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Pike Lake Lake Loop

Distance: 22 miles

Estimated Time: 2-4 hours

Difficulty: Intermediate

Surface Type: Gravel, Minimum Maintenance Road

Special Notes: Mark Lake Road can be very muddy after a rain event, there are many spur trails and roads, so pay close attention to staying on the main road/trail.

Directions to Trailhead: A half mile East of Lutsen, turn up the hill on the Caribou Trail, County Road 4. After about 6 miles the road turns to gravel, there will be a snowmobile trail parking lot immediately on your right.

Route Description: From the Parking Lot, Turn right and travel North on the Caribou Trail for about 2.5 miles. Mark Lake Road, FS 161 will turn off on the right side. This is the most rugged part of the loop, expect some water flowing over the road in spots. About 4 mile in, there is typically a beaver dam built right up on the side of the road, very cool to see this, and if you're lucky, a good spot to watch wildlife. After the beaver dam, stay right, and the road will generally start to improve. At the end of Mark Lake Road, take a right, up the hill. At this point you are on Cascade River Road. This will turn into Pike Lake Road. Stay on Pike Lake Road for about 3 miles. After some nice big rolling hills through the 'residential' area, you will come to a 4 way intersection, there will NOT be a stop sign from the direction you are traveling. ***Side note, this is a convenient place to park for riders coming from Grand Marais.* Take a right here on Murmur Creek Road, FS 332. This is a narrow gravel road all the way to the Pike Lake boat landing, a nice rest spot! Past the boat landing, the road gets a little more primitive for a couple miles before it opens up into a well maintained gravel road. At the end of Murmur Creek Road, you will hit the Caribou Trail. If you parked at the Snowmobile Trail Lot, turn left and travel $\frac{3}{4}$ mile South. If you parked on the Grand Marais side, follow the route as described above.

