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State Trail**
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The trail's segments pass through five Minnesota state parks along the North Shore, winding through birch and aspen forests, along cascading rivers and waterfalls, and through historic communities, while providing incredible vistas of Gitchi-Gami herself, Lake Superior.

Bicycle tune-up stations have been installed at Gooseberry Falls State Park behind the visitor center

along the trail and at Split Rock Lighthouse State Park near the park office. Restrooms are available at each of the state parks along the trail and in each town or community along the route.

About the Route

The southernmost segment of the trail is also the shortest and runs alongside Silver Creek Cliff, which features more than 4,000 feet of continuous vista along its short 1-mile section just north of Two Harbors, along MN 61.

A 17.6-mile section from the Gooseberry Falls State Park (3206 MN-61, Two Harbors) north to Silver Bay cuts inland, paralleling the Northshore Mining Railroad. From the ridgeline above Lake Superior, the route offers spectacular views of the region. This section is also the longest and considered to be the most scenic section of the trail, with a sometimes steep and curving trail.

The Temperance River segment connects the 3 miles between the towns of Schroeder and Tofte. At Tofte, the trail continues northward along the shore for another 7.5 miles, ending in Lutsen at County Road 5 (also known as Ski Hill Road).

The northernmost completed segment of the trail runs 5.15 miles west from the Cut Face Creek Wayside through Grand Marais to 1st Ave West by Harbor Park (110 Wisconsin St), which is the northern end of the Gitchi-Gami State Trail network along the shore. The section from 8th Ave West to 1st Ave is also known as the Grand Marais Corridor Trail.



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States: Minnesota

Counties: Cook, Lake

Length: 33.5 miles

Trail end points: 2025 Silver Creek Cliff Tunnel (Two Harbours) to Bear Tree Park, 102 Wisconsin St (Grand Marais)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Gitchi-Gami State Trail 2025 Silver Creek Cliff Tunnel (Two Harbours) and Bear Tree Park, 102 Wisconsin St (Grand Marais) in several disconnected segments.

Parking is available at:

- Gooseberry Falls State Park, 3206 MN-61 (Two Harbours)
- 7620 MN-61 (Schroeder)
- 6355 MN-61 (Tofte)

Please see the [TrailLink map](#) for all options and detailed directions.



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