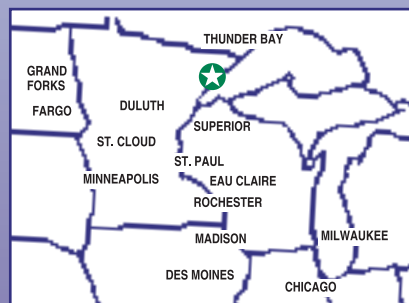


Welcome to the North Shore Ski Trails.

No where else will you find such an extensive system of wilderness ski trails with such a high standard of grooming.

Enjoy!

The Lutsen Tofte Tourism Association
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MAP 1 Tofte to Oberg Mountain

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SUGARBUSH TRAILS ACCESS:

You may access the Sugarbush Trails from the Britton Peak parking lot, three miles north of Tofte on the Sawbill Trail.

DESCRIPTIONS: These trails take their name from the extensive stands of maple trees through which they wind, the sap from which is boiled down into real maple syrup in the Spring.

Trails are groomed for classic and freestyle skiing.

The first .8 km of the Sugarbush trail system is a two way access to the two beginning loops, Woodduck and Piece of Cake Loops. These trails wind around the base of Britton Peak and past a small pond, on gently rolling terrain.

These beginning loops lead to two loops of intermediate difficulty, Bridge Run, 2.4 km in length, and Hogback Ridge, 3.2 km in length. From atop Hogback Ridge, you can enjoy a nice vista across the Temperance River valley back toward Carlton Peak. Those wanting a bit more challenge may want to continue around the **Homestead Loop**, 7.3 km in length. This loop departs from

the far end of **Bridge Run**. The north side offers nice vistas over the valleys and hills inland, while the lakeside portion follows a ridge with a great view of Lake Superior.

The **Picnic Loop** offers the greatest challenge of this system, and also provides the greatest rewards for those up to the challenge. The name is intended as a precaution; this loop will take you long enough so you may want to consider bringing a picnic lunch. It is rated as "most difficult", due in part to its length, but also to the terrain, which is very hilly, including many long climbs and fast descents.

The most easterly end of the **Homestead Loop** is connected to the Oberg Mountain trail system, via a 5 km trail ending at the Oberg Mountain parking lot.

A great one-way ski is to begin at the Oberg trail head, ski to and along the Lake Superior side of the Homestead Loop, on to the Britton Peak trail head, and then on to Tofte via the Tofte Trail.

SUMMIT VIEW AND TOFTE TRAIL

These trails also depart from the Britton Peak trail head. Ski or walk west from the parking lot to and across the Sawbill Trail. From there you may skate or stride the 1.2 km distance to the base of the solid granite knoll that forms the summit of Carlton Peak, the second highest point in Minnesota.

Half way along Summit View, you encounter the Tofte Trail, heading left toward the shore of Lake Superior. It passes along the base of the steep north face of Carlton Peak on a continuous but gradual decent to Tofte, a distance of 4 km from the Britton Peak trail head.

MOOSE FENCE TRAILS ACCESS

The Moose fence trails may be accessed from a trail head located 7 miles north of Tofte on the Sawbill Trail.

These trails take their name from a 10 acre research plot of white pine trees, being tested by the United States Forest Service in efforts to find a species of white pine that is resistant to a disease called blister rust. This plot was surrounded for years by a tall fence intended to keep moose out of this area, as they consume plants important to this research. A 1 km trail leads to two loops, the **Maple Loop**, 3.8 km in length, and the **Upland loop**, 2.4 km long.

The Maple loop is gently rolling and passes through mature deciduous and newer conifer stands. The Upland Loop is quite flat, and passes through a plantation of spruce and balsam trees.

From the far end of Maple Loop, it a very short distance to the bridge across Six Mile Creek, which forms the base of a valley separating this ridge from the much higher opposite ridge upon which travels the northern side of the Picnic Loop.

OBERG MOUNTAIN TRAILS ACCESS

The Oberg Mountain Trails may be accessed by traveling north on the Onion River Road a distance of 3 miles from its intersection with Highway 61, about 4 miles east of Tofte.

From the Oberg Mountain trail head you may choose three options. The Onion River Road continues an additional 5.5 km beyond the parking area. This section of road is groomed very wide, offering a very spacious skating lane along with two diagonal tracks.

The Onion River Road Trail forms a part of two loops. On its west side is the westerly half of the Onion River Loop, 2.4 km of level, easy skiing. On its east side is the remainder of the Oberg Loop. This loop includes one long climb just after departing from the Onion River Road Trail, and then an exhilarating series of down hill runs ending up at the base of Oberg Mountain, a total distance of about 8 km.

