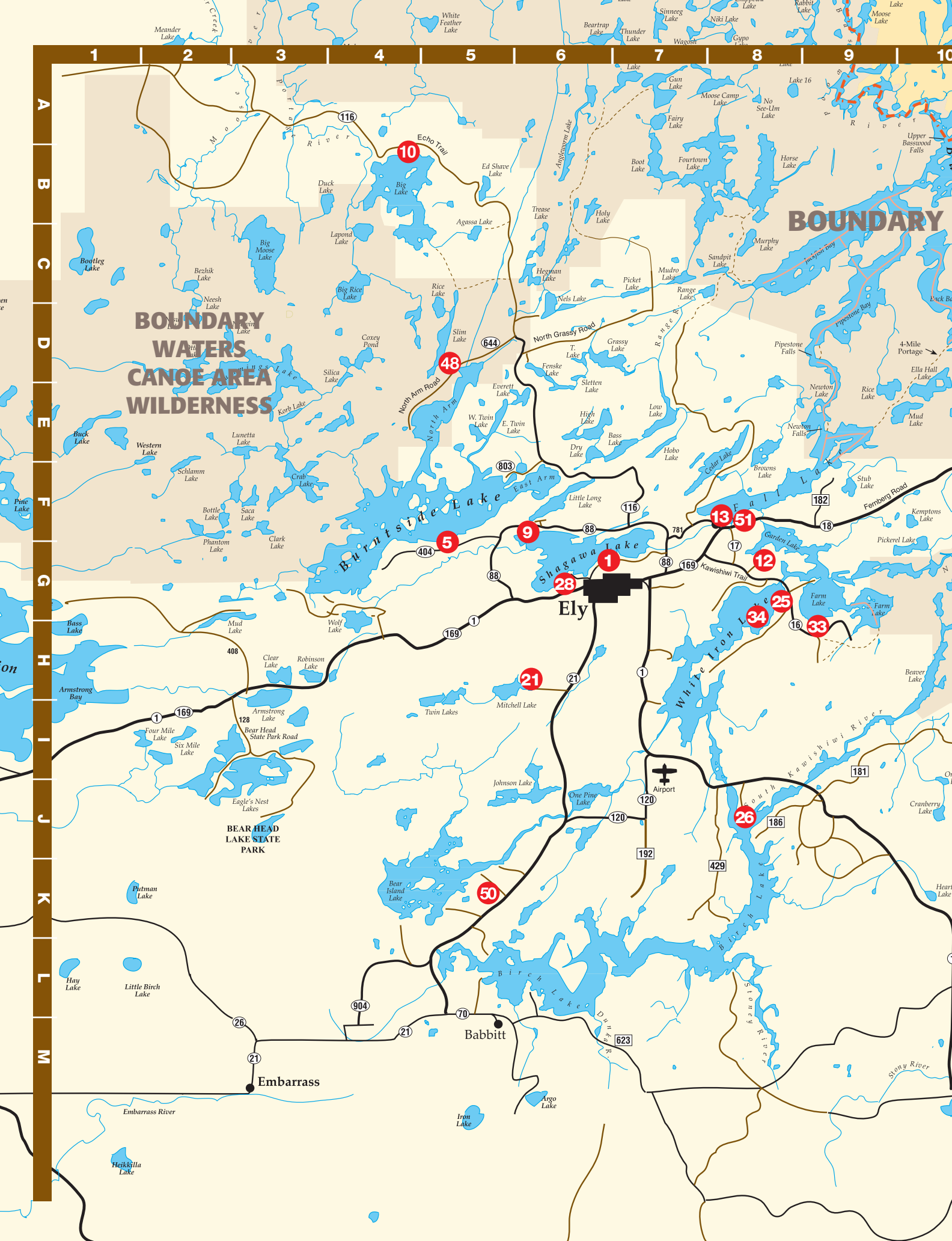


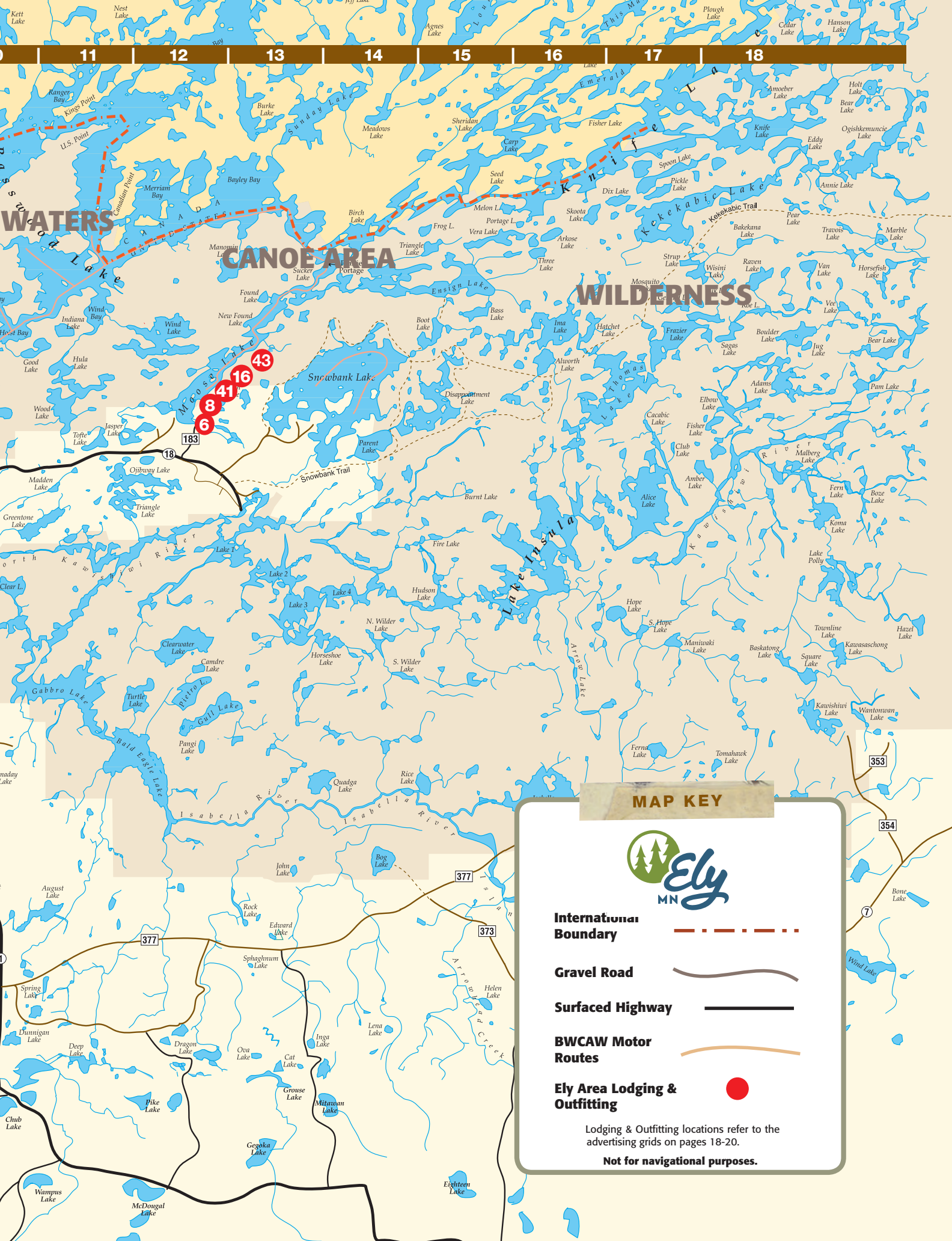


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WATERS

CANOE AREA

WILDERNESS

### MAP KEY



**International Boundary**



**Gravel Road**



**Surfaced Highway**



**BWCW Motor Routes**



**Ely Area Lodging & Outfitting**



Lodging & Outfitting locations refer to the advertising grids on pages 18-20.

