



Firearm safety

Observe all the firearm safety rules when hunting on county land.

Handle guns carefully near cars and camps. Load and unload your rifle in the field, not while standing in a group. Place your gun in a stable position, not leaning against a car. Always keep your muzzle pointed in a safe direction. When you are in the woods, know the location of buildings, roads, and places where people may be.

Report violators and damage.

Please report any damage or persons doing damage to the trails to Crow Wing County.

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

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

Ecological impact

Follow trail signs.

County Hiker/Hunter trails are clearly marked with blue trail markers. Watch for blue directional trail markings posted to trees along the trails.

Hiking safety tips

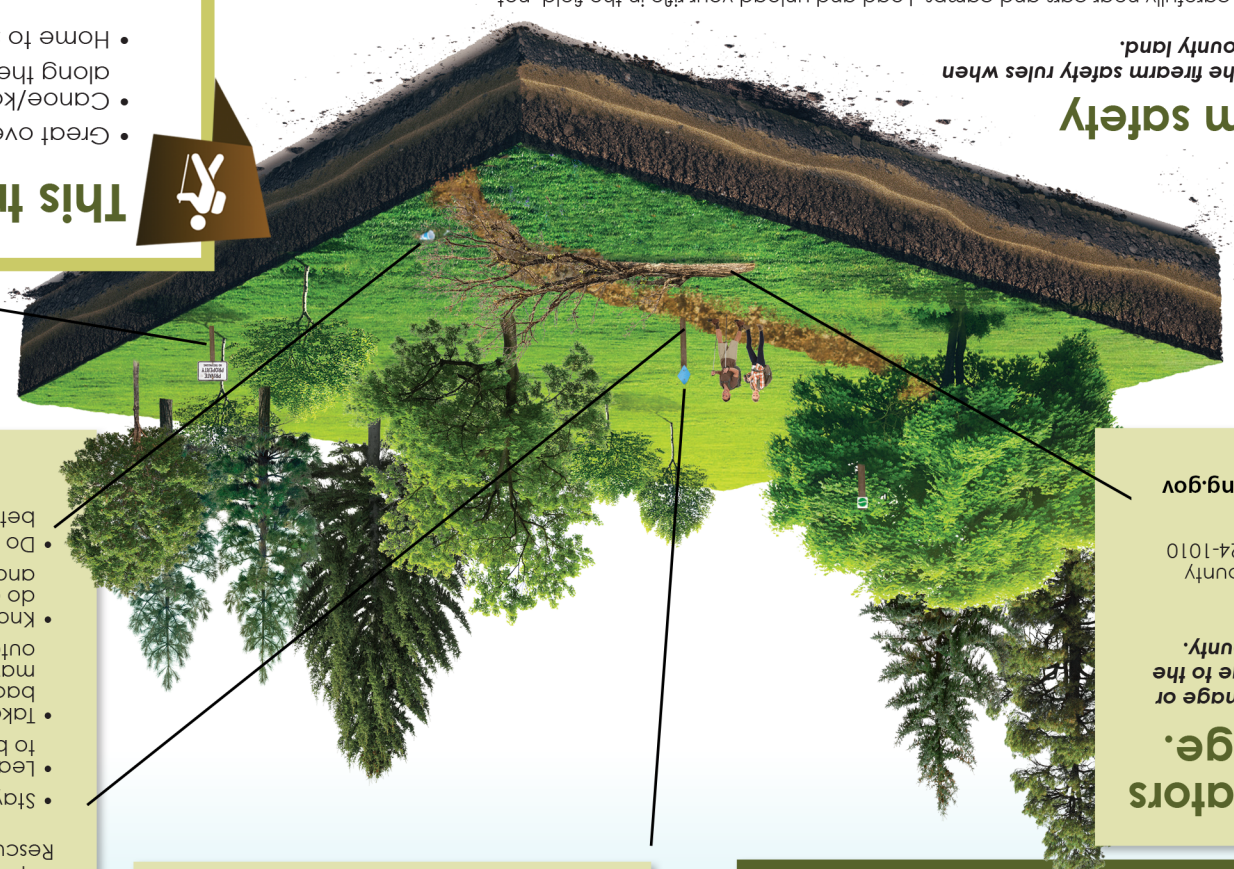
You are responsible for your own safety! Hiking areas have their own inherent risks and hikers assume complete responsibility for their own safety. Rescue is not a certainty.

- Stay on designated roads and trails.
- Leave an itinerary of where you plan to be with a friend or loved one.
- Take into account the chance for bad weather or the possibility you may be forced to spend a night outdoors unexpectedly.
- Know how to identify and what to do about pests such as deer ticks and poison ivy.
- Do your part by leaving the area better than you found it.



This trail features...

- Great overlook of Gillespie Lake
- Canoe/kayak rest stations located along the trail
- Home to several breeding loons



Welcome to the Portage Lake Trail

Welcome to one of the many hunting/hiking trails in Crow Wing County. We're glad you are out enjoying the trails. This brochure provides helpful information for navigating trails and protecting them for other users. Take a quick read and hit the trail.



Read and understand all hunting regulations



Don't forget to check for Ticks!

Deer ticks, also known as blacklegged ticks, are just one of thirteen known tick species in Minnesota. They are most common in hardwood forests and wooded and brushy areas. Deer ticks are potential carriers of Lyme disease.

