PINE ISLAND 920,153 ACRES 
ESTABLISHED 1943

RED LAKE 84,107 ACRES 
ESTABLISHED 1963

Forested landscapes. Pine Island is the largest state forest in Minnesota. The relatively low relief offers fishing, hunting, and hiking opportunities. The pine forests provide habitat for nests of red-tailed hawks, 

Red Lake is Minnesota's third largest lake by area, covering 427 square miles. It is the largest lake in the state.
Avoid spreading invasive organisms such as emerald ash borer, which is not treated with fire or timber extraction. For more information, contact the Minnesota Department of Agriculture or mndnr.gov/firewood.

FISHING

The Rainy River, with its large size and great diversity of habitats, is the most popular area for fishing in the state. The river supports a variety of species, including walleye, bass, sturgeon, and northern pike. There are many sites along the river for anglers to fish, including access to the mainstem and several tributaries. For more information, visit mndnr.gov/state_trails/list.html.

HUNTING AND TRAPPING

Travelers who are interested in hunting or trapping should contact the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for information about hunting seasons, regulations, and permits. For more information, visit mndnr.gov/hunting.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

The Rainy River is managed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as part of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. The area is managed to perpetuate and establish natural resources and provide other non-timber benefits. One of the most important non-timber benefits is the protection of the area from human activities. The area is closed to all human activities except for hunting, trapping, and cross-country skiing.

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

Snowmobile trails (state and federal) are available in the Rainy River area. The trails are maintained by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and are open to snowmobiles. For more information, visit mndnr.gov/state_trails/list.html.

BOATING

Canoe, kayak, or motorboat on the Big Fork River, the Rainy River, and the Sault Rapids. A small number of boats may be rented at local outfitters.

CAMPING

There are several campgrounds in the Rainy River area, including sites with electric hook-ups. For more information, visit mndnr.gov/state_parks.

NATURAL AREAS

Visitors may enjoy the undisturbed natural features of the Rainy River. For information on specific lakes, visit mndnr.gov/state_parks.

SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS

The Rainy River area is home to a variety of scientific and natural areas, including refuges, parks, and preserves. For more information, visit mndnr.gov/state_parks.

LEAVE NO TRASH BEHIND

Help protect the spread of invasive species by leaving your trash behind. For more information, visit mndnr.gov/state_parks.

RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY

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KNOW COUNTY LAND USES

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RESPECT THE LAND

Whether you’re riding for racing or sightseeing, you must respect the land and its natural resources. For more information, contact the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources or mndnr.gov/state_parks.

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GREAT RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Rainy River is one of the great recreational areas in Minnesota. The area is open to all forms of outdoor recreation, including hunting, fishing, trapping, and cross-country skiing. For more information, visit mndnr.gov/state_parks.

THE RAINY RIVER

The Rainy River is a large, free-flowing river that begins in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and flows into the International Boundary Waters. The river is known for its excellent fishing opportunities and is a popular destination for anglers.

For up-to-date information on the Rainy River area, visit mndnr.gov/state_parks.