

CWC Comprehensive Recreation Trails Plan and HCVF Assessment
Advisory Group Field Tour
Thursday, May 27, 2010

8 am Meet at the parking lot across from the Land Services Building in Brainerd
8:20 am Depart for the Field (20 minute travel time)
8:40 am **Stop #1:** Sec 4, Maple Grove – HCVF (R & W pine) and non-motorized trails.
9:40 am Depart for Stop 2 (5 minute travel time)
9:45 am **Stop #2:** Co. Rd. 24 – Existing ATV use in R.O.W. (proposed ATV route).
10:10 am Depart for Stop 3 (15 minute travel time)
10:25 am **Stop #3:** Wolf Lake (Ski) Trails – HCVF (Red Pine) and recreational trails.
11:00 am Depart for Stop 4 (15 minute travel time)
11:15 am **Stop #4:** Rice Lake Hunter/Hiking (non-motorized) Trail.
11:40 am Depart for Crosby City Park for Lunch (10 minute travel time)

Noon – Lunch break (box lunches will be provided)

12:50 pm Depart for Stop 5 (10 minute travel time)
1:00 pm **Stop #5:** Trail Shelter/Land Exchange Parcel/Water Resource
1:45 pm Depart for Stop #6 (15 minute travel time)
2:00 pm **Stop #6:** Portage Lake - Possible Portage Trail(s)
2:25 pm Depart for Stop #7 (10 minute travel time)
2:35 pm **Stop #7:** Off Highway Motorcycle (OHM) Trails
3:00 pm Depart for Stop #8 (10 minute travel time)
3:10 pm **Stop #8:** French Rapids Area – Non-motorized recreational trail system & HCVF.
3:50 pm Depart for Brainerd (10 minute travel time)

4:00 pm Arrive in Brainerd and Adjourn

Notes: Please dress appropriately for spending the day outside, including boots or other comfortable shoes, rain jacket, and layers as needed to adjust to variable temperatures throughout the day. Please wear long pants and be prepared for the potential for ticks and other insects.

Stop #1 will require a 1 mile hike (roundtrip).
Stop #8 will require a ½ mile hike (roundtrip).

Feel free to bring a camera and pen/pencil and paper to take notes about the day. If you have any special dietary restrictions please let me know immediately (612-414-8041) or please plan to pack your own lunch.

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8:40 am Stop #1: Sec 4, Maple Grove – HCVF (R & W pine) and non-motorized trails.

This 120 acre parcel of tax-forfeited property has a relatively “unmanaged” red and white pine stand (37 acres). This pine stand is a candidate area for HCVF consideration. The stand is unique to this region of limited public land. The area has been a non-motorized area for several years (15+yrs) and has been user maintained both in the winter and non-winter seasons.

9:45 am Stop #2: Co. Rd. 24 – Existing ATV use in R.O.W.

This ditch area on the north side of Co. Rd. 24 is part of the proposed Grant-in Aid ATV trail system that may offer trail connections from existing and approved trail systems in the Pine Center and Ft. Ripley communities to the southern city limits of Brainerd.

10:25 am Stop #3: Wolf Lake (Ski) Trails – HCVF (Red Pine) and recreational trails.

This ski trail system was developed 15 years ago (from the encouragement of Alan Steiff and others). This general forest management area has been intensely managed over the years. From aspen and hardwood “clearcuts” to extensive conifer planting areas. Approx. 64 acres of large diameter pine forest exist in a larger managed area of 400+ acres. The ideas lately are to move from an extended rotation of 150 years on the existing mature red pine areas to having a HCVF identified.

11:15 am Stop #4: Rice Lake Hunter/Hiking (non-motorized) Trail.

This is one of fourteen gated non-motorized “hunter-hiking” areas within the county managed land. Most of these trails are mowed in late August under a trail mowing contract.

