

2024 TRAIL MAP

Mississippi River to the Boundary Waters.

MESABI TRAIL



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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 more than 150 miles of completed trail (165 when finished).

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 man-made 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 Mesabi, via the Mesabi Trail.

A Wheel Pass is needed to ride the Mesabi Trail®.

Pick one up:

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



MISSISSIPPI

Enjoy scenic and fun cycling adventures on the Mesabi Trail Mississippi Segment. Along the way, you'll be surrounded by lush forests, ore stockpiles, and overburden hills. Take a dip in Prairie River and jump off a cliff in Nashwauk at the LaRue Mine Lake.

Grand Rapids to Nashwauk
29.0 MILES



Nashwauk's LaRue Mine Lake



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In Chisholm, visit "The Emergence of Man Through Steel" sculpture (or as the locals call it, Iron Man). Cycling through Virginia—the Queen City of the Iron Range. On your way out, pedal or stroll through the historic Olcott Park, grab a bite to eat at the community-owned co-op, or satisfy your sweet tooth at Minnesota's oldest candy store. Then, climb across Minnesota's tallest bridge and climb up and through Pike Rock Cut to Gilbert.

Nashwauk to Gilbert
55.4 MILES



Minnesota's tallest bridge

Have you fallen in love with the Mesabi Trail?

Join Club Mesabi! →



The membership supports the Trail, PLUS you receive annual wheel passes, coupons for Club Mesabi, and Mesabi Trail sticker!

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; Hibbing to Buhl.



Great River Energy Mesabi Trail® BIKE TOUR 2024

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024

START/FINISH: BUHL PARK
524 MEMORIAL DRIVE BUHL, MN 55713
7AM TO 8AM START TIME
START AT THE PARK

Rest Stop #1

6 MILES FROM START
ROUND TRIP: 12 MILES
Bruce Mine Headframe Park
900 4th Ave SE, Chisholm, MN
• Local activities/clubs
• Water, snacks

Rest Stop #2

13 MILES FROM START
ROUND TRIP: 26 MILES
Greyhound Bus Museum
1201 Greyhound Blvd Hibbing, MN
• Admission is part of tour fee
• Activities from local Business/clubs
• Music - Water, snacks

Rest Stop #3

23 MILES FROM START
ROUND TRIP: 46 MILES
O'Brien Reservoir
34613 Hwy 169, Nashwauk, MN
• Water activities
• Local activities/clubs
• Water, snacks

Rest Stop #4

29 MILES FROM START
ROUND TRIP: 58 MILES
Nashwauk
• Water, snacks

Rest Stop #5

LAST STOP/TURN AROUND
35 MILES FROM START
ROUND TRIP: 70 MILES
Calumet Take 5 Park
916 Gary Street Calumet, MN 55716

• Water, snacks
• Local clubs/activities
• Air conditioned building for those that need it

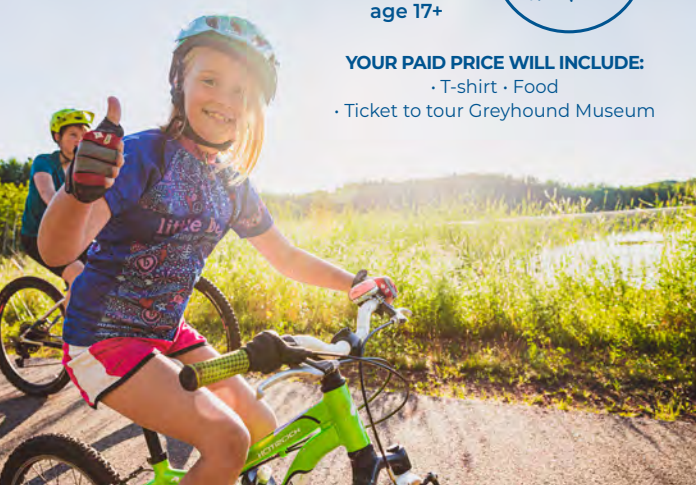
Finish at Buhl Park

• Disc Golf, bean bags, activities
• The Ice Cream Truck
• Food served 11:30am till 5pm
• Water/fruit/snacks

PRICE:
\$55
per person
age 17+

Kids 16 years and under are FREE

YOUR PAID PRICE WILL INCLUDE:
• T-shirt - Food
• Ticket to tour Greyhound Museum



Mesabi Trail® 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

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.
Keeswatin	Keeswatin 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	Nelmark Farmstead Museum	984-2084	4839 Salo Road
Cook	Northern Comfort Company	666-9891	123 2nd St. East
Tower	Timberjay	753-2950	414 Main St
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.

