

## FISHING ON THE GUNFLINT TRAIL

The Gunflint Trail, a designated National Scenic Byway, lies at the eastern entrance to the vast Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). Some of the best fishing in Minnesota is found in these northern lakes. Drive right up and launch (or rent) a boat at some lakes, fish from the shore of others, and if you want to make a little extra effort, paddle to a remote location for the ultimate in wilderness fishing.

Spring fishing finds the walleyes ready to feed after ice out, especially if you are interested in night fishing. May and early June are also prime time for lake trout since they are readily hooked trolling just beneath the surface, and the bass action is unrivaled by the middle of June. If northern pike are your preference, tales of 15-plus pounders are not unusual early in the season.

As the warm days of summer move along, fishing on the Gunflint keeps a pace with each species of fish doing its part to provide a tasty shore lunch or a thrilling catch-and-release experience. As the leaves turn and flood the landscape with spectacular color, fishing for walleyes, panfish, and even whitefish adds excitement to an already sensational season.

Fishing the lakes of our area appeals to all, whether one chooses the ease of angling from a boat and motor or prefers the challenge of casting from a canoe. To help hone your skills, there are many area guides eager to share their know-how.

Although many trophy-size fish are caught along the Gunflint Trail, we recognize that they are a limited resource, and, therefore, strongly support the catch-and-release philosophy.

For detailed information please contact the resort where you are vacationing.

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**KEY TO FISH:**  
W = Walleye  
S = Smallmouth Bass  
P = Panfish  
L = Lake Trout  
T = Stream Trout  
N = Northern Pike  
H = Herring/Whitefish

Ramp Type  
BWCA Entry Point  
Shore Fishing  
Motor HP Limits\*  
Public Launch  
Resort Access  
Types of Fish (key at left)

**MOTOR LIMITS**  
East Bearskin Lake  
No Limit outside BWCAW;  
25 hp max. in BWCAW portion  
Clearwater Lake  
No Limit outside BWCAW;  
10 hp max. in BWCAW portion  
Seagull Lake  
No Limit outside BWCAW;  
10 hp east of Three-Mile Island and  
in North Bay (see postings at lake)  
Saganaga - Up to 25 hp  
(to American Point)



**STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!**  
Prevent the transport of nuisance species.  
Clean all recreational equipment.  
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**When you leave a body of water:**  
• Remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting equipment.  
• Eliminate water from equipment before transporting.  
• Clean and dry anything that comes into contact with water (boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.).  
• Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

## Gunflint Trail Lakes

Lake Number	Name	Ramp Type	Shore Fishing	Motor HP Limits*	Public Launch	Resort Access	Types of Fish
1.	Trout Lake	Carry-in	•				L/T
2.	Northern Light	Earth					W/S/P/N
3.	East Bearskin	Concrete	•	•	•	•	W/S/L/N
4.	Clearwater Lake	Earth	•	•	•	•	S/L/H
5.	Flour Lake	Concrete	•				W/S/L/N/H
6.	Hungry Jack Lake	Carry-in					W/S/P/N
7.	West Bearskin Lake	Carry-in	•				S/P/N/T
8.	Birch Lake	Carry-in	•				S/L/T
9.	Poplar Lake	Concrete	•	•	•	•	W/S/P/N/H
10.	Leo Lake	Carry-in	•				W/S/T
11.	Iron Lake	Carry-in					W/P/N
12.	Loon Lake	Concrete					W/S/P/L/N/H
13.	Gunflint Lake	Concrete	•	•	•	•	W/S/L/N
14.	Round Lake	Carry-in	•				W/S/N
15.	Seagull Lake	Earth	•	•	•	•	W/S/L/N/H
16.	Saganaga Lake	Gravel	•	•	•	•	W/S/L/N/H
17.	Mink Lake	Carry-in					T
18.	Kimball Lake	Concrete					L

## Gunflint Trail Resorts & Outfitters

Nearest Lake  
Miles from Visitor Center  
Boats/Canoes  
Bait and/or Tackle  
Licenses/Permits  
Fishing Guides  
BWCA Guides  
Fly-Fishing  
Public Dock\*

Resort/Outfitter	Nearest Lake	Miles from Visitor Center	Boats/Canoes	Bait and/or Tackle	Licenses/Permits	Fishing Guides	BWCA Guides	Fly-Fishing	Public Dock*
Trout Lake Resort	1	15	•	•	•				•
Bearskin Lodge	3	27	•	•	•			•	
Golden Eagle Lodge	5	28	•	•	•			•	•
Clearwater Outfitters	4	28	•	•	•				
Poplar Creek Guesthouse B&B	9	29	•			•	•		
Hungry Jack Outfitters	6	30	•	•	•			•	
Hungry Jack Lodge	6	30	•	•	•	•			
Trail Center	9	30				•			
Nor'Wester Lodge	9	31	•	•	•				•
Windigo Lodge	9	32	•	•	•	•			
Big Bear Lodge	9	32	•	•	•				
Rockwood Lodge	9	33	•	•	•	•			
Loon Lake Lodge	12	39	•	•					
Gunflint Lodge & Outfitters	13	44	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Gunflint Pines Resort	13	44	•	•	•	•			•
Heston's Lodge	13	44				•			
Cross River Lodge	13	45	•						
Tuscarora Lodge	14	47	•	•	•				
Seagull Creek Fishing Camp	15	52			•	•			
Seagull Canoe Outfitters & Cabins	15	53	•	•	•				
Way of the Wilderness	15/16	55	•	•	•				
Voyageur Canoe Outfitters	16	56	•	•	•				•

\*Some public docks have restrictions or require a small fee, check with the lodge for more details.