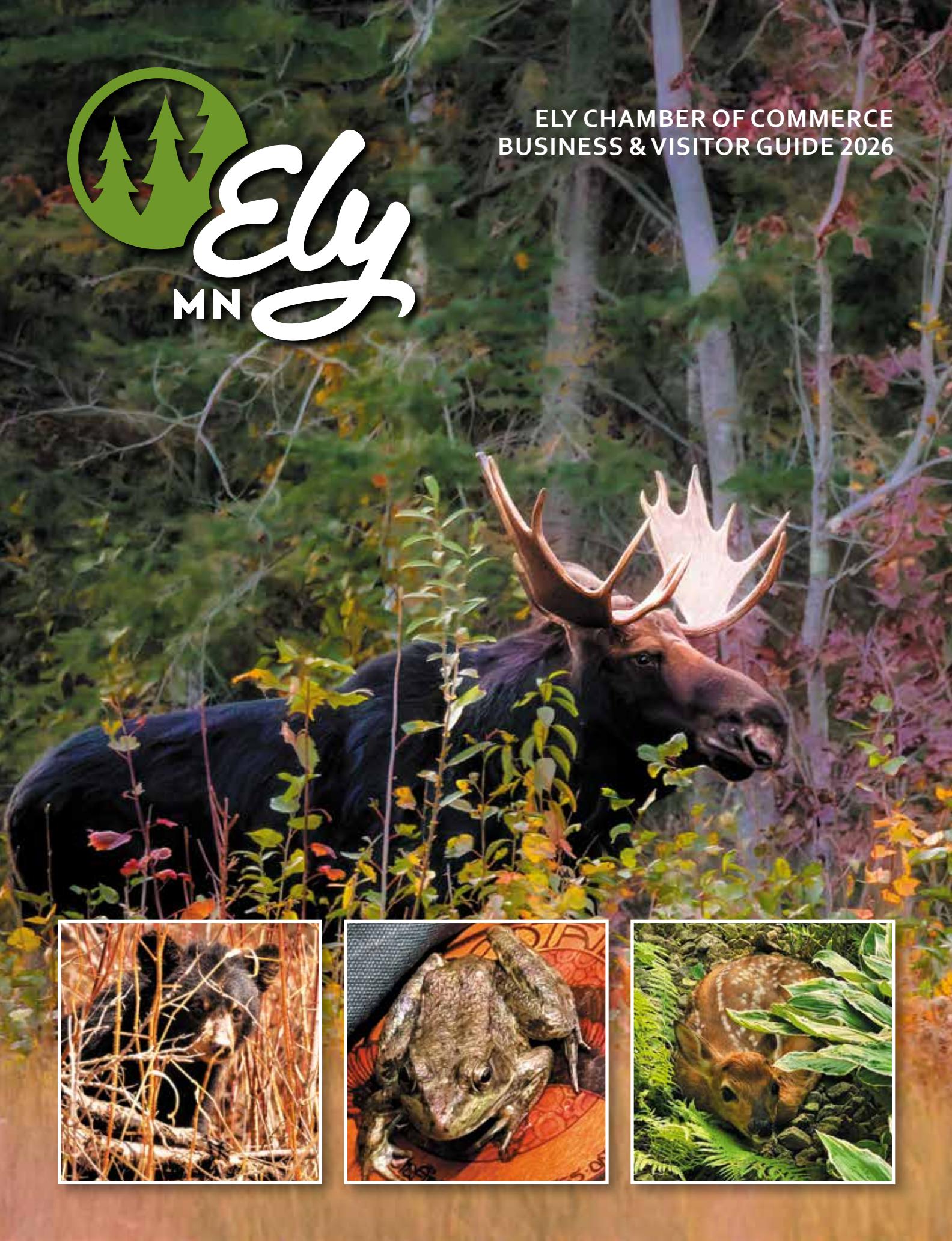
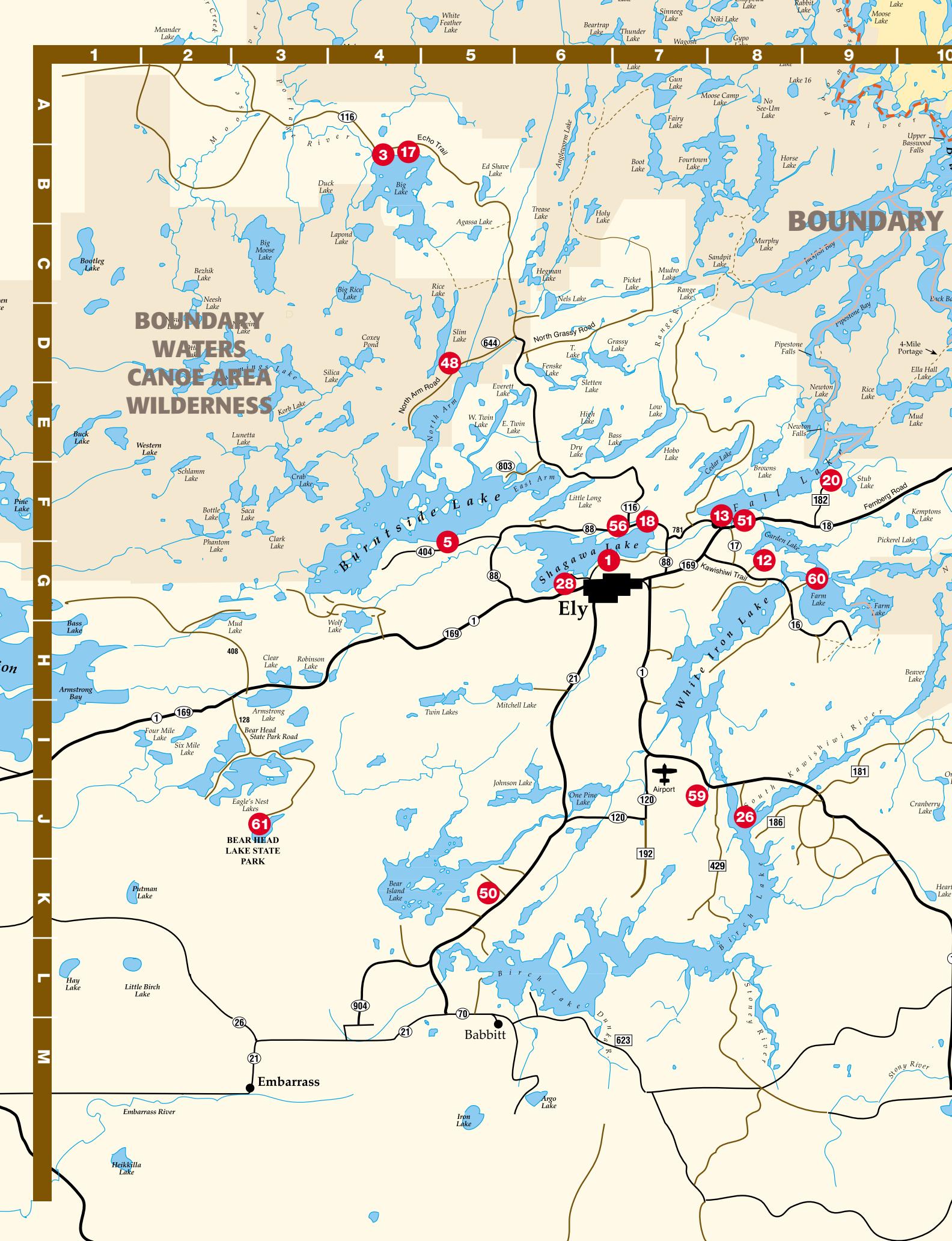
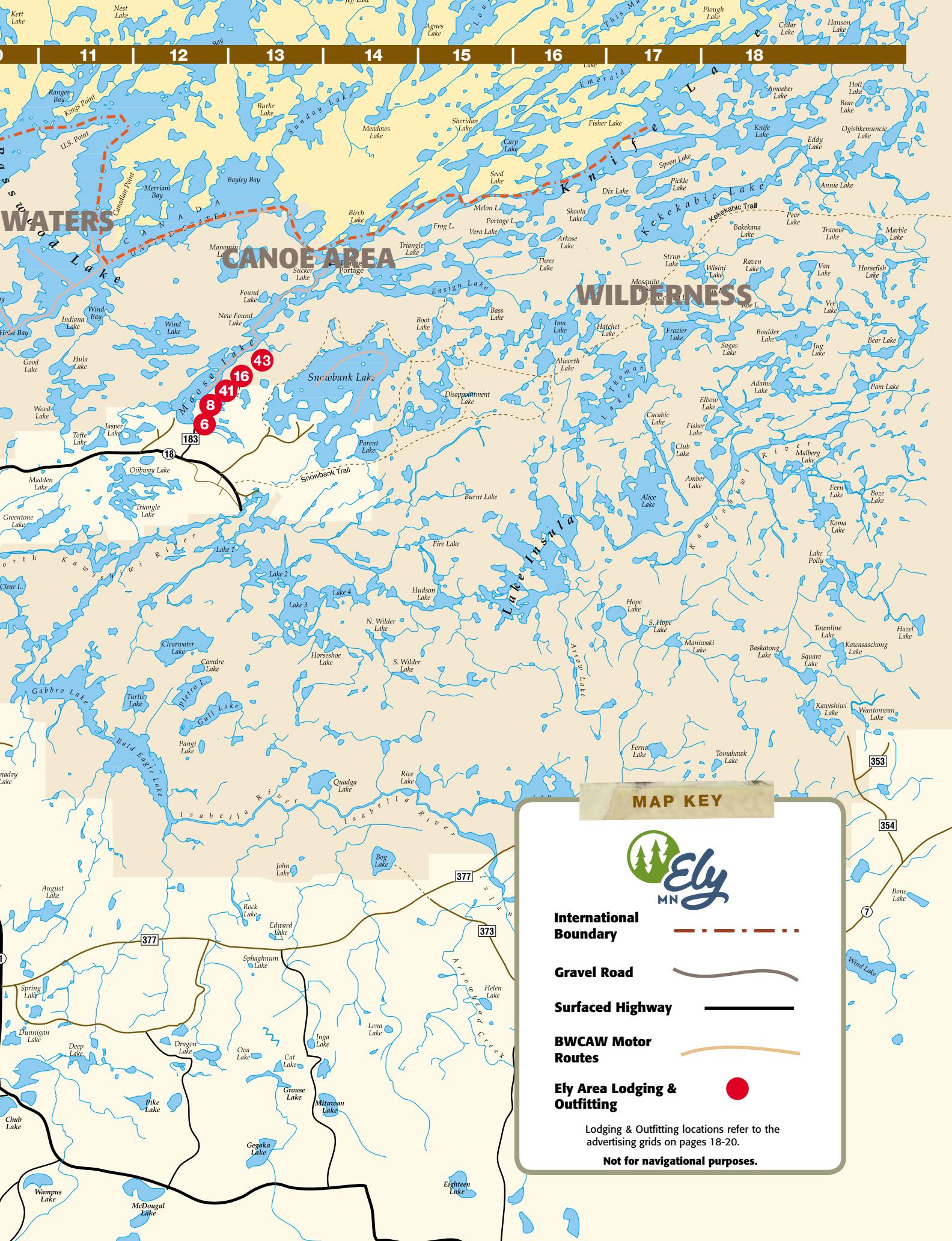




