Features

- Wildlife viewing
- 1/3 mile hiking trail
- Interpretive signs along the trail
- Viewing platform
- Sorry, no guarantees on moose sightings!

Location

The moose viewing trail and platform are located north of Grand Marais off the Gunflint Trail (County 12).

- From MN 61, turn north on County Road 12 (Gunflint Trail) in the center of Grand Marais.
- Follow Cty 12 about 24 miles north.
- Parking is located on the left side of the road just opposite FR 316.
- There is parking for approximately 15 cars.
- Hike down the snowmobile trail northwest for 1/4 mile to a narrow path that leads off to the right to the viewing platform. Note that you will pass a closed road on the way.
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Description

The moose viewing wildlife observation area was developed to provide you with a viewing platform in prime moose habitat. The best time to look for moose is at dawn and dusk, but they can also be seen in the day and night. Of course, this is no guarantee that you’ll be lucky enough to see one of these spectacular animals. Your chances are good though that you may see one on your visit to the Superior. Look in low places along the sides of the Gunflint Trail, or along Hwy 1 going to Ely. Moose are also frequently seen crossing Hwy 61, so be cautious when one of these 1200 pound animals decides to venture out into the road. Moose can be defensive, particularly in spring when cows are with calves and in fall when bulls are in rut. When taking photos or observing, don’t approach the animals, particularly at those times. Please respect wildlife. If the animals start to pay attention to you or appear to alter their behavior, it is time to back off. Stay on the trails and platform to reduce the chances of disturbing the animals.

Leave No Trace

1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly.
4. Minimize use and impact of fires.
5. Respect wildlife.
7. Be considerate of other visitors.