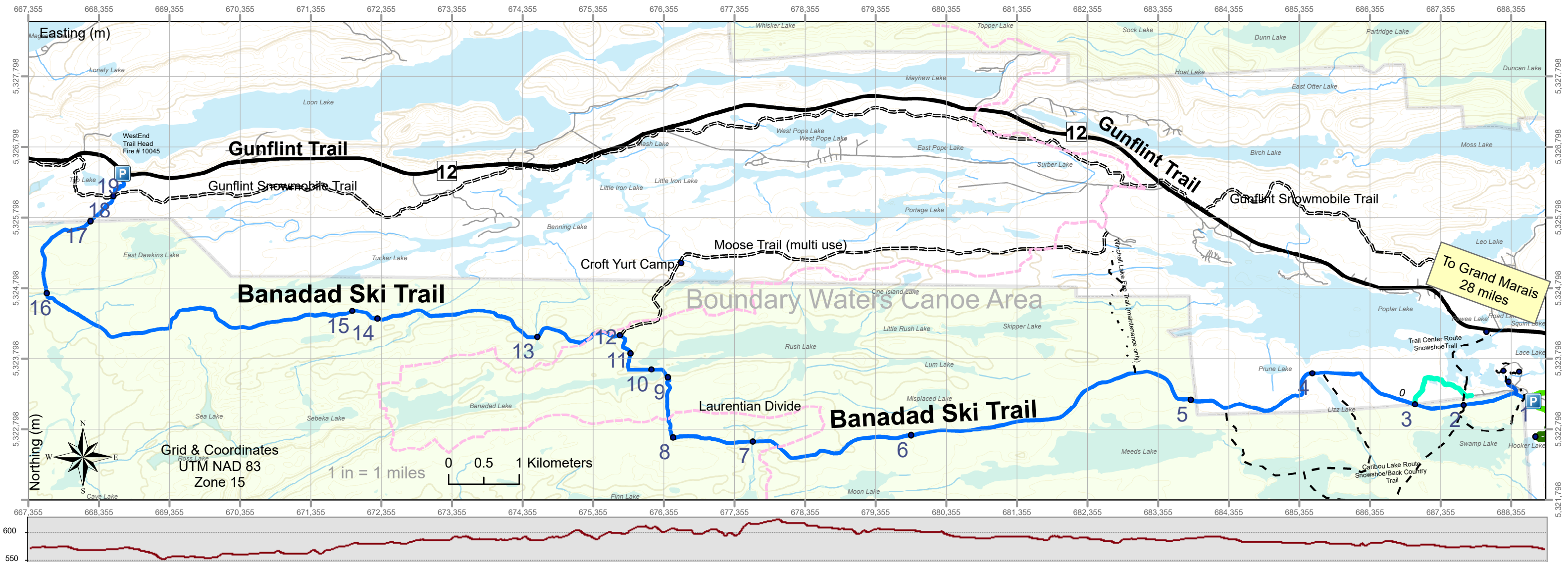




The Banadad Ski Trail

Banadad Trail
27 km (16.8 miles)
Easier to More Difficult



Trail profile in meters



Maintaining and Grooming

The grooming and clearing of the trail, bridge building and other maintenance is overseen by the Banadad Trail Association (BTA) and administered with resources supported by grants and memberships. The BTA manages the trail as part of an agreement with the Gunflint Ranger District-USFS, MN DNR and through a contract agreement with Boundary Country Trekking. Grooming and maintenance are subject to strict requirements laid out in the BWCA legislation and USFS regulations. Snowmobiles are only allowed for grooming and maintenance must be done with hand tools.

Using the Trails

Skiers are required to have a Minnesota Ski Pass and a BWCA day permit (free & available at USFS permit boxes located at either end of the trail). Free public parking is provided at both ends of the trail.

Interesting Notes on the Trail

The Banadad is the BWCA's longest tracked ski trail. The origin of the trail was a series of logging roads, Finn lake, Tucker Lake and Birch Cliffs. Following the 1978 BWCA Act these roads were converted by the USFS into a ski trail. For a complete history see <http://www.banadad.org/history.html>

Kimberly-Clark's Logging Camp was at Point of Interest 6, an old heating stove and a dilapidated outhouse are all that remains. A bench marks the location.

Mid Trail Junction (Point of Interest 12) is the old logging road intersection of the Tucker Lake, Birch Cliffs and a connection road to the Finn Lake logging road.

Laurentian Divide (pink line) is a continental divide in North America dividing the direction of water flow between Hudson Bay and the Atlantic Ocean via the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River. The divide runs along the trail west of mid trail and crosses the trail in three places.

Moose Kill Hill (Point of Interest 8) while not much of a hill, many years ago two moose were killed by wolves at this location.

Trail Points of Interest

Point Number	Trail segment To:	Segment (km)	From the East End Trailhead (km)
1	East End Trailhead		
2	Swamp Lake Portage	1.0	1.0
3	Tim Knopp Trail Intersection	0.7	1.7
4	Lizz Lake Portage	1.6	3.3
5	Meads Lake Portage	2.1	5.4
6	Logging Camp/Bench	4.4	9.8
7	Beaver Dam Gully	2.4	12.3
8	Moose Kill Hill	1.1	13.4
9	Whoopee One	0.9	14.3
10	Banadad Bridge	0.3	14.6
11	Whoopee Two	0.6	15.2
12	Mid Trail Junction	0.4	15.5
13	Benning Lake Drainage Ditch	1.4	16.9
14	Bench On North Side Of Trail	2.5	19.4
15	Large Beaver Pond	0.4	19.8
16	Dawkins Creek Bridge	4.9	24.7
17	BWCA Line	1.5	26.2
18	Snowmobile Trail	0.5	26.6
19	West End Trailhead	0.4	27.0