**Not for navigational purposes.**

# Shagawa Lake



## Legend

- Businesses
- ★ Points of interest
- ✕ Churches

## ELY AREA CHURCHES

- 1 Ledge Rock Community Church
- 2 Ely Gospel Church
- 3 Ely United Methodist Church
- 4 First Lutheran Church
- 5 First Presbyterian Church
- 6 Grace Lutheran Church
- 7 Jehovah's Witness
- 8 Praise Fellowship
- 9 St. Anthony's Catholic Church
- 11 Berean Baptist Church
- 12 Oasis International
- 13 St. Mary's Episcopal Church

See complete church listing on page 39

## LOGGING & OUTFITTING KEY

Businesses located around the city of Ely are indicated by a red colored dot. The dots refer to lodging properties and businesses on the advertising grid pages 18-20.

to Airport and North Shore





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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.

Seeking to relocate? Ely is a prime community with amenities and services making it the hub for surrounding communities. Ely. Live. Work. Play.

## On the cover



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*Sunset Dreams (Michelle Townsend),*  
*Lazy Wolf (Mark Townsend),*  
*Tree Naps (Michelle Townsend),*  
*Northern Comfort (Michelle Townsend)*

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# Shop

**V**arnished 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.



*Photo by Ayla McNeill*



*Photo by Lucy Hawthorne*

# Dine

**S**crumptious 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 ambiance 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

**A**nd 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.



*Photo by Marcia Kauppi*



# Celebrate



*Photo by Anja Breiehagen*



*Photo by Kelly Godfrey*



# 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](http://www.ely.org).

## Blueberry/Art Festival



Art Kaufenberg

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.

## Wolftrack Classic Sled Dog Race



Ellen Cashman

Held in late-February, this popular event puts man and dog against nature as 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.

## Harvest Moon Festival



Emily Majerle

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 craftsman 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.

## Ely Winter Festival and Art Walk



T. Schocke

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](http://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](http://ElyMarathon.com) Follow us on Facebook @ElyMarathonMN.



## Jake Forsman Memorial Car Show and Burnout Event



Al Forsman

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](http://ElyCarShow.org)



## Citywide Rummage, Business Crazy Day and Used Equipment & Watercraft Sale



The whole town is involved in this area wide event. Local residents host over twenty rummage sales, participating retail businesses roll back pricing on a sundry of items and canoe outfitters & resorts have a wide range of equipment and watercraft for sale. Always the third weekend in May. Map and participating list available one week prior. [Ely.org/CityWide](http://Ely.org/CityWide)

## Ely Fun Run



Sue Edgington

Join snowmobiling enthusiasts as they travel between northwoods communities via car or snow machine. Lots of prizes and drawings. Funds go towards trail grooming in the Ely, Babbitt and Tower areas. First full weekend in February, so mark your calendars.



## Shop Local-Ely



Ely made products, unique gifts, delicious restaurant fare, and a variety of products and services to make your stay memorable, exciting, and inspiring. Visit participating businesses and receive special discounts, offers, or services using our special coupon card. Available at the Ely Chamber of Commerce office.

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Mrs. Claus Party

*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



Bryan Lemke

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



Dorothy Molter  
Museum

most for her homemade root beer but was also well known for her wilderness nursing skills, helping thousands of canoers 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.

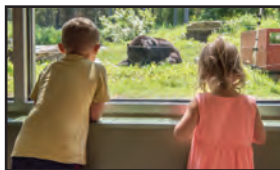
## Ely Arts & Heritage Center



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

Come meet our bears! Our Ambassador bears live in a 2.5-acre natural enclosure including a



Explore Minnesota

man-made pond and waterfalls. Learn about bear behavior, camping with bears, and the secret world of black bears. Exhibits from over 50 years of research replace misconceptions about these feared and adored animals. Explore our hands-on children's Cub Room, walk our 1.2-mile interpretative nature trail to learn about local vegetation, rocks, birds, ecology and wildlife sign. Our Northwoods Ecology Hall features many of the animals that coexist with bears in the region. Be sure to take a Behind-the-Scenes tour and see our bears up close.

## Ely's Historic State Theater

238 E Sheridan St Ely info@elystatetheater.org elystatetheater.org With its grand reopening this year, 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.



Eric Simula

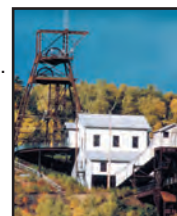
## Sigurd Olson's Listening Point

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.





# Uniquely Ely

**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.

## Pengal's Basswood Trading

**Owners:**

*The Pengal Family*



## Sundog Sports & Portage North

**Owner:**

*Michael Larson*



## Steger Mukluks

**Owner:**

*Patti Steger*



*Photo by Lucy Hawthorne*

## Brainstorm Bakery

**Owners:**

*Brian & Andrea Strom*





ATV



Hike



Bike



# 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](http://www.ely.org) or at the Ely Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center.

