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Minnesota has one of the best off-highway vehicle (OHV) trail systems in the country.



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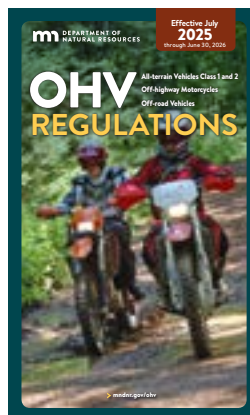
There are over 3,000 miles of designated State OHV Trails, mapped, signed and ready to give riders of all skill levels an outdoor adventure on all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), off-road vehicles (ORVs) and off-highway motorcycles (OHMs). There are also tens of thousands of miles of State and Federal Forest Roads that are open to OHVs. The information below will help you and your family find an outstanding Minnesota Offroad Adventure.

REGISTER YOUR OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE

To ride on State or Grant-in-Aid trails, the OHV must be registered with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), or have a trail pass. Trail passes may be purchased for resident ORV or nonresident ATV, OHM or ORV operators.

KNOW THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Minnesota DNR OHV Regulations booklet has everything you need to know about registering your OHV, the OHV classifications in Minnesota and their operating laws. It is online at www.mndnr.gov/ohv. Request a printed copy by calling 651-296-6157. Before you head out to the trails, always check the open/closed status of OHV trails and State Forest roads on the DNR website.



SAFETY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Safety training is recommended for everyone who operates an OHV. For additional information visit mndnr.gov/ohv.

- ATV** Safety training is required for anyone born after July 1, 1987, to legally ride on State or Grant-in-Aid trails.
- OHM** Safety training is required for all riders under the age of 16 and riding on State or Grant-in-Aid trails.
- ORV** Safety training is available for all drivers.



JOIN A CLUB!

Three State OHV Associations represent over 100 clubs across Minnesota that build and maintain the OHV trails in Minnesota. To learn more and to join a club where you live or ride, contact ATV Minnesota (atvmn.org), the Minnesota 4WD Association (mn4wda.org), or the Amateur Riders Motorcycle Association (armca.org).

OHV RIDER RESOURCES

In addition to this magazine that lists all the State OHV Trails, there are websites, maps and apps available to help you plan your offroad trips and navigate while trail riding using your smartphone or tablet.

DNR OHV Trail Atlas

Free, 80 pages, 80 OHV State Trail maps, descriptions and directions. Order by email: info.dnr@state.mn.us or phone: 651-296-6157. Individual maps can be printed from the DNR website: dnr.state.mn.us/ohv.

Digital Maps

Geo-referenced pdf maps of the OHV State Trails are available free on the Avenza App. Search the map store: MNDNR + (trail name).

Motorized Vehicle Use Maps

Printed MVUMs show federal Forest Roads open to all vehicles including OHVs, and those open only to Highway Legal Vehicles. Free at Superior and Chippewa National Forest offices, and online at Forest websites.

Mobile apps

A number of apps are available on the App Store or Google Play that, when downloaded, will show a rider's GPS location on OHV trails in Minnesota and across the U.S. They include: Avenza Maps®, RIDE COMMAND®, GAIA GPS, and OnX Offroad.



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Soo Line North Trail

This remote, 115-mile rail trail extends from Moose Lake to Cass Lake, passing through Carlton, Aitkin and Cass Counties. Communities along the trail are ATV/OHM friendly, some with parking areas and campgrounds. Trails connecting to it include the Blind Lake Connector, Hill City Trail, Lawler Loops, the new Rat Lake-Big Sandy Connector, and the Axtell Technical Riding Area, offering adventures for riders of all skill levels. Counties and local ATV clubs maintain the trail.

Distance: 115 MILES

Difficulty: Easiest (No OHM in Cass Cty)

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Parking and trail access located in Shovel Lake, Swatara, Palisade, McGregor, Lawler, Moose Lake and Remer

Season: Carlton County: Year-round; Aitkin/Cass counties: April 1 to November 30

Facilities: Lawler / Palisade / Swatara / Remer / Federal Dam / Boy River: food, fuel, restrooms; Moose Lake / McGregor: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Aitkin County, Chris Johnson, 218-927-7364; Carlton County, Jim Gassert, 218-485-4486; Cass County, Mark Gossman, 218-947-7501.



Photo by Dave Halsey



Soo Line South Trail

Built on an old railroad grade, the Soo Line South Trail extends from Royalton east to Moose Lake. It passes through five Minnesota counties, with long straight sections and sweeping curves. Woodsy terrain and trestle bridges, along with wildlife of all kinds, keep the ride interesting. Counties and local ATV clubs maintain the trail. See individual maps for information on many connecting trails.

Distance: 115 miles

Difficulty: Easiest. (OHM in Aitkin, Carlton only)

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): McGrath (Aitkin County); Moose Lake (Carlton County); Isle (Mille Lacs County); Genola and Hillman (Morrison County)

Season: Aitkin, Mille Lacs and Pine Counties: April 1 to November 30; Carlton County: Year-round; Morrison County April 1 to October 31

Facilities: Isle/Moose Lake/Willow River/Superior: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging; Genola: food, fuel; Denham: fuel, restroom; McGrath: food

More Information: Aitkin: Chris Johnson, 218-927-7364; Carlton County: DNR 218-460-7020; Mille Lacs County: Rob Dubbs, 612-325-7438, Morrison County: David Lanners, 320-360-4927; Pine County: Lisa Kowalski, 763-257-6807



Photo by Dave Halsey



Agassiz Recreational Trail

Located near the North Dakota border, the 52-mile Agassiz Recreational Trail offers scenic views of the Sand Hill and Wild Rice rivers. The trail, running along an abandoned railroad grade, alternates through sparsely wooded stretches and iconic Minnesota farmland. This natural-surface trail is a multi-use trail. Please watch for hikers, bicyclists and horseback riders. ORVs allowed on Forest Roads. Provided by Clay, Norman and Polk Counties through the Agassiz Recreational Trail Board.

Distance: 52 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Parking and trail access in Ulen and Fertile

Season: April 1 to November 30

Facilities: Fertile: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging; Twin Valley/Ulen: food, fuel, restroom

More Information: Clay County: Justin Sorum, 218-299-5009; Norman County: Keith Berndt, 218-784-7126; Polk County: Richard Sanders, 218-470-8253



TRAIL MAP

Emily-Outing Trail

Ranging from rocky and hilly to flat and open, beginners and advance riders alike will enjoy this trail. Communities along it are ATV-friendly. The trail is provided and maintained by Cass County and the Over The Hills Gang ATV Club. Please be aware that portions of the trail share the road with vehicle traffic.

Distance: 56 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Trail parking lots available in Emily, Outing and 4 miles north of Emily on the west side of Highway 6. Trail access available from the Moose River Trail

Season: May 15 to November 1

Facilities: Emily/Outing: food, fuel, restroom, lodging

More Information: Mark Gossman, 218-947-7501



TRAIL MAP

FireFrost Trail

This reclaimed railroad bed has flat, straight stretches of mainly gravel and sand, with two grassy stretches of track. Trail parallels the highway, set back 50 to 200 feet. Some wooden railroad bridges are bypassed. A short section uses highway right-of-way for a river crossing. Adjacent farmland provides a view of corn and sugar beets.

