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Visit Cook County, Minnesota, for the Perfect Holiday Ski Vacation

December 11, 2019 - Cook County, Minn. — Visit Cook County is excited to open the 2019-2020 cross-country ski season with a fresh blanket of powder covering the region. Cook County, Minnesota is one of the nation's top cross-country ski destinations – and December is the perfect time of year to get out on your skis and head north for an exciting holiday ski vacation.

“Kickstart your cross country ski season in Cook County this year,” said Linda Jurek, Visit Cook County Executive Director. “Our snow-covered trails are ready to be explored, and there’s much more snow in December’s forecast. Conditions are going to be excellent over the holidays.”

Cook County, MN is a perfect winter playground for all levels of cross-country skiers. With 400 kms of trails to explore, you’ll be amazed at what you might find. From perfect paths of well-groomed corduroy to more rugged backcountry trails with thigh-burning climbs, there’s truly something for everyone. Be sure to check out [Cook County’s webcams](#) for a closer look at the snow cover across the region.

Cross-country skiing is an affordable and fun adventure for the whole family. Pick up a Minnesota Ski Pass for as little as \$10/day or \$25/year, or try one of the privately maintained trails on the Gunflint Trail. In no time, you’ll be gliding through the forest in awe at the natural beauty and your ability to experience it all.

While you’re in Cook County, be sure to take in some fun winter events:

December 13-14 – [Dark Sky Festival](#)

December 31 – [New Year’s Eve Celebration](#)

January 10-12 – [Gunflint Mail Run Sled Dog Race](#)

January 10-12 – [Ski Party and Music & Ski Festival](#)

January 26-28 – [John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon](#)

February 7-16 – [Hygge Festival](#)

No gear? No problem! You can rent equipment from many local [resorts and outfitters](#) for under \$40/day. Some resorts even offer complimentary rentals with your stay.

Browse the [Visit Cook County website](#) for maps of the wonderful trails spread throughout the entire Arrowhead region. For your convenience, georeferenced ski trail maps available on the [Pincushion Ski Trail System](#) and the [Sugarbush Ski Trail System](#).



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The team at Visit Cook County looks forward to welcoming you to our region for a holiday adventure full of cross-country skiing, outdoor adventures and more. Plan your 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 using #visitcc, Twitter [@CookCoVisitors](#), [Facebook](#), or Instagram [@donorthmn](#). Learn more at VisitCookCounty.com.