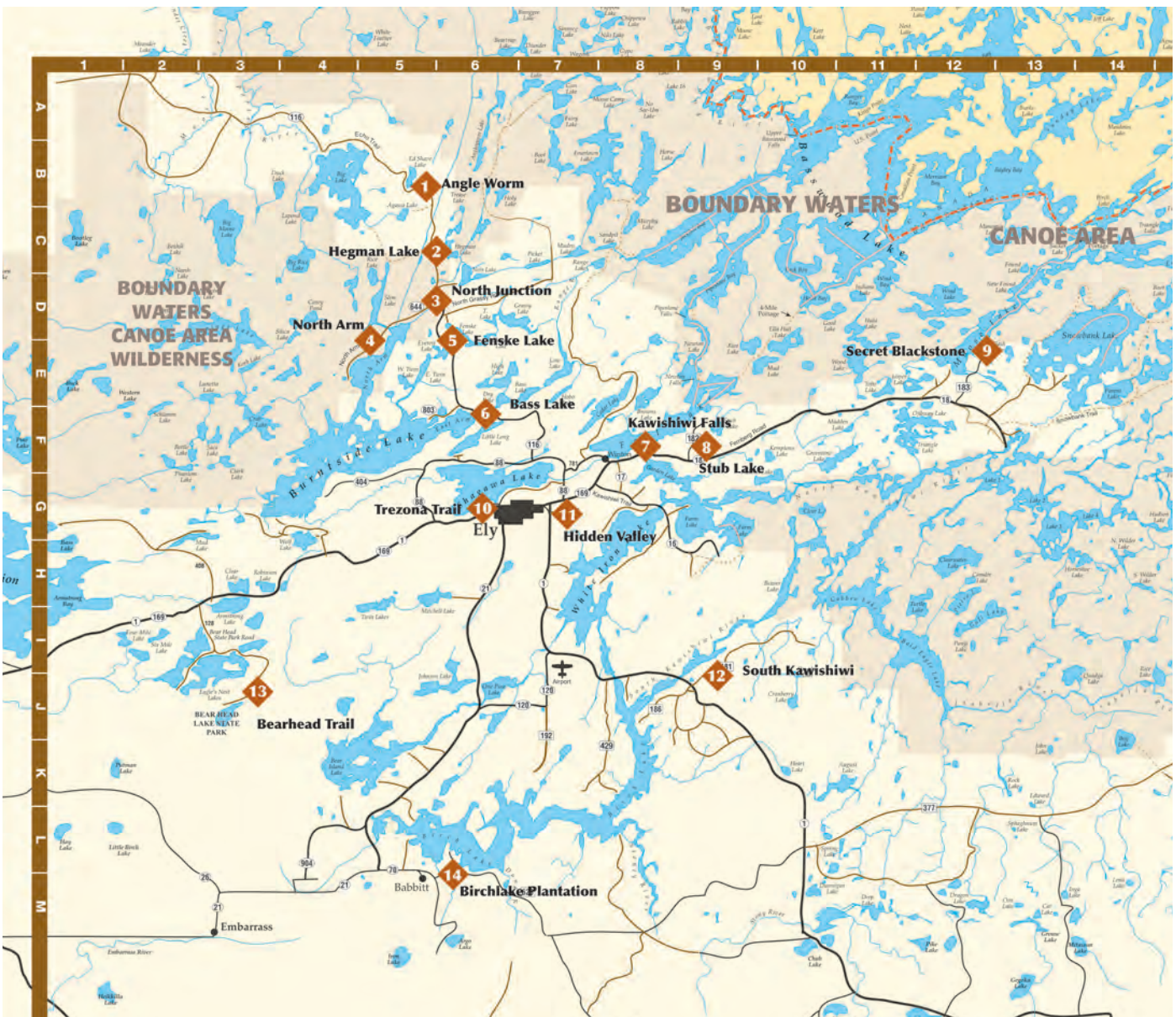


ATV routes are on page 47 of guide.

## Trailhead Points



Snowmobile routes are on inside back cover of guide.





## Ski



## Snowshoe































## Snowmobile



## Drive



Trail Name	Distance from Ely	Trail Length	Activities
Angleworm +	17	14*	  
Bass Lake	6	6*	 
Bear Head State Park #		Varied	 
Birch Lake Plantation/Birch Trail 3			 
Echo Trail		45 miles to next highway	  
Fenske Lake	11	1	
Fernberg Trail		22	  
Fire & Ice - Meander Lake Trail		1/8	
Flathorn - Gegoka		16*	 
Grant-McMahon (Cty Rd 88)		12	  
Hidden Valley Trail	1/2	Varied	  
Kawishiwi Falls Trail		1	
North Arm	14	32*	 
North Junction	7	17*	 
S. Kawishiwi River +	10	1	
Secret-Blackstone	20	5*	
Trezona Trail	1/2	4	   