Distance: 25 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking: Available in Perley at the Cenex Co-op

Season: April 1 to November 30

Facilities: Halstad: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging; Perley: food, fuel, restroom

More Information: Ed Bergseid, 320-894-2513



TRAIL MAP

Bemis Hill Trails

Located in Beltrami Island State Forest, the Bemis Hill Trails offer more than 96 miles of riding. The trails travel along pine-covered ridges, large areas of low flatland and near peat bogs. Trails are provided by Roseau County and maintained by the Roseau/LOW Sportsmans Club. ORVs allowed on forest roads.

Distance: 96 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): From Warroad, take County Road 5 south for 11.5 miles to the Clear River Day-use Area. Access also available at Bemis Hill Campground.

Season: Year-round

Facilities: Warroad: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging; Wannaska: fuel, restroom

More Information: Myles Hogenson, 218-689-6889



TRAIL MAP

Emily-Blind Lake Trail

This 16-mile multi-use trail connecting the Emily Outing Trail with the Blind Lake Connector. From the City of Emily, it winds around Lake Emily, then through the Emily State Forest. You will cross above a wetland on a 200-foot elevated bridge, ride over 2,200 feet of wooden boardwalk, and pass through black spruce swamps. The trail winds its way through the forests of Crow Wing and Aitkin Counties. Capture your ride at the selfie station at mile marker 7.

Distance: 16 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Available in Emily or south of Cty Rd 3 along the Blind Lake Connector Trail

Season: May 15 to November 1

Facilities: Emily: food, fuel, restroom, lodging

More Information: Perry May, 612-919-5806



TRAIL MAP

Forest Riders Trails

One hundred miles of trails cross through Becker and Hubbard Counties, creating a combination of forest roads and township, county and state road rights-of-way. Passing through multiple state forests, the trail has terrain ranging from rolling and hilly to level and smooth. Provided by Clover Township; maintained by the Forest Riders ATV Club

Distance: 122 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): At Hwy 200 and Cty Rd 4, Lake George town hall. And at Hwy 7 and Little Mantrap Dr.

Season: May 1 to November 1

Facilities: Two Inlets/Emmaville: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Teresa Ohm, 218-255-1244



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Fourtown-Grygla Trail and Con-Con Trails

Ride 170 miles of trail stretched throughout northwestern Minnesota. Much of this trail system follows county roads, township roads, ditch banks and existing trails. County ordinances allow ATVs to operate on the far right side of the travel lane; highway-licensed vehicles share parts of the route so use caution. The ConCon trails are also located nearby. The trail system is provided by Beltrami County and maintained by the Fourtown Grygla Sportsmans Club.

Distance: 264 total miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): In Grygla at the intersection of Marshall Avenue and West State Street; in Fourtown at the intersection of Highway 89 and County Road 18

Season: May 1 to October 31

Facilities: Grygla: food, fuel, lodging; Fourtown: food, fuel

More Information: Ryan Petersburg, 320-815-1996



TRAIL MAP ▶



Great Northern Connection

This Great Northern Connection Veterans Memorial Trail connects to the Bemis Hill Trails and the Roseau to Warroad Railbed trail. It allows fat-tire bikes and horses so be courteous and respectful to other users. Trail provided by Roseau County and maintained by the Roseau/Lake of the Woods Sportsmans Club.

Distance: 26 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking: Available in Warroad and Roseau

Season: April 1 to November 30

Facilities: Warroad/Roseau: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Myles Hogenson, 218-689-6889



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Kelliher Trail

Located south of Upper Red Lake in Beltrami County, this trail uses mostly local government unit roads, including minimum maintenance and narrow scenic routes through farm country and forests. The map identifies a popular stretch where it passes through an old-growth pine forest.

Distance: 98 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Parking and trail access from County Rd 36 in Kelliher

Season: May 1 to November 1

Facilities: Kelliher: food, fuel, restroom; Waskish: food, fuel, restroom, lodging; Otto: food

More Information: Pat Smischney, 218-553-0407



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Moose River Connector

Branching off from the Soo Line North Trail near Swatara, this trail travels seven miles, connecting to the Moose River Trail. Provided by Aitkin County and local ATV clubs.

Distance: 7 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Available in Swatara and Remer

Season: May 15 to October 31

Facilities: Outing / Remer: food, fuel, restroom, lodging; camping in Land O' Lakes State Forest

More Information: Harlan Kingsley, 218-244-1653



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Martineau Recreational Trails

Located in the Paul Bunyan State Forest in northern Minnesota, these trails are made up of multiple loops, providing 100 miles of single-track OHM trails, including tight, wooded technical trails for more experienced riders and miles of smooth trails for beginners. The trails are provided by Hubbard County and maintained by Paul Bunyan Forest Riders Motorcycle Club.

Distance: 97 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Akeley, take Highway 64 north 5.6 miles. Then turn left on Blue Trail / Steamboat Trail

Season: May 1 to November 1

Facilities: Akeley: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging; Martineau Recreational Trail parking lot: restrooms

More Information: 218-732-4270



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Moose River Trail

Located in the Land O' Lakes State Forest, this trail follows gently-rolling terrain through dense woods and around small lakes and ponds. Much of the trail originated from past logging roads and provides a smooth, relatively flat ride, ideal for both novice and experienced riders. The trail is maintained by the Minnesota DNR and the Over The Hills Gang ATV Club.

Distance: 27 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Parking lot from Outing, go 7 miles north on Hwy. 6, then .75 miles east on Ben Draper Forest Rd. Trail access also available from the Emily-Outing Trail.

Season: Year-round

Facilities: Outing: food, fuel, restroom, lodging; camping in Land O' Lakes State Forest

More Information: Minnesota DNR Parks & Trails 218-308-2372 or Perry May, 612-919-5806



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Round River Drive Trail



Located on a combination of state forest roads and trails in northern Minnesota, the Round River Drive Trail showcases the diverse terrain of the Paul Bunyan State Forest. Miles of trails twist and turn while climbing in elevation and narrowing past moraines and potholes. The trail is provided by the City of Akeley and Hubbard County, and maintained by the Akeley Paul Bunyan ATV Trailriders and the Timberland Dirt Devils ATV Club.

Distance: 113 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): From Akeley, take Highway 64 north 5.6 miles. Then turn left on Blue Trail / Steamboat Trail

Season: May 1 to November 1

Facilities: Akeley: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging; Martineau Recreational Trail parking lot: restrooms

More Information: W: 218-616-0663, E: 218-343-3676



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Smoky Hills Trail



This 20-mile trail in Becker County follows trails within Smoky Hills State Forest. The trail utilizes portions of the Navillus, Hanna Ore and Wolf Lake State Forest Roads and several minimum maintenance state forest roads. The trail is provided by the City of Wolf Lake and maintained by the Woods and Wheels ATV Club.

Distance: 20 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): New trailhead/parking area at Wolf Lake community center.

