



Hiking

Bewabic State Park has a trail that starts in the campground and ends in the day-use area of the park. It's an easy trail to hike and only takes around an hour.

Glidden Lake Foot Paths offers 3 loops that start in the parking area. Loop 1 - 3.4 mi. - 5.5 km. Loop 2 - 4.5 mi. - 7.2 km. Loop 3 - 3.9 mi. - 6.2 km. There are signs every 1/2 mile to follow.

Lake Ottawa: The Ge-Che Trail begins at the Lake Ottawa Recreation Area boat landing. There are nine miles of hiking trail between Lake Ottawa and Hagerman Lake. The Bennan Lake loop (2 miles) and the Ge-Che loop (2.5 miles) are the most popular summer loops.

Brule Lake: Brule Lake has a stateline historic site, a one-half mile recreation trail to historical Treaty Tree and the Wisconsin/ Michigan overland border. There is parking at the Brule Lake picnic grounds

Pentoga Park: The Brule River Trail starts at the registration booth, crosses Co Road 424 and continues to the Brule River. It's a five mile long pathway.

The Indian Ceremonial Bowl Trail is a short walking trail one mile long.

Wolf Track Nature Trail: Wolf Track Nature Trail is a unique self-guided interpretive nature walk offered to the public by the George Young Recreational Complex. A 1/2 mile loop trail (with a 1/3 mile spur to Mt. Margaret) winds leisurely through scenic woods, paced by well stationed signs interpreting nature in words and art.

Apple Blossom Trial: Begins on Brady Avenue in Caspian across from the Iron County Museum. This restored walking/biking trail along the banks of the Iron River was originally the major corridor for the rail lines that hauled thousands of tons of iron ore from local mines to the steel mills of Chicago and Indiana. See the site of Harvey Mellon's discovery of iron ore along this route in 1851, when only one settler lived here. Local high school students continue to contribute and develop sites and natural history signage on this historic route. This trail is also one of the main points on the Heritage Trail system. Heading in a northeasterly direction from Caspian, the paved trail proceeds exactly two miles to Genesee street in downtown Iron River. For more information, contact the Caspian City Hall at 906-265-2514 Access the trail system at the Chamber of Commerce in Iron River.



Fishing

There are 314 lakes and approximately 900 miles of rivers in Iron County. Enjoy fishing for Walleye, Northern Pike, Bass, Musky, Yellow Perch, Blue Gill and Sunfish, Black Crappie, Bullhead, and Brook Trout. Listed below you will find 11 of our popular lakes, there are many more to explore. Whether you prefer to fish by boat, on shore, along the river's or lake's edge, you will find an excellent variety of choices for you,

your family and friends to enjoy!

Fishing is one of the top family fun activities in Iron County, and its lakes and streams pro-

vide excellent sport fishing. Whether you prefer fishing from shore, in a boat on a lake, or donning hip-boots or waders for stream-fishing, Iron County's got a place for you.

The Sports Shop 117 W Genessee Iron River, MI 49935 906-265-3851

Luckey's 2 U.S. 2 East Iron River, MI 49935 906-256-5339 **Crystal Bait** 520 Crystal Ave Crystal Falls, MI 49920 906-875-4434

The Outpost 4159 W. U.S. 2 Iron River, MI 49935 906-256-5805 D J's Sport Shop & Marine 31 Superior Ave Crystal Falls, MI 49920 906-875-3113





Heritage Trail Sites

The Iron County Heritage Trail is officially designated as 14 miles of U.S. 2 from Iron River to Crystal Falls under the Michigan Historic Heritage Route Program. The Trail is promoted as a collection of 14 unique sites along or accessible via spur

routes of the designated Iron County Heritage Route. All 14 sites make a unique contribution to the area and help tell the story of Iron County's people and places. Heritage Trail Sites operate independently so admissions and hours may vary.

