Not for navigational purposes.

Lodging & Outfitting locations refer to the advertising grids on pages 25-27 and 46.
Nestled in the northeastern corner of Minnesota, Ely lies within the Superior National Forest and on the edge of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Our area overflows with recreational opportunities. Open water season brings canoeing, boating, fishing, hiking, ATV travel and exploration galore. The onset of winter creates a wonderland filled with sled dog adventures, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, kicksledding and snowmobiling. Of course, ice fishing is popular too. No matter the experience, we have businesses that can provide the products and services needed to make any visit memorable.


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- Bridge Play (Michelle Townsend),
- Sled Dogs (Les Conrad),
- Appreciating Nature (Lissa Miller)
Shop

Varnished moose turd earrings, blood sausage, a new refrigerator? Whether you’re looking for a gag gift, ethnic food specialties, a new appliance, or just want to browse while the rest of the family goes fishing, Ely has a store for you. Hardware, bait & tackle, clothing, giftware - our retail stores carry a variety of products, including those made right here in Ely.

Dine

Scrumptious offerings galore populate Ely restaurant menus. Whether you want a burger so big you’ll take home a second meal or a vegan, gluten-free, watching-your-waistline (but still delicious) dinner, you can find it here. Variety in ambience awaits as well – overlooking a lake or a downtown sidewalk, a quiet corner for conversation or in the midst of raucous karaoke, white tablecloths or rustic log tables. Satisfy all your appetites!

Stay

And stay a little longer. Ely has so much to offer, why rush away? With co-working spaces and high speed internet, you can keep up with any urgent work and still have time to enjoy the shops, attractions, and natural settings. So treat yourself to an extra day or two.
The big event was a huge success! Everyone raved about the food, the music, the location, and most of all seeing one another again. It’s nearly over as you sit on the dock, relieved to have a few quiet moments and dip your aching feet in the cool lake. A pair of loons swim by, looking formal in black and white. A few stars are emerging from the dark rose and purple sunset. Perfection. Ely was so right for this, with professionals to help with planning, catering and accommodations that impressed the fussiest guests, and friendly folks eager to make everyone feel welcome. For your next big event—you’ll be ready to take charge again, and Ely will be the place. But maybe different shoes...
Events

What type of experience are you searching for... premier art festival, winter fun, holiday activities, antique cars, sled dog race? Elyites enjoy sharing their heritage and culture and invite you to participate. These are just a few of our events. We invite you to check out our event calendar and full list of featured events at www.ely.org.

Blueberry/Art Festival
Welcome to Ely’s Signature Summer event! Held during the last full weekend in July, the Blueberry/Art Festival is the premiere festival of the region and draws huge crowds each year. There are more than 280 quality vendors selling original art and handcrafted jewelry, pottery, woodwork, photography and much, much more. Over 20 food vendors sell mouth-watering temptations such as seafood, pulled pork sandwiches, burgers, brats, and plenty of refreshing beverages and treats. Follow us on Facebook @BlueberryArtFestival.

Harvest Moon Festival
Autumn in Ely—a season to experience blue skies, crisp clean air, and Mother Nature’s brilliant display as the leaves take on melting hues of green, yellow, orange and red. Autumn in Ely also brings the Harvest Moon Festival, which features over 125 artists and craftsmen selling their original art and handcrafted pieces. This is a family-oriented event with things for the kids to do as well. Follow us on Facebook @ElyHarvestMoonFestival.

Wolftrack Classic Sled Dog Race
Held in late-February, this popular event puts man and dog against nature has more than 60 mushers and 500 sled dogs compete in one of two races traveling through northern Minnesota’s state trail system. Visitors have the opportunity to watch from the starting line to see how eager the dogs are to get on the trail. There are several great vantage points along the race route that are easily accessible to the public to watch the mushers as they pass through. Follow us @WolfTrackClassic.

