

Multi-purpose Trails

Major Route Pine to Prairie Birding Trail

1-800-433-1888

<http://www.mnbirdtrail.com/>

Throughout all of region

43 stops available. Kittson county part of trail goes through the Twin Lakes Wildlife Area.

A unique collection of habitats in Northwestern Minnesota which provide homes for a tremendous variety of birds. Pine forests, deciduous woodlands, native tallgrass prairie, aspen parkland, sand dunes (remnants of Glacial Lake Agassiz), calcareous fens, bogs, marshes, large and small lakes and rivers make up the transition zone that offers over 275 species of birds. Most of the sites are on public land or private reserves open to the public. Map of area is included on the website or call 800-328-4455 for a birding guide.

Major Route Red River/Pembina Oxcart Trail

The trail does not follow current highways but runs diagonally from Pembina, ND to Mahnommen then to St. Paul.

This historic trail can still be seen throughout much of the region. This trail was used by the first settlers as a trading corridor connecting St. Paul to rural Minnesota.

Major Route Waters of the Dancing Sky Scenic Byway

<http://watersofdancingsky.com/>

Drive the scenic byway from International Falls to North Dakota.

Named for the Northern Lights that can often be seen dancing in the sky, this is Minnesota's northernmost byway. This breathtaking route traverses 191 miles along Minnesota Trunk Highway 11 through lakes, forests, farmland and several cities/towns.

Major Routes King of Trails Scenic Byway

www.highway75.com

Drive U.S. Highway 75 the King of Trails from Canada to Mexico.

This trail was previously utilized by Native Americans/settlers and was designated by the State of Minnesota as "The Historic King of Trails" in 2001. Efforts include an annual marketplace day where communities along Hwy. 75 invite vendors to openly market their goods at select locations.

Major Routes Minnesota Wildflower Route

Wildflower route along Hwy 11 from Greenbush to Baudette. The route contains up to an estimated 800,000 showy pink ladyslippers, the protected state flower of Minnesota.

An annual "Wildflower Route Celebration" is related to this route.

Major Routes MOM's Way

MOM's Way takes you on a 400 mile route from Winnipeg to Thunder Bay traveling through Minnesota, Ontario and Manitoba.

Discover a route less taken & experience spectacular scenery perfect for touring. MOM's Way follows the famous route of the first fur traders on the original east-west highway.

Major Routes Prairie Passage Trail

This trail follows Hwy 75 to Crookston then goes down Hwy 102 to connect with Hwy 32 in Fertile traveling south.

This trail represents remnants of native grasses in six states and Canada. Native plantings are encouraged to restore the original landscape. The Prairie Passage has been described as a "window to the past." and "a place to get a sense of what this part of Minnesota used to be like."

Major Routes Red Lake River Corridor

www.redlakerivercorridor.org

Because of its unique setting and character, the Red Lake River is one of a few officially designated DNR canoe and small boat routes in the region.

The Red Lake River originates in the marshes of the Lower Red Lake and meanders west almost 200 miles before emptying into the Red River at East Grand Forks. It passes through three continental biomes, farmland, prairie, riparian forests and bluffs. Fish populations include channel catfish, northern pike and walleye. Campsites are designated along the route. Public rest areas are available along the route to picnic, rest and explore.

Major Routes Red River Corridor

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/watertrails/index.html>

The Red River of the North is designated as an official canoe and boating route. The designated portion of the river is 394 miles long from Breckenridge to the US/Canadian border.

The Red River meanders 550 miles northward from its source in Breckenridge, MN to Lake Winnipeg in Canada. The Red River is known for its catfish and walleye populations. The Red River flows through the Red River Valley, one of the world's flattest landscapes and a remnant of glacial Lake Agassiz.

Access sites and camping areas are limited. They may be too far apart for certain trip lengths.

Ada Ada Area Recreation Trail

218-784-5520

Approximately 2 miles paved trail loop at West side of Norman County Fairgrounds and along West, North and East perimeters of Ada Elementary School grounds. For walking, biking and rollerblading.