Noon – Lunch break (box lunches will be provided)

1:00 pm Stop #5: Trail Shelter/Land Exchange Parcel/Water Resource

Recently acquired property through a land exchange. Existing shelter was left to provide as a trail shelter for trail users. There is an Grant-in-Aid snowmobile trail just to the north and other non-winter trail uses exist on the trail. A prescriptive easement has been recorded on the main access route.

2:00 pm Stop #6: Portage Lake - Possible Portage Trail(s)

Jack McAllister of the Crosby-Ironton area has approached the county on the possibility of creating or re-establishing the historical portage route on public land connecting several of these local lakes. There is a rich history of the portage route into Portage Lake and the neighboring bodies of water.

2:35 pm Stop #7: Off Highway Motorcycle (OHM) Trails

This OHM trail system was approved by the county and provides individuals and families an opportunity to experience motorized recreational trail use on narrow trails designed are created specifically for Off Highway Motorcycles. This trail system is approximately 7 miles in length and is off limits to ATV's

3:10 pm Stop #8: French Rapids Area – Non-motorized recreational trail system & HCVF.

This rugged and pristine area is a non-motorized trail system. In the winter, the trails are groomed by the Brainerd Nordic Ski Club. This area has several documented archeological sites and has strong riparian values which bring us to the idea of HCVF. Areas hear and north along the Mississippi River are candidate areas for HCVF consideration.

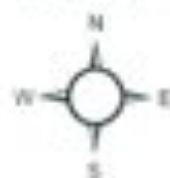
4:00 pm Arrive in Brainerd and Adjourn

Sec. 4, Maple Grove - HCVF (Red/White Pine)



0 260 520 1,040 Feet

1 inch equals 470 feet



Existing Trail(s)



HCVF Boundary

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Proposed Grant-in-Aid ATV Route



0 1,350 2,700 5,400 Feet

1 inch equals 2,473 feet



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Wolf Lake Ski Trail - High Value Conservation Forest



0 550 1,100 2,200 Feet

1 inch equals 1,210 feet



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**Rice Lake Non-Motorized Area
Irondale Township - Section 23
Approx. Acres = 200**



0 395 790 1,580 Feet

1 inch equals 779 feet

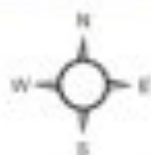
At Gate:
Lat. 46° 27' 36.55"
Long. 93° 58' 35.68"

TOTAL TRAIL MILES - 1.6
Entire trail is mowed.

- Legend**
-  Gated Trailhead
 -  Non-motorized Trail - Mowed
 -  Private land

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**Directory of Non-Motorized Areas
on County Managed Public Lands**

Cities/ Townships	Trail Name	Total Length	Approximate Acres
Timothy/Gail Township	Blueberry Bog Trail	8.7 miles	1000
Timothy Township	Thompson Creek/Cranberry Bog Trails	4.2 miles	2000
City of Fifty Lakes	Pine Ridge Trail	4.1 miles	440
	Rock Creek Trail	1.8 miles	280
	White Pine Trail	3.0 miles	320
Mission	Scrub Oak Trail	6.1 miles	1000
Irondale	Rice Lake Trail	1.6 miles	200
Irondale/Nokay	Wolf Lake Trail (Ski Area)	6.6 miles	400
Deerwood	Larson Lake Trail (Ski Area)	7.5 miles	760
Oaklawn	Poor Farm County/State Cooperative Wildlife Management Area	2.9 miles	314
	French Rapids Trail (Ski Area)	5.8 miles	400
Fort Ripley	Fort Ripley Trail	1.5 miles	40
City of Pequot Lakes	Pequot Trail	.5 miles	
		Total Miles 54.3	Total Approximate Acres 7,154

Cole/Miller Lake Forest Road and Trail Shelter - Wolford Twp



0 650 1,300 2,600 Feet

1 inch equals 1,222 feet



Existing Trail(s)