Ely Winter Festival and Art Walk
In early February, Ely’s Whiteside Park becomes a winter wonderland as local and international snow carvers turn 8’ x 12’ blocks of snow into works of art. The downtown area becomes an outdoor gallery as hundreds of works of art are displayed in merchant windows. Many other events are scheduled during this ten day winter party. Nobody does winter better! ElyWinterFestival.com

Ely Marathon
Billed as “the 8390 rod portage” run—a veiled reference to the lengths of portages in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness—the Ely Marathon is held the fourth weekend in September. The scenic course gives runners a true wilderness experience as parts of the race are on roads adjoining the BWCAW. ElyMarathon.com
Follow us on Facebook @ElyMarathonMN.

Jake Forsman Memorial Car Show and Burnout Event
Rows of vintage cars line the streets of downtown Ely, but buckle your seatbelt because the engines will be revving up for the ultimate in burnout competitions. Always the first weekend in October. ElyCarShow.org
### Event Calendar 2023

**February**
- 2-12: Ely Winter Festival
- 4: Ely Fun Run
- 25-26: WolfTrack Classic Sled Dog Race

**April**
- 22: Earth Day Celebration

**May**
- 20: Citywide Rummage, Business Crazy Day, & Used Equipment & Watercraft Sale
- 29: Memorial Day Rememberance

**June**
- 10: Northwoods Kids Fishing Derby, Walleye Whamma
- 4: Fourth of July Celebration, Four on the 4th
- 19-23: Ely Watercolor Show
- 27-30: Operation Blueberry
- 28-30: Blueberry/Art Festival

**July**
- 4: Ely Fun Run

**August**
- 12-13: Snowmobile Watercross

**September**
- 1-4: Fest du Nord
- 7-10: Business Harvest Days
- 8-10: Harvest Moon Festival
- 22: Northern Lights Clubhouse 5K Glow Run/Walk
- 23: Ely Marathon, Half Marathon & Canoe Portage

**October**
- 7: Jake Forsman Memorial Car Show and Burnout Competition

**November**
- 23: Shine Bright Ely
- 24-26: Smalltown Christmas – Shop Local

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Ely is always hosting additional events, and planning new ones too. Visit [Ely.org/Events](http://Ely.org/Events) to view a full listing of everything happening in our area.
Attractions

Few locations offer the number of attractions, not just in a twenty-mile within a five-mile radius. Enjoy a tour featuring the legendary Dorothy Molter, Ely’s beloved Rootbeer Lady. Watch live wolves interact at the International Wolf Center. Of course, the trip would not be complete without viewing black bears at the North American Bear Center. Learn more about area history and culture at the Ely-Winton History museum, Canoe Museum and Pioneer Mine.

International Wolf Center

Ely is home to the world’s premier wolf interpretive facility – the International Wolf Center. Visitors learn about the natural history of wolves by observing the resident wolf pack and touring the “Wolves and Humans” exhibit. Program participants can learn more about the wolf’s hunting and feeding behaviors by watching the resident wolves feed, go on an evening howling expedition, or put on snowshoes and follow the predator’s winter tracks. Videos, talks, demonstrations, day programs and other adventures round out a visit to the Center. Visitors have a unique opportunity to see the Ambassador Pack.

Ely-Winton History Museum

Located at 1900 E. Camp Street on Ely’s Vermilion Community College campus, this center shows the local history of logging and mining through artifacts, photographs and displays. Open Tuesday through Friday during winter and Tuesday through Saturday from June to August.

Dorothy Molter Museum

The Dorothy Molter Museum brings the story of Dorothy Molter, the last non-indigenous resident of the BWCAW to life through a variety of exhibits and videos in three of her historic log cabins. The famed Root Beer Lady of Knife Lake lived most of her 79 years on the border of the U.S. and Canada at the Isle of Pines, and each year as many as 6,000 visitors from all over the world would stop by. Dorothy was known by most for her homemade root beer but was also well known for her wilderness nursing skills, helping thousands of canoeers with medical needs. After her death, her cabins were dismantled and transported out of the BWCAW by dogsled and brought to Ely. A visit includes access inside the three cabin exhibits including two videos, a .25mi nature trail, a birding garden and guided programs.

Ely Arts & Heritage Center

Located at historic Pioneer Mine on Ely’s North Side, the complex has two restored buildings. The Shaft House is open Memorial Day through Labor Day on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1-4 p.m. and by appointment (218-365-3578). Photos and artifacts from the underground mine, which closed in 1967, are displayed. The Miners Dry House features events, art shows, and classes throughout the year. The nearby Trezona Trail has commemorative signs with historical information placed at each of the iron ore mine’s locations.

