# Mesabi Trail

From the Missisippi to the Boundary Waters

The Mesabi Trail offers an abundance of natural and outdoor experiences. Bike, hike, skate, ski, snowshoe and in some areas snowmobile, along the Trail as it traverses

almost 150 completed miles (over 165 when finished) through 28 communities. Explore historic buildings, mining artifacts, early industry and ethnic history, plus other treasures well worth the discovery. Forests teeming with wildlife can be found between rolling hills. Streams and creeks provide habitat for birds and animals. Grand heaps of earth provide manmade mountains that are becoming re-growth forests lining the edges of some of the world's largest mines. These former mines are fast becoming a linked chain of watery passageways. Come enjoy a quality guest experience in the Land of

A Wheel Pass is needed to ride the Mesabi Trail<sup>™</sup>. Pick one up:

Mesabi, via the Mesabi Trail.

- Online: mesabitrail.com
- At any local Wheel Pass vendor
- At self pay boxes along the Trail



2023

## Love the Trail? Join the Club!

Have you fallen in love with the Mesabi Trail? Show your love by joining Club Mesabi!



Membership supports the Mesabi Trail, plus you get some great perks, like your annual wheel pass, discounts from local businesses, on Trail merchandise and the Great River Energy Mesabi Trail Tour.

JOIN THE CLUB: mesabitrail.com

#### **Rules for Conduct**

- Wheel Pass required for ages 18 years and older using a bicycle, inline skates or other non-motorized wheeled device.
- The Mesabi Trail is a non-motorized trail, except snowmobiles where designated.
- Electric assist (E-Bikes) are allowed.
- Non-motorized vehicles and motorized wheel chairs shall not exceed 36" in width.
- Keep pets on a leash no longer than 6' long
- Holes or trenches may not be dug.
- No signs or advertisements.
- Start fires only in officially designated fire rings, stove or grills. Do not leave a fire unattended. Be sure fire is extinguished before leaving the area.
- No hunting, loaded weapons or alcohol.
- Do not remove, alter, injure or destroy any tree, plant, rock, soil or mineral.
- Camping and horseback riding are allowed only in designated areas.
- EMERGENCY CALL 911.
- Report all infractions to 911.
- Audible signal when passing: "on your left"

Snowmobiles allowed within the corridor of these areas only: Grand Rapids to Hwy 61; Coleraine to connection of Taconite Trail, and;

#### Mesabi Trail™ Shuttle Service

Text or email the Mesabi Trail Shuttle Service and we'll "portage" you and/or your gear to your hotel or vehicle - all you have to do is enjoy the ride!

#### **Hours & Dates of Operation**

- May 15-31: 9 a.m. 4 p.m.
- June 1-Sept. 15: 8 a.m. 6 p.m.
- Sept. 15 Oct. 15: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weather dependent

#### For more information and to make reservations:

text: 218-780-4541

or email: mesabi.shuttle@gmail.com (Trip planning available via email)

#### **Service Areas and Pricing**

Shuttle services available from Grand Rapids to Ely and all points in between. Up to 4 bikes & passengers per trip. (Larger groups, please call for availability.) Rates determined by distance and drive time based from Mesabi Trail Station in Eveleth. Recumbents, tandems, or e-bikes may incur an extra charge.

The shuttle is not an on-call service, except in an emergency. Please reserve your shuttle at least 24 hours in advance, more if possible. A cell # is required.

A \$25 deposit will be charged at the time of reservation. Cancellations due to extreme weather (thunderstorms) are acceptable, other cancellations will be charged the \$25 fee. Payment may be made by credit card, cash or check.

#### **Lodge to Lodge Bicycling**

We design each package to suit your individual needs. We can help you plan lodging, luggage shuttles, and can shuttle you and your bikes back to your vehicle.

Itineraries can include suggestions on great places to eat, cool historical sites to visit, and practical things like convenience stores and rest stops.

