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## Fear Makes Bears Bite

bear while dunned, and Rogers has seen that behavior in his own research. Rogers has been studying black bears in Minnesota for the last 50 years, and was the first in the state to conduct field studies on black bears starting in 1969.

While the mass of wolf tracks intersecting the black bear's path possibly indicates wolves chasing the bear, Rogers would have wanted to continue backtracking all the way to the bear's den.

"What you do when you lose tracks in a mass like that is do a big circle and get outside the wolf tracks, and see if bear tracks come out, then concentrate inside that circle," said Rogers, who, after spending decades tracking animals says he has seen hundreds of dens and knows exactly what to look for.

"I really think now, more than ever, that bear was rousted out by a pack of wolves and was in a very defensive mood toward canines," said Rogers. If that were the case, Rogers says that if injured, disoriented and in a high state of defensiveness, coming upon the barking dog may have felt threatening.

The dog had just been let out by its owners on MacDougal Lake, and had left a fenced yard barking. The bear was outside the

owner's line of site on the other side of a vehicle. As the bear bit the dog, the owner grabbed the bear from behind, and was bit in the abdomen before the bear ran out of the yard.

Just down the shore the fleeing bear ran across two contractors working outside, where he tore the shirt of one man. The second man tried to distract the bear and was tackled and bit on his arm for his troubles. The first contractor proceeded to hit the bear on the head with a shovel, which spurred him off into the woods.

Rogers says that in addition to the wolf tracks, he is further convinced the bear was not likely sick because it curled up and dropped off into a hibernating state after the attacks. Authorities tracking the bear say that they could see the bear curled up on the snow from 30 yards, but that it was sleeping so hard it did not wake until they were within 20 yards of it.

"We'll see what the necropsy shows, but the evidence so far tells me that bear was acting normally as it could after just going through the mill with some wolves," said Rogers.

The last bear attack in the area was in Grand Marais in 2003 where a bear was surprised in a garage.

## Winter and Summer Cycling Growing in Cook County

### Second Annual Norpine Fat Bike Classic Jan. 6

Cook County, Minn.—December 19, 2017 – The second annual Norpine Fat Bike Classic in Lutsen, Minn. Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018 will attract 200 cycling fanatics from across the United States and Canada. They'll compete for the chance to win a cash prize in the 24-mile long-course or a top finisher award in the 16-mile short-course. The short course will take place on cross-country ski trails, requiring riders to be on 3.7-inch or wider tires.

For more information or riding or spectating, see: <http://www.norpinefatbikeclassic.com>

### Cook County cross-country trails now open to fat bikers

A dedicated section of Cook County cross-country trails is now open for both bikers and skiers — between Ski Lift Road in Tofte and Cascade Lodge near Lutsen.

Biking advocates, including Lutsen 99er co-founder Mike Larson of Cascade Vacation Rentals have been working with the Norpine Trail Association Board of Directors for two years to broaden the use of cross-

country ski trails in Cook County to include fat-tire bikes — the first area in the state to do so.

"Part of our challenge was that the laws that govern these trails don't address bikes or how bikes should pay for the use of the trails," says Larson. "They were written long before fat-tire bikes existed. "I give a lot of credit to the Norpine Trail Association board for being pioneers in this arena."

The first step was to open the trail between Lutsen Mountains and Cascade Lodge (between Lutsen and Grand Marais), which is about 16 miles long for the first Norpine Fat Bike Classic last year. Now they've agreed to share the trail for an entire year with some stipulations. See this web page for more details: <https://www.visitcookcounty.com/winter-trail-conditions/winter-biking-trail-conditions/>

"This is a big win for fat bikers," says Peter Spencer, race director of the Norpine Fat Bike Classic. "To have the trails open for an entire year — not just a few days — is huge. We're really grateful, and hope that this proves that bikers and skiers can co-exist."

## Century 21 Gilderman



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### FEATURE PROPERTIES



•**33 Garden Dr., SB** MLS6029856: 2 BR, 2 BA house w/full partially finished basement & many updates throughout. Shingles, in floor heat, remod. Kit., remod. BA's, new drywall, recessed lights, new furnace, & new sewer line. Other feat's include front deck, add'l covered storage behind garage or a covered patio let your imagination guide you. Level lot & quiet street. **REDUCED \$69,500**



•**82 Burk Dr., SB**: Back to the woods, w/views of LK Superior, 3 BR, 1 BA move in condition. Updates incl: 1/2 log siding outside & inside, newer shingles, windows, storm door, updated BA, remod. Kit., newer appliances, flooring, some wiring & window treatments. Private back yard w/views of Lk Superior from the hillside & a fire pit for your enjoyment. **\$104,000**

### Silver Bay & Surrounding Area

#### HOMES IN TOWN

•**58 Horn Blvd, SB** MLS6029726: 3 BR, 1 BA home, detached 2 car garage w/many updates in a convenient location on corner lot. Updates incl: vinyl windows, siding, overhead water lines, new plumbing in slab, new shingles, remodeled kitchen, paint, insulated garage, gardens and a large storage shed. **REDUCED \$74,900**

•**14 Lee Cir., SB**: Enjoy the features of this 4+ BR, 2.25 BA home w/full basement, patio & detached 2 car Gar. on level site. Improvements incl: newer shingles, new water heater, hwd flooring, updated BA, updated Kit., good storage incl. add'l shed. **REDUCED \$129,500**

•**57 Nelson Dr, SB** MLS6030470: Looking for a back to the woods location on Lg site in City of Silver Bay, check out this 3BR, 3BA house w/det'd 2 car Gar., Lg. deck & recent updates incl: windows, siding, deck, doors, some lighting, BA's, paint, & 6 panel maple interior doors w/matching trim. **REDUCED \$179,500**

