

Hunting



SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST

HEADQUARTERS

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

Description

The Superior National Forest welcomes visitors to hunt as one of many opportunities available to outdoor sports enthusiasts. The U.S. Forest Service and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) share responsibility for managing wildlife resources on the Forest. The DNR is responsible for regulating hunting seasons. Game laws are enforced by both the DNR and the Forest Service.

Hunting is allowed on all Superior National Forest lands, including the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW), with the following provisions:

- All Minnesota hunting and fishing laws apply.
- Permits are required for the BWCAW and wilderness regulations apply.
- It is illegal to shoot across a Forest Service road, or discharge a firearm within 150 yards of a recreation site, building, campsite, or residence.
- All commercial guiding must be under permit with the Forest Service.



All-Terrain Vehicles

To keep Forest lands enjoyable for all visitors and to avoid resource damage, please follow the Superior National Forest Off-Highway Vehicle policy:

- All-terrain vehicles (ATV's) are permitted on roads not maintained for passenger cars, unless designated closed. These roads receive only minimal maintenance and many have grass down the middle or across the entire roadbed. They may have unstable surfaces and rutted or wet areas.
- ATV's are permitted on trails outside the BWCAW that are posted for motorized use.
- ATV's are **not** allowed on crushed gravel surfaced roads on the Superior National Forest. Check at the local Forest Service District office for specific roads and trails where it is legal to operate ATV's.
- ATV's are **not** allowed cross country for hunting, trapping, game retrieval, or any other reason.
- See state and county regulations for ATV use on state and county roads and trails.



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Hunting Stands

Hunters may use portable blinds or hunting stands that do not damage live trees and that are removed at the end of the hunt. Portable stands are those that are chained, belted, clamped, or tied with rope and do no permanent damage.

Permanent blinds and stands are not allowed. They often cause damage to trees, and lead to other resource damage, including the cutting of timber for shooting lanes, cross-country travel by ATV's, litter, and development of roads and trails.

Remember that no one has the right to attempt to reserve public lands for exclusive use through acts of implied ownership or intimidation.

Selecting a Campsite

Developed campgrounds in the Superior National Forest are generally open from mid-May through mid-October with regular services and fees. Some campgrounds are open year-round with reduced services. There are many BWCA Wilderness campsites where permits are required and wilderness regulations apply.

Visitors may also camp, outside the wilderness, at designated back country sites or at any other general Forest sites well away from trails, trailheads, roads, parking lots, and developed areas.

- Do not block a gate, road or trail.
- Do not camp in parking lots for trailheads or canoe and boat landings.
- A site may not be reserved by establishing a camp without occupying it.
- Bring a portable toilet or bury your waste 6 to 8 inches deep at least 150 feet from any water source.
- Firewood should be dead and downed wood only.
- Personal camping equipment and fixtures must be removed at the end of your trip.



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