

Cook County, MN Waterfall Map

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Key

- Waterfall
- Waterfall accessible only by canoe
- Roads and North Shore Scenic Drive/Hwy 61
- Pop-up falls area
- Major Rivers

1. Caribou River
2. Cross River
3. Temperance River
4. Onion River
5. Poplar River
6. Cascade River
7. Fall River
8. Devil Track River
9. Kadunce River
10. Brule River
11. Flute Reed River
12. Pigeon River - High Falls at 120' is the tallest waterfall in the state
13. Saganaga Falls
14. Stairway Portage Falls
15. Johnson Falls

Lake Superior
World's Largest Freshwater Lake



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Duluth
80 miles

Thunder Bay
30 miles

Waterfalls of Cook County, Minnesota

1. Caribou River – a short gradual climb along the river will bring you to the spur trail of the Superior Hiking Trail to the base of the waterfall. Park at Caribou State Wayside rest; off of Highway 61

> GPS [47.464124, -91.030941]

2. Cross River – best falls seen right from the highway at the wayside rest in Schroeder. Just eight miles north of the county line, you will find easy access and parking. Bring a raincoat. The view from the bridge on scenic Highway 61 is one of the best, and the spray might ruin your hair.

> GPS [47.544289, -90.896796]

3. Temperance River – in Temperance River State Park there is a short hiking trail loop that will bring you around the falls. Deep narrow river gorge with about 10-15 drops. According to the state parks section of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources web site: It is said that the Temperance got its name because, unlike other North Shore streams, the river had no bar at its mouth. At one time, the waters of the river flowed so deeply and so strongly into Lake Superior that it washed out the usual debris.

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4. Onion River – newly reconstructed trail from Highway 61 will bring you along the river for a canyon view. Legend has it that the river was created and named when Paul Bunyan shed tears while cutting the wild onions that grew in the woods nearby. Park at the Ray Berglund Memorial Wayside rest right off of Highway 61 between Tofte and Lutsen.

5. Poplar River – located in Lutsen. Hike inland to roaring fall, cascades and canyons. You'll find multiple waterfalls and rapids that are easily accessible from multiple locations.

- Upper Falls above Lutsen Mountains Ski Hill – park at the end of Ski Hill Road at the start of the connector trail for

the Superior Hiking Trail. Stay to the left on the trail and follow the old road down to the bridge about a half-mile walk.

- Rapids – run through the Superior National Golf Course both the River and Canyon course. Request permission from the Golf Shop and stay on the cart path.
- Lower Falls at Lutsen Resort – Where Lake Superior and the river converge, find covered bridges and a small series of rapids just above the mouth of the river.

6. Cascade River – A breathtaking series of large cascading waterfalls; this location includes parking and a walking path, which makes hiking along multiple waterfalls possible. The Cascade River flows from one ledge after another for a total drop of 900 feet during the last three miles to Lake Superior.

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- Thompson Falls on the Cascade River near the intersection of The Grade and Bally Creek Road.
- Hidden Falls of the Cascade River downstream from County Road 45 on the Superior Hiking Trail

7. Fall River – waterfall (just west of Grand Marais by about two miles). Spectacular waterfall below the highway that drops into Lake Superior.

>GPS [47° 44.455' N / 90° 23.295' W] Park along the shoulder along Highway 61.

8. Devil Track River – follow the Superior Hiking Trail for a ravine view. With caution, the falls are more easily accessible by snowshoe in the winter.

9. Kadunce River – Just 12.7 miles east of Grand Marais, the Kadunce has easy access, up-top viewing, with a hike on the Superior Hiking Trail. Feeling adventurous? Hike up the shallow river for a different vantage point. Parking available in the lot off of Highway 61.

10. Brule River – eight miles up the road in Judge C.R. Magney State Park you'll meet the Brule River. Best known for the Devil's Kettle waterfall where the river splits and half the river enters a cauldron, the Devil's Kettle, and disappears to places unknown. Enter Judge C.R. Magney State Park to get to parking lot.

>GPS [47.819284, -90.051704]

What is the tallest waterfall in Minnesota?

High Falls on the Pigeon River at Grand Portage State Park

11. Flute River – unnamed waterfall on the lakeside of Highway 61. > GPS [47.843897, -89.962582]

12. Pigeon River – in Grand Portage State Park at 120' the High Falls is the tallest waterfall in the state of Minnesota. Handicap accessible trail is about 1 mile long. During peak waterfall season, find a nearly permanent rainbow at the base of the High Falls. Parking is available in the Grand Portage State Park visitor center parking lot.

> GPS [48.004560, -89.597588]

13. Saganaga Falls – where the Granite River and Saganaga Lake meet. Must use a canoe to reach this area.

14. Stairway Portage Falls – between Duncan and Rose Lake in the Central Gunflint Trail region. Must use a canoe to reach this area.

15. Johnson Falls – on the far west end of Pine Lake. Accessible from either the Gunflint Trail or Arrowhead Trail. Must use a canoe to reach this area.

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