
General

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Park or Trail Name

Detroit Mountain Recreation Area

District

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Location Description

*The Detroit Mountain Recreation Area is a 200 acre site located just east of Detroit Lakes. Detroit Lakes is in the heart of Minnesota Park Region, The new from the top of Detroit Mountain which rises 200+ feet above the surrounding land is breath taking. There is a population of 360,000 people within a 60 mile radius of the site.

Park/Trail Address

City

Park/Trail State

Zip

Latitude

46.81550982

Longitude

-95.78310013

Map of Park/Trail

Facility Website

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Description

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Regional Significance Statement

Classification

Special Recreational Feature Park

Overview/Description of Park or Trail

The 200 acre Detroit Mountain Recreation Area (DMRA) is a ski resort in the winter and a lift accessed bike park in the summer. The bike and trail facilities, with 9.75 miles of trails, will benefit from the lodge parking areas and ski lifts that have been constructed at a cost of over 6 million dollars on the DMRA site. The goal of this facility is to draw people to the mountain during the summer through a variety of trail and bike related experiences. The facility will draw many of the 360,000 people that live in the region within 60 miles of DMRA as well as people from other states. Progressive Trail Designs has conducted an on-site study of the property and identified the amenities to be included in the Detroit Mountain Recreation Area Bike and Trail Facility.

The proposed amenities and facilities include:

- 1)Pumptracks: 1 push bike track and 1 standard pump track;
- 2)Skills course;
- 3)Session zone;
- 4)Bunny downhill flow trail;
- 5)Signage;
- 6)Downhill trails;
- 7)Multi-use trails: 5 miles of cross contour trails and 2.6 miles of multi-use trails
- 8)ADA hiking trails;

The long term plan is to construct trails to connect the DMRA with Mountain View County Park and eventually with the Heartland Trail System. The estimated costs for the bike park improvements is approximately \$1.5 million. To date, local expenditures for the development of DMRA are in excess of 6 million dollars.

Total Acreage or Mileage

Acquisition and Development Status

Existing park 200 acres

N/A

Development status

Facility Listing

This section provides an overview of existing and proposed site facilities and general site characteristics .

Existing Facilities

- Picnicking and picnic shelters
- Walking Trails (paved)
- Hiking Trails (natural)
- Biking Trails (paved)
- Mountain Biking Trails (natural)
- Cross-country Skiing Trails
- Visitor Center
- Restrooms/sanitation building
- Roads and Parking Areas

Proposed Facilities

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Proposed Facilities Other Information

Land acquisition

General Site Characteristics

Master Plan

Additional Supportive Information:

Classification Details

Special Recreational Feature Park Classification

Provides a High-Quality Outdoor Recreation Experience

Detroit Mountain Recreational Area (DMRA) provides 200 acres of outdoor recreational activities in a beautiful and unique natural setting in Minnesota's Park Region. DMR is a ski resort in the winter with a downhill skiing, cross country skiing, tubing, snowboarding and winter terrain parks. Summer activities will include biking, hiking, Frisbee golf, pump

track and skills tract. The amenities will attract visitors from a wide area for four seasons of activity that will bring people back to DMRA for many years. DMRA will provide the following benefits:

- 1)It connects people to the outdoors with opportunities that extend well beyond summer time use;
- 2)It expands the park system by 200 acres in a location easily accessible to over 360,000 people;
- 3)The proposed operation would generate income that will be reinvested as needed to maintain a high quality park, and
- 4)It takes advantage of local partners willing to invest their resources and leverage Legacy Fund dollars;

Provides a Natural and Scenic Setting Offering a Compelling Sense of Place

The Detroit Mountain Recreation Area provides a beautiful natural setting with breath taking views of the lakes area in Becker County. This unique 200 acre park will provide four seasons of outdoor recreational activities in a natural wooded area in Minnesota's Park Region.

The Detroit Mountain Recreation Area has a significant stand of hardwood forest and with 200 acres there is enough room for ski slopes trails and other features while preserving the natural environment and providing opportunities for outdoor recreation. The oscillating terrain from level to steeply rolling provides an area well suited for non-motorized recreational activities such as hiking and biking. Detroit Mountain is unique and provides excellent terrain for a ski hill as well.

Well-located to Serve a Regional Need and/or Tourist Destination

The Detroit Mountain Recreation Area is about 2 miles from the City of Detroit Lakes with a population of 8,851. The DMRA will serve a regional population of 360,000 residents within a 60 mile radius. The City of Detroit Lakes and Becker County have plans to connect DMRA and Mountain View County Park to the Heartland Trail and to the City of Detroit Lakes' Trail System.

Fills a Gap in Recreational Opportunity within the Region

The Detroit Mountain Recreation Area provides a unique year round recreation venue not available in the region. For example, the nearest bike facility is Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Trails located near Crosby Ironton which is 100 miles from Detroit Lakes and 145 miles from Fargo/Moorhead Metropolitan

Area. DMRA will fill the trails gap in this region and serves a population of 360,000 people within a 60 mile radius. According to the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan and the MN network of parks and trails (a University of Minnesota Study (there is a need for a regional park in Becker County. The Detroit Mountain Recreation Area can fill this need.

Attachments

Doc Name	Description	Url
Resolution	Resolution Of Support City of Detroit Lakes	1439472369702-DMRA Designation 2015 Resolutions.docx
Location Map	Location Map Detroit Mountain Project	1439472679376-DMRA Designation 2015 Location Map.docx
Letters Of Support	Letters Of Support	1439473151501-DMRA Designation 2015 Letters Support.docx
Other	Proposed Winter Recreation Plan, Proposed Summer Recreation Plan, Aerial Map,	1439473653229-DMRA Designation 2015 Other.docx
Master Plan	DMRA Design Build Plans For Bike Facility & Trails IMBA Ride Center Conceptual Report Detroit Lakes	1439413992406-DMRA Designation 2015 Master Plan.pdf
Resolution	Resolution Of Support City of Detroit Lakes	1439472369702-DMRA Designation 2015 Resolutions.docx
Location Map	Location Map Detroit Mountain Project	1439472679376-DMRA Designation 2015 Location Map.docx
Letters Of Support	Letters Of Support	1439473151501-DMRA Designation 2015 Letters Support.docx
Other	Proposed Winter Recreation Plan, Proposed Summer Recreation Plan, Aerial Map,	1439473653229-DMRA Designation 2015 Other.docx
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Development Plan Overview Uploads		1471379864463-Detroit Mountain - Master Plan - final.pdf
Criteria 2 Photos		1471438940598-IMG_3555.JPG
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Additional Attachment	2020 Master Plan	2020 DMRA - Master Plan Updated_0267d2.docx