



2026

TrailLink Unlimited 

Guides



Soo Line Trail (Southern Route)

Minnesota



Soo Line Trail (Southern Route)

Minnesota

Unlike the traditional rail trail, which are often most used by bikers, the Soo Line Trail (Southern Route) is primarily an ATV



Unlike the traditional rail trail, which are often most used by bikers, the Soo Line Trail (Southern Route) is primarily an ATV trail and is composed of a primarily rough dirt and gravel surface.

The trail runs for 114 miles through the sparsely populated Central Northeast Minnesota. Moose Lake, located along the trail, receives an average of 52 inches of snowfall annually, making snowmobiling a popular winter pastime along this trail.

About the Route

The Soo Line Trail (Southern Route) is more popularly known as the Soo Line South ATV Trail. The converted rail-trail is open to motorized use (including ATVs,

snowmobiles and OHVs). The Eastern Morrison County 4 wheelers club maintains the trail.

Though the trail runs through rural Minnesota, there are many worthwhile sites along the trail. The entire route offers a mix of hardwood forests and farmland scenery and features several trestle bridge crossings on the Kettle River and Birch Creek.

Additionally, trail users are able to camp at various points along the trail including at: Genola Campground (MM 104) and Father Hennepin State Park (MM 70).

Larger towns along the route that provide dining and convenience options include Onamia (MM 80), Isle (MM 68), Moose Lake (MM 25).

Connections

At the trail's southern endpoint, it intersects with the [Lake Wobegon Trail](#).

Part of the route near Bowlus is considered the [Soo Line Recreational Trail](#).

The Soo Line Trail (Southern Route) connects with the [Soo Line Trail \(Northern Route\)](#) and [Willard Munger State Trail \(Hinckley-Duluth\)](#) in Moose Lake.

At the MN-WI state line, the trail continues as the [Saunders State Trail](#).



Soo Line Trail (Southern Route)

Minnesota

States: Minnesota

Counties: Aitkin, Carlton, Mille

Lacs, Morrison, Pine

Length: 114.5 miles

Trail end points: MN-WI state line (Oliver, WI)
to 16056-16346 83rd St (Royalton, MN)

Trail surfaces: Ballast, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: ATV, Fishing, Horseback

Riding, Mountain

Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking, Cross Country

Parking & Trail Access

The Soo Line South Trail runs between 16056- 16346 83rd St (Royalton, MN) and the MN-WI state line (Oliver, WI), with parking available at the southern end.

Parking is available at:

- Soo Line Events Center, 900 Folz Blvd (Moose Lake)

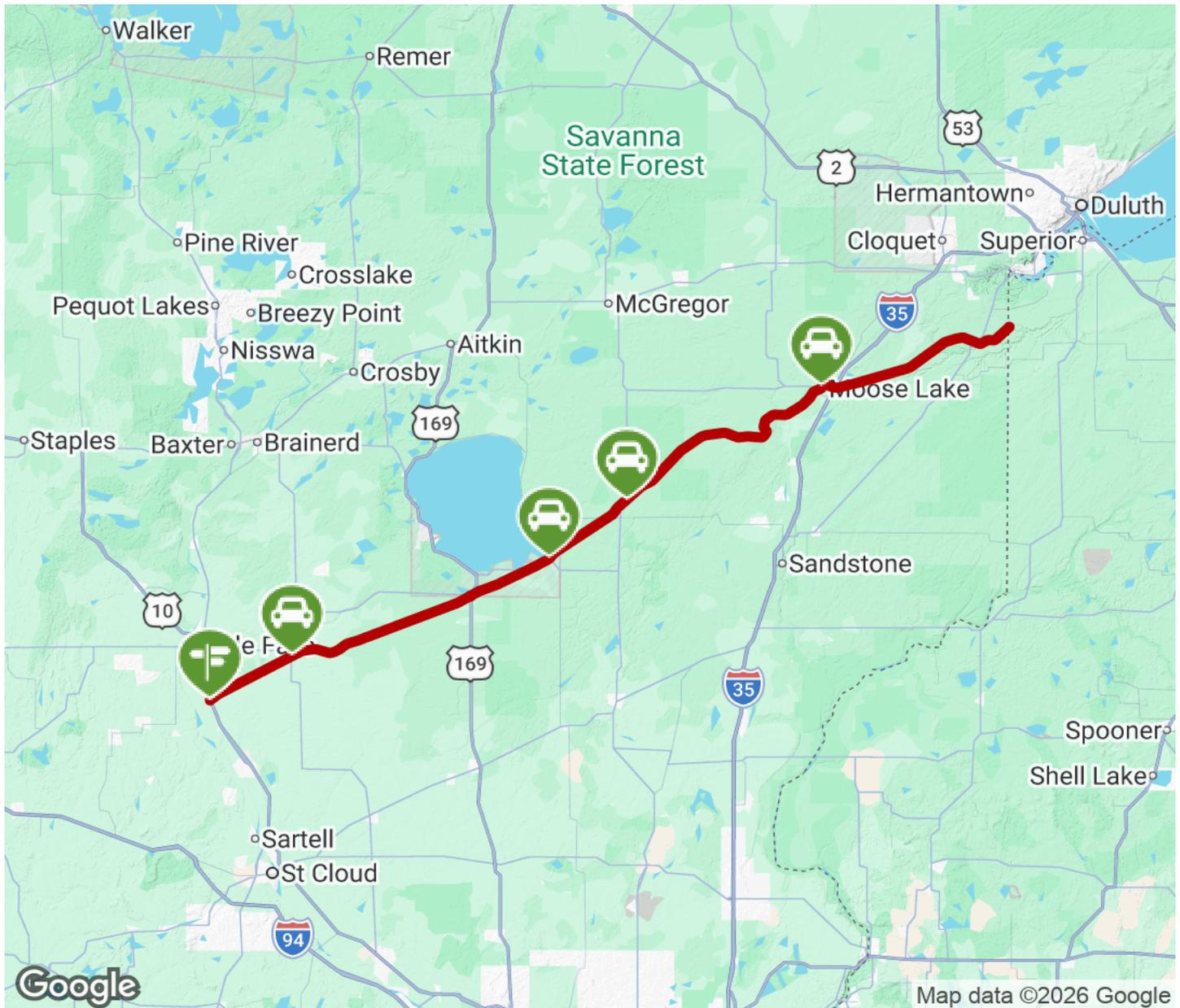
See [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.

Note: Non-residents of Minnesota need OHV passes for ATV use along this trail. See more [here](#).



Soo Line Trail (Southern Route)

Minnesota



Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



TrailLink
by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

TrailLink.com