

Luce Line State Trail

Hennepin, Carver, McLeod and Meeker Counties



Trail Distances in Miles	6	7	19	29	37	44	51.5	63
Vicksburg Lane Trailhead	1	13	23	31	38	45.5	56	
Wakefield - Conry Rest Area	12	22	30	37	44.5	55		
Stubb's Bay Road Trail Access	10	18	25	32.5	43			
Watertown	8	15	22.5	33				
Winsted	7	14.5	24.5					
Silver Lake	7.5	17.5						
Hutchinson								10
Cedar Mills								
Thompson Lake (near Cosmos)								

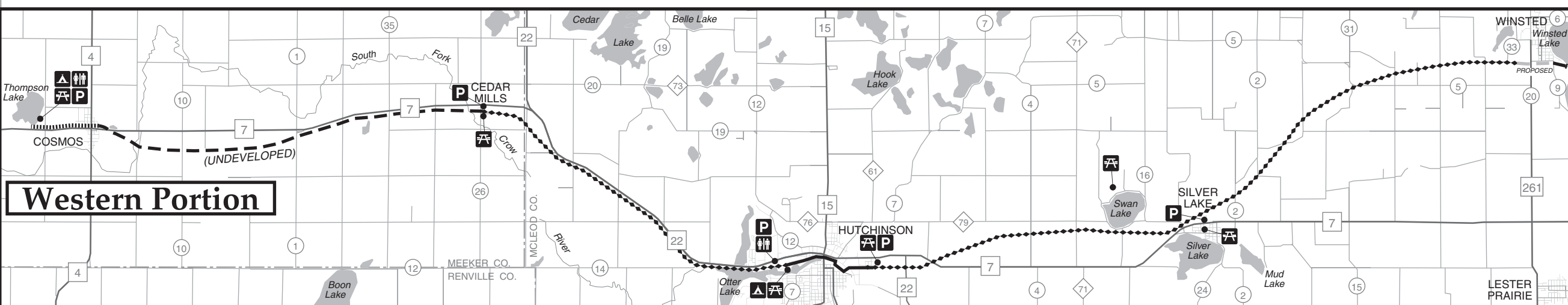
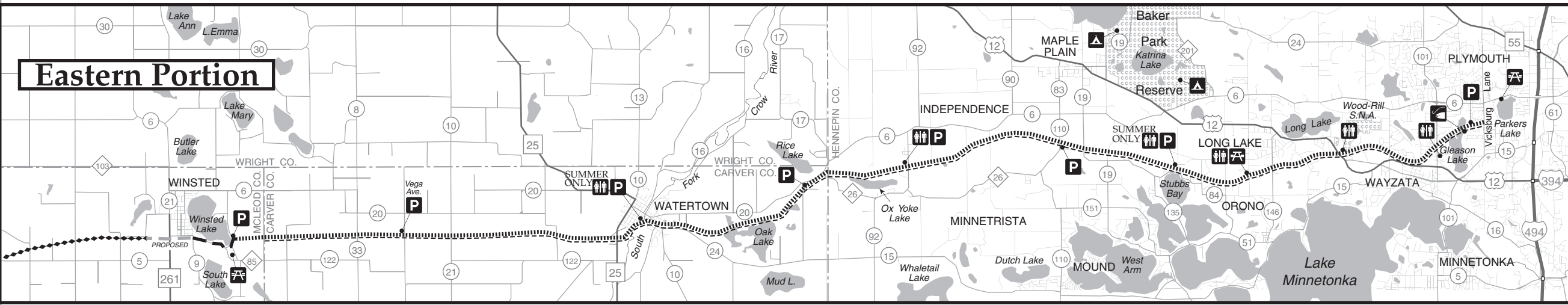
MAP EXPLANATION

	Crushed Limestone		Parking
	Crushed Aggregate Base		Picnic / Rest Area
	Adjacent Horse Trail		Campground
	Undeveloped		Toilet
	Paved (Asphalt)		Shorefishing

NORTH

Scale in Miles: 0 1 2 3 4 5

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The Luce Line State Trail is a 63 mile long former railroad grade which is developed for biking, hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing. The limestone surfaced trail runs from Plymouth 30 miles west to Winsted, with a parallel treadway for horseback riding. Snowmobiles are allowed on the trail west of Stubb's Bay Road. (Snowmobiles are prohibited between Vicksburg Lane and Stubbs Bay Road. Be aware of local speed limit restrictions.)

