

**Member
Information
Booklet**

*Grand Portage
and
Bois Forte
1854 Treaty
Reserved Rights*

The purpose of this publication is to serve as an introductory guide for off-reservation harvest 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 privileges in the 1854 Ceded Territory in Minnesota.

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Treaty Rights

1854 Treaty Authority

The 1854 Treaty Authority is an inter-tribal natural resource management agency that protects and implements 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* to the United States government in the [Treaty of 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 elected officials representing 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.

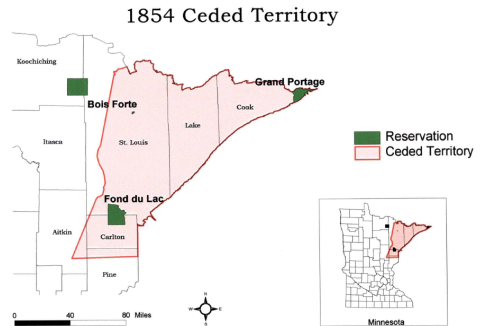
The 1854 Treaty Authority is charged with protecting treaty harvest as well as managing the natural and cultural resources on which those rights are based. **Our main role at 1854 is to support our members in pursuing their treaty rights harvest.**

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



The 1854 Ceded Territory covers over 5 million acres, throughout present day northeastern Minnesota, 45% of which is federal public land (the Superior National Forest and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness)

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

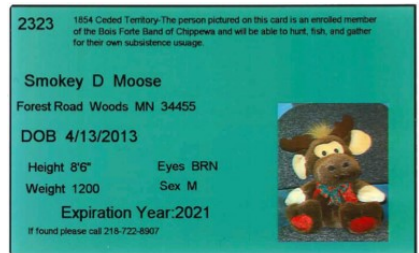
1854 Treaty Authority Identification Cards

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:

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



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

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. It is important to read the signs and know your boundaries! For 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. Interested in investigating where to go to harvest? Check out 1854's [Interactive WebMap](#).

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. Campsite use requires the enrolled individual to have an 1854 or tribal ID in possession, provide that ID number and band affiliation on the campsite registration form, and agree to abide by both the U.S. Forest Service regulations and the [1854 Superior National Forest Camping Regulations](#). Reserving campsites in advance can be done online (www.recreation.gov) or via telephone: 1-877-444-6777. To avoid being charged reservation fees, select the “Apply Discount” button when checking out using the online system, and indicate you are a band member if made by phone call.

Band members are not required to obtain a permit to access the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). An 1854 ID card acts as a permit to access the BWCAW. Treaty access to the BWCAW without a permit can include immediate family (spouse, those of lineal decent/ascent, i.e., a parent, grandparent, child and/or grandchildren) when accompanying an enrollee. Any other members of the party (not enrolled nor immediate family) are required to have a BWCAW permit. All rules prescribed for the wilderness area are to be followed while accessing the BWCAW.

State Park Access

American Indians who are members of federally recognized Tribes within Minnesota can access any of Minnesota's 75 state parks and recreation areas free of charge. Tribal members only need to obtain a 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 Tribal Government: 218-757-3261

VEHICLE PERMIT 12345

Detach and place on vehicle dashboard

One-day (if applicable) Year-round

*Year-round permit will be mailed. This permit must remain on display on undrained unit; 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 _____

Signature _____ **Tribal Permit**

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.

- Pick 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, or Tribal license plates displayed on a vehicle.

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. Additional information on Minnesota state park vehicle permits can be found [HERE](#).

Youth

Enrolled band members ages *five* (5) and older can apply and receive an 1854 ID, but children under the age of *twelve* (12) must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to obtain an ID card.

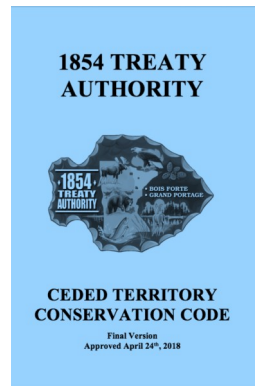
The 1854 Treaty Authority is concerned about the protection and safety of youth while pursuing harvest activities, therefore 1854 requires that youth under the age of 16 must complete a firearms safety/hunter education (FASHE) training and carry their certificate on them while hunting in the 1854 Ceded Territory. 1854 Education and Conservation Enforcement staff hold FASHE training events every other year or so, and these events are 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.



Participants shoot from prone position, a requirement during the live firing portion of the FASHE field practical, 2017

1854 Ceded Territory Conservation Code

The 1854 Ceded Territory Conservation Code contains 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 booths during events.



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

It is the harvesters' responsibility to abide by 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 Au-

thority 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.

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 proposed off-reservation fishing and hunting/trapping seasons and bag limits and are 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](#) (example below).

1854 TREATY AUTHORITY HUNTING AND TRAPPING SEASONS, 2019		
		Approved 9/26/19
Big Game		
Species	Open Dates	Season Limit
Bear	Sept. 1 - Oct. 13, 2019	1
Baiting season	August 16 - Oct. 13, 2019	
*reminder, if you establish a bait station, you must register its location with 1854		
Deer		5 (total of all methods, either sex)
Archery	Sept. 14 - Dec. 31, 2019	*there may be special hunts in some
Firearms	Nov. 9 - Dec. 15, 2019	state parks, contact 1854 office for details
Special 2019 Youth Firearms Deer Hunt October 17-20 *See info on website		
Small Game Hunting		
Species	Open Dates	Daily Limit
Wild Turkey		

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 (example below). Off-reservation online deer registration can be found through the [QuickLinks found on 1854’s website](#) as well.

2019 REGISTRATION STATIONS		
<i>1854 Treaty Authority Hunting and Trapping</i>		
<u>ISSUE deer, bear, trapping;</u> <u>REGISTER deer, bear, furs</u>	<u>ISSUE deer, bear;</u> <u>REGISTER deer, bear</u>	<u>REGISTER deer only</u>
1854 Treaty Authority Office 4428 Haines Road Duluth, MN 55811 218-722-8907 1-800-775-8799 Hours: M-F, 8am-4:30pm	Grand Portage Natural Resources 27 Store Road Grand Portage, MN 55605 218-475-2415 Hours: M-F, 8am-4:30pm	Buck’s Hardware Hank Highway 61 Grand Marais, MN 218-387-2280 Hours: M-Sat 6am-8pm; Sun 6a-6pm
Chief CO Clay Rumph Northshore Area	Bois Forte Natural Resources 5344 Lakeshore Drive Nett Lake, MN	Chalstrom’s Bait and Tackle 5067 Rice Lake Road Duluth, MN

Updated registration stations are usually published annually in the Dagwaagan (fall) edition of the 1854 Treaty Authority Newsletter

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 from a stationary motor vehicle. Disability verification is needed from a licensed physician, certified nurse practitioner or certified physician's assistant acting under the direction of a 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 [seasonal newsletter](#).

1854 Treaty Authority Communications

The 1854 Treaty Authority distributes a quarterly newsletter. If you would like to be mailed a hard 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](#) (bottom-right corner).

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. Consider signing up to [receive "blog" updates](#) (e-mailed).

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](#).

