

LAKE SUPERIOR STATE WATER TRAIL

MAP 4 - SCHROEDER TO GRAND MARAIS



MINNESOTA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

AREA OVERVIEW



ABOUT THE WATER TRAIL

Paddle past basalt rock outcrops, rocky beaches and distant views of the Sawtooth Mountains along this segment of the water trail. There are areas with no public access, particularly near Tofte and Lutsen. Be sure to plan ahead with an eye on the weather and personal needs.

Shipwrecks are tragic reminders of Lake Superior's power, something that no paddler should underestimate. Lake cliffs can be serious hazards to the unwary. Calm summer waters can change to life-threatening conditions in minutes and cliff areas can prevent you from seeking safety on shore.

You should be prepared to deal with conditions and have the paddling skills needed to ensure your safety. Local marine weather forecasts should be monitored before and during any trip on the lake. You should understand how these forecasts can help predict lake conditions. Wave heights can be greatly increased by shoreline features and currents.



-TRIP PLANNING AND SAFETY

- Plan your trip with a map and tell someone your plans before you leave.
- Make sure your route fits your experience and fitness levels. The average kayaking speed is 2-3 m.p.h.
- Travel with a companion or group and know everyone's skill level.
- Seek instruction and practice kayak skills, including rescues, before paddling on Lake Superior. Be certain your boat has adequate bow and stern flotation and a pump for emptying a flooded boat.
- Anticipate changes in weather, wind and waves by monitoring a weather or marine VHF radio.
- Study shoreline features and review exit points before launching. Cliffs may create water turbulence that prevents you from going ashore.
- Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal floatation device. Each paddler is required to have one readily accessible.

• Know the dangers of hypothermia and dress for cold water (32 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit). Cold water is a killer – wearing a wet or dry suit is strongly recommended.

- Pack a map, water, spray skirt, float for paddle, whistle, emergency flares, and a waterproof container with a first aid kit, matches and extra clothes.
- Fog can make visibility zero. Bring a compass and know how to use it.
- A bright white light must be displayed on each kayak or canoe after sunset to prevent a collision.
- Purchase a license for your non-motorized watercraft if it's more than 10 feet in length. If you're not from Minnesota, check your state's laws.
- This map is not adequate for sole use as a navigational aid. Utilize USGS topographic maps and NOAA charts of the North Shore.

CAMPING-

- Respect private property along the shore! Stop only at designated areas.
- Camp only in designated campsites.
- Campgrounds require fees and reservations, while watercraft campsites are typically available on a first-come, first-served basis. Find details at mndnr.gov/lswt
- Leave a clean campsite and carry out all trash.
- Be sanitary! Use designated toilet facilities or bury human waste away from the water.

EXPLORE ON SHORE –

TEMPERANCE RIVER STATE PARK Water trail mile **95.2**

Beach your kayak near the mouth of the Temperance River and stretch your legs on park

trails. You'll also find vehicle parking and a picnic area just a short walk from the lake. mndnr.gov/temperance

CASCADE RIVER STATE PARK Water trail mile 115.4

Pull onto shore near the Baptism River to access park trails, picnic tables and vehicle parking. mndnr.gov/cascaderiver

- PROTECT THE LAKE -

Your experience on the lake depends on a healthy environment. As you explore the beauty of this waterway, also do your best to protect it.

Protect Your Waters

- mndnr.gov/invasives/aquatic

Buffer Protection

The Minnesota buffer law establishes new vegetation buffers along rivers, streams and ditches to help filter out chemicals and sediment before they reach waterways. mndnr.gov/buffers



Planning and preparation help create a great experience.



Before launching...before leaving • Clean off aquatic plants and animals. • Drain all water away from the landing. • Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

CONTACTS

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TEMPERANCE RIVER STATE PARK

7620 West Highway 61 Schroeder, MN 55613 218-663-3100

CASCADE RIVER

STATE PARK 3481 West Highway 61 Lutsen, MN 55612 218-387-6000

- MEDICAL -

NORTH SHORE HEALTH



515 5th Ave West Grand Marais, MN 55604 218-387-3040

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

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mndnr.gov/watertrails

- Interactive water trail map
- Recommended routes
- Lake safety
- Virtual tours

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