



Winter Trail and Trailhead Conditions

Many trailheads are not plowed in the winter and some roads to our northernmost trailheads are unplowed. The 9th Edition Guidebook and the Databook both list which trailheads are accessible in winter. Always have a backup plan when visiting the SHT in winter in case a trailhead has not been plowed or in case the trailhead is full. Cars have been towed for blocking the path of plows, so please find somewhere else to recreate if the trailhead is full.

Please do not ever hike on groomed ski trails!

The MN DNR maintains this snow-coverage map, generally updated once per week: http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/snow_depth/index.html.

The following trailheads are generally plowed. Please keep in mind that there are no guarantees.

Jay Cooke State Park Visitor Center

Jay Cooke Grand Portage Parking Lot

Munger Trail at 123rd Ave West

Magney-Snively Park

Spirit Mountain Lower Chalet

Spirit Mountain Upper Chalet

Rose Garden

Hartley Nature Center

Martin Road

Lismore Road

Normanna Road

Eastern Fox Farm Road

Lake County Demonstration Forest

Lake County Road 301

Gooseberry Falls State Park

Split Rock River Wayside

Split Rock Lighthouse State Park

Lax Lake Road

Penn Boulevard

Tettegouche State Park

Lake County Road 6

Lake County Road 7

Crosby-Manitou State Park

Temperance River Wayside

Sawbill Trail

Onion River Road

Ski Hill Road

Caribou Trail

Cascade River State Park

Bally Creek Road (northern parking lot most likely)

Pincushion Mountain

Kadunce River Wayside

Judge Magney State Park (the big parking lot isn't plowed but there is room to park cars right by the contact station)

-Special note on Caribou River Wayside: This wayside is now gated and closed during the winter and is not accessible. Do not park on Highway 61 here. It's in a dangerous curve.

-Special note on Arrowhead Trail: This road is plowed in the winter, but our parking lot has reportedly been completely buried in snow. The road is not wide enough to safely park on. Until we hear a report that this situation has changed, we recommend avoiding Arrowhead Trail's parking lot or bringing a few enthusiastic shovelers with you.

-Special note on Jackson Lake Road and Otter Lake Road: These roads are generally not plowed at all during winter. There is no reliable access to the northern terminus.