Iron County Heritage Museum: The 10-acre grounds contain six complexes – logging, homesteading, mining, transportation, Vicotriana and the Arts with 26 buildings. The main building with archives has over 100 exhimits, a Cultural Center seating over 300 and a stage for performances, and is adjoined by the Lee LeBlance Wildlife ARt Gallery. The Headframe (pictured) was placed on the National REgister of Historic Places in 1983. **Location:** Drive 2 miles S of Iron River

on M-189; turn E on 424 to Caspian, then left to Museum Road. **Phone:**(906) 265-2617





Pentoga Park Indian Burial Grounds: This is the site of a pre-European Native American settlement and permanent area headquarters where Ojibwa Bands congregated. A number of wooden burial structures have endured time to protect and mark the

graves of these ancient bands. *Location: County Road 424* at S end of Chicaugon Lake. **Phone:** (906) 265-3979



Alpha Circle Historic District: Established in 1914, this example of early engineering and government planning showcases a traffic circle and is located on a 4.5 acre site where all significant public buildings of Alpha were constructed adjacent to the drive. *Location: County Road* 424, center of Village of Alpha. **Phone:** (906) 875-3465

Iron County Courthouse: Located in the Crystal Falls Historic District, it is the most archi-



tecturally significant building in the County. With the use of regional materials in its construction and the numerous and varied tributes to the area's influential cultures, this building is an accurate reflection of the days when iron was King. *Location: 2 S Sixth Street, at the top of the hill in Crystal Falls, Phone:* (906) 875-*3301*

Harbour House: Originally built in 1900, this Queen Anne Colonial Revival home has been restored and is now a museum featuring furnishings, decorations and artifacts from Iron County's past. Location: 17 N 4th St in Crystal Falls. Phone:

(906) 875-4341 or (906) 875-3454





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Mansfield Location & Pioneer Church: Mansfield is the site where one of Michigan's worst mining disasters occurred on September 28, 1893; 27 miners lost their lives in a cave-in. Also at the site is the Mansfield Church built in the late 1800's. This log structure was completely restored in 1987 and serves as a landmark and reminder of the small mining settlement. *Location:* 7 miles N of M-69 on Mansfield Cutoff Rd, 1 mile N on Stream Rd **Phone:** (906) 875-3553





Amasa Museum: The Amasa Museum, located in the Main Street Historical District of Amasa, formerly the township hall, is a fine example of late

1800s balloon style architecture. The main floor has many pictorial displays of the mining and logging industries that helped build Amasa, plus Amasa School and Triangle Ranch memorabilia. *Location: 12 miles N of US 2, just off Hwy 141 on Pine St in Amasa Phone: (906) 265-2617*

Fortune Pond: Fortune Pond is an example of how mine sites can be reclaimed by nature. This iron mine produced 1,316,905 tons of

iron ore from 1953 to 1958. It had one shaft with two drifts used to drain the 210-foot deep pit. The pit is 1,930 feet long by 750 feet wide and now lends itself to a scuba diver's and fisherman's paradise. *Location: 3/4 mile N of US 2 on New Bristol Rd, 2 miles W of Crystal Falls. Phone: (906) 265-3822*



Be-Wa-Bic (Bewabic) State Park: This 315-acre State Park has a number public log buildings built by the Civilian Conserva-



tion Corps in the 1930s, which includes stonework along the beach and parking lots. Interpretive signing on the upper level near the campgrounds affords the visitor a chance to see how early settlers cleared the land for lumbering, mining, agriculture and tourism. *Location:*

4 miles W of Crystal Falls on US 2 Phone: (906) 875-3324

Larson Park: Established in 1919, this park is the first roadside picnic site in Michigan and perhaps in the entire

United States. Developed by road engineer Herbert Larson after noting the lack of public rest areas, Larson was determined to provide a stop for travelers where they could relax, rest and share information before proceeding on their journey. *Location: On US 2 four miles E of Iron River Phone: (906) 875-3301*



<u>Apple Blossom Trail</u>: This paved non-motorized pathway along the banks of the Iron River was originally the major corridor for the rail lines that hauled thousands of tons of iron ore from local mines to the steel mills of Chicago and Indiana. The site



where Harvey Mellon first discovered iron ore in 1851 is along the route. *Location: Trail Head located at the Iron County Chamber of Commerce; Access points in downtown Iron River or Caspian. Phone:* (906) 265-2514 *(Caspian City Hall)*