**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.



Photo by Donna Meier



Photo by Ayla McNeill

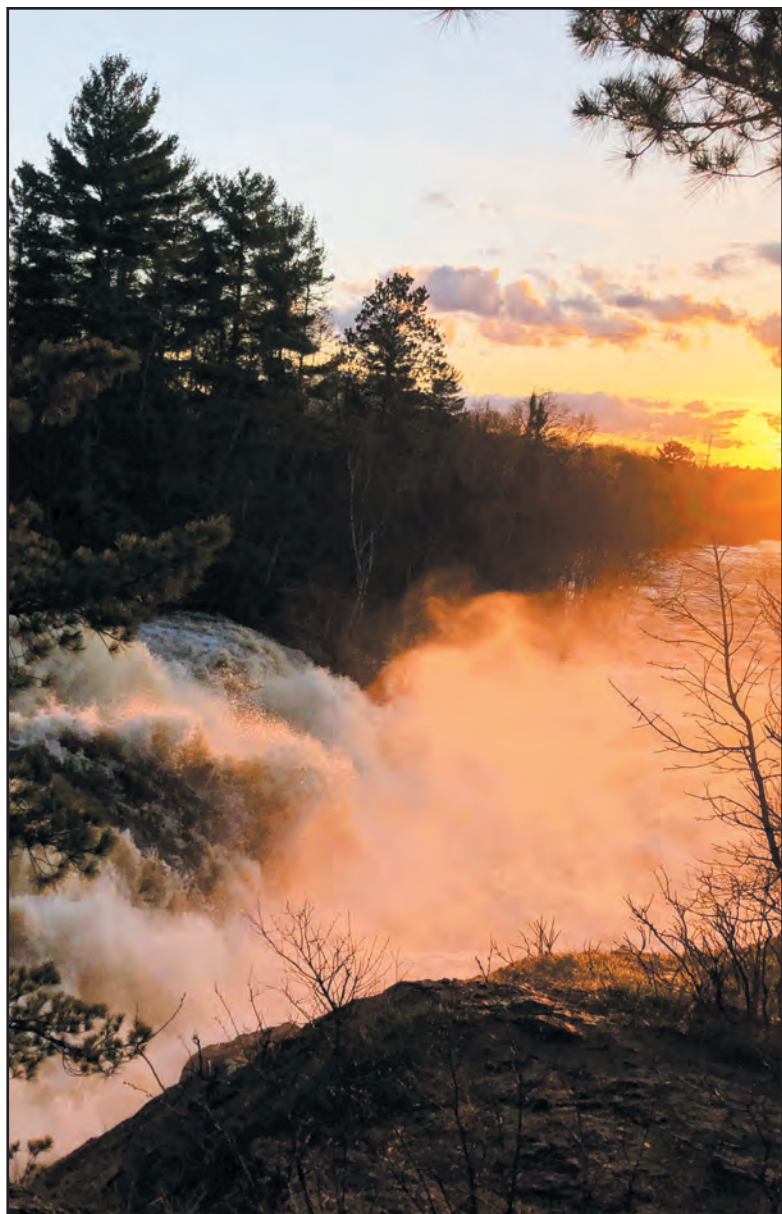


Photo by Ayla McNeill



# Summer

## *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.



Photo by Abby Sirek



Photo by Kim Johnson



Photo by Catherine Helm-Clark



# Fall

## *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.



Photo by Ayla McNeill



Photo by Daniel Raza



Photo by Ayla McNeill



# 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!



Photo by Abby Sirek



Photo by Donna Meier



Photo by George Spanholz



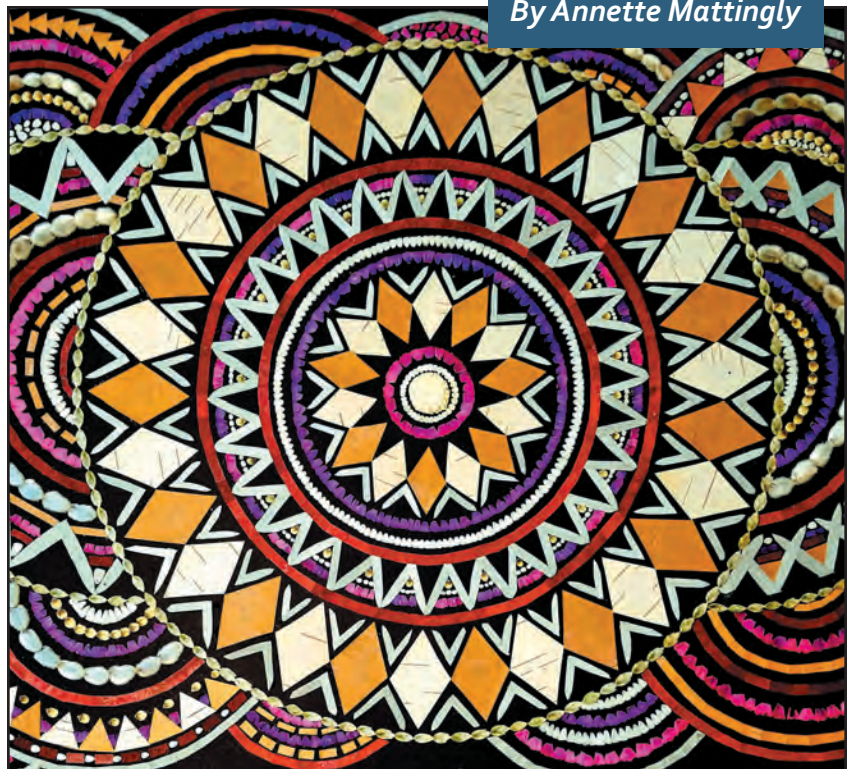
# Arts &

By Ben Pawlak



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

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.

*By Ellen Cashman*



*By Larry Ricker - LHR Images*



*By Jill Siegel*





# Rough It or Relax

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.



Photo by Abby Sirek



Photo by Ayla McNeill

## Motels

Location coordinates refer to maps on inside front cover.

Map Location Coordinates	See Ad Page	Location (Lake or Town)	Months Open	No. of Rooms	Handicap Accessible	Air Conditioning	Kitchenettes	TV/Cable	Sauna/Hot Tub	Food/Bar	Cont. Breakfast	Pets Allowed	Phones in Rooms	Meeting Room	Internet Access
<b>GRAND ELY LODGE RESORT &amp; EVENT CENTER</b> 400 North Pioneer Road, Ely MN 55731 (218) 365-6565 www.grandelylodge.com	L&1 35	Ely	12	61	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<b>NORTHWOODS INN &amp; SUITES</b> 1605 E. Sheridan Street, Ely, MN 55731 (218) 365-2873	I 36	Ely	12	30	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<b>PADDLE INN MOTEL</b> 1314 E. Sheridan St.; Ely, MN 55731 (218) 365-6036 www.paddleinnely.com 1-888-270-2245	M 36	Ely	12	15	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<b>RIVER POINT VILLAS &amp; CHALETs ON THE LAKE</b> 12007 River Point Rd (218) 365-6604 www.riverpointresort.com/chalets.htm/ "Naturally Superior"™	26 J-8	Birch Lake S. Kawishiwi River	May to Oct	7	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<b>SHAGAWA INN MOTELS ON THE LAKE</b> 1973 W. Shagawa Rd, P.O. Box 148; Ely, MN 55731 (218) 365-5154 www.shagawainn.com	28 G-6	Shagawa Lake Ely	Mid May to Oct	9	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<b>TIMBER TRAIL LODGE</b> 629 Kawishiwi Trail, Ely, MN 55731 (218) 365-4879 www.timbertrail.com	33 H-9	Farm Lake	12	4	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

■ = On Site

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MAPS ON THE INSIDE FRONT COVER.

- 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, seasonal continental 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 BWCA day canoe trip.
- 1.5 Miles from downtown at a quiet setting on Shagawa Lake. Nine knotty pine motel cabins, air conditioning, cable TV, daily & weekly rentals, pets welcome, reasonable rates, boat landing, docking, and freezer.
- Housekeeping motel units with full kitchens, game room, beach, hiking trails, boats, motors, canoes available. Direct access to BWCAW. Nightly and weekly rates. FREE wireless Internet. www.timbertrail.com



