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Don't put your skis away yet! Measurable snow accumulation on the North Shore and Gunflint Trail

Cook County, Minn. (Feb. 18, 2019) The North Shore and Gunflint Trail received an abundance of early snow with totals to date an average of 50 percent greater than previous years. Cook County boasts eight ski trail systems in the area that are meticulously maintained and groomed for both classic and skate skiing.

Snow totals to date as compared to last year at this time (*Oct. 2018 – Jan. 10, 2019*):

	2017/18	2018/19	% increase
Lutsen Mountains:	39"	59.5"	+52%
Central Gunflint Trail:	25.25"	68.53"	+85%
Upper Gunflint Trail:	33.5"	42"	+25%

The winter conditions tell us that skiers shouldn't put their skis away just yet, because the best skiing is yet to come! "We are seeing a significant increase in website traffic," says Linda Jurek, executive director of Visit Cook County. "Being the #1 source for local trail conditions, visitors are looking to us to find the most comprehensive condition reports, so they can make the most out of their vacation."

Ski Trail Systems in Cook County, Minn.

[Sugurbush Trail Association](#) – Tofte & Lutsen, [Norpine Ski Trail Association](#) – Lutsen, [Bally Creek Ski Trail](#) – Grand Marais, [Pincushion Mountain Ski Trails](#) – Grand Marais, [George Washington Pines](#) – Grand Marais, Central Gunflint Ski Trail System – Gunflint Trail

([Bearskin & Golden Eagle Lodge](#)), [Banadad Ski Trail Association](#) – Gunflint Trail, and Upper Gunflint Ski Trail System – Gunflint Trail ([Gunflint](#), [Heston's](#) and [Gunflint Pines](#)).

For a first-hand accounting of conditions, visit the Visit Cook County MN booth at the American Birkebeiner in Hayward, Wis. Thursday, Feb. 21 – Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019.

For more information on skiing and a map of the trails in Cook County, visit:

<https://www.visitcookcounty.com/adventures/cross-country-skiing/>

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 using #donorthmn, Twitter [@CookCoVisitors](#), [Facebook](#), or Instagram [@donorthmn](#). Learn more at www.visitcookcounty.com.

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