

AT A GLANCE: North St. Louis County State Forests

Forests included	Bear Island, Burntside, Lake Jeanette, Lake Isabella, Insula Lake, Sturgeon River
Location	St. Louis County
Classification	Closed/Limited/Managed
Highway-Licensed Vehicles:	May be used on designated forest roads only (closed/limited). May be used on designated forest roads and access routes not posted as closed (managed).
Off-Highway Vehicles:	May not be used (closed). May be used on designated forest roads and trails signed as open to the specific type of off-highway vehicle (limited). 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 (Managed).
Area (acres)	113,942 DNR-administered 203,566 other publically administered 119,599 privately owned
Natural Resource Profile	Rocky and steep terrain in places with low-lying wetlands in others. Look for young and mature jack, red, and white pine. Black spruce grow in the lowland areas. You may also find stands of white spruce, balsam fir, paper birch, and other boreal forest species.
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 Taconite and David Dill/Taconite State Trails go through these forests. Portions of these forests are within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

Designation Summary	Approximate miles/acres
ATV/OHM (new designation)	4.5 miles

Description of Changes:

The DNR proposes to designate approximately 4.5 miles of new ATV/OHM trail, all of which is located along the David Dill/Taconite State Trail. OHV use is allowed along the David Dill/Taconite State Trail, per the 2017 master plan. Not the entire trail is open for OHV use.

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.