Season: May 1 to October 31

Facilities: Osage: food, fuel, restrooms. Wolf Lake: food, fuel

More Information: Todd Olcott, 218-850-8755



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Schoolcraft Trail



The 29-mile Schoolcraft Trail connects the community of Lake George to the Paul Bunyan State Forest. The rough, hilly terrain dotted with bogs and ponds showcases the diverse Minnesota landscape. The trail is a combination of forest and township roads as well as county and state road rights-of-way. The trail is provided by Hubbard County and maintained by the Northwoods Riders OHV Club.

Distance: 29 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): From Bemidji, travel 6 miles south on Highway 71. Turn west on County Road 9 for 3 miles then south for one block on Reverse Trail.

Season: May 1 to November 1

Facilities: Lake George: food, restrooms, lodging

More Information: 218-209-8540



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Timber Trails

The Timber Trails System has five trail sections connecting businesses and other trail systems while providing access to scenery and the beauty of Northern Minnesota. At any time, the trail user may observe a wide variety of wildlife.



Distance: 114 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): From Park Rapids, take Highway 34 east to County Road 4. Travel north to the intersection at County Road 24

Season: May 1 to November 1

Facilities: Bemidji / Blackduck: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging; Hines: fuel, restrooms; Tenstrike: food, restrooms; Turtle River: food, fuel, restrooms

More Information: John Schafer, 218-766-0219



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Warroad/Roseau Trails

This trail system is located within Beltrami Island State Forest and connects to 200 additional miles of ATV/OHM trails. The trails travel along pine-covered ridges to large areas of low flatland and peat bogs. The trails are provided by Roseau County and maintained by Roseau/Lake of the Woods Sportmans Club.

Distance: 89 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): From Warroad, take County Road 5 south for 11.5 miles to the Clear River Day-use Area. Parking also south of Roosevelt at Carp's Pit and in Williams

Season: Year-round

Facilities: Warroad / Williams: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Myles Hogenson, 218-689-6889



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Wilton Trails Northwest

Located near the City of Wilton, the Wilton Trails Northwest has 37 miles of ATV and OHM riding. Winding trails pass scenic vistas overlooking the valleys along the abandoned Soo Line North Railroad grade. Smaller loops branch off the main trail for additional riding. The trail is provided by Beltrami County and maintained by the Northwoods Riders OHV Club.

Distance: 37 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Access from Bemidji: take Highway 2 west for 3 miles, and then turn south on Pete Lane (before Highway 89 junction)

Season: May 1 to November 1

Facilities: Bemidji: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: 218-209-8540



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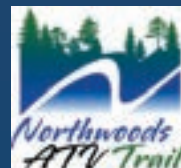


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Alborn-Pengilly Railroad Trail

This 39-mile trail follows an old abandoned railroad grade between the cities of Pengilly and Alborn in northeast Minnesota. Traveling through wooded bogs and upland forests, riders cross old railroad trestles that offer scenic views of the streams and rivers below. The flat grade and little terrain variation are ideal for beginners. Trail maintenance is provided by Itasca County and the Range Riders ATV Club.

Distance: 39 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Along rights-of-way within Alborn, Meadowlands and Pengilly

Season: May 15 to November 30

Facilities: Pengilly and Hibbing: food, fuel, restroom, lodging; Alborn: food, restrooms

More Information: Jim Olcott, 218-390-1197


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Alvwood-Squaw Lake ATV Trail

This 159-mile trail shares road shoulders and rights-of-way to make a scenic tour through Bowstring State Forest and the Chippewa National Forest. Ride through forests of aspen and pine, views of lakes and streams, and cross the longest ATV trail boardwalk in Itasca County. This trail connects to the Island Lake Connection Trail to the Blue Ox Trail. The trail is provided by Itasca County and the Alvwood-Squaw Lake ATV Club.

Distance: 159 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Parking at many businesses in Alvwood and Squaw Lake

Season: Year-round except for forest service road closure March 15 – May 15

Facilities: Alvwood/Squaw Lake/Northome/Blackduck: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Garrett Ous, 218-340-7775


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Alger Grade OHM Trail

Nearly 13 miles of beginning to advanced off-highway motorcycle (OHM) single-track trails on the North Shore. Most advanced sections have marked go-arounds. The trail is divided into 12 separate trails by an access road or the Wild Country ATV Trail, allowing OHM riders to choose their preferred level of difficulty and distance. Trail 1 starts off of the Wild Country ATV Trail on the north side of E. Alger Grade, and is a good choice for beginning riders. Trails 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 offer the most technically demanding terrain. Provided by Lake County and maintained by the Wild Country ATV Club.

Distance: 12.5 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to Most Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): In the C.J. Ramstad lot, south side of E. Alger Grade (aka: Silver Creek Township 24); east of Lake County Hwy 2 and E. Alger Grade.

Season: May 14 to November 1

Facilities: Silver Bay: food, fuel, restroom, lodging

More Information: Jeff Leusman, 218-343-7138


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Bigfork and Balsam Connection

The 33-mile B&B Trail traverses through the Chippewa National Forest, George Washington State Forest and Itasca County public lands from Bigfork to Balsam. About 20 miles are OHV trails, 10 miles are federal and state forest roads, the rest are county road corridors. Trail travels through low meadows, marshes, aspen and pine forests, with 8 boardwalks, and is maintained by the Wilderness Wheelers ATV Club. ORVs allowed on forest roads only.

Distance: 33 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Trailhead is large parking area south of Bigfork on Highway 38, just west on Rajala Mill Road

Season: May 15 to November 1

Facilities: Bigfork: food, fuel, restroom. Long Lake: food, fuel, restroom, lodging

More Information: Ron Danielson, 218-259-5938


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Balsam Trail

This 8-mile trail in eastern Itasca County follows trails within the George Washington State Forest. Forested areas vary from densely wooded to harvested pine that open to wide views of the surrounding landscape. The trail follows the Taconite State Trail for 2.5 miles where ATVs and OHMs are allowed. Motorized uses are not allowed beyond this section of the Taconite State Trail. The Balsam trail is provided by Itasca County and maintained by the Balsam Trail Blazers.

Distance: 8 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Parking available at the Balsam Store, intersection of Co Rd 7 and Co Rd 8, and at the Little Moose Trailhead off of Co Rd 337

Season: May 15 to November 1

Facilities: Balsam: food, fuel, restrooms

More Information: Ben Ladoux, 218-259-2142



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Blue Ox Trail

Located in northern Minnesota, the 74-mile Blue Ox Trail follows an abandoned railroad grade and provides an easy and relatively straight ride. Traveling through stretches of black spruce, swamps and upland aspen stands, the trail provides a scenic ride. Notes: Follow the detour signs along Highway 71 near the Bigfork River in Big Falls. The trail is closed from Highway 6 to County Road 31. The trail begins and ends on the north and south edge of the City of Littlefork. The City permits ATV travel through town. The trail is provided by Koochiching County.

