



Droopy Brush covers trail near Grand Marais.

Photo by Karen Neal

Greetings!

Winter has set in along the Superior Hiking Trail. Conditions will vary according to the trail segment.

- Snow amounts range from 6-18 inches of snow.
- Along much of the trail, wet snow and then rain before Christmas has frozen droopy brush over the trail making it slow going in some areas.
- Here's a link to the [MN DNR Snow Depth Map](#) which is updated every Thursday.
- Check the [SHTA Conditions](#) page for a list of plowed trailhead parking lots, route

detours and other trail current trail conditions.

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## Thank you Members and Friends - - you are the best!

You gave over \$50,000 in our recent year-end appeal. Added to this was \$4,770 in donations from a special "Give to the Max Day" in November that was promoted by [www.givemn.org](http://www.givemn.org). These donations will go a long way to help build and maintain the trail!



### Guided Snowshoe Hike

**Saturday, February 13th 10:00 AM**

### **Sucker River Trailhead to Fox Farm Pond Campsite and Back 2.4 miles total.**

Snowshoe through spruce-balsam forest and over the Sucker River Bridge on a gradual climb to maple forest and the Fox Farm Pond Campsite. Meet at Sucker River

Trailhead. At Hwy 61 milepost 14.9, turn north (inland) on Homestead Rd (Co. Rd. 42) and go 5.75 mi. Turn left on W. Knife River Rd. and go 0.5 mi. Turn right on App Rd and go 1.5 mi to intersection with Two Harbors Rd. App Rd. changes to Fox Farm Rd (Co. Rd. 266) here. Continue straight on Fox Farm Rd. 5.3 mi to parking lot on left.

[Visit the SHTA website for the 2016 schedule of Guided Hikes](#)

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## SHTA Seeking Four New Board Members

SHTA Board elections will be held in May at the Hike Fest. We are currently seeking applications of people interested in serving on the board.

***We are looking for a variety of candidates with a variety of backgrounds.*** Some of

our identified needs include:

- finance background;
- someone with experience with integrated accounting/database/fulfillment systems to help SHTA transition to a new system;
- civil engineering or bridge design background;
- someone from Cook County and someone from the Duluth area.

But all applications are welcome.

### ***How does the board do its work?***

- The 15 member board meets on the North Shore six times a year,
- each board member serves on a committee that meets prior to the regular board meeting,
- and board members serve three-year terms.

Please contact the SHTA office for questions and for the position description and application or [download the information from our website](#). The application deadline is Friday, February 26th.

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## **Upcoming Dates: Put these on your Calendar!**

February 23 -- Hiking the SHT - 6:30 PM presentation by Kim Fishburn at Midwest Mountaineering, Minneapolis MN

February 26 -- Deadline for SHTA Board applications

March 5 -- Guided Snowshoe Hike 10:00 AM  
Kingsbury Creek to Grand Avenue Chalet at Spirit Mountain - 2.7 miles.

April 22-24 -- Spring Outdoor Expo, Midwest Mountaineering

May 14-16 -- SHTA Hike Fest, Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center,  
Finland MN

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**The Superior Hiking Trail is built, maintained, and supported by volunteers.**

- Donate or become a member [online](#) or by calling the SHTA office at 218-834-2700.

- Volunteer for a project or campsite.
- Help us find others like you -- share this message with your friends and family.

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