



# Suomi Hills

CHIPPEWA NATIONAL FOREST  
FOREST SERVICE

## LOCATION

The remote setting of the Suomi Hills semi-primitive non-motorized area is graced with rolling hills, clear lakes and some of the most spectacular fall color in the area. Suomi Hills is located approximately nine miles south of Marcell, Minn., and 14 miles north of Grand Rapids, Minn. along State Highway 38, the Edge of the Wilderness National Scenic Byway.

## HISTORY

The Suomi Hills Recreation Area is named for the small Finnish community of Suomi, Minn., situated on the northern edge of the Suomi Recreation Area located near Grave Lake, Minn. The area was logged from 1905 to 1910, with people settling in the area about 1916. The Day Lake Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp, a prisoner of war camp during World War II, is located on the north end of Suomi Hills.

## DESCRIPTION

Suomi Hills has 19 miles of trails, numerous small lakes and several primitive campsites. The site offers camping, hiking, biking, skiing, and canoe trips. The rolling topography offers cross-country and mountain bike trails for intermediate and advanced skiers and bikers. The trails are groomed and track-set in the winter and mowed in the summer. Young aspen stands, maples, basswoods, and scattered pine form the landscape of the area.

Adele, Spruce Island, Big Horn, and Hill Lakes offer good bass and pan fishing. Brown trout can be caught in Lucky Lake and Rainbow Trout in Kremer Lake.

Looking for an interesting hike? The Miller Lake area features a sunken lake resulting from repeated washouts of a beaver dam, most recently in 1982 and 1993. An enormous gully remains as evidence of the powerful washouts of Miller Lake into Amen Lake.

Suomi Hill has an abundance of wildlife. Beaver and loons are common on almost every lake in the area, but grouse, woodcock, deer, bear, bald eagle, osprey, coyote, and timber wolves may also highlight your visit to the beautiful area.

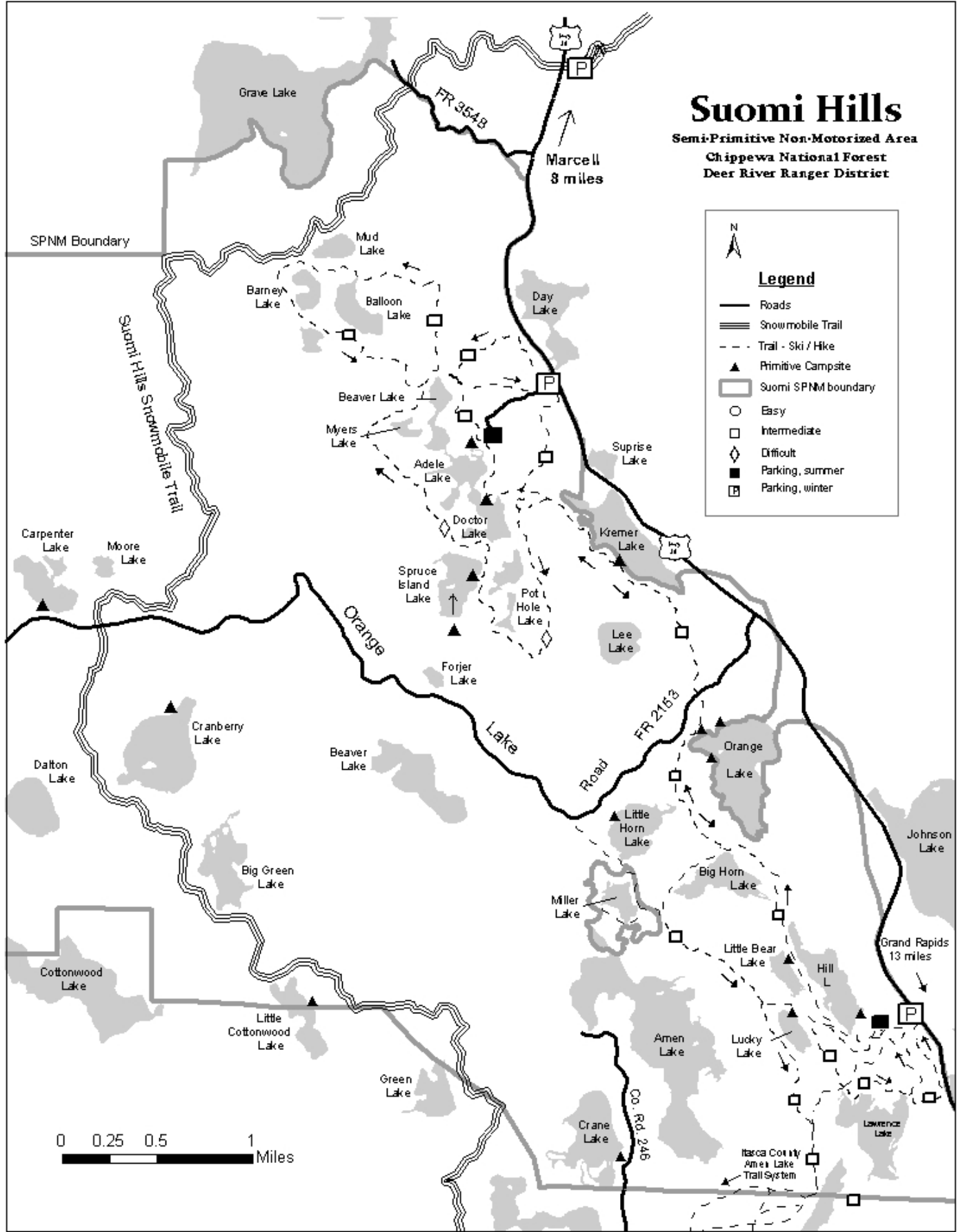
## RULES

Access into Suomi Hills semi-primitive non-motorized area is by foot and non-motorized travel only. Outboard motors, chainsaws, power augers, and other internal combustion engines are not allowed to be stored on or transported across National Forest land. Please pack out all you bring in and enjoy your visit to the Chippewa National Forest.



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Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized Area  
Chippewa National Forest  
Deer River Ranger District



**Legend**

- Roads
- ≡≡≡ Snowmobile Trail
- - - Trail - Ski / Hike
- ▲ Primitive Campsite
- Suomi SPM boundary
- Easy
- Intermediate
- ◇ Difficult
- Parking, summer
- ▢ Parking, winter

