



# *Best* OF THE NORTH SHORE SILVER BAY



**10**<sup>+</sup> THINGS  
*within*  
MINUTES  
OF SILVER BAY  
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# Best OF THE NORTH SHORE

## SILVER BAY

For those who visit here often, you know that this part of the North Shore is in the midst of the North Shore's best attractions. When we tell visitors, our area offers the *Best of the North Shore*, we are not exaggerating.

## WHY IS SILVER BAY THE BEST OF THE NORTH SHORE?

Because you can ...

- easily reach the shoreline
- visit more parks
- hike amazing cliffs
- hunt agates on more beaches
- find the best snowmobiling and ATV riding
- enjoy premier rock climbing
- ski the most scenic cross-country trails

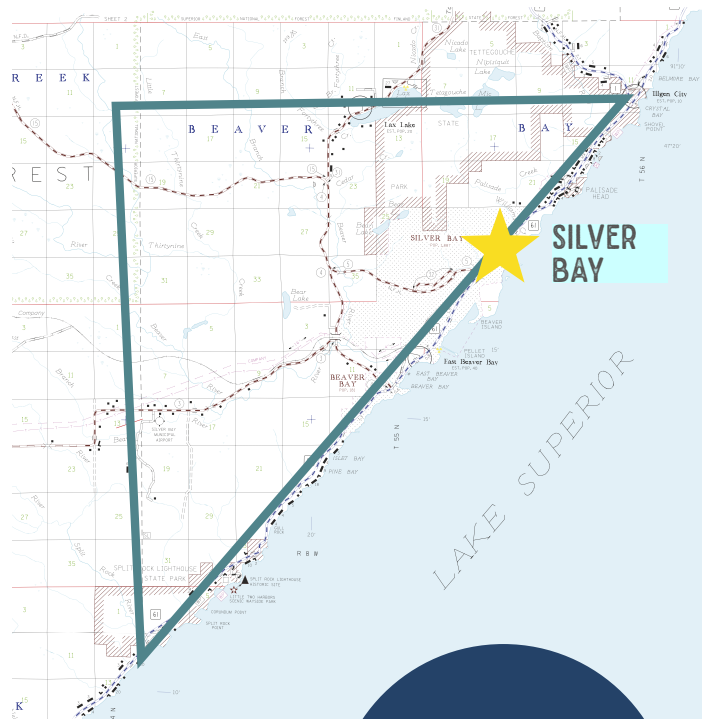
We are the hub for all trails and scenic drives along the North Shore. Whether your passion is silent sports or motorized ones, you will find a fabulous trail to enjoy within minutes.

## WHERE ARE WE?

The area's boundaries are in the shape of a triangle, with the city of Silver Bay in the middle.

We are in the midst of three state parks: Split Rock State Park, eight miles to the south; Tettegouche State Park, four miles to the north; and Crosby-Manitou State Park, accessed approximately 20 minutes from Silver Bay and four miles inland from Lake Superior.

Communities in our area include Silver Bay, Beaver Bay and Finland.



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## SO MUCH ... SO CLOSE

Find a small sample of some of the best hiking, scenery, waterfalls, and cross-country skiing on the North Shore.

**SEE NEXT PAGE**



# Best OF THE NORTH SHORE

10<sup>+</sup> THINGS  
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1

*Wander* BLACK BEACH.

Search for agates. Take a walk. Enjoy a campfire.



2

*Visit* SILVER BAY MARINA.

Rent a charter and fish. Take a scenic cruise. Have a cookout.



3

*Hike* SUPERIOR HIKING TRAIL.

Hiking for all abilities: County Road 4 to Gitchi Gami Trail or Twin Lakes Trail.



4

*Fish* BEAVER RIVER. BAPTISM RIVER.

Shore fishing is popular and accessible, especially for salmon and steelhead.



5

*Golf* SILVER BAY GOLF COURSE & DRIVING RANGE.

Nine-hole course open to the public. Driving range. Pro Shop. Sandwich grill.



6

*Canoe* ON NEARBY LAX LAKE.