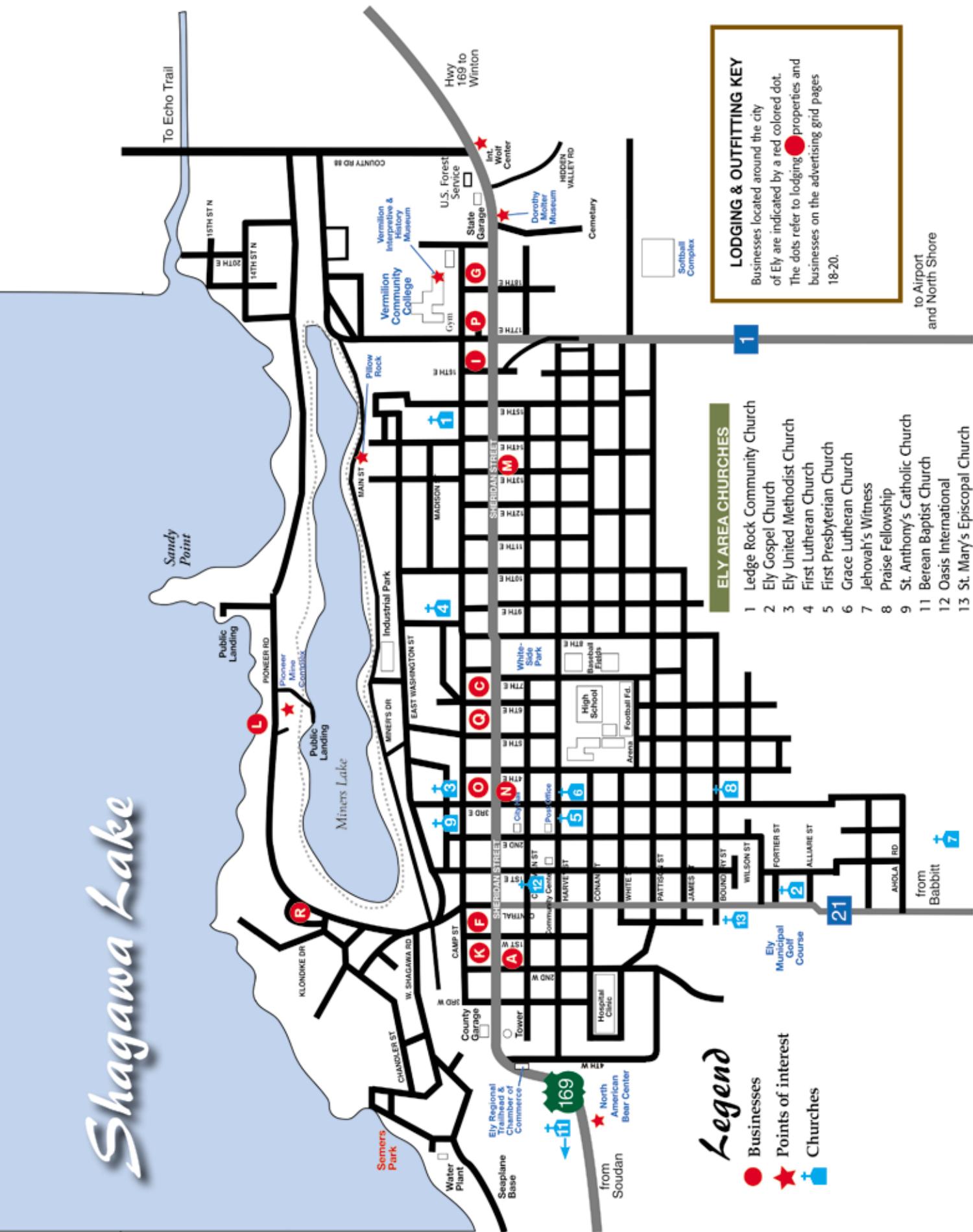
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# *Shagawa Lake*



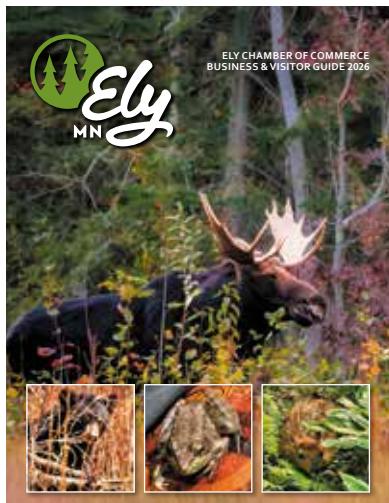


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Seeking to relocate? Ely is a prime community with amenities and services making it the hub for surrounding communities. Ely. Live. Work. Play.

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# 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.



*Photo by Diane Kromer*

# 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.



*Photo by Kendra Kauppi*

# Dine

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!



*Photo by Daniel Raza*

# Celebrate



Photo by Bria Schurke



Photo by Catherine Raza

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...



Photo by Anja Breiehagen



Photo by Donna Meier

# 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 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.

## 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.

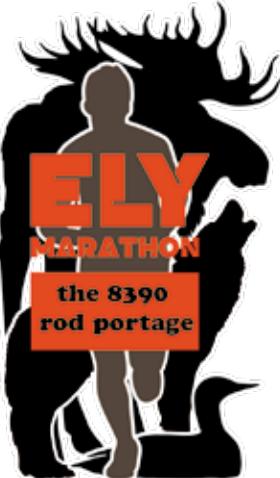
## Ely Winter Festival and Art Walk



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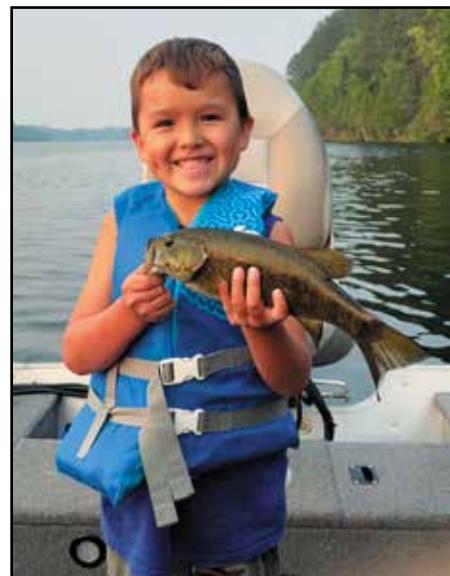
In early February, Ely's Whiteside Park becomes a winter wonderland as local and international snow carvers turn 8' x 12' blocks of snow into works of art. The downtown area becomes an outdoor gallery as hundreds of works of art are displayed in merchant windows. Many other events are scheduled during 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.

