

COOK COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ATV Routes



- LUTSEN • TOFTE
- SCHROEDER
- GRAND MARAIS
- GUNFLINT TRAIL
- GRAND PORTAGE

Rice Lake/Pancore Loop



To get there: Take the Caribou Trail to the Clara Lake Road turnoff (about 7 miles). Go another 4 miles to the start of the Rice Lake/Pancore Loop, just opposite the turnoff to the Clara Lake campground. A good starting spot is the North Shore State Trail parking lot about six miles up the Caribou Trail. Unload there and ride the Caribou Trail for about 1 mile to the Clara Lake Road.

From Tofte: Take the Sawbill Trail to the Grade Road turnoff and head east about 2 miles, crossing over the Temperance River and in about a half mile, turn right onto the Rice Lake Road.

A pleasurable 70-mile there-and-back ride starting right from downtown Grand Marais! This route uses some paved county roads, some scenic gravel roads (Meridian, Pine Mountain, South Brule and Lima Grade Roads) and a bit of snowmobile trail paralleling the historic Gunflint Trail.

To get there: You may ride from the core downtown area. There is parking in the city's municipal parking lot one block below the stoplight on Broadway, or in the large park-ing lot at end of Broadway on Coast Guard Point. In addition, hotels such as Aspen Lodge and Best Western allow guests to park in their lots and ride from there (you may cross Highway 61, but not ride along it.) Park your trailer and make your way to the start of the route on County Road 7 (at 5th Ave. West & 5th St. in Grand Marais). Follow the route as shown on map.

Grand Marais to Mid-Gunflint Trail

After trailering up the Gunflint Trail Scenic Byway, park at the South Brule parking lot and ride minimum maintenance (aka rocky and muddy!) forest roads to the stunning Hovland Woods ATV Trail, a scenic jaunt through a hardwood forest—the ONLY ATV trail in the state that passes through a Minnesota Scientific and Natural Area (SNA).

To get there: Trailer approximately 17 miles up the Gunflint Trail. Just after the South Brule bridge is a parking area on the right, with plenty of room. Unload and start off from Blueberry Road for the 21-mile ride to Hovland Woods.

From Hovland : Trailer approximately 8 miles up the Arrowhead Trail. Turn left onto Irish Creek Road. Find the Hovland Woods Trailhead in approximately 1.2 miles.

Hovland Woods from South Brule

You may ride from your lodging in the core downtown area, from hotels such as Aspen Lodge and Best Western (you may cross Highway 61, but not ride along it). There is also parking in the city's municipal parking lot one block below the stoplight on Broadway, or in the large parking lot at the end of Broadway on Coast Guard Point. Park your trailer and make your way to the start of the route on County Road 7 (at 5th Ave. West & 5th St. in Grand Marais), follow the route marked in red to the South Brule parking lot, and from there ride minimum maintenance (aka rocky and muddy!) forest roads to the stunning Hovland Woods ATV Trail, a scenic jaunt through a hardwood forest—the ONLY ATV trail in the state that passes through a Minnesota Scientific and Natural Area (SNA).

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Route Descriptions

The following are a few suggested routes, enjoyed by our local ATV Club. There are many other forest roads available for riding, as you can see on the overall map (roads highlighted in yellow are open to ATV riding). ALMOST all of our county roads are open to Class 1 ATVs, except for a portion of the upper Gunflint Trail. All roads (except Highway 61) are open to Class 2 ATVs (side-by-side machines).

The Cook County ATV Club and community members have worked diligently to establish the ATV system we now have. The Club continues to work with local snowmobile clubs and other outdoor groups to open more trails. Please keep that in mind while riding. Respectful riders help our cause. One important requirement for riding Cook County roads is you MUST have a rear-view mirror on your machine. Please follow state statutes and to be safe, ride with headlights ON at all times.

If you'd like to support the ATV Club's efforts, please consider becoming a member. Simply send your name, address, phone number and email, along with a check for \$20 family; \$50 business to:

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