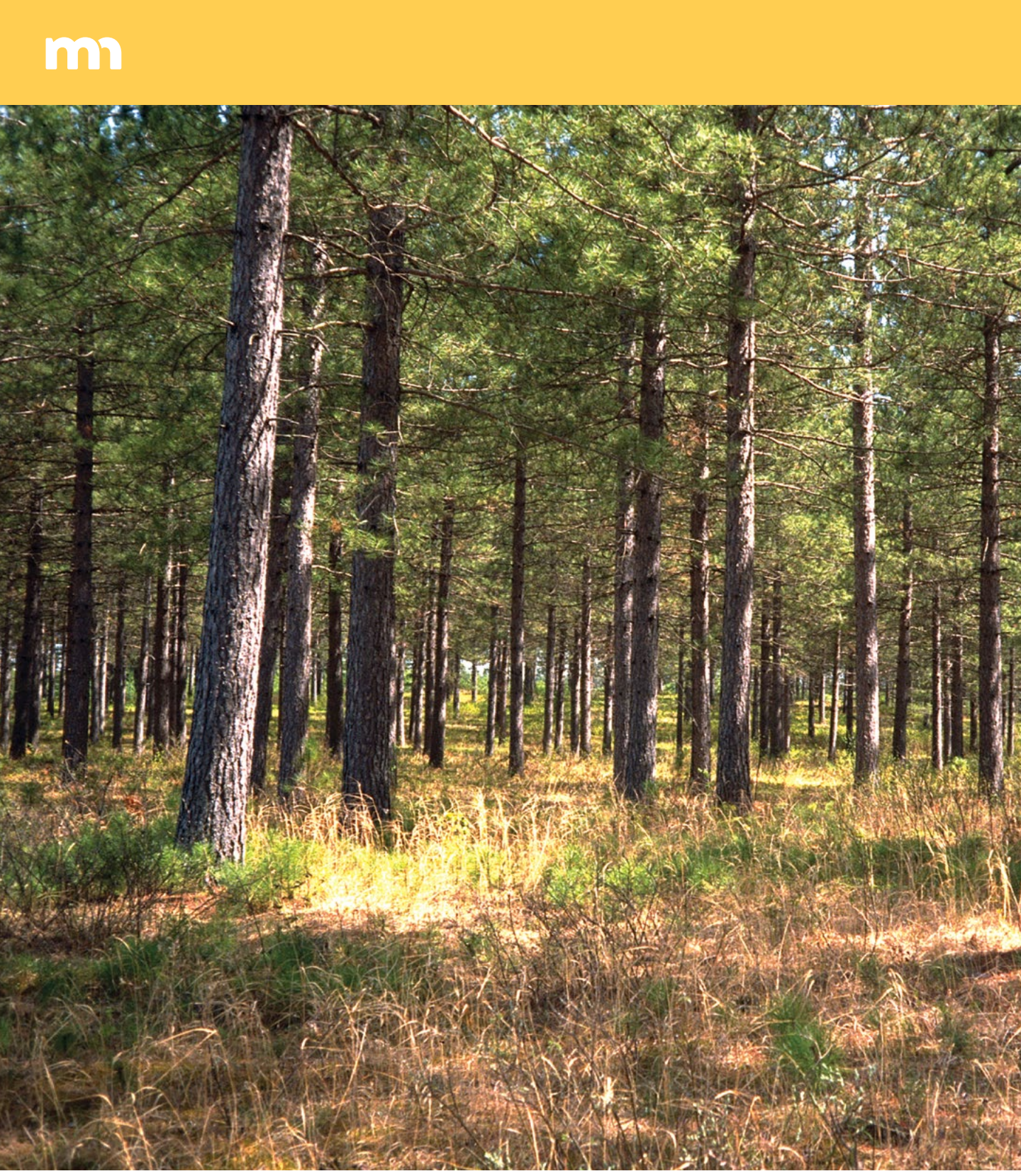




PAUL BUNYAN AND BADOURA STATE FORESTS



CAMPING

No reservations required. Fees collected on site. First-come, first-served.

