Public Boat Accesses are available on the following lakes

- Fenske Lake—off the Echo Trail (Cty.Rd.116)
- Burntside Lake from Passi Rd./Cty. Rd. 803 (off the Echo Trail/Cty.Rd.116)
- Little Long Lake from Echo Trail/Cty. Rd. 116 (across the road from Bass Lake)
- Bass Lake from Echo Trail/Cty. Rd. 116
- Everett Lake from Echo Trail/Cty. Rd. 116
- Low Lake from Cloquet Line /FS Rd.

Portage conditions range from flat and gradual to steep. Some portions have rugged tread that will require sturdy footwear.

Leave No Trace Principles

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.

Legend
- Access Points
- Campsites
Description

The ten lake, two river back country CIRCLE ROUTE offers campsites similar to those in the wilderness with firegrates and latrines. These campsites are often less used and are accessible by boat or canoe. All sites are available on a first come, first served basis with one group per campsite.

Trip plans might include getting on and off the route at any of the public accesses along the way or making the full circle. River travel is navigable in either direction. Please use portages wherever they are provided.

No watercraft horsepower limitations apply, however many of the lakes are small with rugged access so that larger motors are not common.

Features

- The Circle Route is outside the BWCAW—no permits are required
- 2 or 3 day back country trip
- Clear water and dark water lakes with outstanding scenery
- 10 portages, range from 10 to 270 rods
- Slow river currents
- Variety of flora, fauna and terrain
- Fishing opportunities along the route include walleye, bass, northern pike, and crappie

Location

This route is northeast of Ely, and may be accessed from six different points.

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