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GLACIAL LAKES STATE TRAIL

KANDIYOHI AND STEARNS COUNTIES

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MORE INFORMATION

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SHARE THE TRAIL

- Stay on designated trail.
- Keep right so others can pass.
- Keep pets on leash and pick up waste.
- Obey traffic signs and rules.
- Pack out all garbage and litter.
- Respect adjoining landowner's rights and privacy.
- Verbally warn other trail users when passing from behind.
- Overnight camping and campfires are permitted only on designated campsites. Do not leave them unattended.
- Enjoy the beauty of wild plants and animals, but leave them undisturbed for all to enjoy.
- Trail users are legally responsible for obeying the rules and regulations provided in Minnesota Rules, 6100.3000.

ABOUT THE TRAIL

The Glacial Lakes State Trail is located on a former Burlington Northern Railroad grade, and is generally level and accessible. The trail is paved for 22 miles between Willmar, Spicer, New London, Hawick, and the Kandiyohi/Stearns County line.

An additional 7.5 miles from Roscoe to Cold Spring is also paved. The many lakes make this area a popular tourist destination. The towns along the trail provide access points, rest stops, and other services to trail users.

In the summer, the developed trail is popular for hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, and in-line skating. Winter uses include snowmobiling and cross-country skiing.

Horseback riders will enjoy the 10-mile stretch of parallel, grass treadway from Willmar to New London. There are grass shoulders for horseback riding from New London to the Kandiyohi/Stearns County line.

The Glacial Lakes State Trail connects to Sibley State Park via three miles of paved shoulder along County Road 148. The trail also connects with many miles of groomed snowmobile trails in the Kandiyohi and Stearns County grant-in-aid trail systems. A small, rustic campsite is available to bikers between New London and Spicer. First come-first served.

- PARKING AVAILABLE –

DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLE

Parking

Willmar:

- Highway 12 east to County Road 9. Turn north (left) and go two miles to the parking lot on west (left) at the Civic Center.
- Off 60th Avenue/County Road 26.
- Off 60th Street/County Road 117.

Spicer: At Highway 23 and County Road 10. Parking is in Saulsbury Beach County Park, west off Highway 23.

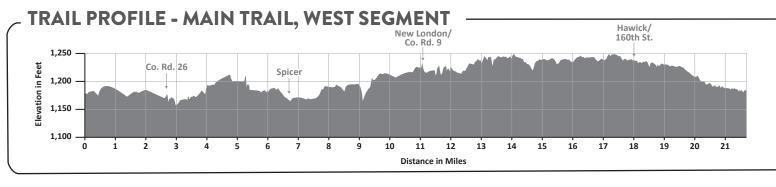
East Nest Lake Public Water Access: Two miles north of Spicer on Highway 23 and 1/2 mile west on the Township Road.

New London: At the Ryane Clark Memorial, 3/4 mile east of New London, off County Road 31.

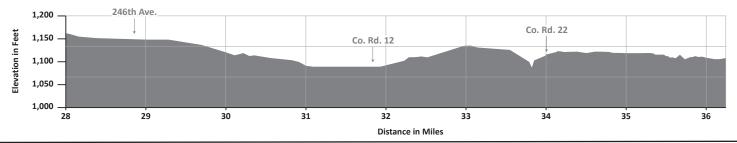
New London: Off Highway 9, near Highway 23 intersection.

Hawick: North side of town, at the intersection of Highway 23 and 160th Street.

Richmond: Off Highway 23. Go north one block on Central Avenue South to Grant Avenue.



TRAIL PROFILE - MAIN TRAIL, EAST SEGMENT -



- The gently rolling topography of central Minnesota was created by glaciers retreating 10,000 years ago. The trail
- cuts across the border between Minnesota's western tallgrass prairie and eastern deciduous forest. Though much of the area has been cultivated, remnants of virgin
- prairie, wetlands, and scattered woodlots can still be found along the railroad right-of-way.
- Whitetail deer, numerous small mammals, birds, reptiles, and butterflies can be seen along the trail. Between the Stearns/Kandiyohi County line to Roscoe, the trail is
- relatively undeveloped. Some railroad bridges are closed.

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PLEASE NOTE

This trail requires a permit for anyone horseback riding. For more information about the Horse Pass, please call the DNR Information Center or visit mndnr.gov/trails.

Snowmobilers must be registered or have a valid state trail sticker. For more information, visit mndnr.gov/snowmobiling.

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