## Peter Mitchell Fun Days



Daniel Raza

Celebrate Babbitt's heritage in this family-friendly nine-day event featuring live music, kids activities, food, and more. The event kicks off on the second Saturday of June with their Walleye Whamma Fishing Contest. For a full list of events, visit Peter Mitchell Fun Days on Facebook.

## 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)

## FEBRUARY

- 5-15**  
Ely Winter Festival and Ely Art Walk  
**7**  
Ely Snowmobile Fun Run  
**20-22**  
WolfTrack Classic Sled Dog Weekend

## MARCH

- 11-15**  
Ely Film Festival  
**19-22**  
Ely Dark Sky Festival

## MAY

- 16**  
Citywide Rummage, Business Crazy Day, & Used Equipment & Watercraft Sale  
**25**  
Memorial Day Remembrance

## 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.



## Ely Film Festival



Abby Sirek

The Ely Film Festival recognizes local to national filmmakers showcasing a broad range of themes representing adventure, community, and more. [Visit elyfilmfest.com](http://elyfilmfest.com)

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Walleye Whamma  
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**4**  
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**16-19**  
Ely Watercolor Show  
**23-26**  
Operation Blueberry

### AUGUST

- 8-9**  
Ely Snowmobile Watercross

### SEPTEMBER

- 4-7**  
Fest du Nord  
**10-13**  
Harvest Days  
**11-13**  
Harvest Moon Festival  
**18**  
Northern Lights Clubhouse 5K Glow Run/Walk  
**19**  
Ely Marathon, Half Marathon & Canoe Portage

### NOVEMBER

- 28**  
Shop Local Saturday

### DECEMBER

- 4-6**  
Mrs. Claus Holiday Hop, Shine Bright Ely & more  
**5**  
Mrs. Claus Party  
**14**  
Gift Getter Gauntlet – Procrastinator's Only

*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



*International Wolf Center*

Learn about wolves through interactive exhibits, observe the ambassador wolves, or attend a weekly feeding or howling expedition. The Center offers various daily programs, movies, and other adventures, ensuring there's something for everyone.

## 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 canoeists 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



*Dorothy Molter Museum*

three cabin exhibits including two videos, a .25mi nature trail, a birding garden and guided programs.

## Ely Arts & Heritage Center



*Ashley Mowery*

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



*Ashley Mowery*

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



*Eric Simula*

## Ely Folk School

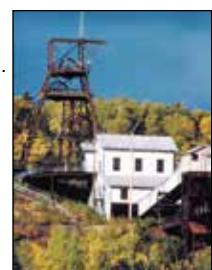
From ethnic cooking classes to basket weaving, jewelry making, furniture building, photography, fabric arts, writing, painting and other arts, stained glass making, gardening, sustainable living, herbs and health, foraging, canoeing and canoe building, dances and music, there are classes for most every 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.

# 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.

## Wintergreen Northern Wear

**Owner:**

*Jackson & Gabriel Harren*



## Steger Mukluks

**Owner:**

*Patti Steger*



*Photo by Lucy Hawthorne*

## Brainstorm Bakery

**Owners:**

*Brian & Andrea Strom*



## ATV



## Hike



## Bike



# Trails to Adventure

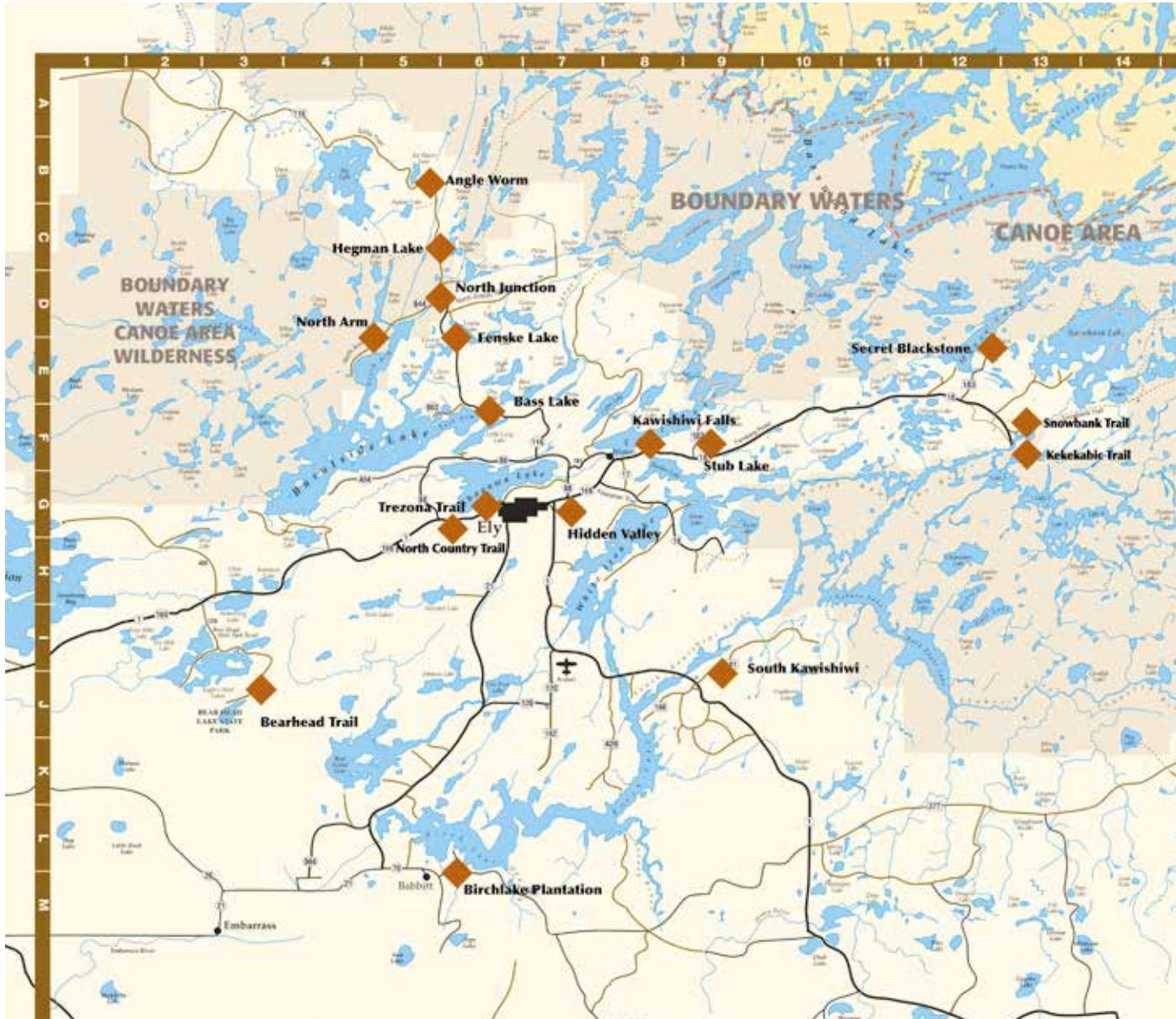


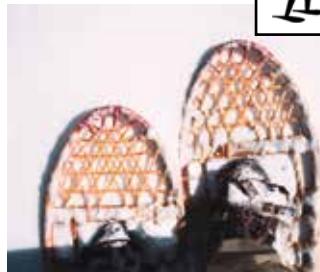
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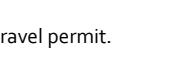
## Trailhead Points



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	
Kekekabic Trail	21	39	
North Arm	14	32*	
North Country Trail	0	48,000	
North Junction	7	17*	
S. Kawishiwi River +	10	1	
Secret-Blackstone	20	5*	
Snowbank Trail	21	28.1	
Treazona 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 James Stone*

