

## CUYUNA COUNTRY

Thank you for joining us at the Crosby Mine Pits! The area was mined for iron ore and manganese from roughly 1904 to 1984. Today, this area is known as the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area and spans 5,000 acres of land including 25 miles of undeveloped shoreline. Divers can enjoy superb visibility, abundant aquatic life, and unique underwater scenery peppered with mining artifacts.

The best part about diving in Cuyuna Country is that you have over 15 lakes to choose from with no two of them being exactly alike and visibility that is rarely less than 25 feet! When planning for a dive, you can expect water temperature's in the 40s under the thermocline and in the 60s to 80s above it. We recommend a cold water wet suit or a dry suit, gloves, boots, and a hood. The nearest fill station is at MN School of Diving in Brainerd, so plan to bring a minimum of 2 tanks. The dive sites can be extremely rustic with rough and non-maintained roads. To increase your comfort during surface intervals, you might consider bringing a lawn chair, rain gear, jacket, sturdy footwear, bug repellent, toilet paper, and a tarp. There are restaurants in town for meals, but it's nice to bring a cooler packed with food, snacks, and beverages to keep at the dive location.

### **Directions:**

From the Twin Cities:





Follow I-169 north to Garrison. Then follow MN-18 west for 4 to 5 miles and turn right onto MN-6 north. Turn left at the intersection of MN-6 and MN-210 in Deerwood and follow for a 1/2 mile. Then take a right onto MN-210/MN-6 and follow this into Crosby.

From Crosby to Portsmouth Mine and other pits:

Take MN-210 south through Crosby towards Ironton. Take a right on Irene Ave/Cty. Hwy. 30. Portsmouth Campground will be less than a mile on the right side of the road, and the entrance to the mines will be the first left after passing the campground. For more details, please ask Aquaventure staff!

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-  Boat Access
-  Campground
-  Overlook
-  Croft Mine Historical Park

--- Recreation Area Boundary

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1" = 3000'

