
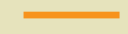




Richard J. Dorer State Forest-Hay Creek Unit



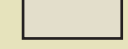
TRAILS

-  Multi-Use Trail (horseback riding, hiking, skiing)
-  Snowmobile Trails
-  Goodhue Pioneer State Trail (paved) (non-motorized use only)
-  Goodhue Pioneer State Trail (natural surface treadway)

FACILITIES

-  Parking
-  Picnic Area
-  Vault Toilet
-  Shelter
-  Drinking Water
-  Scenic Overlook
-  Private Campground

OWNERSHIP

-  Public Land Within the Forest
-  Private Land Within the Forest
-  Land Outside Forest Boundaries

**MINNESOTA
HORSE
TRAIL PASS
REQUIRED HERE**

M.S. 85.46 No person 16 or older may ride, lead or drive a horse on this trail without a valid horse trail pass. Violations are a misdemeanor and subject to fine.

Horse trail pass fees are dedicated for acquisition, development and maintenance of horse trails and equestrian facilities.

Horse trail passes can be purchased at any Minnesota electronic licensing system (ELS) location, or see www.dnr.state.mn.us

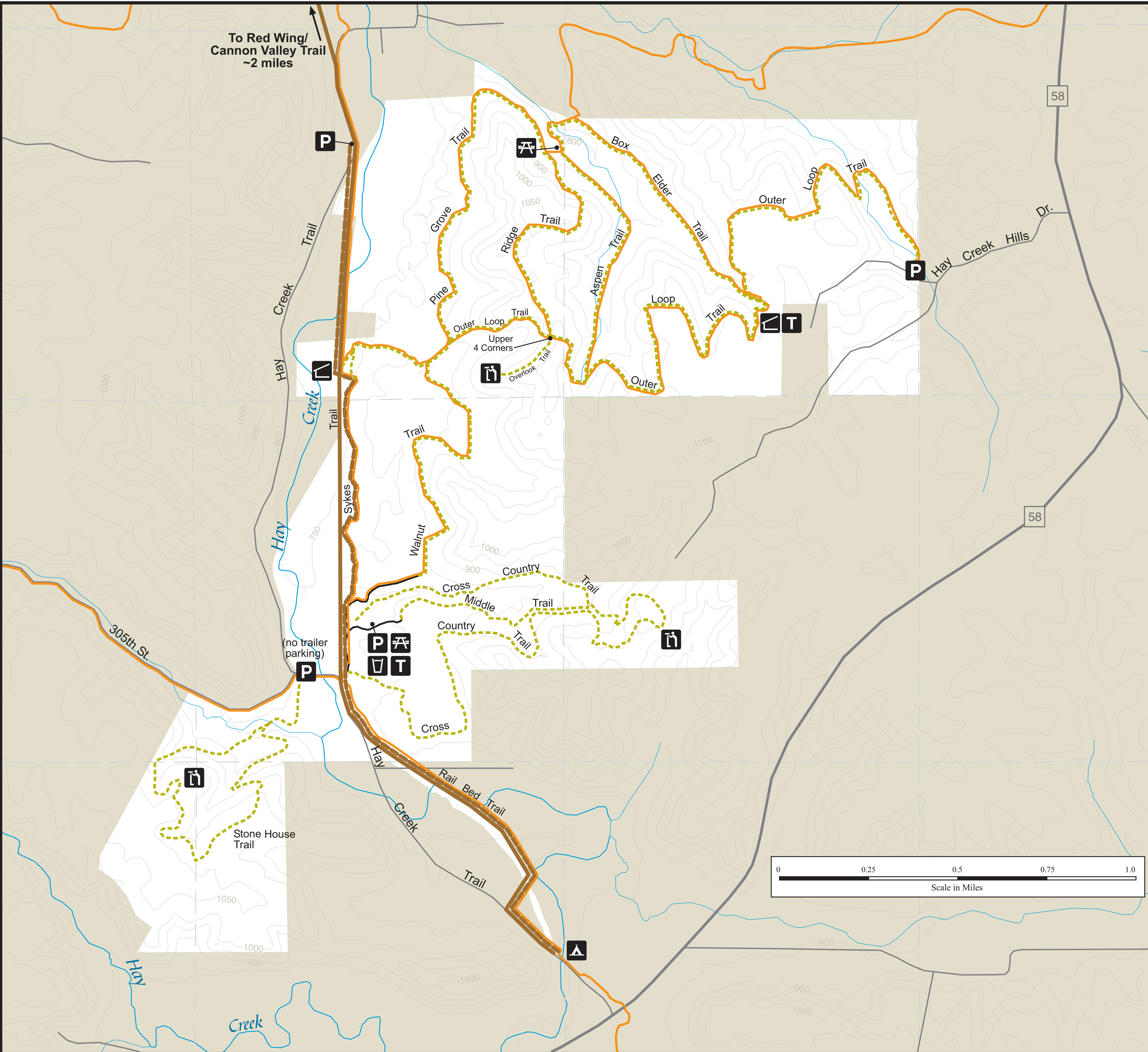
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Is It Trespassing?

