

Special deer hunt permits available for Cascade River, Judge C. R. Magney state parks

Cascade River and Judge C R. Magney state parks will again hold special firearms deer hunts this fall during regular firearms season November 3 – 18.

Hunters wishing to participate in one of the special state park hunts will need to obtain a state park deer hunt permit in addition to their regular license. Deer hunters with a special deer hunt permit for Cascade River or Judge C.R. Magney State Park will be able to harvest one deer of either sex within their selected park with their regular license.

Additionally, hunters may purchase a bonus tag to harvest an antlerless deer within the park and still use their regular license to hunt another area outside the special park hunt area as long as they follow all applicable rules for that area. Statewide bag limits still apply, so a hunter may tag one legal buck per year, without exception.

"The special hunt permit is not a license or tag. It simply allows for an efficient way to monitor the number of hunters in the park's boundaries and better monitor the harvest within the park's boundaries," said park manager, Peter Mott. "If the available permits are not fulfilled, additional permits may be available at the park office after October 12th on a first come, first served basis."

Deer taken within the park's special hunt area must be registered to the special hunt number for the park (area 900 or 911). It is unlawful to register a deer taken outside the park boundary under the special hunt number.

Portable deer stands are allowed for this special state park hunt, but must be removed within a day after the hunt. Permanent deer stands, screw-in steps or other devices that damage trees are not permitted. See page 78 of the 2018 Minnesota Hunting and & Trapping Regulations guide for further information.

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For more information, please visit: <https://www.visitcookcounty.com/event/sawtooth-mountain-bike-challenge/>

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Chess Tournament at Two Harbors Public Library

On Saturday October 6, the Two Harbors Public Library will host a chess tournament for players of all ages. The library has been the site of a monthly Chess Time for youth and adult players during the past year, featuring coaching by local chess enthusiast and County Commissioner Rich Sve. Chess is an excellent mental exercise as well as a game with a long history. The tournament will be an opportunity for additional players to enjoy chess together and experience a chess tournament in a very low-pressure situation.

This will be a non-rated tournament, just for enjoyment. Rich Sve, who proposed the idea, will serve as Tournament Director. He plans to set up the brackets as a four-round Swiss-style tournament, possibly modified depending on the number of players. The event is open to all players, with three classes: age 15 and younger; age 16 and up, novice; and age 16 and up, experienced players. There will be prizes for each class--chess sets and gift cards. The prizes and a lunch for participants are provided with support from the Two Harbors Friends of the Library, AGE to age, and Rich Sve.

Sign-in will be at 9:30 am with the first round of play beginning at 10:00. The library itself will open at 11:00 as usual, but there will access to the meeting room for the start of the tournament. There will be two rounds of play will be before the lunch break and two after. Players will not use a clock, but games that are not completed by the time of the next round will be "adjourned" with the positions noted and will be completed after the last round.

Advance sign-up is requested, by coming to the library, calling 218-834-3148, or sending email to thplinfo@gmail.com. Spectators are welcome to quietly observe the games. Prizes will be awarded between 3:30 and 4:00 pm.

October 20th ride benefits trail maintenance in Cook County

Sawtooth Mountain Challenge gives bike riders of all abilities 'right-sized' challenges

Grand Marais, Minn. - Sept. 13, 2018 -- The Sawtooth Mountain Bike Challenge, a 25-year-old race that occurs on Pincushion Mountain overlooking Grand Marais, is the main fundraiser for the Superior Cycling Association's (SCA) trail maintenance fund. Participants will experience a good riding challenge, have fun and raise money for a great cause. Distances include 22 miles, 15 miles, 8 miles, and children's races.

"It was the first mountain bike race held in the region," says Jay Arrowsmith-DeCoux, mayor of Grand Marais and current owner of Fireweed Bike Coop. According to Arrowsmith-DeCoux, the event was founded by the previous bike shop owners, Mark and Melinda Spinler, to showcase the rugged terrain of Northeastern Minnesota.

"It's a challenging event with a 650-foot climb in just a couple of miles, then around the single-track, which can be brutal but is ultimately rewarding. Simply put, it is the perfect season finale to a great summer of biking."

The North Shore is renowned for its rugged terrain and challenging biking trails. Several newer bike events have been established in recent years like the Lutsen99er, Le Grand Du Nord and Norpine Fat Bike Class to meet the demand of participants.

"Over 2,000 visitors travel to Cook County annually from great distances to participate in these sought-after biking events," says Linda Jurek, executive director of Visit Cook County. "They come for the challenge and stay for the scenery, local hospitality and superb volunteers."

The event typically raises between \$3,000-\$5,000 for area bike trail maintenance. This year, there will be a raffle for a Specialized Dual Suspension Stumpjumper Mountain Bike of an estimated value of \$3,600. Tickets are \$10 and will be available for purchase at the event. "We're proud to sponsor this event and raise money to maintain the trails up here, since recreational and serious biking in the area has grown more popular during the past five years." Most recently, funds raised in prior years have helped to build a new section of trail between the Britton Peak trail system in Tofte to Lutsen Mountains.

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