

Gitchi-Gami State Trail

Connecting communities, destinations, and recreation along Lake Superior



\$4 million



Design, engineering, and construction of four trail segments



Local project partner:

Gitchi-Gami Trail Association



Management Agency:

Minnesota DNR

Brief Description:

Funding will secure federal matching funds while enabling acquisition, design, development, and construction of four key trail segments:

- Lutsen segment extension (1/4 mile with water crossing)** - Construction, matched by \$600,000 federal TA funds (in progress) • \$1.5 million
- Toftes segment gap (0.5 mi)** - Construction to fill trail gap, creating an 11+ mi contiguous segment • \$1.5 million
- Two Harbor to Flood Bay State Wayside (1 mi)** - Design, engineering, acquisition & construction • \$500,000
- Silver Bay to Tettegouche State Park segment (7 mi)** - Design and engineering • \$500,000

Why this is important:

The Gitchi-Gami State Trail, when complete, will be an 86-mile paved trail providing a high-quality outdoor experience, featuring Lake Superior and the outstanding natural and recreational resources of the North Shore. It will connect municipalities with public lands, eight state parks, waysides, museums, historical sites, resorts, campgrounds, and more. These four projects represent critical connections to tourism businesses and town centers, filling in gaps to achieve trail continuity, and laying the groundwork for a more unified outdoor recreation system.

These projects are ready to go!

The Minnesota DNR has been working closely with MnDOT, the cities of Lutsen, Toftes, Silver Bay, and impacted units of government on planning and coordinating these projects. The Lutsen segment extension has matching funds that will ensure quick action. Community listening sessions have resulted in widespread support. Sen. Grant Hauschild and Rep. Roger Skraba have authored bills in support of the projects (SF 51 / HF 123).

Who supports these projects:



Sen. Grant Hauschild



Rep. Roger Skraba

- Cook County Chamber of Commerce
- Cook County/Grand Marais EDA
- Visit Cook County
- Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota
- Friends of Tettegouche State Park
- Lutsen Township Board
- Lutsen Mountains Ski & Summer Resort
- Downtown Lutsen Business Group
- AmericInn
- Bluefin Family of Resorts
- Castle Danger Brewing Company
- Cedar Coffee Company
- Clearview General Store
- Gitchi-Gami Trail Association
- Parks & Trails Council of MN
- Many more!