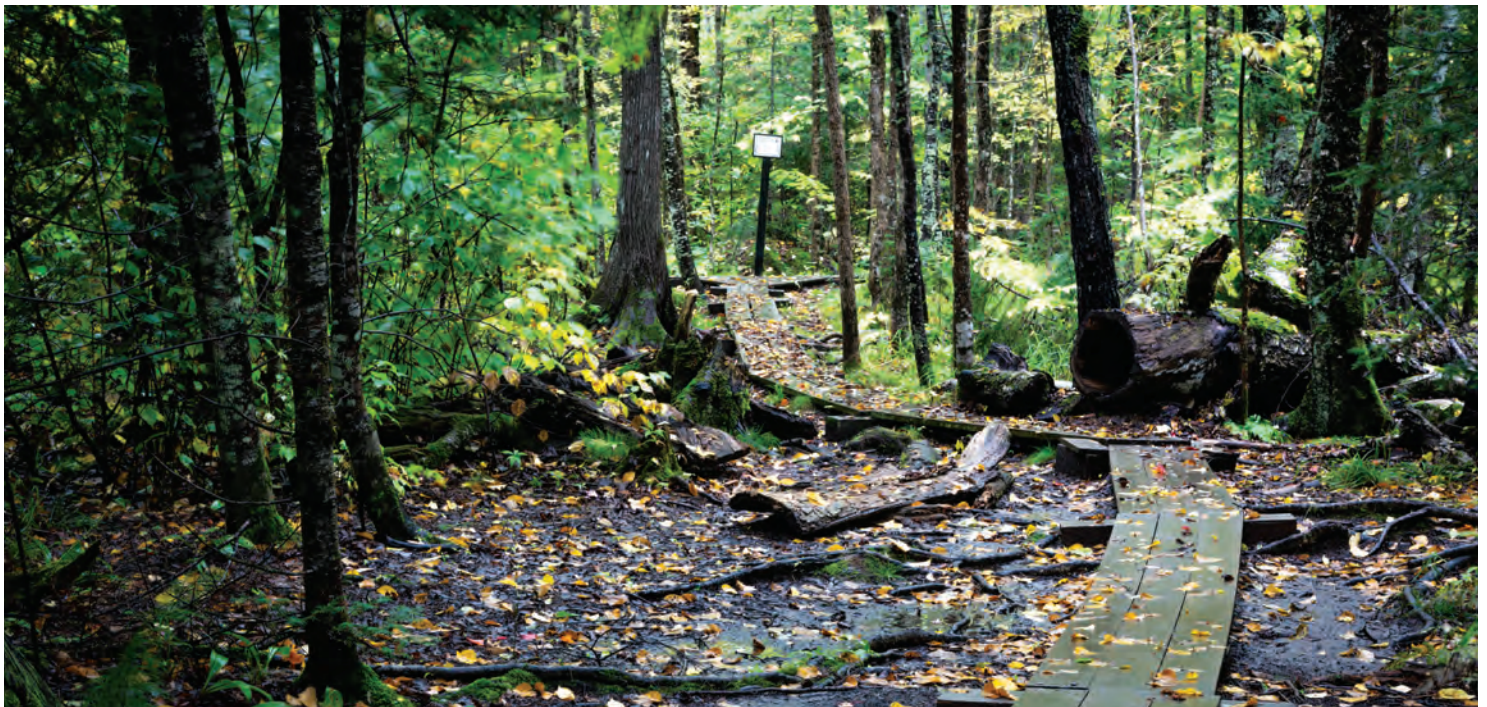
## Resorts

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	Map Location Coordinates	See Ad Page	Location (Lake or Town)	Distance from Ely	# of Cabins/Rooms	Handicap Accessible	Months Open	Planned Activities	Fireplaces	Restaurant	Bar on Premises	Sandy Beach	Pets Allowed	Internet Access	MN Fishing Licenses	Sauna	Guide Service	
<b>CAMP VAN VAC</b> 2714 Van Vac Lane, Ely, MN 55731 (218) 365-3782 www.campvanvac.com	5 F-5	28	Burnt-side Lake	6	25		May to Oct					■	■	■	■			Friendly log & stone housekeeping cabins for 2-10 on stunning lakeshore, woods, trails, Woodstoves, central showers & toilets, sauna. Boats, canoes, kayaks, pontoon, gas. Rates: \$600–1,800/week July & August. 20% discount Spring & Fall.
<b>CANOE COUNTRY CABINS</b> P.O. Box 30, Ely, MN, 55731 1-800-752-2306 www.canoeountryoutfitters.com	6 F-12	31 36	Moose Lake	20	5		5						■	■		■	■	Wilderness fishing on Moose Lake Chain and Basswood Lake. Boat, motor, and canoe rentals available daily or weekly. RV & tent campground. Canoe trip outfitting. Olson family owned and operated for 3 generations!
<b>CUSTOM CABIN RENTALS</b> 14663 Vosburgh Road, Ely, MN 55731 218-365-6947 www.customcabins.com	8 D-12	30	Moose Lake	20	8		May to Oct	■					■	■			■	Custom-designed vacations. Modern housekeeping cabins in unique settings with easy access to Basswood Lk. Guides, boats, motors, bait, gas, canoes, Internet. Full-service resort with privacy no other resort offers.
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<b>GRAND ELY LODGE RESORT &amp; EVENT CENTER</b> 400 North Pioneer Road, Ely, MN 55731 (218) 365-6565 www.grandelylodge.com info@grandelylodge.com	L&1 G-6	35	Shagawa Lake	2	61	■	12	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	Pool & whirlpool, restaurant, lounge & banquet area. FREE use of canoes, kayaks, paddle boats & snowshoes. Boat & Icehouse rental. Internet Access. Fireside lobby, *Nightly–Weekly* rates. Open 365 days. 1 mile from downtown Ely.
<b>LATOURELL'S RESORT</b> P.O. Box 239; Ely, MN 55731 (218) 365-4531 www.latourells.com	16 D-13	30	Moose Lake	20	11		6	■					■	■	■		■	3 generations providing wilderness vacations. "Gateway to Wilderness Fishing". Closest resort to Basswood Lake and world class fishing. Housekeeping cabins with A/C & top notch boats, motors and guides. Also hiking and canoeing from your cabin.
<b>LODGE OF WHISPERING PINES &amp; OUTFITTERS</b> 3060 Echo Trail, Ely, MN 55731 218-343-7714	10 B-4	26	Ely	20	11		May to Oct	■			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	Remote, off-grid. Surrounded by BWCA & national forest. "Your link with Nature" A true wilderness resort, located on the scenic Echo Trail & island dotted Big Lake. Cabins with hummingbirds at your window, good fishing, picnic spots and trails.
<b>NORTHERNAIR LODGE</b> 2130 Walleye Way, Ely, MN 55731 218-365-4882 www.northernairlodge.com	21 H-6		Mitchell Lake	3	12		May to Oct	■				■	■	■			■	The only resort on private access Mitchell Lake. Total seclusion only 3 miles from Ely. Perfect for families looking for a quiet escape from the crowds. Private log cabins, great fishing, sandy beach.
<b>PACKSACK CANOE TRIPS &amp; LOG CABINS</b> 129 Winton Point Road, Winton, MN 55731 218-365-3788 www.packsackcanoetrips.com	13 F-8	31	Fall Lake	3	3		May to Oct				■			■	■			Lakeshore housekeeping log cabins and bunkhouse on Fall Lake, 3 miles from Ely. Access to Basswood Lake. Canoe, boat, motor, portage wheel, pontoon rental. High speed wireless Internet. Live webcam at www.packsackcanoetrips.com.
<b>PINE POINT LODGE</b> 474 Kawishiwi Trail; Ely, MN 55731 boundarywaters.com/pinepoint 218-365-5581	25 G-8		White Iron Lake	6	6		May to Oct	■				■	■	■				Quiet housekeeping resort. 1-3 BR lakefront cabins nestled in pines. 19-mile lake chain with no motor/permit restrictions. Day trips into the Boundary Waters. Early reservations strongly recommended.
<b>RIVER POINT RESORT &amp; OUTFITTING CO.</b> 12007 River Point Rd (218) 365-6604 www.riverpointresort.com "Naturally Superior"™	26 J-8		Birch Lake S. Kawishiwi River	8.5	16		May to Oct	■				■		■			■	Magnificent mile-long private peninsula bordered by water w/BWCA access at this "away from it all" unparalleled resort. Secluded lakefront cabins w/screen porch, honeymoon villas, and designer chalets sprinkle the shoreline. New sauna, A/C.
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<b>TIMBER TRAIL LODGE</b> 629 Kawishiwi Trail, Ely, MN 55731 (218) 365-4879 www.timbertrail.com	33 H-9	23	Farm Lake	7	14		12	■			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	Scenic Timber Trail Lodge is packed with fun, exciting activities. Enjoy FISHING, nature hikes, wilderness canoeing into BWCA, camping trips, and beach. FREE wireless Internet.