PRIORITY GROOMING

Check with your lodging establishment or the Lutsen-Tofte Tourism Association office for the most current grooming information, or visit www.americasnorthcoast.org.

SNOWSHOE AND WINTER HIKING

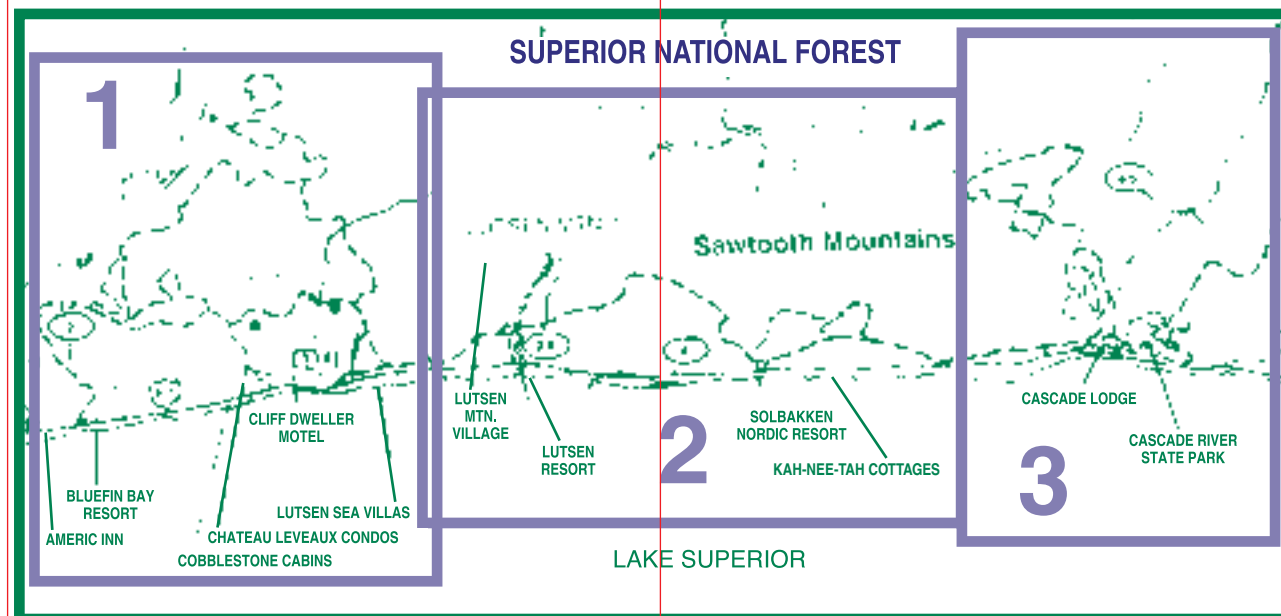
Special trails have been designated for snowshoeing and winter hiking. Please do not walk on groomed X/C trails.

STATE SKI PASSES REQUIRED

Minnesota State Ski Passes are required for use of all groomed trails, and may be purchased at the Holiday Station Store in Tofte or at the Clearview General Store in Lutsen.

DOGS / SKIJORING

Pets are not allowed on any groomed trails, except the ones designated for Skijoring/Dog Walking. They may also be walked on Snowshoe/Winter Hiking trails.



The North Shore Ski Trail System includes over 150 km of groomed and tracked trails. This map is one of a three part map system, as shown above. Map 1 includes the area from Tofte to Oberg Mountain. Map 2 goes from the Lutsen area to and east of Solbakken Resort. Map 3 includes the trails in the Cascade and Deer Yard Lake areas. Maps may be purchased at area resorts or the LTTA office.

SOME SAFETY SUGGESTIONS:

1. Always tell someone where you are going and what time you expect to be back, especially when skiing alone.
2. Always ski within control so that you are able to stop safely.
3. When considering how far to ski, consider the possibility of (1) becoming tired or injured, (2) becoming cold, (3) facing the wind on the return trip, and (4) change in weather.
4. Remember that darkness arrives quickly during winter months.
5. Never ski alone in isolated or remote areas. Unfortunately, injuries can happen to anyone.
6. If you are lost, do not leave the marked trails.
7. Changing snow and weather conditions can affect the difficulty level of the trail.

