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March Snowfall Create Excellent Cross Country Ski Conditions in Cook County, Minnesota

March 4, 2020 - Cook County, Minn. — Cross country ski season is still in full swing in Minnesota’s arrowhead region. Visit Cook County invites all levels of skiers to enjoy 400km of perfectly groomed trails throughout March when the region typically sees an average snowfall of 120 inches.

Things may be starting to thaw in parts of Minnesota, but with **90” of snowfall received to date** and well over **two feet still on the ground**, we’re not ready to put our skis, snowshoes, or winter gear away yet!

Our trails are groomed and ready to go. What are you waiting for – head north for fresh air, exhilarating fun and an incredible winter adventure!

[View Trail Conditions](#)

“The season is still going strong up here in Cook County,” said Linda Jurek, Visit Cook County Executive Director. “We’ve got fresh powder just waiting to be explored, and we invite cross country skiers to plan a late-winter cross country ski getaway.”

Cook County sees an average of 120 inches of annual snowfall in the stunning Superior National Forest, and March is the perfect time to experience this winter wonderland. Our extensive network of trails is meticulously groomed all season long, creating optimal conditions for the perfect ski.

Browse trail conditions around Cook County ([Lutsen and Tofte](#), [Grand Marais](#) and the [Gunflint Trail](#)) for updated grooming reports, pick out a few trails on the [Cook County Ski Trail Map](#) and plan your late-winter adventure today. Below are some of our suggested skiing locations.

Late-Winter Trails You’ll Love

Lutsen – Sugarbush Trail System - Oberg Mountain Area Trails

This beautiful and well-maintained trail meanders around Oberg Mountain, with spectacular views and trails for every skill level. Ski around Oberg Lake or experience an exhilarating series of downhill runs ending at the base of the mountain.

[View Sugarbush Trail Maps](#)



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Grand Marais - Banadad Ski Trail System

The only groomed cross-country ski trail that traverses through the boundary waters canoe area wilderness is a must-ski for any avid skier. In addition to the remote scenery, it is not uncommon to come across moose and wolf tracks as you glide atop the pristine frozen waters.

[View Banadad Trail Map](#)

Gunflint – Upper Gunflint

Most of the Upper Gunflint Nordic ski trails are suited for the intermediate skier. However, there is plenty of good skiing for beginners and some challenging parts of the trails for the advanced. Everyone can enjoy the trail system from any of the three resorts on Gunflint Lake. The system is designed with many loops that permit easy day outings.

[View Upper Gunflint Trail Maps](#)

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Visit Cook County, Minnesota

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.