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<b>BOUNDARY WATERS OUTFITTERS</b> 638 Kawishiwi Trail, Ely, MN 55731 218-365-3466 www.boundarywatersoutfitters.com	<b>33</b> H-9		Farm Lake	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	Boundary Waters Outfitters offers a lakeside location on the edge of the BWCA. Great gear at a great price. Fishing trips, guided trips, family trips. Special packages for scout groups, church groups, school groups and youth groups.
<b>CANOE COUNTRY OUTFITTERS</b> P.O. Box 30 Ely, MN 55731 1-800-752-2306 www.canoeconomyoutfitters.com	<b>C</b> 31 36		Ely	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	Olson family-owned and operated for 3 generations! Complete and partial ultra light outfitting. Kevlar and aluminum canoes. Van shuttles, towboat service, lodging, campground, cabin rentals. Providing quality rentals and services since 1946!
<b>CLIFF WOLD'S OUTFITTING COMPANY</b> 1731 E. Sheridan St., Ely, MN 55731 (218) 365-3267 www.cliffwolds.com	<b>P</b>		Ely	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	Serving BWCA & Quetico canoe trippers since 1961. Family owned and operated. Top quality service, lightweight gear, and custom packed canoe trail food (our own recipes). Reasonable rates & group discounts. Private bunkroom & campsite accommodations.
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<b>NORTHERN TIER NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE</b> 14790 Moose Lake Road Ely, MN 55731 (218) 365-4811 www.ntier.org	<b>43</b> D-13		Moose Lake	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	Northern Tier your gateway to adventure in the Northwoods. Located on Moose Lake, our year-round outfitting services are available to assist with your adventures into the BWCAW. Call today to see how we can assist with your trip planning.
<b>PACKSACK CANOE TRIPS &amp; LOG CABINS</b> 129 Winton Point Road, Winton, MN 55731 218-365-3788 www.packsackcanoetrips.com	<b>13</b> F-8 31		Fall Lake	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	Complete or partial outfitting. Unique lakeside log bunkhouse. Located on Fall Lake. Personalized service with trip routing and permit issuing. Central location with transportation to all entry points. Towboat service to top of Jackfish Bay.
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<b>RIVER POINT OUTFITTING CO. &amp; RESORT</b> 12007 River Point Rd Ely, MN 55731 (218) 365-6604 www.elyoutfitters.com	<b>26</b> J-8		Birch Lake S. Kawishiwi River	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	Paddle the Quiet Side® canoeing adventures with Ely Outfitters™ tradition of excellence in equipment and services since 1944. Escape to an amazing mile-long private peninsula bordered by water adjacent to the BWCA. Chalet lodging. Expert, friendly routing. A+ rating by AAA.
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<b>WILLIAMS &amp; HALL OUTFITTERS</b> P.O. Box 358; Ely, MN 55731 218-365-5837 www.williamsandhall.com	<b>41</b> D-12 31		Moose Lake	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	Strategically located on Moose Lake. Great for Quetico and BWCA trips. Complete and partial outfitting for groups and individuals. Bunkrooms, dining room, tow service and van service. Professional guides.

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<b>CANOE COUNTRY CAMPGROUND</b> P.O. Box 30; Ely, MN 55731 1-800-752-2306 www.canoeconomyoutfitters.com	<b>6</b> E-12 36		Moose Lake	20	20	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	RV and tent campground. Use boats with motors on the Moose Lake chain and Basswood Lake. Canoe-only lakes also available. Fishing-Hiking-Sightseeing. Boat-motor-cano-kayak rentals available on-site.
<b>WHISPERING PINES CAMPGROUND</b> 3060 Echo Trail, Ely, MN 55731 218-343-7714 www.lodgeofwhisperingpines.com	<b>10</b> B-4 26		Big Lake	20	6	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	Our six campsites are located along the shoreline and each are separated by trees for seclusion. Travel trailers and pop-ups to 25 feet. Tents are welcome too.

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<b>YMCA CAMP DU NORD</b> 3606 North Arm Road, Ely, MN 612-822-2267 dunord.org	<b>48</b> D-5 26		Burntside Lake	16	12	44	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	Relaxation, exploration and community are at YMCA Camp du Nord, a year-round destination for families and groups on Burntside Lake near the BWCAW. Enjoy hiking, skiing, paddling, snowshoeing and the traditional Finnish sauna.
<b>YMCA CAMP NORTHERN LIGHTS</b> 9089 Highway 21 N Babbitt MN 55706 612-822-2267 campnorthernlights.org	<b>50</b> K-5 26		Bear Island Lake	11	12	33	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	Escape to the northwoods and visit YMCA Camp Northern Lights, a year-round destination for families on Bear Island Lake near the BWCAW. Cozy and comfortable cabins include all the amenities you need for a stress free vacation.



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# Kawishiwi Trail

*I had no idea how to pronounce "Kawishiwi" when I first visited Ely, so I had to ask. Then I had to practice saying it slowly a few times—Kuh-WISH-uh-wee. But what does it mean? The Ojibway word has no direct translation into English, but the jist may be something like "where the spirit crosses over." The Kawishiwi River is a waterway of lakes and rivers that stretches from deep inside the BWCAW to the magnificent Kawishiwi Falls on Fall Lake. It includes Farm and Garden Lakes, which seemed like strange names in this world of boreal forests. I learned that Ojibway families indeed had farms and gardens here, and these lakes often produce bountiful crops of wild rice. Today the shores are dotted with lovely resorts, summer cabins, and year-round homes. The road ended at Silver Rapids and crossing the river required a boat or good ice until 1908, when a one-lane wooden bridge was built, but today the trail extends to the edge of the BWCAW with a fully modern bridge.*



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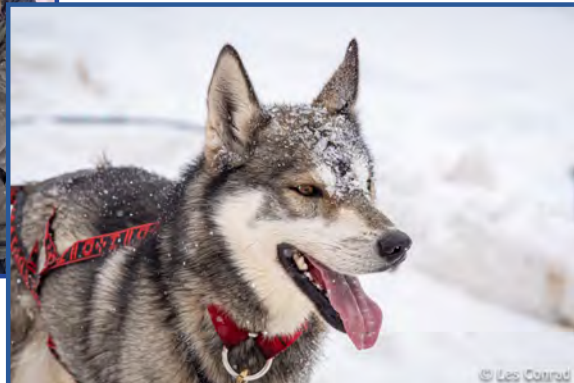
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# Echo Trail

*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!*



## RESORTS

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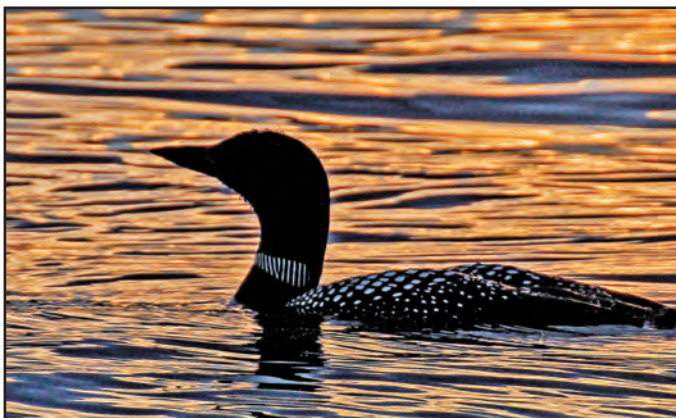


