

## About the Trail

The Banadad Ski Trail System consists of the unique 29-kilometer Banadad Trail, an intimate, single tracked trail through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, the Lace Lake Trail (5 K), the Tim Knopp Trail (3 K) and the Tall Pines Trail (3 K).

## Maintaining and Grooming the Banadad

Unlike some trails, the Banadad is maintained by volunteers. The annual grooming and clearing of the trail, bridge building, and other maintenance is overseen by the Banadad Trail Association and administered through the resources raised through grant writing and memberships. The BTA manages the Banadad as part of an agreement with the Gunflint Ranger District - USFS, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and through a contract agreement with Ted Young, owner of Boundary Country Trekking. Grooming and maintenance are subject to strict requirements laid out in the BWCA legislation, allowing only use of hand-tools for maintenance, and only one-track trail setting by snowmobile.

## Using the Trails

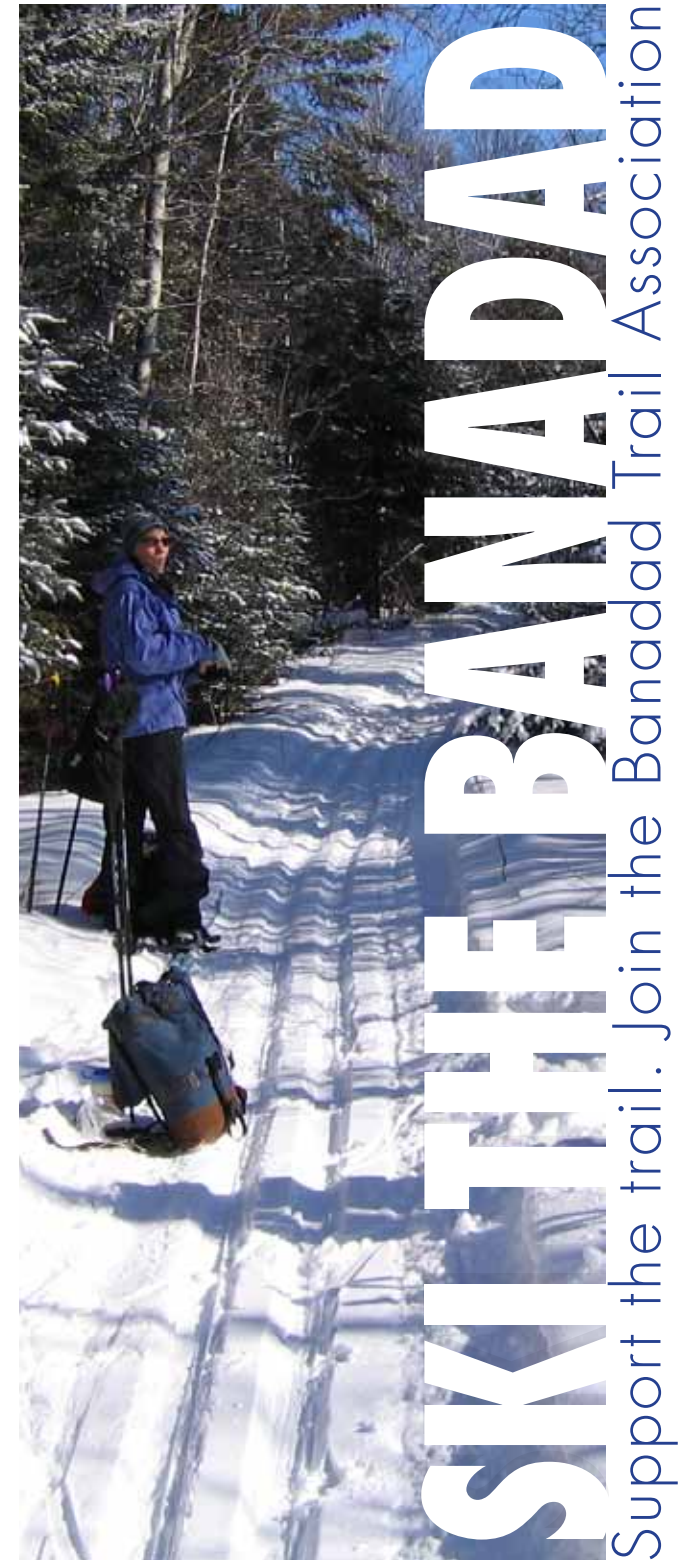
Skiers are required to have a Minnesota Ski Pass and a BWCA day permit (free and available at U.S. Forest Service permit boxes located at either end of the Banadad). Starting this year the Trail Association is providing free public parking at both ends of the Banadad. We invite you to experience the finest wilderness cross-country skiing in the pristine Boundary Waters Canoe Area!

