pulled the entire road out straight. He pulled so hard that the chain stretched out until it was a single iron bar.



When winter came, Babe had trouble finding enough to eat because the snow covered everything. Babe began to lose weight and became sick with a severe fever. Big Ole, my blacksmith, solved the problem by making Babe a huge pair of green sunglasses. With the sunglasses on, Babe thought the snow was grass. It wasn't long before Babe was strong and healthy again.

Whenever we would pull up the stakes and move on to another camp, I would put all the bunkhouses and cabins in a row and tie them to Babe. He would pull the cabins to the next place where we were going to do out logging, as easily as if they were a tiny bundle of toothpicks.

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## More Tall Tales

As told by Paul Bunyan

My lumber camp on the Onion River was so large that the men had to have a weeks supply of food when walking from one side of the camp to the other.

The smokestack above the kitchen was so tall that it was hinged in the middle to allow the clouds to go by.

When Hot Biscuit Slim made soup, he rowed out into the center of the kettle with boatloads of cabbages, turnips and potatoes.



Big Ole, the blacksmith, made a griddle for hot cakes that was ten acres across. Hot Biscuit Slim strapped flat sides of bacon on the feet of the cookhouse boys. They skated back and forth over the huge griddle until it was well greased. When the griddle began to steam, it became so foggy that no one could see across it.

Every Sunday morning for breakfast my lumberjacks had hot cakes. They were so large that it took five men to eat one. I usually ate twelve or fourteen depending on how hungry I was.

My lumber camp was the largest camp in this country. The bunkhouses stretched for five miles in all directions and each had five tiers of bunks, one above the other.



Wood ticks bothered my men during the summer months. It was pretty hard to keep them out of the bunkhouses. The ticks in Minnesota were quite smart. They would gather around the office when a new batch of loggers came into camp and even crawl down Johnnie Inkslinger's pen to see what bunk the newcomers had so they could be first to move in and enjoy it.

Big Ole, the blacksmith, built a kettle for soup that covered five and a half acres and sent for a Mississippi stern wheeler. It was quite a sight with the fire burning under the soup kettle and the old steamer paddling around mixing up vegetable soup for dinner.

The kitchen tables were so long that Tiny Tim, the chore boy, usually drove the length of the table with the salt and pepper wagon, stayed all night and drove back in the morning for a fresh load.



One time while we were logging off Minnesota, we had such a big wind that Big Ole, the blacksmith, had to bolt iron bands over the logs in the cast-iron stove to keep them from being sucked up the chimney.

When I asked Brimstone Bill whether the cook shanty had been damaged during the big wind, he told me he didn't know because he hadn't found it yet. Brimstone Bill was probably the most cantankerous person in my camp. He was so irreligious that he even spoke disrespectfully to the equator. He was so sontrary that every time he fell into the river, we had to look for him upstream.

Near my Stony River Lumber Camp the white pines grew quite fast. In fact some of them grew so fast that my men couldn't cut them down because they couldn't chop in the same place twice.

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- FOOD & BEVERAGES
  - Pop Shop
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Nisswa Family Fun Center offers you a great alternative to cruising the lake on those beautiful summer days. Take a wild ride on our mammoth [waterslide](#), or cruise around our roller-blading track. Either way, you are sure to please the whole family!

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## Water-slide



If the hot Minnesota summer is too much to handle, stop by and lounge by the pool. The friendly staff will make you feel right at home!

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## Skating



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# Nisswa Family Fun

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# *Tall Timber Tessie's Sandwiches*

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\*All burgers are ½ lb. lean ground beef. All sandwiches are served with French fries & pickle.\*

<b>Paul Bunyan Burger - "It's Big"</b>	<b>\$7.25</b>
-Topped with bacon, cheese, barbecue sauce & two Paul Bunyan rings	
<b>Classic Burger</b> (with cheese add .50)	<b>\$5.95</b>
<b>Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich</b> (with bacon & cheese add .75)	<b>\$6.25</b>
<b>Super Club House Sandwich</b>	<b>\$5.95</b>
<b>Breaded Walleye Sandwich</b>	<b>\$6.95</b>
<b>"It's a Meatball" Sandwich</b>	<b>\$5.95</b>
<b>French Dip</b>	<b>\$5.95</b>
<b>½ Sandwich &amp; Soup</b>	<b>\$4.95</b>

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# *Paul's Favorites*

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<b>Chicken Fettuccini</b>	<b>\$7.95</b>
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<b>Manicotti</b>	<b>\$6.95</b>
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<b>Steak Sandwich</b>	<b>\$8.95</b>
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<b>Pasta Prima Vera</b> (marinara also available)	<b>\$6.25</b>
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<b>Chicken Stir Fry</b>	<b>\$7.95</b>
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# *Lumber Jack Dinners*

[Babe's Starters](#) | [Sam's Soup](#) | [Paul's Choices](#) | [Paul's Pizza](#) | [Babe's Bar](#)

\*Served with big bakers and grilled veggies\*

**14 oz. New York Strip**

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# *Specials*

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## ***Paul's Famous Prime Rib of Beef***

**Paul's Cut 24 oz. ... \$24.95**

**Camp Cut 12 oz. ... \$17.95**

\*Served with salad & auggie\*

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# Information



Pauline's a delightful restaurant conveniently located behind Paul Bunyan Center, and next to Paul Bunyan Bowl, right of of HWY 371, on Excelsior Drive in Baxter.

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Reservations Welcome 829-2318

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