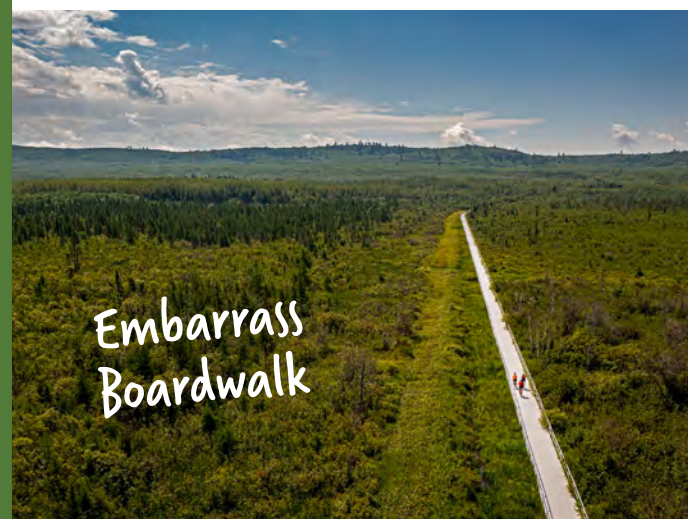
Area Bike Rentals

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
Chisholm	30 West at Minnesota Discovery Center - 218-749-6719
Virginia	Mesabi Recreation - 218-749-6719 - mesabirecreation.net



LAURENTIAN

Laurentian — "Ride the Laurentian Divide" Giants Ridge through the Embarrass Lowland and all the way to Tower. See what 'up north' looks like as you cycle the Laurentian segment where cyclists have been known to spot a moose or two!



Embarrass Boardwalk

Gilbert to Tower
50.4 MILES



VERMILION

Discover the Minnesota iron north on the Vermilion segment. Cycle or hike among Vermilion boreal forests, where tall pines stretch endlessly to the sky. Fly like an eagle through stunning bedrock cuts that showcase the area's unique geology, and maybe even catch a glimpse of common Vermilion wildlife: moose, deer, mink, raccoon, porcupines, and bear.

Tower to Ely
27.7 MILES



Eagles Nest

Mesabi Trail® Shuttle Service

Email the Mesabi Trail Shuttle Service and we'll "portage" you and/or your gear to your hotel or vehicle!

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

Service Areas and Pricing

Shuttle services available from Grand Rapids to Ely and all points in between. Up to 4 bikes and passengers per trip, (larger groups, please call for availability). Rates determined by distance and drive time based from Mesabi Trail Station in Eveleth. There is a fee for mileage to and from. There may also be a charge on recumbents, tandems or e-bikes.

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

A \$50 deposit will be charged at the time of reservation that is nonrefundable. Payment may be made by credit card, check or cash.

Lodge to Lodge Bicycling

We will shuttle your luggage, bike, and you back to your vehicle. We can send suggestions via email or mail for lodging, historical sites, and places to eat. We do not book your trip, but give you the resources that will guide you on ideas to make your stay MEMORABLE!