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# Grant McMahon Boulevard

## County Road 88

*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...*

*Photo by Kendra Kauppi*

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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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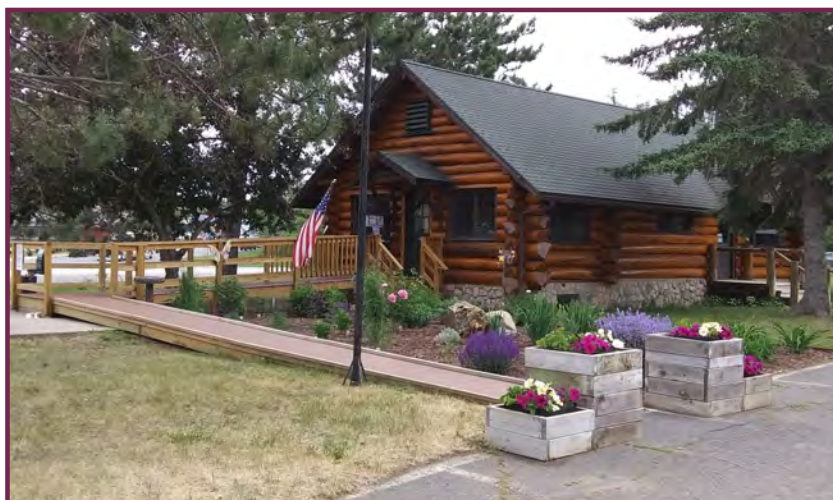
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# To the South

*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!*

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# 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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### Studio North - Dance & Fitness Center

1550 E Washington St Ely 218-365-2493

## GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SERVICES

### City of Babbitt

71 South Dr Babbitt 218-827-3464  
[sara@babbitt-mn.com](mailto:sara@babbitt-mn.com) [babbitt-mn.com](http://babbitt-mn.com)

### City of Ely

209 E Chapman St Ely 218-365-3224  
[www.Ely.MN.US](http://www.Ely.MN.US)

### City of Embarrass

7503 Levander Rd Embarrass 218-984-2084

### City of Winton

102 N Main St Winton 218-365-5941

### Ely License Bureau

17 E Chapman St Ely 218-365-6262

### U.S. Forest Service - Kawishiwi Ranger District

1393 Hwy 169 Ely 218-365-7600

## HEALTH & WELL-BEING

### Boundary Waters Care Center

200 W Conan St Ely 218-365-8705

### Ely Family Dental

40 N 1st Ave E Suite 5 Ely 218-365-3565

### Ely Veterinary Clinic

318 E Miners Dr Ely 218-365-5911

### Ely Vision & Optometry Ctr P.C.

38 E Harvey St Ely 218-365-4919

### Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital

328 W Conan St Ely 218-365-3271 Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital features a fully staffed 24/7 Emergency Department with onsite lab, diagnostic imaging and rehab therapy services. Ely Community Pharmacy (owned and operated by EBCH) is open M-F 8am-6pm and Saturdays 9am-1pm. Call 218-365-8788 for easy prescription refills. [www.ebch.org](http://www.ebch.org)

### Healthy Families Chiropractic

10 N 1 Ave E, Suite 101 Ely 218-290-4644

### Sundell Eye Associates

602 N 6th Ave W Virginia 218-741-4411

## HEATING, AC, PLUMBING & ELECTRICAL

### Edwards Oil

620 E Sheridan St Ely 218-365-6444

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1842 E Sheridan St Ely 218-365-4042. See ad below.

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[info@canadianborderoutpost.com](mailto:info@canadianborderoutpost.com)

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PO Box 636 Tower 218-753-2950

**Raven Words Press & Ely Times**

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943 E Sheridan St Ely 218-365-2800

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Photo by Ayla McNeill

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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.



Photo by Abby Sirek



# 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.



## Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital

**PH: 218-365-3271**

[www.ebch.org](http://www.ebch.org)

## Ely Behavioral Health Network

**PH: 218-365-7980**

[www.elycct.org](http://www.elycct.org)

## Ely Veterans Affairs (VA) Clinic

**PH: 218-365-0001**

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

## Essentia Health Clinic

**PH: 218-365-7900**

[www.essentiahealth.org](http://www.essentiahealth.org)

## Northern Lights Club House

**PH: 218-235-9539**

[www.elynlc.org](http://www.elynlc.org)

# Let's Talk Numbers

## Population

Ely .....	3390
Babbitt .....	1419
Winton .....	116
Embarrass .....	665
Tower .....	470
Soudan .....	378
St. Louis County (within 25 miles) .....	2526
Lake County - Fall Lake .....	560
Lake County - Stony River .....	230
Total Area Population .....	9754

## 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%.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Collected</u>	<u>Approx. Revenue</u>
2016	\$297,598	\$9,919,933
2017	\$298,456	\$9,948,533
2018	\$317,679	\$10,589,300
2019	\$291,385	\$9,712,823
2020	\$305,760	\$10,192,000
2021	\$325,257	\$10,841,900

## City of Ely Sales Tax

<u>Year</u>	<u>Gross Sales</u>	<u>Taxable Sales</u>	<u>Sales Tax</u>
2015	\$109,164,107	\$45,886,793	\$3,281,073
2016	\$111,804,795	\$47,281,743	\$3,423,197
2017	\$122,453,955	\$49,520,892	\$3,571,935
2018	\$130,294,207	\$49,465,846	\$3,530,568
2019	\$126,699,954	\$48,191,236	\$3,442,982
2020	\$114,948,950	\$46,627,285	\$3,327,681

## Current Sales Tax - 7.35%

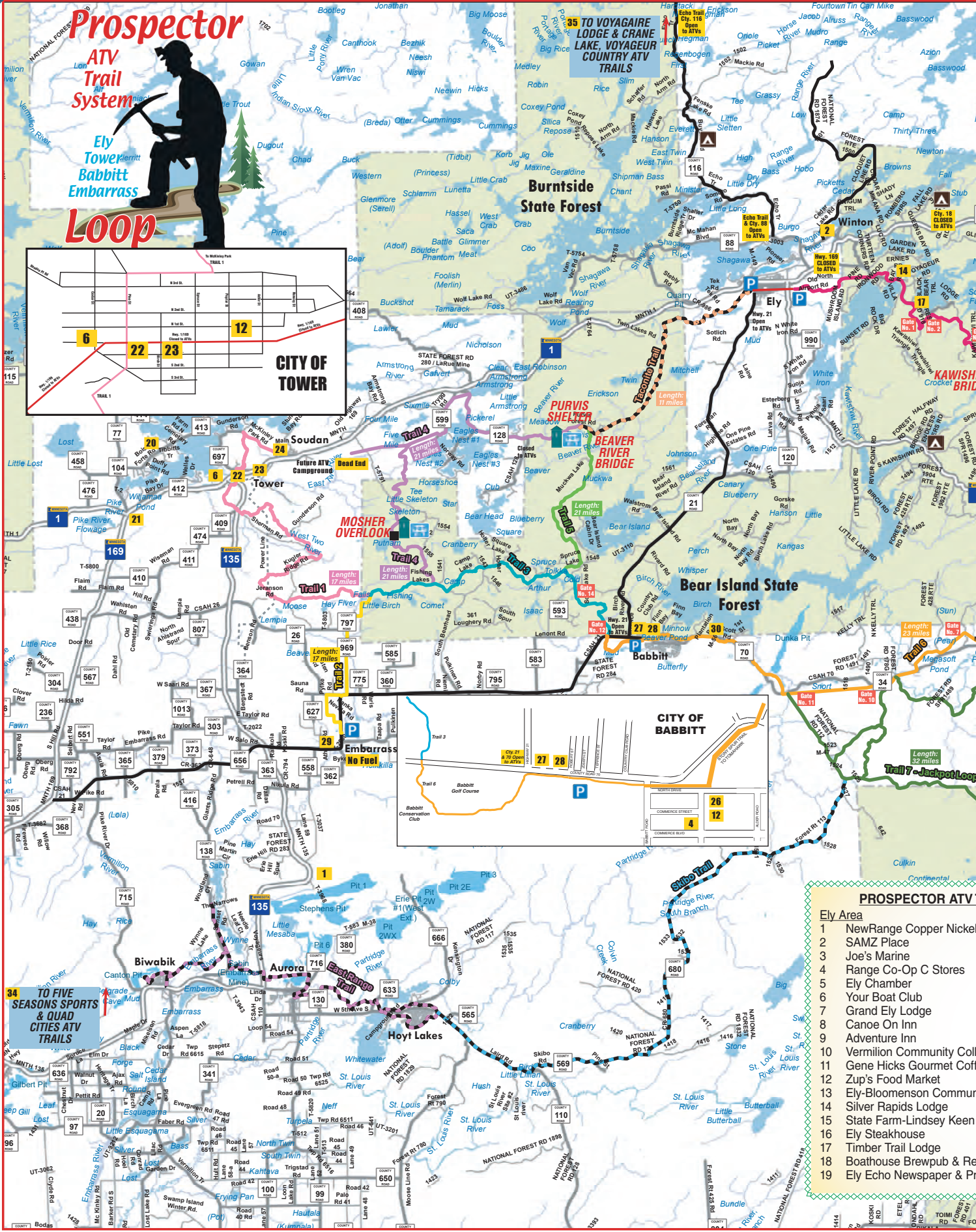
[www.revenue.state.mn.us](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us)