Drive a few miles to this lovely lake with a resort that rents canoes & paddleboards.



7

*Climb* PALISADE HEAD OR SHOVEL POINT AT TETTEGOUCHE.

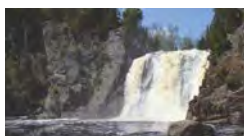
For experienced climbers only!



8

*Bike* GITCHI GAMI PAVED TRAIL.

Walk, run or rollerblade. Pick up the trail in Silver Bay or Beaver Bay.



9

*Hike* TETTEGOUCHE STATE PARK.

Hike High Falls and Shovel Point. Beautiful and family-friendly hikes.



10

*Kayak* LAKE SUPERIOR'S WATER TRAILS.

The area's "Gold Coast" is the most scenic on the North Shore.

# road trip THROUGH OUR AREA



Most of our scenic attractions are easily accessible by car, with a little walking.

First stop is the world famous Split Rock Lighthouse, 46 miles from Duluth. You can tour the lighthouse and the grounds, led by knowledgeable guides dressed in period costumes. Down the hill from the lighthouse, park at the trail center of Split Rock State Park with paths along Lake Superior leading to a vista of the lighthouse.

Your next stop is Beaver Bay, only 5 miles from the lighthouse. It's one of the oldest communities in Minnesota, founded in 1858, and was accessible by only water in those days. See the river and visit the shops in Beaver Bay.

Less than two miles from Beaver Bay is the Silver Bay Marina and Bayside Park. See the sailboats and powerboats in the harbor. There's an excellent view of the "Thousand Footers" (ore boats) coming into the Northshore Mining harbor. Have a picnic at the Bayside Park with a lakeside view and its cozy beach.

Stop for lunch or groceries in Silver Bay.

Less than 2 miles from Palisade Head is Tettegouche State Park, the second largest State Park in Minnesota. Take the half mile trail to Shovel

Point, another magnificent cliff, or take the trail upstream on Baptism River to see several waterfalls.

Just beyond that, Highway 1, another Scenic Byway intersects Highway 61. Five miles up Highway 1 is Finland, a community founded by Finnish settlers in the 1890s. The winding and scenic Highway 1 is a place to spot a moose, if you're lucky. Eventually, Highway 1 reaches Ely, the hub of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

From Finland, you can also reach Crosby Manitou State Park, a unique place that offers only hike-in camping and fishing. Waterfalls cascade through a volcanic canyon surrounded by majestic forest. The trails in the park are carved through a forest of fir, cedar, spruce and northern hardwoods. Although the trails are steep and challenging for hikers and backpackers, they offer spectacular views.

Secluded campsites are for backpackers only. Trout (brown, rainbow, and brook) and splake (a hybrid of brook and lake trout) reside in Benson Lake. Watch for moose, deer, bear and wolves.

County 6, from Finland, heads east and eventually connects with Highway 61 at Little Marais. On the way, you can see the John Pine Heritage Site, a village that recalls the past, and Wolf Ridge, a well-respected environmental school.



# SILVER BAY *history*

The city of Silver Bay was built in 1956 by a mining company to house workers at a new industry: taconite mining. The city was one of the first planned communities in the country and its winding streets were designed to help kids stay safe when they walked to school.

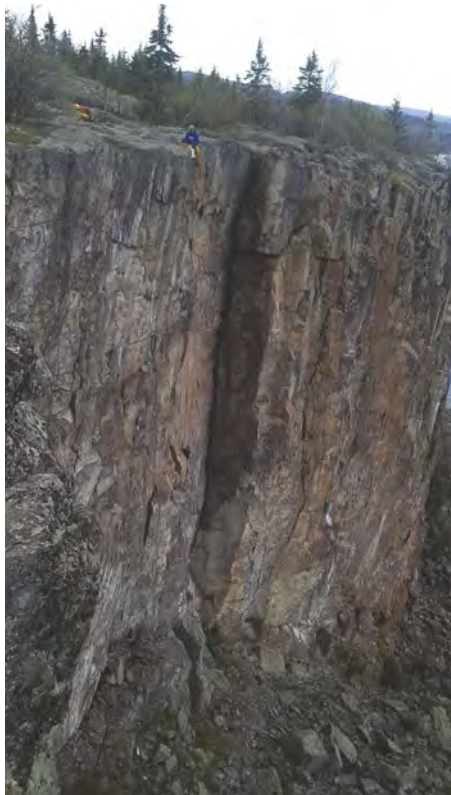
The history and operations of Cliffs Mining, which operates the taconite processing plant on Highway 61, are presented at several sites in town. Educational panels explain what you are seeing.

