

Secret/Blackstone



SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST

KAWISHIWI RANGER DISTRICT

ELY, MN 55731

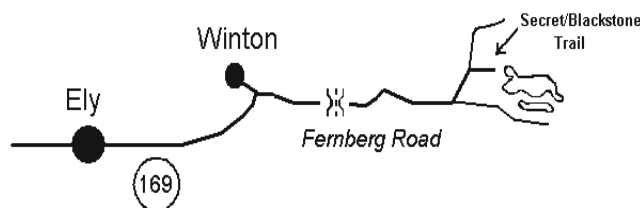


Features

- Scenic overlooks of small lakes
- One backcountry campsite
- Opportunity to see the changing forest after the 1999 Blowdown
- Blackstone Loop 2.1 miles, Secret Loop 3.1 miles, to Ennis and back 3 miles
- Opportunities for viewing wildlife

Location

- The Secret/Blackstone Hiking Trail is located 20.5 miles North and East of Ely.
- From Ely, take State Hwy 169 (Fernberg Trail) East 18.5 miles.
- Turn left onto the Moose Lake Road and go 2 miles.
- A parking lot is provided on the right side of the road. Look for the Secret/ Blackstone Trailhead sign.



For more information contact:

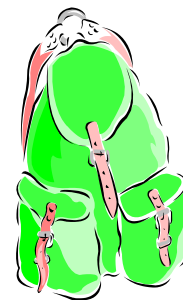
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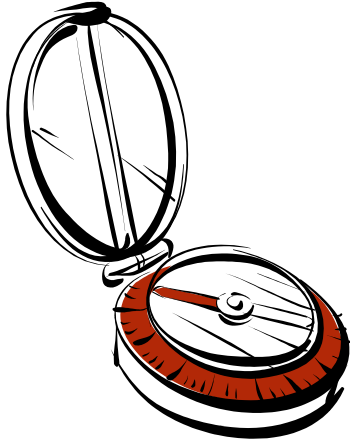
Leave No Trace Principles

1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly.
4. Minimize use and impact of fires.
5. Respect wildlife.
6. Leave what you find.
7. Be considerate of other visitors.



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This trail system is ideal for taking a short hike with small children. It also provides an opportunity for a longer more rugged hike.

The shorelines of either Blackstone or Secret Lakes are a great place to rest and relax. Numerous scenic overlooks ranging from 30 to 80 feet above Secret, Blackstone, Ennis Lakes and several small ponds are also interesting places to sit and enjoy the sites and sounds of nature or enjoy a picnic lunch.

Hepaticas, wood lilies, and more than 50 other wildflowers and shrubs can be found along the trail. Black throated blue warblers and black-backed woodpeckers can occasionally be seen. There are cedar groves in the low lands and white and red pine on the ridges. Bring a pair of binoculars to watch beavers haul aspen branches across the lakes to their lodges and painted turtles sunbathing. You may also be able to catch a look at climbers rappelling off the cliffs near Ennis Lake.