Argyle 33489 240th Ave. NW

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/>

17 mi. NE of Warren, or 13 miles E of Argyle or 11 miles W of Newfolden on County Road 4.

* Open year round * State Park fees

Biking, 7 miles of cross-country skiing and hiking trails, Snowshoeing, and 3.5 Miles of groomed trails, warming house with electricity and fireplace. The park's trails run through prairie, wooded river valley and pine areas.

7 miles of groomed trails

Summer Nature Interpretation, enclosed picnic shelter, swimming, canoeing, fishing, volleyball, horseshoe pit and playground. Historical sites include a flour grinding mill. Suspension bridges and Sliding Hill in the park.

Modern camping with showers, flush toilets, 10 electric & water hookups. Primitive camping. 1 group campsite.

Badger Durgin Memorial Park

Contact: Shannon Monsrud

218-242-7916

County Rd 2 or West University Ave

* May-Sept

Snowmobile Trail

Along S11/Cty 2 - connects with CanAm Wilderness Trail to the north.

Shelter/picnic area, restrooms and playground. Easy walking distance of downtown.

Camping, water and electrical hookups, dump station.

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Crookston

Burnham Creek Wildlife Management Area

<http://www.mnbirdtrail.com/hotspots/burnham.htm>

Pine to Prairie Birding Trail

1460 acres of prairies and a wetland impoundment. Large concentrations of sandhill cranes are likely in April. Area closed to the public during September and October (waterfowl refuge). Best times to visit are from April through August.

East Grand Forks

Red River State Recreation Area

515 2nd St. NW
866-857-2757

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/>

1 block north of Cabela's in East Grand Forks.

5 miles of paved hiking/biking trail & 2 mile cross country ski trail.

Connected to one-way route out of city; No snowmobiling off marked trails.

This 1,200-acre state recreation area came about as a result of housing removal after the flood of 1997. Located near the area: groceries, ice, snacks, golf course & laundry. Swimming pool, picnic area, playground, fishing, tackle, live bait, camping gear, gas & boat ramp. Partially encompassed in the GF/EGF Greenway.

113 campsites, including 85 electric sites with full hookups plus shower & bath facilities located next to downtown East Grand Forks. Electrical, sewer and water hookups, dump station nearby and flush toilets. Modern restrooms are open May - Sept.

East Grand Forks

The Greenway

701-787-3756

<http://www.grandforksgov.com/greenway/index.html>

Along the Red River in Grand Forks and East Grand Forks

An asphalt trail system covers over 20 miles.

Consists of 2,200 acres lining the Red River & Red Lake River, flowing through Greater Grand Forks. This picturesque urban space offers countless recreational, cultural, historical & natural resource opportunities. You can hike, walk, inline skate, bike, cross-country ski, bird, canoe, fish, golf & much more in the heart of our two cities.

Erskine

Rydell National Wildlife Refuge

17788 349th St. SE
218-687-2229

Rydell@fws.gov

2.5 Miles W. of Erskine on Highway 2, 2.5 miles S. on Highway 210

7 miles of trails.

2,120 acre refuge established in 1992. Includes a visitor center with bookstore, wildlife observation and photography, hiking, snowshoeing, crosscountry skiing, fishing, hunting and environmental education.

Erskine

Union Lake Sarah Campground

20049 Campground Rd. SE
218-687-5155

Off Polk County 41 between Union Lake and Lake Sarah.

Hiking.

Playground, picnic area, boat landing, boat rental, canoes, paddle boats, pontoon boat, fishing, bait and tackle. Ice, snack shop and groceries. Ideal site for camping and fishing walleye, northern, bass, crappie and sunfish.

72 Campsites and wooded site, 2 central showers, flush toilets, dump station, water and electrical hook-ups, and laundry facilities.

Fertile

Agassiz Environmental Learning Center

400 Summit Ave. SW
218-945-3136

Contact: Lisa Liden

<http://aelcfertile.org/>

Over 10 miles of trails for hiking, skiing and horseback riding.

Visitors center open 2-5 pm from April through October and 1-4 pm from November through March.

