

MEMBER INFORMATION BOOKLET

GRAND PORTAGE & BOIS FORTE
1854 TREATY RESERVED RIGHTS

The purpose of this publication is to serve as an introductory guide for off-reservation treaty rights held by the Bois Forte and Grand Portage bands, and to provide information about 1854 Treaty Authority programs and services, including what is needed to exercise off-reservation privileges in the 1854 Ceded Territory in Minnesota.

Have questions? Give us a call...

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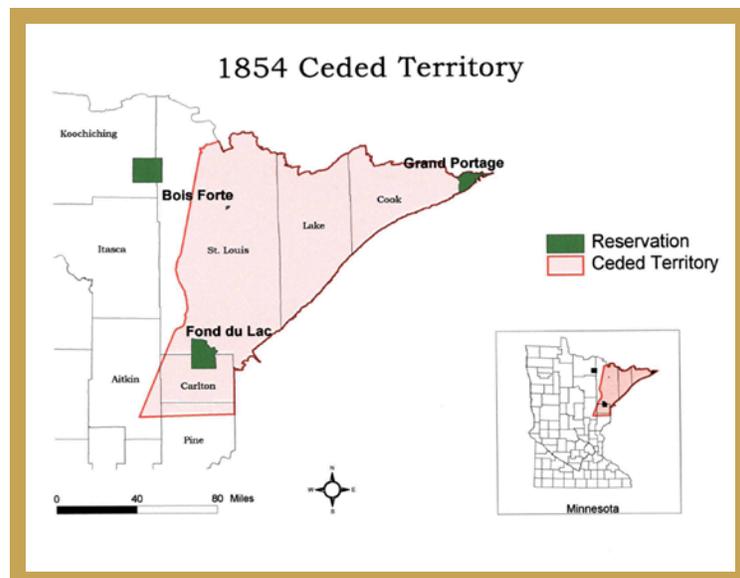
Treaty Rights

1854 Treaty Authority

The 1854 Treaty Authority is an inter-tribal natural resource management agency that manages the **off-reservation** hunting, fishing and gathering rights of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa and Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the lands ceded (handed over) to the United States government in 1854. This is all within present-day northeastern Minnesota, or what is known as the *Arrowhead Region*.

The 1854 Treaty Authority is governed by a Board of Directors, which consists of the ten duly elected officials of the Bois Forte and Grand Portage Reservation Tribal Councils. The Board of Directors meets bi-monthly to set and establish policy and to ensure that the mission of the agency is properly implemented.

The 1854 Treaty Authority is tasked with protecting treaty rights as well as managing the natural and cultural resources within the 1854 Ceded Territory. **Our main role at 1854 is to support our members in pursuing their treaty rights harvest.**



The 1854 Ceded Territory covers over 5 million acres, throughout six counties in northeastern Minnesota.

History

On September 30th, 1854, the Lake Superior and Mississippi Chippewa signed an agreement granting the United States government use of what is now northeastern Minnesota. As part of the treaty, the Chippewa retained rights to continue their way of life and use these lands for hunting, fishing and gathering.

"And such of them as reside in the territory hereby ceded shall have the right to hunt and fish therein until otherwise ordered by the President." ...Article 11, Treaty of La Pointe, 1854

In November 1988, the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa entered into a negotiated agreement with the State of Minnesota. The agreement was an out of court settlement of litigation begun in 1985 when the Grand Portage band and two of its members filed a civil action in the United State District Court, District of Minnesota, Fourth Division. Under the agreement, the bands agreed to limit the exercise of certain off-reservation rights.

As a result of the agreement, the *Tri-Band Authority* was formed between the three bands to regulate and manage the off-reservation harvest. The Fond du Lac band withdrew from the agreement, and the *Tri-Band Authority* became the 1854 Authority. Today, the *1854 Treaty Authority* continues to implement that agreement.

Exercise of Rights

1854 Treaty Authority Identification Cards

Band members do not need a Minnesota State license to pursue harvest activities in the 1854 Ceded Territory. Instead, Grand Portage and Bois Forte enrollees need a current 1854 Treaty Authority identification card (ID) to exercise treaty rights in the 1854 Ceded Territory. ID cards must be carried at all times while hunting, fishing and/or gathering.