North American Bear Center

This science/nature center is the first of its kind in the world. Live bears include Minnesota’s largest bear, prettiest bear, and perhaps cutest bear—all in natural forest habitat. Exhibits from 40 years of research replace misconceptions about these feared but adored animals. Fifty video exhibits take you into the secret world of black bears around Ely. Understand bear language and what to do if you see a bear. Explore the hands-on interactive children’s area. Walk interpretive nature trails to learn area vegetation, rocks, birds, ecology, and wildlife sign. Participate in black bear field courses. Don’t miss the demonstrations, programs, theater, and gift shop.

Ely’s Historic State Theater

238 E Sheridan St Ely info@elystatetheater.org Ely’s Historic State Theater is a cultural hub of film, art, entertainment and learning that cultivates a vibrant, healthy community.

Ely Folk School

From ethnic cooking classes to basket weaving, jewelry making, furniture building, photography, fabric arts, writing, painting and other arts, stained glass making, gardening, sustainable living, herbs and health, foraging, canoeing and canoe building, dances and music, there are classes for most every interest at Ely Folk School, conveniently located at the top of the hill in downtown Ely, Minnesota.

Sigurd Olson’s Listening Point

In 1956, Sigurd Olson created Listening Point - a rugged northern Minnesota property on Burntside Lake as a private retreat. This Listening Point Foundation owns and cares for the property, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, and is dedicated to furthering Sig’s wilderness philosophy. In this spirit the foundation conducts guided tours for the interested public and student/event groups, hosts writing workshops and artists-in-residence, and sponsors wilderness education programs. Visits can be arranged through the foundation’s website.

Underground Mine State Park

This state park features the state’s deepest underground iron ore mine. The 1-1/2 hour guided tour takes visitors nearly 1/2 mile underground to the lowest level mined. Located off Hwy. 169 in Soudan. State park vehicle permits are not required; however, there is a fee for the tour. Tours: Memorial weekend–September and weekends in October.
A noraks, mukluks, tarps, canoe packs, sled dog harnesses—wilderness adventure clothes and equipment are the kind of thing you’d expect to be made in Ely by entrepreneurial types with an enthusiasm for the outdoors. But there is so much more to Ely’s entrepreneurial offerings: hand-tooled customized gun cases; granola with poo-related puns on the packaging; eye-catching waterproof tote bags that might last a lifetime; ethnic foods like old-fashioned sauerkraut, sausages, and potica; knife-sharpening systems made for professional chefs and butchers; pottery and ceramic art; and much more. With enthusiastic customers throughout the U.S. and even abroad, Ely-made products are shipped far and wide and also create a unique shopping experience right in downtown Ely.

Wintergreen Northern Wear
Owners:
Jackson & Gabriel Harren

Sundog Sports & Portage North
Owner:
Michael Larson

Steger Mukluks
Owner:
Patti Steger

Brainstorm Bakery
Owners:
Brian & Andrea Strom
Trails to Adventure

No matter your mode of travel, we have trails to engage, delight and enrich your northwoods experience. Here is a sampling of area trails. Trail maps in PDF format are available at www.ely.org or at the Ely Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center.

Trailhead Points

ATV routes are on page 47 of guide. Snowmobile routes are on inside back cover of guide.
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**NOTE:** All distances are in miles. If multiple loop options are available, an asterisk* will be shown by the trail miles.

# A state park sticker or day pass is required to access trails within Bear Head Lake State Park.

+ Some trails travel into or through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and may require a day use or overnight travel permit.
Spring