Please email: mesabi.shuttle@gmail.com
\$100 deposit to reserve dates

Mesabi Trail Access Points

- 1 GRAND RAPIDS** 1336 Fairgrounds Road Grand Rapids, MN 55744
Park at north end of Itasca Co. Fairgrounds Campground parking lot.
- 2 COLERAINE** 803 Cole Street, Coleraine, MN 55722
Park at Longyear Park (400 Cole St)
- 3 BOVEY** 1st Street & 1st Ave, Bovey, MN 55709
Park on any of the city streets
- 4 TACONITE** Bennett Street & Hodgins Ave, Taconite, MN 55786
Parking available at the Community Center
- 5 MARBLE** Near - 603 Alice Ave Marble, MN 55764
Park behind the ball field
- 6 CALUMET** Gary Street & Hill-Annex Minnesota State Park Road, Calumet, MN 55716
Parking available near Mesabi Trail entry point
- 7 PENGILLY** Minnesota Highway 65, Pengilly
When you turn from Hwy 169 onto Hwy 65, parking is immediately to your left
- 8 NASHWAUK** Near - 703 1st St Nashwauk, MN 55769
Parking available near Mesabi Trail entry point
- 9 KEEWATIN** West 3rd Avenue & North 7th Street Keewatin, MN 55753
Parking available near Mesabi Trail entry point
- 10 HIBBING** 1201 Greyhound Boulevard Hibbing, MN 55746
Parking available at the Greyhound Bus Museum parking lot
- 11 CHISHOLM** East Lake Street & 1st Ave SE Chisholm, MN 55719
Parking available near Mesabi Trail entry point
- 12 BUHL** Culver Ave & State Street Buhl, MN 55713
Park on any city street near the Mesabi Trail entry point kiosk

- 13 KINNEY** Hwy 169 & Co Hwy 25 Great Scott Township, MN
From Hwy 169, exit north onto Co Hwy 25 and continue 3/10 mile towards Kinney, but not into town. Trail access and parking lot are on the left.
- 14 MOUNTAIN IRON** Locomotive Street & Mesabi Ave Mountain Iron, MN 55768
Parking available near Mesabi Trail entry point
- 15 VIRGINIA** 1428 North 9th Ave Virginia, MN 55792
Parking available near Mesabi Trail entry point
- 16 GILBERT** Kansas Ave & Ore-Be-Gone Drive Gilbert, MN 55741
Parking available near Mesabi Trail entry point
- 17 EVELETH** **MESABI STATION** 111 Station 44 Road Eveleth, MN 55734
This access point is at Mesabi Station, Trailhead for the Mesabi Trail. Parking available at lower level parking lot near the entry point kiosk. *NOTE - this is a spur from the main trail.*
FAYAL POND 1502 Minnesota 37 Eveleth, MN 55734
Parking available near Mesabi Trail entry point. Access to the Trail is to the east, under the Hwy 53 over-pass, immediately after the exit ramp. *NOTE - this is a spur from the main trail.*
FAYAL TOWNSHIP 4375 Shady Lane Eveleth, MN 55734
Parking available at the Township Hall
- 18 MCKINLEY** 5252 Heritage Trail Gilbert, MN 55741
Parking available near Mesabi Trail entry point *NOTE - there is a gap with no paved trail between McKinley & Biwabik. Heading west - there is paved trail connecting to Gilbert. Heading east - detour to the shoulder of Hwy 135 to get to Biwabik. Construction completion expected by the end of 2023. There is paved trail again starting east of Biwabik.*

- 19 BIWABIK** **BIWABIK** 6233 Minnesota 135 Biwabik, MN 55708
Parking near Mesabi Trail entry point
EMBARRASS LAKE 5966 Minnesota 135 Biwabik, MN 55705
Direct access to the Mesabi Trail and parking right off Hwy 135 at the Wayside Rest & Boat Landing.
GIANTS RIDGE 6329 Wynne Creek Drive Biwabik, MN 55708
This access point is right at the entrance to Giants Ridge ski resort. Parking at the resort.
- 20 AURORA** Hill Street & Co Hwy 100 Aurora, MN 55705
Parking at the Mesabi Trail entry point kiosk and yellow archway. *NOTE - this is a spur from the main trail, there is no connectivity east beyond Aurora.*
- 21 EMBARRASS** 4846 Highway 21 Embarrass, MN 55732
Parking very near the Mesabi Trail entry point kiosk. *NOTE - the Trail travels north for 9.5 miles and dead ends at Hwy 26, about 6 miles short of Tower. There is no connectivity to Tower at this time. It is NOT recommended to detour to the shoulder of Hwy 135 as there is no shoulder*
- 22 TOWER** Pine Street & Poirier Road Tower, MN 55790
Park in the lot by the Civic Center and Trail Museum. Access the Mesabi Trail just a half block south.
- 23 SOUDAN** Breitung Monument Park 5263 Hwy 169 Soudan, Mn 55782
There is parking and a paved path that connects to the greater Mesabi Trail

