

BEAR HEAD LAKE STATE PARK

FACILITIES AND FEATURES

- 73 semi-modern campsites (26 with electricity) with a modern sanitation building
- 4 backpack sites
- One boat-accessible campsite
- Boat access on Bear Head Lake
- Boat access on Eagles Nest Lake #3
- Pioneer group camp with a hand-pump and pit-type sanitation units
- Large picnic area with a sandy swimming beach
- Lake and stream fishing—trout, walleyes, and panfish
- Boat and canoe rentals
- Miles of good hiking trails
- Dump station
- Picnic shelter
- Guest house
- 5 camper cabins

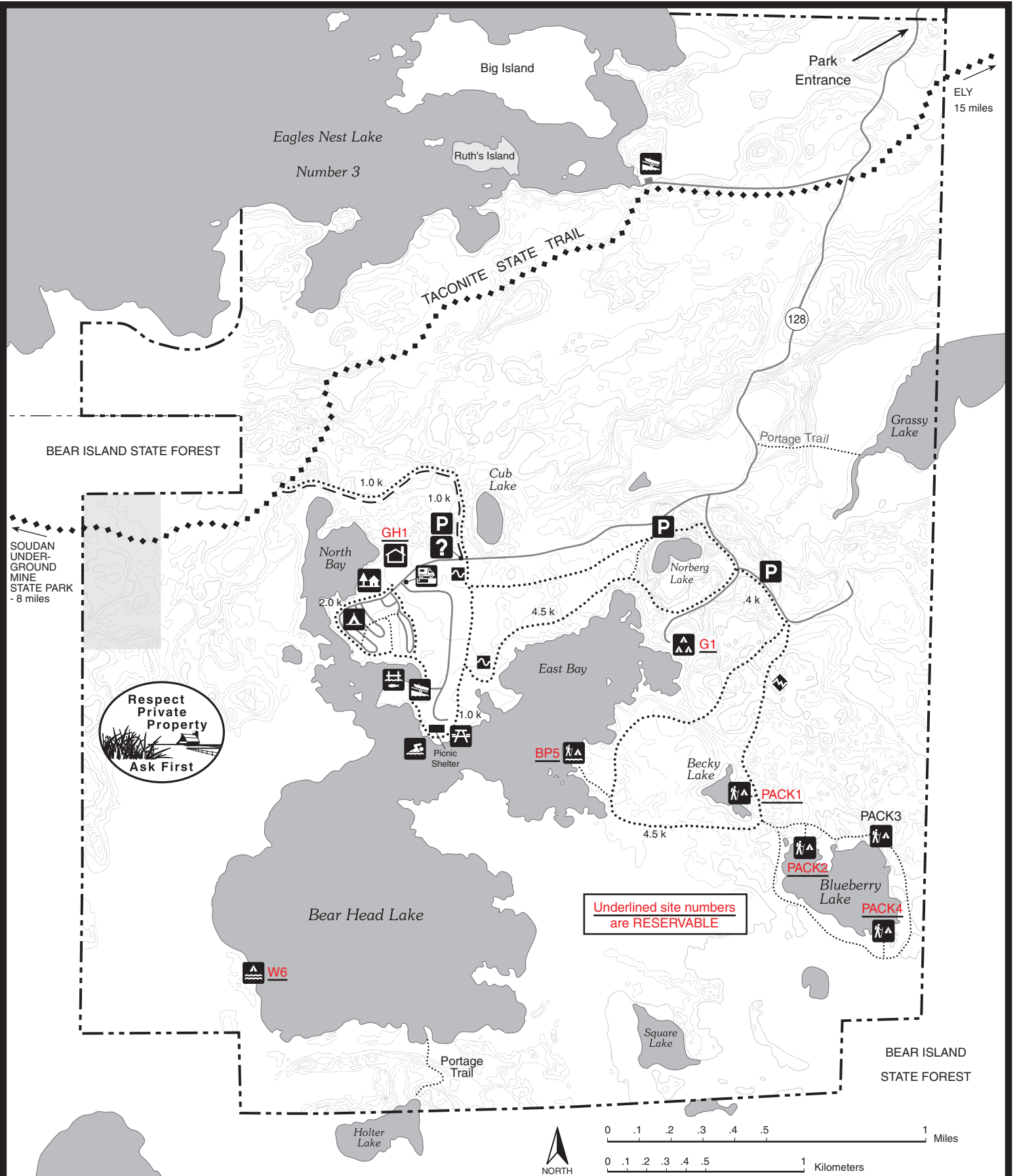
VISITOR FAVORITES

- Fishing and boating on Bear Head Lake
- Beautiful sand swimming beach
- Snowmobile trails that link with the Taconite State Trail
- Miles of hiking trails

LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION?