ID cards can be obtained at the 1854 Treaty Authority's Duluth office, or at 1854 Treaty Authority staffed booths at community events on the Bois Forte and Grand Portage reservations, like powwows. Only enrolled band members are eligible to obtain an 1854 Treaty Authority ID card. (The burden for proof of identification and enrollment is on the band member applying for the ID card. [See the ID card Issuing Policy](#) on 1854's website) **One piece of proper personal identification is required to obtain an 1854 Treaty Authority card, such as:**

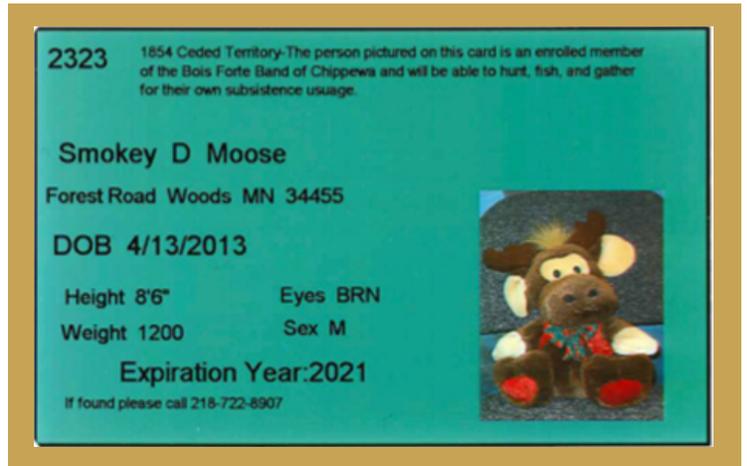
- Minnesota Chippewa Tribe enrollment card
- Bois Forte or Grand Portage ID
- State issued driver's license
- Certified birth certificate
- Current U.S. Passport

Initial cards are free, but cost for replacement is \$5.00 per card. The ID cards are for the exercise of treaty rights, and are not endorsed as any other type of legal identification. ID cards must be renewed every five years, and should be updated with any information changes.

Where Can Rights Be Exercised?

ID cards only permit Bois Forte or Grand Portage band members the exercise of rights on lands open to the public within the 1854 Ceded Territory, and on private lands with permission. This does not include areas outside the boundaries of the 1854 Ceded Territory (for which State licenses would be required), private land (without permission), or reservation land. An [interactive map](#) of the 1854 Ceded Territory can be found on our website or grab at a paper copy at the 1854 Duluth-office, or at an organization booth when you see us at outreach events.

It is important to read the signs and know your boundaries! As an example, if the state, county, or federal government prohibits gathering for instance, in a Forest Campground, Wildlife Management Area, Scientific and Natural Area, State of Minnesota designated old growth stand, State Park, wayside, beach, water access, plantation, or other specially designated area, then gathering by band members is also prohibited.



An 1854 ID card serves as a fishing license, wild rice harvesting permit, small game hunting license (ex. waterfowl, grouse), and must be carried while participating in any harvest activities

Superior National Forest Access

Grand Portage and Bois Forte band members, including their families and guests, may use designated U.S. Forest Service Superior National Forest campgrounds exempt of fees. Band members camping in Superior National Forest campgrounds must have an 1854 ID card on their person and agree to abide by both the U.S. Forest Service regulations and the 1854 [Superior National Forest Camping Regulations](#), and can be obtained at the 1854 Treaty Authority Duluth office. A band member choosing to reserve a campsite in advance must use the National Recreation Reservation Service (www.recreation.gov).

Band members are not required to obtain a permit to access the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). Treaty rights access to the BWCAW can include immediate family (spouse, those of lineal decent/ascent, i.e., a parent, grandparent, child and/or grandchildren) when accompanying an enrollee. The 1854 Treaty Authority ID card acts as a permit to access the BWCAW. All BWCAW rules and regulations must be followed. Any non-band members traveling in a party are required to obtain a U.S. Forest Service permit.

State Park Access

American Indians who are members of federally recognized Tribes within Minnesota's borders can access each and any of Minnesota's 75 state parks and recreation areas FREE OF CHARGE. Tribal members only need to obtain said FREE park vehicle permit by:

- Contacting the Executive Assistant at the Grand Portage Reservation Tribal Government: 218-475-2800
- Contacting the Tribal Enrollment Coordinator with Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Government: 218-757-3261
- Picking up an annual state park permit at the front offices upon entry to any Minnesota state park, and be prepared to present one of the following:
 - Tribal identification card
 - a certificate of Indian blood
 - an 1854 Treaty Authority Window Cling
 - 1854 Treaty Authority ID card
 - Tribal license plates displayed on a vehicle.

VEHICLE PERMIT 12345

Detach and place on vehicle dashboard

One-day, (if of) Year-round*

*Year-round permit will be mailed. Temporary permit should remain on display on windshield until permanent permit arrives.

Vehicle license plate # / State

Today's date

If camping, site #

Must be filled out completely to be valid.

