






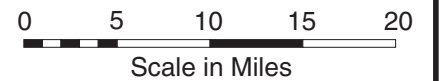
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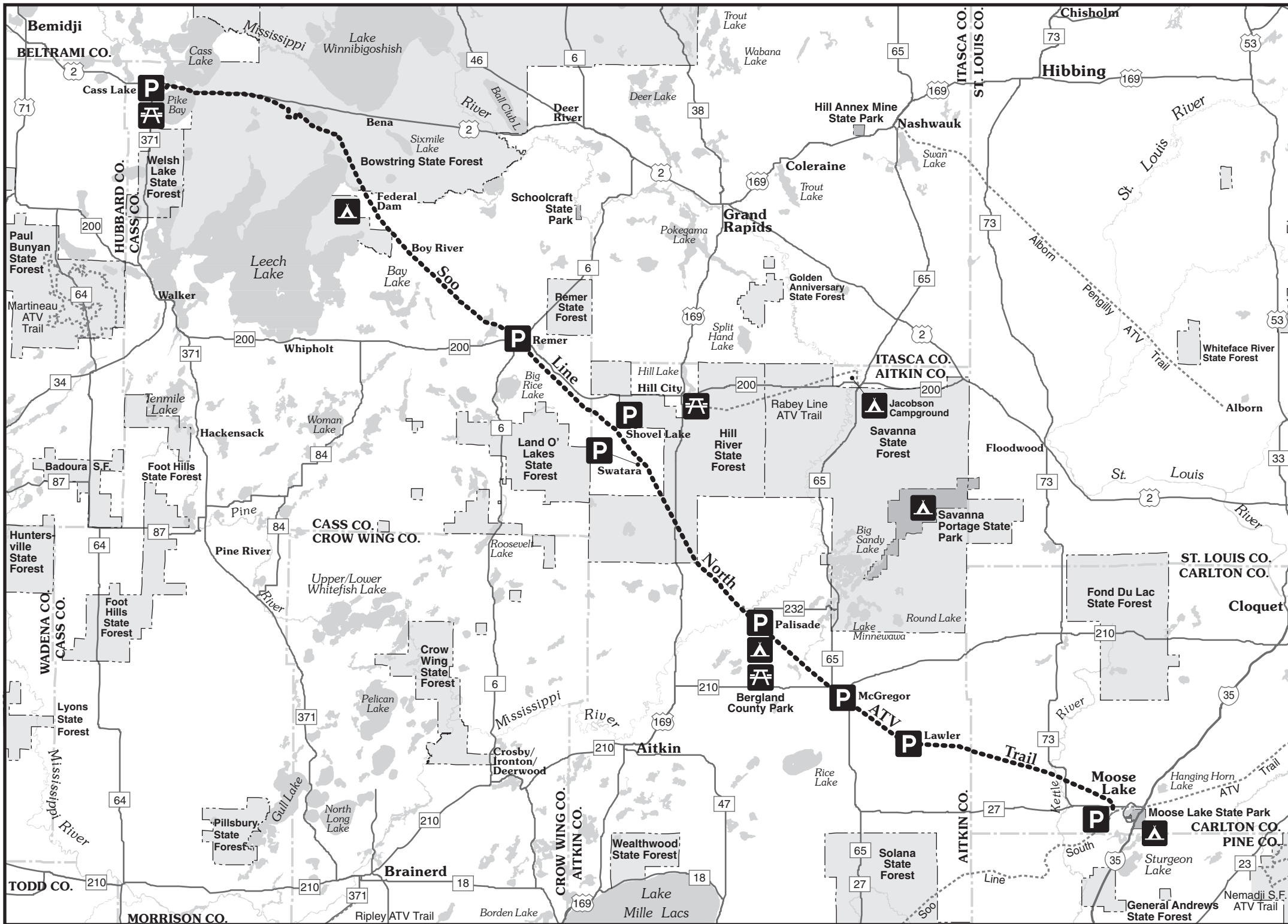
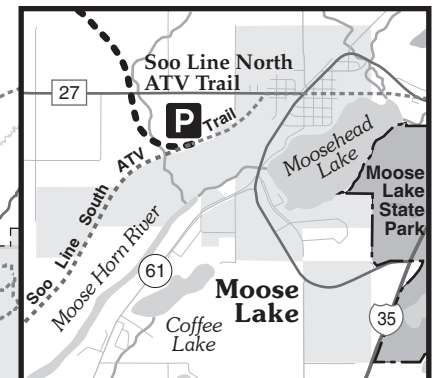
-  Soo Line North ATV (open to Class 2 ATVs)
-  Other ATV Trails

FACILITIES

-  Picnic Area
-  Parking
-  Campground



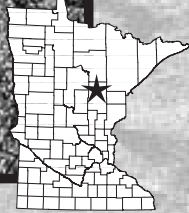
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Soo Line North ATV Trail



ATV Use Only



The Soo Line North ATV Trail

is a 148-mile trail running through Carlton, Aitkin and Cass Counties. The trail consists of three main sections: from Moose Lake to Lawler, from Lawler to Shovel Lake and from Shovel Lake to Cass Lake. The trail is mostly forested with several large bogs. Portions of the trail run through Hill River State Forest, Bowstring State Forest, and Chippewa National Forest. This trail connects with the 114-mile Soo Line South ATV Trail just southwest of Moose Lake.