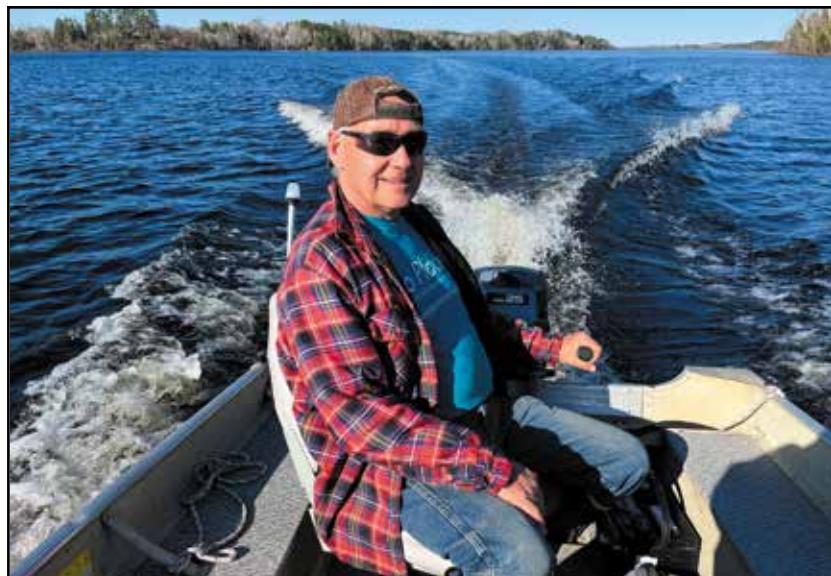


*Photo by Michelle Wild*

# 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 Donna Meier*



*Photo by Jayne Bohner*



*Photo by Daniel Raza*



*Photo by Donna Meier*

# 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 Donna Meier*



*Photo by Thomas Johnson*



*Photo by Donna Meier*

# 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 Michelle Wild*



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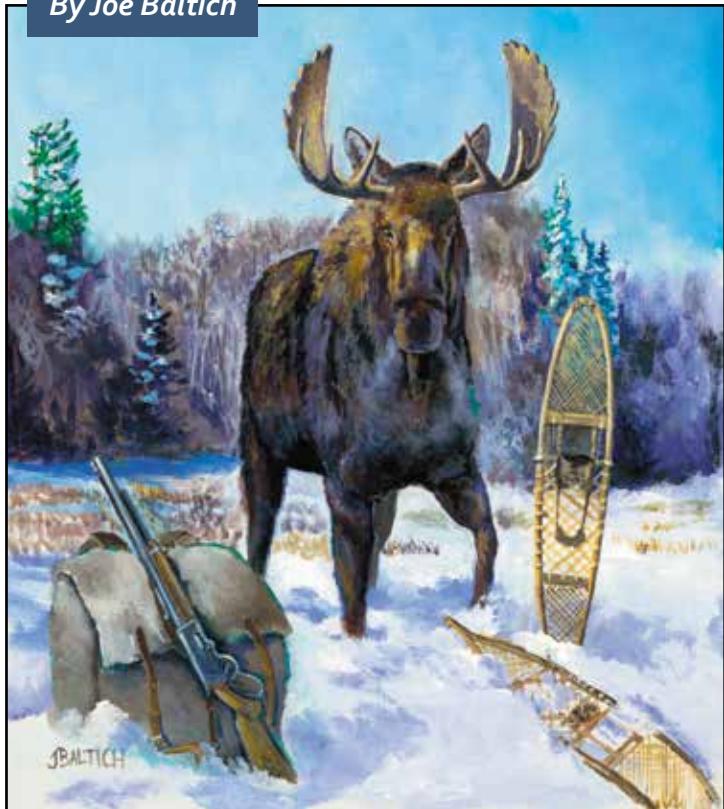
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*Photo by George Spanholz*

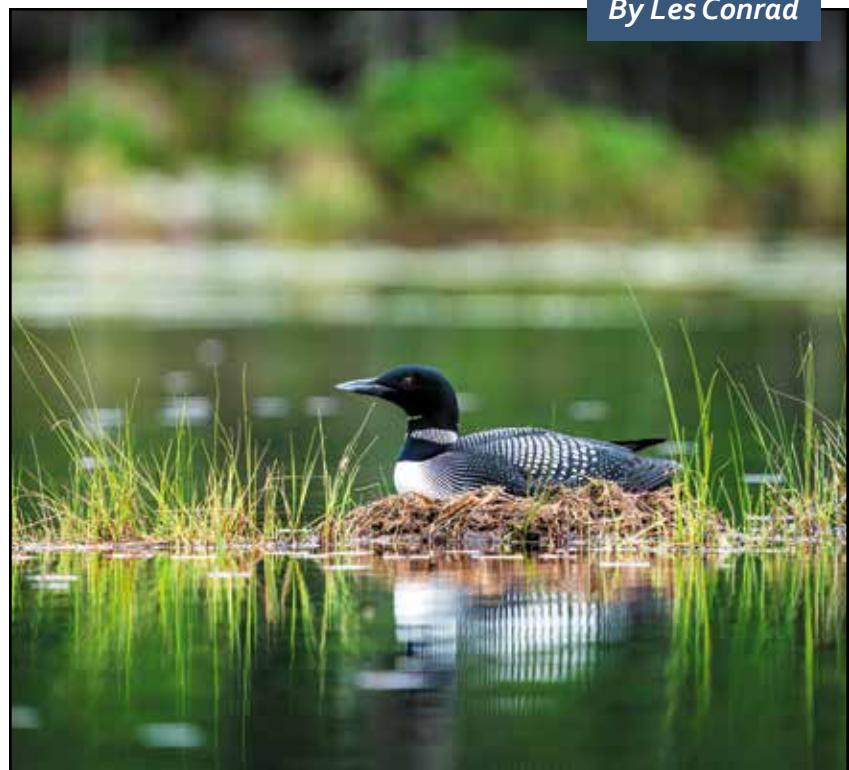
# Arts &

*By Joe Baltich*



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 a

*By Les Conrad*



# More

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 Heather Magee*



*By Pamela J. Davis*



# 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 Thomas Johnson*



*Photo by James Stone*

## Resorts

Location coordinates refer to maps on inside front cover.

		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	■ = On Site
<b>CAMP VAN VAC</b> 2714 Van Vac Lane, Ely, MN 55731 (218) 365-3782 <a href="http://www.campvanvac.com">www.campvanvac.com</a>	<b>5</b> F-5	23	Burntside Lake	6	25		May to Oct.			■	■	■	■	■	■	■		Friendly log & stone housekeeping cabins for 2-10 on stunning lake shore, woods, trails. Wood stoves, central showers & toilets, sauna. Boats, canoes, kayaks, pontoon, gas. Rates: \$600–1,800/ week July & August. 20% discount Spring & Fall. See ad page – 23.	
<b>CANOE COUNTRY CABINS</b> P.O. Box 30, Ely, MN, 55731 218-365-4046 <a href="http://www.canoecountryoutfitters.com">www.canoecountryoutfitters.com</a>	<b>6</b> E-12	25	Moose Lake	20	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! See ad page – 25.	
<b>CUSTOM CABIN RENTALS</b> 14663 Vosburgh Road, Ely, MN 55731 218-365-6947 <a href="http://www.customcabins.com">www.customcabins.com</a>	<b>8</b> D-12	26	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. See ad page – 26.	
<b>ESPLAND'S RESORT</b> 1540 Grant McMahan Blvd, Ely, MN 55731 218-365-5282 or 612-867-4606	<b>18</b> G-8		Shagawa Lake	3.5	4		May to Sept.				■							4 Housekeeping cabins 3 1/2 miles from Ely. Pet-friendly, TV, gas grills, campfire area, kayaks, canoe, and paddle boat to use.	
<b>GARDEN LAKE RESORT</b> 13705 Mill Rd, Ely, MN 55731 218-365-5498 <a href="http://www.gardenlakeresort.com">www.gardenlakeresort.com</a>	<b>12</b> G-8		Garden Lake	6	4 8		12	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	4-Cabin housekeeping resort! Modern, clean, free wireless Internet, furnished boats, gas grills, chain of lakes, BWCAW access, docks, electric, full service, fireplaces, TV-DVD, campfire, playground, ramp, deck and air conditioned.	
<b>GRAND ELY LODGE RESORT &amp; EVENT CENTER</b> 400 North Pioneer Road, Ely, MN 55731 <a href="http://www.grandelylodge.com">www.grandelylodge.com</a> info@grandelylodge.com	<b>L&amp;1</b> G-6	31	Shagawa Lake	2	61	■	12	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	Pool & whirlpool, restaurant, lounge & banquet area. FREE use of canoes, kayaks, paddle boats & snowshoes. Boat & Ice house rental. Internet Access. Fireside lobby, *Nightly–Weekly* rates. Open 365 days. 1 mile from downtown Ely. See ad page – 31.	
<b>LA TOURELL'S RESORT</b> P.O. Box 239; Ely, MN 55731 (218) 365-4531 <a href="http://www.latourells.com">www.latourells.com</a>	<b>16</b> D-13	25	Moose Lake	21	10		May to Oct.	■			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	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. See ad page – 25.	
<b>LODGE OF WHISPERING PINES &amp; OUTFITTERS</b> 3060 Echo Trail, Ely, MN 55731 218-343-7714	<b>10</b> B-4	35	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. See ad page – 35.	
<b>PACKSACK CANOE TRIPS &amp; LOG CABINS</b> 129 Winton Point Road, Winton, MN 55731 218-365-3788 <a href="http://www.packsackcanoetrips.com">www.packsackcanoetrips.com</a>	<b>13</b> F-8	25	Fall Lake	3	3		May to Oct.			■		■	■	■				Lake shore 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 <a href="http://www.packsackcanoetrips.com">www.packsackcanoetrips.com</a> . See ad page – 25.	
<b>RIVER POINT RESORT &amp; OUTFITTING CO.</b> 12007 River Point Rd. (218) 365-6604 <a href="http://www.riverpointresort.com">www.riverpointresort.com</a> "Naturally Superior"™	<b>26</b> J-8		Birch Lake S. Kawishiwi River	85	13		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.	
<b>SHAGAWA INN RESORT</b> 1973 W. Shagawa Rd, P.O. Box 148, Ely, MN 55731 (218) 365-5154 <a href="http://www.shagawaiinn.com">www.shagawaiinn.com</a>	<b>28</b> G-6	30	Shagawa Lake		6		May to Oct.	■			■	■						Housekeeping cabins from 1-3 bedrooms, private docks – motel cabins, small campground, cable TV, air-conditioning, BBQ grills, boats, motors, freezer and boat landing. See ad page – 30.	

