

# Echo Lake Trails



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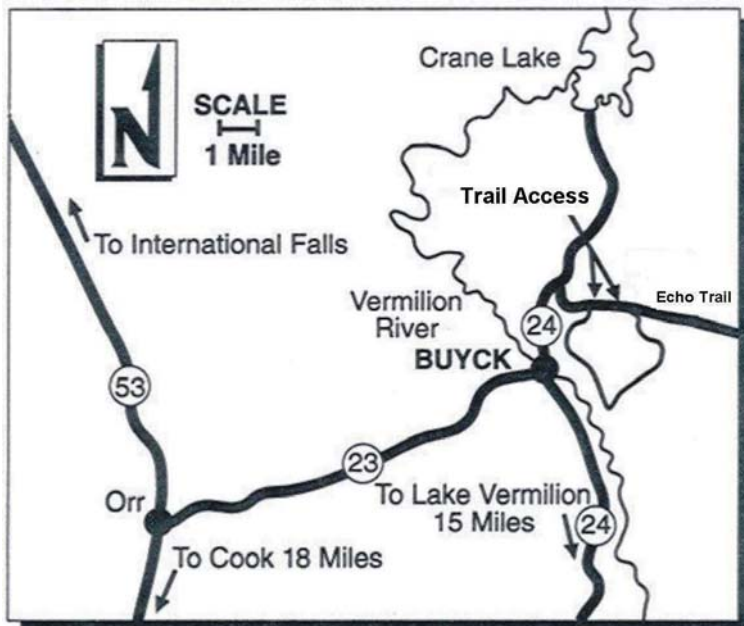
LACROIX RANGER DISTRICT

COOK, MINNESOTA

## Echo Lake Hunter Walking Trails

### Features

- 13 miles of trail
- Non-motorized access only
- Managed grouse habitat



### Location

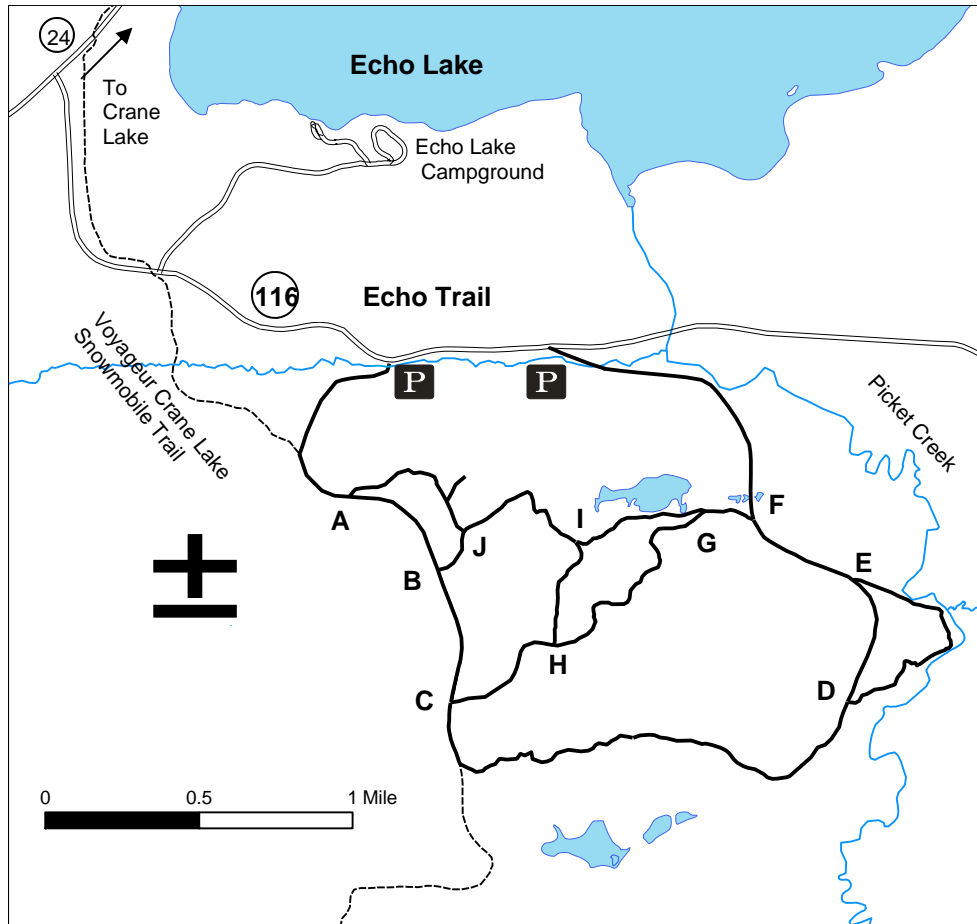
The Echo Lake trail system is located 18 miles northeast of Orr, MN.

- From Orr, take County 23 to Buyck (16 miles).
- At Buyck, County 23 turns into County 24. Continue on County 24 for 4 miles to the Echo Trail (County 116), turn right.
- Access from the Echo Trail is 1.7 miles or 2.2 miles from the junction of County 24 and County 116.
- Watch for signs.



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# Superior National Forest - Echo Lake Trails



## Description

This trail system is part of an area managed for ruffed grouse habitat by the USDA Forest Service, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and St. Louis County. Ruffed grouse reach their highest densities in areas that have a variety of aspen age classes. Young aspen stands (2 to 25 years) provide good brood cover for young grouse. Older aspen (40 years plus) provide critical winter forage.

Timber sales were used to cut small patches (10 to 20 acres) of aspen. The timber haul roads are used for the trails. Over the next thirty years, aspen will continue to be cut in this area periodically to achieve the optimum mix of age classes. White-tailed deer, woodcock and non-game wildlife that require young forests will also benefit. Approximately 300 acres within this ruffed grouse area is being managed for red pine by St. Louis County.

These trails are closed to motorized use to provide recreation opportunities for hunters on foot. Cross country skiers and hikers are welcome.

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