



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY STATE FOREST
7,288 ACRES • ESTABLISHED 1961

REMER STATE FOREST
12,851 ACRES • ESTABLISHED 1963

FOREST LANDSCAPES: These forests are located on gently rolling hills in north central Minnesota and are used mainly to produce timber and provide wildlife habitat and opportunities for hunting. The Golden Anniversary State Forest is a popular destination for cross-country skiing.

A WORKING FOREST: From year to year, you may see changes in these forests. The DNR manages the trees, water, and wildlife in state forests to keep them healthy and meet recreational, environmental, and economic goals. Trees are harvested to make a variety of products, such as lumber and building materials, pulp for making paper, pallets, fencing, and telephone poles. Through careful planning, harvesting, and planting, land managers work to improve wildlife habitat. The DNR manages state forests for everyone, while preventing wildfires and ensuring forests continue to keep air and water clean.

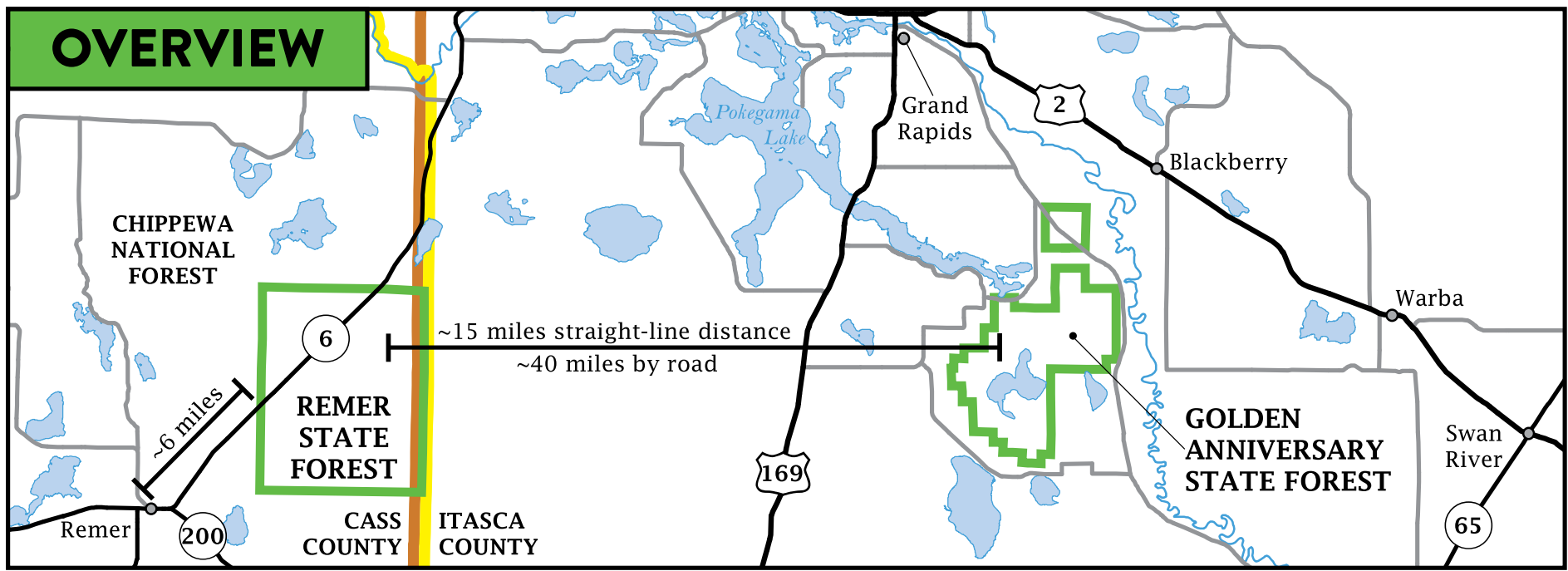
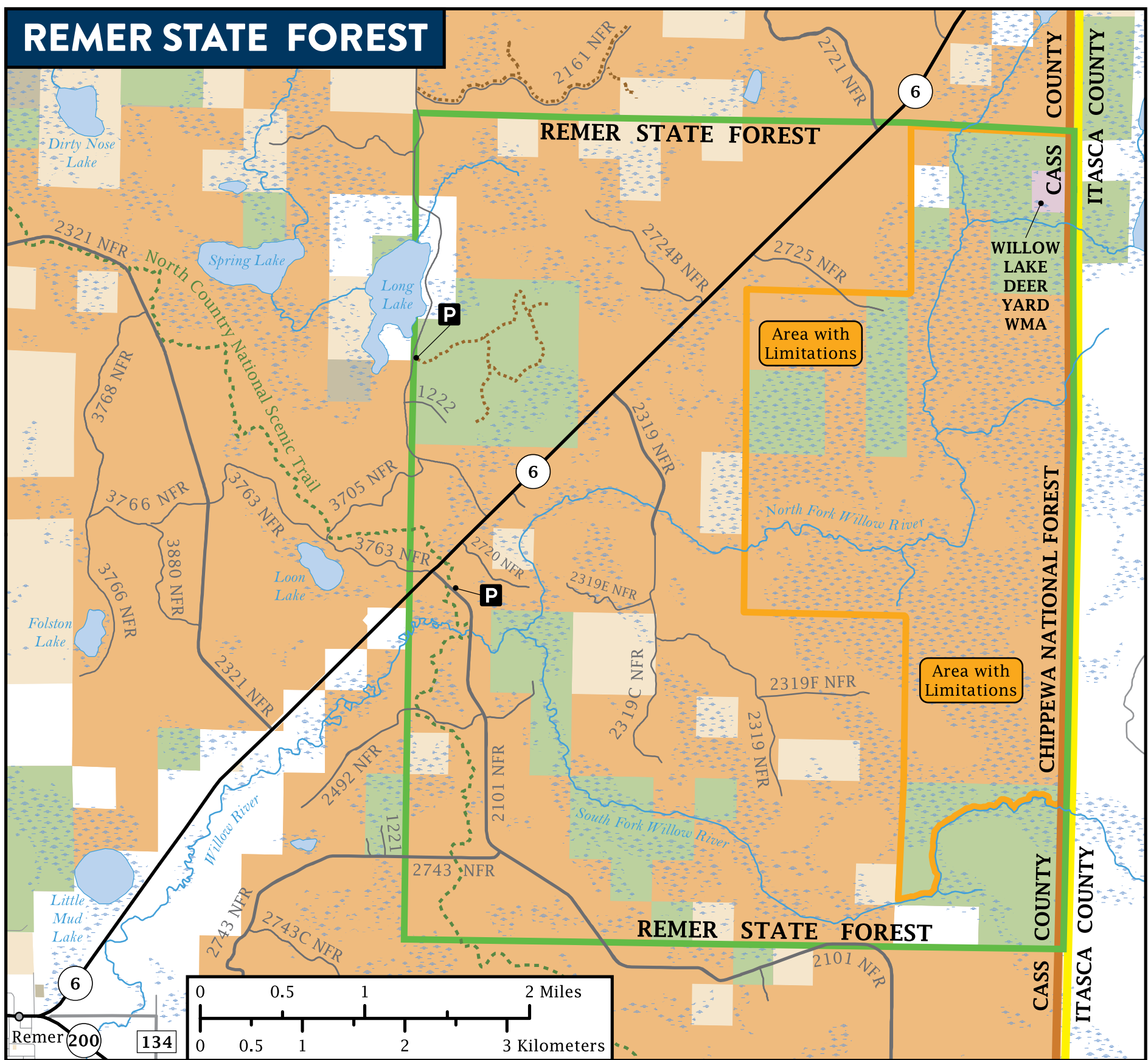
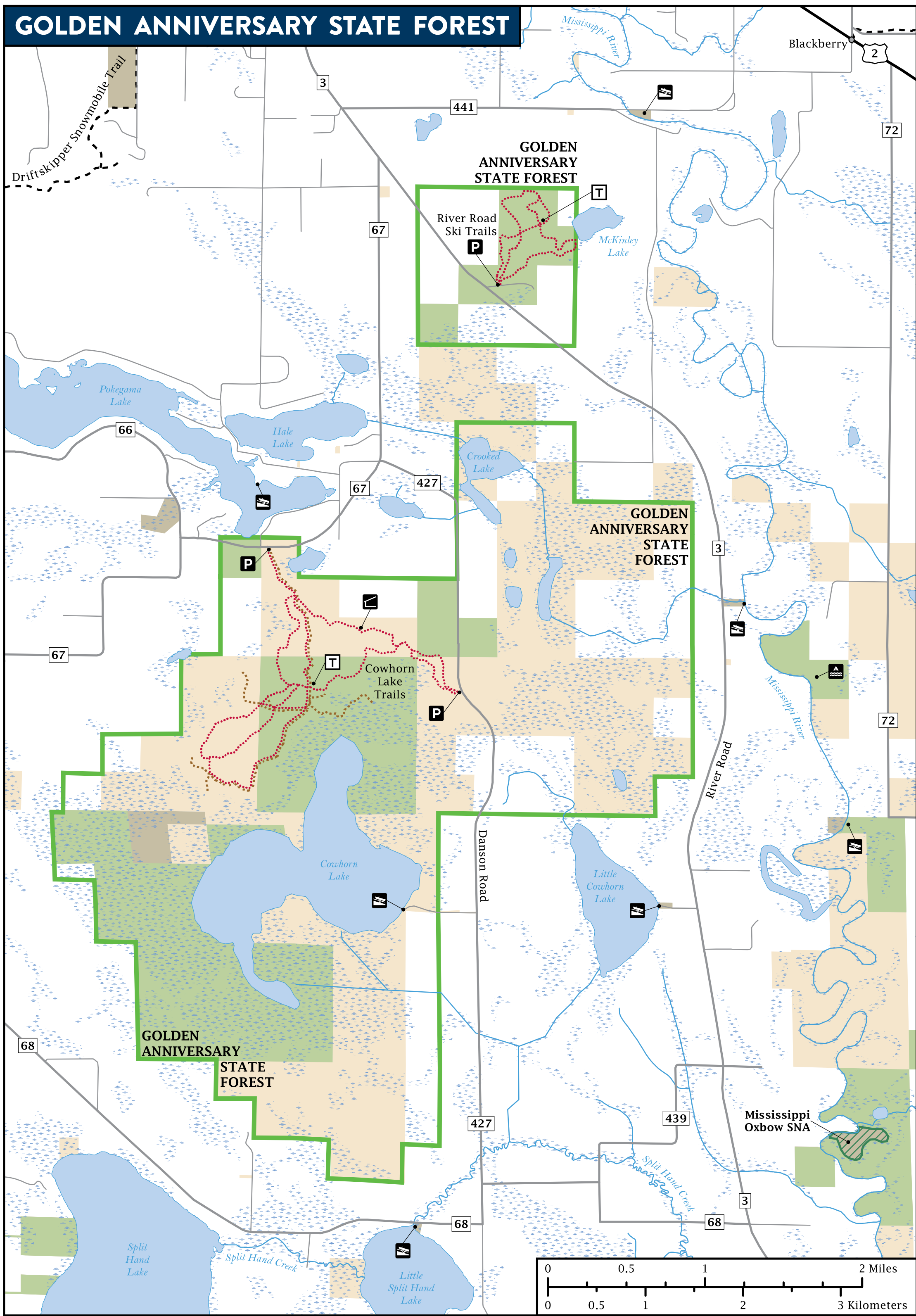
HISTORY: Glaciers receding 10,000 years ago left behind the sediment and till that make up the landscape's gently rolling hills. Swamps are common in low-lying wet areas, while other parts of the forests drain into the Mississippi River. Both forests were heavily logged between 1880 and 1920. During World War II, some parts of Remer State Forest may have been planted by German prisoners of war who were housed at a repurposed Civilian Conservation Corps camp outside the city of Remer. The Golden Anniversary State Forest was established in 1961, 50 years after the creation of the Minnesota Forest Service, which had in 1931 changed its name to the Division of Forestry and moved into the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