GULCH LAKE CAMPGROUND AND LAKE 21 DAY-USE AREA

With nine campsites, one group site, and one well, this campground and day-use area is located within a game refuge and non-motorized recreation area near Nelson Lake, Lake 21, and Bass Lake. Provides hiking, water access, and picnic sites.

MANTRAP LAKE CAMPGROUND AND DAY-USE AREA

This area has 36 drive-in campsites, including two handicap-accessible campsites, picnic tables, drinking water, two toilets, and lake access for swimming and fishing. Mantrap Lake is a designated muskie lake with water access, a dock, picnic sites, and nature trails.

TRAILS

PAUL BUNYAN STATE TRAIL

With 115 miles of trail, this is the longest continuously paved rail-trail in the country, open to bicycle riders, hikers, inline skaters, and snowmobile riders. Built on an abandoned railroad grade, the flat trail winds past rivers and lakes, through forests and fields, and over bridges. It connects with the Heartland Trail south of the state forests near Akeley.

HEARTLAND STATE TRAIL

Bicycle riders, hikers, and inline skaters can enjoy 49 miles of flat, paved trail between Park Rapids and Cass Lake. The trail is located entirely on a level, abandoned railroad grade through rolling terrain, except for a 4-mile segment north of Walker, which is on a low-volume traffic road. A grass-covered trail extends 27 miles between Park Rapids and Walker, and is open to horseback riding, mountain biking, and hiking.

NORTH COUNTRY NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

This trail runs all the way across Hubbard County through Itasca State Park and into Becker County to the Hubble Pond Wildlife Management Area. Eventually, the trail will link to a larger corridor similar to the Appalachian Trail that will traverse more than 4,000 miles through seven northern states from North Dakota to New York. For interactive maps and to download GIS/GPS data, visit northcountrytrail.org/minnesota.

SOARING EAGLE SKI TRAILS

Winding through forests of balsam and spruce, cross-country skiers can enjoy 12 kilometers (7.5 miles) of groomed ski trails located 8 miles north of Park Rapids off U.S. Highway 71.

The Itascaur Bike, Ski, and Run Club maintains the state forest lands and Nordic center for public use.

Visit itascatur.org for maps.

Minnesota Ski Pass required.

mndnr.gov/licenses/skipass

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

Several miles of scenic, hilly snowmobile trails loop their way through the Paul Bunyan State Forest. Located on forest roads, some trails are plowed during the winter for logging activities and others are groomed. All trails can be reached over grant-in-aid trails from Akeley, Nevis, and the Heartland Trail. Trails are marked with orange signs.

- Snowmobile trail maps: mndnr.gov/snowmobiling/interactive_map
- Snowmobiles must have current registration. See mndnr.gov/regulations/snowmobile/index.html

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE TRAILS

With hundreds of miles of hilly all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trails among pine forests, the Paul Bunyan and Badoura state forests are a premier destination. All trails are marked and range from easy to more difficult.

Highway-licensed vehicles may operate on signed forest roads. Forest roads are open to off-highway vehicles (OHVs) unless posted closed.

Visit mndnr.gov/ohv for up-to-date rules, maps, and trail and road closures.

KNOW YOUR VEHICLE

Always make sure you are riding on the appropriate trail, designated and signed for your vehicle. OHVs must be registered in Minnesota or have a trail pass.

mndnr.gov/licenses/ohv

CLASSIFICATION: LIMITED

All trails on state lands are classified regarding motor vehicles. The Paul Bunyan, Badoura, and Mississippi Headwaters state forests are classified as "limited," which means OHVs are allowed **only** on signed and mapped routes that are open for a specific OHV use (e.g., ATVs, OHMs, or ORVs).

FOREST RIDERS ATV TRAIL

With 100 miles open to Class I and II ATVs, this trail system passes through multiple state forests with terrain ranging from hilly to smooth. Maintained by the Forest Riders ATV club. Most of this trail is located outside the Paul Bunyan State Forest.