The DNR has mapped separate areas of the state showing federal, state and county lands with their recreational facilities. Public Recreation Information Maps (PRIM) are available for purchase from the DNR gift shop, DNR regional offices, Minnesota state parks and major sporting and map stores.

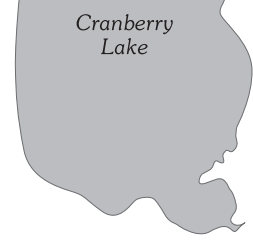
Check it out - you'll be glad you did.



Respect Private Property
Ask First

Underlined site numbers are RESERVABLE

TRAILS	FACILITIES	
◆◆◆ State Trail (multi-use)	❓ Information/Office	🏠 Camper Cabins
— — — Snowmobile	🍷 Picnic Area	⛴ Primitive Group Camp
⋯⋯⋯ Hiking/Skiing	🏊 Swimming	🚤 Watercraft Campsite
● easy	🚤 Boat Ramp	🏕 Backpack Camping
⚡ more difficult	🏠 Rental House	🚤 Watercraft/Backpack Camping
⚡ most difficult	🏠 Fishing Pier	🚽 Trailer Sanitation Station
⋯⋯⋯ Hiking Only	🏠 Camping	🚫 Private Property Public Use Prohibited (Except on designated trails)



Because lands exist within the boundaries of this park that are not under the jurisdiction of the D.N.R., check with the park manager if you plan to use facilities such as trails and roads other than those shown.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Bear Head Lake State Park
9301 Bear Head Lake State Park Road
Ely, MN 55731
(218) 365-7229

Department of Natural Resources
Information Center
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-4040

(651) 296-6157 (Metro Area)
1-888-646-6367 (MN Toll Free)

TDD (Telecommunications
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(651) 296-5484 (Metro Area)
1-800-657-3929 (MN Toll Free)

DNR Web Site: www.dnr.state.mn.us
State Parks page: www.mnstateparks.info

BEAR HEAD LAKE STATE PARK is located 18 miles east of Tower. Take U.S. Highway 169 east to St. Louis County Highway 128. Take 128 south six miles to the park. Highway map index: M-7.

Bear Head Lake State Park's 4,000-plus acres surround Bear Head Lake. The park also

holds three other fishing lakes. Visitors enjoy boating, swimming, hiking, and fishing in this remote northern park.

WILDLIFE: The northern forest that surrounds 674 acre Bear Head Lake is home to a variety of wildlife. Hiking along trails and roads gives visitors an opportunity to discover white-tailed deer, black bear, moose, red squirrel, chipmunk, and snowshoe hare.

GEOLOGY: Volcanoes and ancient seas produced the bedrock of the Bear Head Lake area. The bedrock—of ely greenstone and giants range granite—was scoured and gouged by glaciers. Today, the area is covered with glacial debris—rock and dirt transported by glaciers from many other places.

Both Eagles Nest and Bear Head Lakes, along with the park's rolling hills, were formed from glacial action. At road cuts and along the lakes, visitors can see many different shapes and sizes of rock left by the glaciers.

HISTORY: Starting in 1895, logging was the major activity around Bear Head Lake. In 1907, the Allen and Whittenburg Company built a sawmill on the south side of the lake. The company logged the area for two seasons, then sold out. Next, the Tower Lumber Company purchased the mill. After two years, the company discontinued operations, dismantled the mill, and shipped it back to Tower.

Between 1911 and 1913 several fires swept the area. These fires consumed the forest inside the park boundary. Today, many old, charred pine stumps can still be seen along the park's hiking trails.

After the loggers left, little was recorded about the region's history. At one time a few backwoods cabins were built on the

lake, but what the owners did or where they were from isn't known.