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## Canoe Outfitters

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Map Location Coordinates	See Ad Page	Location (Lake or Town)			Youth Group Rates	Guide Service	Overnight accommodations on premises	Cont. Breakfast	Bait	MN Fishing Licenses	Tow Service	Restaurant	Permit issuing
<b>CANOE COUNTRY OUTFITTERS</b> P.O. Box 30 Ely, MN 55731 218-365-4046 www.canoecountryoutfitters.com	<b>C</b> 30	Ely	■	■	■			■	■	■	■	■	■
<b>CLIFF WOLD'S OUTFITTING COMPANY</b> 1731 E. Sheridan St., Ely, MN 55731 (218) 365-3267 www.cliffwolds.com	<b>P</b>	Ely	■	■				■	■	■	■	■	■
<b>ECHO TRAIL OUTFITTERS</b> 3060 Echo Trail, Ely, MN 55731 218-343-7714 www.LodgeofWhisperingPines.com	<b>10</b> B-4	35	Big Lake	■	■	■			■		■	■	■
<b>ELY OUTFITTING COMPANY</b> 529 E. Sheridan St., Ely, MN 55731 218-343-7951 www.ElyOutfittingCompany.com	<b>Q</b>	Ely	■	■	■			■			■	■	■
<b>LATOURELL'S MOOSE LAKE OUTFITTERS</b> P.O. Box 239; Ely, MN 55731 (218) 365-4531 www.latourells.com	<b>16</b> D-13	25	Moose Lake Chain of Lakes	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<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	■	■	■	■	■				■	■
<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	25	Fall Lake	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<b>PIRAGIS NORTHWOODS COMPANY</b> 105 N. Central Ave.; Ely, MN 55731 (218) 365-6745 1-800-223-6565 www.piragis.com	<b>F</b>	30	Ely	■	■				■	■		■	■
<b>RIVER POINT OUTFITTING CO. &amp; RESORT</b> 12007 River Point Rd Ely, MN 55731 (218) 365-6604 elyoutfitters.com and riverpointoutfitting.com	<b>26</b> J-8		Birch Lake S. Kawishiwi River	■		■			■			■	■
<b>VOYAGEUR NORTH CANOE OUTFITTERS</b> 1829 E. Sheridan St., Ely, MN 55731 218-365-3251 vno@vnrth.com www.vnrth.com 1-800-848-5530	<b>G</b>	30	Ely	■		■			■	■	■	■	■
<b>WILLIAMS &amp; HALL OUTFITTERS</b> P.O. Box 358; Ely, MN 55731 218-365-5837 www.williamsandhall.com	<b>41</b> D-12	25	Moose Lake	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

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Map Location Coordinates	See Ad Page	Location (Lake or Town)			Distance from Ely	Number of Sites	Trailer / Tent Sites	Dump Station	Electric Hook-up	Water Hook-up	Fire Pits & Firewood	Flush Toilets	Showers	Swimming	Boat/Motor Rental	Bait	Food/Snack Bar/Store	Laundry/Facilities
<b>CANOE COUNTRY CAMPGROUND</b> P.O. Box 30 Ely, MN 55731 218-365-4046 www.canoecountryoutfitters.com	<b>C</b> 30	Moose Lake	20	20	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
<b>WHISPERING PINES CAMPGROUND</b> 3060 Echo Trail, Ely, MN 55731 218-343-7714 www.LodgeofWhisperingPines.com	<b>10</b> B-4	35	Big Lake	20	6	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	

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Map Location Coordinates	See Ad Page	Location (Lake or Town)			Distance from Ely	Months Open	Number of Cabins	Handicap Accessible	Planned Activities	Fireplaces	Sandy Beach	Sauna	Guide Service	Pets Allowed	Internet Access	
<b>YMCA CAMP DU NORD</b> 3606 North Arm Road, Ely, MN 55706 612-822-2267 dunord.org	<b>48</b> D-5	27	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 BWCW. Enjoy hiking, skiing, paddling, snowshoeing and the traditional Finnish sauna. See ad page – 27.
<b>YMCA CAMP NORTHERN LIGHTS</b> 9089 Highway 21 N Babbitt MN 55706 612-822-2267 campnorthernlights.org	<b>50</b> K-5	27	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 BWCW. Cozy and comfortable cabins include all the amenities you need for a stress free vacation. See ad page – 27.

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# Grant McMahan 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 McMahan 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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Custom Cabin Rentals	14663 Vosburgh Rd Ely	218-365-6947
LaTourell's Resort	14793 Moose Lake Rd Ely	218-365-4531
Northwind Lodge	2267 Fernberg Road Ely	218-365-5489
Packsack Log Cabins	129 Winton Point Rd Winton	218-365-3788
Snowbank Lodge and Outfitters	14564 Snow Lodge Road Ely	218-365-6032
Veterans On The Lake	161 Fernberg Road Ely	218-365-6900

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LaTourell's Moose Lake Outfitters	14793 Moose Lake Rd Ely	218-365-4531
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Packsack Canoe Trips	129 Winton Point Rd. Winton	218-365-3788
Williams & Hall Wilderness Outfitters	14694 Vosburgh Rd Ely	218-365-5837

## CAMPGROUNDS

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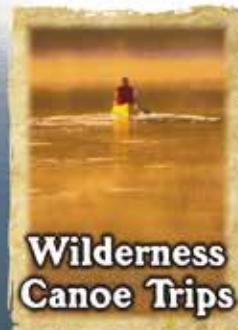
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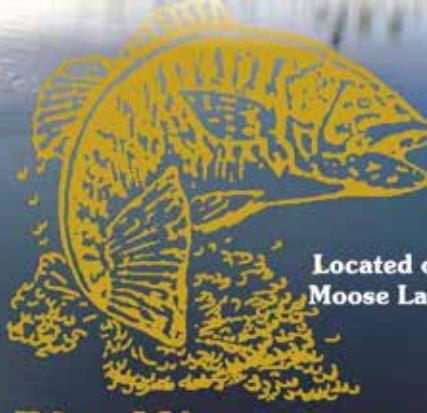


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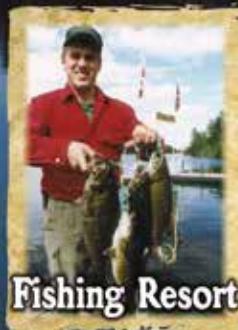


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# To the South

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!

Photo by Wyatt Kauppi

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Timber Bay Lodge	8347 Timber Bay Rd Babbitt	218-827-3682
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North of North Resort	12265 Highway 1 Ely	320-267-8894
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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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## CAMPGROUNDS

Bear Head Lake State Park	9301 Bear Head State Park Rd Ely	218-235-2520
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## VACATION HOME RENTAL

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Piney Woods Retreat	Bear Head State Park Rd Ely	pineywoodsretreat@gmail.com
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## RESORTS

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<b>Paddle Inn</b>	1314 E Sheridan St Ely	888-270-2245
<b>Shagawa Inn Motels on the Lake</b>	1973 W Shagawa Rd Ely	218-365-5154
<b>Stay Inn Ely</b>	112 W Sheridan St Ely	218-365-6010

## OUTFITTERS

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<b>Canoe Country Outfitter</b>	629 E Sheridan St Ely	218-365-4046
<b>Cliff Wold's Canoe Trip Outfitting Co.</b>	1731 E Sheridan St Ely	218-365-3267
<b>Ely Outfitting Co.</b>	529 E Sheridan St Ely	218-343-7951
<b>Piragis Northwoods Co. Outfitting</b>	105 N Central Ave Ely	800-223-6565
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<b>Way To Go Outfitters</b>	1920 E Sheridan St Ely	218-365-7676