## History of the Banadad Trail

What is known today as the BWCAW'S longest groomed ski trail, the Banadad, was developed many years ago as a network of old trails and logging roads. In 1964 with the passage of the Wilderness Act this area was placed within the newly created Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCAW). The act prohibited logging in most of the area; thus, road construction and logging ceased, the men moved out and over the next twenty years the forest began to reclaim the logging roads. By the early 1980s Borderland, Gunflint and Heston's Lodges in the Upper Gunflint area and Bearskin and Golden Eagle Lodges in the Central Gunflint area had developed extensive ski trail systems. They were now interested in connecting the two systems. Thus in 1982 at the urging of the lodges, the U.S. Forest Service authorized the construction of a ski trail within the BWCAW between the Upper and Central Gunflint ski systems. Grooming of the trail by snowmobile was authorized and the trail was opened for skiing that winter. For more on the Trail's history, go to [www.boundarycountry.com/banadad-history.html](http://www.boundarycountry.com/banadad-history.html)



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grand marais, mn



**SKI THE BANADAD**  
Support the trail. Join the Banadad Trail Association

The Banadad Trail Association (BTA) is a new organization made up of people dedicated to having fun while preserving, maintaining, protecting and enjoying the Banadad Trail and the Boundary Waters (BWCA). The purpose of the BTA is to maintain and enhance the Banadad Ski Trails, preserve the history of the forest and the trail and promote appreciation and care of the BWCA wilderness. We are a volunteer organization open to all who share these goals.



[www.banadad.org](http://www.banadad.org)

## Become a Member of the Banadad Trail Association

Your support for this grass roots organization is vital to the future of the Banadad Trail System.

We encourage you to join us.

Banadad Trail Association Member Benefits include:

- Free ski trail maps.
- Free parking at the trail's eastern and western trailheads.
- Regular trail updates and current trail condition reports.
- The right to vote for officers and board members of the Association and participate in charting the direction of the Association.
- Priority in organizing and participating in trail maintenance projects.
- A 5% discount on lodging at the Poplar Creek Guesthouse B&B, Cabins and the Banadad Yurts. Most importantly, you will get the satisfaction that you are helping to protect and preserve the BWCA's longest tracked cross country ski trail — the Banadad. Join now!

### Where to find us

The Banadad Ski Trail is located along the Gunflint Trail. From Duluth take Highway 61 to Grand Marais. Turn west up the Gunflint Trail (Cook County Rd 12). Drive 29 miles to Lima Grade road, turn left, drive one mile to Little Ollie road, turn right. Drive one mile to eastern trailhead of the Banadad.



## Banadad Trail Association Membership Form

Membership Year October 1st to September 30th

### Membership Levels:

- \$15 Resident (Cook County, MN only)
- \$25 Individual
- \$35 Family

### Consider these additional levels of membership to help support the Banadad:

- \$50 Trail Maintainer
- \$100 Trail Builder
- \$250 Founding Member
- \$500 Lifetime Preservationist (lifetime membership in the BTA!)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Banadad Booster (additional donation)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive Banadad Trail Association updates via e-mail? Yes  No

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