

North Shore

STATE TRAIL



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DNR INFORMATION CENTER

The DNR Information Center is available to provide free publications of facilities and services, such as trail, park and forest maps, as well as answer questions pertaining to the DNR's recreational opportunities available in Minnesota. Information can be obtained by phone, mail or in person Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 4:30 pm.

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 St. Paul, MN 55155-4040
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North Shore Trail Headquarters
 1568 Hwy 2
 Two Harbors, MN 55616
 218-834-6626

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MAP EXPLANATION

TRAIL SYMBOLS

- Parking
- Campground
- Shelter-Campsite
- Shelter
- Walk-in Campsite
- Snowmobile
- ATV
- Hiking
- Cross Country Ski
- Horseback
- Scenic Overlook
- Distance Marker

FACILITIES

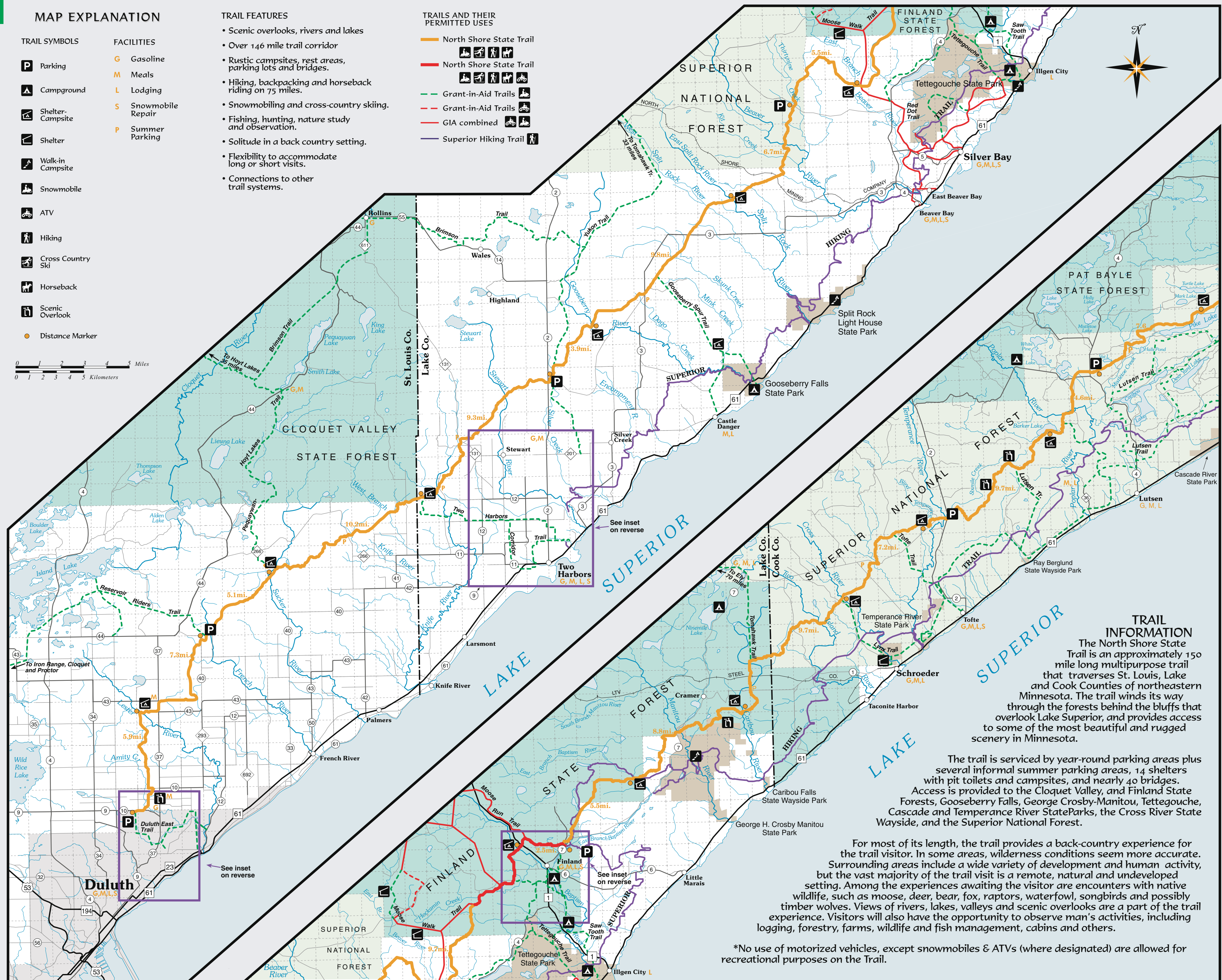
- Gasoline
- Meals
- Lodging
- Snowmobile Repair
- Summer Parking