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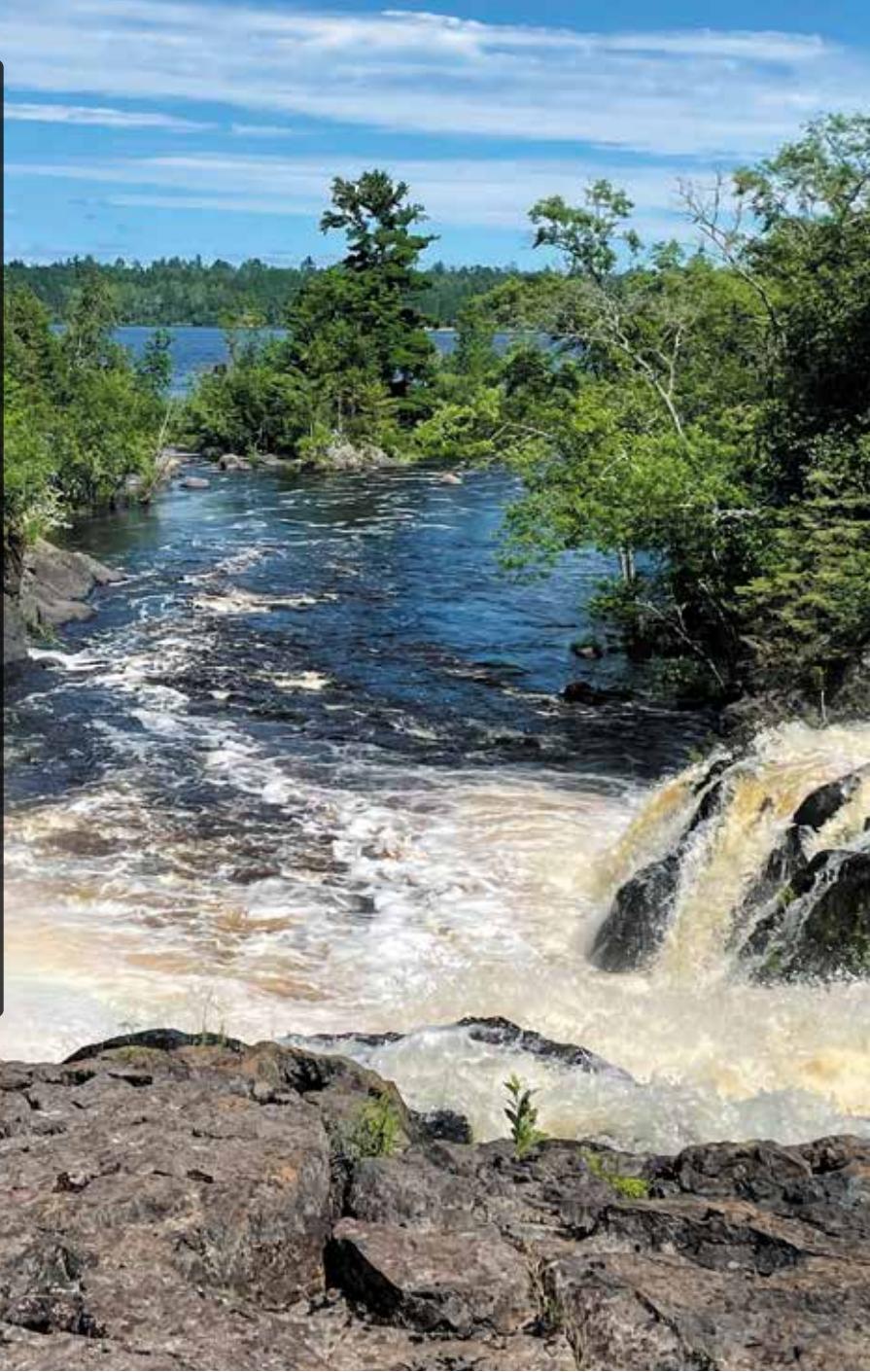


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# Kawishiwi Trail

*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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# 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!*

