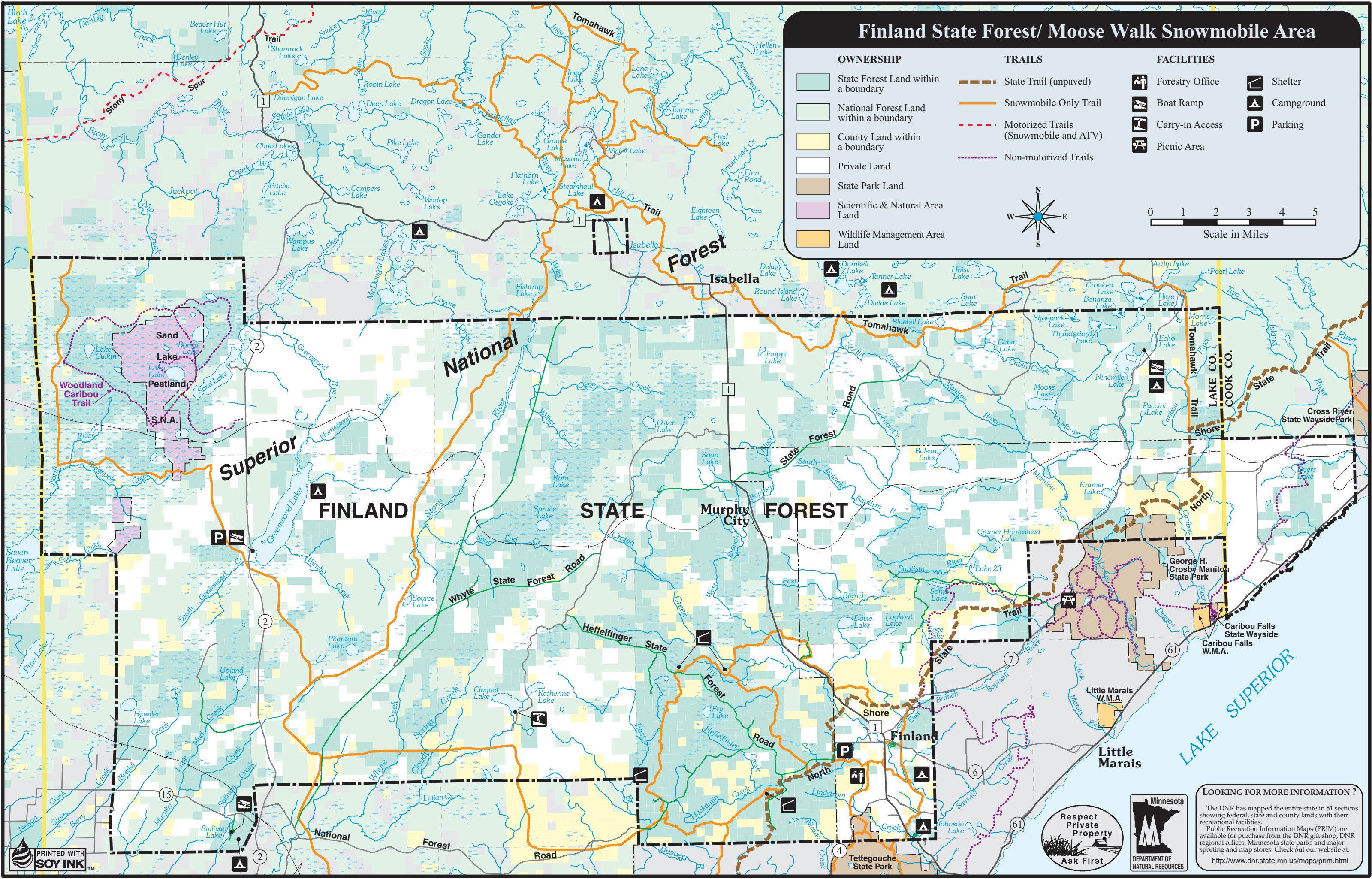
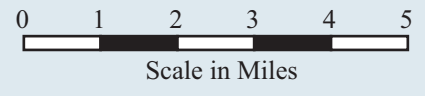
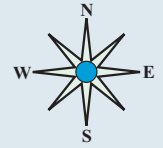


