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Guides



**C.J. Ramstad/
North Shore
State Trail**
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several campsites along the way that offer pit toilets.

In the winter, the trail is especially popular with snowmobilers. In 2009, the trail was renamed in memory of Clifford (C.J.) Ramstad, a well-known advocate of multi-use motorized recreation trails and an influential figure in the snowmobile industry.

During the summer, portions of the southern half of the trail may have standing water. Therefore, it's recommended that trail-goers only travel on the segment from the town of Finland to Grand Marais during those months.

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The trail has a natural surface with some challenging terrain and is best for those who enjoy a remote wilderness experience. Moose, deer, bears, foxes, wolves and other wildlife may even be spotted from the trail. Trail offshoots connect the path to nearby communities for restaurants and other amenities, and there are also



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States: Minnesota

Counties: Cook, Lake, St. Louis

Length: 146 miles

Trail end points: Martin Rd. and Eagle Lake Rd.
(Duluth) to Gunflint Trail north of SR 61 (Grand
Marais)

Trail surfaces: Dirt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Horseback Riding, Mountain
Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking

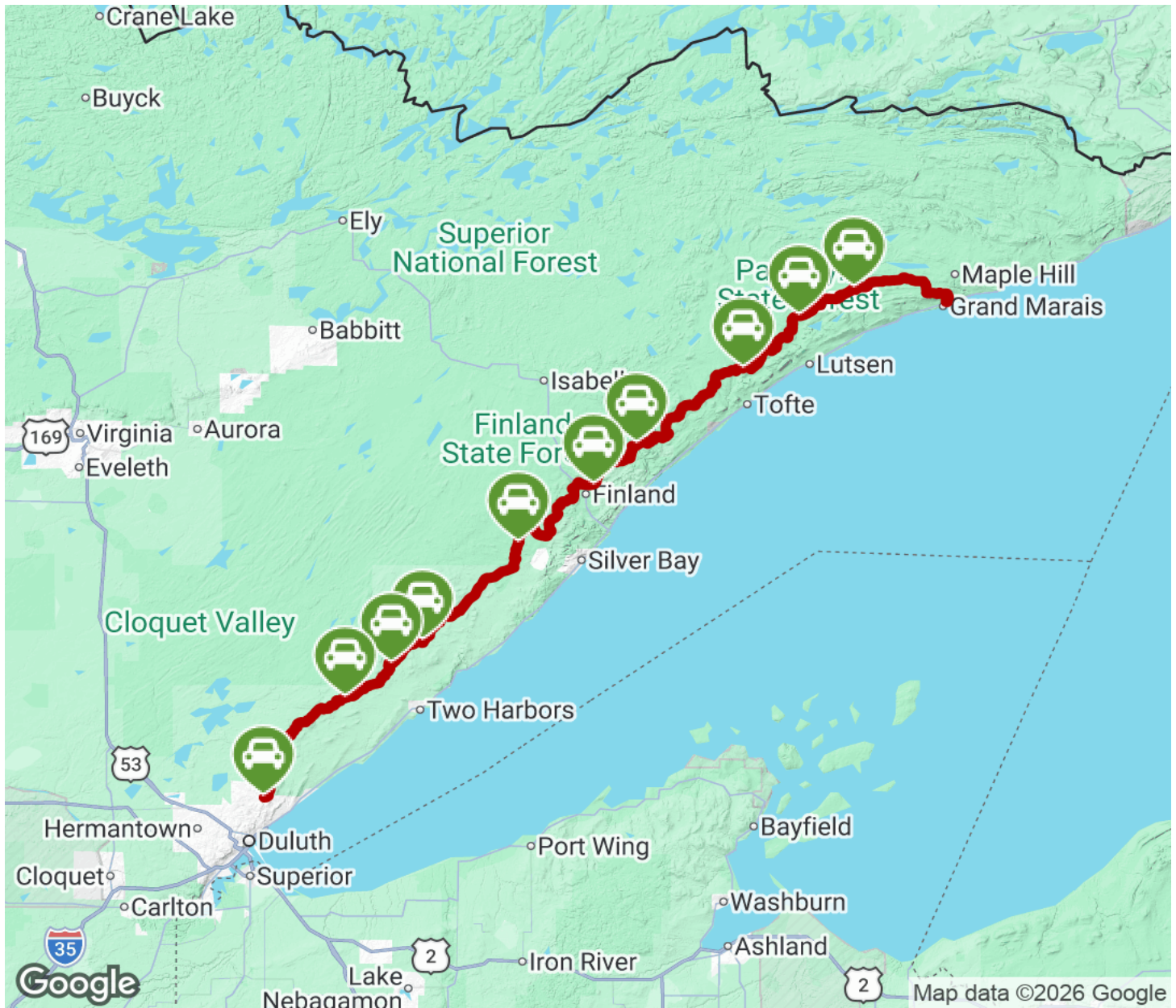
Parking & Trail Access

A parking lot is available at the southern trailhead off Martin Road (near its intersection with Eagle Lake Road) on the northern outskirts of Duluth.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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