Distance: 74 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Parking is available in Northome, Funkley and Big Falls (south of International Falls)

Season: April 1 to November 30, Funkley south: May 1 to November 1

Facilities: Northome: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging; Big Falls: food, fuel, restroom; Funkley: food, restrooms

More Information: Funkley to Big Falls: Jack White, 218-897-5764; Big Falls to south of Littlefork: 218-328-8982; North of Littlefork to International Falls: 218-300-7841



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Chengwatana State Forest Trails

This 15-mile system offers a variety of riding experience for all skill levels. Located at the intersection of the Kettle and St. Croix rivers, along the border of Wisconsin, the trail travels through rolling terrain and forested uplands. The wide, gentle curves are well-suited to new riders. The narrow, sharper curves provide challenges for more experienced riders. The trails are provided by Pine County and maintained by the Pine Riders Club.

Distance: 15 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): From Pine City, go 4 miles northeast on County Road 9, then 9 miles east on County Road 10/Chengwatana Forest Road to parking lot

Season: Year-round, except on groomed snowmobile trail.

Facilities: Pine City: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging;

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More Information: 218-460-7020



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Chisholm Trail

This 38-mile system of trails and routes winds through mature forest, and around historic mine pits and tailings piles. Connects ATV-friendly Hibbing, Chisholm and Side Lake, and to the Albion trail, and Taconite State Trail "Big Aspen Connection" that goes east toward Virginia. Rated easy to more difficult with hills and hairpin corners. Parking/riding in Chisholm allowed 6 am to 10:30 pm. Provided by the City of Chisholm, maintained by the Northern Traxx ATV Club. Note: OHMs are not allowed on County Road rights-of-way.

Distance: 38 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Access in Chisholm, French Town Hall in Side Lake and the intersection of Highway 5 and Connors Road

Season: Year-round

Facilities: Chisholm: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Larry Folstad, 218-969-6789



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David Dill - Taconite State Trail (Ely to Purvis area)



This 11-mile segment connects Ely to the Purvis Lake trail shelter, as well as to the Prospectors Trail system. Class 1 and 2 ATV and off-highway motorcycle (OHM) riding is permitted along this entire length. Users may encounter horseback riders, as well as mountain bikers, hikers and backpackers. All users must yield to horses. Motorized users should stay to the right side of the trail except when safely passing other users.

Distance: 11 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Parking available from Taconite at MN Hwy 73, north of Cty Rd 65

Season: May 15 to October 31

Facilities: Ely: food, fuel, restroom, lodging

More Information: MN DNR Tower Office, 218-300-7841



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East Range Multi-Use Trail



Thirty-six miles of wide, multi-use trail provide access to Hoyt Lakes, Aurora, Biwabik and Giants Ridge on routes and old mining roads. The trail climbs steeply to several breathtaking overlooks including a great view of Whitewater Lake, as well as several mines and pits of the Iron Range. The trail crosses the Partridge and Embarrass Rivers. Trails are provided by St. Louis County and maintained by the Ranger Snowmobile and ATV Club. Bikers, hikers, horseback riders allowed on trail. Parking available in Biwabik, near Giants Ridge, and in Hoyt Lakes.

Distance: 36 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Biwabik, Giant's Ridge and Hoyt Lakes

Season: Year-round

Facilities: Food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Roy Beauregard, 218-290-1531



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Thirty-seven miles of trails wind throughout the 64,000-acre Fond du Lac State Forest. Some sections offer wide, gentle curves, others are narrow with tighter curves and corners. Much of the route follows ridges that border wetlands, marshy areas, wooded swamps and shallow wild-rice lakes. Trails located within the forest offer more challenging loops, and a gravel pit provides riders with a large practice area. The Fond du Lac State Forest is classified as LIMITED. Trails are maintained by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the South Metro ATV Club.

Distance: 37 miles; 16 miles of forest roads

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Parking and trail access north of Cromwell, off County Road 120 as well as Gravel Pit Road

Season: Year-round

Facilities: Cromwell / Cloquet: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: 218-460-7021



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Gandy Dancer Trail

This 30-mile trail along an abandoned railroad grade begins in Danbury, Wis., and travels north through Minnesota before looping back east. Connections to OHV trails in the St. Croix and Nemadji State Forests, along with a wide variety of landscapes and terrain, make this trail a popular destination. Camping is available in both State Forests. The Gandy Dancer Trail is maintained by the Minnesota DNR.

Distance: 30 miles in Minnesota; 68 in Wisconsin

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Parking and trail access available east of Nickerson, outside Kingsdale or within the St. Croix State Forest

Season: Year-round

Facilities: Danbury: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging; Duxbury: food, fuel, restrooms

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General C.C. Andrews State Forest Trails

Twenty-four miles of ATV/OHV trails meander through the General C.C. Andrews State Forest. With level to gently rolling terrain and smooth sandy soil, this forest offers enjoyable riding for all experience levels. The well-drained soils typically make this one of the earliest forest trail systems to open each spring. Trails are maintained by the Minnesota DNR.

Distance: 24 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Park at the day-use areas of Dago or McCormick lakes

Season: Year-round

Facilities: Willow River: food, fuel, restrooms; Sturgeon Lake: food, fuel, lodging

More Information: 218-460-7021



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Genoa Trail

Open year-round, the 4-mile Genoa Trail in northeastern Minnesota begins near Eveleth and ends at the connector trail to the Iron Range Off-highway Vehicle State Recreation Area in Gilbert. The stretch between the Sherwood Forest Campground and the IROHVSRA connector trail (only) is open to ORVs. The trail was built and is maintained through the efforts of the Eveleth-Gilbert Joint Powers Trail Board and Quad Cities ATV Club.

Distance: 4 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Located in Eveleth at the intersection of U.S. Highway 53 and State Highway 37.

Season: May 15 to November 30

Facilities: Eveleth/Gilbert: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: 218-750-7652



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Goodland Trail

Passing by lakes and bogs, this 19-mile trail connects the Albhorn-Pengilly Railroad Trail to the town of Goodland. Set in the northern hardwoods landscape of Minnesota, it makes for a particularly colorful ride in the fall. The trail is provided by Itasca County, the Itasca Trail Riders ATV Club, and the Red Rock Riders.

Distance: 19 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Access in Goodland on Highway 65 or in Pengilly

Season: May 15 to November 1

Facilities: Pengilly: food, fuel, restroom; Goodland: food, fuel, restrooms

More Information: Jon Korpi, 218-969-4297



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Iron Range Off-Highway Vehicle SRA

Come and experience Minnesota's premier off-highway vehicle recreation area, located in Gilbert. This 3,600-acre park has trails exclusively for OHVs including ATVs, all-terrain trucks, and motorcycles. The park is managed by the Minnesota DNR and covers 36 miles of trails. They are well marked to indicate the level of difficulty for all ATVs. Entry is free with licensed machine. There's even a wash station! Trails traverse rocky hills, woods, mudholes and more. The SRA Expansion Site adds another 13 miles of trails

Distance: 36 miles, Expansion Site 13 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to Most Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): From Gilbert, go east on Highway 135 to the entrance on Enterprise Trail

Season: Year-round

Facilities: Eveleth/Gilbert: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: 218-735-3830



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Hibbing to Albhorn Trail

This 18-mile trail/route connects the city of Hibbing on the north end and the Albhorn-Pengilly railroad trail on the south end. The first 12.2 miles from Hibbing uses county and city roads, the last 5.8 miles go alongside an old rail grade through sweeping woods and wetlands, tying into the Albhorn-Pengilly trail. Provided by city of Chisholm and maintained by Northern Traxx ATV Club.