*Spring is an often-overlooked* opportunity for an Ely vacation. In March and April, while some people are thinking about golf and gardens, we are spending long, warm, sunny days (relative to the dwindling winter) dogsledding in T-shirts, mountain biking for miles on the crunchy lake surface, snowmobiling or skiing to south-facing shorelines for crappie fishing and picnics, and reading the stories in the winter’s worth of wildlife tracks that are now embossed on the snow. Sometime between April and May, the ice turns to water, and we trade our snow toys for summer toys as we celebrate Minnesota Fishing Opener. This is the season to search for moose and deer antlers along the trails, watch for the swans to grace our waterways, listen for the first loon call, and relish the early-blooming wildflowers. Town is calm, business owners and restaurant servers have time to chat, and the wilderness is a little wilder.
Oh, the choices!
Each day and night is filled with endless options. Shall we pick berries on granite outcroppings or tiny islands? Fish for walleye or pan fish? Paddle into the wilderness or party on a houseboat? Shop at the Farmers and Artists Market or the classy gift stores? Be thrilled by one of the premier theater shows or spend the evening watching the sunset? Grill on the deck or enjoy a delicious meal at one of Ely’s fine restaurants? Hike to a waterfall or see wolves and bears close up at the wildlife centers? Visitors plan their time in Ely for big event weekends like the Blueberry/Art Festival, Watercross, and music festivals. Ely resorts offer options from rustic to luxurious, remote to in-town, historic to modern, but they all provide lakeside fun and friendly hosts who help guests get the most from their vacation.
Crisp and colorful, fall is the favorite season for many Elyites. The trails and roadsides are glorious with golden aspens and scarlet maples, free for the pleasure of hikers, bikers, ATVers, or those touring the back roads by car. We stock our larders with catches from some of the year’s best fishing; grouse, ducks, and venison from successful hunts; and wild rice harvested from local lakes. Athletes love our marathon, shoppers love our Harvest Moon Days, and everyone finds something to love at the Harvest Moon Festival. As the first snowflakes fly, restaurants bring out the comfort food menus and hot drink specials. Thanksgiving features after-dinner festivities in the stores followed by a weekend of holiday bazaars, a parade unlike any other (think sled dogs, Christmas lights on canoes, and a dance line with mukluks and muffs), and even a visit by that jolly bearded toymaker from the North Pole.
Winter

Winter is about contrast.

We curl up next to a cozy fireplace or adventure into a frosty forest. Ely has dark night skies for awe-inspiring moments with stars and northern lights; then brilliant sparkling snowy lakes and landscapes for daytime explorations. We zoom many miles by snowmobile or move quietly on skis or snowshoes through fresh snowfalls. A steaming hot sauna prepares us for the plunge into an ice-cold lake, or the tamer choice of simply chilling in the winter air. Winter outdoor professionals show the uninitiated how to be warm in sub-zero weather and impress their warm weather friends. Howling huskies converse with wild wolf packs while winter campers snuggle into warm sleeping bags. Other sled dogs prove their athletic prowess as they race to victory in the WolfTrack Classic Sled Dog Race. During the Ely Winter Festival, artists carve snow into super-sized statues in the park and display their work in the store windows. No mosquitoes for months!
Do you know of a town with a population under 3,500 that has more than five art galleries, offers dozens of classes every week in a variety of arts disciplines, has a dance company and a dance studio, produces at least five major theater performances annually including one full scale musical and one opera worthy of The Met, has a community chorus and city band, attracts nationally known performance groups to a retreat center where they create new material and try it out on local audiences, has a chapter of the state League of Poets that offers monthly readings, displays the work of dozens of local artists in a city-wide exhibit every year, brings internationally famous sculptors to compete with one another carving snow statues in sub-zero weather, has its own grant-making trust that supports local arts with thousands of dollars each year, was home to one of America’s foremost nature writers and honors his legacy by an artist-in-residence program and maintaining his writing spaces, and supports 16 Arts & More by Annette Mattingly.
More

a folk school that features local culture and history in its offerings. Any one of these items would be outstanding in a small town, but Ely has them all and more! We are home to countless artists in many disciplines who are an important component of the town’s economic health and also provide rich experiences for residents and visitors. Ticket prices and class fees are astonishingly far below city prices, and many arts activities are free.
Your Ely experience can be a rugged adventure, a sophisticated luxury, or anything in between. Do you want a 5-Star resort complete with gourmet meals, or a wilderness campsite where you catch and cook fresh fish for dinner? On an Ely vacation you can have it all! Plan a wilderness canoe trip through a local outfitter and add a resort night or two before or after. Simplify planning by choosing one of the many resorts that also offer outfitting. No place in the world offers a broader range of choices in accommodations.

