

MAP AND GUIDE: BEAR HEAD LAKE STATE PARK

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VISITOR TIPS

- While enjoying the trails, keep an eye out for rocks, roots, poison ivy and ticks.
- Keep our lakes pristine. Check your watercraft for invasives before and after launching.
- Appreciate wildlife from a safe distance. Do not feed wildlife, even chipmunks and squirrels.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Non-emergency sheriff's number: 218-742-9825.



ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Rent a paddleboard from the park office and hit the water.
- Check out a fishing rod and wet a line at the fishing pier.
- Pack a picnic lunch to enjoy at the beach or trail center.
- Hike the Beach Trail.



LOOKING FOR MORE TO EXPLORE?
VISIT MNDNR.GOV/BEARHEAD

ABOUT THE PARK

Experience an “Up North, Boundary Waters feel” as you hike, camp, fish and recreate in the park’s more than 4,000 acres. The lakes, hills and rocky landscape you’ll explore were shaped by glaciers. Walk beneath large pines that avoided heavy logging as early as 1895, a time when they were too small to be cut. Glimpse a variety of wildlife including black bears, grey wolves, white-tailed deer, pine marten, otters and moose. Visit in winter to ski, snowshoe, snowmobile or cozy up in one of the reservable cabins or guesthouse. The park was created in 1961 as a place for visitors to enjoy year-round. In 2010, it won the America’s Favorite Park contest.



Scenic lake views await you at the park.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

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| Beach Trail
Rock/packed dirt • Uneven terrain
This short trail parallels the shores of Bear Head Lake and is a great place to view birds. Small docks along the trail allow you to experience the lake. | 0.25 miles one-way |
| Norberg Lake Trail (Hiking Club Trail)
Rugged • Steep hills • Rocky • Packed dirt
The most popular hike in the park, this trail offers you large white and Norway pines, the quiet beauty of Norberg Lake, and a view of the East Bay of Bear Head Lake. | 3.5-mile loop |
| Becky and Blueberry Lake Trails
Rugged • Steep hills • Rocky • Packed dirt
Come discover the remote backcountry areas of the park on these trails. You will have a good chance of glimpsing wildlife and animal signs. | 3.5 or 6-mile loop |
| Cub Lake Trail Spur
Packed dirt • Uneven terrain
View overlooks of Cub Lake and rolling wooded hillsides. This spur trail will connect mountain bike and snowmobile users to the Taconite State Trail. | 1 mile one-way (spur length) |

MORE TO EXPLORE AT THE PARK

- Borrow GPS units, fishing poles or birding equipment.
- Rent a canoe, kayak, stand-up paddleboard or rowboat.
- Look for a geocache.
- Rent snowshoes in the winter.

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

A FULL SET OF STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS IS AVAILABLE AT MNDNR.GOV.



PARK OPEN

8 a.m.–10 p.m. daily.



VEHICLE PERMITS

Permits required; purchase at park office.



PETS WELCOME

Keep on 6-foot or less leash; pick up after; attend at all times; not allowed in buildings or at beach.



FIREWOOD

Purchase only from park office or approved vendor; no gathering firewood in the park.



CAMPGROUND QUIET HOURS

10 p.m.–8 a.m.; only registered campers may be in campground during quiet hours.



CUB AND NORBERG LAKES ARE DESIGNATED TROUT LAKES AND REQUIRE A TROUT STAMP AND FISHING LICENSE. LEARN MORE AT MNDNR.GOV/FISHMN

? MORE INFORMATION

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Information Center
500 Lafayette Rd. , St. Paul, MN 55155-4040
888-646-6367 or mndnr.gov/parks

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