



2024

TrailLink Unlimited 

Guides



**Cuyuna Lakes  
State Trail**  
*Minnesota*



## Cuyuna Lakes State Trail

Minnesota

*The Cuyuna Lakes State Trail winds its way through northern hardwoods and spruce/pine forests along the shores of 6 natural*



open, from Riverton to Crosby. There is also a paved 1-mile segment in the city of Aitkin, 15 miles east of Crosby, that parallels US 169 through the center of the city and links into a loop of trails at Aitkin City Park at the trail's north end.

Most of the facilities along the trail are privately owned and operated. The Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area manages two Minnesota Department of Natural Resources forestry campgrounds nearby.

Restrooms are available at the Portsmouth Campground, about 0.5 mile north of the trail on the east side of CR 30.

The Cuyuna Lakes State Trail winds its way through northern hardwoods and spruce/pine forests along the shores of 6 natural lakes and 15 clear, constructed lakes that were former mine pits. The cluster of lakes has a combined undeveloped shoreline length of more than 25 miles.

The trail traverses the 5,000-acre Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area, featuring the world-class Cuyuna Mountain Bike Trail System with more than 25 miles of riding and 30 miles of purpose-built routes suited for beginner to professional riders.

When completed, the trail will encompass about 30 miles from Aitkin to Baxter, where it will connect to the Paul Bunyan State Trail. Currently, only the middle segment is



# Cuyuna Lakes State Trail

Minnesota

**States:** Minnesota

**Counties:** Crow Wing

Length: 7miles

**Trail end points:** Highway 31/Cuyuna Road (Crosby) to County Rd. 128 (Riverton)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike,Inline

Skating,Fishing,Wheelchair

Accessible,Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

From Minneapolis, take US 169 about 17 miles north, and turn left onto US 10/US 169. In 10.2 miles, exit right onto US 169. Travel 75.6 miles north on US 169 to Garrison. Turn left onto MN 18, and go 4.3 miles. Turn right onto MN 6, and go 9.5 miles. Turn left onto E. Front St., and in 0.4 mile turn right onto MN 6/MN 210/Archibald Road. In 2.9 miles turn right onto Cuyuna Road. In 0.3 mile turn left onto Eighth St. N.E. to reach Croft Mine Historical Park in 0.6 mile. Or go 0.4 mile on Eighth St. N.E. to park at the Hallett Center of Crosby, located at 470 Eighth St. N.E.

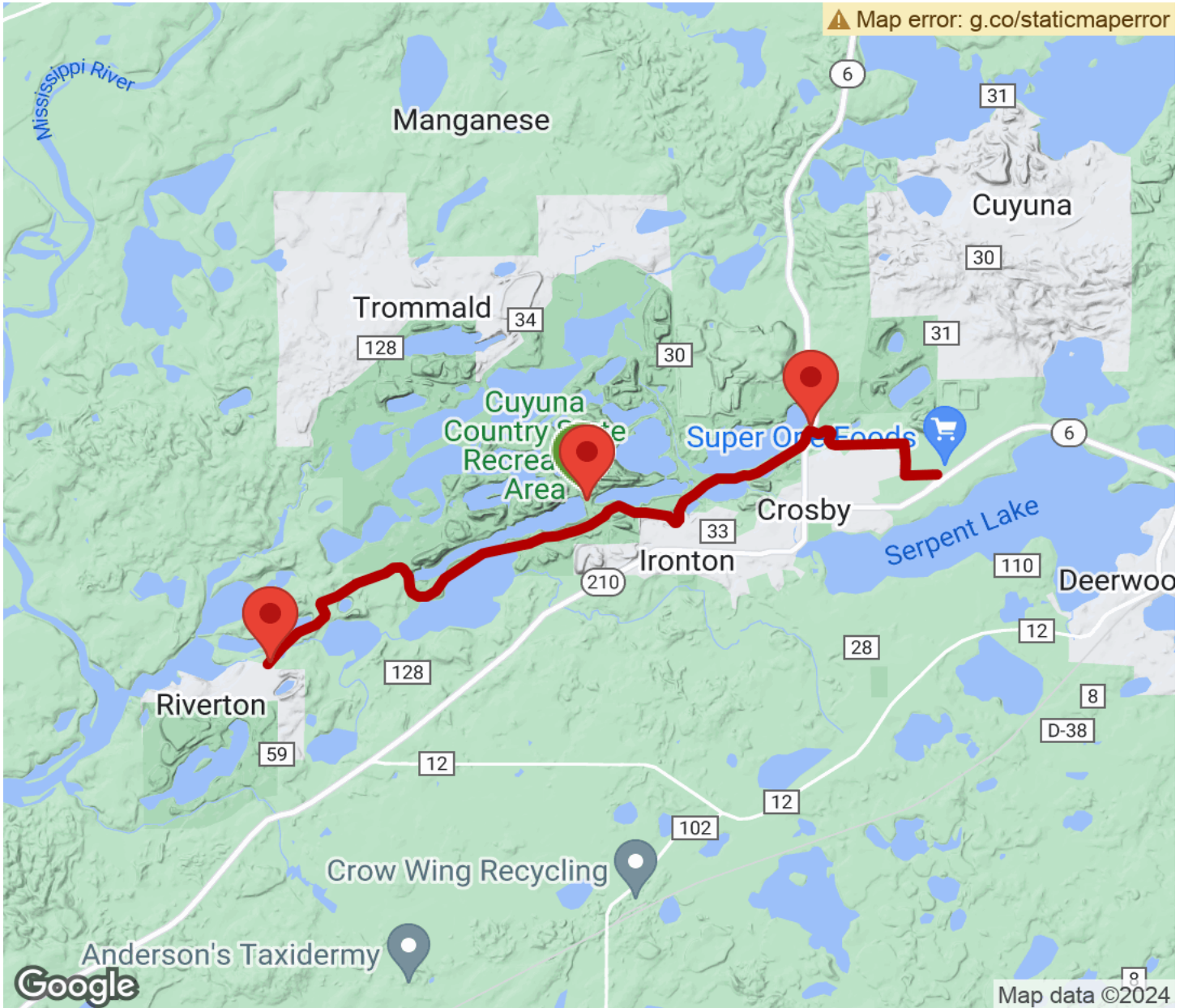
Just west of Crosby, parking is available in Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area off Portsmouth Mine Road. From Minneapolis, take US 169 about 17 miles north, and turn left onto US 10/US 169. In 10.2 miles, exit right onto US 169. Travel 75.6 miles north on US 169 to Garrison. Turn left onto MN 18, and go 4.3 miles. Turn right onto MN 6, and go 9.5 miles. Turn left onto Front St., and in 2.5 miles turn right onto County Road 28. In 1.5 miles turn left onto Oak St./MN 210. In 0.9 mile turn right onto Irene Ave. In 0.3 mile make a slight left, and continue 0.6 mile on Portsmouth Mine Road to parking on the right.

For the Riverton trailhead, from Minneapolis, take US 169 about 17 miles north, and turn left onto US 10/US 169. In 10.2 miles, exit right onto US 169. Travel 75.6 miles north on US 169 to Garrison. Turn left onto MN 18, and go 4.3 miles. Turn right onto MN 6, and go 9.5 miles. Turn left onto Front St., and go 7.2 miles. Turn left onto MN 210, and in 0.9 mile turn right onto County Road 59. Go 1 mile north on CR 59, and take a right onto CR 128. Take the first left onto Rowe Road, and the entrance to the parking lot is about 100 feet on the right.



# Cuyuna Lakes State Trail

Minnesota



Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



**TrailLink**  
by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

**TrailLink.com**