Distance: 18 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Parking available at Vic Power Park, 25 E 25th St, Hibbing

Season: May 15 to November 30

Facilities: Hibbing: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Larry Folstad, 218-969-6789



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Hovland Woods Trail

Ride on the Boyd, Tom Lake and Irish Creek Roads in Grand Portage State Forest for a remote trail through the Hovland Wood SNA. This trail crosses the Swamp River and provides access to Stevens Lake, Moose Horn Lake and Tom Lake. Shoe Lake Road connects to the Old Greenwood ATV Trail. The terrain along the trail changes from beautiful hardwood forests to pine to granite rock outcrops with scenic vistas of big bog areas. The trail is provided by Cook County and maintained by the Cook County ATV Club.

Distance: 16 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to Most Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Parking is available at the beginning of Boyd Road

Season: May 14 to November 1

Facilities: None

More Information: Steve Fleace, 218-370-8740



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Jackpot Trail

This 30 mile trail loops off the Stony Spur II Trail or can be ridden starting at the Dunka River Road parking lot. Trail follows forest roads then goes into woods along the loop, alongside wetlands, the Roaring Stony River, and through large pine stands. Provided by City of Babbitt, maintained by Babbitt ATV/Snowmobile Club.

Distance: 30 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking: From Isabella, west on Hwy 1 for 13.5 miles to Hwy 2. Turn south onto Hwy 2, follow for 1.5 miles to Dunka River Rd. Turn west on Dunka River road.

Season: May 1 to October 31

Facilities: Babbitt: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Dave Soular, 218-235-0329



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Distance: 9 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking: Trailhead in Nashauk

Season: May 15 to November 1

Facilities: Nashauk: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Robyn Birr, 218-360-5001



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Matthew Lourey State Trail

Portions of this trail are open to seasonal ATV and OHM use. These segments occur where the trail coincides with other trails designated for motorized use, including approximately 11 miles in the Nemadji and 5 miles in the St. Croix State Forest. The trail features rolling terrain with occasional hills. OHV riders may encounter horseback riders, mountain bikers, hikers and backpackers. All users must yield to horses. Motorized users should stay to the right side of the trail except when safely passing other users.



Distance: 53 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): In Nemadji and St. Croix State Forests

Season: Year-round

Facilities: Moose Lake: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging;

Kerrick / Duquette: food, fuel, restrooms

More Information: 218-460-7021



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Little Moose Trail

This 18-mile route in eastern Itasca County follows trails within the George Washington State Forest. Forested areas vary from densely wooded to harvested pine that open to wide views of the surrounding landscape. The trail is provided by Itasca County and maintained by the Balsam Trail Blazers.



Distance: 18 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): 18 miles north on Highway 65 from Nashauk; parking on west side of highway

Season: May 30 to November 1

Facilities: Grand Rapids: food, fuel, restroom, lodging; Balsam: food, fuel, restrooms

More Information: Contact Balsam Trail Blazers club



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Mesabi Mountain Trail

Open to off-road vehicles (ORVs, such as Jeeps), this system is four miles of narrow, winding trail follows the rocky ridges and outcroppings of the Laurentian Divide. Numerous rock obstacles of varying sizes offer climbing challenges throughout the trail. The more extreme obstacles have multiple ways through and around. Riders will find plenty of scenic overlooks where they can stop and take a break. Thirty-five-inch tires, lockers and a winch are recommended. Provided by the Eveleth-Gilbert Joint Powers Trail Board, maintained by the Northern Minnesota Jeepers.



Distance: 4 miles

Difficulty: Most difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): From Eveleth, take Highway 53 to Industrial Park Drive, follow to Progress Park Parkway and turn right.

Season: Year-round

Facilities: Eveleth/Gilbert: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Phil Anderson, 218-749-3462



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Moose Run Trail

Located north of Finland, the 12-mile Moose Run Trail takes riders through the Sawtooth Mountains along Minnesota's scenic North Shore. A family-friendly route, it winds over hills and through deep woods, brushing along the North Shore State Trail before merging with the Moose Walk Trail. It is provided by Lake County and maintained by Finland Snowmobile/ATV Club.



Distance: 12 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Lake County Highway 7 west at Finland or east of County Road 701 for about 2 miles

Season: May 26 to November 1

Facilities: Silver Bay/Beaver Bay/Finland: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging, camping

More Information: Sandy Gunnink, 218-282-9935



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Nemadji State Forest Trails

The southern trails of this system wind across gently rolling upland, moving to steep stream valleys in the northeast. Tight, wooded, technical OHM single-track trails challenge even the most experienced riders. Trail connections to the Matthew Lourey State Trail and the Gandy Dancer Trail offer additional riding opportunities. Trails are provided by Pine County and maintained by the Straight Arrow Enduro Riders motorcycle club and the South Metro ATV Club.



Distance: 100 miles of ATV and OHM trails

Difficulty: Easiest to Most Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): From Nickerson, go north on Delong Road/Highway 23 and continue onto County Road 146 to Gafvert Day-use Area. For Straight Arrows, drive east from Nickerson to parking off Harlis Road in the Nemadji State Forest

Season: Year-round

Facilities: Moose Lake: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: 218-460-7021



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Moose Walk Trail

Located in the Sawtooth Mountains along Minnesota's scenic North Shore, the Moose Walk Trail is family-friendly. It connects with the Red Dot Trail for a hilly ride winding through stands of spruce and pine. Shelters are located along the trail for riders in need of a rest stop. The trail is provided by Lake County and maintained by the Silver Trail Riders.



Distance: 22 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): On Highway 4 out of Beaver Bay and in Silver Bay on Highway 5

Season: May 26 to November 1

Facilities: Silver Bay/Beaver Bay/Finland: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging, camping

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Distance: 30 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to Most Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): The trail connects to Cook County roads open to ATV use

Season: May 14 to November 1

Facilities: Grand Marais: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Steve Fleace, 218-370-8740



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Red Dot Trail

The 30-mile Red Dot Trail runs through the Palisade Valley Recreation Unit of Tettegouche State Park before connecting to the Moose Walk and Moose Run Trails. The trail offers access to the ATV-friendly community of Silver Bay with gas, lodging and food options within riding distance from the trail. It is provided by Lake County and maintained by Silver Trail Riders.



Distance: 30 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Parking and trail access outside of Beaver Bay on Hwy. 4 as well as outside Silver Bay on Hwy. 5.

Season: May 14 to November 1

Facilities: Silver Bay/Beaver Bay/Finland: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging, camping

More Information: James Larson, 218-576-3133



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Rice Lake Pancore Loop

The 13-mile route follows historic roads in the Pat Bayle State Forest and Superior National Forest linking with The Grade, Pancore Lake and Clara Lake Roads. The trail connects to Cook County roads open to ATV use. The trail is provided by Cook County and maintained by the Cook County ATV Club.