- The overlook of the lake and the mining plant are accessible from Outer Drive. They give a bird's eye view of the plant.
- The Gitchee Gami Bike Trail, starting from Outer Drive and going to Highway 61 is through land owned by Cliffs Mining. The trail is a good way to see the Cliffs Mining plant and the infrastructure required for the work. The trail provides high views of Lake Superior. Be aware of deer!
- The Bay Area Historical Society, also on Outer Drive, has a museum with artifacts from the early days of the town and items donated by people who have worked at the mine. It is also a visitor center.





# outdoors SPRING, SUMMER, FALL



## ROCK CLIMBING

This is the North Shore's hub for rock climbing. The biggest cliffs on the lake are at Palisade Head, (a huge cliff just 2.5 miles from Silver Bay) and Shovel Point, both managed by Tettegouche State Park. Just 23 miles south is Silver Creek, another climbing destination.



## BIRDING

Twenty-six warblers nest on the North Shore. We have raptors, owls, gulls and many other kinds of birds in our area. Peregrine falcons nest on Palisade Head, just three miles from Silver Bay, and many other places. Our area is not only a birding hotspot, it provides endless ways to get into the woods to enjoy this activity.



## WATERFALL VIEWING

The North Shore is known for fabulous waterfalls. Many are close by, including the Beaver River Falls, and High Falls and the Cascades on the Baptism River at Tettegouche State Park.

Spring is prime waterfall season. You can see many falls from the road, or if you prefer to hike, it is a great time to be on the trails. With proper footwear (with crampons that slip over your boots), you can enjoy the trails and watch the rivers rush by.

For a complete guide to the Silver Bay area's waterfalls, visit: [northernwilds.com/waterfalls](http://northernwilds.com/waterfalls)

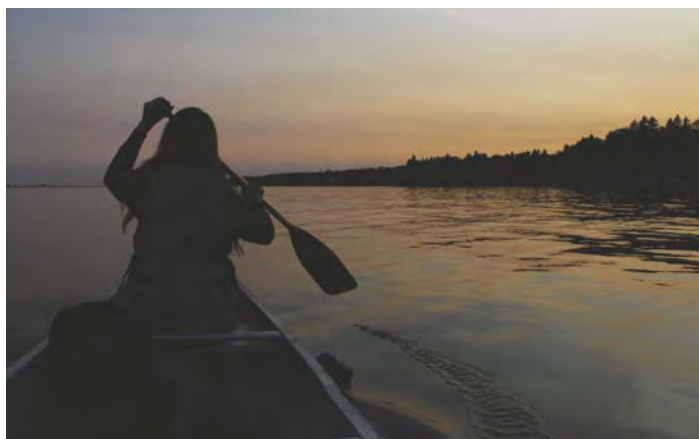
# get on LAKE SUPERIOR

## KAYAKING LAKE SUPERIOR

The Water Trail extends from the St. Louis River, south of Duluth to Pigeon River, running 150 miles along the shore. Our portion of the trail is named the "Gold Coast," because it is so spectacular. Paddlers will find safe harbors to take refuge and to camp. One is at the Black Beach in Silver Bay. This is a popular starting and ending spot for kayakers and for groups. Check rules and maps before heading out on the lake. For more information, go to [dnr.state.mn.us/maps/kayaking/lswt\\_map2.pdf](http://dnr.state.mn.us/maps/kayaking/lswt_map2.pdf)

## EXPLORE AN INLAND LAKE

Lake Superior is, of course, a major attraction, but our inland lakes are also beautiful and offer lots of recreational options, including canoeing and paddleboarding. Some lake resorts also rent gear.