Fertile

Fertile Nature Center Building

400 W. Summit Ave.
218-945-3129

<http://aelcfertile.org/>

Ten miles of hiking and cross country ski trails along the Sand Hill River and through the Fertile Sand Hills.

Picnic area and modern washrooms.

Primitive camping with flush toilets and showers

Fertile

Fertile Sand Hills Recreation Area

400 W. Summit Ave.
218-945-3136

City Administrator: Lisa Liden

www.cityoffertile.org

One mile east of Fertile.

Ten miles of hiking and cross country ski trails along the Sand Hill River & through the Fertile Sand Hills. Trail maps available at the Fertile Community Center and on-site.

West Mill Recreation Area. Self-guided nature trail highlighting the unique sand dune formations, oak savanna and native prairie of remnant glacial Lake Agassiz. Nature trail along Sand Hill River.

Fertile

Sand Hill Safari Tours

218-945-3136

Located at the Nature Center

Safari van tours of the Sand Hills are available during the summer and early fall months only. Enjoy a narrated trip around the perimeter of the 640 acre Sand Hills wilderness area.

Greenbush

Blooming Valley Outfitters

23632 220th St.
218-782-BEAR

Contact: Larry Emery

lemery@wiktel.com

www.bloomingvalleyoutfitters.com

Located 23 Miles North of Greenbush, MN

Snowmobiling, four-wheeling, horseback riding, cross country skiing & fishing are all available from our lodge. Close to groomed snowmobile trails & many backwoods trails for four-wheelers.

Full service guide for bear, deer, waterfowl and varmint hunts.

Cabins/tent sites available with full meal service included on hunts.

Greenbush

IS Folland Welcome Park

218-782-2570

Picnic shelter, restrooms, playground, hiking, cross country skiing, sledding hill and biking trail.

Multi-purpose Trails

Greenbush

Contact: Keith & Dana
Wojciechowski
dana@wojoshorsetraining.com
<http://www.wojoshorsetraining.com/>

Outdoor horse area. Activities include team roping, game days, horse training, trail riding and other horse related events.

Wojo's Arena

23162 220th St.
218-782-3751

Grygla

Fourtown-Grygla Trail

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/>

170 Miles of trail stretched throughout Northwestern Minnesota. Much of this trail system follows county/township roads, ditch banks and existing trails. County ordinances allow ATVs to operate on the far right side of the travel lane. Open 6/1 to 10/31.

Grygla

Ralph J. Klein Park

218-294-6292

Hiking trail along Mud River.

Snowmobile trail passes thru park area.

Picnic shelter, softball fields, playground, tennis court, basketball court and horseshoe pits.

Karlstad

Wallace C Dayton Conservation & Wildlife Area

<http://www.mnbirdtrail.com/hotspots/dayton.htm>

Pine to Prairie Birding Trail

12,600 acres of aspen parkland habitat are preserved, & is an intact remnant of a vast dynamic landscape. Moose, elk, wolves & bear can be seen here. Best times to visit are from April-Oct.

Lake Bronson

Lake Bronson State Park

Hwy. 28 E.
218-754-2200

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/>

2 miles E of Lake Bronson on South branch of Two Rivers.

* Open year round. * 24 hours * Normal State Park Fees

14 miles of hiking trails, 7 miles of groomed cross country ski trails & 2 1/2 miles of paved bike trail. 1.5 mile self-guided trail.

Boat rental and landing, power boating, canoeing, sailing and fishing. Swimming, picnicking, playground, watch tower, volleyball, snacks, and ice fishing.

Campground - 162 semi modern campsites, electrical hook-ups, dump station, showers, flush toilets. There is 1 handicapped, 3 backpack, 1 group camp and 2 canoe in sites. Group camp has an enclosed shelter with dining hall, fridge, stove & toilets on site.

Lancaster

Lancaster Park

218-762-6472 or 762-7801

State Highway 59 North

8 mi. of walking trails, biking, and hiking. 7 mi. of groomed intermediate cross country ski trails. Scenic setting along the river & wooded areas. Snowmobiling & snowshoeing.

