

Fire Box Loop

Distance: 16.7 miles

Estimated ride length: 2-4 hours

Difficulty: Beginner/Intermediate

Surface Type: Gravel/Forest Service Road

Special Notes: Very remote and hilly. Bring a map and pay attention to the signs. A lot of spurs on this route. Cell service can be had at the highest point on the trail depending on carrier. Mountain Bikes or Fat tire Bikes for this route.

Directions to Trailhead: Drive north on the Gunflint Trail (aka County Rd 12) approximately 16 miles to the South Brule River. There is a parking area on the right with two entrances. If you see the Greenwood Road on the right, you went too far. Turn around and go back about 75 yards. Plenty of parking in this lot.

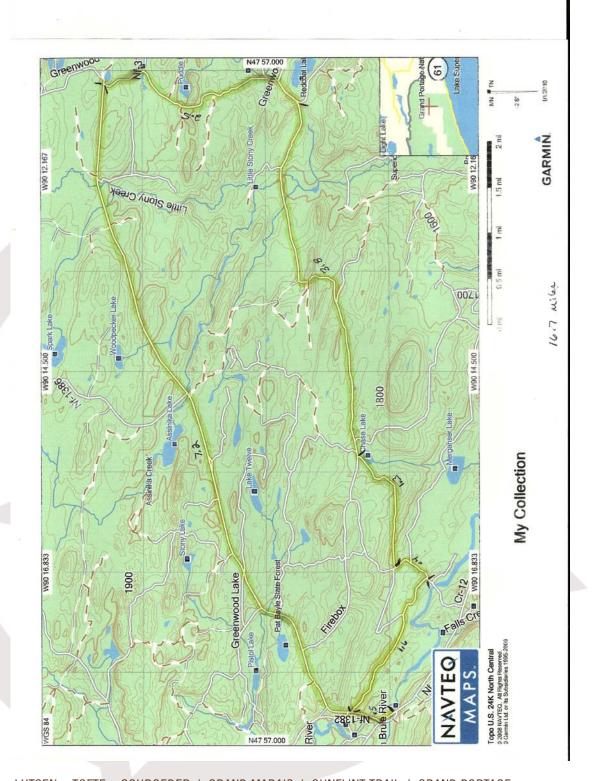
Route Directions: From the parking area, take a right on the Gunflint Trail. Travel approximately .2 miles and take a right on the Greenwood Road. In .3 miles take another right on Forest Rd 1382 and follow this for about 1.6 miles, take a left and travel approximately .4 miles where you will take a right. Follow this route for about 1.3 miles where you connect onto the Firebox Road. Follow the Firebox Road for the next 6.3 miles where you will end up on the Greenwood Road. From this point you can turn around and go back the way you came or take a left and follow the gravel road back to the Gunflint Trail, and the Trail Head.

Route Description: This is a great ride for a family (with some skill level) that will see very little to no traffic, even on the gravel portion of this route. It is actually a snowmobile trail in the winter that connects mid trail to Grand Portage. There are lots of hills, and follows Forest Service roads (minimum to no maintenance). There are plenty of opportunities to increase your skill levels, and some great scenery along the way. Just about 7 miles into the ride you will come to the bottom of a hill with a huge beaver pond to the north. If you are lucky you may see the beaver, or even a moose in the area.

This ride can be done either direction, so keep that in mind when considering this loop. ENIOY THE RIDE!!!!



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