## GO SCUBA DIVING OVER A SHIPWRECK

*The Hesper* was lost when it was caught in a late spring snow storm in 1905. The 60-mile-an-hour northeaster drove it well off its intended course and hurled the vessel on a reef which now marks the southwest edge of Silver Bay Harbor. Want to know more? Visit [silverbay-marina.com/hesper-shipwreck](http://silverbay-marina.com/hesper-shipwreck).

The shipwreck *Madeira* is historically significant as the best and one of the few known surviving examples of a schooner-barge. Though the *Madeira* was lost in a violent storm, elements of the hull are relatively intact. The wreck spurred construction of the Split Rock Lighthouse. The dive spot is a few miles north of the lighthouse.

Learn more at [mnhs.org/places/nationalregister/shipwrecks/madeira/madeira.php](http://mnhs.org/places/nationalregister/shipwrecks/madeira/madeira.php)

## BLACK BEACH CAMPGROUND

The new Black Beach campground is comprised of 49 sites and is situated on 14.5 acres adjacent to the shores of Lake Superior in the heart of the North Shore. Guests can choose from wooded and lake view sites, electric hook-up options, free Wi-Fi and a host of amenities and features. The campground is an hour drive north of Duluth following highway 61 and only 50 miles south of Grand Marais.





# water sports

FISH, CRUISE, BOAT



## GO FISHING. TAKE A CRUISE. ENJOY BOATING.

To fish, take a cruise, or enjoy boating, visit the Silver Bay Marina. You can find and charter captains providing a range of charter fishing and cruising options.

Fishing competitions also run regularly through the season. Boats up to 100 feet can be accommodated on a daily or seasonal basis in one of 110 spacious slips. This is also a lovely spot for a picnic.

Go to [silverbay-marina.com](http://silverbay-marina.com) to learn more.

## FISHING

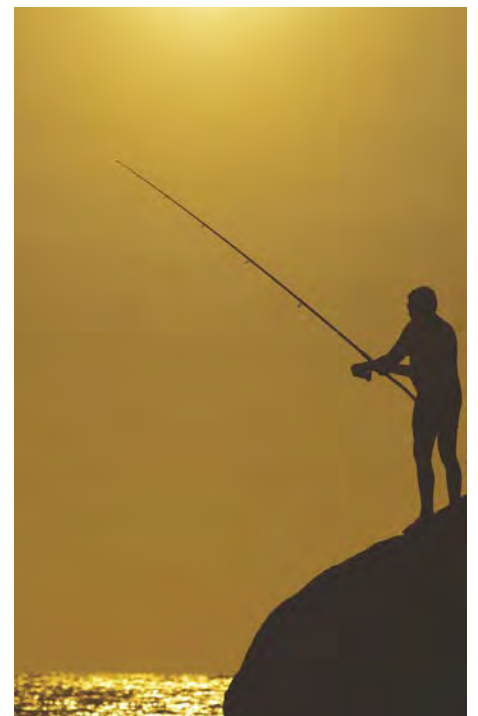
Find a quiet spot and hook a walleye, bass, trout, panfish, northern or muskie.

The closest lake to Silver Bay is Lax Lake, but there are many more lakes in the area.

## FISH FROM SHORE OR ON A RIVER

If shore casting is your preference, there are numerous place to fish along Lake Superior.

Upstream lake trout and salmon are the common species.





# ENJOY THE *hiking and biking*

## WALKING AND BICYCLING

The Gitchi Gami Bicycle Trail is a paved trail. We offer the North Shore's longest segment of the trail, running for approximately 16.4 miles along the shore and up the hillsides. It is ideal for biking, inline skating or walking and offers spectacular views of the lake and forests. The trail runs from downtown Silver Bay to Beaver Bay, then to Split Rock State Park, and finally to Gooseberry Falls State Park. You can access the trail at multiple parking lots, including in Silver Bay and Beaver Bay.



