

Firewood Information

Firewood can be transport to the Gunflint Trail only if it was purchased from an official firewood vendor within the state. The superior national forest, the forest in which we reside, prohibits the movement of non-vendor approved firewood into the forest. Vendor approved firewood also varies and has restrictions:

Firewood that is USDA (US Dept of Agriculture) or MDA (MN Dept of Agriculture) certified, meaning it has been “treated” to state/federal standards, can be moved freely throughout the state. Non-treated firewood that is sold by a DNR approved firewood vendor can be transported into the Superior National Forest ONLY if the county it originated in is a non-quarantined county. Firewood from counties adjacent to quarantined counties is also prohibited. The list of quarantined counties are:

Anoka, Chisago, Cook, Dakota, Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Hennepin, Houston, Lake, Martin, Olmsted, Ramsey, Scott, Wabasha, Washington, Winona.

Cook County, in which we are located in, is a quarantined county so firewood purchased here can not leave the county. Any treated firewood in which the packaging has been opened can also not leave the county

We do sell firewood at the lodge, otherwise, you are certainly welcome to bring you own provided it meets the above rules set forth by the DNR and Forest Service.

Summary: The general public cannot cut their own firewood and transport it to the Gunflint Trail. Wood can be purchased from a firewood vendor and brought to the Gunflint Trail as long as the county it came from is not quarantined or adjacent to a quarantined county (see list above). Any firewood that is treated to state or federal standards can be transported freely throughout the state provide its packaging is not opened. Firewood purchased anywhere within Cook County can be used on the Gunflint Trail. Firewood from outside of the state is prohibited.