Distance: 13 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Access from Cook County Roads open to ATVs

Season: May 15 to November 1

Facilities: Lutsen: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Steve Fleace, 218-370-8740



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Prospectors Trail

This 167-mile trail system uses a combination of forest roads, wooded trails and county road rights-of-way to connect the communities of Ely, Babbitt, Embarrass, Tower and Soudan, and ties into the Lake County and Cook County ATV trail systems. The trail passes through many different forest types and ecosystems, from the classic northwoods landscape with pine, aspen and ledge outcrops, to lowlands, bogs and wetlands. OHMs are not allowed on County Public Works roads. ORVs are only permitted on certain segments; refer to map for details.



Distance: 167 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Parking and trail access in towns along trail

Season: May 1 to October 31

Facilities: Tower, Babbitt, Ely: food, fuel, restroom, lodging

More Information: Ron Potter, 218-365-3766



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Saginaw Grade/Lumberjack Multi-Use Trail

Trail is on an abandoned railroad grade from Spafford Park in Cloquet and travels north 10 miles before stopping short of the historic Saginaw area in St. Louis County. Maintained by Twig Area Trail Riders.



Distance: 10 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Trail parking and access located at Spafford Park off Main Street in Cloquet

Season: Year-round

Facilities: Cloquet: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Chris Rokke, 218-591-2602



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St. Croix State Forest Trails

Located along the Wisconsin border, this 26-mile trail offers a scenic ride through heavily wooded forest. There is easy access to the Gandy Dancer Trail, allowing for even more riding miles. The St. Croix State Forest is classified as LIMITED. Trails are provided by Pine County and maintained by the Minnesota DNR.



Distance: 26 miles (Mn), 68 miles (Wi)

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Parking and trail access east of Nickerson, outside Kingsdale or within the St. Croix State Forest

Season: Year-round

Facilities: Danbury: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging;

Duxbury: food, fuel, restrooms

More Information: 218-460-7021



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Soo Pits Trail

Five miles of trails curve and twist through a landscape of northern hardwoods. The highlight is the pit, where piles of materials and steep rims are ideal for climbing and scrambling practice. Many routes are recommended for more experienced riders. The Soo Pits Trail is accessible off the Soo Line South Trail. The trail is provided by Carlton County and maintained by the Evergreen PAC ATV Club.



Distance: 5 miles

Difficulty: More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): From Moose Lake, parking is located a half-mile east on Highway 27

Season: April 1 to November 30

Facilities: Moose Lake: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Jim Gassert, 218-485-4486



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Stony Spur II

The remote Stony Spur II Trail begins in Babbitt and runs almost 25 miles eastward, just south of Bear Island State Forest. The trail follows the diverse landscape through stands of aspen and cedar. There are a few stream and water crossings. The trail is maintained by the City of Babbitt and the Babbitt ATV/Snowmobile Club.



Distance: 60 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): One mile west of Babbitt at the junction of County Roads 70 and 21: Access the eastern part of Jackpot on County Road 2 near Wampus Lake, about 15 miles west of Isabella

Season: May 1 to October 31

Facilities: Babbitt: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Dave Soular, 218-235-0329



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Thistledew Trails



This 25-mile system consists of a north and south loop located within George Washington State Forest. The trail passes through rolling hills of mature pine and aspen forest. Both loops are managed for ATV and horseback riding, so please watch for other riders.

Distance: 25 miles

Difficulty: More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): 32 miles north of Nashwauk on Highway 65 then left on Highway 1 for 3.5 miles. Continue north on County Road 542 to parking

Season: April 1 to November 30

Facilities: Grand Rapids: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: 218-328-8985



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Taconite State Trail - Big Aspen Connection



The Taconite Trail winds through forests of birch and aspen intertwined with pine, leading the visitor past many isolated lakes and streams. Portions of the trail are open to ATV (Class 1 & 2) and off-highway motorcycle (OHM) users from May 1 through October 31. Users may encounter horseback riders, as well as mountain bikers, hikers and backpackers. All users must yield to horses. Motorized users should stay to the right side of the trail except when safely passing other users. From the trail intersection with US Highway 53, ATV & OHM use is allowed eastward (toward Tower) for about 2 miles and westward (toward McCarthy Beach State Park) for about 15 miles. OHV use ends at the trail intersection with St. Louis County Highway 65.

Distance: 18 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): On west side of Hwy 53/trail intersection, and north of Hwy 73/state trail intersection

Season: May 1 to October 31

Facilities: Gilbert: Food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: 218-300-7841



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Timber Frear Loop



This 20-mile trail in the Superior National Forest follows historic roads to loop past Whitefish, around Frear and Timber Lakes, then down past Fourmile Lake. The trail connects to Cook County roads open to ATV use. It is provided by Cook County and maintained by the Cook County ATV Club.

Distance: 20 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Access from Cook County Roads open to ATVs

Season: May 14 to November 1

Facilities: Grand Marais: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

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Turkey Time Trail

This trail provides a 16-mile loop from the Fond Du Lac State Forest trails near Cromwell, north into St. Louis County Forest lands and back. Travel along rustic forest roads and remote township roads on this multi-use trail. Trail is provided by Carlton County and maintained by the Carlton County Riders Club.

Distance: 16 miles

Difficulty: More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): North of Cromwell, off County Rd 120, and Gravel Pit Road

Season: April 1 to December 1

Facilities: Cromwell, Cloquet, Brookston: food, fuel, restroom, lodging

More Information: Carlton County Riders, 218-380-8730



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UPM Blandin Trail

Located off the Rabey Line, the 21-mile UPM Blandin Trail travels through a wooded landscape of upland spruce and northern hardwood, with several small stream crossings. A short spur trail leads to an overlook and picnic area. This trail is ideal for riders of all experience levels and offers a scenic ride during the fall months. The trail is provided by Itasca County and maintained by Rapids Riders ATV Club.

Distance: 21 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Trail access east on Smith Drive, halfway between Grand Rapids and Hill City on Hwy 169.

Season: May 15 to November 1

Facilities: Hill City / Grand Rapids: food, fuel, restroom, lodging; Jacobson: food, fuel, restroom

More Information: Jerry McKnight, 218-326-3691



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Voyageur Country ATV System

This extensive ATV system in the Superior National Forest includes 250 miles of mapped and signed trails and forest roads. Signed and maintained by the Voyageur Country ATV club, it features a long, single-span bridge over the Vermilion River, boardwalks and scenic overlooks with picnic areas.

Distance: 250 miles and growing

Difficulty: Easy to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): At towns, resorts on trail

Season: May 1 to October 31

Facilities: Food, fuel, lodging at resorts and towns

More Information: Steve Koch, 218-290-8804



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Distance: 30 miles, see map where OHMs allowed

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Parking is located east of the intersection of Lake County Highway 2 and Alger Grade

Season: May 26 to November 1

Facilities: Two Harbors / Silver Bay / Finland: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Mike Brandt, 218-391-7246



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Distance: 40 acres

Difficulty: Easiest to Most Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Park in McGregor. Access is 2 miles north off of the Soo Line North Trail

Season: May 15 to October 30, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Facilities: McGregor: food, fuel, restroom, lodging

More Information: Chris Johnson, 218-927-7364



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Blind Lake Connector and Loop



Jump on this popular trail from the Soo Line North Trail at its north end or from parking lots near Blind Lake at the south end. It provides a comfortable ride through a range of forest habitats as well as along remote lakes and ponds, with a picnic area and toilet. Trails are provided by Aitkin County and the Blind Lake ATV Club.