## WILDERNESS HIKING

The Superior Hiking Trail (SHT) is one of the most famous trails in the United States. It extends from Jay Cooke Park south of Duluth to the border of Canada. The best views, the highest vistas, and beautiful lakes are all found in this area. Many hikers go out for a few hours. Others hike for several weeks.

Looking for a premier hike? Try the trail to Bean and Bear Lakes. It is among the most scenic.

Be sure to carry a SHT guidebook and all maps, so you can choose the hikes that best suit your abilities. Learn more at [shta.org](http://shta.org).



## MOUNTAIN BIKING

This area is right in the middle of the best biking on the shore. We are 40 minutes from trails at Britton Peak and one hour from Duluth's vast trail system. Starting in 2018, a new 50-mile system will be built in Beaver Bay, with options for winter fat tire riding.

## BACKPACKING FOR BIKERS

Backpacking for bikers is the new fat tire sport of overnight, self-supported bike touring on rugged roads or trails.

It is popular on the North Shore State Trail, a snowmobile route that runs through forests along the ridgeline which runs from Duluth to Grand Marais.

For more on this sport and the trail: [dnr.state.mn.us/mcvmagazine/issues/2016/jul-aug/bikepacking](http://dnr.state.mn.us/mcvmagazine/issues/2016/jul-aug/bikepacking)

## NORTH SHORE ADVENTURE PARK

Enjoy the Aerial Adventure Park in a self-guided tree-to-tree climbing adventure. Ideal for ages 3 and up. Climb at your own pace for a fun, exciting, and self guided adventure. With 75 treetop platforms connected by bridges, ladders, and zip lines, their trails are color-coded for all abilities. The Adventure Park is able to host groups and parties too!





# amazing SIGHTS AND GOLFING



## SILVER BAY GOLF COURSE & DRIVING RANGE

Silver Bay Golf Course was built in 1959 by the Reserve Mining Company and has matured into one of the finest 9-hole layouts in the state.

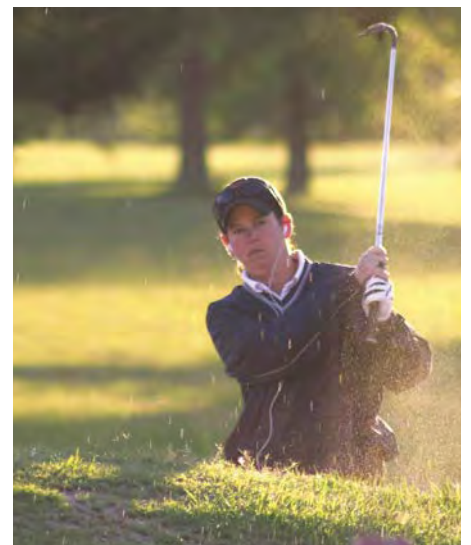
Silver Bay Golf Course was opened to the public in 1983. It is now owned by the City of Silver Bay. All are welcome.

Surrounded by heavily forested hills, the course is laid out across the east branch of the Beaver River, offering natural beauty and a challenge to golfers.

Other features:

- Driving range adjacent to the golf course
- Pro Shop
- Sandwich grill open daily
- Dining room seats 100 and is available for party rentals

Go to [SilverBayGolf.com](http://SilverBayGolf.com) for more information.



## SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST SCENIC BYWAY

Built between Aurora, on Minnesota's Iron Range and Silver Bay, this byway links communities steeped in the tradition of iron mining. Cutting through the Superior National Forest, the drive includes wild and undeveloped areas.

