



You're invited! Here in Ely, our cross country ski season is longer than anywhere else in Minnesota so our trails are open before other areas even have snow! The Ely area offers a unique blend of trails with machine groomed or user-tracked trails and several area lodges offer direct cross country ski trail access. Visit Ely this winter to ski one of the wooded wilderness trails, shoreline trails, Nordic trails or break your own trail across the hundreds of lakes in the area. With an average annual snowfall of 84 inches, our ski season starts in early December and lasts through to April!

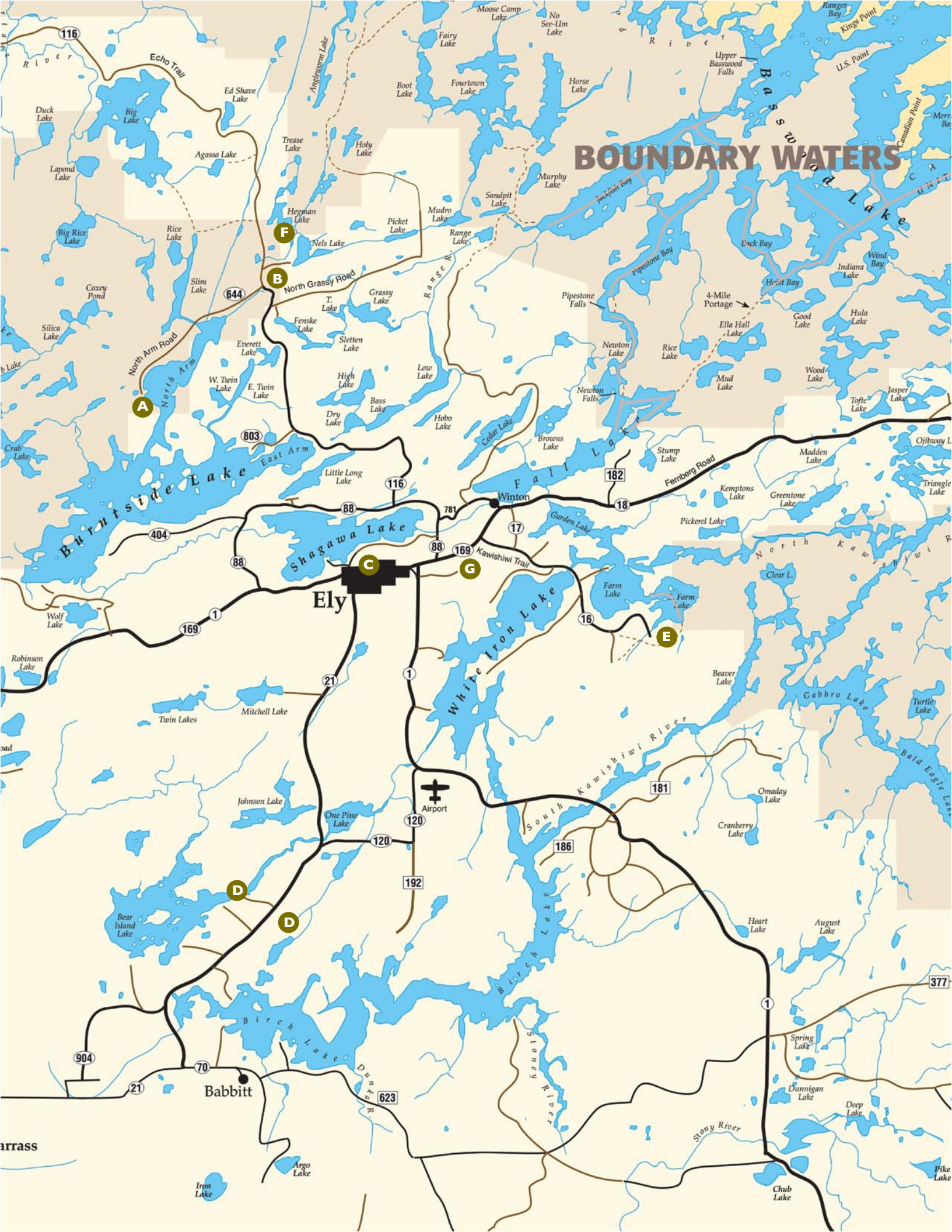
Several local trails include terrain inside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). Here, a cross country skier will leave the pace of every day life behind as they experience the pristine splendor of our wilderness trails. Skiers will be compelled to pause on the trail and simply take it all in.



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Cross Country Skiing ELY, MINNESOTA TRAIL GUIDE



NORTH ARM TRAIL A

- Location: 17 miles northwest of Ely on the North Arm Road
- User Tracked
- 30 Km
- Easy, Intermediate & Expert
- A Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness day permit is required. The permits are available at the trailhead.
- Scenic trail system which goes in and out of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Rocky hills, piney ridges, majestic pines and wilderness lakes highlight the trail system. Many loops. Wildlife viewing opportunities.

NORTH JUNCTION TRAIL B

- Location: 10 miles north on the Echo Trail - Intersection of the Echo Trail and the North Arm Road
- User Tracked
- 13 Km
- Easy, Intermediate, Expert
- No Permit Required
- The trail system consists of a series of loops through meadows, spruce swamps, and ridges. Several loops go around beaver ponds. There are numerous areas that afford wildlife viewing opportunities.