Choose easy access to town and its unique shopping (Where else can you find two stores on the main street that started as designers for Arctic explorers?!) There are restaurants that offer fast food, hunger-satisfying big burgers, and sophisticated fusion menus. Visit our attractions and see both wolves and bears on the same day!

Perhaps you would rather get away from town on the many hiking, biking, ATV, and snowmobile trails, or take a day trip into the BWCAW. Even the most ardent mall-loving teens can enjoy an unplugged day (or at least several hours) in Ely.

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**Motels**

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#### Motel Information

**GRAND ELY LODGE RESORT & EVENT CENTER**
12007 River Point Rd, Ely MN 55731
(218) 365-6565. www.grandelylodge.com

**NORTHWOODS INN & SUITES**
1605 E. Sheridan Street, Ely, MN 55731
(218) 365-2873

**PADDLE INN MOTEL**

**RIVER POINT VILLAS & CHALETS ON THE LAKE**

**SHAGAWA INN MOTELS ON THE LAKE**
1973 W Shagawa Rd, P.O. Box 148, Ely, MN 55731. (218) 365-5154. www.shagawainn.com

**SILVER RAPIDS LODGE HOTEL & SUITES**

**TIMBER TRAIL LODGE**

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**Rough It or Relax**

- **Location coordinates refer to maps on inside front cover.**
- **BUSINESS LOCATIONS ARE INDICATED BY LETTERED DOTS OR NUMERED DOTS ON THE MAPS ON THE INSIDE FRONT COVER.**
- **= On Site**
- **Pool, Whirlpool, Restaurant, Lounge & Banquet Area, Business Center - Internet, Fireside Lobby, FREE use of Canoes & Kayaks, BOAT & Icehouse Rental *Nightly-Weekly* Rates. Open 365 days. 1 Mile from Downtown ELY.
- **Clean, comfortable rooms, plug-ins, access to trail, parking for trucks & trailers, cable TV, HBO, movie channels, coffee & tea 24 hrs, SUPER Start Breakfast, wireless Internet access. Hair dryers, microwaves and refrigerators in all rooms.
- **Clean, quiet, comfortable rooms. Wireless Internet. Pets okay (small fee), trailer parking, A/C, freezer space, fridge, microwave, in-room coffee, FREE sauna, outside plug-ins. All non-smoking. Reservations available online. All one level.
- **New, custom designed, smoke-free Chalets and romantic Villas w/frpl, double whirlpool, full kitchen, A/C, and lake view on a secluded mile-long peninsula 10 min. SE of Ely. Rent by night or week! Fish, hike, kayak, or take a BWCAW day canoe trip.
- **Year-round lodge on Farm and White Iron Lake with access to the BWCAW. Year-round cabins and motel units. Onsite bar, restaurant, gift shop and gas. Located on the Tomahawk snowmobile trail and the Prospector Loop ATV trail.
- **Housekeeping motel units with full kitchen, game room, beach, hiking trails, boats, motors, canoes available. Direct access to BWCAW. Nightly and weekly rates. FREE wireless Internet. www.timbertrail.com**
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(218) 365-3782  www.campvanvac.com |
| CANOE COUNTRY CABINS | P.O. Box 30; Ely, MN, 55731  
1-800-752-2306  www.canoecountrycabinrentals.com |
| CUSTOM CABIN RENTALS | 14663 Vosburgh Road, Ely, MN 55731  
218-365-9447  www.customcabins.com |
| ECHO SHORES RESORT | 1522 Echo Trail, Ely, MN 55731  
(218) 365-5498  www.gardenlakeresort.com |
| FENSKE LAKE CABINS | 3788 Fenske Lake Rd, Ely, MN 55731  
(218) 365-5481  www.fenskelakecabins.com |
| GARDEN LAKE RESORT | P.O. Box 25, Ely, MN 55731  
218-365-3548  www.gardenlakeresort.com |
| GRAND ELY LODGE RESORT & EVENT CENTER | 400 North Pioneer Road, Ely, MN 55731  
(218) 365-6565  www.grandelyelodge.com  info@grandelyelodge.com |
| LATORELL’S RESORT | P.O. Box 239; Ely, MN 55731  
(218) 365-4531  www.latorells.com |
| NORTHERN AIR LODGE | 2130 Wawbeek Way, Ely, MN 55731  
(218) 365-4882  www.northernairlodge.com |
| NORTHWIND LODGE | 2267 Fernberg Road, PO Box 690, Ely, MN 55731  
(218) 365-5485  www.northwindlodge.com  (800) 260-1078  visit.northwind.com |
| PACKSACK CANOE TRIPS & LOG CABINS | 129 Winton Point Road, Winton, MN 55731  
218-365-3788  www.packsackcanoeoftours.com |
| PINE POINT LODGE | 474 Kawishiwi Trail, Ely, MN 55731  
boundarywaters.com/pinepoint  218-365-5581 |
| RIVER POINT RESORT & OUTFITTING CO. | 12077 River Point Rd (218) 365-6604  www.riverpointresort.com  "Naturally Superior"™ |
| SHAGAWA INN RESORT | 1973 W. Shagawa Rd, P.O. Box 148, Ely, MN 55731  
(218) 365-5154  www.shagawainn.com |
| SILVER RAPIDS LODGE | 459 Kawishiwi Trail, Ely, MN 55731  
(218) 365-4877  www.silverrapidslodge.com |
| TIMBER TRAIL LODGE | 629 Kawishiwi Trail, Ely, MN 55731  
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Echo Trail