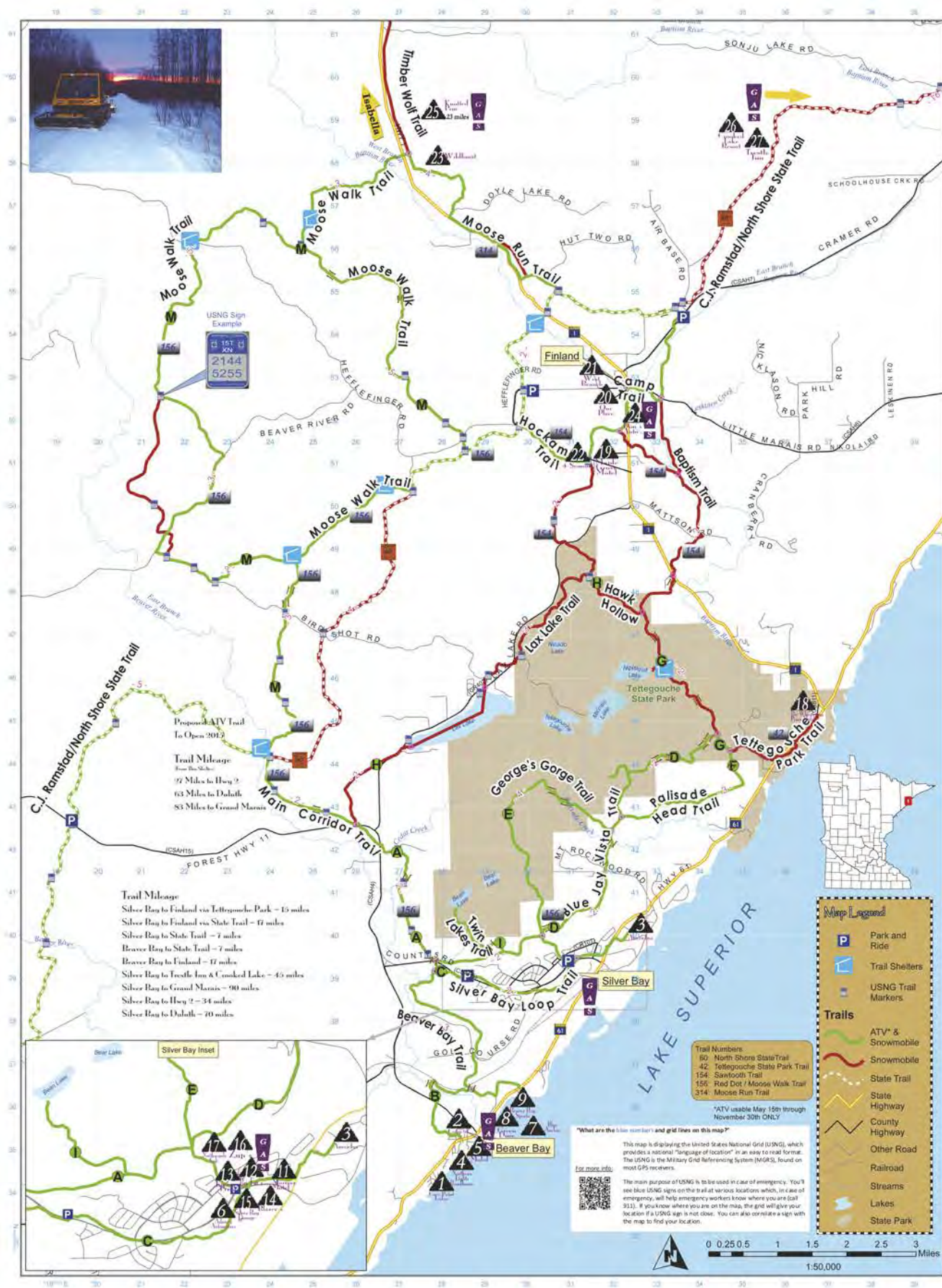
The Scenic Byway offers an intimate look at this wilderness

and many opportunities for birdwatching. Several stops provide picnic areas and walking or skiing trails. The Scenic Byway is 85 miles long.