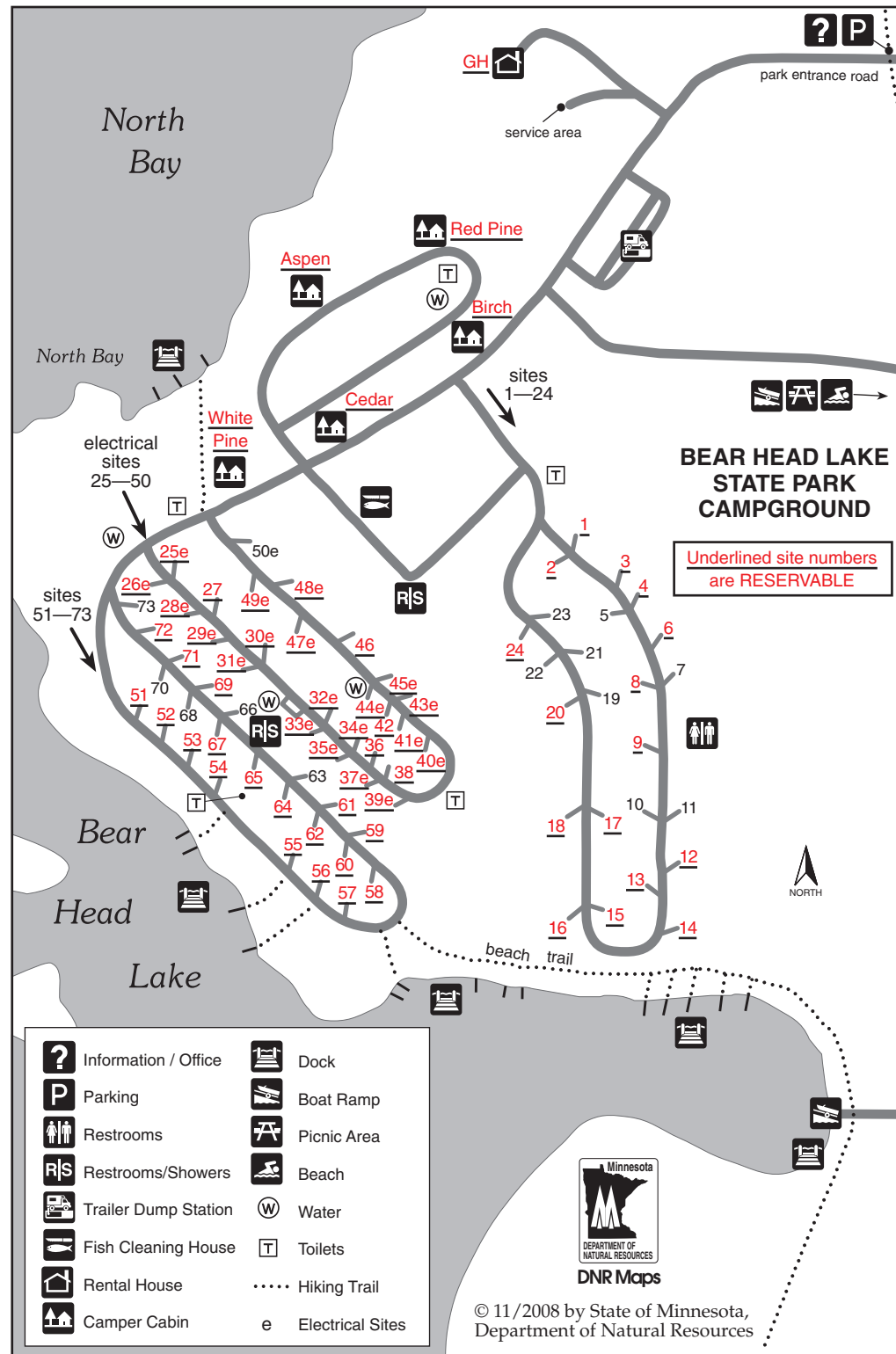
In 1961 the Minnesota legislature created the park.