TRAIL FEATURES

- Scenic overlooks, rivers and lakes
- Over 146 mile trail corridor
- Rustic campsites, rest areas, parking lots and bridges.
- Hiking, backpacking and horseback riding on 75 miles.
- Snowmobiling and cross-country skiing.
- Fishing, hunting, nature study and observation.
- Solitude in a back country setting.
- Flexibility to accommodate long or short visits.
- Connections to other trail systems.

TRAILS AND THEIR PERMITTED USES

- North Shore State Trail
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- Grant-in-Aid Trails
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- GIA combined
- Superior Hiking Trail



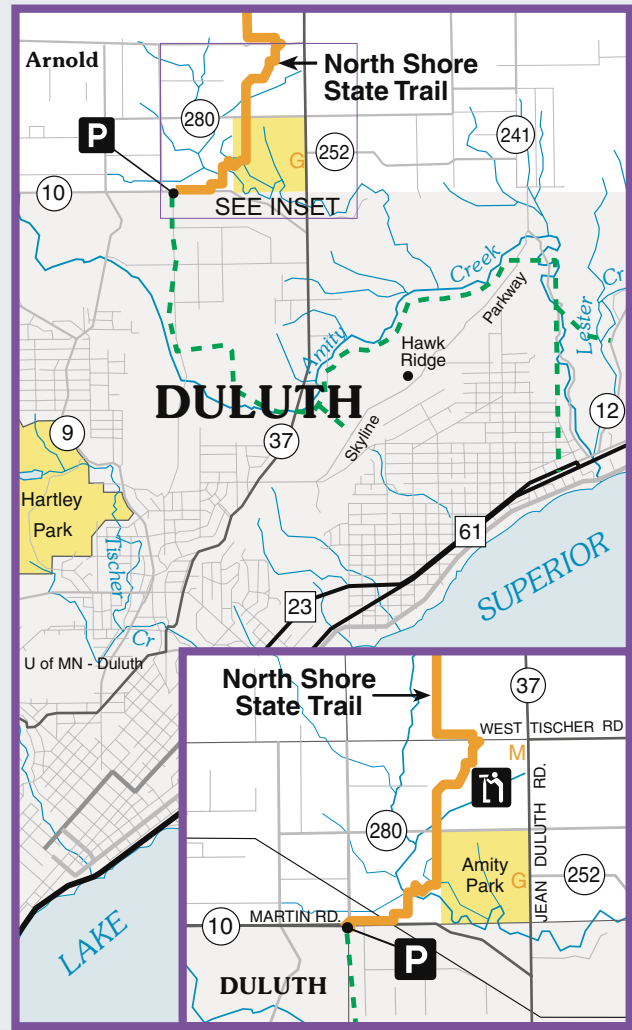
TRAIL INFORMATION

The North Shore State Trail is an approximately 150 mile long multipurpose trail that traverses St. Louis, Lake and Cook Counties of northeastern Minnesota. The trail winds its way through the forests behind the bluffs that overlook Lake Superior, and provides access to some of the most beautiful and rugged scenery in Minnesota.

The trail is serviced by year-round parking areas plus several informal summer parking areas, 14 shelters with pit toilets and campsites, and nearly 40 bridges. Access is provided to the Cloquet Valley, and Finland State Forests, Gooseberry Falls, George Crosby-Manitou, Tettegouche, Cascade and Temperance River State Parks, the Cross River State Wayside, and the Superior National Forest.

For most of its length, the trail provides a back-country experience for the trail visitor. In some areas, wilderness conditions seem more accurate. Surrounding areas include a wide variety of development and human activity, but the vast majority of the trail visit is a remote, natural and undeveloped setting. Among the experiences awaiting the visitor are encounters with native wildlife, such as moose, deer, bear, fox, raptors, waterfowl, songbirds and possibly timber wolves. Views of rivers, lakes, valleys and scenic overlooks are a part of the trail experience. Visitors will also have the opportunity to observe man's activities, including logging, forestry, farms, wildlife and fish management, cabins and others.