Distance: 33 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): On the north and south ends of the loop

Season: May 15 to October 31

Facilities: Swatara: restroom, South of Cty 3: shelter, restroom

More Information: Robert Schafer, 320-583-7659



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Crow Wing Southern Loop

This trail connects the Pine Center Trail with the Fort Ripley Trail and Ripley Connection, as well as provides access to the city of Brainerd. Much of the trail passes along farm and country landscapes. The trail follows township roads, occasionally sharing the road with highway-licensed vehicles. The trail is provided by Crow Wing County and maintained by Central Lakes ATV Club.



Distance: 60 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Park at the Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce rest stop, located eight miles south of Brainerd on Highway 371

Season: May 1 to November 1

Facilities: Brainerd: Food, restrooms, fuel, lodging;
Trailhead parking: restrooms

More Information: Darrel Palmer, 218-828-0353



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Dailey Pits Trail

Located in the Rum River State Forest, some trails designated OHM, others for OHM and ATV use. Trails designed as easy to moderate difficulty with some rolling hills that wind through wooded and open areas. Provided by Mille Lacs County, maintained by Rum Runners Motorcycle Club.



Distance: 8 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking: From State 159, west on Cty 21 for 3 miles, then south on 150th Ave. for 1 mile.

Season: May 15 to November 1

Facilities: Onamia: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: George O'Neil, 763-310-9025



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Foxy Loop

This Class 1 ATV-only trail off the Soo Line South has a fun series of loops. It's provided by Mille Lacs County and maintained by the Mille Lacs Drift Skippers Snowmobile & ATV Club.



Distance: 3 miles | Class 1 ATV Only

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): In Isle on Soo Line Trail

Season: April 1 to November 30

Facilities: Isle: food, fuel restroom, lodging

More Information: CJ Curry, 218-341-1166



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Grant County Youth Trail

This site has an ATV Youth Safety course and trail to practice basic skills. The trail winds through hardwood forest and open prairie. There are challenging features for youth to practice climbs and turns. Riders can choose to practice climbing obstacles and hills, riding over logs, crossing bridges and rolling whoops. Parking and shelter are located onsite.



Distance: 2.6 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult and Most Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Take Highway 59 south from Elbow Lake to Highway 54. Travel south 8.8 miles, take a right on 170th Street and go 2.3 miles west

Season: May 15 to October 31

Facilities: none

More Information: Tracey Von Bargaen, 218-685-8300



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Fort Ripley Trail and Ripley Connection

This central Minnesota trail is primarily flat and easy to ride with a few rolling hills. The trail narrows and winds through rolling oak- and pine-covered hills near Sebie Lake, along the old Burlington Northern railroad grade. The Crow Wing South Loop connects Fort Ripley Trail to Brainerd and additional riding on the Pine Center Trails. Trails are provided by Crow Wing County and maintained by Central Lakes ATV Club.



Distance: 31 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Brainerd, Little Falls and Fort Ripley

Season: May 1 to October 31

Facilities: Brainerd / Little Falls: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging; Fort Ripley: food, restroom, lodging

More Information: Darrel Palmer, 218-828-0353



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Hill City Trail

A challenging ride, with steep climbs and turns, the trail winds through the hardwood forest near Quadna Mountain. Stop along the Willow River for a view from the bridge, located next to a long wooden boardwalk. Parking and picnic areas are located on the trail, which is provided by Aitkin County and maintained by North Woods Quads ATV Club.

Distance: 16 miles

Difficulty: More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Parking in Hill City and Swatara

Season: May 15 to October 31

Facilities: Hill City: food, fuel, restroom, lodging; Swatara: restroom

More Information: Chris Johnson, 218-927-7364



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Lawler Loops

A scenic detour off the popular Soo Line South Trail, the Lawler Loops showcase the iconic northern Minnesota landscape. The trail has three loops, passing north and south of the Soo Line. Stretches of boardwalk cross over the wetland areas and picnic stops with grills are available. The trail is provided by Aitkin County and local ATV clubs.

Distance: 18 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): In Lawler along the Soo Line North Trail

Season: May 15 to October 31

Facilities: Lawler: food, fuel, restroom

More Information: Chris Johnson, 218-927-7364



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Meeker County OHV Park

Narrow and winding trails travel through this 40-acre parcel of woods, showcasing oak, elm, ash and maple trees. There is a youth training area on site, as well as a shelter and restroom facilities. The OHV park is maintained by Crow River Wheelers and provided by Meeker County.

Distance: 40 acres, 4 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Travel west from Darwin on Highway 12 and go south for 6 miles on County Road 9

Season: May 1 to November 1

Facilities: Restroom, picnic area and shelter

More Information: Paul Kruse, 320-582-0222



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Huntersville Trail

Seventy-five miles of single-track OHM trail twist through Huntersville State Forest, with some two-track and service road loops for beginning riders. All trails are marked and range from easy to most difficult. The Huntersville Trail is a great alternative to the more technical Martineau Recreational Trail. This trail is provided by the Township of Huntersville and maintained by the Twin Cities Trail Riders.

Distance: OHM 75 miles, ATV 4 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to Most Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Parking and trail access west of Huntersville off County Road 24 or east off County Road 18

Season: Year-round

Facilities: Menahga: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Tom Umphress, 612-965-8618



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Mille Lacs ORV Park

The Mille Lacs County MN4WDA ORV Park is about 315 acres, located off State 169 in Onamia Township. It currently includes over 5 miles of trail designed for novice and intermediate skill levels, and an advanced skills area for more experienced users. Park maintained by the MN4WDA.

ATVs and OHMs are not allowed in this park.

Distance: 5 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Entrance located off 300th Street, 500 feet east of the State 169 intersection

Season: Year-round

Facilities: Onamia: food, fuel, restroom, lodging

More Information: henry.strater@mn4wda.com



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Miller-Black Bear Trail

Located six miles west of Crosby, the Miller-Black Bear Trail travels 19 miles over rolling hills and past scenic overlooks of the Mississippi River. Six sites with picnic tables and grills are found along the trail. Watch for wildflowers in the spring! The trail is provided by Crow Wing County and the Cuyuna Iron Range Riders ATV Club.

Distance: 19 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Travel north from Ironton for 3 miles on County Road 30 before turning south onto County Road 31. After 1.3 miles go south on County Road 128 and take the first right; follow 1 mile to parking

Season: May 1 to October 31

Facilities: Crosby/Ironton: food, fuel, restroom, lodging

More Information: Russell Heitola, 218-825-0441



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Mississippi River Northwoods Trail/Miller Hills Trail

Five miles east of Brainerd, the Mississippi River Northwoods Trail is 11.5 miles of historic forest roads on Crow Wing County land. The nearby Miller Hills Trail has 14 miles of single-track trails for experienced off-highway motorcycle riders, and is provided by the Northern Lites Cycle Club.