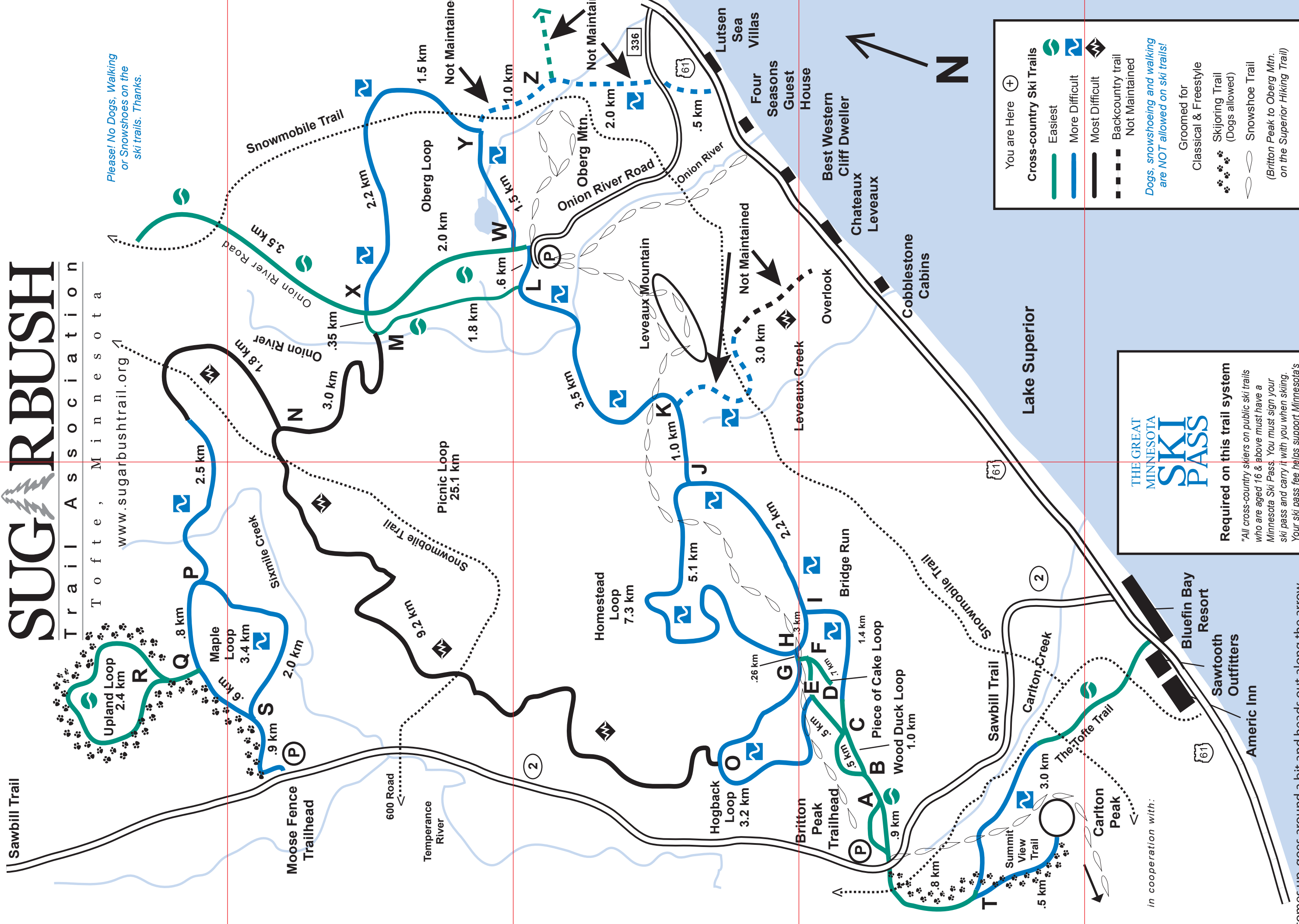
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Cross-country Ski Trails

- Easiest
- More Difficult
- Most Difficult

Backcountry trail
Not Maintained

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Groomed for
Classical & Freestyle

Skijoring Trail (Dogs allowed)

Snowshoe Trail
(Britton Peak to Oberg Mtn. on the Superior Hiking Trail)

THE GREAT MINNESOTA SKI PASS

Required on this trail system

"All cross-country skiers on public ski trails who are aged 16 & above must have a Minnesota Ski Pass. You must sign your ski pass and carry it with you when skiing. Your ski pass fee helps support Minnesota's cross-country ski trail systems."

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comes up, goes around a bit and heads out along the arrow.