*No use of motorized vehicles, except snowmobiles & ATVs (where designated) are allowed for recreational purposes on the Trail.



AREA POLICE DEPARTMENTS:

Grand Marais: 218-387-3030
 Two Harbors: 218-834-5566
 Silver Bay: 218-226-4486
 Duluth: 218-727-8770

DNR CONSERVATION OFFICERS:

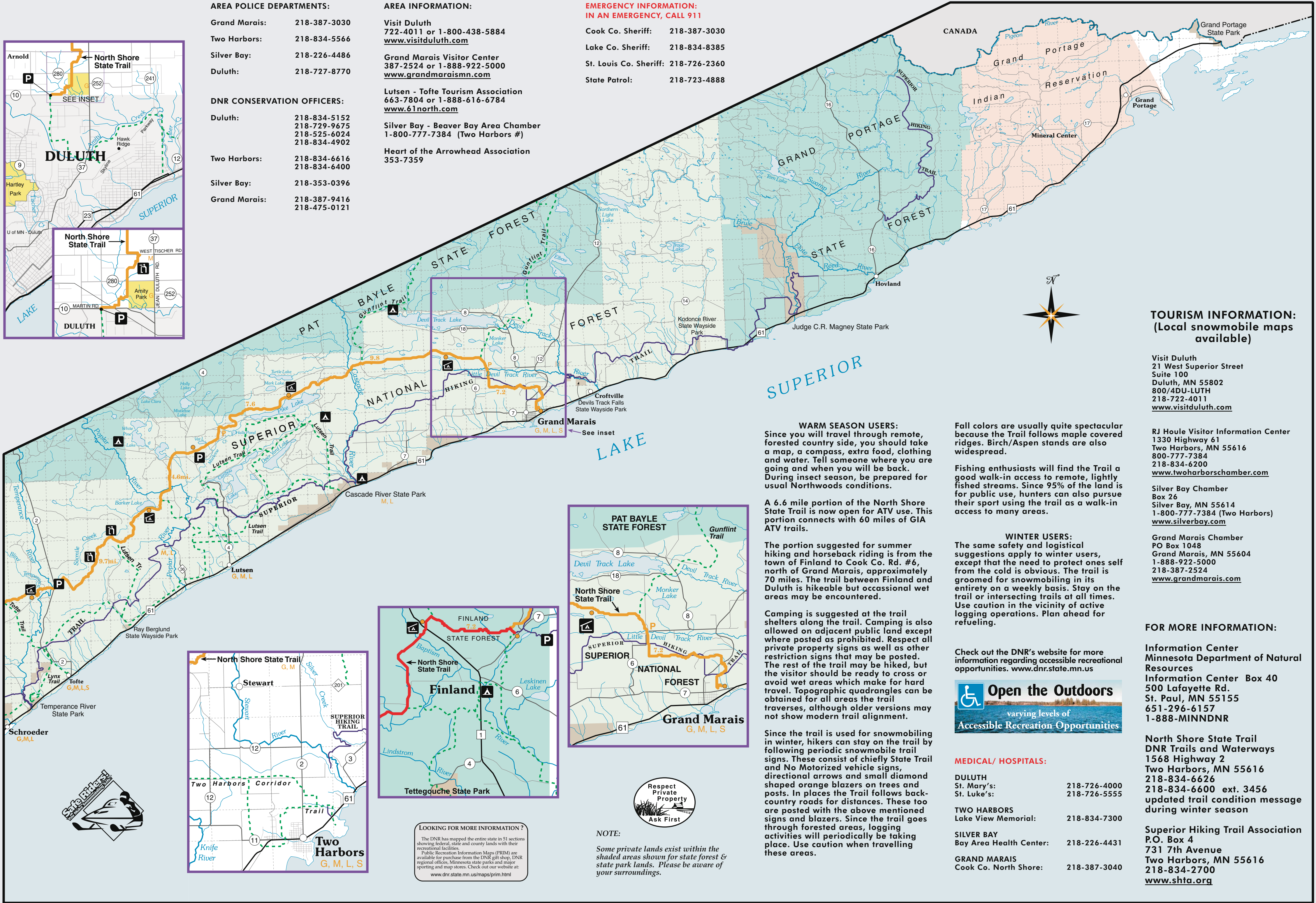
Duluth: 218-834-5152
 218-729-9675
 218-525-6024
 218-834-4902
 Two Harbors: 218-834-6616
 218-834-6400
 Silver Bay: 218-353-0396
 Grand Marais: 218-387-9416
 218-475-0121