I’d been living in Ely just a few weeks when a friend suggested I drive up the Echo Trail for a hike on my day off. I drove “Buggy”, my little VW, past the end of the blacktop and felt like I was entering real wilderness. There were almost no driveways and just a few Forest Service signs for trails and BWCAW entry points. Hoping to see my first moose ever, I chose a likely looking trail and started walking. A mother grouse made a fuss in the middle of the trail while her babies scuttled under the brush, a Canada jay befriended me as I ate my sandwich, and an eagle landed in a tall red pine at the edge of a pond—but no moose. As I headed back toward Ely, a huge dark form materialized in the road ahead. I had the impression a mountain had mysteriously appeared, but then realized it was a huge bull moose. It seemed like I could drive Buggy right under his belly!
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Me (thinking of the 4-mile long Trezona Trail and Miners Lake):
Sure! Meet you at the trailhead.

15 minutes later my friend is heading away from the Trezona heading west of town.
Me: Where are you going?
Friend: Around Shagawa Lake. Come on!
Me (trying to recall a map to get some idea of how far that would be):
Isn’t that kind of far?

But my friend was too far ahead to hear me. Three miles out of town we turned onto Grant McMahon Boulevard—a fancy name for a small country road that I later learned was named for a prominent Ely business man who vehemently opposed construction of this road. We stopped at the Burntside River bridge and were lucky enough to catch sight of two otters cavorting in the current. A little farther on we turned into the historic Burntside Lodge just to look at the classic cabins and pristine waters of Burntside Lake. Back on the Boulevard we came to great views of Shagawa Lake plus heart-pumping hills that put my gym routine to shame.

Friend: If you want to go farther we can take the road to Winton and stop off at the Longbranch for a swim.
Me (panting and trying to ignore the burn in my thighs): Maybe next time.

Then we were at the Shagawa River bridge and were rewarded by the amazing sight of trumpeter swans feeding in the shallows. Just a little farther and we were back at the trailhead after logging 18 miles.

Friend: Want to do the Fernberg tomorrow?
Me (realizing that would be 40 miles out and back): Maybe next week...
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Fernberg Trail

Today I drove Highway 169, which starts in Tulsa, Oklahoma, from southern Minnesota through Minneapolis, on up to the Iron Range, and into Ely where it becomes the main thoroughfare, Sheridan Street. But I didn’t quit there. I continued east of Ely, a 20-mile stretch called “The Fernberg” by locals, to the literal End of the Road, 30 feet from the shore of Lake One, a popular put in for paddlers heading into the wilderness. Here, happy to get out of my car, I was greeted by a “Quork” from a passing raven, the aroma of pine needles warmed by the sun, and the splash of cool clean water as I took a quick dip in the lake. It was a perfect journey’s end!
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To the South

