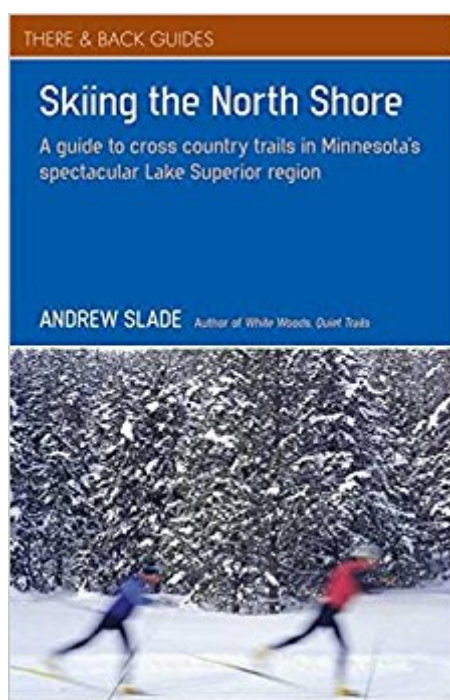


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Skiing The North Shore: A Guide To Cross Country Trails In Minnesota's Spectacular Lake Superior Region (There & Back Guides)



Synopsis

The skier's ultimate guidebook to the North Shore describes 35 groomed trail systems from Duluth-Superior to Grand Marais and the Gunflint Trail. Learn about hidden gems, well-known state parks, plus challenging trails, family trails and more.

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Customer Reviews

Skiing the North Shore is just the kind of guide I like -- it's got lots of detailed maps and useful how-to information. I've skied many of the trails Andrew Slade has included in this book, and his descriptions are right on. They'll be especially useful for people who don't know much about the trails and are trying to decide which ones to pick. It's hard, since there are so many beautiful trails! This guide definitely is worth the money.--Gauper Beth "Midwest Weekends" (12/01/2011)

Winner, Honorable Mention, 2007 Northeast Minnesota Book Award. Judges said, "An excellent guide to 35 groomed cross-country ski trails along the Lake Superior Shore, this volume stands out in its concise and vivid presentation. A wealth of information for the trails includes directions, maps, difficulty ratings, fees, lodging, and links to other resources. The format is highly portable, well illustrated, and easy to read, as the author shares his obvious delight in this quintessential northeastern Minnesota activity."

Skiing the North Shore is the best xc ski guide book out there. It covers every xc ski area near the

North Shore of Lake Superior, from east of Duluth to Canada. There is a separate chapter for every trail system. Each chapter follows the same formula. It starts with trail head access, total groomed trail length (classical and skating), difficulty, pass requirements, trail head facilities, unique features, and contact info. The driving directions make it easy to find even the most remote trail heads, like Deer Yard. Next comes a map detailing the trail system including trails, parking, restroom locations, and nearby restaurants and lodging (if applicable). The map is followed up by a paragraph describing each loop or trail. If you need help deciding where to ski, there are also a bunch of short "best of" lists. Each list has a hand full of ski areas that fall under topics like best grooming, off the beaten path, longest season, best downhill routes, and trails my mother would like. There is even a section on skiing frozen rivers. Every xc skier should have this book.

This book is an excellent guide to skiing the north shore of lake Superior. I have used it for two winters now and have not been disappointed. The author gives very clear descriptions of the various trails and locations. I have really enjoyed picking locations out of the book that sound interesting and then heading up north to ski those trails. I have not been let down yet and the book has indeed led me to several places that I probably would not otherwise have gone. If you plan on doing any cross country skiing in northern MN I would strongly suggest that you pick this book up and use it as a guide. It is also fun to just sit and read about the trails and imagine what it would be like to be out skiing them during those times when you just can't get up there to do any real skiing.

Lake Superior is our vortex. This is the place where our images and dreams seem to go when we are thinking about the true north of MN and surprising for many, it is winter that is the favorite season for most of us. The best trails for skiing, the best grooming, the longest connections, and the most rugged landscape with an unbelievably blue lake make the shore the best. But how to choose among the options? How to find a trail that meets your skills? It is a challenge. However, Andrew has done the work for you and put the trails and the details in a book that is small enough to go in your pack, is not filled with more than you want to know and captures the entire MN shoreline. There is only one recommendation I can make, buy it and use it.

Andrew's book is fantastic! Not only do we use this book for our daily excursions to many of the local trails, we get great feedback from others using this guide book. The great thing about this book is the detail of each trail. It is so nice to read a description and have the trail system be spot on to your expectations. This book costs less than a wax job for your skis and will last for years to come! I am

currently in the process of trying to ski every trail in the book, it's going to take a while, there are so many great options. Buy this book, you will be glad you did!

Besides being a comprehensive reference guide to the cross country ski trails along the North Superior Shore this book is an enjoyable read! That is because in addition to the regular reference material you would expect to find in such a guide, there is plenty of anecdotal information spread throughout the pages of book including tips and interesting facts about the area. A must have for anyone planning on skiing in the area for the first time or for anyone already familiar with the area but looking for other trails to ski.

I live at the "Heart of the North Shore" of Lake Superior at Little Marais, MN. The cross-country ski trails within a 20 minute drive from my house are beautiful, like the trails at Mount Bachelor Village, Oregon minus the volcano. I've known Andrew Slade for eight years, and have gone cross-country skiing with him and his family. He's an expert. I'm not, so I always stay on the easy trails. You can trust what he says about easy or difficult trails.

"Skiing the North Shore" is just the kind of guide I like -- it's got lots of detailed maps and useful how-to information. I've skied many of the trails Andrew Slade has included in this book, and his descriptions are right on. They'll be especially useful for people who don't know much about the trails and are trying to decide which ones to pick. It's hard, since there are so many beautiful trails! This guide definitely is worth the money.

Skiing the North Shore is THE guide to cross country skiing on the north shore of Lake Superior. I've lived in the area for the past six years and still come back to the book to find new places to ski or tips about which trails are the best. With the enormous amount of skiing in the area--over 400km in Cook County alone--it's nice to have a guidebook along that includes everything. A great book to keep in the glove compartment.

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