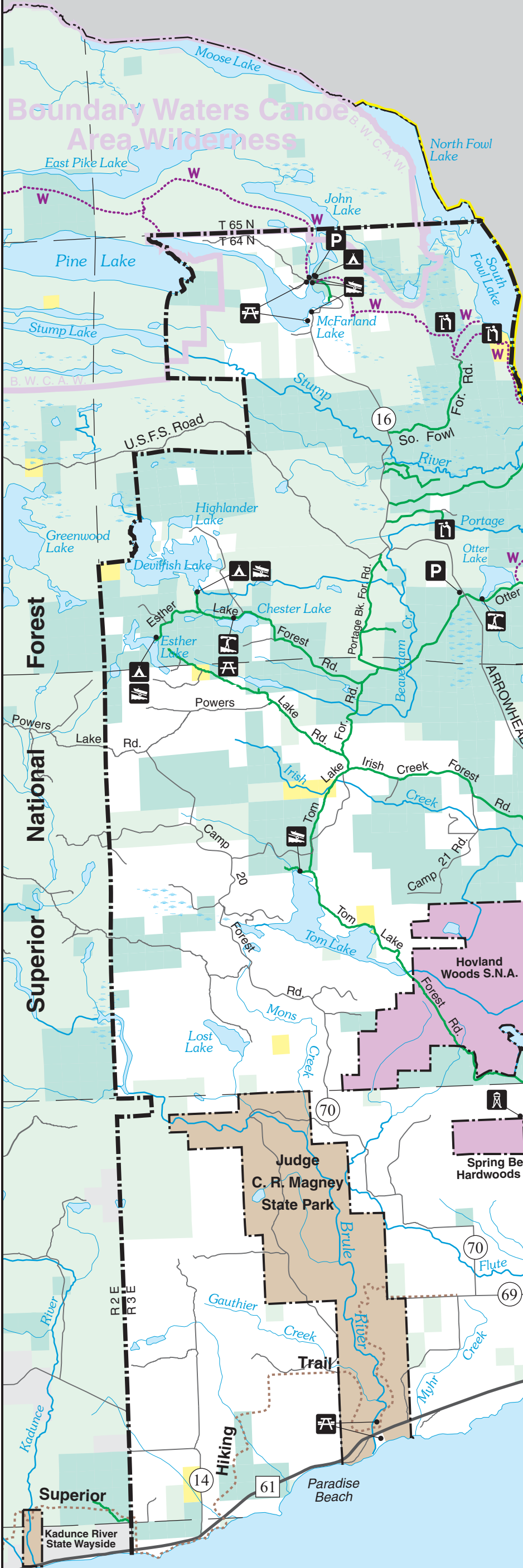
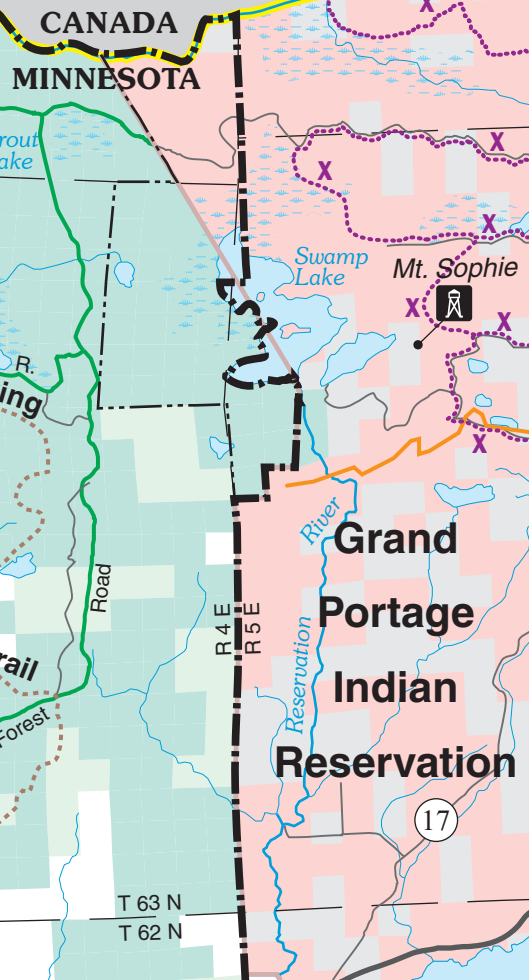
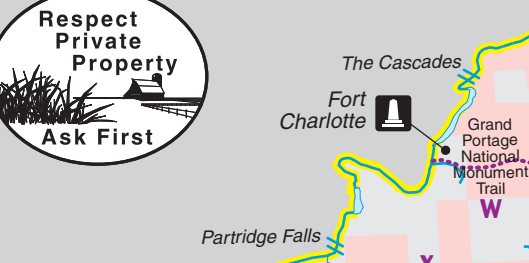
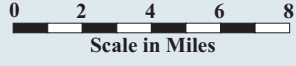


Grand Portage State Forest



LAND	TRAIL DESIGNATIONS	FACILITIES
State Forest	W Hiking / Walking	Ranger Station
Private land within forest	X Cross Country Ski	Campground
Wildlife Management Area		Carry-in Canoe
National Forest		Boat Launch
Indian Lands		P Parking
Scientific & Natural Area		Picnic Area
State Park Land		Fire Tower
Land outside unit boundaries		Historic Site
		Overlook