MARTINEAU OHM TRAILS

Off-highway motorcycle (OHM) riders can use these 97 miles of single-track trails including a mix of smooth trails for beginners and tight, wooded technical trails for more experienced riders.

ROUND RIVER DRIVE ATV TRAILS

These trails contain 107 miles of twists, turns, and climbs open to Class I and II all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). Maintained by the Akeley Paul Bunyan ATV Trailriders and Timberland Dirt Devils clubs.

HUBBARD COUNTY ATV TRAIL SYSTEM

The county offers several miles of minimum maintenance forest roads that are open to Class I and II ATVs, OHMs, and off-road vehicles (ORVs).

Visit mndnr.gov/ohv for up-to-date rules, maps, and trail and road closures.

USING MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN HUNTING AND TRAPPING

The limited classification allows some exceptions for big game hunters and trappers during hunting and trapping seasons. For example, you can use Class 1 ATVs to hunt big game or transport temporary hunting stands between October and December, retrieve big game in September, trap during open season for protected furbearers, and trap for minnows under certain conditions.

See the *Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations Handbook*:

mndnr.gov/regulations/hunting

HUNTING

The Paul Bunyan and Badoura state forests provide plenty of game for hunting. In the appropriate season, licensed hunters can hunt for deer, grouse, and other game on state forest land and nearby wildlife management areas. mndnr.gov/hunting

FIREARMS AND BOWS

During open hunting season licensed hunters may carry an uncased and loaded firearm or strung bow to hunt, except in or within 200 feet of any forest recreation area (campgrounds, picnic areas, beaches, parking lots, interpretive sites, and trailheads). Cutting shooting lanes and installing permanent deer stands are not allowed.

mndnr.gov/regulations/hunting

FISHING AND TRAPPING

There are no special provisions or restrictions on fishing or trapping within state forests. You must have the proper license and abide by the same rules and seasons as anywhere else in Minnesota.

Visit mndnr.gov/fishing for up-to-date regulations.

RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY

State forests contain private land within their boundaries, so know where you are. Hunting on private land within a state forest and crossing private land to access public land is subject to state trespass laws. Watch for posted "No Trespassing" and "No Hunting" signs and stay off private property.

You must have permission before entering private land, even to cross it to access public land.

Trespassing is a misdemeanor. If convicted, you could lose your license to hunt. All conservation and peace officers enforce trespass laws.

WILDLIFE

MANAGEMENT AREAS

Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and game refuges provide habitat for deer, bear, small game, forest upland birds, and waterfowl.

WMAs are established to protect lands and waters that have high potential for wildlife, public hunting, trapping, and fishing. Hunting and trapping are allowed with the proper license and during the proper season in all the WMAs in this area: Bemidji Slough, Wolf Lake—Hubbard County Unit, Rockwood, Birch Creek, Kabekona, and Crow Wing Chain. The Paul Bunyan Ruffed Grouse Management Area is also nearby.

WMA HIGHLIGHT: KABEKONA

With 380 acres, this WMA contains a complex of wetlands, upland forests, mixed forests, and agricultural landscapes. Aspen and jack pine forests provide habitat for ruffed grouse and deer. Wetlands have marsh, open water, and lowland brush. A great blue heron colony existed here from 1975 to 1993. Mallards and blue-winged teal are now the major nesters. You may see snipe, marsh wrens, muskrats, beavers, and grouse.

WMA HIGHLIGHT: CROW WING CHAIN

Located along the Crow Wing River and on the shores of the First and Second Crow Wing lakes, half of this 3,332-acre WMA is forested with aspen; oak; and jack, red, and white pines. There is an old-growth stand of deciduous trees southeast of the Second Crow Wing Lake. Seven parking areas along the perimeter and an extensive system of hunter walking trails and field roads provide good access. There are two water accesses on Palmer Lake and the Crow Wing River. Birders may view pileated woodpeckers, broad-winged hawks, and a variety of warblers.