On private land, the simple and best answer is, **Ask First!** Signs are posted by the landowners, and they will state, "No Trespassing," or similar words in two-inch letters and the signature or name and telephone number of the landowner, lessee, or manager. There can be civil and criminal penalties for violation of the trespass laws.

Civil penalties start at \$50 for first offense and range up to \$500 and loss of license or registration for a third offense, within three years. All conservation and peace officers enforce trespass laws.



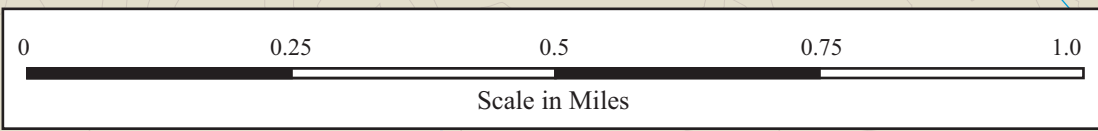
To Red Wing/
Cannon Valley Trail
~2 miles

(no trailer parking)

Hay Creek Hills Dr.

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Richard J. Dorer State Forest Hay Creek Unit

A guide to recreational opportunities in Minnesota state forests



Stone House

About the Forest

Size: 1,500 acres

Year Created: 1961

Forest Landscape: The Hay Creek Unit is located in the Minnesota's deciduous forest biome which means the plants and animals that live there are adapted to the area's average annual temperature, precipitation and growing season.

Because this area was not covered with glaciers during the most recent glaciations, steep bluffs and valleys formed from eroding water. Over the years, erosion revealed steep cliffs of sandstone, which was deposited millions of years ago when this part of Minnesota was covered by shallow inland seas.

The Hay Creek Management Unit is located about two miles south of Red Wing in northern Goodhue County. It can be reached from Highway 58 by turning on 350th street at Dressen's Saloon at the town of Hay Creek. Watch for the entry sign to the parking area a few miles down the road.

Management Activities: State forests are managed for timber, outdoor recreation, protecting watersheds, and perpetuate rare and distinctive species of flora and fauna. Because of its proximity to the Twin Cities, the Hay Creek unit is one of the most heavily used parts of the Richard J. Dorer State Forest. It is a favorite destination for day use horseback riding. Hay Creek is a designated trout stream providing great fishing opportunities.

Overnight camping is available at the nearby Dressen's Saloon Campground. Forest management activities including planting, timber stand improvement and harvesting continue in the unit. Minnesota state forests are certified by third party auditors for sustainable forest management, which means that forest management activities are done in a way that best support re-growth and minimize adverse effects on wildlife, water quality, and recreation.

History: The Hay Creek valley was one of the first blocks of forested land to be purchased in Goodhue County following the establishment of the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood Forest in 1961. Its eroded, poor quality farmlands showed a great need for conservation practices, while the scenic bluffs and winding trout stream gives it a high potential for recreation. Acquisition continued through the 1970s, when the Hay Creek Management Unit attained its present size of nearly 1,500 acres.

Look for ...

Predominant Tree Species: The rugged hills surrounding Hay Creek consist primarily of oaks, with elm, birch, basswood, and black cherry mixed in. Cottonwood, willow, soft maple, ash, and elm are found along the creek. Plantations of pines and black walnut are scattered throughout the area.



Keep Trees a Healthy Part of Your World!

- Plant trees. Make sure they are right for the site.
- Help keep trees healthy. For example: Water trees during dry periods; avoid wounding bark with lawn mowers and weed whips; stake small-diameter, newly planted trees to give them added support; mulch trees to help retain moisture in the soil.



- Celebrate Arbor Day and Arbor Month. In Minnesota, Arbor Day is the last Friday in April and May is Arbor Month.
- Join or establish a local tree committee or board.
- Go to www.MNtrees.org, Minnesota's one-stop Web site for information on trees, tree care, and tree-related organizations.

What is a Tree?

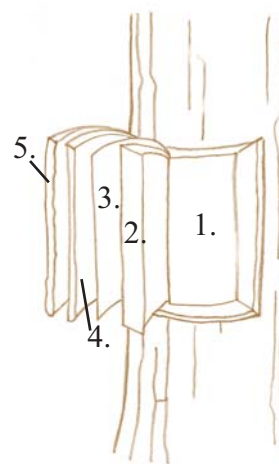
A tree is a woody plant that can grow to be 15 feet or higher and usually has a single stem and a crown (branched-out area) at the top.

Reading the Rings

A tree's trunk is like a highway. It transports water and nutrients from the soil to the leaves. It transports food in the form of sugars from the leaves to the rest of the tree.

The trunk is made up of five layers:

- Inner wood: dead xylem; stores food and supports the tree.
- Xylem: tubelike cells that move water and nutrients from the roots to the rest of the tree.
- Cambium: layer that produces phloem and xylem.
- Phloem: tubelike cells that move sugar (called sap) from leaves to the rest of the tree.
- Outer bark: dead phloem; protects the rest of the tree.