PLEASE SEAL ENVELOPE WHEN FINISHED

PAYMENT ENVELOPE MINNESOTA STATE PARKS 12345

Attention campers! Campsites must be booked online at mndnr.gov/reservations or by phone: 888-990-4322. Don't use this envelope to register. Checks payable to: MNDNR. Overpayment will be considered a donation.

One-day permit Year-round Today's date _____

Vehicle license plate # / State Payment amount Phone _____

(for phone or online purchases) Confirmation # _____ Site # _____

(For year-round permit only)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Credit Card Payment Information

Signature _____ **Tribal Permit**

Name on Card _____

Card # _____ Exp. _____

Type Visa American Express MasterCard Discover

If the park office is closed, self-payment envelopes can be used at the park entrance with "Tribal Permit" written over the payment section.

Additional information on Minnesota state park vehicle permits can be found on the [MN DNR website](#).

Band members are required to pay for any "services" that park and/or vendors may provide (i.e. camping, firewood) and must abide by all rules prescribed by the park.

Youth

Enrolled band members ages five (5) and older can apply and receive an ID card, but children under the age of twelve (12) must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to obtain an ID card.

The 1854 Treaty Authority is concerned about the protection and safety of youth while pursuing harvest activities, therefore 1854 requires that youth under the age of 16 must complete a firearms safety/hunter education (FASHE) training and carry their certificate on them while hunting in the 1854 Ceded Territory.



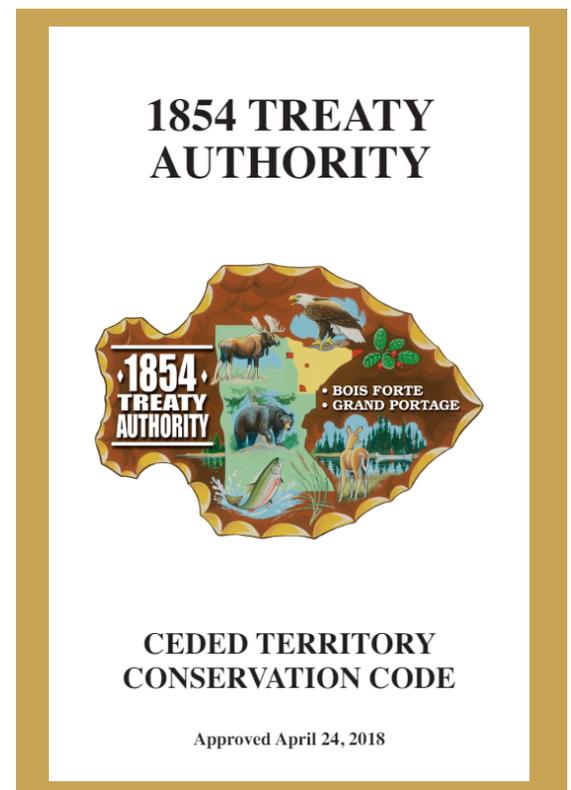
Participants shoot from prone position, a requirement during the live firing portion of the FASHE field practical

1854 Education and Conservation Enforcement staff will host FASHE training events every other year or so, and these events will be advertised in the 1854 newsletter, on the website and through social media. Eligibility and other age requirements of band member youth hunters are subject to the type of harvest and can be found in the [1854 Ceded Territory Conservation Code](#).

1854 Ceded Territory Conservation Code

The 1854 Ceded Territory Conservation Code contains all the rules and regulations for all off-reservation hunting, fishing and gathering activities. The 1854 staff works hard to keep the off-reservation harvest rules short and to the point. Also, The Code is updated and revised every five years, to incorporate any changes to our resources on the landscape, new technologies that are available, or to include safety precautions. An [e-copy of the 1854 Ceded Territory Conservation Code](#) can be found on the 1854 Treaty Authority website, or hard copies can be picked up at the Duluth-office and at 1854 booth at events.

It is the harvesters' responsibility to abide by all the rules and regulations set forth by the Code. The 1854 Treaty Authority has a judicial system to try those who violate The Code in the 1854 Treaty Authority Court. Any outstanding fines from violations or ruling of The Court may suspend band member privileges in any 1854 Treaty Authority managed programs and services (like receiving an 1854 ID or special permits). Please review the Code before participating in harvest activities, and from time to time.



All rules and regulations of the 1854 Ceded Territory Conservation Code must be followed while exercising treaty rights

Season Dates and Bag Limits

Season dates and limits are set by the 1854 Treaty Authority and are not included within the code, but are produced on an annual basis. Every year off-reservation fishing and hunting/trapping seasons and bag limits are proposed and passed by the Board of Directors. They are available prior to the respective season, and are published in the 1854 newsletter, and can be found on the [1854 website](#).

