



Forest Service  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

# HUNTING

## CHIPPEWA NATIONAL FOREST

### REGULATIONS

National forest lands in Minnesota are open to the public for many uses, including camping, hunting, fishing, trapping, snowmobiling and off-highway vehicle (OHV) use with some restrictions. Minnesota state hunting, fishing, trapping, snowmobiling, and OHV regulations apply on national forest lands, except as otherwise stated below or in national forest regulations, 36 CFR Part 261:



- Special designation areas within national forests, such as designated wilderness areas, semi-primitive nonmotorized areas and research natural areas may have additional restrictions.
- Only portable stands or blinds that do not damage natural features and are removed at the end of the hunting season are permitted.
- Portable stands and blinds left unattended on national forest lands after the close of the hunting season are subject to impoundment.
- Cross-country or off-road OHV use for any purpose is prohibited, including the use of OHVs for big game retrieval, bear baiting and trapping.
- Commercial activities such as out-fitting and guiding may not be conducted without a special-use authorization issued by the national forest.
- Cutting or damaging of trees, including the cutting of shooting lanes, is prohibited.
- Constructing, placing, or maintaining any kind of road, trail, structure, or other improvement is prohibited. This includes the use or occupancy of a permanent stand, blind or OHV trail.
- Storing or abandoning any personal property on national forest land is prohibited.
- Discharging a firearm within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site, or occupied area is not allowed on national forest land.
- Dumping of any refuse, debris, trash, or litter on national forest lands is prohibited.
- Damaging or removing any natural/cultural feature or federal property is prohibited.
- Fire restrictions must be observed when in effect.

### MAPS

The Chippewa National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) is the legal guide for motor vehicle use on Forest roads. The map is updated annually. Forest roads are identified on the MVUM and on the ground with a three or four digit numbered sign.

- Off-highway Vehicles and Highway Licensed Vehicles (HLV) may only operate on Forest roads designated open on the MVUM, which are available free at the forest supervisor's office or district ranger offices.
- Roads that are signed, gated, bermed with dirt, rocks, trees, etc., or not designated open on the MVUM are closed to motor vehicles.
- Snowmobiles may operate on any unplowed Forest Service roads with four or more inches of snow.

## HUNTER WALKING TRAILS IN THE CHIPPEWA NATIONAL FOREST

The Chippewa National Forest has **298** miles of nonmotorized trails, with a few trails that pass through some of the best grouse habitat in the Forest. These trails move through small, well-distributed timber stands and openings to provide the varying-aged forest habitat on which many game animals thrive. The Chippewa National Forest has **11** hunter-walking trails that offer excellent grouse and deer hunting. Hunter walking trails are nonmotorized areas. **BE SAFE**



### FOR MAPS OR MORE INFORMATION:

- ✓ Go to the Chippewas WWW at: [www.fs.usda.gov/chippewa](http://www.fs.usda.gov/chippewa)
- ✓ Call any Chippewa National Forest office.
- ✓ Email: [SM.FS.ChipNFpublic@usda.gov](mailto:SM.FS.ChipNFpublic@usda.gov)

**CARTER LAKE TRAIL:** This three-mile trail is located two-miles east of Tenstrike on Forest Road 2419.

**COUNTY ROAD 50:** There are 6 miles of trails available for hiking and hunting with a variety of habitats from aspen, hardwoods, and red and white pine. Please use caution as the paved Paul Bunyan Bike Trail bisects this trail system.

**GOOSE LAKE:** 12 miles long, this trail is located on the east end of the Woodtick Trail near Longville. Large wetlands and lakes provide diversity and the North Country Trail crosses through the trail system.

**JINGO LAKE:** A five-mile trail located 9 miles northwest of Marcell off Forest Road 2423, Jingo also offers an impoundment with abundant waterfowl and wetlands.

**JOHNSON LAKE:** This 14-mile, nonmotorized trail is 14 miles southwest of Deer River on Cass County 65. The trail offers hunters clover-covered loops and many route options.

**MEADOW LAKE:** A favorite of hunters, 14 miles of trail loop through low-lying cedar swamps and upland aspen and pine. It is located 9 miles east of Bemidji on County Road 20.

**SKEETER LAKE:** This three-mile trail located 17 miles north of Grand Rapids on County 49 provides an easy walk and gently rolling terrain through aspen stands.

**SPUR LAKE:** This former nine-mile logging trail located 15 miles southwest of Bigfork on Forest Road 2402 weaves between mature aspen stands and clover.

**SUGAR LAKE:** 2 miles of trail located 7 miles north of Remer on Forest Road 2112 is covered with native grasses and clover. This trail weaves between aspen stands.

**TOWER LAKE:** Classic grouse habitat and aspen line this four-mile trail located three-miles east of Pennington on Forest Road 2172.

**WEBSTER LAKE:** Seven-miles of trail located eight-miles south of Blackduck near the Webster Lake Campground, which is open until mid-October. The area is predominantly balsam fir.