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Gunflint Trail, MN: Northern Minnesota is blanketed in fresh powder, transforming the Gunflint Trail into a Naturally Unforgettable winter wonderland. The snow, the forest and the frozen lakes and streams make the Gunflint Trail a fantastic and fun cross-country ski destination. Visit Cook County invites cross country skiers of all abilities to explore the peaceful, pristine trails along the Gunflint Trail. With an average of 120 inches of annual snowfall in the region, the opportunities for winter adventure are endless.

Enjoy peace, tranquility and incredibly scenic vistas throughout the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). Our well-groomed trails boast the most beautiful scenery in the Midwest, making the Gunflint Trail a wonderful location for a cross country ski getaway weekend.

The season's adventures don't stop at cross country skiing. Winter along the Gunflint Trail is the perfect time to push your limits, try new things and explore the remote corners of Minnesota's Arrowhead region. Try dog sledding, snowshoeing, ice skating or fat biking. And when you're done, there's always ice fishing, sledding snowmobiling, and more! Once you've had enough of the bright sunshine, big snowflakes and refreshing, cool air, warm up by the fireplace at one of our cozy, rustic lodges.

Browse the Visit Cook County website to find the perfect lodging option for your weekend getaway. From quaint cabins to big lodges, rustic hotels to lakeside rentals, there's a home away from home for every traveler.

Explore Scenic Trail Systems Along the Gunflint Trail

- Central Gunflint Trail System – 70km
- Banadad Trail System – 43km
- Upper Gunflint Trail System – 70km

View the Cook County Ski Trail Map for a complete list of area trails, and plan a trip to the Gunflint Trail today.

While You're in Cook County – Check Out These Great Winter Events!

John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon | January 27-29, 2019
Experience the excitement and energy of the longest sled dog race in the lower 48 states. This race is an Iditarod qualifier and is always incredible to see.

View our Beargrease event page for more details.

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Hygge Festival | February 8-14, 2019
Twilight cross country ski, snowshoe adventures, singing, storytelling, outdoor bonfires, fat tire biking tours, live music, Hygge menus and more. Enjoy Hygge and all that is cozy.

View the Hygge Festival event page for more details.

Cook County Fireplace Tour | February 1-28, 2019
It doesn't get much more Hygge than getting cozy by the fire after a cold winter's day. It's the perfect opportunity to unwind after a long day on the trails.

Read the Fireplace Tour blog post for more details and participating locations.

Candlelit Ski & Snowshoe | February 16, 2019
Don't miss this family-friendly evening ski event. The Oberg Mountain Trailhead will be lit with luminaries for a snowshoeing or skiing venture by candlelight.

View the Candlelit Ski & Snowshoe event page for more details.

Annual Pincushion Mountain Winter Festival | February 17, 2019
Celebrate winter outdoors with a festival for the whole family. This family ski festival features 1/2K, 2K and 4K races for kids, 10K and 32K races for all ages and even 3K and 7K skijoring races to enjoy with the family dog!

View the Pincushion Mountain Winter Festival event page for more details.

About Visit Cook County
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 — 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, Minnesota "Naturally Unforgettable." Connect on social media using #visitcc,
Twitter @CookCoVisitors, Facebook, or Instagram @donorthmn. Learn more at VisitCookCounty.com.

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