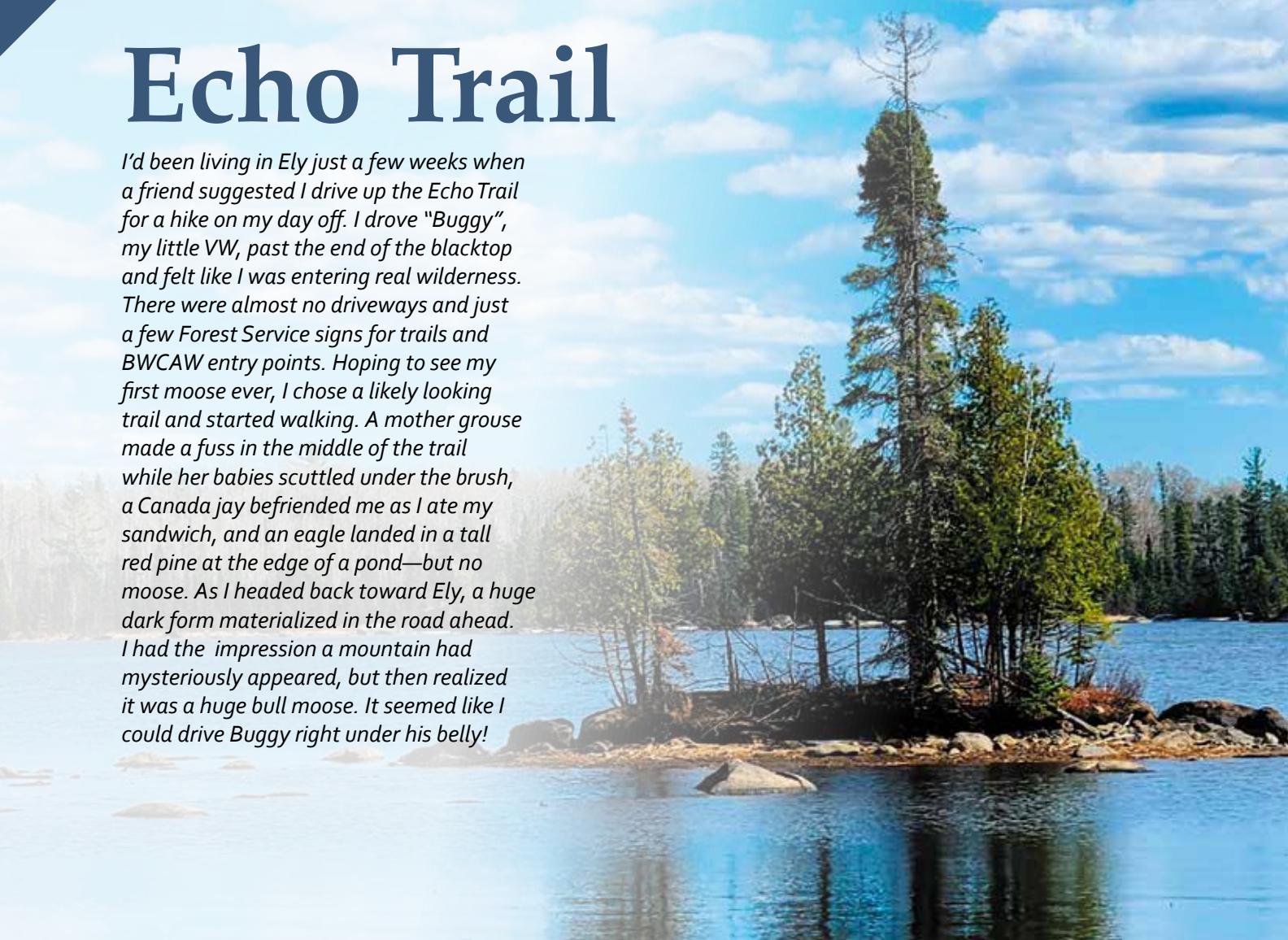


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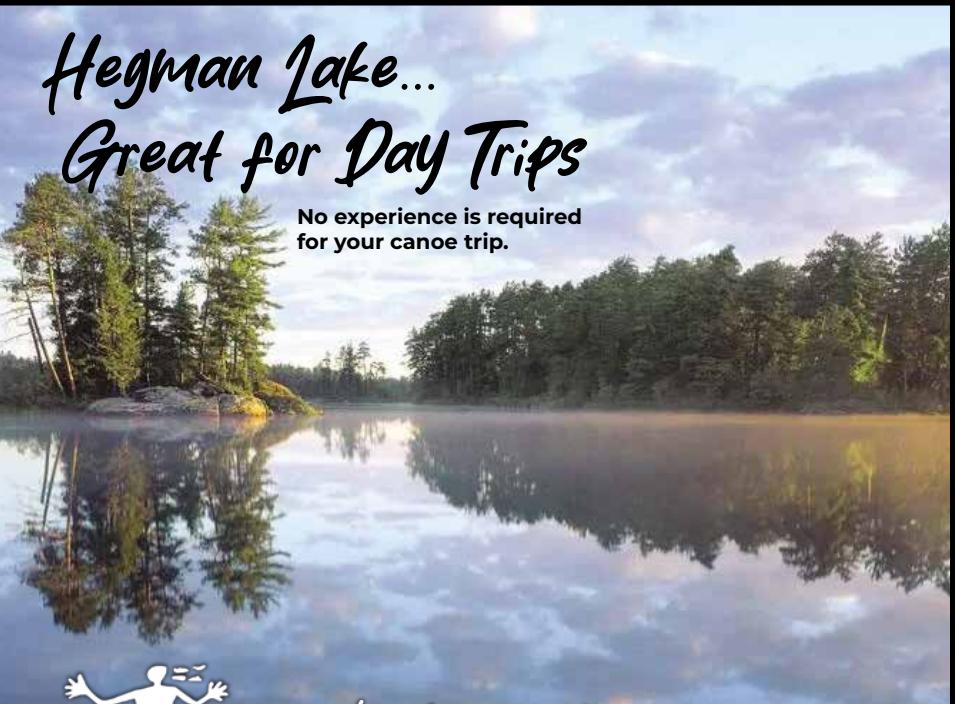
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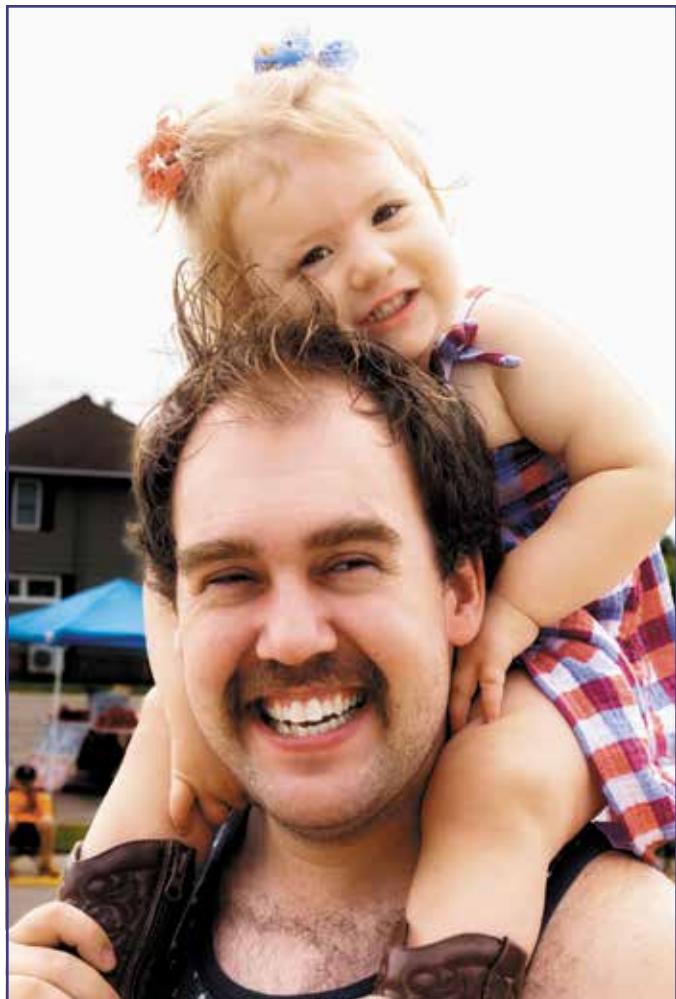


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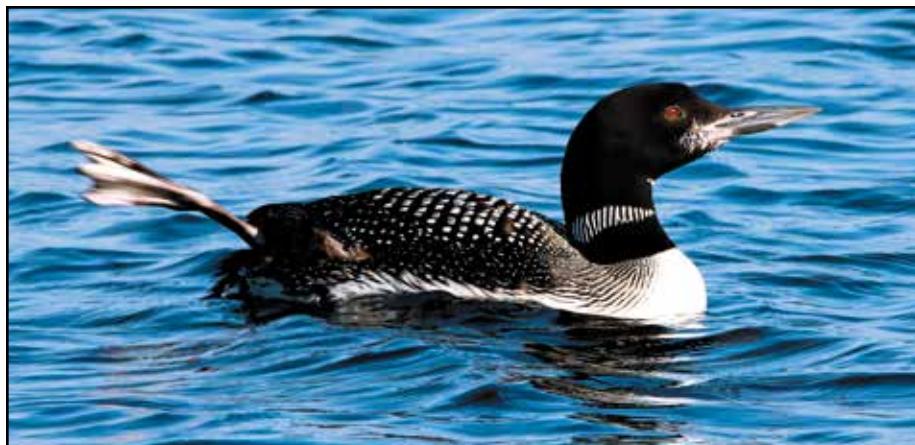


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- Hidden Valley Trail System
- Superior National Forest Roads
- Fernberg Trail
- Echo Trail

## *Plan for a longer stay.*

*Photo By: Wayne Bishop*



*Photo by Luke Yost*

# Live. Work. Play.

## 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.



Photo by Daniel Raza

## 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.



Photo by Diane Kromer

## 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.



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# 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>
2021	\$205,257	\$6,841,893
2022	\$209,030	\$6,967,660
2023	\$205,281	\$6,842,693
2024	\$343,356	\$11,445,200*

\*Reflects Lake County Lodging Tax dollars.

## City of Ely Sales Tax

<u>Year</u>	<u>Gross Sales</u>	<u>Taxable Sales</u>	<u>Sales &amp; Use Tax</u>
2019	\$126,699,954	\$48,191,236	\$3,490,709
2020	\$114,948,950	\$46,627,285	\$3,367,746
2021	\$131,490,507	\$57,780,490	\$4,120,116
2022	\$136,015,151	\$60,206,537	\$4,356,338
2023	\$129,621,731	\$61,407,871	\$4,422,863

## Current Sales & Use Tax – 7.35%

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

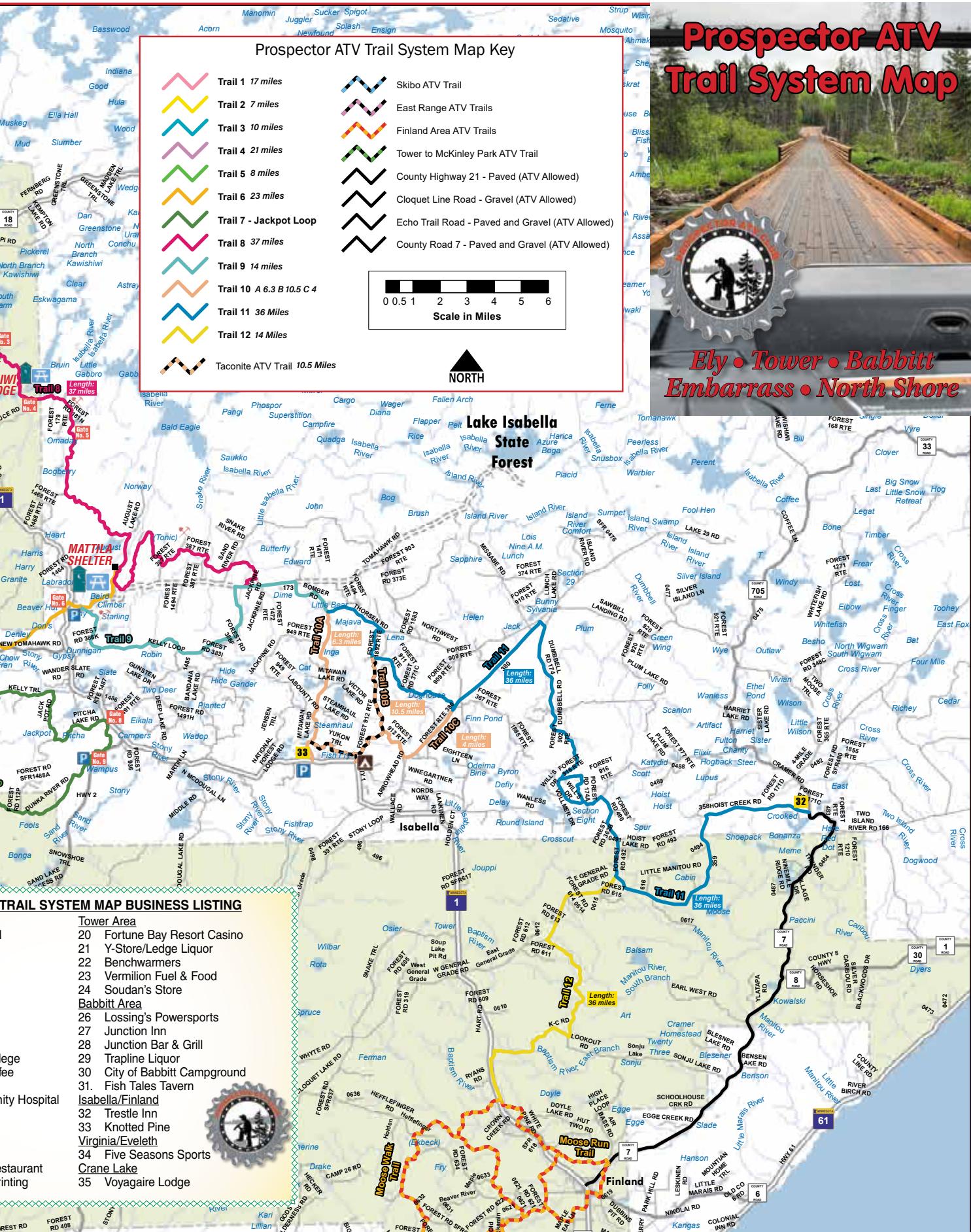
## BWCAW Permits

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>
2018	25,631	15,162	40,763
2019	25,278	14,908	40,186
2020	31,548	17,660	49,208
2021	30,064	17,402	47,466
2022	26,526	16,388	42,914
2023	26,251	15,008	41,259
2024	26,204	15,886	42,090



# Prospector ATV Trail System Map





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MAP

FOREST

High Lake  
Low Lake  
Bass Lake  
Cedar Lake  
Fall Lake  
Long Lake

Winton  
Ely

XC6  
XC5  
XC4  
XC3  
XC7

White Iron Lake  
South Farm Lake  
Clear Lake  
Clearwater Lake  
Turtle Lake  
Pietro Lake  
Gull Lake  
Quadgo Lake  
Bog Lake

One Pine Lake  
South Fork  
South Fork  
Bald Eagle Lake  
August Lake  
Mattila Shelter  
Tomahawk Road

Birch Lake  
Tomahawk Trail  
Island Lake  
Whitefish Lake  
Wilson Lake  
Harriet Lake

STONY SPUR TO BABBITT  
24 miles

STONY SPUR TO BABBITT  
COUNTRY CLUB ROAD  
COUNTRY ROAD 70  
MOBILE TRAIL  
NORTH DRIVE  
COMMERCE STREET  
ALDER ROAD

Is allowed on Central and Babbitt Road  
other streets AND TRAILS in town.  
stop signs and traffic rules.

