RIDE THE RANGE
EIGHT SCENIC TOURS ON TWO WHEELS OR FOUR

#MESABIISMAGIC
IronRange.org
Surrounded by 320,000 acres of the Superior National Forest and many lakes and rivers, the Mesabi Iron Range is a special place to enjoy nature’s kaleidoscope of colors. With backdrops like the Laurentian Divide and the Superior National Forest, you’ll enjoy three seasons of stunning landscapes and breathtaking scenery all at your own pace.

Traveling west in the morning or east in the evening provides the best photo opportunities. Mid-September to mid-October is generally considered fall peak season, but it will vary from year to year. We’ve chosen these eight special routes to maximize the scenic experience all across the Range.
DON’T MISS THESE GREAT STOPS ALONG THE WAY!

BEST ATTRACTIONS:
A- Minnesota Discovery Center - Chisholm
B- Iron Man Statue - Chisholm

BEST CHANCE AT SEEING WILDLIFE:
C- McCarthy Beach State Park - Side Lake
D- Laurentian Divide - Virginia

STRETCH YOUR LEGS:
E- Big Aspen Recreation Area - Virginia

STEP BACK IN TIME:
F- Mt. Iron Steam Engine Train & Mineview
G- Virginia Heritage Museum - Virginia
H- First Stage Gallery - Virginia

GET A BITE:
Black Bear Bakery - Chisholm
Kunnari’s Kitchen - Virginia
The Stand Drive-Inn - Chisholm

Approximate Mileage:
102 Miles

Drive Time:
1.75 Hours – 4 Hours

Route Time:
Chisholm to Cook, 45 Min.
Cook to Virginia, 30 Min.
Virginia to Chisholm, 30 Min.

Cities on Route:
Chisholm, Cook, Virginia, Mountain Iron, Buhl
Northern Lights Tour
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BEST ATTRACTIONS:
A- U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame - Eveleth
B- Tower Train Depot - Tower
C- Leonidas Mine View - Eveleth (gravel road)

STRETCH YOUR LEGS:
D- Laurentian Divide - Virginia

STEP BACK IN TIME:
E- Honk the Moose Statue - Biwabik
F- Hockey Plaza - Eveleth

GET A BITE:
Michael’s on the Course - Virginia
Sawmill - Virginia
Benchwarmer’s - Tower
Chocolate Moose - Ely
A&W Drive-Inn - Aurora

Approximate Mileage: 155 Miles (Extended Route)
Drive Time: 3 Hours – 6 Hours
Route Time: Eveleth to Ely, 1 Hour
Ely to Aurora, 45 Min.
Aurora to Eveleth, 1.5 Hours
Cities on Route: Virginia, Tower, Soudan, Ely,
Embarrass, Aurora, Biwabik,
Gilbert, Eveleth, Hoyt Lakes
Extended Northern Lights Tour
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BEST ATTRACTIONS:
A- Soudan Underground Mine State Park - Soudan
B- American Bear Center - Ely
C- International Wolf Center - Ely
D- Dorothy Molter Museum - Ely

BEST CHANCE AT SEEING WILDLIFE:
E- Bear Head Lake State Park - Soudan

STRETCH YOUR LEGS:
F- Skibo - Hoyt Lakes

STEP BACK IN TIME:
G- Heritage Homestead Tours - Embarrass
H- Virginia Heritage Museum

GET A BITE:
Grandma’s Restaurant - Virginia
Good Ol’ Days - Tower
Sir G’s Italian Restaurant - Ely
Rudy’s Grill - Aurora
Wandering Pines - Gilbert
**Skibo Nature Tour**

**DON’T MISS THESE GREAT STOPS ALONG THE WAY!**

**BEST ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS**
- **A** - World’s Largest Hockey Stick - Eveleth
- **B** - Honk The Moose - Biwabik
- **C** - Giants Ridge Recreation Area - Biwabik

**STRETCH YOUR LEGS:**
- **D** - St. James Lakewalk - Aurora
- **E** - Wirtanen Pioneer Farm - Markham

**STEP BACK IN TIME:**
- **F** - Hockey Hall of Fame - Eveleth

**SEE FOR MILES AND MILES:**
- **G** - Skibo Vista - Hoyt Lakes

**GET A BITE:**
- Mary’s Morsels - Eveleth
- Memory Lane - Gilbert
- A&W Drive-Inn - Aurora

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Approximate Mileage: 80 Miles  
Drive Time: 2 Hours – 3 Hours  
Route Time: Eveleth to Biwabik, 15 Min.  
Biwabik to Hoyt Lakes, 30 Min.  
Hoyt Lakes to Markham, 20 Min.  
Markham to Eveleth, 20 Min.  
Cities on Route: Eveleth, Gilbert, Biwabik, Hoyt Lakes, Markham, Makinen, Forbes
**History and Heritage Tour**