The trail is open for ATV use from April 1 to November 30 in Aitkin and Cass Counties, and on a year-round basis in Carlton County.

The trail has been developed and maintained by the Carlton County Land Department, Cass County Land Department, Aitkin County Land Department and Chippewa National Forest. Some improvements have been made using Grant-in-Aid funds generated by OHV registration fees and a portion of Minnesota's gas tax that has been set aside for OHV recreation.

Nearby Facilities: in Moose Lake, Lawler, McGregor, Palisade, Swatara, Remer, Boy River and Cass Lake.

in Moose Lake, McGregor, Remer and Cass Lake. Campsites and picnic sites are located within Bowstring State Forest and Bergland County Park at Palisade. Parks located near the trail include Moose Lake State Park, Savanna Portage State Park and Aitkin County Jacobson Campground. Each park has group campsites as well as drive-in sites.

Directions / Parking: Trail head at former rail junction, 3/4-mi. southwest of the Soo Line Depot in Moose Lake. Parking areas located in the towns of Lawler, Shovel Lake, Palisade, McGregor, Swatara, Remer and Cass Lake.

General rules and restrictions

For more detailed information on rules and restrictions, please refer to the booklet **Off-Highway Vehicle Regulations**. To receive a free copy call the DNR Information Center at 1-888-MINNDNR or (651) 296-6157.

In general you may operate an off-highway vehicle:

- On your own land.
- On private land with the landowner's permission.
- On frozen waters where you have legal access (if not restricted by law or local ordinances).
- On land posted with signs specifically permitting the use of off-highway vehicles.

You may not operate an off-highway vehicle:

- On the median of a four-lane highway.
- Within the right-of-way of any interstate highway
- At airports.
- In any state park, state recreation area, state historic site, Wildlife Management Area or state Scientific and Natural Area with the exception of posted trails and areas.
- On any frozen waters where you don't have legal access.
- In any areas restricted by local ordinances or municipalities.
- In a tree nursery or planting area.

Safety First!

- Read the owner's manual and know your vehicle.
- Check your vehicle before you ride.
- Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing.
- Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders.
- Supervise young or inexperienced riders.
- Never carry a passenger on vehicles intended for one person.
- Ride straight--no alcohol or drugs.
- Let trail conditions determine safe speeds.
- Stay to the right on trails.
- Stay away from open water, thin ice and wetlands
- Know the weather forecast.
- Use your headlight and make sure your taillight is working.
- Maintain safe distances when riding with others.
- Reduce your speed when riding at night.
- Yield to other motor vehicles and trail users.
- Young or beginning riders should take an all-terrain vehicle or off-highway motorcycle safety training course offered by the DNR.

Soo Line North ATV Trail is classified as



Easiest

What are you riding?

Not all off-highway motor vehicles can be ridden on all trails. The following descriptions can help you be certain that what you're riding is permitted on the trail you chose.

ATVs - All-Terrain Vehicles are motorized, flotation-tired vehicles with at least three, but no more than six low pressure tires, with an engine displacement of less than 800 cubic centimeters.



Class 1 ATVs have a total dry weight of less than 900 pounds.



Class 2 ATVs have a total dry weight of between 900 and 1,500 pounds.



OHMs - Off-Highway Motorcycles are vehicles traveling on two wheels that have a seat or saddle designed to be straddled by the operator and have handlebars for steering control. Motorcycles may be legal for highway use and still considered to be OHMs if used for off-highway operation on trails or natural terrain.



ORVs - Off-Road Vehicles are motorized, recreational vehicles capable of cross-country travel on natural terrain, such as four-wheel-drive trucks or ATVs over 1,500 pounds.

What's New?

In 2003, the use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) was banned in certain types of wetlands. The 2004 Legislature removed portions of that broad ban, and added new restrictions on where OHVs can travel. The new law does not differentiate between public and private wetlands in restricting OHV operation. It attempts to rely less on a recreational rider's knowledge of various wetland types and to make the rider generally more cautious of traveling on any wetland that is not part of an approved trail system. In addition, it allows exemptions for non-recreation use of OHVs in public waters and wetlands for various work-related activities.

Trail difficulty ratings



Easiest



More Difficult



Most Difficult



Yellow directional arrows are placed along the trail.

For More Information

Find The Trails
.com



Before you go...

A little planning will go a long way to ensure a safe and enjoyable riding experience. Remember to wear appropriate protective gear, review the current *Off-Highway Vehicle Regulations*, and keep your vehicle in good operating condition. Inexperienced riders should take a certified training course and understand the safety features of their vehicles before going out on trails.

Check the DNR's website for the latest information about regulations and safety training courses. Contact local trail office prior to your visit to be aware of current trail conditions.

Visitor Information

Department of Natural Resources Information Center
(651) 296-6157 (metro area & outside MN)
1-888-MINNDNR / 1-888-646-6367 (MN toll free)

TDD (Telecommunications Device for Deaf)
(651) 296-5484 (metro area)
1-800-657-3929 (MN toll free)

www.dnr.state.mn.us or www.findthetrails.com

Trail Area Information

Carlton County, Greg Bernu
(218) 384-9179

Aitkin County, Roger Howard
(218) 927-7364

Cass County, Mark Sprauge
(218) 947-3338

**If you have a medical emergency please
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