Our family was looking for an off-the-beaten-path experience on a rainy fall day, so we headed south on Highway 21 to visit the record cold spot for the state of Minnesota, Embarrass. Driving onto some of the many side roads, all with Finnish names, we were surprised to find many small farms with horses, cows, chickens, and huge gardens. At Sisu Heritage Museum the kids scrambled out of the car to climb on the antique farming equipment and take selfies by the 70 Below Zero thermometer. We headed back toward Ely, stopping in Babbitt to check out their golf course and grab lunch at a café. The rain had stopped, so we decided to go from rural to remote by taking the Tomahawk Trail to Highway 1. We passed the main entrance, crossed the Stony River, then we were in impressive pine forests for the rest of the trip. But not just pine—there was a blaze of golden aspen and bright red maple contrasting with the dark evergreens. We all agreed the highway department could charge admission to Highway 1 during the fall color season. And amazingly there was almost no traffic!
To the West

We just finished volunteering for the WolfTrack Classic Sled Dog Race. It’s held the last weekend in February and we were so excited to participate. The race route runs along the Taconite Trail to Bear Head Lake State Park and back to Ely. Our family was one of the groups working a road crossing in Bear Head, so we were able to see the 8-dog teams as they came across Bear Head Lake. Wow, were the dogs full of energy!

We were told by race organizers that the sled dog teams can only run on the Taconite Trail once a year for the race. The Taconite is part of a large snowmobile trail system covering hundreds of miles.

The snowmobilers out on the trail today were amazing. They pulled over and watched the teams pass by. They seemed to enjoy watching the dogs too. We thanked the snowmobilers as they went through our crossing for sharing their trail today.

We found out there is an ATV trail that runs through the same general area too. As we turned onto Bear Head State Park Road, several Fat Tire Bikes were cruising along the Mesabi Trail that parallels Highway 169. We didn’t realize there were so many trails to explore here. We definitely have to come back and try the ATV and bike trails out next summer.
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So many trails...
So little time...

- Mesabi Trail
- Trezona Trail
- Hidden Valley Trail System
- Superior National Forest Roads
- Fernberg Trail
- Echo Trail

Plan for a longer stay.

Photo By: Wayne Bishop

Why come to Ely for your vacation?
To see wolves up close. To wake each morning and choose between paddling into wilderness or fishing from a pontoon boat, biking roads or trails, hiking to waterfalls or boreal forests, a picnic lunch or fine restaurant dining, a historic mine tour or a birding expedition, and so much more. To see a sky full of stars and even northern lights. To hear loons. To watch marathon runners who carry canoes or snowmobilers racing across open water or sports teams vying for state championships. To carve a statue out of snow. To buy a homemade rhubarb pie at the Farmers Market. To glide over the frozen lakes on a snowmobile or dogsled. To volunteer as a citizen scientist or food shelf helper or arts organizer. To shop for a home so you can live here full time.

Why come to Ely to live?
To find the home you want on the piece of land you’ve always dreamed of. To find or create the kind of work you find satisfying. To leave work and, in five minutes or less, get to a cool spot for your favorite recreational activity. To be close to excellent education from preschool through community college and lifelong learning opportunities. To have a hospital, clinic, dentists, and assisted living facilities nearby. To join others pursuing hobbies and activities you already enjoy or want to try. To live someplace your friends and relatives want to visit. To find the church or spiritual group that feels like family. To be welcomed into a caring community.

Why come to Ely for business?
To support creative entrepreneurs as they grow their businesses and add to Ely’s economic well-being. To serve well-established public and private sector organizations including the U.S. Forest Service, county and state offices, medical facilities, schools and a college, museums, and other non-profits. To offer products to restaurants and retail stores. To market your business in Ely’s two weekly newspapers and other media, through workshops and conferences, and by meeting with the many savvy business owners. And, not least of all, when the work day is done, to take advantage of the fishing right in town on Miners or Shagawa Lake.
Health Services

Ely is the location for the Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital, which is currently expanding to become a regional health center. EBCH services include cutting-edge technology. Residents do not have to travel to 60 - 100 miles for special treatments and surgery.

We are also fortunate to have a full service clinic operated by Essentia Health. A team of general practitioners and nurse practitioners provide outpatient care.

