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### Winter Adventure Awaits on 400+km of Ski Trails in Cook County, Minnesota

**December 15, 2020** - Cook County, Minn. — After a year of uncertainty and change, Visit Cook County is excited to open the 2020-2021 cross country ski season. Get out on the trails to relieve stress, enjoy the outdoors and get a little exercise. Visit Cook County invites cross country skiers to head north for an exciting holiday ski vacation.

“The holidays will undoubtedly look different this year, and we invite you to share them safely with a cross country ski getaway in Cook County,” said Linda Jurek, Visit Cook County Executive Director. “Our trails are already covered in snow, groomed and ready to be explored. With more snow in the forecast, we anticipate conditions to be excellent over the holidays. Check the [trail conditions](#) to help with trip planning.”

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. Whether you’re a veteran skier or looking to rent a pair of skis and give it a whirl for the first time, you’ll find a trail to suit your experience level. With a 400 km network of beautiful, wild 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.

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. You’ll be gliding through the forest in no time, filled with wonder and 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:

- November 15 – April 7 [Bearskin Virtual Nordic Race Series](#)
- January 23 - 31 - [Norpine Fat Bike Classic](#)

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 [Cook County Trails and Maps Library](#) for detail on 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](http://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](http://VisitCookCounty.com).