# Finland State Forest/ Moose Walk Snowmobile Area

OWNERSHIP	TRAILS	FACILITIES
State Forest Land within a boundary	State Trail (unpaved)	Forestry Office
National Forest Land within a boundary	Snowmobile Only Trail	Boat Ramp
County Land within a boundary	Motorized Trails (Snowmobile and ATV)	Carry-in Access
Private Land	Non-motorized Trails	Shelter
State Park Land		Campground
Scientific & Natural Area Land		Parking
Wildlife Management Area Land		Picnic Area



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The DNR has mapped the entire state in 51 sections showing federal, state and county lands with their recreational facilities. Public Recreation Information Maps (PRIM) are available for purchase from the DNR gift shop, DNR regional offices, Minnesota state parks and major sporting and map stores. Check out our website at: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/prim.html>

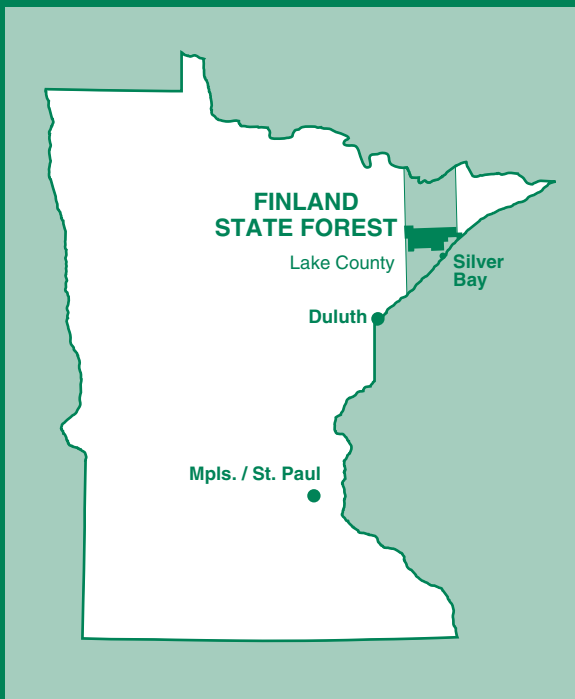
# FINLAND STATE FOREST

## TRAIL MAP

### MOOSE WALK SNOWMOBILE TRAIL

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

This information is available in alternative format upon request.



**F**inland State Forest is located in southcentral Lake County and southwestern Cook County. Various portions of the forest can be reached from U.S. Highway 61, State Highway 1 and County Highway 2.

The state legislature established Finland State Forest in 1933. The gross area of the forest is about 300,000 acres. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources administers over 100,000 acres while the federal government manages 80,000 acres and county agencies manage nearly 25,000 acres. The remaining area is privately owned.

There are about 50 miles of maintained state forest roads in Finland State Forest. These roads provide access for foresters, loggers, fishermen, hunters and other forest visitors. Many people are attracted by the wildlife that inhabits the forest. Moose, black bear, whitetail deer, ruffed grouse, timber wolf, fisher, bobcat and eagle are the most common species that frequent the forest. The Finland State Forest has trout streams and cold water trout lakes as well as warm water lakes.

#### FOREST MANAGEMENT

Minnesota's state forests produce timber and other forest crops, provide outdoor recreation, protect watersheds and perpetuate rare and distinctive species of native flora and fauna. State forests are multiple use areas that are managed to provide a sustained yield of renewable resources while maintaining or improving the forest environment. Management activities on the Finland State Forest include timber harvesting, reforestation, fire protection, wildlife habitat improvement and recreational development. The annual planned harvest of timber on state land in the forest is about 650 acres.