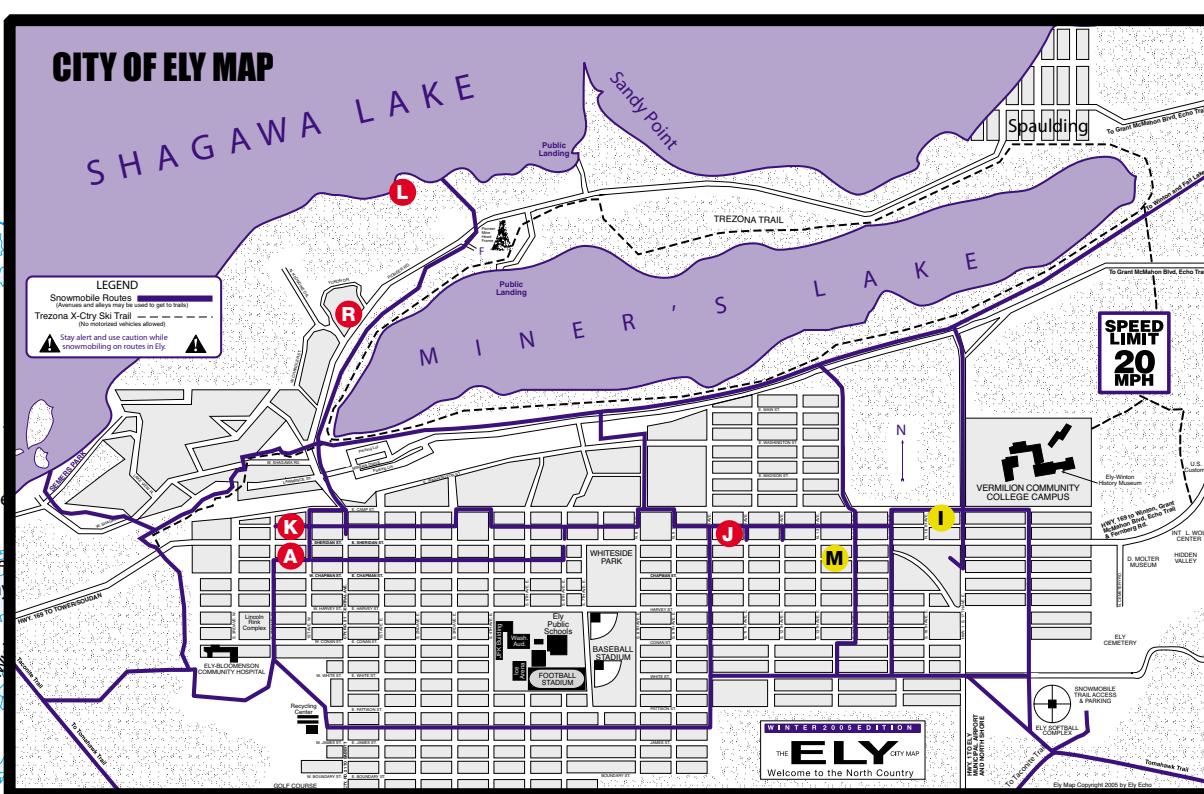
BABBITT ROAD - no snowmobiling  
COMMERCE BLVD - no snowmobiling

FINLAND  
Big Lake  
Seven Beaver Lake

Greenwood Lake

YUKON TRAIL  
49 miles

McDougal Lake  
Stony Lake  
South McDougal Lake  
Arrowhead Road  
Dumbell Lake  
Isabella  
Mitawan Lake  
Ninemile Lake  
Moose Lake  
Balsam Lake  
NINE MILE TRAIL  
FINLAND TRAIL  
TOMAHAWK TRAIL  
24 miles  
7 miles  
24 miles  
NORTH SHORE TRAIL



### MAP KEY



#### Cross Country Ski Trails

#### Ely City Businesses

#### Ely Area Businesses

Map key references locations of businesses, lodging properties and cross-country ski trailheads.

Not for navigational purposes.



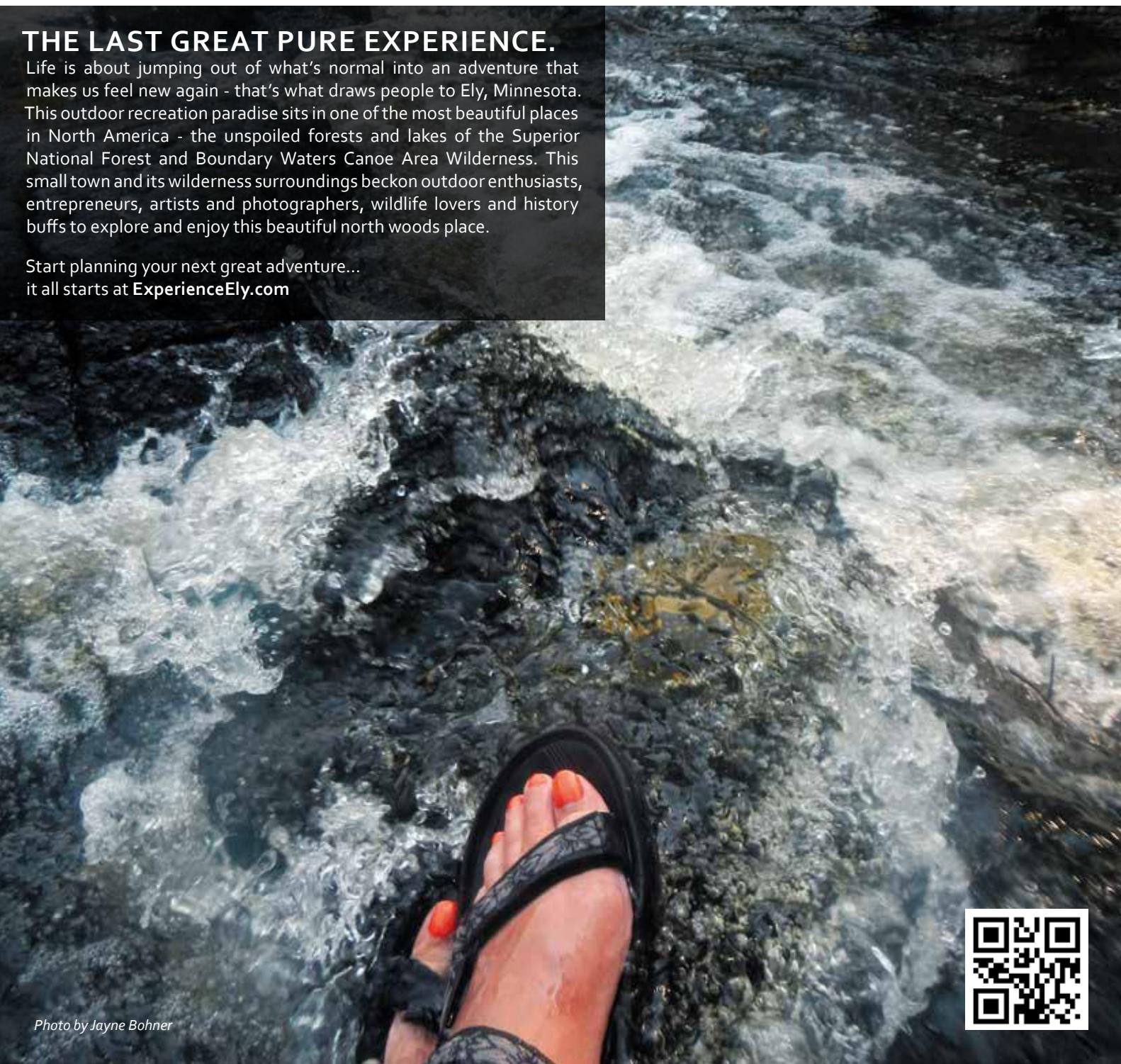


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