Lake Ottawa Recreation Area & Campground: An Ottawa National Forest recreation site that offers hiking trails to Orville's Bench on the Ge-Che trail. The site introduces visitors to one of the most breathtaking natural views in the County. The pristine lake contains the remnants of some of the area's earliest residents; prehistoric Indians dating back at least

2,000 years. Location: 1 mile S of US 2 on M-73 to Ottawa Lake Rd, 4 miles. Phone: (906) 265-5139

Mile Post Zero & Treaty Tree: This site notes where Captain Thomas Cram placed the first marker at the survey point establishing the Wisconsin-Michigan state boundary in 1840. As part of the settlement of the "Toledo War" between Michigan and Ohio, the Upper Peninsula was granted to Michigan. The site also tells the story of a treaty for passage with Chief Ca-Sha-O-Sha and the band of Ojibwa near a large tamarack tree at the headwaters of the Brule River. *Location: From M-73 continue on Ottawa Lake Rd to West Brule Lake Rd to*

Stateline Picnic Grounds, total 7 miles. Phone: (906) 265-5139

Camp Gibbs Recreation Area: In 1935, Camp Gibbs was established as a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp. The materials and methods of construction represent a time when frugality was critical to the survival of society. *Location: 10 miles N of US 2, about 2 miles W of Iron River. Phone: (906) 265-5139*

The Tailings Disc Golf Course:

Disc golf is a relatively new sport that is gaining popularity in the upper Midwest. The 18-hole disc golf course runs nearly parallel to the Iron River, south of the city. "It is a difficult course that will attract expert players interested in playing a unique venue," said a disc golf course representative. "Initially, there will belong and short tee pads depending on level of expertise." However everyone can pla with their family at any level. "Players can 'tee off' any place on the fairway where they feel comfortable," said the spokesman, noting the total course length (over two miles) makes a great workout." There is no charge to use the course thanks to generous sponsors.

The name "The Tailings" was selected because the disc golf course is located on what had previously been the site of three different iron mines as well as the rail system that moved ore deposits out of the Iron County area. The course is located along the Apple Blossom Trail, just south of the RV Park in downtown Iron River.

George Young Recreational Complex









Chicaugon Falls: On Chicaugon Creek, north off US2 and .6 miles west of the entrance to Bewabic State Park. Take Long Lake Road north, winding east around the lake to its north side. In 3 miles, look for a two track on the right. Drive in a quarter mile. Park by the gravel pit. Yellow paint marks the one mile trail to the falls.





Horserace Rapids: The rugged, romantic appeal of this memorable place lies not so much in the rushing rapids down on the Paint River as in the unfolding approach to it. The short, steep path from the bluff top to the river 80 feet below is mostly paved for better footing. It leads down, gradually in many places, but with 86 steps in all. It's located on the Paint River,

take US2/141 about 7.5 miles SE of Crystal Falls. A short but interesting walk from the parking lot takes

Iron River Country Club

The Iron River Country Club is a beautiful 9-hole golf course. It is located two miles south of Iron River, Michigan on M-189. It is open 7:00 am to 7:30 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Open mornings only on Monday & Thursday. Iron County golfers have been getting out and enjoying nice sunny weather every chance they get. Despite all the good it holds, the lack of rain has been terrible for those attempting to keep grass green, healthy, and ready for golf-



ers who have been waiting for the chance to golf all winter. The good news is, even if the rain refuses to fall, they will have no problem keeping this course up to par.



