

Lake Country Scenic Byway

- Runs right in front of the Osage Schoolhouse
- 88 mile scenic road, especially good for fall colors
- www.lakecountryscenicbyway.com



Smoky Hills State Forest

- 2 miles west of Osage Schoolhouse with direct connection via local ATV and snowmobile trails
- Rolling to moderately steep slopes characterize this nearly 24,000-acre forest
- Exceptional deer and grouse hunting
- www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_forests/sft00048
- www.files.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/state_forests/sft00048.pdf

Hunting, Fishing,
Picnic Area, Fall Colors

Trails:

Hike = 25.9 miles
ATV = 8.5 miles, Class I/II
Off Hwy Motorcycle = 8.5 miles
Snowmobile = 30 miles
Hunter Walker = 7.7 miles

Two Inlets State Forest

- 4 miles north of Osage Schoolhouse with direct connection via local ATV and snowmobile trails
- 26,000+ acres are set in a landscape that's gently rolling to hilly, with scattered lowlands
- Excellent hunting of deer, ruffed grouse, and small game
- www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_forests/sft00051

Hunting, Fishing, Boat Access,
Swimming, Picnic Area

Trails:

Hike = 4.4 miles
ATV = 6 miles, Class I/II
Off Hwy Motorcycle = 6 miles
Snowmobile = 27 miles
Hunter Walker = 8.4 miles

The Heartland Trail

(see also Heartland Park & Red Bridge Park)

- 10 miles east of Osage Schoolhouse
- Planned trail extension will bring the trail past the front of Osage Schoolhouse and extend to Moorhead MN
- Connects to the Paul Bunyan State Trail and other regional trail systems
- www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_trails/heartland
- www.trailink.com/trail/heartland-state-trail.aspx
- www.files.dnr.state.mn.us/input/mgmtplans/trails/heartland/heartland_final.pdf

Multi-use Trail

49 mile paved trail to hike, bike, in-line skate, wheelchair (electric ok), and snowmobile

22 mile segment from Park Rapids to Walker has a second grassy trail for horses and mountain bikes

Bike Rentals: Northern Cycle Bike Shop, Highway 34 and Mill Road in Park Rapids, 218.732.5971 or 218.751.BIKE

Heartland Park & Red Bridge Park

- 10 miles east of Osage Schoolhouse
- Take Hwy 34 to Park Rapids and turn left on Mill Road
- Disc Golf (9 holes), Ball Fields, Basketball, Tennis, Horseshoe, Playground, Bathrooms, Picnic Shelters, Boat Landing, Fishing Pier, Swimming

Two Adjoining Parks with Many Facilities

Trailhead for the Heartland Trail

Park Rapids (population 3,900)

- 10 miles east of Osage Schoolhouse

Movie Theater: Park Theater, 107 S Main Street, 218.732.3461, www.prmovietheatre.com

24 Hour Grocery Stores:

- Hugo's, 101 East 4th Street, 218.732.3368
- Coborn's, 209 1st Street W, 218.732.0182

Hospital: CHI St. Joseph's Health, 218.732.3311 or 800.566.3311, www.sjahs.org

Chamber of Commerce: 218.732.4111 or 800.247.0054, www.parkrapids.com

Lots of Services and Recreation Options



Character Challenge Course

- 15 miles northeast of Osage Schoolhouse
- For individuals, families, or group team building
- 218.760.8442, www.characterchallengecourse.com

High Ropes Challenge Course, Zip Line, 3G Swing, Leap of Faith, & Power Plunge

North Country National Scenic Trail

- 16 miles northwest of Osage Schoolhouse is the Greenwater Lake SNA trailhead, see pages 80-89 of the book "Guide to the North Country National Scenic Trail in Minnesota"
- 4,600 mile trail when complete. Already has more trail than the Appalachian National Scenic Trail
- Trail goes through the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge and Itasca State Park
- www.nps.gov/noco
- www.northcountrytrail.org

National Scenic Trail primarily for hiking and snowshoeing



<p>Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 miles northwest of Osage Schoolhouse • Unique area where the tallgrass prairie, northern hardwoods, and boreal forest meet • Lots of wildlife, a haven for birds, has a visitors center • Hunting permitted, check for maps and regulations • 218.847.2641, www.fws.gov/refuge/tamarac • www.tamaracfriends.org 	<p><u>Trails:</u> Auto = 5 miles Hike = 2 miles Old Indian Trail Cross Country Ski = two loops, 2 & 6 miles Snowshoeing</p>
<p>Evergreen Gift & Fun Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 miles northeast of Osage Schoolhouse • 218.732.9609, www.evergreengiftsandfun.com 	<p>Mini Golf, Go Carts, Maze, Escape Room, and more</p>
<p>Paul Bunyan State Forest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 miles northeast of Osage Schoolhouse with direct connection via assorted ATV & snowmobile trails • 150,113 acres feature a terrain that's rough and hilly, with many tiny ponds and bogs • www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_forests/sft00038 	<p><u>Trails:</u> Hike = 18 miles ATV = 37 miles, Class I & II Off Hwy Motorcycle = 87 miles Snowmobile = 60 miles Cross Country Ski Mountain Bike</p>
<p>Itasca State Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32 miles northeast of Osage Schoolhouse • Mississippi headwaters, towering pines, over 100 lakes, boat/bike rentals, swimming, visitor center, naturalist programs, and more can be found in its 32,000 acres • 218.699.7251, www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/itasca 	<p><u>Trails:</u> Hike = 49 miles Wheelchair = 1.5 miles Paved Bike = 16 miles Snowmobile = 31 miles Cross Country Ski = 28 miles, classic and skate Snowshoe</p>
<p>Detroit Mountain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 miles southwest of Osage Schoolhouse • Rental equipment and lessons available • 218.844.SNOW, www.detroitmountain.com 	<p>Mountain Biking & Hiking Snow Tubing, Downhill, Nordic, Cross Country Skiing</p>
<p>Detroit Lakes (population 8,900)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 miles southwest of Osage Schoolhouse <p>Chamber of Commerce: 218.847.9202 or 800.542.3992, www.visitdetroitlakes.com</p>	<p>Lots of Services and Recreation Options</p> <p>See You at the Lakes!</p> 