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**BEST ATTRACTIONS:**
A- Historic Hibbing High School
A- Bob Dylan’s Childhood Home - Hibbing
B- Hull Rust Mahoning Mine View - Hibbing
C- Iron Man Statue - Chisholm

**STEP BACK IN TIME:**
A- Hibbing Historical Society Museum
A- Greyhound Bus Museum - Hibbing
E- Minnesota Discovery Center - Chisholm
F- Minnesota Museum of Mining - Chisholm

**STRETCH YOUR LEGS:**
D- Carey Lake Recreation Area - Hibbing

**GET A BITE:**
Thirsty Moose - Hibbing
Valentini’s - Chisholm
BG’s - Mountain Iron

**Approximate Mileage:** 80 Miles
**Drive Time:** 2 Hours – 3 Hours
**Route Time:**
- Eveleth to Hibbing, 45 Min.
- Hibbing to Mountain Iron, 45 Min.
- Mountain Iron to Eveleth, 10 Min.

**Cities on Route:** Eveleth, Hibbing, Chisholm, Kinney, Buhl, Mountain Iron
Approximate Mileage: 201 Miles
Drive Time: 3 Hours – 6 Hours
Route Time:
- Eveleth to Chisholm, 30 Min.
- Chisholm to Vince Shute, 1 Hour
- Vince Shute to Tower, 45 Min.
- Tower to Aurora, 30 Min.
- Aurora to Eveleth, 25 Min.

Cities on Route: Eveleth, Virginia, Mt. Iron, Chisholm, Cook, Orr, Tower, Aurora, Biwabik, Gilbert

Mesabi Wild Tour
DON’T MISS THESE GREAT STOPS ALONG THE WAY!

BEST ATTRACTIONS:
A- World’s Largest Hockey Stick - Eveleth
B- Mt. Iron Park & Mine Overlook
C- Iron Man Statue - Chisholm
D- Soudan Underground Mine State Park
E- Giants Ridge Recreation Area - Biwabik
F- Honk The Moose - Biwabik

STEP BACK IN TIME:
H- Hockey Hall of Fame - Eveleth
I- Minnesota Discovery Center - Chisholm
J- Legend House Museum - Fortune Bay
K- Heritage Homestead Tours - Embarrass

GRAB A BITE:
Wooden Table Inn - Britt
Rudy’s Grill - Aurora
Wandering Pines - Gilbert

STRETCH YOUR LEGS:
G- Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary
Laurentian Divide Tour
DON'T MISS THESE GREAT STOPS ALONG THE WAY!

A- Pike River Dam - Tower
B- U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame - Eveleth
C- World’s Largest Hockey Stick - Eveleth

STEP BACK IN TIME:
F- Soudan Underground Mine State Park
G- Heritage Homestead Tours

BEST CHANCE AT SEEING WILDLIFE:
D- Giants Ridge Hiking Trails - Biwabik

GET A BITE:
Boomtown Woodfire - Eveleth
The Whistling Bird - Gilbert
Vi’s Pizza - Biwabik

STRETCH YOUR LEGS:
E- Laurentian Divide/Lookout Mountain - Virginia

Approximate Mileage: 70 Miles
Drive Time: 1.5 Hours – 3.5 Hours
Route Time: Virginia to Tower, 35 Min.
               Tower to Aurora, 30 Min.
               Aurora to Virginia, 20 Min.

Cities on Route: Virginia, Tower, Aurora, Biwabik,
                Gilbert, Eveleth
Superior National Forest Scenic Byway Tour

DON’T MISS THESE GREAT ATTRACTIONS ALONG THE WAY!

A- Iron Ore Docks-Two Harbors
B- Split Rock Lighthouse-Two Harbors
C- Bird Lake Recreation Area-Hoyt Lakes
D- Skibo Vista-Hoyt Lakes
E- Gooseberry Falls State Park-Two Harbors
F- White Pine Interpretive Trail-Toimi
G- Longyear Drill Site-Hoyt Lakes

STRETCH YOUR LEGS:

SEE FOR MILES AND MILES:

GET A BITE:

Betty’s Pies - Two Harbors
Megan’s Restaurant - Aurora

Approximate Mileage: 145 Miles
Drive Time: 2.75 Hours – 6 Hours
Route Time: Aurora to Silver Bay, 1 Hour
Silver Bay to Two Harbors, 30 Min.
Two Harbors to Aurora, 1.25 Hours

Cities on Route: Aurora, Hoyt Lakes, Silver Bay, Two Harbors
**Vacation Homes**

- **The Residence Club at Giants Ridge®**
  5850 Residence Club Lane, Biwabik
  866-409-6650
  residenceclubatgiantsridge.com

- **Voyageurs Retreat at Giants Ridge®**
  5806 Pine Marten Circle, Biwabik
  866-409-6650
  voyageursretreat.com