TREES: Aspen, maple, ash, oak, and balsam fir cover much of the forest. White, red, and jack pine grow on sandier soils. Other conifers include spruce, cedar, and tamarack.

WILDLIFE: Wildlife includes white-tailed deer, black bear, ruffed grouse, woodcock, waterfowl, gray wolf, bobcat, beaver, fisher, pine marten, snowshoe hare, otter, mink, muskrat, trumpeter swan, and eagle.

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Roads and Trails		Public Facilities		Ownership and Management	
	U.S. Highway		Hunter Walking Trail or Hiking Trail		Area with Limitations
	State Highway		Ski Trail		Scientific and Natural Area (SNA)
	County Road		North Country National Scenic Trail		Wildlife Management Area (WMA)
	Other Road		Snowmobile Trail		Statutory Boundary of State Forest
	U.S. Forest Service Road (Passenger Vehicles)				DNR Forestry Land (State Land)
	U.S. Forest Service Road (High Clearance Vehicles)				Other State Land
	Minimum Maintenance State Forest Road		Trailer Access		County Land
			Watercraft Campsite		Federal Land
			Parking		Chippewa National Forest Boundary
			Shelter		Private Land
			Vault Toilet		

NFR = National Forest Road

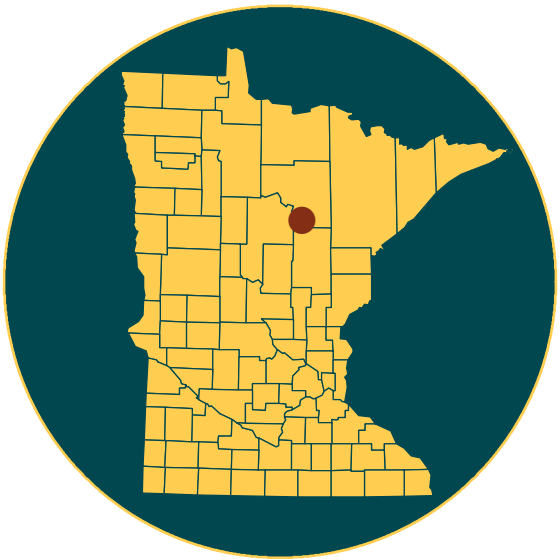
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For more information on snowmobile trails, visit: mndnr.gov/snowmobiling

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY AND REMER STATE FORESTS



DISPERSED CAMPING

Dispersed camping with no amenities or fees is allowed in state and federal forests at least one mile outside of a designated campground. Summer camping on state forest land is limited to 14 days. Winter camping is limited to 21 days between the second Sunday in September and the first Saturday in May.

There are no developed campgrounds within these state forests.

BOATING

Several boat accesses are located in the area including on the Mississippi River and Cowhorn Lake.

Register your watercraft at mndnr.gov/licenses/watercraft

TRAILS

Hiking is allowed on state and federal forest trails and roads. Off-trail hiking, skiing, and snowshoeing are allowed in winter.

SKI TRAILS

The Golden Anniversary has two popular ski trails: Cowhorn Lake (12.6 km) and River Road (6.2 km). Great Minnesota Ski Pass required.

mndnr.gov/licenses/skipass

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

These state forests are near several miles of marked, groomed snowmobile trails.

Snowmobile trails are open between December 1 and March 31. Some parts of the trail may be groomed and other parts may be plowed for logging activities. Trails are marked with orange signs.

- Visit mndnr.gov/snowmobiling/interactive_map for maps.
- Snowmobiles must be registered. mndnr.gov/regulations/snowmobile

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION: LIMITED

All trails on state-managed lands are classified regarding motor vehicles. These forests are classified as “limited,” allowing OHVs, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), and off-highway motorcycles on signed and mapped routes open for that type of OHV use. Off-road traffic is prohibited, except when needed to retrieve big game when hunting and trapping during the proper season and with the proper license.

mndnr.gov/regulations/ohv

- There are no designated off-highway vehicle (OHV) trails in these forests.
- ATVs, off-road vehicles (ORVs), and OHMs must be registered. mndnr.gov/licenses/ohv
- Highway-licensed vehicles are allowed on all state forest roads.
- Wildlife Management Areas are closed to ATVs and ORVs.

OHV USE IN CHIPPEWA NATIONAL FOREST

OHV riders may use federal forest roads that are posted open.

HUNTING AND TRAPPING

State forests provide opportunities for hunting and trapping. In the appropriate season, licensed hunters can hunt for big and small game. mndnr.gov/hunting

FIREARMS AND BOWS

Firearms must be unloaded and cased and bows must be cased while in or within 200 feet of any recreation area (campground, day-use area, parking area, boat launch, etc.). Cutting shooting lanes is not allowed on any state or federal land.

Building permanent structures, including deer stands, is prohibited.

For a complete list of regulations about hunting, trapping, firearms, bows, limits, seasons, and deer stands on state-managed land, visit mnndr.gov/regulations/hunting

For regulations about shooting in the Chippewa National Forest, visit fs.fed.us/visit/know-before-you-go/shooting

FISHING

Anglers may find muskellunge, northern pike, walleye, and panfish in area lakes and the Mississippi River. Some lakes may have special provisions or restrictions on fishing in state and national forests. You must have the proper license and abide by the same rules and seasons as anywhere else in Minnesota.

Avoid spreading invasive organisms such as zebra mussel larvae or spiny waterfleas by not transporting lake or river water, including in bait buckets. Pack out unused bait and live worms or dispose in trash containers where they can't reach water or soil.

Visit mndnr.gov/fishing for up-to-date regulations.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

State Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are managed to perpetuate and establish quality wildlife habitat to produce a variety of species, particularly harvestable species, emphasizing wildlife that lives in wetlands and young forests. They are also managed to provide opportunities for public hunting, trapping, and wildlife observation.

