









Ripley Esker SNA

Directions and Notes from Minnesota DNR

Directions: From Little Falls 7 miles N on MN Hwy 371, then 0.7 mile E on Co Hwy 48, then 1.4 miles N on Co Rd 282. Park in pull-off on E.

Lat/Lon: 46.119758, -94.313551

This site has no maintained trails or other recreational facilities.

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North Parking

N46 7.185, W94 18.813

South Parking and Geologic Marker

N46 6.894, W94 18.805

No maintained hiking trails. A well-worn footpath follows the ridge of the esker.

Stream Crossing

The esker is cut at one point by a stream that is too wide to step across. About 175 yards south of the stream cut there is a makeshift bridge crossing the stream. The bridge is made of many logs and branches and includes a hand rail.

Drought

The southernmost part of the SNA is a prairie and oak savanna remnant with very few surviving bur oaks. A dozen or more eastern white pine trees are scattered across the savanna. They appear to have been planted in the last 3 to 5 years. In the spring of 2013, all were dead or dying, possibly victims of the drought of 2011-12.

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