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CHIPPEWA NATIONAL FOREST

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The Chippewa National Forest was the first National Forest established east of the Mississippi River in 1908. Originally known as the Minnesota National Forest, the name was changed in 1928 to honor the original inhabitants. The Forest has a rich history, ranging from prehistoric times to the early logging era and CCC days.

The Forest boundary encompasses about 1.6 million acres, with over 660,000 acres managed by the Chippewa National Forest. The remaining lands are State, County, Native American, and private. The Leech Lake Indian Reservation is also within the Forest boundary.

Water is abundant on the Chippewa, with over 1,300 lakes, 925 miles of streams, and 400,000 acres of wetlands. The Forest's landscape is a reminder of the glaciers which blanketed northern Minnesota some 10,000 years ago.

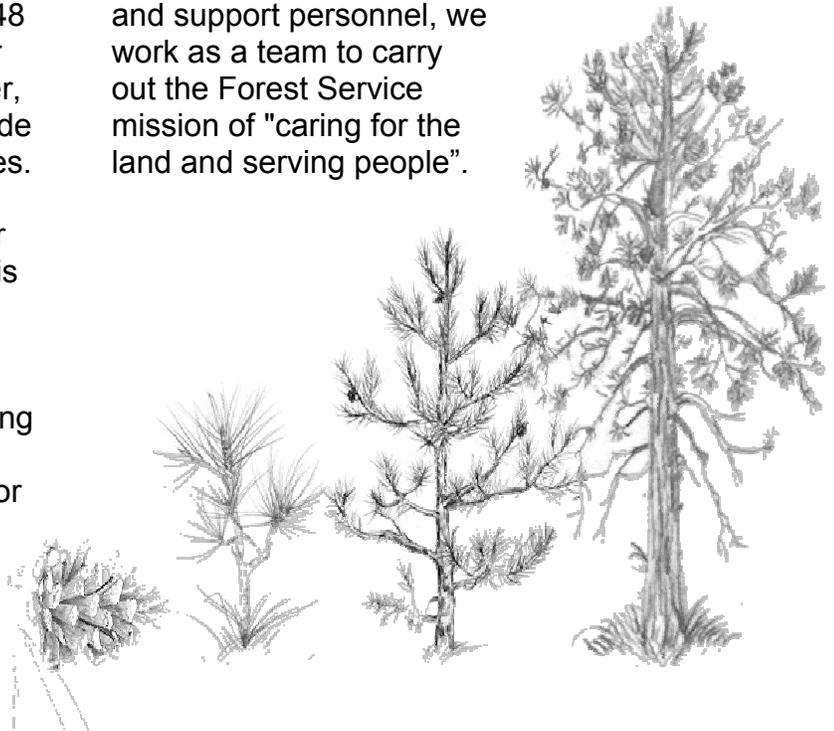
The Forest is also one of the largest breeding population areas of bald eagles in the lower 48 states. Eagles are often viewed soaring over the larger lakes of the area. White-tailed deer, ruffed grouse, and numerous waterfowl provide good wildlife viewing and hunting opportunities. Sensitive species such as the osprey, loon, and great grey owl also make the Forest their home. The gray wolf, a threatened species, is present but rarely seen.

Water oriented recreation such as fishing, canoeing, camping, water-skiing and swimming are popular on the Chippewa. Twenty-three developed campgrounds, located on the major lakes, offer a place to relax or to fish muskie, walleye, northern pike, bass or sunfish. To "rough it," primitive campsites are available into more remote areas. Resorts are also located throughout the Forest.

Over 160 miles of trail offer you the opportunity to view the Forest. Berry picking, hunting and fall color viewing are popular activities. Winter means cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and ice fishing.

As you visit the Chippewa National Forest you will observe a working forest. Recreation developments, wildlife habitat projects and timber harvest are evident. Timber is harvested from about one percent of the Chippewa National Forest each year. Timber sales provide raw materials for the paper and wood industry and improve wildlife habitat for white-tailed deer, ruffed grouse, and nongame species such as hawks, swallows and sparrows.

Over 150 people are employed on the Chippewa National Forest. Our jobs as specialists in archaeology, wildlife, forestry, soil and water, engineering and recreation enable us to manage the Forest for you. Together with computer and support personnel, we work as a team to carry out the Forest Service mission of "caring for the land and serving people".



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INFORMATION FLYERS:

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- Bald Eagles
- Biking
- Camp Rabideau
- Camping
- Canoeing
- Christmas Trees
- Fall Colors
- Fishing
- Great Divide
- Hiking
- History - Log Headquarters
- Hunter Walking Trails
- Lake Erin
- Lost Forty
- Miller Lake
- North Country Trail
- Off Road Vehicles (ORV)
- Shingobee
- Skiing (cross-country)
- Simpson Creek
- Snowmobiling
- Star Island
- Suomi Hills
- Ten Section
- Trout Lake
- Unique Areas

BROCHURES:

- Birds of the CNF
- Birth of a Forest
- Boy River Canoe Tour
- National Forests in MN Annual Report
- Joyce Estate Guide
- National Scenic Byways
- North Country Trail Map
- Pike Bay Connection Canoe Route
- Rice River Canoe Tour
- Turtle River Canoe Tour
- Woodtick Trail Auto

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- CNF (3/8") Recreation Map (\$6.00)
- CNF (1/2") Detailed Map (\$4.00)
- USGS Quad Maps (\$6.00 each)
- USGS Quad Index Map (\$.50)
- Chippewa National Forest Mini Map (*Free*)

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