AREA INFORMATION:

Visit Duluth
 722-4011 or 1-800-438-5884
www.visitduluth.com
 Grand Marais Visitor Center
 387-2524 or 1-888-922-5000
www.grandmaraismn.com
 Lutsen - Tofte Tourism Association
 663-7804 or 1-888-616-6784
www.61north.com
 Silver Bay - Beaver Bay Area Chamber
 1-800-777-7384 (Two Harbors #)
 Heart of the Arrowhead Association
 353-7359

**EMERGENCY INFORMATION:
 IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911**

Cook Co. Sheriff: 218-387-3030
 Lake Co. Sheriff: 218-834-8385
 St. Louis Co. Sheriff: 218-726-2360
 State Patrol: 218-723-4888



**TOURISM INFORMATION:
 (Local snowmobile maps available)**

Visit Duluth
 21 West Superior Street
 Suite 100
 Duluth, MN 55802
 800/4DU-LUTH
 218-722-4011
www.visitduluth.com

RJ Houle Visitor Information Center
 1330 Highway 61
 Two Harbors, MN 55616
 800-777-7384
 218-834-6200
www.twoharborschamber.com

Silver Bay Chamber
 Box 26
 Silver Bay, MN 55614
 1-800-777-7384 (Two Harbors)
www.silverbay.com

Grand Marais Chamber
 PO Box 1048
 Grand Marais, MN 55604
 1-888-922-5000
 218-387-2524
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 DNR Trails and Waterways
 1568 Highway 2
 Two Harbors, MN 55616
 218-834-6626
 218-834-6600 ext. 3456
 updated trail condition message during winter season

Superior Hiking Trail Association
 P.O. Box 4
 731 7th Avenue
 Two Harbors, MN 55616
 218-834-2700
www.shta.org

WARM SEASON USERS:
 Since you will travel through remote, forested country side, you should take a map, a compass, extra food, clothing and water. Tell someone where you are going and when you will be back. During insect season, be prepared for usual Northwoods conditions.

A 6.6 mile portion of the North Shore State Trail is now open for ATV use. This portion connects with 60 miles of GIA ATV trails.

The portion suggested for summer hiking and horseback riding is from the town of Finland to Cook Co. Rd. #6, north of Grand Marais, approximately 70 miles. The trail between Finland and Duluth is hikeable but occasional wet areas may be encountered.

Camping is suggested at the trail shelters along the trail. Camping is also allowed on adjacent public land except where posted as prohibited. Respect all private property signs as well as other restriction signs that may be posted. The rest of the trail may be hiked, but the visitor should be ready to cross or avoid wet areas which make for hard travel. Topographic quadrangles can be obtained for all areas the trail traverses, although older versions may not show modern trail alignment.

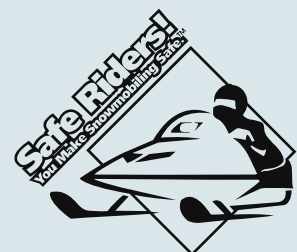
Since the trail is used for snowmobiling in winter, hikers can stay on the trail by following periodic snowmobile trail signs. These consist of chiefly State Trail and No Motorized vehicle signs, directional arrows and small diamond shaped orange blazers on trees and posts. In places the Trail follows back-country roads for distances. These too are posted with the above mentioned signs and blazers. Since the trail goes through forested areas, logging activities will periodically be taking place. Use caution when travelling these areas.



LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION?
 The DNR has mapped the entire state in 51 sections showing federal, state and county lands with their recreational facilities. Public Recreation Information Maps (PRIM) are available for purchase from the DNR gift shop, DNR regional offices, Minnesota state parks and major sporting and map stores. Check out our website at www.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/prim.html

NOTE:

Some private lands exist within the shaded areas shown for state forest & state park lands. Please be aware of your surroundings.



Check out the DNR's website for more information regarding accessible recreational opportunities. www.dnr.state.mn.us



MEDICAL/ HOSPITALS:

DULUTH
 St. Mary's: 218-726-4000
 St. Luke's: 218-726-5555
TWO HARBORS
 Lake View Memorial: 218-834-7300
SILVER BAY
 Bay Area Health Center: 218-226-4431
GRAND MARAIS
 Cook Co. North Shore: 218-387-3040