- 24 EAGLES NEST** 1552 Bear Head State Park Road Ely, MN 55731
Eagles Nest is 13 miles southwest of Ely off Hwy 169, on the way to Bear Head State Park. Parking is near the Township Hall at the Mesabi Trail entry point kiosk.
- 25 ELY** **ELY** Pioneer Road & Miners Drive East Ely, MN 55731
Park in the lot off Miners Drive east, look for the Mesabi Trail entry point kiosk. Access to the Trail is to the east across Pioneer Rd. You can also access the Trezona City Trail here.
Hwy 169 and Co Hwy 88, Ely, MN 55731
Additional access point at the intersection of Hwy 169 and Co Hwy 88 in Ely

Scan these QR Codes to plan your trip!



Distance(miles) between communities

Grand Rapids	Marble	Keewatin	Hibbing	Chisholm	Buhl	Virginia	McKinley	Giants Ridge	Embarrass
16.3	13	10	7	5	13	10.2	8.5	11	
29.3	23	17	12	8	13	10.2	8.5		
39.3	30	22	15	10	13	10.2	8.5		
46.3	35	22	15	10	13	10.2	8.5		
51.3	35	22	15	10	13	10.2	8.5		
64.3	48	35	25	18	13	10.2	8.5		
74.5	58.2	45.2	35.2	28.2	23.3	10.2	8.5		
83.0	66.7	53.7	43.7	36.7	31.7	18.7	8.5		
94.0	77.7	64.7	54.7	47.7	42.7	29.7	19.5	11	

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Tower	Soudan	Eagles Nest	Ely
3	9	14	
12	9	14	
26	23	14	

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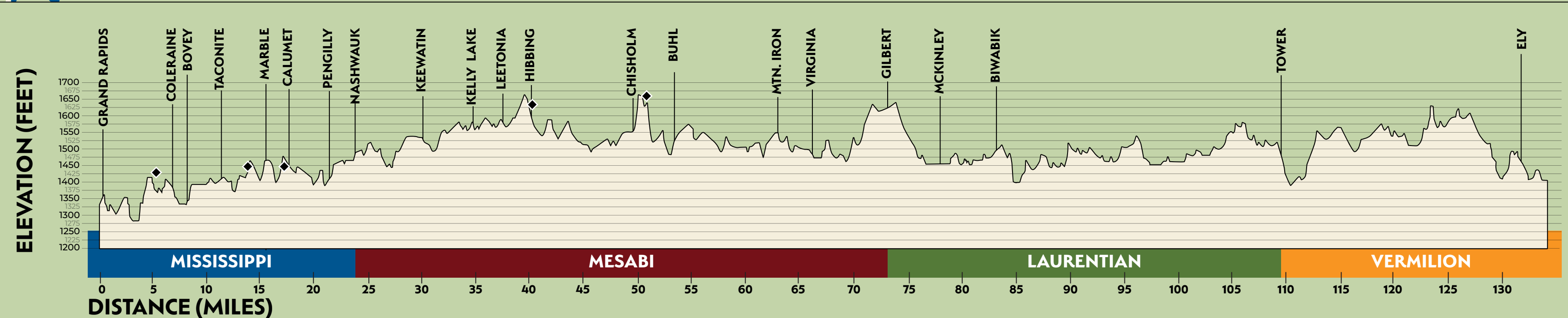


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Legend

- Completed trail
- Future trail construction
- Highways
- Trailhead
- Community with Access Point(s)
- Community
- Hill with up to 8% grade
- Hospital/ER



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