









Spring Beauty Northern Hardwoods SNA

Directions and Notes from Minnesota DNR

Directions: From Hovland 2.4 miles N Co Rd 16, then 1 mile W on Hovland Tower Rd, then 0.3 mile W (stay left) at Tom Lake Rd junction. Park at gate. Hike W to site.

Lat/Lon: 47.878673, -89.991654

This site has no maintained trails or other recreational facilities. This site is in an Audubon Important Bird Area. This site is within Grand Portage State Forest.

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The Approach

To get to the parking area for this SNA a four-wheel drive vehicle with high clearance is recommended.

Parking

N47 52.723, W89 59.648

A parking lot for this site is on the south side of Tower Road next to the gate. The directions on the Minnesota DNR Website to this parking area are correct. The map that accompanies those directions is not.

Trails

The forest road continues beyond the gate to the fire Hoveland Lookout Tower. Beyond that, a decommissioned forest road continues west. The old road is is not maintained in any way. It is overgrown, in some areas densely overgrown. In many spots it is blocked by deadfall. However, it makes few sharp turns, and if lost it can be easily reacquired. It appears to come to an end 1½ miles past the tower after almost completely looping back on itself.

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