The trail from Winsted to Hutchinson was developed with a class five aggregate base in 2002. The aggregate base is of a larger size than the crushed granite, but is bikeable.

The trail from Hutchinson to Cedar Mills was developed with a base of crushed granite in 1998. The crushed granite is of a larger size than the crushed limestone, but is bikeable.

Stretching across the varied landscapes of metropolitan and rural Minnesota, the Luce Line is a preserved strip of countryside alive with many varieties of plants and animals. In the east the influence is woodland, a carry-over from the Big Woods that once occupied the area. Rolling stands

of sugar maple and basswood, along with many colorful forest floor ground-cover plants can be found here. From Hutchinson westward, the Big Woods gives way to remnants of the tall-grass prairie, with many prairie plants still visible.

Wildlife inhabitants range from deer, fox and mink to owls and pheasant. Many adjacent lakes also support ducks and geese. The Luce Line is truly like a jaunt down a quiet country road.

Share the Trail with Others:

- Stay on designated trail.
- Keep right so others can pass.
- Keep all pets on leash/Dispose of pet waste.
- Obey traffic signs and rules.
- Pack out all garbage and litter.
- Respect adjoining landowners rights and privacy.
- Warn other trail users when passing by giving an audible signal. Some horses may be spooked by quiet bikers. Let them know you are passing.
- Overnight camping and campfires are not permitted.
- Enjoy the beauty of wild plants & 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.

PARKING AVAILABLE:

* Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.

- PLYMOUTH, off of 10th Ave. No. and Vicksburg Lane.
- LONG LAKE, take Old Crystal Bay Rd. south to Watertown Rd., then west to to Stubb's Bay Rd.. Go south 1/4 mile to parking lot on west side of the road.
- INDEPENDENCE, east side of County Road 110, south of County Road 6
- LYNDALE, off County Road 92.
- Off of Carver County Road 127, south of County Road 20.
- Off Vega Avenue.
- 2 located in Hutchinson, both located off Hwy 7, one on the east end and one on the west end of town.
- In the towns of Watertown, Winsted, Silver Lake, Cedar Mills and Cosmos.



This trail requires a permit for anyone snowmobiling, cross-country skiing or horseback riding. For more information about the Snowmobile State Trail Sticker, Ski Pass or the Horse Pass, please call the DNR Info Center at 1-888-MINNDNR or check the website at www.mndnr.gov

For more information or copies of this or other state trail maps, please contact the DNR Information Center:

DNR Information Center
500 Lafayette Road
Saint Paul, MN 55155-4040
(651) 296-6157 (metro area)
1-888-MINNDNR [646-6367] (MN toll free)
TDD
(651) 296-5484 (metro area)
1-800-657-3929 (toll free)

Minnesota Department of Tourism
100 Metro Square
121 7th Place East
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2112
(651) 296-5029 (metro area)
1-800-657-3700 (toll free)

Minnesota Bikeway Maps
Minnesota Department of Transportation
395 John Ireland Boulevard
Room 110
Saint Paul, MN 55155
(651) 296-2216

MnDOT produces two maps (east and west MN) that grade the quality of road shoulders suitable for biking. There is a charge for these maps. Maps not available for the Metro area.

Printed on recycled paper with a minimum of 30% post-consumer material.



This information is available in alternative format upon request.

You can also check out our website at:

www.mndnr.gov/state_trails/index.html

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