Crystal View Golf Course - Located 1/2 mile east of

downtown Crystal Falls off M-69. This is a challenging nine hole course located on the banks of the beautiful Paint River and overlooking the City of Crystal Falls. The golf course encompasses about 46.79 acres. The course opens in the spring as soon as weather permits 7 days a week with Wednesday set aside for the men and Thursday reserved for the women. Mondays allow Senior Citizens to golf at a reduced rate! Rental carts and clubs are available. Visitors are always welcome. Crystal View Golf Course phone: (906) 875-3029. Call City Clerk's office at (906) 875-3212 during off season for information & rates

George Young Golf Course & Recreation Center:

We are a bit off a beaten the path...we'll be the first to admit that. But that just makes playing here all the more special. From our clubhouse with it's beautiful stone and timber architecture to our affordable and challenging championship golf course, we are a hidden gem just over the Wisconsin border in Iron River, Michigan. We invite you out to



enjoy a round of golf, a meal in the grille room or to hike and bike our nature trails. We think you'll like what you find. The Championship 18-hole Golf Course opened in May, 1984, and fulfills the dream of the late George Young to combine his favorite holes from courses around the nation. Golfers of all abilities enjoy the spacious fairways, large and smooth bentgrass greens as well as the scenic vistas offered by the stands of birch, maple and oak trees that line the course. Players will also enjoy the views of Chicagon Lake with its' majestic beauty. The course offers a challenge to players of all abilities with the tips stretching 7,000 yards to a very manageable 5,300 yards from the forward tees. Our spacious 26,000 square feet clubhouse features a golfers grille, event seating for 160, outdoor dining, locker rooms, meeting space and an indoor pool, hot tub and sauna. Our driving range is available for a pre round warmup or practice session.



Parks & Campgrounds:

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Bewabic State Park: Lake: Fortune Lakes Description: This campground is west of Crystal Falls on US2 Camping Units: 144

Block House: Lake: Paint River Description: This campground is frequently used by canoeists on the Paint River. It is also used as a drop off and a pickup on the Paint River. It is also accessible by going north on the Gibbs City Rd. Then continue north on Ponozzo Rd. to the Block House Rd. Turn east and follow it to the campground. **Camping Units:** 2

Camp Christine: Lake: Mary **Description:** Camp Christine is located on the far east side of Iron County off highway M69 at 423 Lake Mary Road, Crystal Falls, Michigan. Camp hosts can be contacted at 906-875-6456. Camp sites and other units are available. There is also a banquet facility that can accommodate over 100 people for family gatherings or meetings. Full kitchen facilities are available on site. **Camping Sites**

Deer: Lake: Deer **Description:** Deer Lake is located in the Northeast corner of the county. Take the D.N.R. Rd. out of Amasa which is north of Crystal Falls. Take this road east to Deer Lake Rd. and turn north. Stay on this road to Deer Lake. We recommend that you stop at the D.N.R. office west of Crystal Falls to be sure of the road conditions. **Camping Units:** 12

Glidden Campground: Lake: Glidden **Description:** Glidden Lake is located east of Crystal Falls and south of M-69. Take Lake Mary Rd. off M-69. The lake is about 1 mile south of M-69. **Camping Units:** 23

Golden Lake Campground: Lake: Golden **Description:** Golden Lake is a deep and clear water lake that has a good population of Lake Trout and Splake. It is north of US2 about 10 miles west of Iron River. Go north on Golden Lake Rd. Less than a mile to the campground. **Camping Units:** 22

Holmes Lake Campground: Lake: Holmes Lake Park & Campground (Little Smokey Lake) **Description:** Located in Stambaugh Towsnhip. Rustic camping with outhoue accommodations. Seven (7) beautiful lakefront campsites. Changing rooms, boat landing, sandy swim beach, picnic area. Fees: \$5.00/Residents ~ \$6.00/ Non-ResidentsHolmes. Approximately 20 miles from Iron River on Forest Highway 16 South, towards Phelps, WI. **Camping Units:** 7



Iron River RV Park & Campground: Description: Iron County RV Park is located on US -2 in the city limits of Iron River within walking distance of area businesses and restaurants. Iron River borders the park and provides good Brook Trout fishing. Seventeen sites have water, electric, and sewer available. Fourteen sites have water and electric only. There are eighteen sites with cable TV available. Internet/WiFi is available. **Camping Units:** 32

Ottawa National Forest Campground: Lake: Ottawa **Description:** Ottawa Lake is located southwest of Iron River. Take US2 west to M-73. Turn south to Ottawa Lake Rd. Turn west on Ottawa Lake Rd. to the campground.

