









# Gustafson's Camp SNA

## **Directions from Minnesota DNR**

**Directions:** From Baudette 2.5 miles W on MN Hwy 11, then 10.8 miles S on Co Rd 3 (Co Rd 1/Wilderness Dr), then 11.9 miles W on Co Rd 87 (Stoney Corners Forest Rd), then 2.1 miles S on unnamed road to large clearing. Park and trek W into site. GPS recommended.

**Lat/Lon:** 48.527054, -94.884322

This site has no maintained trails or other recreational facilities. This site is in an Audubon Important Bird Area. This site is within the Beltrami Island State Forest.

#### Notes from MinnesotaSeasons.com

**Unnamed Forest Road (Turnoff)** 

N48 33.158, W94 53.370

#### Parking

N48 31.623, W94 53.059

#### **Getting There**

An unnamed forest road leads 2.1 miles south from Stoney Corners Trail to a parking area for this SNA. It is a winding, two-rut road, wet in spots and is crossed by a narrow stream at one point. Vehicles without 4-wheel drive should have no problem.

## Flies and Mosquitoes

Visitors may want to stop at the turnoff to the unnamed forest road and apply DEET. They will be greeted at the parking area by scores of deer flies and horseflies, and in the forest by uncountable mosquitoes. On my visit the flies did not bite (possibly deterred by a liberal application of DEET) and did not follow me into the forest. A mosquito head net was brought but not needed.

#### Trails

According to the MN DNR Website, there are no maintained trails. The key word is "maintained." The main trail leads from the parking area west 0.8 miles to a small clearing 200 yards short of the western boundary of the site. It is a wide trail and there are no shrubs or trees growing on it. It had not been mowed in the spring of 2013 and was blocked at several points by wind thrown trees and drooping branches.

There are two side trails accessed from the main trail. The first one is 0.1 mile from the parking area. It is similar in width and condition to the main trail. A 0.4 mile long loop, it leads through some spectacular old growth pines, past a deer enclosure, and back to the main trail. It rejoins the main trail .04 miles from the parking area.

A second side trail leads south 0.2 miles to the southern boundary of the site. This trail is no more than a narrow footpath through a cedar swamp. It should not be missed. Visitors will have to step carefully to avoid numerous, water-filled, 1' to 4' wide pools, but waterproof footwear is not needed.

Waterproof footwear is recommended if venturing off of the trails on this map.

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