## 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.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	<u>Day Use</u>	<u>Total</u>
2014	24,301	11,732	36,033
2015	26,094	13,634	39,728
2016	25,898	15,184	40,982
2017	25,773	14,496	40,269
2018	25,631	15,162	40,763
2019	25,278	14,908	40,186
2020	31,548	17,660	49,208





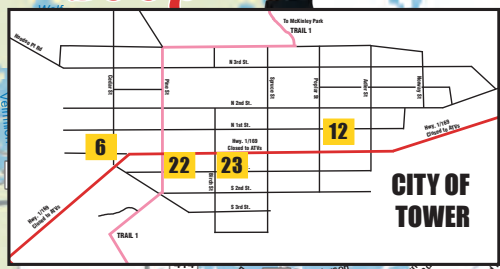
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ATV Trail System

## Loop



Ely Tower  
Babbitt  
Embarrass



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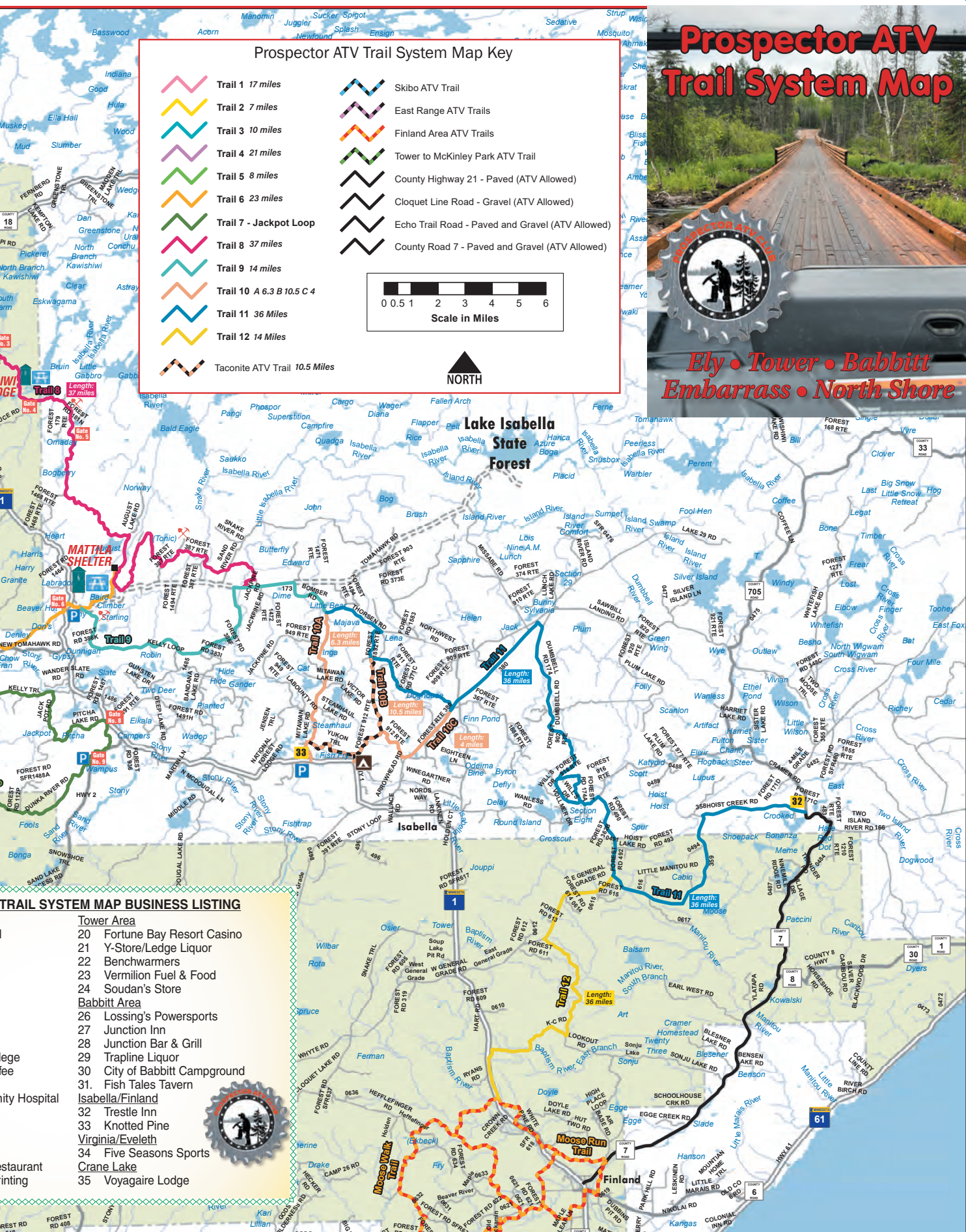
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  - 8 Canoe On Inn
  - 9 Adventure Inn
  - 10 Vermilion Community Coll
  - 11 Gene Hicks Gourmet Coff
  - 12 Zup's Food Market
  - 13 Ely-Bloomenson Commu
  - 14 Silver Rapids Lodge
  - 15 State Farm-Lindsey Keen
  - 16 Ely Steakhouse
  - 17 Timber Trail Lodge
  - 18 Boathouse Brewpub & Re
  - 19 Ely Echo Newspaper & Pr

















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