Please email: mesabi.shuttle@gmail.com

\$100 deposit to reserve dates

#### Mesabi Trail<sup>™</sup> wheel pass vendors

A wheel pass is required for ages 18 and over using a wheeled device such as a bicycle or inline skates. Hikers, joggers, walkers and people with disabilities are not required to purchase a pass. Cost is \$20 for an annual and \$10 for a three-day pass. Revenue from Wheel Pass sales helps support the Mesabi Trail. Passes are available at mesabitrail.com, at any of these vendors, or at self-pay boxes along the Trail.

Towns are listed from West to East, All Numbers (218) Area Code

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Grand Rapids	Glen's Army-Navy Store	326-1201	701 NW 4th St.
Grand Rapids	TimberLake Lodge	866-800-2200	144 SE 17th St.
Grand Rapids	Green Heron B&B	999-5795	2810 Meyers Bay Rd
Grand Rapids	Ardent Bicycles	999-5470	1421 NW 4th St.
Bovey	Bovey Bait	245-1660	50 County Rd 10
Marble	Ron's Korner Market	247-7351	Hwy 169
Pengilly	Swan Lake Sinclair	885-3806	31277 Hwy 65
Nashwauk	Lucky Seven	885-3105	121 1st St.
Keewatin	Keewatin Sinclair	778-6140	210 N First St.
Hibbing	Bikes on Howard	262-0899	407 E Howard St.
Hibbing	Greyhound Bus Museum	263-5814	1201 Greyhound Blvd
Hibbing	Hibbing Tourism Center	262-4166	1202 E Howard St.
Chisholm	Chisholm Inn & Suites	254-2000	501 Iron Dr. (Hwy 169)
Chisholm	Chisholm Area Chamber	800-422-0806	223 West Lake St.
Chisholm	MN Discovery Center	800-372-6437	801 Hwy 169
Buhl	Buhl City Hall	258-3226	300 Jones Ave
Mtn. Iron	Comfort Inn & Suites	741-7411	8570 Rock Ridge Rd
Mtn. Iron	AmericInn Lodge & Suites	741-7839	5480 Mtn. Iron Drive
Virginia	Mesabi Recreation	749-6719	720 9th St. N
Virginia	Natural Harvest Foods	741-4663	732 4th St. N
Eveleth	Iron Range Tourism Bureau	749-8161	111 Station 44 Road
Eveleth	Super 8	744-1661	1080 Industrial Park Dr.
Gilbert	Sherwood Forest Cmpgnd	748-2221	301 Ore-Be-Gone Dr.
Gilbert	West 40 RV Park	248-7362	245 MN Hwy 37
Biwabik	Biwabik City Hall	865-4183	321 Main St.
Biwabik	Giants Ridge (Gift Shop)	800-688-7669	6329 Wynne Creek Dr.
Embarrass	Nelimark Farmstead Museum	984-2084	4839 Salo Road
Soudan	Soudan's Only Store	753-2205	24 Main Street
Ely	Piragis Northwoods Co.	365-6745	105 N. Central Ave.
Ely	Ely Bike & Kicksled	365-2453	125 N. Central Ave.

#### **Area Bike Rentals**

Ely	Ely Bike & Kicksled – 218-365-2453 elybikeandkicksled@gmail.com		
Grand Rapids	Ardent Bicycles – 218-999-5470 ardentbicycles.com		
Hibbing	Bikes on Howard – 218-262-0899 bikesonhoward.net		
Biwabik	Giants Ridge (Gift Shop) – 800-688-7669 giantsridge.com		



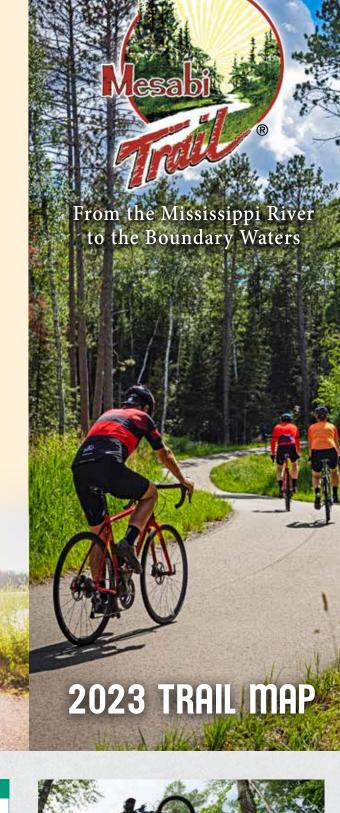
#### Saturday, August 5, 2023 Start/Finish - Ely Pioneer Mine Museum

