



## The Legendary American Birkebeiner Trail

- At the core of ABSF events is the legendary 100+ kilometer Birkie Trail system that weaves its way through both Bayfield and Sawyer counties in northwestern Wisconsin.
- In 2016, the Birkie Trail was named the No. 1 cross-country ski destination in the US by USA Today/10Best.
- Maintained and groomed exclusively by the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation (ABSF), the Birkie Trail is available for use by outdoor enthusiasts nearly 365 days a year.
- Annual Birkie Trail maintenance costs are an estimated \$350,000 dollars per year, depending on annual conditions.
- The Birkie Trail system is envied worldwide as a mecca for silent sports enthusiasts.
- A trail for all seasons, the Birkie Trail plays host to hikers, mountain and fat bikers, Nordic trekkers, runners, walkers, and skiers throughout the year.
- The Birkie Trail is home to world-class events like the American Birkebeiner ski race, the Birkie Trail Run Festival, and the Fat Bike Birkie.
- Born with the advent of the first American Birkebeiner ski race in 1973, the trail has expanded far beyond just ski trails and into a network, of over 66 miles of adventure just waiting to happen.
- With numerous access points, the Birkie Trail has ten warming cabins and numerous easily accessible trailheads located throughout the trail system, including: North End Cabin; Timber Trail; Birkie Ridge; Boedecker; Highway OO; Mosquito Brook; Gravel Pit; Fish Hatchery Park; Fire Tower; and the American Birkebeiner Trailhead.

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