There are approximately 700 miles of snowmobile trail within the Superior National Forest. These trails are maintained through partnerships with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, numerous local snowmobile clubs and the Superior National Forest.

The Tread Lightly! Pledge

Tread Lightly! is a national organization dedicated to responsible outdoor recreation. Partners in Tread Lightly! include the USDA Forest Service and other federal agencies as well as manufacturers and clubs. They are united by the idea that by using common sense and courtesy, you can help ensure that what is available today will be available tomorrow.

Travel & recreate with minimum impact
Respect the environment and the rights of others
Educate yourself, plan and prepare before you go
Allow for future use of the outdoors, by leaving it better than you found it
Discover the rewards of responsible recreation

Using a snowmobile on the National Forest

Snowmobile use requires at least a 4 inch snow cover. Snowmobiles are permitted to use designated snowmobile trails or Forest Service roads which have not been snowplowed, signed, gated or otherwise closed to such use. Cross country snowmobile use is permitted except in areas where restricted for resource protection to meet management objectives. Inquire at the Superior National Forest office nearest the area you plan to visit to find out the location of areas where snowmobile use is restricted. Snowmobiles and riders need to be in compliance with all Minnesota Department of Natural Resources rules and regulations, including vehicle registration, when operating on the National Forest.
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There are many snowmobile trails in northern Minnesota: long cross country adventures, loops, and short spurs. The map above may help you find trails, but it is not detailed enough to use while riding. Detailed maps are available at many local gas stations, hotels, resorts, and visitor information centers. Additional maps and information can be found through the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website: www.dnr.state.mn.us

Safety Tips

Make sure you have these when you hit the trail:
- Enough gas for the return trip
- Food
- Water
- Flashlight
- Map and compass (GPS, but not as a substitute for maps)
- Extra warm clothes
- 2 way radio or cell phone

For more information, go to www.fs.usda.gov/superior on the web or contact:

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