Shelter Location

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Portage Lake Area



0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet

1 inch equals 951 feet



CWC Tax-Forfeited Property

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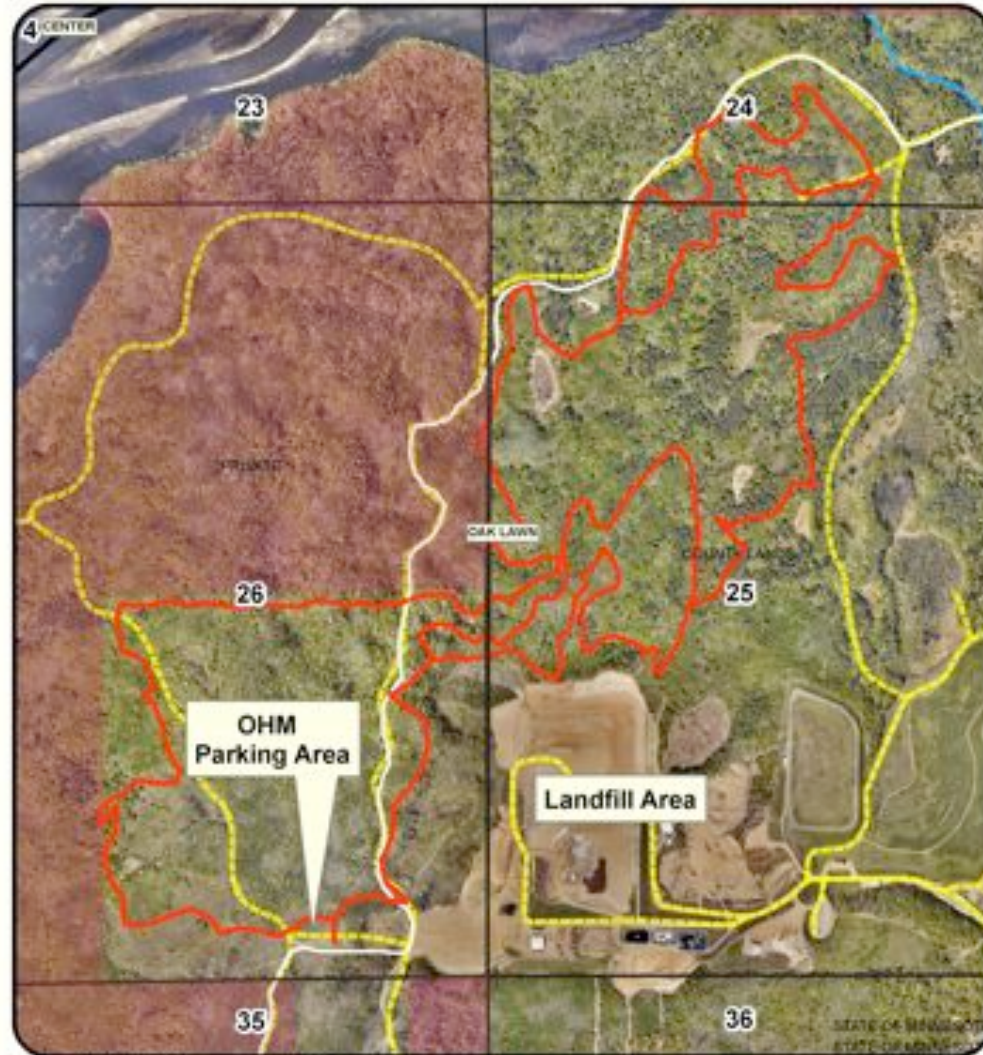
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Off Highway Motorcycle - Approved Trail System




0 470 940 1,880 Feet

1 inch equals 806 feet



 Existing Trail(s)

 OHM Approved Trails

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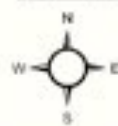
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French Rapids Ski Trail Area




0 550 1,100 2,200 Feet

1 inch equals 1,062 feet



 Existing Trail(s)

 Co. Rd. 142

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