

AT A GLANCE: Kabetogama State Forest

Location	St. Louis County
Classification	Managed
Highway-Licensed Vehicles:	May be used on designated forest roads and access routes not posted as closed.
Off-Highway Vehicles:	May be used on designated forest roads, on forest trails signed as open to the specific type of off-highway vehicle and forest access routes not posted as closed.
Area (acres)	159,126 DNR-administered 236,598 other publically administered 186,503 privately owned
Natural Resource Profile	The terrain is covered with extensive fir, spruce, aspen, pine, maple, and birch forests and dotted with lakes and rocky ridges. Kabetogama Lake is spacious with 25,000 acres of water and 200 islands.
Current Uses	Forestry, seasonal recreation, tourism, hunting, habitat improvement.
Recreation Types	Snowmobiling, dog-sledding, horseback riding, hiking, off-highway vehicle riding, cross-country skiing, biking, camping, hunting, trapping, wildlife watching, fishing, and canoeing; the Arrowhead State Trail traverses this forest.

Designation Summary	Approximate miles/acres
ATV/OHM (new designation)	5.1 miles
Hunter-Walking Trail (existing trail, new designation)	17.8 miles

Description of Changes:

The DNR proposes to designate approximately 5.1 miles of new ATV/OHM trail. Of this, approximately two miles is currently access route, open to OHV use under the managed classification; approximately 1.9 miles are existing snowmobile trail and approximately 1.2 miles of new trail.

The DNR also proposes to designate approximately 17.8 miles of existing hunter-walking trails. These trails are currently signed and managed as hunter-walking trails, but lack formal designation. No changes in current use or management will result from designation.

Implementation:

The new designations and changes in designation will be effective after public review and the commissioner's orders have been finalized. Routes that are currently open as access routes will remain in that status until signing and improvements are made. New trails will not be open for use and new trail uses will not be allowed until the DNR completes trail construction and signs the trails open over the next several seasons. Trails without legal connections will not be constructed until after a legal connection is made.