**Resorts**

- **The Lodge at Giants Ridge®**
  6373 Wynne Creek Drive, Biwabik
  218-865-7170 ›› 877-442-6877
  lodgeatgiantsridge.com

- **Villas at Giants Ridge®**
  6266 Giants Ridge Road, Biwabik
  218-865-4155 ›› 800-843-7434
  villasatgiantsridge.com

**Guest Cottage**

- **Alesches’ Accommodations**
  10477 Pinewood Drive, Meadowlands
  218-427-2122
  alesches.com

- **Green Gate Guest Houses**
  5748 County Road 138, Biwabik
  218-290-2607
  greengateguesthouse.com

**Bed & Breakfasts**

- **Northern Comfort**
  4776 Waisanen Road, Embarrass
  218-984-2014
  northerncomfortmn.com

- **Mitchell Tappan House**
  2125 4th Avenue East, Hibbing
  218-262-3862 ›› 888.662.3862
  mitchell-tappanhouse.com

**Hotels & Motels**

- **Americas Best Value Inn**
  1411 40th Street East, Hibbing
  218-263-8982
  americasbestvalueinn.com

- **Chisholm Inn & Suites**
  501 Iron Drive, Chisholm
  218-254-2000 ›› 877-255-3156
  chisholminn.com

- **Hampton Inn**
  4225 9th Ave W., Hibbing
  218-262-0000
  HamptonInn.com

- **Holiday Inn Express & Suites**
  8570 Rock Ridge Dr., Mountain Iron
  218-741-7411 ›› 866-987-7411
  hiexpress.com

- **Americinn Lodge & Suites**
  5480 Mountain Iron Drive, Virginia
  218-741-7839 ›› 800-634-3444
  americinn.com

- **Trails Edge Lodging**
  200 E Dakota Avenue, Gilbert
  218-410-0692
  trailsedgelodging.com

- **Budget Host**
  Hwy 53 & Midway Road, Virginia
  218-741-6145 ›› 800-283-4678
  budgethost.com

- **The Coates Plaza Hotel**
  1502 Chestnut Street, Virginia
  218-749-1000 ›› 800-777-4699
  coatesplazahotel.com

- **Lakeshore Motor Inn**
  404 North 6th Avenue, Virginia
  218-741-3360 ›› 800-569-8131
  lakeshore.com

- **Pine View Inn**
  903 North 17th Street, Virginia
  218-741-9718 ›› 888-662-0535
  pineviewinnmotel.com

- **Eveleth Super 8®**
  1080 Industrial Park Blvd., Eveleth
  218-744-1661 ›› 800-800-8000
  super8.com

- **Koke’s Motel®**
  714 Fayal Road, Eveleth
  218-744-4500 ›› 800-892-5107
  kokesmotel.com

**Groups**

- **Northern Lights Lodge**
  404 Main Street, Biwabik
  218-780-4541 ›› 218-749-9278
  northernlightslodgemn.com

**Campgrounds:**

- **Heritage Park & Campground**
  4789 Salo Road, Embarrass
  218-984-2084

- **Sherwood Forest Campground**
  Wisconsin Ave. E., Gilbert
  800-403-1803

- **Vermilion Trail Campground**
  6040 Vermilion Trail park, Biwabik
  218-865-6705

- **Veterans Park Campground**
  4392 Miller Trunk Rd
  Fayal
  218-744-7444

- **West Forty RV Park**
  Fire #245 Hwy 37, Gilbert
  218-749-2821

- **West Two Rivers Campground**
  4988 Campground Rd
  Mtn Iron 218-748-7570

- **Fisherman’s Point Campground**
  5401 Campground Rd. Hoyt Lakes
  218-225-3337

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1. Pet Friendly, with prior approval. Fees may apply.
Giants Ridge Recreation Area
- The Legend and The Quarry golf courses.
- Bicycle rentals and access to the Mesabi Trail.
- Fishing boat/motor rentals.
- Canoe & kayak rentals.
- Paddle board rentals.
- Hiking trails.
- Disc golf.

Biwabik
ATV/OHV Park
- Minnesota’s only OHV park (free with licensed machine) for ATVs, OHVs and dirt bikes.
- Thirty-six miles of trails over and around rocky hills, woods, mudholes and more. Tear it up in the scramble areas, try the hill climb, go crazy!
- ATV-friendly campgrounds nearby.

Minnesota’s Premier Paved Mesabi Trail
- It’s a bike trail like no other: pedal past lakes, through woods, over bogs and even a taconite mine. It’s a ride you won’t forget, with historic sites along the way, not to mention a whole bunch of towns.
- Take advantage of the shuttle service and you can explore different legs of the trail at your leisure.
- Pick up your Wheel Pass, put on your helmet, and hit the trail!