Specialists from both Virginia and Duluth provide monthly visits to further expand services.

The Ely Behavioral Health Network provides support for both behavioral and mental health needs.

Northern Lights Clubhouse offers programs for adults with chronic mental health needs who desire reentry into the workforce.

Let’s Talk Numbers

Population

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<th>Population</th>
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<td>Babbitt</td>
<td>1419</td>
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<td>Winton</td>
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<td>Tower</td>
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<td>Soudan</td>
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<td>St. Louis County (within 25 miles)</td>
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<td>Lake County - Fall Lake</td>
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<td>Lake County - Stony River</td>
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<td>Total Area Population</td>
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Lodging Tax

Lodging tax is collected by resorts, motels, bed & breakfasts and other facilities providing stays less than 30 days. The current lodging tax collected is 3%.

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<td>$325,257</td>
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City of Ely Sales Tax

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<th>Gross Sales</th>
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<td>$114,948,950</td>
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Current Sales Tax - 7.35%

www.revenue.state.mn.us

BWCAW Permits

The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness provides a variety of day and overnight recreational experiences. Reservable permits include day use motor, overnight motor, overnight hiking and overnight paddle. Day use permits include paddle and hiking permits entering and exiting on the same day. Numbers shown represent all entry points for the BWCAW.

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>25,773</td>
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<td>25,631</td>
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<td>31,548</td>
<td>17,660</td>
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**ELY AREA**

**SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MAP**

1. **ARROWHEAD TRAIL**: 22 miles
2. **WOLF TRACK TRAIL**: 8 miles
3. **TACONITE TRAIL**: 10 miles
4. **IRON ORE TRAIL**: 10 miles
5. **LAURENTIAN TRAIL**: 15 miles
6. **TACONITE SPUR TO BABBITT**: 14 miles
7. **FISHING LAKES TRAIL**: 10 miles
8. **PUTNAM LAKE TRAIL**: 7 miles

**Distances**:
- 9 miles
- 11 miles
- 18 miles
- 26 miles
- 22 miles
- 3 miles
- 10 miles
- 14 miles
- 15 miles
- 17 miles
- 7 miles
- 10 miles
- 10 miles
- 13 miles
- 14 miles
- 7 miles
- 10 miles
- 10 miles
- 14 miles

**Locations**:
- Marion Lake
- Elephant Lake
- Lost Lake
- Arrowhead Lake
- Hancock Lake
- Lake Vermilion
- Big Rice Lake
- Bear Island Lake
- Boundary Waters Canoe Area
- Taconite State Trail
- Taconite Spur Trail
- Putnam Lake Trail
- Fishing Lakes Trail
- Laurentian Trail

**Additional Information**:
- **Elbow Lake**: 9 miles
- **Lake Vermilion**: 11 miles
- **Cook**: 18 miles
- **Biwabik**: 26 miles
- **Virginia**: 3 miles
- **Lake Leander**: 10 miles
- **Sand Lake**: 10 miles
- **Wynne Lake**: 11 miles
- **Mountain Iron**: 14 miles
- **Hoyt Lakes**: 10 miles
- **Taconite State Rail**: 7 miles
- **Taconite Spur Trail**: 14 miles
- **Fishing Lakes Trail**: 10 miles
- **LAURENTIAN TRAIL**: 15 miles
- **Iron Ore Trail**: 10 miles

**Winter Activities**:
- Snowmobiling is NOT allowed on Central and Babbitt Road.
- Snowmobiling is allowed on all other trails.

**Seasons**:
- **Winter**: Snowmobiling
- **Summer**: Cross-country skiing, fishing, canoeing

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- Map key references locations of businesses, lodging properties and cross-country ski trailheads.
Life is about jumping out of what’s normal into an adventure that makes us feel new again - that’s what draws people to Ely, Minnesota. This outdoor recreation paradise sits in one of the most beautiful places in North America - the unspoiled forests and lakes of the Superior National Forest and Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. This small town and its wilderness surroundings beckon outdoor enthusiasts, entrepreneurs, artists and photographers, wildlife lovers and history buffs to explore and enjoy this beautiful north woods place.

Start planning your next great adventure... it all starts at ExperienceEly.com