287 acres, playground, summer nature interpretation, picnicking, golf and cross country skiing. Groceries and restaurant close by.

28 camp units, electric hookups, showers, flush toilets, dump station.

Lancaster

Wilebski's Shorebird Park

218-762-4205

www.wikel.net/birdsanctuary

7 miles north on Hwy 59, 1 mile west

3 miles of birding trails.

Oslo

Oslo Park

Contact: Karen Cote

218-695-3841

S. of the intersection of Hwy 1 and Main St.

Oslo is connected to approximately 1,000 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. 258 miles on MN side and about 750 miles on ND side.

Boat landing just three blocks from campground. Catfishing, playground, picnic shelters, grills, ballfield and a horseshoe court.

Camping facility for RV/fifth wheel/hitch camper/tent – electricity/water hookups & sewer dump station. Flush bathroom facility – no showers. Grocery store, café, liquor store, and gas station.

Red Lake Falls

Bottineau Trail

Contact: City Hall

218-253-2684

The trail extends North and South. It is the product of the old railroad bed that was abandoned. Walking/biking in the summer, snowmobiling/skiing in the winter. Approximately 3.2 miles long, connecting with various roads.

Red Lake Falls

Sportsman's Park

Contact: City Administrator

218-253-2684

At the junction of the Red Lake & Clearwater Rivers.

Hiking, and cross country ski trails.

Plenty of space for picnics and outings. Boat landing and fishing.

Primitive campsites for tents with indoor toilets/showers. RV camping, 7 water/electrical hook-ups & 10 water/electric/sewer hook-ups.

Roseau

Hayes Lake State Park

48990 County Road 4

218-425-7504

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/>

15 mi. S of Roseau on State Hwy 89, then 9 mi. E on County Rd 4.

5 miles of biking, 13 miles of hiking and 7 miles of horseback riding trails. 6 miles of groomed ski trails. 2.5 mile self guided trail. 6 miles of snowmobiling trails, and snowshoeing. Trails are located in pine forest on the edge of the lake.

Connects with Beltrami Island Trail. Food and gas available one mile from park.

Northwoods pine forest in remote lake setting. Man made lake popular for canoeing, fishing and swimming. Boat landing. Summer Nature Interpretation, playground and picnic shelter. Bald Eagles, Gray Jay, Spruce Grouse, Winter Finches on 3,000 acres of Park.

18 electric sites, 35 semi modern campsites, flush toilets, dump station, showers. Two camping cabins, two backpack sites, and one group camp. There are two handicapped sites.

Roseau

Oak Crest Golf Course

5th St. S

218-463-3016

www.oakcrestgolfcourse.com

Two multi-purpose trails are groomed around the golf course.

Public course, 18 hole par 71 grass greens, club and cart rental, pro-shop, club house and driving range. Located along the Roseau River.

Multi-purpose Trails

Roseau

River View Park

218-463-1538

3rd Ave. NE, across the Roseau River
Gazebo, benches, trails, gardens, veterans & public safety memorial.

Roseau

Roseau City Park

218-463-1538

11th Ave. SE along the Roseau River
40 acre park, biking, hiking trails, ski touring, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling.

Playground, Indoor shelter with bathroom, rental shelter, picnic shelter, sand volleyball, shuffleboard, disc golf course, trails, fishing pier, boat launch to Roseau River, BBQ pits, fire rings.

Camping sites with water and electrical hookups. Showers, flush toilets and dump station.

Roseau

Roseau Lake Wildlife Management Area

27952 400th St.
218-463-1130

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/wmas/index.html>

6 miles NW of Roseau on County Road 123

Snowmobiling legal on this WMA. No groomed trails.

Currently 6,000 acres with ongoing acquisition of adjoining land in order to complete the WMA and flood control project. Roseau Lake was drained in the early 1900's. Prior to drainage the area had a rich history of wildlife use and public recreation use. The lake remains drained yet today except during wet periods when the Roseau River overflows its banks and re-floods the original lake basin. Wildlife use of the area fluctuates dramatically with the water levels. It can be a good area to observe shorebirds and other wetland related wildlife during migration some years.