Small Game Hunting - Mammals		
<u>Species</u>	<u>Season Dates</u>	<u>Daily Limit</u>
Coyote	Open all year	No limit
Red Fox, Gray Fox	Oct. 19, 2024 - March 15, 2025	No limit
Raccoon, Badger, Opossum	Oct. 19, 2024 - March 15, 2025	No limit
Snowshoe Hare, Cottontail	Sept. 14, 2024 - Feb. 28, 2025	20 (combined)
Gray Squirrel, Fox Squirrel	Sept. 14, 2024 - Feb. 29, 2025	14 (combined)
Wolf	No open season	--
Lynx	No open season	--

Small Game Hunting – Upland Birds		
<u>Species</u>	<u>Season Dates</u>	<u>Daily Limit</u>
Wild Turkey		
<i>Spring season</i>	April 17 - May 31, 2024	1 bearded bird for season
<i>Fall season</i>	Sept. 28 - Oct. 27, 2024	1 either sex for season
Ruffed, Spruce Grouse	Sept. 14, 2024 - Jan 1, 2025	10 (combined)

Permits/Tags and Registration

In addition to the ID card, special permits and/or tags may be required for harvesting some animals. Hunting big game, like deer, bear and moose, require a permit/tags, as well as registering any harvested animals. Likewise, registration is required for any pine marten, fisher, otter and bobcat captured by trapping. A list of 1854 Treaty Authority tag issuing and registration station locations is available each season and can be obtained by calling the 1854 Treaty Authority offices or found on the [1854 Treaty Authority website](#). Off-reservation online deer registration can be found through the *QuickLinks* found on 1854's website during deer season.

1854 Treaty Authority Hunting and Trapping Registration Stations

Stations that issue deer, bear, trapping and register deer, bear, furs

1854 Treaty Authority Office
4428 Haines Road
Duluth, MN 55811
218-722-8907
1-800-775-8799
Hours: M-F, 8:00 – 4:30

Chief CO Clay Rumph
Northshore Area
218-340-7559

Officer Leo Vidal
Nett Lake/Vermilion Area
218-591-3256

Officer Marty Stage
Ely/Iron Range
218-235-8586

Stations that issue deer, bear and register deer, bear

Grand Portage Natural Resources
27 Store Road
Grand Portage, MN 55605
218-475-2415

Bois Forte Natural Resources
5344 Lakeshore Drive
Nett Lake, MN
218-757-3261

The Y Store
6368 Hwy. 169
Tower, MN
218-753-3868

Stations that register deer only

Buck's Hardware Hank
Highway 61
Grand Marais, MN
218-387-2280

Chalstrom's Bait and Tackle
5067 Rice Lake Road
Duluth, MN
218-726-0094

Duquette Store
88235 Hwy. 23
Kerrick, MN
218-496-5855



Trapping and Registration stations are subject to change. Calling ahead to check is recommended

1854 Treaty Authority Services

Elderly and Disabled Programs

The 1854 Treaty Authority offers several programs for elders and those who are disabled. 1854 ID card holders over the age of 55 that are handicapped or disabled may designate a hunter to harvest for them. 1854 Treaty Authority disability permits are available to band members that allow harvesting (1) from a motor vehicle or (2) with a crossbow. Disability verification is needed from licensed physician or chiropractor. Application permits can be obtained on the 1854 Treaty Authority website, or picked-up at 1854's Duluth office.

The 1854 Treaty Authority operates a meat distribution program for the elderly. Through this program elders are able to obtain subsistence meat once a month from our Duluth office (when available). Please call ahead of visiting our office to confirm availability of meat. For more information on these provisions or on how to sign up for the meat distribution program, please contact the 1854 Treaty Authority office.

Cultural Preservation

Occasionally, 1854 Treaty Authority offers workshops and classes for constituent band communities or the public at large. These opportunities are for enrichment, continuing education and for the promotion of retaining interest in traditional harvest and skills. Stay up to date with available opportunities and events by checking our website, Facebook page and reading our quarterly newsletter.

1854 Treaty Authority Communications

The 1854 Treaty Authority distributes a quarterly newsletter. If you would like to be mailed a printed copy, please contact the 1854 Treaty Authority office. If you would like to be placed on our recipient list for e-mailed newsletters, please sign up on our [website homepage](#).

The 1854 Treaty Authority webpage is an excellent informational resource. It contains current information on regulation changes, information on our natural resource management programs and details on upcoming events and activities. Visit at any time:

www.1854treatyauthority.org

Members and partners can connect with 1854 Treaty Authority on social media venues to stay up to date with organization activities, educational events and other opportunities. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [Instagram](#).

