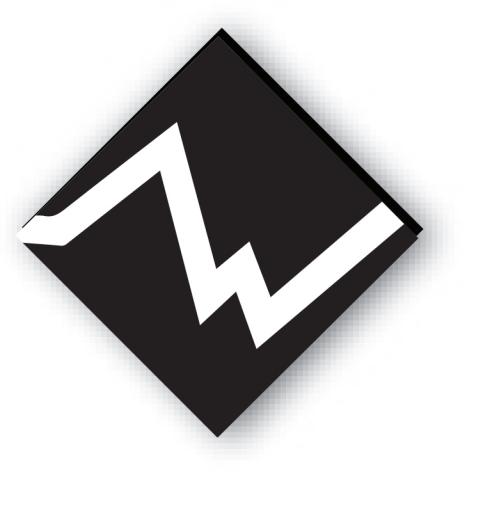


Welcome to the Cruser's Kettle Trail



TRAIL RATING: VERY DIFFICULT / EXPERT

Welcome to Cruser's Kettle mountain biking trail in Crow Wing County. Cruser's Kettle Trail winds through an active forest management area and its hills were formed by glacial activity—not made of mine overburden like similar trails in the Cuyuna region.



Do Not Ride Trail for 24-hours After a Rain Event.

Respect the terrain!

Respect your local trail maintenance team, the Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Crew, and be a good steward of the physical environment. Stay on the trail and leave no trace. Mountain bike trails can have loose and slippery surfaces. Use extreme caution and proceed carefully as rocks and trees frequently fall and are commonly encountered on the mountain bike trails. Trails are temporarily closed when they are wet—if your tire leaves an imprint in the dirt, please refrain from riding.



Report violators and damage

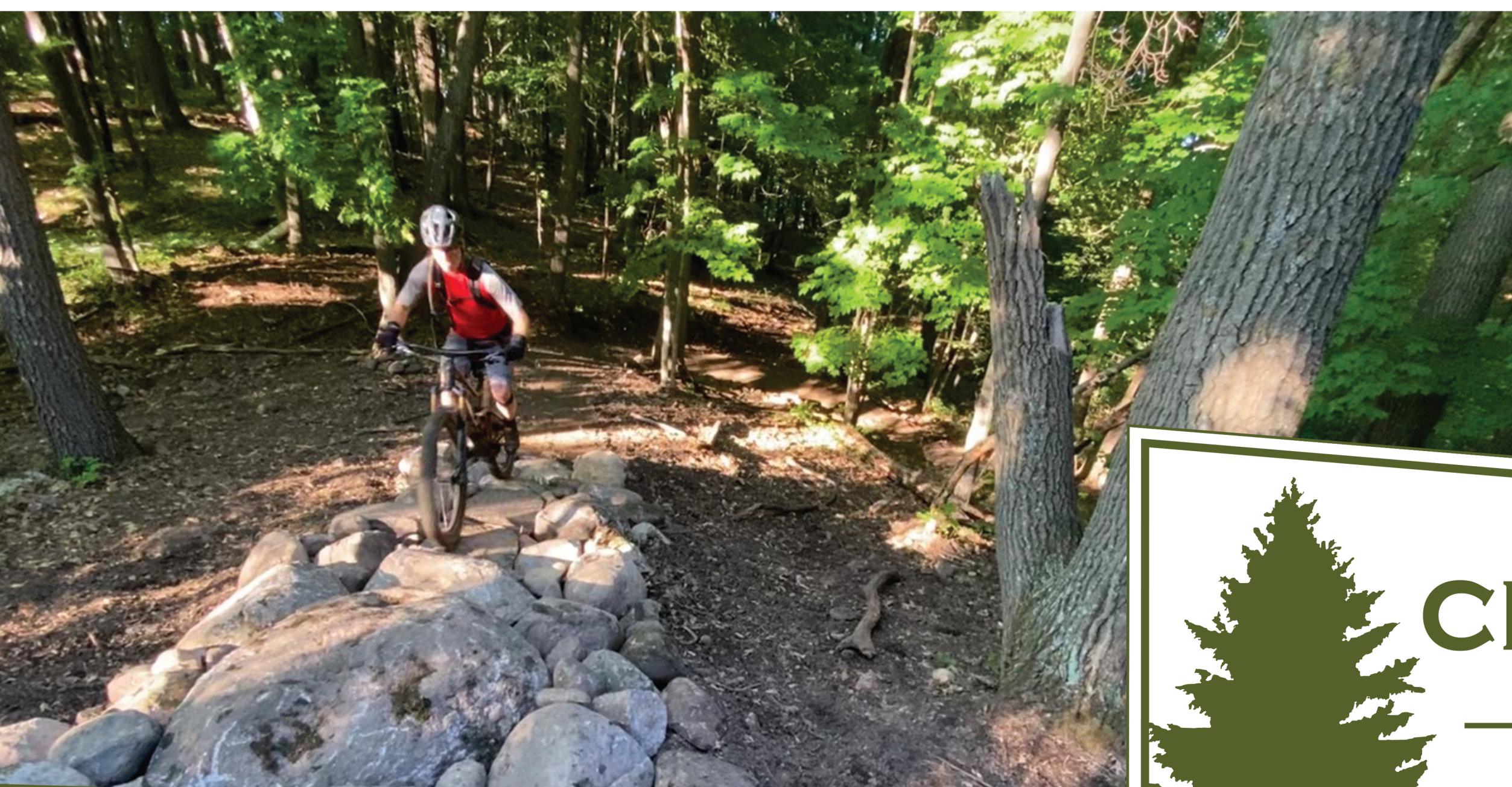
Please report any damage or persons doing damage to the trails.

Contact Crow Wing County Land Services at 218-824-1010 or you can email us at: landservices@crowning.us

Emergency Response:

If you have an emergency, call 911, and provide the dispatcher with the following:

- Description of the emergency.
- Number on the nearest intersection marker.
- Name of the trail you are on.



This trail features:

Rated black diamond, Cruser's Kettle Trail is an 8-mile, one-way, round-trip commitment. Much of Cruser's Kettle Trail is covered in Glacial Goodness, rolling, flowy, dirt infused singletrack, however, as this is a black diamond trail, this trail also features:

- 1) Extended rock descents, upward of 60 feet in length, and rock climbs of the same distance.
- 2) Log rolls in trail
- 3) Half log ramp skinnies
- 4) Log step ups through trees
- 5) Rock drop through trees

This trail is not groomed for fat bike use in the winter, but is open to snowshoeing.

Hunting and bike trails

Stay off trails during rifle season

Recreational riding on forest trails passing through Crow Wing County-administered public lands is prohibited during the big game, firearm-hunting season. See the most recent Minnesota hunting and trapping regulations handbook for more information.



Cruser's Kettle Trail is named for Dan Cruser (pronounced Cruiser), a lifelong advocate of cycling and a retired Crosby High School guidance counselor. Cruser's first bike in the mid-1980s was a mountain bike—he rode old mining roads and anywhere else he could find a trail. Family vacations to biking destinations in the western U.S. helped Cruser realize what biking could do for communities—especially the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area—both economically, as well as improving the health of its residents and visitors. The vision and advocacy efforts of Cruser and others in promoting the mountain bike trails—including a Hallett Trust grant matched with public donations—helped to implement the current Cuyuna Master Vision for Trails to expand the trails beyond their initial 25 miles.

Ecological impact

Be aware of and report any invasive species sightings. Clean off and dry out your equipment after leaving the forest. This stops the spread of invasive species.