For details on things to do along the drive and other history: [superiorbyways.com/routes/superior-national-forest-scenic-byway](http://superiorbyways.com/routes/superior-national-forest-scenic-byway)

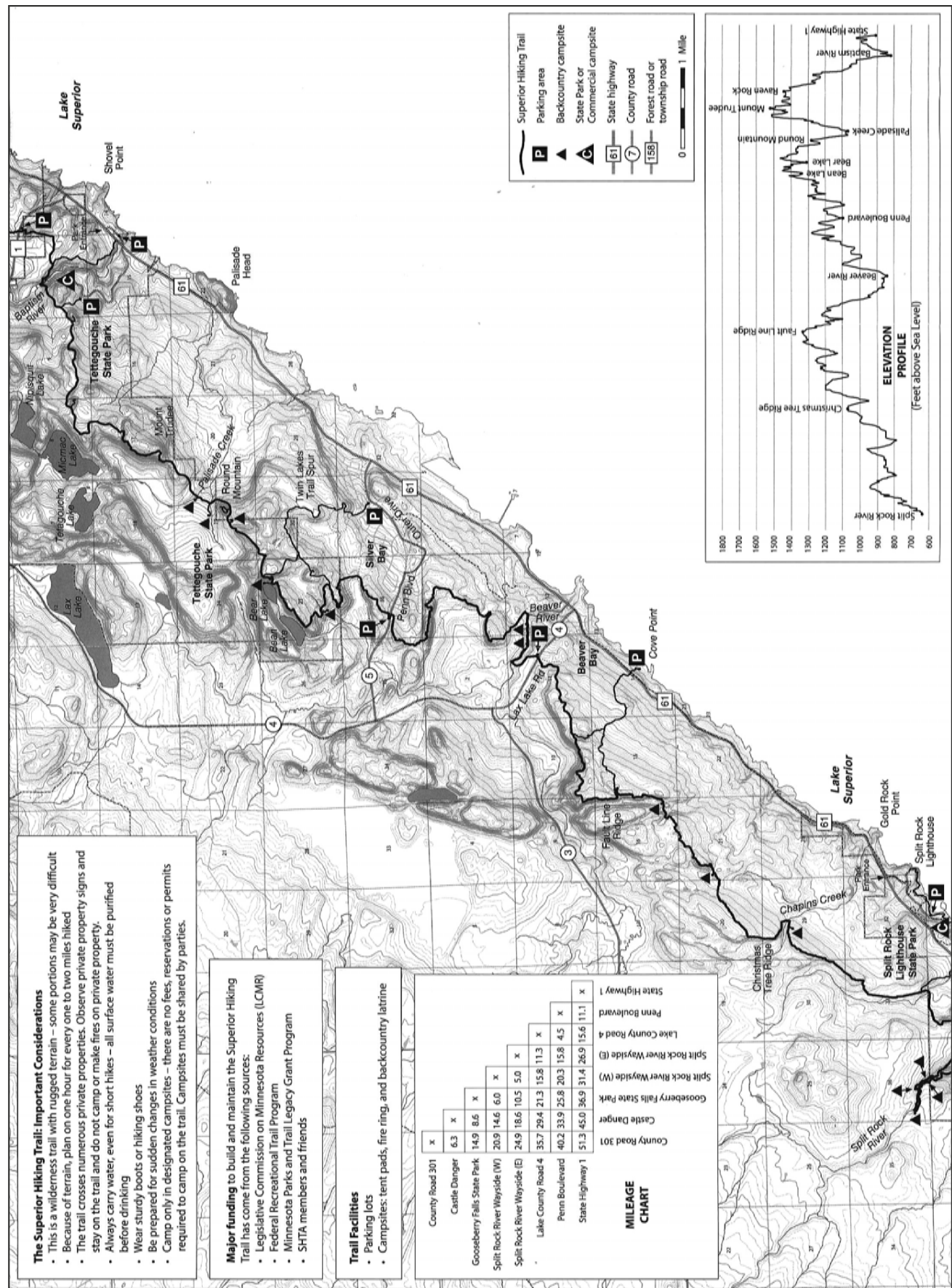


# ATV AND SNOWMOBILE TRAILS





# SUPERIOR HIKING TRAIL





# ATV AND SNOWMOBILE *trails*



## ATV AND SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

We have 100 miles of local snowmobile and ATV trails. Look at the ATV and Snowmobile Trails map (see page 11) for all the trail riding options in this area. The trails connect to the The C.J. Ramstad/North Shore State Trail, a 146-mile natural surface trail from Duluth to Grand Marais. It runs through St. Louis, Lake and Cook counties in northeastern Minnesota, winding its way through the forests on the ridgeline

overlooking Lake Superior. This trail provides access to some of the most rugged and beautiful scenery in Minnesota.