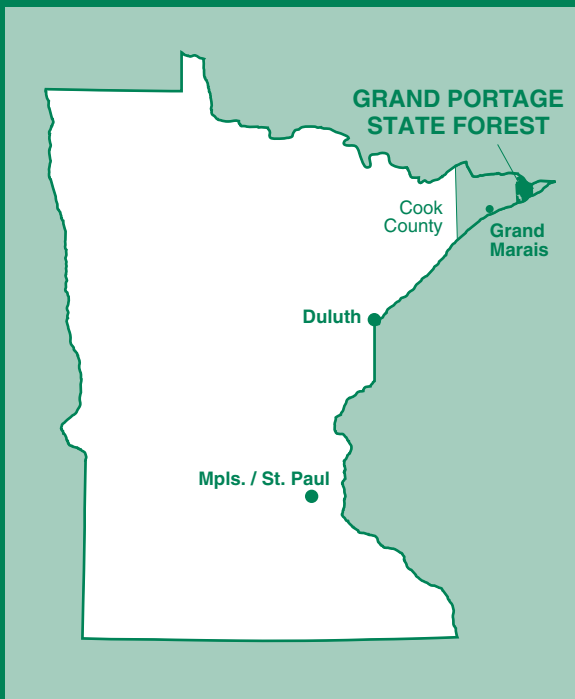
TRAIL TYPES
Snowmobile
Non-Motorized
Regional (unpaved)
Forest Road



GRAND PORTAGE STATE FOREST TRAIL MAP

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

This information is available in alternative format upon request.



Grand Portage State Forest is located in Cook County about 10 miles northeast of Grand Marais. Highway 61, which follows the shore of Lake Superior, is the only state highway in the forest. County Road 16 (the Arrowhead Trail) meanders through the central part of the forest and is the major access. In addition, over 50 miles of state forest roads bisect the forest. Much of the forest is remote, however, with large areas of land with little or no vehicle access.

The forest has an extensive logging history and many abandoned logging camps can still be found. Millions of board feet of lumber (pine and cedar) and pulpwood (black and white spruce) were cut in the forest in the early 1900s by the Pigeon River Company, the Hughes Brothers and the George W. Mead Company. Much of the pulpwood was formed into rafts on Lake Superior and towed to Wisconsin paper mills. The steel pins and rings that anchored the log booms can still be seen protruding from the rocky shoreline of the lake.

Fires have also influenced the nature of the forest. In 1910, a major fire burned much of the southeast corner of the forest. In 1936, another fire burned 10,000 acres in the central part of the forest. Some timber was salvaged from these fires but charred stumps and logs can still be found. Although these fires destroyed an enormous amount of timber, no lives were lost.

The Grand Portage State Forest was established in 1943 and contains 99,200 acres. Of this amount, 38,169 acres are state owned with the remainder in federal and private ownership. The topography of the area is very hilly with many cliffs and rock outcrops that provide some of the roughest and most scenic terrain in Minnesota. Elevation varies from 602 feet above sea level at the shore of Lake Superior, the lowest elevation in the State, to about 2,200 feet on the highest hills.

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. Thus, state forests are multiple-use areas that are managed to provide a sustained yield of renewable resources while maintaining or improving the forest environment.

Logging is the primary management activity in the forest at the present time. In 1980, approximately 2,400,000 board feet of timber was harvested. All lands that have timber harvested from them are reforested either naturally or artificially. When timber is selected for harvest, wildlife, water quality, reforestation, recreation and unique plants and animals are considered so that they are not adversely affected.

RECREATION FACILITIES

Two day use areas and nine water accesses (four with overnight camping sites) are located in the forest. They are all of a primitive nature. Toilets are provided at most sites but there is no drinking water available.

The Border Route Trail, which follows the historic Pigeon River along the north boundary of the forest, is used in the summer for hiking and backpacking and cross country skiing in the winter. It offers some spectacular views of surrounding hills and valleys and continues west through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area to the Gunflint Trail. This trail is one of

the premier backpacking trails in the state. For those interested in mechanized winter sports, 40 miles of unmaintained snowmobile trails wind through the forest.

McFarland Lake, located at the end of the Arrowhead Trail, is an entry point to the eastern edge of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. Parking lots are available for those persons who want to leave their vehicles at McFarland Lake. Contact the U.S. Forest Service Ranger in Grand Marais for further information.

A permit is needed to enter the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. These are obtained by writing or calling the U.S. Forest Service office nearest your proposed entry point.

Judge C.R. Magney State Park is located on Highway 61 in the south central part of the forest along the Brule River. The park offers camping, hiking and fishing.

The Grand Portage Indian Reservation offers the outdoor recreation enthusiast a wide range of summer and winter trail opportunities. Most noteworthy among the hiking trails is the nine mile Grand Portage Trail, historic route of the voyageur on his journey from Montreal to the Canadian northwest. During the winter, the Reservation maintains over sixty miles of cross country ski trails which traverse a wide variety of forest types, including the historic sugar bush ridge. These trails vary in difficulty from beginner to expert, with loops ranging from one to over ten miles in length. For more information on the trails of Grand Portage, call the Grand Portage Lodge, toll free, at 1-800-232-1384.

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 feet in 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**.

*Grand Portage State Forest is classified as **MANAGED**.

State Forest Lands Classified as **Limited:**

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

- Motor vehicles may operate **ONLY** on forest trails or areas that are **posted and designated open**.

- Exception: Persons lawfully engaged in hunting big game or constructing hunting stands during October, November and December, or trapping during open seasons, may use ATVs off forest trails in a manner consistent with the general operating restrictions. This exception does not apply in the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood Forest.

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 signs; observe road closures; and may not operate in a manner that causes damage to the road, land or other natural resources.

- No person shall construct an unauthorized permanent trail on forest lands.

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.

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