Ste. Kathryn Campground Lake: Ste. Kathryn. **Description :**This lake is in the northwest corner of Iron County. Take Gibbs City Rd. north to where Gibbs City Rd. turns west then continue north on Ponozzo Rd. Go past the Blockhouse Rd. to the next road to the left. Follow this road until you reach a "T" corner. Turn left to Lake Ste. Kathryn. **Camping Units:** 25

Norway Campground: Lake: Norway

Description: Norway Lake is north of Perch Lake and Lake Ste. Kathryn and must be approached from Baraga County. Continue past lake Ste. Kathryn to Norway Lake Rd. Turn east and follow the road to the lake. **Camping Units:** 28

Paint River Forks Campground: Lake: Paint River Forks. **Description:** The Paint River Forks campgrounds is located west of the ghost town of Gibbs City. Follow Gibbs City Road to the confluence of where the north and south branches of the Paint River come together. The campground is on the north branch. **Camping Units:** 4

Pentoga Campground: Lake: Chicaugon **Description:** Pentoga Park is located on the south shore of Chicaugon Lake on CR424. Take CR 424 off either US2 (go west) or M189(go east). It can also be accessed by taking Pentoga Trail south off US2 west of Crystal Falls. **Camping Units:** 100



Perch Campground: Lake: Perch **Description:** Perch Lake is located in northwest Iron County. Follow the same directions as to Lake Ste. Kathrynat the "" turn right. **Camping Units:** 20

Runkle Campground: Lake: Runkle **Description:** Runkle Lake is located east of Crystal Falls and north of M-69. The location is well marked by signs at the park entrance. **Camping Units:** 57

Sunset Campground: Lake: Sunset. **Description:** Sunset Lake Park is located east of Iron River and north of US2 in Bates Township. Follow Sunset Lake Road north off US-2 and follow signs to the park.

Camping Units: 13

Teepee Campground: Lake: Tepee **Description:**Tepee Lake is located on FH-16 in the northwest corner of Iron County about 18 miles north of US2 west of Iron River. The access road is well marked. **Camping Units:** 17





What is Sporting Clays?

Sporting clays is a shotgun shooting game in which clay pigeons are presented to the gunner in ways that mirror the flight pattern of game birds, or occasionally rabbits, in their natural habitats. The shooting grounds are laid out in stations, with each station representing one type of bird or a combination of game; a rabbit and a grouse, for exam-

ple. At each station, clay pigeons are thrown in pairs or singly. A course consists of several different stations, with a total of 50 or 100 targets. Sometimes birds from the same traps may be shot from different positions, so the gunner sees the same target from entirely different angles, which creates entirely new shooting presentation. With variations in trap position, trap speed, shooting position, and flight paths of different types of target size, targets can come through the trees, straight down, over your head, quartering, going away, left to right, right to left, and in any path a real bird might

choose. It's a great way to prepare for bird season! Here at Brule Sporting Clays, shooters walk a half-mile course, stopping at shooting stations designed to reproduce natural hunting situations. Road Reaction, 60' Tower, Grouchy Grouse, Duck Pond and over 50 separate shooting fields are ready for the first time shooter and the competitor. Guns, ammo, instruction, food and beverages are available at the clubhouse. Walk-ins are welcome, reservations appreciated.

Brule Sporting Clays: 397 Brule Mtn Rd, Iron River, MI 49935 Open Fri/Sat/Sun in June and after Sept. 4, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Daily Shooting July 1-Sept 3 50 Targets \$20 / 100 Targets \$30 Gun Rental \$10





West District Library

The West District Library has a large variety of services available for your convenience: Wireless Internet * Books on Tape * Books on CD * Playaways for Children * Downloadable eBooks and Audiobooks * Nook and MP3 Players for Check-Out * Public Computers * Laptops and iPads for In-House Use * All New Children's Computers and Games * Public Faxing * Photo Copying * Newspapers * Magazines * Puzzles * Medical Reference Materials * Automobile Reference Materials * Travel Guides * Conference Room * Board Room * DVDs * Videos * New Book Sections for Juvenile, Adults, and Young Adults * Programs for all Ages * Purchase a Cup of Coffee * And Much, Much More!

