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mnDNR.gov/GeoPDF

For More Information:

Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area
307 3rd Street
Ironton, MN 56455
218-772-3690
mn.dnr.gov/cuyuna

VEHICLE PERMIT REQUIRED - purchase at park office, self-pay stations or online at mn.dnr.gov/permits.

Coordinates:
Office
N 46° 28.723
W 93° 58.597

Miner’s Mountain Rally Center
N 46° 29.06
W 93° 59.563

Portsmouth Campground
N 46° 29.528
W 93° 58.655

Yawkey Unit Parking (yurts)
N 46° 29.977
W 93° 56.686

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Information Center
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155
651-297-6157
888-MINNDNR (toll free)
info.dnr@state.mn.us

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Area Overview

Open Daily: 8 AM - 10 PM

Mountain bike trail closures will be posted on the CCSRA website and at obvious locations in the field.

Park Facilities and Features:
- 33 Campsites (18 electric)
- 1 Group camp
- 3 Yurts
- Designated trout lakes
- Scuba diving opportunities
- Swimming beaches at Portsmouth Campground and Rally Center
- Mountain bike trails
- Groomed fat tire bike trails in winter
- Cuyuna Lakes State Trail • 9.6 miles, paved

About Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area

Abandoned by mining companies more than 30 years ago, this area now boasts 5,000 acres of regenerated vegetation. The area offers a variety of recreation opportunities including biking (paved and mountain bike trails), snowmobiling, fishing, boating, hiking, wildlife-watching, scuba diving, camping and more.

The 38-mile long mountain bike trail system covers nearly 800 acres. Check out the Yawkey Mine Lake, or for a great view, go west through the Miner’s Mountain Rally Center to see the Miner’s Mountain Overlook and the Huntington Mine Lake.

When it rains, the single track trails will be immediately closed to all users (foot or bike) until trail conditions dry out or improve. Please contact the park office for up-to-date information or visit the CCSRA website.

In addition to 27 miles of natural shoreline, six mine lakes connect to create 267 acres of continuous water; perfect for exploring by boat or canoe. Anglers can cast a line for trout (with a trout stamp), northern, bass, crappie or sunfish.

Divers will find clear water with sheer walls and flat terraces, characteristic of the mine roads, railroads and other remnants of the mining industry.
NOTE: TROUT LAKES
A trout stamp is required to fish for trout.
Mountain Bike Safety Tips:

There are inherent risks to mountain biking, ride at your own risk.

• Test equipment before each ride.
• Always wear a helmet and appropriate safety gear.
• Wear bright colored clothing so others can see you.
• Obey all rules and signs, ride only on open trails.
• Ride with a friend to promote fun and safety.
• Be aware of your surroundings and other trail users.
• Ride to your ability and in control at all times.
• Keep speed at a level that will allow full control.
• Parents, watch children at all times.

Mountain Bike Safety Awareness:

Mountain bike trails can have loose and slippery surfaces. Proceed carefully as rocks and trees frequently fall, and are commonly encountered on the mountain bike trails. Extreme caution should be used on the mountain bike trails at all times! Hunting is an allowed activity in the CCSRA. Trails close to all uses outside of hunting during the 3 week Firearms Deer hunt in November. Please check the CCSRA website for current information and recommendations.

Emergency Response:
Trail markers are shown on this map and placed in the field.
If you have an emergency, call 911, and provide the dispatcher with the following:
- Description of the emergency.
- Number on the nearest trail marker.
- Name of the trail you are on.

Prohibited Uses (visit the CCSRA website for details):

• Off-highway vehicles.
• Camping in non-designated areas.
• Riding on soft, wet or closed trails.
• Consuming or displaying intoxicating liquors.
• Building a fire (except in a fire ring at the campground or yurts.)
• Target and trap shooting.
• Horse riding on the mountain bike trail.
• Pets off leash, pets must be on a leash no longer than six feet in length and personally attended.
• Any activity that damages the trails by foot or bike.
• No rock collecting.

A full set of rules is available at mndnr.gov/state_parks/rules.html
Recreation Area Winter Use:
Areas Plowed – Miner’s Mountain Rally Center, Croft Trailhead, Sagamore Trailhead, Yawkey Road and Yurt parking.

Permitted Uses:
Fat biking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing (no set tracks) and snowmobiling on designated trails (see mndnr.gov/snowmobiling for more information). Biking is prohibited on the snowmobile trail from December 1st to April 1st within the boundaries of the CCSRA.

Winter Regulations:
(for groomed single track and Sagamore Unit trails)
- Bicycles with tires at least 3.7” wide.
- Foot travel on skis or snowshoes only.

Prohibited Uses:
- Foot travel. (except as permitted)
- Pets on groomed trail.
- Activities which damage groomed trail.

No winter restrictions on the groomed, paved Cuyuna Lakes State Trail for hiking and biking. State park rules still apply.

Packed Winter Trails (approximately 40 miles) - See park website for regulation details

Single track  2’ wide - approximately 25 miles – Mahnomen Unit, Portsmouth Unit & Yawkey Unit
Allowed uses – fat biking, snowshoeing and ungroomed cross-country skiing.

Double track  4’ wide – approximately 8 miles – Sagamore Unit
Allowed uses – fat biking, snowshoeing and ungroomed cross-country skiing.

Quad track  8’ wide – approximately 7 miles – Cuyuna Lakes State Trail
Allowed uses – fat biking, snowshoeing, ungroomed cross-country skiing and hiking.
For Your Safety
Control your speed, control your risk. The skills development area contains numerous technical features (ramps, jumps, etc.) that vary in difficulty and change frequently due to weather and usage. Pay attention to the difficulty ratings and stay in control. Your speed will determine your risk of injury. The State of Minnesota does not assume responsibility for injuries.

Ride at Your Own Risk
- Full face helmets, full-length gloves, biking armor and a full suspension bike are recommended.
- Do not ride alone.
- Give other trail users enough space.
- Maintain control on the ground and in the air.
- Clear the landing area quickly after a jump.

Pedestrians
Hikers and pets are not allowed on mountain bike skills trails or technical features.

Emergency Info
For emergencies, call 911.
This state recreation area is not always staffed.

Your current location:
Cuyuna County State Recreation Area
E-911 number: 19406; EMS Access Point: H Crow Wing County

Nearby Hospital
Cuyuna Regional Medical Center
320 Main St. E., Crosby, MN 56441
218-546-7000

Severe Weather
Take shelter immediately. Leave if you hear thunder or see lightning.
Local radio stations for weather reports: 106.7 FM, 93.3 FM