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Roseau River Wildlife Management Area

27952 400th St.
218-463-1130

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/wmas/index.html>

Located in NW Roseau County, 8 mi. N of Badger

* Year round

Dikes open to hiking and snowmobiling.

Snowmobiling legal on WMA outside of sanctuaries. No groomed trails on the WMA.

62,000 acre area with several thousand acres of other public land adjoining. The unit is low and flat, part of the glacial Lake Agassiz lake plain. The Roseau River flows west for 14 miles through the unit. 3 impoundments totaling 10,600 acres have been constructed. These wetlands are managed for resident and migratory waterfowl, other wetland wildlife species, public hunting, & other recreational pursuits as well as flood control. There are 3 sanctuaries totaling 7,000 acres which provide feed, resting, & breeding areas. This WMA is uniquely large & diverse. Hunting, fishing & birdwatching are popular pursuits on the WMA.

Primitive camping.

St. Hilaire

St. Hilaire City Park

218-964-5257

Right off of Hwy. 32, in town.

Hiking, snowmobile trail and a walking trail a little over a mile.

Two picnic shelters, canoeing, fishing, picnic, playground, ice fishing, horseshoe pits, 2 softball diamonds. Large outdoor shelter on the Island that can be rented for family reunions, outdoor events, etc. Contact city clerk at number above.

30 sites with electric, water and sewer hookups. 12 have cable TV. 5 additional sites with electric only. Clean restrooms with flush toilets and showers.

Stephen

Marshall County Park of Florian

Contact: Al Kuck

218-478-3658

10 mi. East of Stephen, MN on Co. Hwy. 6

* Summer Months

Skiing and country snowmobiling, snowshoeing. 2 mile bike trail (walking, roller blading) that is handicapped accessible.

Boat launch, fishing, sailing, canoeing, paddle boat rental, swimming, lifeguards, spiral slide, picnicking, playground, golf, basketball, backboards, volleyball, ball fields, ice fishing, snacks and food stands.

Electrical/water hook-up, showers, flush toilets, dump station.

Strathcona

Strathcona City Park

Hwy 32 South

Contact: City Clerk

218-781-2242

1 block south of Cenex

Trails in and out of town - gas and food available.

Playground. Snacks and groceries right across the street.

Outdoor bathrooms, electrical and water hook-ups.

Thief River Falls

Elks Park

218-681-2519

At 3rd St. and Davis.

RiverWalk, fountain and park benches.

Thief River Falls

Oakland Park

218-681-2519

At the end of Baken St.

Walking trail

Picnic tables and shelters, electricity, water, bathroom facility, swingsets, horseshoe pits, volleyball area, softball field, canoe landing and parking lot.

Thief River Falls

RiverWalk

218-681-2519

7.3 miles of walking, biking, and cross country ski trail through town along the Thief and Red Lake Rivers. Passes through 9 parks and 3 forest trails, recreational points, historical areas, and by the Dam. Maps available.

The RiverWalk pedestrian and bicycle trail takes you through 9 parks and 3 forest trails along the banks of the Red Lake and Thief Rivers. The RiverWalk features 15 pictographs and a number of overlooks identifying points of historical interest throughout the city. A brochure is available.

Multi-purpose Trails

Trail

Trail City Park

218-268-4465

Main Street

* May-Sept

Snowmobile Trail

Groomed trail thru area.

Picnicking with tables, playground.

Twin Valley

Agassiz Recreation Trail

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/>

32 mile trail from Ulen to Twin Valley and Gary to Fertile. The trail consists of two 10 foot treadways. In the winter, the upper treadway will be for snowmobiling. The lower treadway will be for snowshoeing, cross country skiing and dog sledding.

ATV use is permitted from April 1 to November 30.

Twin Valley

Heiberg East Park

218-584-5254

N. of Twin Valley on Hwy 32.

Picnic shelters and playground.

Primitive camping, primitive toilets.

