

The Gunflint Trail

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Some people think the Gunflint Trail is only a hiking trail, others believe it is a dirt road, and there are still people who have never heard of the Gunflint Trail. The Gunflint Trail is a designated Scenic Byway that gives visitors access to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness through the Superior National Forest. In spite of what some people may think the Gunflint Trail is a paved highway and is a great road to travel.

* [Linked image: Old Gunflint Trail](#)

The Gunflint Trail hasn't always been paved, and it hasn't always been a road. The Cook County News Herald prints news from the past in their weekly newspaper and according to their paper this is what happened 90 years ago on September 27, 1916.

A county resolution was adopted to make application to the federal government for aid in re-building the Gunflint Road. The known presence of valuable minerals in the territory adjacent to the road is sufficient reason for the building of the road, and as the property to be benefited by the road is largely owned by "Uncle Sam," it is only fair that federal aid be granted.

The natural beauties of the territory through which it goes will make the road popular to tourists.