Approximately 1/4 of the harvested areas will be artificially regenerated by planting or seeding. The remaining area regenerates naturally. As of 1980 the Division of Forestry had established 10,149 of plantations on state land.

#### RECREATION FACILITIES

The 21 mile Moose Walk Snowmobile Trail is a major recreational facility in the Finland State Forest. The trail parking area is located about one mile west of Finland on County Road 701, near the beginning of Hefflefinger State Forest Road. The main loop of the Moose Walk Trail is nearly 18 miles long and has 4 shelters. The North Shore State Trail intersects the Moose Walk Trail near Finland.

Additional recreation facilities near Finland include the Eckbeck and Finland campgrounds and a small picnic area on the Baptism River near the Forestry Office. Eckbeck campground is located three miles southeast of Finland on State Highway 1. The 30 unit campground is named after O. M. Ebeck, the first forester at Finland. Finland campground also has 30 campsites and is located near Finland on County Highway 6.

#### STATE FOREST RULES

State forest lands are generally open for all types of outdoor recreation including, hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, and picking fruit and mushrooms.

Rules and laws regulate some activities on forest lands. A partial list is included below. A complete list is available from the Department of Natural Resources.

Firewood	-Dead wood may be gathered for campfires on site. Cutting or removing wood or forest products for home or commercial use requires a permit.
Campfires	-Recreational fires of less than 3 ft. diameter, in an area cleared of combustible materials for 5 ft. around the fire, do not require a permit. Other open burning is regulated by permit.
Firearms	-Firearms may be discharged in compliance with the law on forest lands that are not posted closed. Firearms must be unloaded and cased while in and within 200 feet of a forest recreation area (campground, day use area, parking area, etc.)
Camping	-Camping on forest lands outside of developed campgrounds is permitted with some conditions. See complete rules.
Personal property	-Personal property may not be left or positioned so as to obstruct use of a road or trail. Personal property left unattended for 14 days shall be deemed abandoned.

**Special rules apply in forest campgrounds and day use areas. They are not included here.**

TRAILS -Motor vehicle and off road rules

**Classified Forest Lands.** State forest lands are classified by the commissioner for purposes of motor vehicle use. Motor vehicle use is regulated as follows:

#### State Forest Lands Classified as **Managed**:

- Motor vehicles may operate on forest roads and forest trails **unless** they are posted and designated **closed**.

#### State Forest Lands Classified as **Limited**:

- Motor vehicles may operate on forest roads, **unless** they are posted and designated **closed**.
- Motor vehicles may operate on forest trails or areas that are **posted and designated open**. Trails that are not posted open for motor vehicles are designated as non-motorized.

#### State Forest Lands Classified as **Closed**:

- Motor vehicles and snowmobiles are **not allowed** except:
  - \* Vehicles licensed for highway use may use forest roads that are not posted or gated closed.
  - \* Vehicles may operate on frozen public waters where it is not otherwise prohibited.
  - \* Snowmobiles may operate on designated trails.

#### General Operating Restrictions

**- anywhere on state forest lands that motor vehicles are allowed.**

- No motor vehicle operation is allowed on designated non-motorized trails, unless also posted open for a motorized use.
- No motor vehicle operation is allowed on or over the beds of lakes, rivers or streams except:
  - \* when the water body is ice covered.
  - \* on a bridge, culvert or designated low water crossing.
- Motor vehicles or snowmobiles may not operate on forest lands in a manner that causes erosion or rutting, damages, or destroys

trees or growing crops. The rutting provision does not apply on designated motorized trails.

- Motor vehicles or snowmobiles may not operate within the boundaries of an area that is posted and designated as closed to such use.
- Motor vehicles on state forest roads must travel at a reasonable and prudent speed; obey posted speed limits, parking and traffic regulation signs; observe road closures; and may not operate in a manner that causes damage to the road, land or other natural resources.

**NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS-** Trails are generally open to non-motorized uses, but may be limited by postings which must be observed. In the Richard J. Dorer, horses and bicycles may travel only on designated trails.

#### 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.

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