

suomi hills



CHIPPEWA NATIONAL FOREST "CELEBRATING 100 YEARS" 1908-2008

LOCATION

The remote setting of the Suomi Hills semiprimitive nonmotorized area is graced with rolling hills, clear lakes and some of the most spectacular fall color in the area. Suomi Hills is located about nine miles south of Marcell and 14 miles north of Grand Rapids off State Highway 38, along the "Edge of the Wilderness" National Scenic Byway.

HISTORY

The Suomi Hills Recreation Area is named for the small Finnish community of Suomi, situated on the northern edge of the Suomi Recreation Area located near Grave Lake, Minnesota. The area was logged from 1905 to 1910, with people settling in the area about 1916. The Day Lake Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp, a prisoner of war camp during World War II is located on the north end of Suomi Hills.

DESCRIPTION

Suomi Hills has 19 miles of trail, numerous small lakes and several primitive campsites for day or overnight hiking, biking, skiing and canoe trips. The rolling topography offers cross-country and mountain bike trails for intermediate and advanced skiers and bikers. The trails are groomed and track-set in the winter and mowed in the summer. Young aspen stands, maples, basswoods and scattered pine form the landscape of the area.

Several Lakes such as Adele, Spruce Island, Big Horn and Hill offer good bass and pan fishing. Brown trout can be caught in Lucky Lake and Rainbow Trout in Kremer Lake.

Looking for an interesting hike? Head for the Miller Lake area, a "sunken" lake resulting from repeated washouts of a beaver dam most recently in 1982 and 1993. An enormous gully remains as evidence of the powerful washouts of Miller Lake into Amen Lake.

Beaver and loons are common on almost every lake. Grouse, woodcock, deer, bear and perhaps a bald eagle, osprey, coyote or a timber wolf may highlight your visit to beautiful Suomi Hills.

RULES

Access into Suomi Hills semi-primitive non-motorized area is by foot and non-motorized travel only. Outboard motors, chainsaws, power augers, and other internal combustion engines are not allowed to be stored on or transported across National Forest System land. You will meet few people during your visit. Please pack out all you bring in and enjoy your visit to the Chippewa National Forest.



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Marcell / Deer River Ranger District

