

TACONITE STATE TRAIL

ITASCA AND ST. LOUIS COUNTIES



MORE INFORMATION

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SHARE THE TRAIL

- Stay on designated trail.
- Keep right so others can pass.
- Keep pets on leash and pick up waste.
- Obey traffic signs and rules.
- Pack out all garbage and litter.
- Respect adjoining landowner’s rights and privacy.
- Verbally warn other trail users when passing from behind.
- Overnight camping and campfires are permitted only on designated campsites. Do not leave them unattended.
- Enjoy the beauty of wild plants and 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.

ABOUT THE TRAIL

The **Taconite State Trail**, in combination with the David Dill/Taconite State Trail, stretches 165 miles from Grand Rapids to Ely and intersects with the David Dill/Arrowhead State Trail just west of Lake Vermilion.

The first six miles from Grand Rapids are paved for biking and in-line skating. The rest of the natural surface trail is used primarily for snowmobiling in the winter. While there are areas with standing water in the summer, portions are suitable for horseback riding, hiking and mountain biking. Off-highway vehicle riding is allowed on portions of the trail.

Along the trail, there are several wayfinding markers guiding ATV and Snowmobile use. Black on yellow markers are for ATVs and black on orange are for snowmobiles.

Travel through forests of birch, aspen and pine and past isolated lakes and streams. Several trail waysides and picnic facilities offer scenic vistas. From Grand Rapids heading north, you’ll see the impact of the taconite and iron mining industry.

The northern portion of the trail winds through state and national forest land with rolling, tree-covered terrain.

You’ll experience diverse habitats. You may see a ridge of white pine transition to a ravine of mixed hardwoods, and then to a ridge of aspen, birch and basswood blended with maples.

Minnesota wildlife is abundant along the trail. You may spot a moose, timber wolf, coyote, white-tailed deer, black bear, lynx, porcupine, snowshoe hare, fisher, pine marten or red squirrel.

PARKING AVAILABLE

DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLE

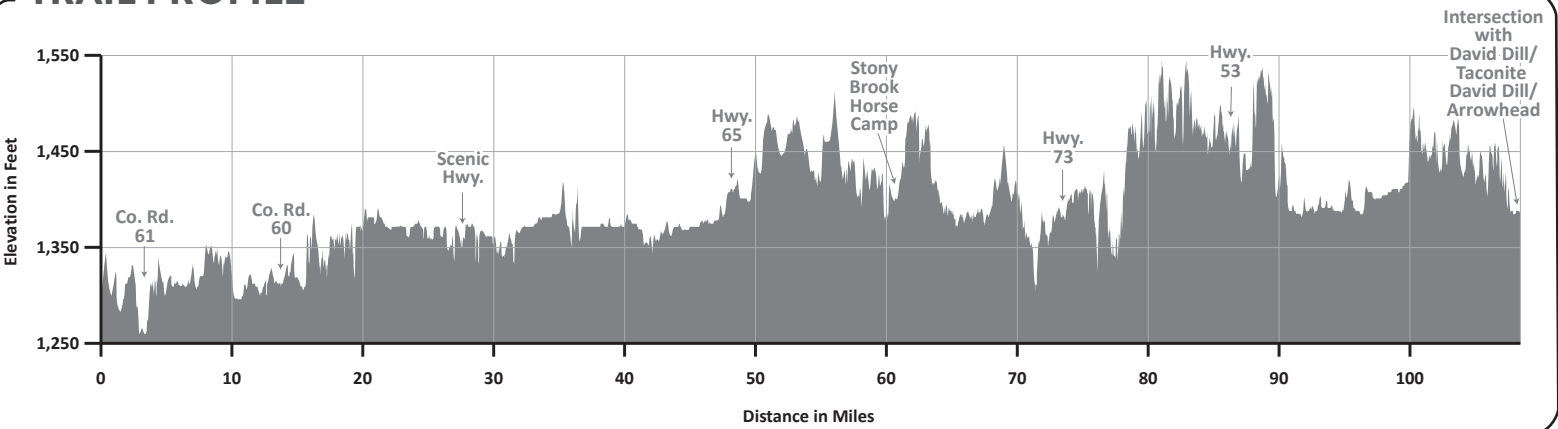
Parking

- In Grand Rapids off 14th Street.
- Northeast of Grand Rapids off Scenic Highway or County Road 337.
- In George Washington State Forest off County Road 53, Highway 65 and Stony Brook Horse Camp.
- In McCarthy Beach State Park (vehicle permit required).
- In Sturgeon River State Forest off Highway 73.
- North of Virginia off Highway 53.

All communities along the Taconite, David Dill/Taconite and David Dill/Arrowhead state trails have food, fuel, lodging and retail areas.



TRAIL PROFILE



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PLEASE NOTE

This trail requires a permit for anyone horseback riding. For more information about the Horse Pass, please call the DNR Information Center or visit mndnr.gov/trails.

Snowmobilers must be registered or have a valid state trail sticker. For more information, visit mndnr.gov/snowmobiling.

For more information on off-highway vehicle registration and riding in this area, visit mndnr.gov/ohv.

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