In winter, it connects with hundreds of miles of snowmobile club trails and many communities in the area.

Plans to modify the state trail to accommodate ATVs are pending. The trail system is well marked and accessible. You'll find plenty of amenities, such as restaurants, bars and restrooms along the trail.



# WINTER *wonderland*

## SNOWSHOEING

Tettegouche, Split Rock and Crosby Manitou (in Finland) are all beautiful places to snowshoe. When the cross country trails are not at their best, this is a perfect alternative.

During freeze/thaw conditions, you can still find excellent snowshoeing conditions, especially away from the Lake Superior.



## CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Northwoods Ski Trail is located off Penn Avenue just outside of Silver Bay. It is a beautiful wooded, single track trail that follows the Beaver River. It then moves away from the river over rolling hills and eventually connects to the trails at Tettegouche State Park. Classic only. Groomed by the local ski club by volunteers.

Tettegouche State Park:  
The park grooms 15.5 miles of trails for classic and four miles for skate skiing. All trails are moderate to difficult and include long, fast downhills.



## SLED DOG RACE RUNS THROUGH SILVER BAY

The 400-mile John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon, the longest sled dog marathon in the lower 48 states, runs through all the Silver Bay area communities.

The sled dog marathon takes place the last week in January.





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**ZUP'S HOMEMADE  
SMOKED MEAT PRODUCTS**

## AMERICINN OF SILVER BAY

**\$10.00 OFF  
ANY ROOM TYPE**

NOT VALID WITH OTHER  
DISCOUNTS OR PROMOTIONS

## JIMMY'S PIZZA

**\$2.00 OFF  
ANY LARGE PIZZA  
OR**

**\$3.00 OFF  
ANY FAMILY-SIZE PIZZA**

## NORTH SHORE ADVENTURE PARK

**5% OFF  
YOUR ENTIRE  
EXPERIENCE**

INCLUDES FEES & RENTALS

## NORTHWOODS FAMILY GRILLE

**FREE FOUNTAIN DRINK  
WITH PURCHASE OF  
A DUKE'S BURGER**

BREAKFAST - LUNCH - DINNER



*Visit*  
BLACK BEACH  
SILVER BAY MARINA  
RENT A CHARTER  
& FISH OR JUST CRUISE  
HAVE A COOKOUT

*Kayak*  
LAKE SUPERIOR'S  
WATER TRAILS

*Hike* SHT  
BEAVER RIVER  
COUNTY 4 TO GITCHI  
GAMI TRAIL (EASY)  
TWIN LAKES TRAIL  
(MODERATE)

*Hike*  
TETTEGOUCHE  
HIGH FALLS (MODERATE)  
SHOVEL POINT  
(EASY)

10+  
OUTDOOR ADVENTURES  
*under* 10 MINUTES  
FROM *Silver Bay*

*Fish*  
BEAVER RIVER  
BAPTISM RIVER  
LAKE SUPERIOR

*Learn*  
AREA MINING  
& HISTORY  
@BAY AREA HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY  
SEE ROCKY TACONITE

*Play*  
GOLF  
SKATE PARK  
HORSESHOES  
TENNIS  
BASKETBALL  
IN SILVER BAY

*Bike*  
GITCHI GAMI  
PAVED TRAIL  
(WALK, RUN OR  
ROLLERBLADE)

*Climb*  
PALISADE HEAD  
SHOVEL POINT  
@TETTEGOUCHE

*Canoe*  
ON NEARBY  
LAX LAKE