•**813 Slater Dr., Beaver Bay** MLS 6030905: Looking for a house near the Gitchi Gammi bike w/city sewer & water & good storage. Check out this split entry house w/2 BA, up to 4 BR, full basement, att'd garage, rear deck, aux. garage & city water and sewer. **\$149,500**

•**5881 Hwy 1, SB** MLS6031441: Lg completely remodeled custom Kit. & many other updates throughout. 3+ BR, 2 BA, full walkout basement, w/det'd 3 car Gar, 30x50' quonset w/storage for equipment, tools & space to work on projects, good landscaping, convenient location, just an 8 min. walk to Baptism High Falls. It's the perfect place for you! **REDUCED \$215,000**

•**3508 Hwy 61, TH** MLS6029529: On Lk Sup. between Gooseberry & Split Rock w/easy acc. to Gitchi Gammi Bike trail. Custom built Arts & Craft style 3 BR, 2.5 BA home w/quality finishing throughout. Build a fire on the beach after a day of biking the Gitchi Gammi bike trail. Cook together, make new memories or share old ones in the kitchen, relax in the sunroom, & don't miss out on game night in the lower level. There is a green house & raised beds and lg. wood shop **REDUCED to \$798,000**

•**5940 Old Hwy 61, SB** MLS6028125: Rare opportunity to own 200 feet of Lk Superior lakefront w/ accessible beach. Let your vision create the color palette & update modifications you prefer. New roof in 2014. New septic system will be installed. Spring fed water supply. Tranquil, private setting, yet only six miles to Silver Bay, one hour to Duluth, & 3 1/2 hours to the Twin Cities. Walking distance to Tettagouche State Park, hiking trails & the Baptism River. **REDUCED \$349,900**

•**61 Adams Blvd, SB** MLS 6026996 : 1.7 story, 4 BR, 2 BA house back to the woods w/updates incl: siding, windows, shingles, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor add'n, new garage roof, no maint. decks, hardwood floors, new Kit. countertops & backsplash, oak cabinetry, hearth stove, new carpet, & good landscaping. Other feat's incl: full basement, att'd 2 car garage, shed & large side yard. **\$218,900**

•**XX Burk Dr., SB** MLS6031120: Wooded vacant lot w/view of Lk Sup., city water/sewer nearby. **\$18,500**

#### RURAL HOMES

• **6088 Hwy 1**: Private country home with lots of mature pines, split entry home with a 2 stall garage, large asphalt driveway. **\$129,900**

•**6990 Air Base Rd, Finland** MLS6030813: Listen to Tower Creek from the quiet setting of this 3 finished BR, plus a potential master BR suite, house w/ull walkout basement, deck, det'd 2 car garage & many updates including several windows, patio door, shingles, furnace, stainless appliances, remod. BA, hardwood floors & paint. **\$154,900**

•**4622 Crown Creek Spur, Finland** MLS6020160: Enjoy the peace & solitude of this property & listen to the sounds of Crown Creek from the covered porch of this 1BR, 1BA cabin. Log cabin has newer windows, electricity, gas forced air furnace, drilled well & a septic system. **\$169,500**

•**5275 Williams Dr., SB** MLS 6031285: Well built 3 BR, 1.5 BA multi level house w/det'd 3 car garage on a 2.45 acre site. **\$147,500**

•**6771 Riverside Dr.**: Nice lots on Baptism River with 300' of River Frontage. Structures need some TLC, but great opportunity to own property in the country. **\$89,900**

#### LAND & BUILDING SITES

•**4751 Correll Rd, Finland** MLS6029567: 7.5 wooded acres with approximately 328' of frontage on the Baptism River. Electricity is available nearby! Good location with recreation trails nearby and access to Highway 1 close. **\$65,900**

•**XXX Sannes Rd., TH**: 5.26 acres, very convenient road access, nice building sites, mature Norway Pines & Poplar trees, a creek bordering the property & electrical & high speed internet hook ups close by. Take a look today & don't miss this opportunity. **\$42,500**

•**XXX Kane Lk Rd.** 40 Acr. of remote hunting land w/road access & public land surrounding **\$34,500**

•**XXX London Crossing & JC Campbell Rd.** 242 Acres with a 20'x20' hunting shack, ATV trail access, public land surrounding, mix of high and low ground and a trout stream running through the property **\$205,700**

•**61XX Little Marais Road** Lot A, Lot B and Lot C, Silver Bay, MN. Three 10 acre lots with views of Lake Superior near Little Marais. Lot A is reduced to \$69,900, Lot B reduced to \$59,900 and Lot C reduced to \$69,900. MLS 6027797, 6027795 and 6027794

•**XXX Hwy 61 & Onion River Rd.** MLS6005052: 18 Acres commercial resort bldg site between Tofte & Lutsen on Onion River Rd. Great views of Lk Sup. High ground w/pwr at rd. Close to Sup. Hiking trl & rec. activities. **\$173,500**

•**6826 Breezy Lane, Finland, MN** MLS6017955: Wooded 115.94 acres w/frontage on the Baptism River, access from Breezy Lane & power available nearby. **\$165,000**

•**XX Reed Dr., SB**, MLS6017982: 3.2 ac. bldg. site w/rd to property & cleared bldg site. Great location in the city w/views of Lk Superior, access to Rec. Trails close by. **\$57,900**

•**5-Newly Developed Building Sites** MLS24229: Marks Dr. Larger than typical lots w/curb, city water & sewer, back to woods. **\$45,000 to \$60,000** plus special assessment which has decreased.

•**XXX Hwy 1 Finland**: Large piece of property w/a network of Roads in place, trout streams, Lake frontage, big mature Norway Pine trees. Close to ATV & Snowmobile trails. An Investor or hunting party's chance to own 846 acres. **\$889,000**