

## Birch Grove Students make Big Find while on a Quest at School



Submitted by Diane Blanchette

These two students said this day made the top 3 days of their whole lives when they discovered an antler set on a class quest for animal evidence! Ms. Silence's class also documented grouse tracks, rabbit scat, deer scat and a deer bed. Birch Grove Community School students see these things quite often in the woods, however, they don't often find antlers. The boys found the antlers in one of their favorite places to play - we guess that the deer like to play there too!

## Winter Storm Damage on the Superior Hiking Trail & Safety Tips

(January 07, 2023, Two Harbors, Minn.) The full extent of the Superior Hiking Trail has been affected by the strong winter storms. Travel may be difficult to impossible along the entire corridor due to wind thrown trees and snow laden shrubs obscuring the path of the Trail for the remainder of the winter. In many circumstances it will also be very difficult to follow the Trail corridor. Exercise caution and be prepared for difficult winter conditions. If you are hiking and feel you have become lost, do not continue, turn around and follow your tracks back to safety.

If you decide to venture out, Superior Hiking Trail Association has the following tips for a safe snowshoe or hike this winter:

- **The safety risks can be higher in winter.** Cold weather and snowy or icy trail conditions make it even more important to plan ahead and prepare. Make sure someone knows your trip plan and when you plan to return.
- **Bring your Ten Essentials.** Bring items for navigation, insulation, illumination, nutrition, hydration, emergency shelter, sun protection, first-aid, making fire, and a repair kit
- **Set achievable goals.** Winter travel can be much slower and days are much shorter. Plan short trips until you know your pace and be sure to bring all the essentials in case something goes wrong.
- **Wear snowshoes or stay on well-packed trail to avoid postholing.** Postholing occurs in deep, wet snow when hikers without snowshoes sink into the snow, creating a hole. When the snow freezes later, these holes create a hazard for hikers coming behind you.
- **Please stay off groomed ski trails.** Cross-country skiers have a short season for their sport, so please respect their trails by staying off the groomed track where the SHT shares

access with a ski trail.

- **All trail rules still apply in the winter.** Please stay on the Trail, leash and clean up after your pets, pack out what you pack in, camp only at designated campsites, and be respectful to fellow trail users.
- **Dress for the weather.** The weather conditions can change quickly and intensely. Check the forecast and wear and pack multiple layers so you can stay warm and comfortable in variable conditions.
- **Stay hydrated.** We don't experience thirst the same way in winter. Make sure you remember to keep drinking water during winter treks. Bringing a hot drink in a thermos can also be a great treat for break time.
- **Bring lots of calories.** Our body works twice as hard to keep us warm during the winter. Fuel both for your trek and to help your body stay warm.
- **Use caution near frozen water.** Snow cover can hide holes in the ice. Please use caution when hiking near or on bodies of water during the winter.
- **Don't rely on digital devices.** As helpful as digital maps and apps can be, cold weather drains phone and GPS batteries quickly. Always carry good ol' reliable paper maps and guides.
- **Stick to likely-plowed trailheads.** A list is posted on our website. State and city park trailheads tend to be the most quickly and consistently plowed.

Please visit our Trail Conditions Page at <https://superiorhiking.org/trail-conditions/> for more information on specific sections of the Trail and a list of parking lots that are most likely to be plowed.

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## SHERIFF'S REPORT January 2 - January 8, 2023

Monday, January 2, 2023

Inmate Population: 10

- 0215 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61 near Scenic Dr. Warn for headlight out.
- 0841 Deputy responds to report of an animal disturbance on 20th Avenue.
- 1000 Deputy responds to report of a vehicle in the ditch on Two Island River Rd.
- 1520 Deputy assists MSP with dispatching injured deer on Hwy 61.
- 1758 Deputy makes traffic stop on 7th Avenue.
- 2006 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61 near Larsmont Rd. Warn for headlight.

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Inmate Population: 11

- 0232 Deputy responds to report of suspicious activity on Hwy 61.
- 0741 Deputy at THHS for the start of the school day.
- 0743 LCRS responds to medical on Arthur Circle. One transported to LVMH by ambulance.
- 0955 Deputy executes search warrant.
- 1000 Deputy training with K-9.
- 1239 Deputies respond to report of a burglary in Finland. One brought to LCJ.
- 1706 Deputy responds to report of a vehicle in the ditch on Ski Hill Rd. Tow on the way.
- 1716 Deputy responds to report of an injured deer on Hwy 2. Deer deceased on arrival.
- 1914 Deputies respond, along with SBPD, to report of unknown trouble on Hwy 61.
- 2024 Deputy attempts to locate missing party. Party located and ok.
- 2151 Deputy responds to report of an animal disturbance on Mill Rd.
- 2212 Deputy checks on residence on house watch list. All ok.

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Inmate Population: 11

- 0323 Deputy responds, along with THPD, to report of suspicious activity on 3rd Avenue. All ok.
- 1210 Deputy responds to report of motor vehicle accident property damage on Loop Rd.
- 1229 LCRS responds to medical on Kane Lake Rd. One transported to LVMH by ambulance.
- 1532 Deputy assists jail with victim notification.
- 2313 Deputy responds, along with THPD, to report of a suicide threat.

Thursday, January 5, 2023

Inmate Population: 10

- 0005 Deputy assists MSP with dispatching injured deer on Hwy 61.
- 0343 responds, along with THPD, to medical on 15th St. One transported to LVMH by ambulance.
- 0653 Deputy out with vehicle on Hwy 12.
- 1013 Deputy responds, along with THPD, to report of a vehicle in the ditch on Hwy 61. Tow on scene.
- 1208 Deputy assists THPD.
- 1635 Deputy responds to request for a welfare check on Big Rock Rd. All ok.
- 2020 Deputy out with occupied vehicle on Hwy 1. Party using phone, all ok.
- 2049 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61. Warn for equipment.

Friday, January 6, 2023

Inmate Population: 10

- 1131 Deputy serves papers at TH residence.
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- 1648 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61 near Hawk Hill Rd. Warn for break light out.
- 1948 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2 near Kane Lake Rd. Warn for equipment.
- 2227 Deputy makes traffic stop on 8th Av-

enue.

Saturday, January 7, 2023

Inmate Population: 10

- 1331 Deputy responds to report of cows hiking down Cramer Rd.
- 1455 Deputy responds to vehicle complaint on Hart Rd.
- 1602 Chief Deputy and Deputies respond to report of an intoxicated person at business on Hwy 61. One transported by ambulance to Essentia.
- 1809 Deputy out with occupied vehicle on Hwy 61. Tow on the way.
- 1927 Deputy responds to motor vehicle accident property damage on 7th Avenue.
- 2046 Deputy serves papers at Finland residence.
- 2139 Deputy responds to medical on Adams Blvd. One transported by ambulance to Essentia.
- 2202 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 2. Warn for headlight out.
- 2211 Deputy makes traffic stop on Wales Rd near Hwy 2. Warn for speed.
- 2319 Deputy assists THPD with traffic stop.

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Inmate Population: 10

- 0055 Deputy checks on residence on house watch list. All secure.
- 1029 Deputy responds, along with SBPD, to security alarm on Main St. All ok.
- 1435 Deputy responds to report of an injured deer.
- 1700 Deputy assists SLC with welfare check.
- 1709 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61. Warn for speed and driving conduct.
- 1833 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61. Warn for driving conduct and tabs.
- 2159 Deputy removes deer from Hwy 61.
- 2242 Deputy responds to medical on Hwy 3.