Distance: 11.5 miles (Northwoods); 14 miles (Miller Hills)

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Three miles east on Highway 21 from the Brainerd airport

Season: May 1 to October 31

Facilities: Crosby / Ironton: food, fuel, restroom, lodging

More Information: Russ Heitola, 218-825-0441



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Pine Center Trails

Located in central Minnesota, this 23-mile trail system has rolling hills and is suited for riders of all skill levels. The Crow Wing South Loop connects the Pine Center Trails to Brainerd and additional riding on Fort Ripley Trail and Ripley Connection. Provided by Crow Wing County and the Pine Center Sportsman's Club.

Distance: 23 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to Most Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): From Pine Center, east 1.5 miles on Cty Rd 2, turn south at parking sign

Season: May 1 to October 31

Facilities: Garrison: food, fuel, restroom, lodging



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Rabey Line Trail

The 19-mile Rabey Line winds through the Hill River and Savanna State Forests and connects the communities of Jacobson and Hill City. It's a combination of high ground, swamp and bog land with beautiful woods along the Mississippi River — a true Minnesota experience. The trail is provided by Aitkin County and local ATV clubs.

Distance: 19 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Parking and trail access east of Hill City and north of Jacobson

Season: May 15 to October 31

Facilities: Hill City: food, fuel, restroom, lodging;

Jacobson: food, fuel, restroom

More Information: Chris Johnson, 218-927-7364



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Rat Lake-Big Sandy Connector

This connector trail between Palisade and Big Sandy Lake is an easy ride that follows the existing road right-of-way, with access to Highway 65/Bear Country Road as well as Highway 65/County Road 14. Trail is part of the 200-mile Northwoods ATV Trail System, provided by Aitkin County and local ATV clubs.

Distance: 12.4 miles

Difficulty: Easiest

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Parking in Palisade.

Access trail southeast of Palisade via the Soo Line Trail.

Season: May 15 to November 30

Facilities: food, fuel, restroom

More Information: Chris Johnson, 218-927-7364



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Red Top Trail

Located between Isle and McGrath, the Red Top Trail has 25 miles of varying terrain for all levels. Beginners will enjoy the sandy, wide trails on the main track while experienced riders can try the tight, technical loops. The popular Adventure Trail loop is a rocky, steep, rugged ride. Riders of all skill levels will enjoy the rocky terrain and sweeping corners of the trail while feeling miles away from civilization. The trail is provided by Aitkin County and local ATV clubs.



Distance: 25 miles

Difficulty: More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): Isle at Drift Skippers clubhouse, Redtop, Idun Road and the Snake River campground on Highway 65

Season: May 15 to October 31

Facilities: Isle: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Chris Johnson, 218-927-7364



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Solana Loop

The Solana Loop is a scenic 15-mile route off the well-traveled Soo Line South Trail, passing through the beautiful Solana State Forest. Level terrain opens to occasional rolling hills while winding through stands of mature oak trees. The trail is provided by Aitkin County and maintained by the White Pine Riders ATV Club.

Distance: 15 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): From McGrath, go north on Highway 27 for 6.5 miles, east on County Road 2 for 6 miles, south on County Road 26 for 1.3 miles, and left on 150th Place to parking. Access also available via the Soo Line South trailheads

Season: May 15 to October 31

Facilities: McGrath: food

More Information: Chris Johnson, 218-927-7364



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Spider Lake Trails

The Spider Lake Trails features 29 miles of loops throughout the Foot Hills State Forest. From smooth and sandy to rough and rocky, the trails provide a challenging ride as they curve around lakes and ponds, follow ridges, and traverse several hills and slopes throughout the forest.

Distance: 29 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to Most Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): From Pine River go 12 miles west on County Road 2 (24th Street SW) and then south on Spider McKinley Forest Road to parking area

Season: Year-round

Facilities: Pine River: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging;

Leader: food, fuel, restroom

More Information: 218-308-2372



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Appleton Area Recreational Park

Once an old gravel mine, the Appleton Area Recreational Park covers 330 acres, including 29 miles of trails. The park is ideal for OHV enthusiasts of all skill levels, containing many miles of narrow technical trails, plus a motocross practice track. Past gravel mining activity created rolling terrain and excellent riding for the entire family. The City of Appleton is ATV-friendly, allowing travel on posted roads within city limits. The park is provided by Swift County.



Distance: 29 miles/330 acres

Difficulty: Easiest to Most Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): From Appleton, go one mile east on Highway 59

Season: Year-round

Facilities: Appleton: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Devon Savage, 320-843-5341



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Chatfield Trail

Located in southeastern Minnesota, this 19-mile trail was developed by a group of neighbors with a passion for ATVs. The trail is entirely on private land and leads riders through backdrops of field, forest, pasture and woods. Please respect the private landowners and stay on the marked trails. The trail is provided by the City of Chatfield and maintained by the Chatfield ATV Trails Club.



Distance: 19 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): One mile north of Chatfield on State Highway 74 and 30. Parking is on the right side

Season: May 1 to October 31

Facilities: Chatfield: food, fuel, restrooms; Rochester: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Bernie Hammell, 507-867-4410; June Hammell, 507-251-2436



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Shady Oaks Native Prairie Adventure Trails

This 6.3-mile trail on private land winds through open prairie and a wooded valley, with trails crossing over unique bridges. It was built in memory of U.S. veterans Edward Burckhardt and Harry Thooft. Enjoy the overlooks and scenic views. Provided by Lyon County; maintained by the landowner and local volunteers

Distance: 6.3 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): North of Russell City Park

Season: May 1 to October 1

Facilities: Russell: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Gary Thooft, 507-823-4215



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Snake Creek Trail

Located in the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest, this trail stretches 13 miles through bluff country in southeast Minnesota, climbing 300 feet along the Snake Creek Valley with stunning scenic overlooks. Sections of the trail reach to the bedrock with challenging outcroppings and cobbles. Maintained by the Minnesota DNR.

Distance: 13 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): From Kellogg, go 3 miles south on Highway 61, follow road to lot

Season: May 1 to October 31

Facilities: Kellogg: food, fuel, restrooms; Minneiska: food; Winona: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: 507-206-2847



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Southeast Minnesota Trail

This 13-mile trail connects the communities of Stockton and Altura, winding along rolling farmland, forested ravines and valleys. Portions are on private property; please watch for cattle along the way. Provided by Winona County; maintained by the Southeast Minnesota ATV Club.



Distance: 13 miles

Difficulty: More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): From Stockton, go one mile west on Highway 14 to parking area

Season: May 15 to October 31

Facilities: Stockton: food, fuel, restrooms; Winona: food, fuel, restrooms, lodging

More Information: Lee Potter, 507-450-7190



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Trout Valley Trail

This 9-mile trail in southeastern Minnesota climbs to the top of a steep, wooded ridge where two overlooks offer great views of the surrounding Trout, Whitewater and Mississippi River valleys. The Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest is classified as LIMITED. This is a multi-use trail and managed for ATV, OHM, mountain bike and horseback riding. Please use caution when riding. The trail is maintained by the Minnesota DNR.



Distance: 9 miles

Difficulty: Easiest to More Difficult

Parking/Trailhead Location(s): From Winona, go 15 miles northwest on Highway 61 and then 1.7 miles southwest on County Road 29

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