



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF EAST LAKEVIEW DRIVE

The City of Silver Bay continues to work towards improving visitor experience at both Black Beach Park and Black Beach Campground. We have appreciated the feedback from residents and visitors on what types of improvements they would like to see with controlling the dust, improve parking, pedestrian safety, and traffic control being at the top of the list. We are happy to announce that the first phase of our overall project vision will be starting October 9th, 2023.

East Lakeview Drive will be reconstructed along its current alignment from Black Beach to the creek; from there it will follow a new alignment, connecting to West Lakeview Drive near the Campground Office Building. The portion of the existing East Lakeview Drive, north of the creek, will remain in place as is, and be used for circulation traffic within the Campground. See the provided figure for illustration.

Activities in fall 2023 are expected to primarily be grading for the new portion of the road, and installation of storm sewer. Work will suspend over the winter, then resume in spring 2024. Construction is anticipated to be complete by August 31, 2024. The finished road will be surfaced with bituminous pavement, and will provide additional parking near Black Beach.

The road will remain open as much as possible during construction. However, periodic impacts on access to Black Beach should be expected. Any full road closures would be temporary, and would be noticed in advance as soon as possible.

Ulland Brothers is the construction company who will be performing the work. In addition, you will see representatives from Bolton & Menk, Inc., the City's engineering firm, along with representatives from Lake County and the City of Silver Bay.

When booking your site, we want you to be aware that construction will be happening during your stay and access to Black Beach Park may be impacted. We understand there are inconveniences that occur during construction. Staff and Contractors will work hard to minimize some of those inconveniences, but some may not be avoidable. Please be aware that noise, traffic congestion, and/or closings of the park may occur during your stay. Normal cancellation policies remain in effect.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as Silver Bay works to improve the infrastructure near Black Beach and the Campground, with the goal of creating improved functionality and a better experience for users.

Funding for this project is a combination of funds received from the following:

1. Minnesota Department of Transportation's Local Road Improvement Program
2. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources State Park Road Account
3. Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation
4. City of Silver Bay

We thank former Senator Tom Bakk and former Representative Rob Ecklund, along with all Legislators, Board Members, and Committee Members who supported the funding for this project. We also thank Northshore Mining for leasing this amazing area to the State of Minnesota and the City of Silver Bay for all of us to enjoy!

The City will continue to update this site with progress reports as they become available. If you have any questions regarding the East Lakeview Drive construction project, please contact City Hall at 218-226-4408 or at <http://www.silverbay.com/>

