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March 1, 2018 - Cook County, Minn. – The cross-country ski season is still going strong in Cook County, Minnesota. While more southern locales are beginning to see the snow melt, winter conditions tend to last a little longer up here – you can count on fresh powder and wonderful cross-country skiing weekends with excellent trail conditions well into April. That means there’s plenty of time to plan a cross-country ski getaway in Cook County this year. [In fact, cross-country skiing is the perfect addition to any spring break trip to Cook County.](#)

Cook County is home to over 400km of stunning cross-country ski trails that wind through the Superior National Forest. And with an average of 120” of snow each year, trail conditions in March are powdery and perfect. Be sure to check out trail conditions [here](#) and download the cross country ski map [here](#).

Whether you’ve been cross-country skiing for years and are looking to stretch your legs and skills, a family hungry for a new winter adventure to tackle together or a couple looking for a romantic ski through the trees, the perfect path of well-groomed corduroy awaits you.

Extend your Cross-Country Ski Season in Cook County. **View the [Cook County Ski Trail Map](#) and plan a trip north today.**

Upcoming Cook County Events to Enjoy Amidst Your Cross-Country Ski Adventure

The Sugar Tour – Tofte, MN

Saturday, March 3, 2018, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Have fun and continue your ski season by coming to the fabulous Sugarbush trails. The days are warmer and the trails are in prime condition to take a sweet challenge. Children and adults can choose 5k, 8k or an 18k loop, with activities on the shorter loops or the personal challenge of skiing the long loop with treats and hot chocolate when you finish at Oberg Trailhead. [View the Visit Cook County website to learn more.](#)

Apres l’Adventure at the Winery – North Shore Winery

Saturday, March 3, 2018, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

After a full day of cross-country skiing, what’s better than warming up with music, drinks and camaraderie? Join us for music, warm up with a mulled wine or Winter’s Spirit, and enjoy warm soup from D&D Catering at North Shore Winery after your snow adventure. Listen to the musical stylings of the Gordon Thorne and Chris Gilles combo. Great solo, but when these two get together with their friends the music is amazing. Don’t miss this fun party to warm up after a great day on the North Shore! [View the Visit Cook County website to learn more.](#)



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Charles J. Futterer Memorial Open Bonspiel – Grand Marais, MN

March 9-11, 2018

All skill levels and all age levels are welcome to have a fun bonspiel experience. Join us for appetizers on Friday night and dinner on Saturday night. \$200 entry fee per team. [View the Visit Cook County website for additional details.](#)

Fat Bike International Run for the Border – Gunflint Trail, MN

March 10, 2018, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Grab your bike (or rent one here) and head up North to make a run for the border! If you're a fat bike fanatic, you know the joy of pedaling through the forest. If you haven't tried this hot new sport yet—now is the perfect time! Explore the wooded trails right outside the Lodge and through the Superior National Forest, then across the lake along the international border (and into Canada if you have a remote border crossing permit). A shorter loop is available for the kids. After the ride, warm up around the fire with a hot beverage and marshmallows for roasting. Register early to guarantee your event t-shirt. [View the Visit Cook County website for additional details.](#)

Dog Days of Winter – Gunflint Trail, MN

March 11, 2018

Dog days of Winter is a dog sledding theme event hosted by Trail Center Lodge on the Gunflint Trail. The event includes a snowman competition, skijoring races and dog sled derbies. [View the Visit Cook County website for additional details.](#)

St. Patrick's Day at Cascade Lodge – Lutsen, MN

March 17, 2018, 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Join us for an Annual St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Cascade Restaurant and Pub. Traditional Irish menu specials. Live music! Guinness and Harp flowing freely, Jameson poured liberally! Come and join us for the most fun and awesome day of the year. [View the Visit Cook County website for additional details.](#)

The team at Visit Cook County looks forward to welcoming you to our region for a weekend full of cross-country skiing, outdoor adventures and more. Plan your weekend getaway and find a complete list of area trails and maps at VisitCookCounty.com/xc.

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About Visit Cook County

Visit Cook County encompasses the northeastern Minnesota communities of Lutsen, Tofte, Schroeder, Grand Marais, the Gunflint Trail and Grand Portage, commonly referred to as “the Arrowhead” and the “North Shore of Lake Superior.” Grand Marais, Minn., has earned several national accolades — most recently it was named USA Today's [Best Midwestern Small Town](#), Outside Magazine's [The 16 Best Places to Live in the U.S. 2016](#), and Budget Travel's 2015 [Coolest Small Town in America](#). Rekindle your sense of adventure by exploring the Superior National Forest or paddling through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Discover what makes the communities of Cook County, Minn. “Naturally Unforgettable.” Connect on social media



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A large, light blue graphic of a sailboat on a circular path. The sailboat is stylized with a large sail and a mast. The circular path is composed of several segments, suggesting a trail or a route. The graphic is positioned in the lower half of the page.

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