

simpson creek



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LOCATION

The Simpson Creek Trail system winds through towering pines, around a great walleye fishing lake, and into the rich history of the Cut Foot Sioux area. Simpson Creek is located on State Highway 46, about 17 miles northwest of Deer River, Minnesota. Access onto the trail can be gained at the Cut Foot Sioux Visitor Center off Highway 46; and off Eagle Nest Road (FR 2198), approximately 1/2 mile from crossing the bridge on that road; and near East Seelye Point.

HISTORY

In 1907, Sam Simpson was successful in obtaining a large contract for logging the pine from the Cut Foot Sioux area and started moving a camp and equipment into the region. The first roads into the area, no more than tote trails people used for hauling, were built by Simpson's crew. In 1908, the road from Cut Foot to Inger was constructed and wooden bridges were put in at the Cut Foot Sioux Narrows and also at Inger. Simpson's headquarters camp was on Simpson Creek, with several additional camps established in other areas of the district.

DESCRIPTION

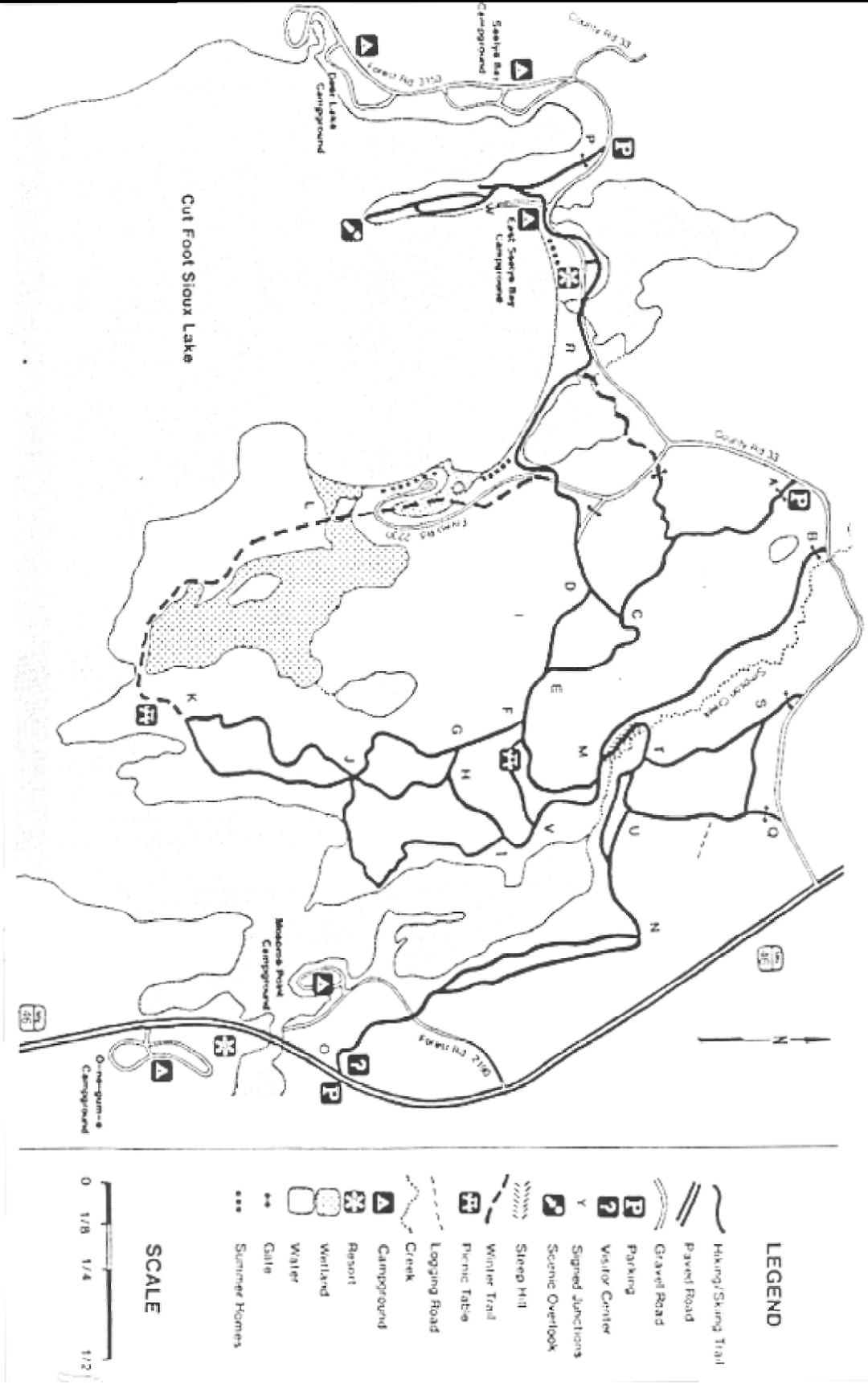
The Simpson Creek Trail system has 20 kilometers (13 miles) of non-motorized trail, with good opportunities to view bald eagles, osprey, and loons during spring through fall. In the winter, the Simpson Creek Trail is not groomed for skiing, but is cleared and in good condition. The gently rolling topography of the area allows both beginning level and intermediate level skiers to enjoy the area. The trail takes the visitor through red and white pine and along glacial eskers. Overlooks onto



beautiful Cut Foot Sioux Lake, and journeys into cedar swamp, show the diversity of the Cut Foot Sioux area.

For more information on the Simpson Creek Trail system, contact the Deer River Ranger District office. Enjoy your time on the Chippewa National Forest!

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LEGEND

- Hiking/Skiing Trail
- Paved Road
- Gravel Road
- Parking
- Visitor Center
- Signed Junctions
- Scenic Overlook
- Sheep Hill
- Winter Trail
- Picnic Table
- Logging Road
- Creek
- Campground
- Resort
- Wetland
- Water
- Gate
- Summer Homes

SCALE



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