TREZONA TRAIL C

- Location: City of Ely – 3 blocks north of Sheridan Street
- Groomed & Tracked. Classic & Skate Skiing
- 6.4 Km
- Easy
- No Permit Required
- The Trezona Trail circles Miner's Lake, a designated trout lake. On the north side of the trail view what is remaining of the Pioneer Mine which was one of the last two underground mines in Minnesota prior to its closure in 1967. Excellent views of the mining pit and old mine shaft headframe. The trail is relatively flat with some rolling terrain. A parking lot is available on the southwest side of the trail off of Miner's Drive.

BEAR ISLAND TRAIL D

- Location: Highway 21 – at the junction of the Escape Road
- Groomed & Tracked for Classic & Skate Skiing
- 20Km
- Easy to Intermediate
- No Permit Required
- The trail winds through sections of the Superior National Forest to Perch Lake and along the shores of Bear Island Lake. The trail offers a peaceful and solitary ski setting with many opportunities for wildlife sightings and tracking.

SOUTH FARM TRAIL E

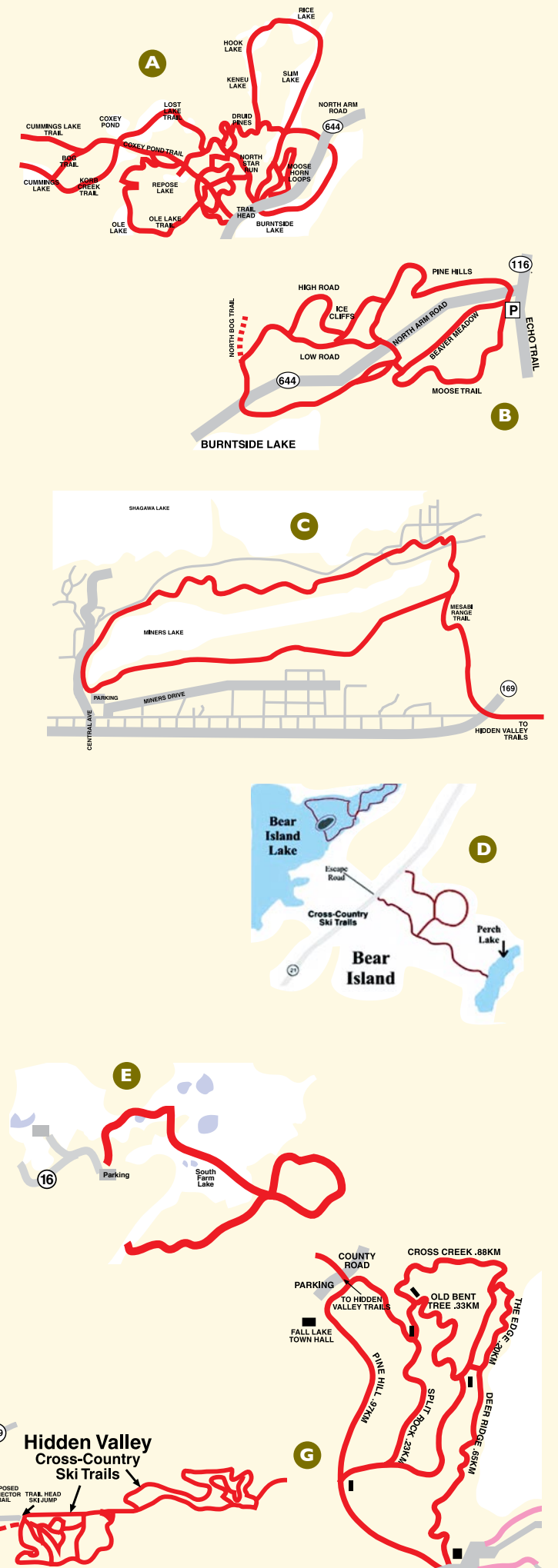
- Location: South Farm Lake at the end of the Kawishiwi Trail
- User Tracked
- 8 Km
- Easy to Intermediate
- Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Day Permit required – The permits are available at the trailhead.
- Gentle rolling terrain through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness with some lake travel. The Spruce Muskeg Trail loop provides a unique ski around a muskeg swamp.

HEGMAN LAKE TRAIL F

- Location: 11 miles North on the Echo Trail
- User Tracked
- 6 Km
- Easy
- Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Day permit required. The permits are available at the trailhead.
- The majority of the trail is located on lakes surrounded by rock and pine ridges. The Indian pictographs on the west shore of North Hegman Lake make this trail very unique and popular.

HIDDEN VALLEY & HIDDEN VALLEY EXTENSION TRAIL G

- Location: City of Ely – 1 mile East of Ely on the Hidden Valley Road
- Groomed and Tracked – Classic and Skating Skiing
- 14 Km
- Easy, Intermediate, Expert
- Minnesota Ski Pass Required
- Many loops. Rolling to hilly terrain. Birch and Pine stands. Newly planted red and white pine plantations. Wintering deer yarding area.



Ski Passes Available at Most Fuel Stations or Bait Stores