Check and re-check for ticks when you are in tick-infested wooded areas.

PROTECT OUR TRAILS!

YOU CAN HELP

www.crowwing.gov

Please report any damage, downed trees, or persons doing damage to the trails.



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Portage Lake Trail

22025 Iverson Rd, Ironton

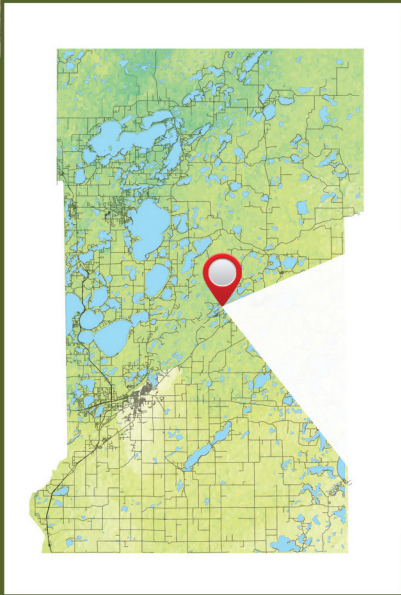
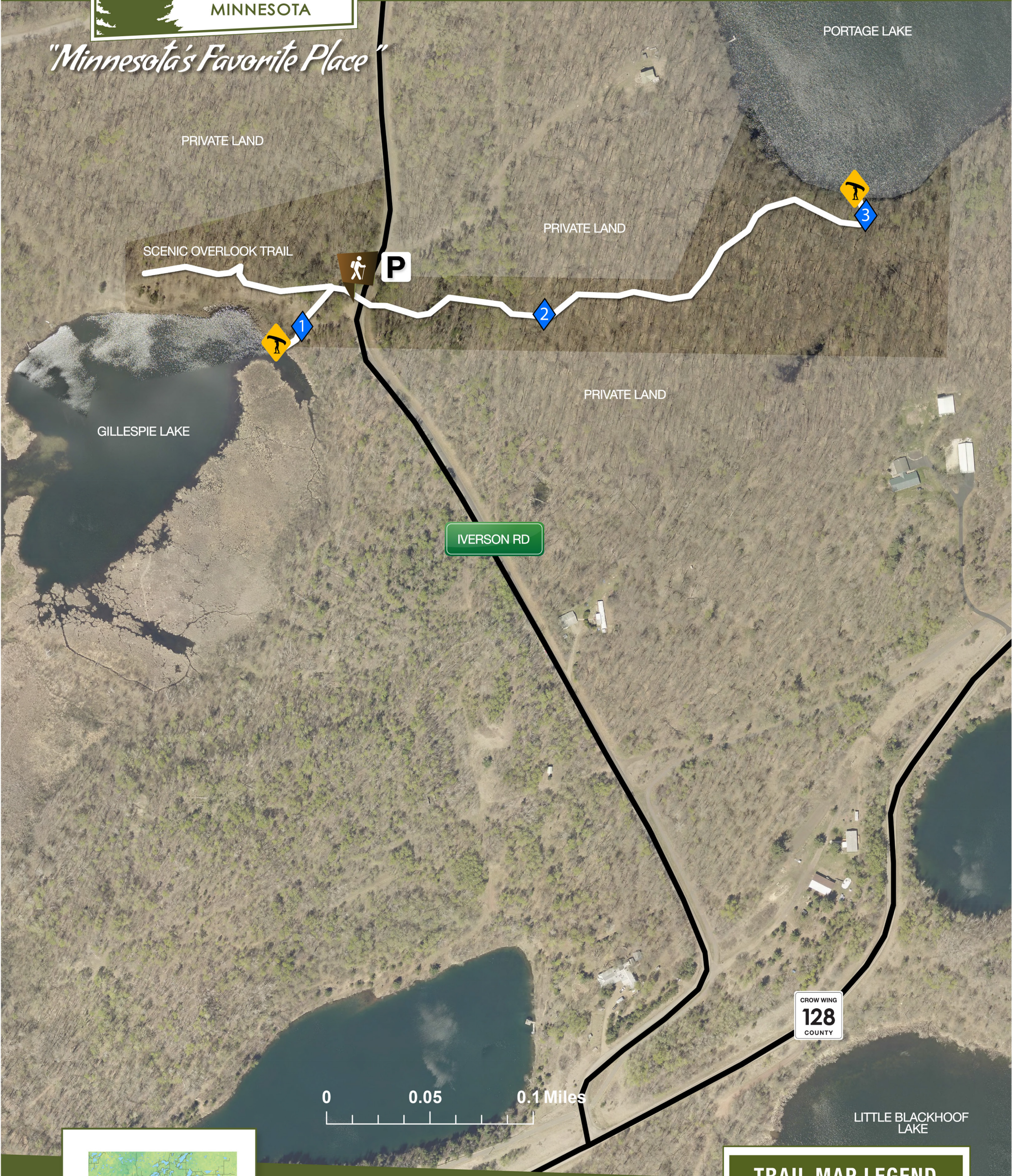




PORTAGE LAKE TRAIL

0.4 MILES

"Minnesota's Favorite Place"



TRAIL MAP LEGEND

..... TRAILHEAD

..... CANOE PORTAGE

..... PARKING

..... ROAD

..... TRAIL

..... TRAILHEAD