West Located At: 116 W. Genesee St. Iron River, MI 49935 Phone: (906) 265-2831



In 1988, a group of dedicated volunteers began restoring the former Ejay Movie Theater, built in 1927, to its former elegance. In July, 1991, the "new" Crystal Theatre reopened its doors as a magnificent performing arts center hosting live performances on a regular basis. Seating over 500 people, the Crystal Theatre is

now an excellent facility for enjoying everything

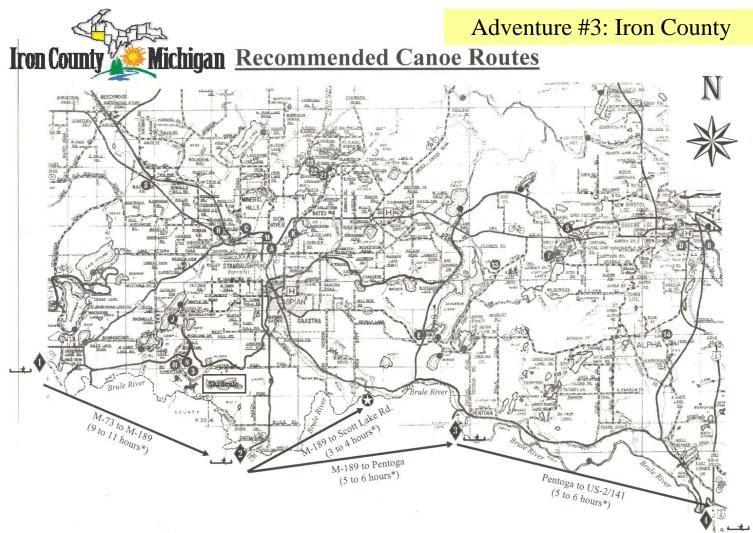
from a performance of your favorite dramatic production to an organ concert on its impressive Moeller Theater Pipe Organ. The Crystal Theatre is a historic theater located in Crystal Falls, MI in Iron County, in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. This historic theatre has local school drama plays, Instrumentalists, bands, singers, talent show, or organ concert on its impressive Moeller Theater Pipe Organ. **304 Superior Ave, Crystal Falls, MI 49920, (906) 875-3208**

The Windsor Center is the former West Iron County Public Schools Middle School or, depending on your age, the former West Iron County Public Schools High School or, going back even further, the Iron River Public Schools High School. The Windsor Center is a multi-purpose building that has evolved from a vacant school to a business/recreation center.



612 Adams Street, Iron River, MI 49935 phone: 906-367-5218





*Route times given are for canoe travel. Please add approx. 2 hours if rafting.

After July 1, any route upstream (west) of Scott Lake is discouraged due to low water levels 3

Recommended Canoe Routes

1) M-73 down to M-189: All day trip - 9 to 11 hours*

Before Nelma, cross the bridge over the Brule River. Along the right side you will see the campground. Pull into the campground and put in at camp site.

2) M-189 down to Scott Lake Rd.: 3 to 4 hours*

Put in at Michigan/Wisconsin border. You will see your car (or another marker) at the end of Scott Lake Rd. There used to be a bridge there right at the end. You will notice the river gets very narrow.

3) M-189 down to Pentoga: 5 to 6 hours*

Pentoga Rd. is located right past Indian Lake Rd. It is located on the right side of the road. Turn on Pentoga Rd., go to the bridge on its right on the other side of it.

4) Pentoga to US-2/141: 5 to 6 hours*

This ending is located right by Bev's Supper Club. Bev's Supper Club is located between Crystal Falls and Florence, at the Michigan/Wisconsin border.

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CAUTION: After July 1, any route upstream of Scott Lake is discouraged, as the river gets quite low.



