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## Indiana Dunes National Park News Release

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## National Park's Cypress Log Cabin Available for Lodging

INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL PARK: Indiana Dunes National Park is pleased to share that IN the Dunes, a subsidiary of Michigan City's NWI Development Group, through its collaboration with Indiana Landmarks will provide lodging at the iconic Cypress Log Cabin. This historic home, within the Century of Progress National Register District on the shores of Lake Michigan, will now be available for lodging through IN the Dunes, offering a truly unique opportunity for national park visitors from around the world.

The Cypress Log Cabin is a significant piece of American history. Originally built for the 1933 Chicago World's Fair, at the Fair's end in 1935, the home was transported to Beverly Shores and has stood as a testament to the era's rustic aesthetic ever since. After serving as a private home for several decades, it has been restored through an innovative leasing program between Indiana Landmarks, the National Park Service, and private parties.

"We are excited to make the Cypress Log Cabin more available to the public" said Indiana Dunes National Park Superintendent Jason Taylor, "our partnership with Indiana Landmarks and their relationship with NWI Development Group provides a unique option to continue restoring and maintaining an exceptional cultural resource in the park, while enhancing visitor opportunity and experience."

"We are honored to have the opportunity to care for such a historic landmark," said Erin Harrell, Executive General Manager of IN the Dunes. "By offering the Cypress Log Cabin as a short-term rental, we will be able to provide guests with a unique and unforgettable experience while also ensuring its long-term preservation."

IN the Dunes is committed to providing exceptional accommodations and personalized service for national park visitors. Working closely with Indiana Landmarks and in consultation with the National Park Service, IN the Dunes will offer guests a truly immersive experience that combines the beauty of nature with the richness of history.

For more information on the Cypress Log Cabin or to book your stay, please visit www.inthedunes.com or call 219-221-6249

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Indiana Dunes National Park is one of more than 400 units of the National Park System ranging from Yellowstone to the Statue of Liberty. Located in Northwest Indiana, the park includes 15 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline and 15,000 acres of biodiverse beaches, woods, prairies, and marshes. Over 3 million visitors come to the Indiana Dunes each year.

Indiana Landmarks revitalizes communities, strengthens connections to our diverse heritage, and saves meaningful places. With nine offices throughout the state, Indiana Landmarks helps people rescue endangered landmarks and restore historic neighborhoods and downtowns. https://www.indianalandmarks.org/

IN the Dunes, a subsidiary of NWI Development Group, is a hospitality company focused solely on providing lodging and hospitality services related to the Indiana Dunes National Park. www.inthedunes.com

<u>About the Cypress Log Cabin</u>: The Cypress Log Cabin was built for the Century of Progress Exposition at the 1933 Chicago World's Fair. Construction was sponsored by Southern Cypress Manufacturer's Association to promote the unique qualities, durability and many uses of cypress wood. Following the Fair, the Cypress Log Cabin, along with four other homes, were transported to Beverly Shores in February 1935. These homes now make up the Century of Progress District on Lakefront Drive in the Indiana Dunes National Park. Cypress was purchased by the National Park Service in October 1970. The National Park Service and Indiana Landmarks proposed the home for landmark status, which led to its inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in 1987. The National Park Service and Indiana Landmarks oversaw a restoration program for the Cypress Log Cabin beginning in 1997, culminating in a historic structure that has been renovated to Secretary of Interior standards on the main floor, with modern amenities added to the basement.