Route #1 - Total of 12 miles out & back on the Mesabi Trail from Ely

Route #2 - Total of 30 miles out & back on the Mesabi Trail from Ely to Eagles Nest Township

Route #3 - Total of 50 miles out & back on the Mesabi Trail from Ely to Soudan





# Join the Jun in 23./ on Minnesota's Premier paved bike trail

### 2023 Great River Energy Mesabi Trail Bike Tour

GREAT RIVER ENERGY- MESABI TRAIL"



#### A unique riding experience

Ride for the fun or for the challenge - either way, mark your calendar for Saturday August 5, 2023, when Great River Energy and the Mesabi Trail join forces in northern Minnesota to present the most fun you can have on two wheels! The Great River Energy Mesabi Trail Tour offers a great ride, great food, and great music - all while enjoying one of the best trails in Minnesota.

For more information, registration and event updates: mesabitrail.com



# Choose from three routes

The Great River Energy Mesabi Trail Tour is designed for families and serious trail riders alike. Three routes allow you to customize your ride, from 12 to 50 miles. All routes travel out and back on the Mesabi Trail from the Pioneer Mine Museum in Ely – where you will enjoy a picnic lunch and live music. Whichever route you choose, you'll encounter historic and scenic points of interest with fun stops along the way.

# **Great River Energy Mesabi Trail™ Tour**

in support of THE MESABI TRAIL<sup>TM</sup>

A Great Deal for a Great Cause To register online, and for more information mesabitrail.com

#### **Registration Fees:**

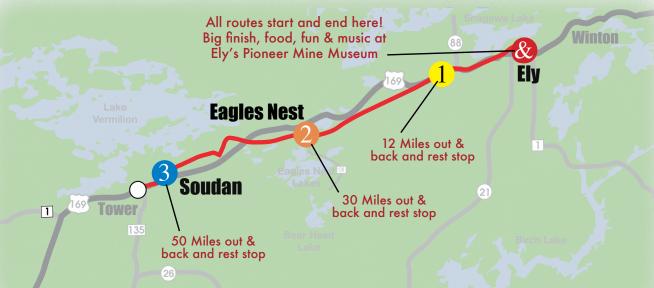
Per person.....\$50.00 Kids 16 & under ride FREE

1 Join Club Mesabi and **SAVE 10%** 



# August 5, 2023

# Choose from three routes . . . they all lead to fun!





Route #1 - 12 miles out & back from Ely No nearby community, it's just a wide open spot on the

Trail. Also serves as a

rest stop.



**Eagles Nest** 

Route #2 - 30 miles

out & back from Ely to

Eagles Nest Township.

Also serves as a rest





# Soudan

Route #3 - 50 miles out and back from Ely to Soudan. Also serves as a rest stop.



## Ely

Registration & finish line is at the Pioneer Mine Museum in Ely. All routes start and finish at the old Miners Dry Building. After your ride, enjoy lunch and live music.

**Entertainment:** At the finish and turn-around points. For more information & to register online: Food: Snacks and beverages at rest stops. Picnic dinner at mesabitrail.com





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# Giants Ridge Bike Park - Biwabik

Direct access to the Mesabi Trail. Tucked in the towering pines of the Superior National Forest, the Giants Ridge Bike Park is the largest lift-served mountain bike park in the Midwest; featuring nine purpose-built gravity mountain bike trails and nearly 20 miles of cross-country mountain bike trails.

#### Redhead Mountain Bike Park - Chisholm MnDiscoveryCenter.com

Direct access to the Mesabi Trail. Carved from the walls of an abandoned 400-foot deep water-filled mine pit, Redhead offers nearly 25 miles of hand crafted, purpose built mountain bike trails already on the ground and more on the way. Located at the Minnesota Discovery

#### **Tioga Recreation Area - Cohasset**

Six miles from the Mesabi Trail access point in Grand Rapids. Tioga Recreation Area is northern Minnesota's next premier outdoor adventure destination. 500