Twin Valley

Twin Valley Riders Club

<http://twinvalleyridersclub.com/>

There is a trail that joins to the Agassiz Recreational Trail, as well as many river trails.

The Twin Valley Riders Club Arena is set up for horse shows, roping, ranch rodeos and team penning/sorting. "Fun Days" horse events every third Sunday in May through August. May to October trail rides.

Free primitive camping near Twin Valley Riders Club Equestrian Park. Flush toilets available.

Wannaska

Bemis Hill

Hwy 89 S, Box 34a
218-425-7504

Northwest corner of Beltrami Island State Forest.

Hiking, horseback riding trails, skiing, skiing tours, snowmobiling trails, and snowshoeing.

Picnic area and shelter. Sledding in winter.

6 drive-in & 4 horse sites. Campground is open in fall/winter.

Warren

Agassiz Valley

27391 190th St. NW

Experience wildlife at the beach along Glacial Lake Agassiz. To the west are the Tallgrass Prairies - to the east, the Aspen Parklands. The Audubon Center has them both. It's a great place to spot magpies & kingfishers, warblers and owls, as well as the occasional otter, moose, bear and wolf. Bring a picnic lunch and spend the day. Experience the quiet serenity of the pine groves, prairie vistas and aspen woodlands. There's plenty to see. While you're here, take a walk across the street to the Agassiz Valley flood control impoundment - one of the best birding locations in NW MN. Look for white pelicans, common loons, sandhill cranes, great blue herons, shorebirds and waterfowl. New in 2015, the Agassiz Valley Residential Pollinator Garden will be available for you to visit, which showcases natural habitat plants, forbes and trees. Agassiz Valley is closed during the winter months.

Warroad

Beltrami Island State Forest

1-800-382-3474 or 218-386-1304

20 Miles SE of Roseau

Hiking, Pine to Prairie Birding trail, horseback riding trails, cross country ski trails, and 138 miles of snowmobile trails. Off-road vehicles (ATVs, etc...) are allowed on all trails unless posted otherwise.

669,000 acres in Roseau, Lake of The Woods & Beltrami Counties. Canoeing, fishing, hunting, picnicking and birding. This is the second largest state forest. Nearby seasonal blueberry picking at Blueberry Campground near Williams.

Camping at Bemis Hill Campground

Warroad

Ka-Back-A-Nung Trail

Visit Warroad's historic past on this walking tour along a 2.5 mile route. Enjoy scenic structures, sites and historical markers on this educational self-guided tour of our community's rich history.

Walking tour maps are available at Warroad Heritage Center 218-386-2500 or the Warroad Area Chamber of Commerce 1-800-328-4455.

Warroad

Lost River State Forest

218-386-1304

25 mi. S. of Canadian Border on Hwy. 310.

Snowmobiling, hiking forest trails.

Wildlife area, fishing, and hunting. 63,000 acres of primitive forest which contains much of the original animal and plant life native to the area. There are no developed recreational areas but access is available to some parts by highway and county roads.

Warroad

Northwest Angle State Forest

218-386-1304

Near Sprague, Manitoba on Provincial Hwy. #308 to #525. Located on Lake of the Woods.

Hiking

Boat launch, power boat rental, canoeing, sailing, fishing, historical, Summer Nature Interpretation. Information can also be found at the NW Angle & Islands Chamber of Commerce (www.lakeofthewoodsresorts.com or 1-866-NWANGLE).

Resorts, camping.

Warroad

Warroad Point Park

218-386-1004 or 218-386-1454

Paved walking/biking path

Public boat access, ample parking, fishing pier and heated fish cleaning houses make Warroad Point Park a terrific home base for fishermen. The park also offers newly constructed playground equipment, picnic shelters, campground and an outdoor swimming pool. Nature viewing from Warroad Point Park's observation tower and drive-up nature viewing area offer a terrific opportunity for bird watching as the park is the first stop on the Pine to Prairie Birding Trail. Casino gaming, shopping, and lakeshore dining are within a block or two of the park.

RV/Camping with electrical, water and sewer hook-ups, showers, flush toilets, dump station.
