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Lima Grade

Distance: 13.1 miles (one way)

Estimated ride time: 1.25 – 3 hours+

Difficulty: Beginner

Surface Type: Gravel

Special Notes: Cross and Mountain Bikes. May encounter traffic, but very little. Great family ride area.

Directions to Trail Head: There are multiple starting points on this route, and all rides are an out and back unless you have multiple vehicles.

- South Brule Parking Area – 16 miles from Grand Marais
- DNR Campsite East and West Twin – 27.5 miles from Grand Marais
- Lima Mountain Road – 21.2 miles from Grand Marais
- End of Lima Grade – 28 miles from Grand Marais

Route Description: Depending on where you start, will give you any number of miles that you would like to ride. Studying the map to determine a route will help to determine which route you would like to take. The overall elevation gain on this route is pretty forgiving, considering you are in Northern Cook County. This “grade” is exactly that.

If you start at the southern end or from the DNR camp site, there are a few lakes that make for a great trail head. At the southernmost end, you can still see the old trestle supports in the lake. Traveling north, the BWCAW will be on your left nearly the entire way. You will notice signs that say “BWCAW Entry Point”. You will also cross the South Brule River and depending on how far you ride the North Brule River as well.

You may notice on your ride that there appears to be old logs sticking out of the road. This is known as “corduroy” and is the way they built roads across swampy areas many years ago. There is a great mix of forest along this route as you travel from low areas along the rivers to a bit higher elevation that supports the beautiful Pines that Cook County is known for.
ENJOY THE RIDE!!!!



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