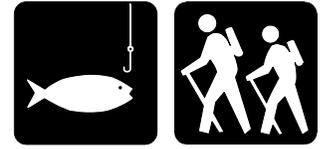


Dark River



SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST LAURENTIAN RANGER DISTRICT AURORA, MINNESOTA

North and South Dark River and Angler Access Trails

North Trail Location

- Take Highway 73 north from Chisholm for 16 miles.
- Turn right (east) on County Road #688. Go for .8 mile. The parking area is on your left. The trail starts across the road.



Features

North Dark River Trail follows the east bank of the Dark River through a jack pine plantation planted in the 1930s. It loops back along an old logging road. It is generally flat and can be hiked by most persons.

The trail is 1.3 miles long and offers vistas of how the river has gorged a small valley through the sandy area in which it flows.

The trail has many accesses down to the river which is stocked with brook trout.

The Angler Access Trail takes off from the south end of this trail and follows the river's edge. You will need to ford the river for 30 feet to get across. At the crossing location the water can be 1-2 feet deep.

No Motor Vehicles Allowed.

South Trail Location

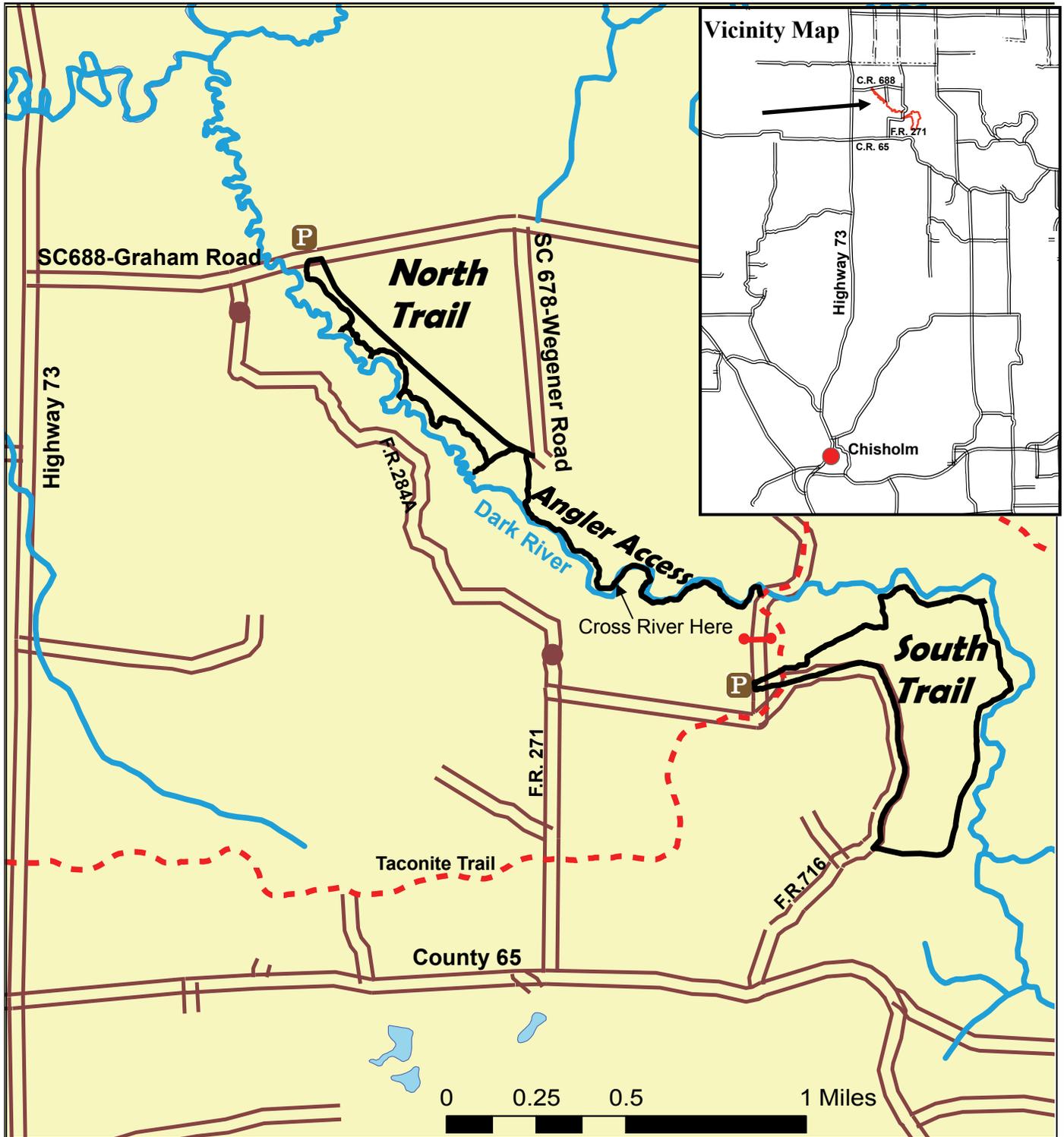
- Take Highway 73 north from Chisholm for 14 miles to County Road #65.
- Go right (east) for 1½ miles on #65 to Forest Road 271, then left (north) on #271 for 1¾ miles. This is a low maintenance road. Please be careful. Park in the small grassy area near the bulletin board.

Features

South Dark River Trail is 2.7 miles long and offers scenic vistas of the Dark River. It takes about 2 hours to walk. That includes returning via the road.

The setting is a mixed pine and hardwood forest with terrain that varies from flat to rolling hills. Moccasin flowers are abundant in the late spring. The pine plantation planted by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 30s was thinned in 2010.

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