WMA maps: mndnr.gov/maps/compass

WMA information: mndnr.gov/wmas

SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS

Scientific and Natural Areas (SNAs) protect natural features of exceptional scientific or educational value including native plant

communities, rare species, and significant geological features. Visitors may enjoy the undisturbed natural quality of these sites, however, most SNAs have no trails, restrooms, or drinking water. SNAs do not allow camping, vehicles, or collecting plants and animals. SNAs do allow birding and wildlife watching, hiking, photography, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing.

MISSISSIPPI OXBOW SNA

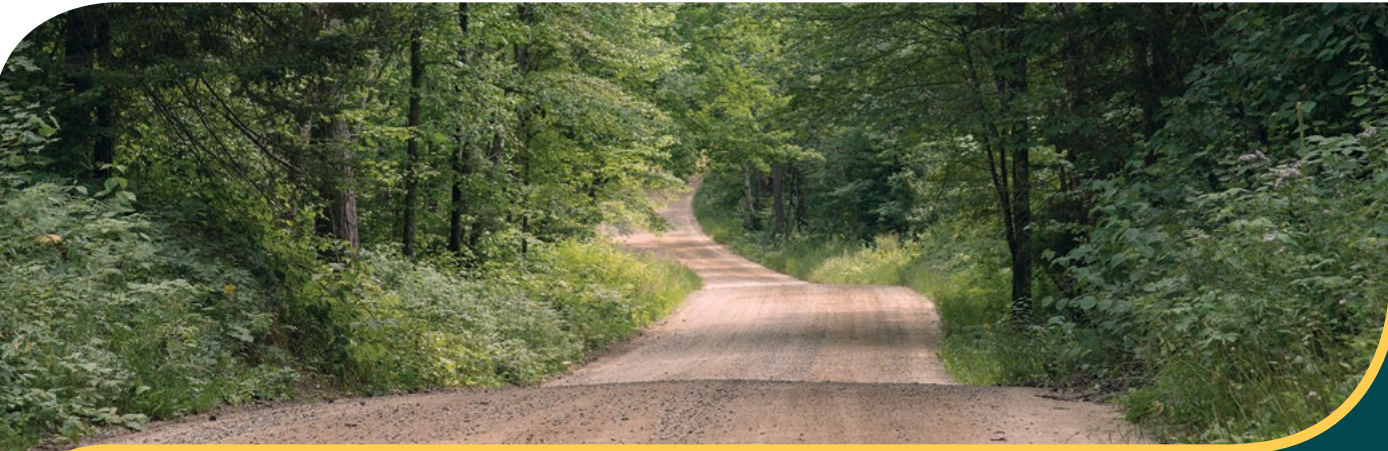
Located just east of the Golden Anniversary State Forest along the Mississippi River, this SNA contains floodplain forest of the highest ecological quality. Approximately one-third floods every spring and contains silver maples. The remaining two-thirds consist of black ash, silver maple, bur oak, and clumps of blue beech, which grow at the very northern extent of its range. Visit this SNA after spring floods recede to listen for birds and look for spring ephemeral wildflowers.

KNOW WHERE YOU ARE

This area contains a patchwork of state-managed land within areas of federal- and county-managed and private land. Rules may change as you cross boundaries.

For information about hunting, off-highway vehicle use, snowmobiling, camping, and other recreation, visit:

- Chippewa National Forest: www.fs.usda.gov/chippewa
- Cass County: co.cass.mn.us
- Itasca County: co.itasca.mn.us



RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY

Many state forests contain private land within their boundaries. Watch for posted “No Trespassing” and “No Hunting” signs and stay off private property.

You must have permission before entering private land, even to cross it to access public land.

Trespassing is a misdemeanor. If convicted, you could lose your license to hunt. All conservation and peace officers enforce trespass laws.

AREAS WITH LIMITATIONS

These areas are designated to protect unique natural resources and provide other non-motorized recreation opportunities. Motorized vehicles may not operate off designated trails within “Areas With Limitations” for any reason, including retrieving big game.

STAY ON TRAILS

Whether you're riding or walking, tread lightly on the land. Be courteous to others, respect private property, and obey the law.

LEAVE TROUBLE BEHIND

Help prevent the spread of invasive plants and animals.

- Clean your gear before entering and leaving the recreation site.
- Remove mud, seeds, and plants from clothes, pets, boots, gear, vehicles, and watercraft.
- Stay on designated trails.
- [PlayCleanGo.org](https://www.playcleango.org)



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651-296-5484 | 800-657-3929

DNR TIP LINE (Turn in Poachers)
800-652-9093

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218-326-3477

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