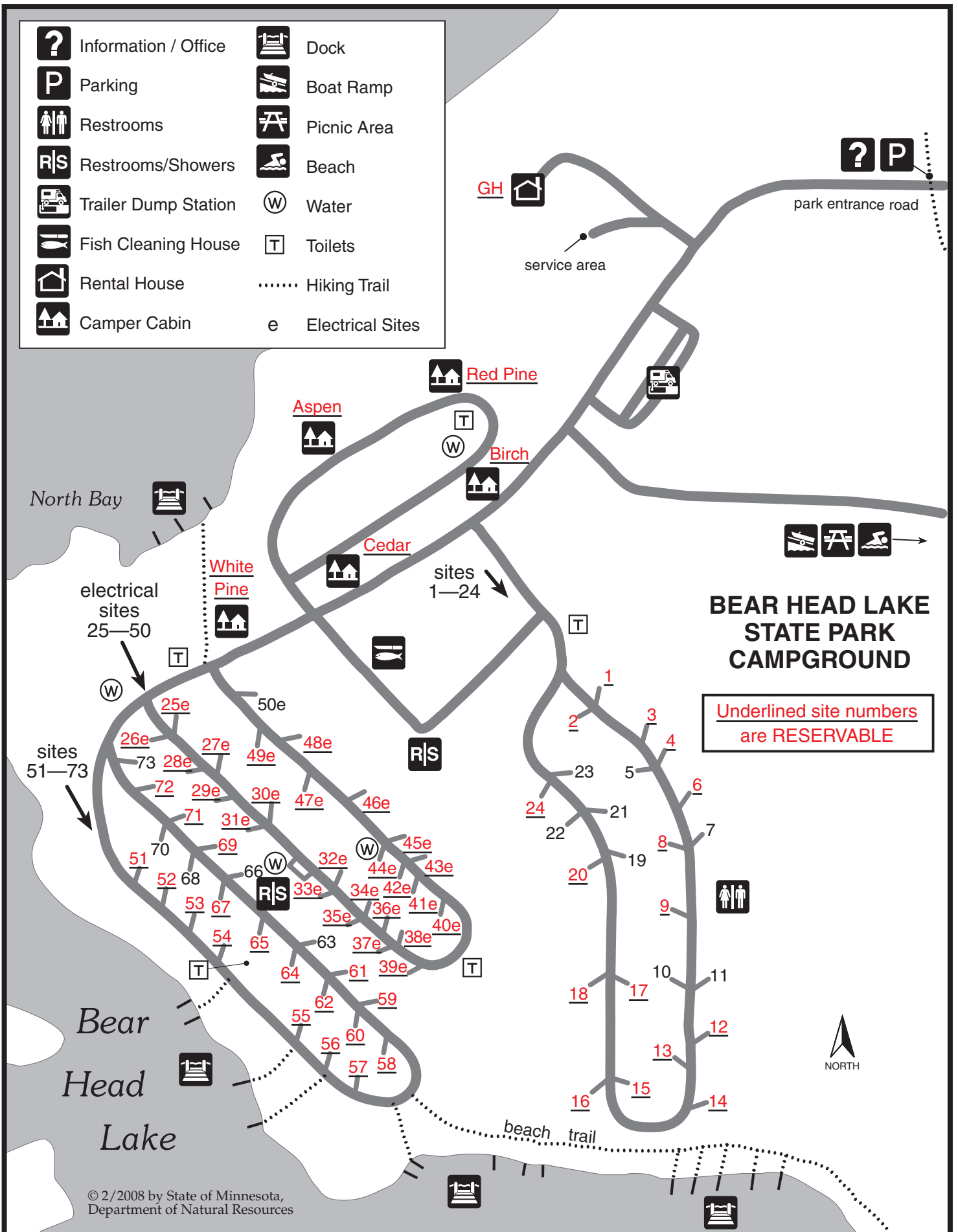
SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

- The park belongs to all Minnesotans. Treat it with respect and consideration.
- Hunting in the park is prohibited.
- Pets must be on a leash no longer than six feet.
- Motorized vehicles may not use park trails.
- Enjoy the animals, but do not approach or feed them.
- Leave rocks and plants where they are. They make up much of the park's beauty. Do not collect them.
- Park only in designated areas.
- The park is closed from 10:00 P.M. until 8:00 A.M. except in campgrounds. Loud noises or other disturbances are prohibited after 10:00 P.M.
- Park permits are required for every vehicle. Purchase them at park headquarters. Daily or annual permits may be purchased.
- 10 mph speed limit for boats on Bear Head Lake.
- Information on the use of sanitary facilities, boating, navigation, and water safety is available from park managers.

This information is available in alternative format upon request.

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Note: This park *may* have RESERVABLE sites other than in the main campground. See the main park map for the locations of any additional camping or lodging sites.