WMA maps: mndnr.gov/maps/compass
WMA information: mndnr.gov/wmas

ALWAYS STAY ON SIGNED TRAILS

Whether you're riding or walking, tread lightly on the land. Be courteous to others, respect private property, and obey the law.

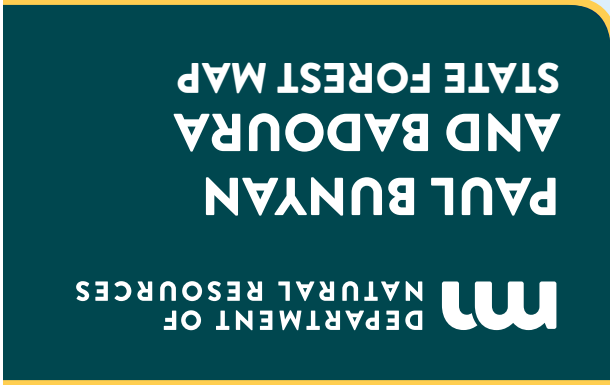
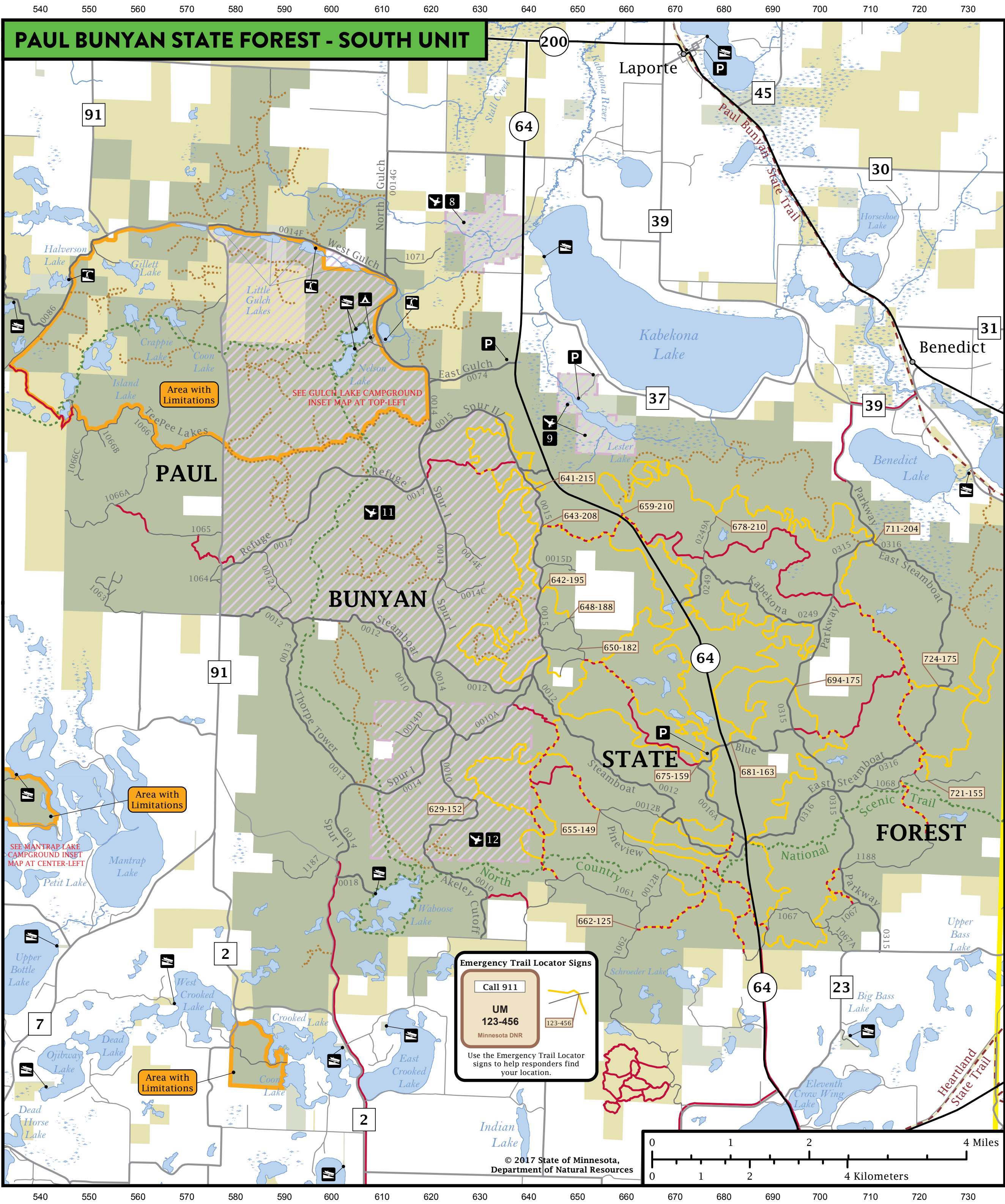
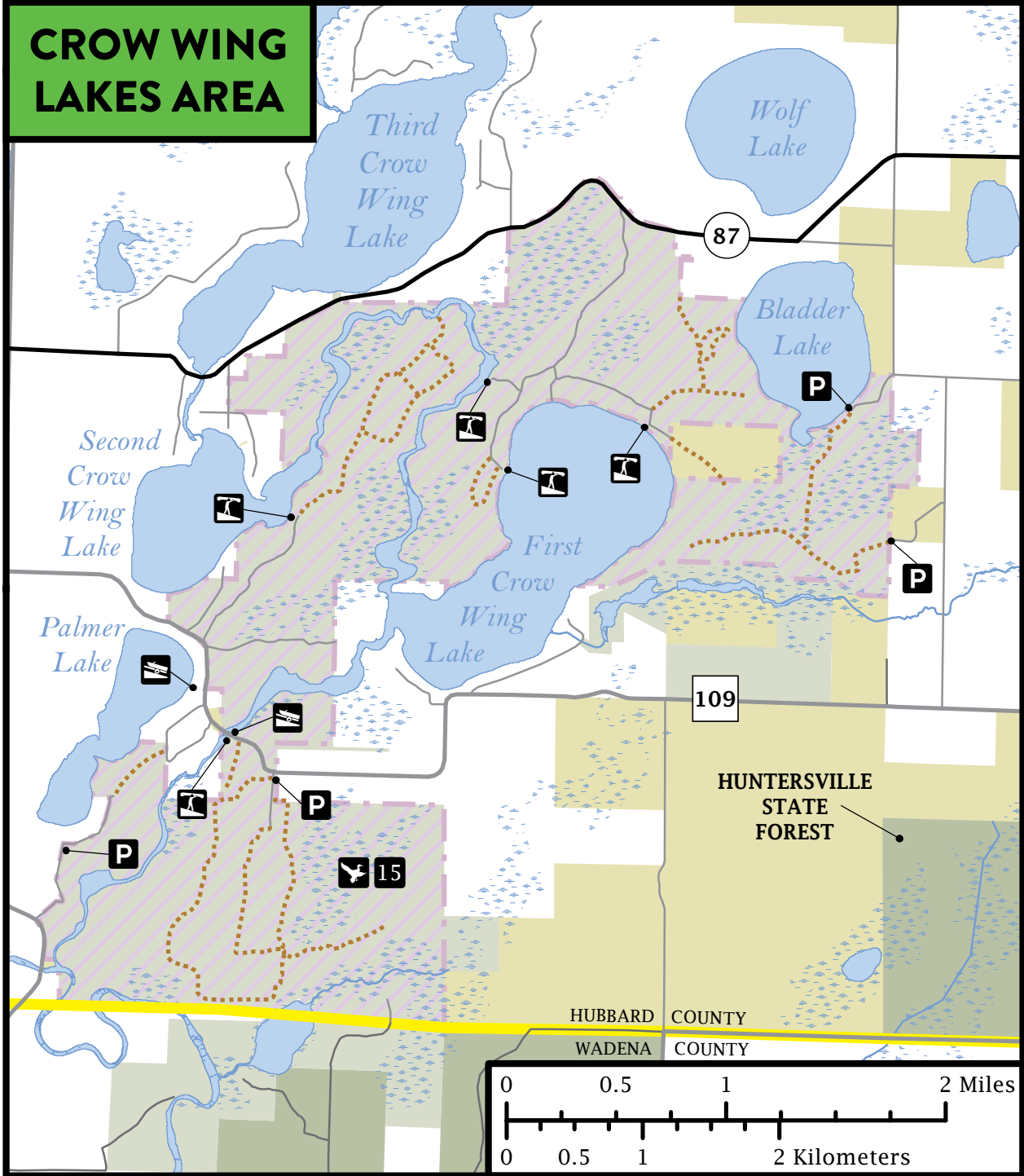
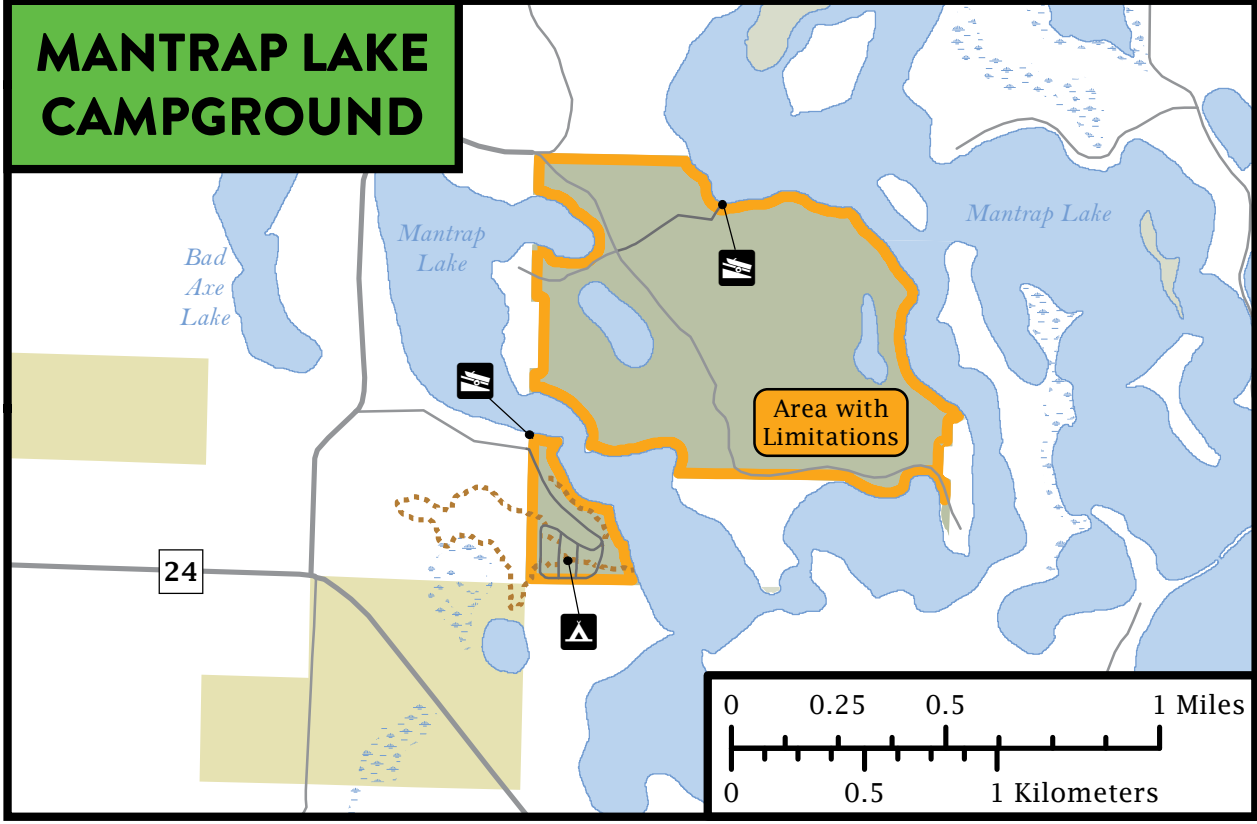
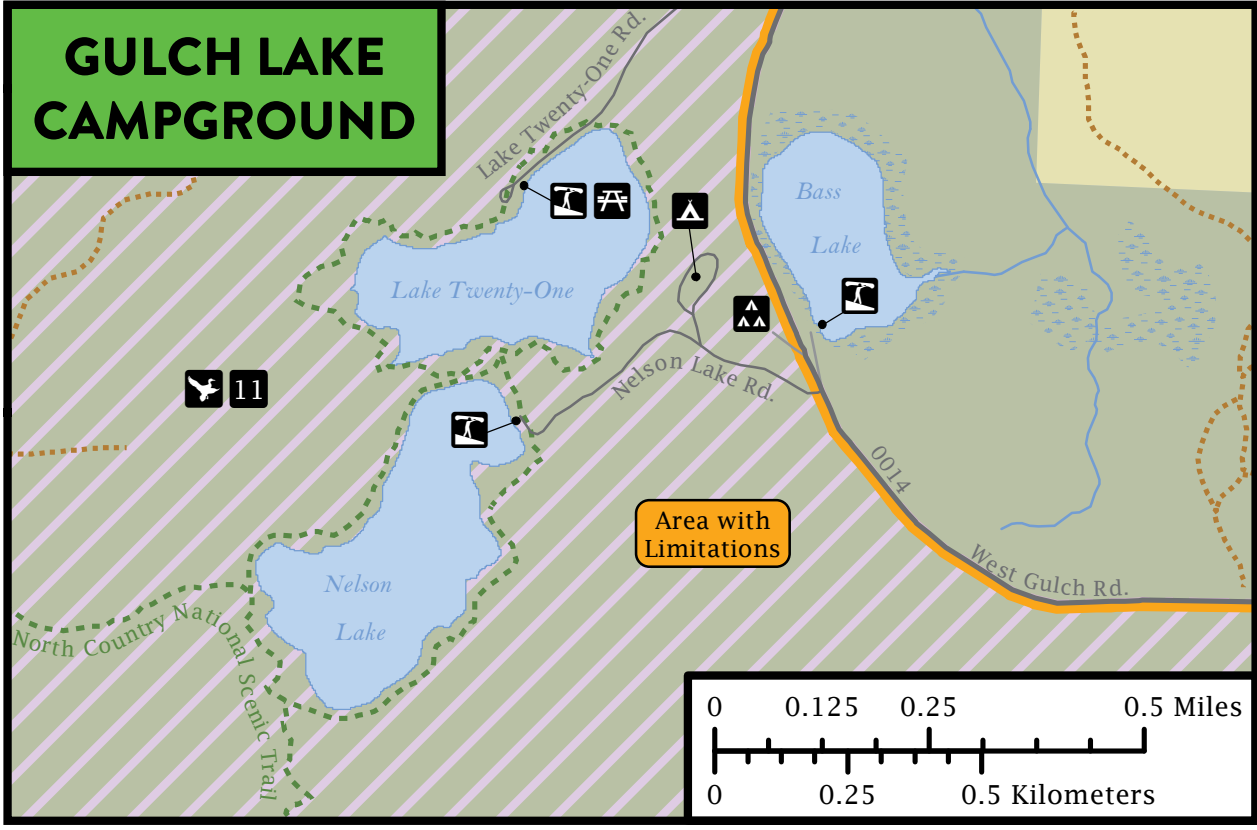
AREAS WITH LIMITATIONS

These areas are designated to protect unique natural resources and provide other non-motorized recreation opportunities. Motorized vehicles may not operate within "Areas of Limitations" for any reason.

LEAVE TROUBLE BEHIND

Help prevent the spread of invasive plants and animals.

- Clean your gear before entering and leaving the recreation site.
- Remove mud and seeds from clothes, pets, boots, gear, and vehicles.
- Stay on designated trails.
- PlayCleanGo.org



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