Two Kinds of Trees

Minnesota is home to 52 native tree species and they can be divided into two main types: deciduous and coniferous.

Deciduous trees drop their leaves each autumn. Deciduous trees are sometimes called angiosperms, broadleaf trees, or hardwoods. Oaks, maples, and elms are deciduous trees.

Coniferous trees are trees that produce seeds without fruits or nuts. Most coniferous trees bear seeds in cones, have needles instead of broad leaves, and keep their needles in winter. Coniferous trees are also called gymnosperms, evergreens, or softwoods. Spruces, firs, and pines are coniferous trees.

Snowmobile Laws

Alcohol, nighttime driving, and high speeds are the main causes of snowmobile fatalities. Conservation officers remind snowmobilers:

- Operating a snowmobile while intoxicated is unlawful.
- 50 miles per hour is the maximum legal speed for snowmobiling on frozen public waters and DNR-controlled lands (conditions permitting, when no other restrictions apply).

For complete legal information see "Minnesota Snowmobile Safety Laws, Rules, and Regulations," available from DNR Information Center and DNR Licensing Bureau.



The Grant-In-Aid Trail System

Through efforts of snowmobile club volunteers across the state, Minnesotans enjoy more than 20,000 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. The maintenance of 90 percent of these trails is the responsibility of local snowmobile clubs and Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association (MnUSA).



Stay on the trails with the help of orange reassuring blazers, which are posted along the route.



Hunting

Hunting in state forests is allowed during the appropriate season and with the correct license. State forests do contain private holdings within their boundaries, many of which are signed "no hunting." Hunting on private land within a state forest is subject to state trespass laws.

Firearms, deer stands:

Firearms must be unloaded and cased and bows must be unstrung and cased while in or within 200 feet of a forest recreation area (campground, day-use area, etc.). The only exception is during an open hunting season when a person may carry an uncased and unloaded firearm or strung bow to hunt outside of the recreation area.

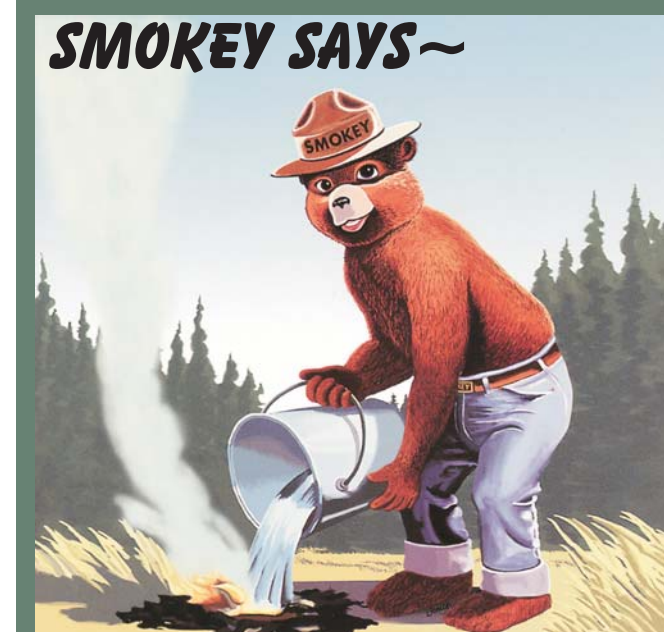
Temporary and portable deer stands are allowed in state forests.

For more information on hunting and trapping, go to: www.mndnr.gov/hunting

Fishing, Trapping

There are no special provisions or restrictions on fishing or trapping within state forests. Participants in these activities must have the proper license and abide by the same rules and seasons as anywhere else in the state.

For more information on fishing, go to: www.mndnr.gov/fishing



Be Safe With Campfires!

- Let your fire burn out completely to ashes or very small coals.
- Drench the fire with water, stir the ashes and coals, and wet again.
- Make sure any food, plastics, or foil is packed out as garbage.
- When your fire is extinguished completely, it should be cold to the touch.

OHV Use on State Forest Lands

State forest lands are classified by the commissioner for purposes of motor vehicle use.

The DNR is conducting a review of state forests that currently permit off-highway vehicle use. Following the review, these forests may be reclassified as either "managed," "limited," or "closed" to OHV use.

Please check for trail closures before you leave at: www.mndnr.gov/trailconditions/index.html

For up-to-date information, check www.mndnr.gov/input/mgmtplans/ohv/designation/index.html

RICHARD J. DORER STATE FOREST IS CLASSIFIED AS LIMITED, however the Hay Creek Unit does not allow off-highway vehicle use.



white-winged crossbill



Stone House overlook

Wildlife: Hunters and anglers can find trout, turkeys, ruffed grouse, deer, opossum, raccoon, red fox, beaver, and coyote. Also present are woodchucks and ground squirrels. The Forest is popular with birders as raptors such as red-tailed hawks, bald eagles, and falcons frequent the area as well as several species of warblers, and other migrating birds.

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