WAKEFIELD/LAKE GOGEBIC

This guide features activities throughout Bessemer, Wakefield and Lake Gogebic. Enjoy viewing stunning overlooks, hiking to waterfalls, and visiting the U.P's largest inland lake! Visit all the spots, or choose the ones you want to see!

Powderhorn Falls:- This is a small waterfall off of Powderhorn road. There is a small trail near the edge of the road that will lead you to the top of the falls. At the falls there is a wooden swing chair perfect for picnics!

Bessemer Bluff- The Bessemer Valley Park features a large playground, skate park, bike pump track, and walking trails. The park also offers a nice hike to the bluff which overlooks Bessemer and the Western U.P., on a clear day enjoy seeing Copper Peak.

Gabbro Falls- The falls consists of three separate drops that fall approximately 40 feet total before flowing into the Black river. Enjoy viewing this gorgeous waterfall from a couple different trails offering great views. The bottom trail to the waterfall is approximately 1/2 mile that starts on an ATV trail and leads you through the forest to the falls. The top trail is a short walk away from your car and offers great views of the falls.

Split Rock Trails- Hike, bike, or snowshoe the historic Flink Location iron ore mine. The Split Rick Trails offer a beautiful forest tour, which includes stunning scenic overlooks, various rock formations & remnants of a once thriving U.P mining town.

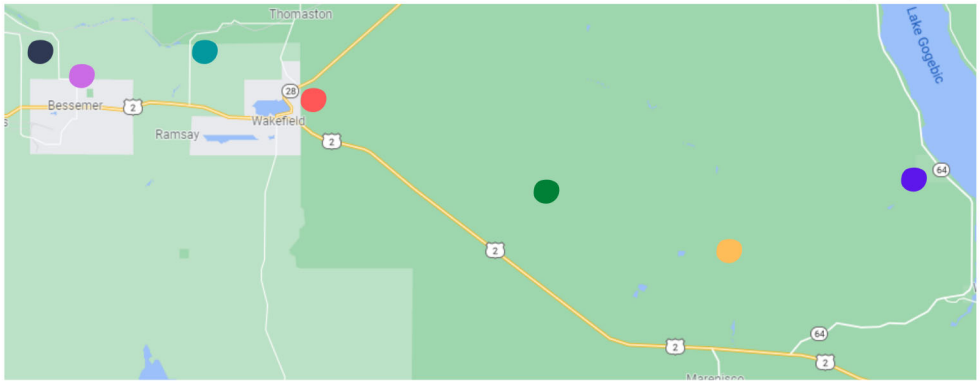
Wolf Mountain- Wolf Mountain is the highest peak in Gogebic County and offers a 0.7 mile lightly trafficked out and back trail. It is a great hike to take anytime of year but especially in the fall. Once you reach the top you will get a complete 180 degree view of Gogebic County.

Yondota Falls- Following a short, well-worn path will put you at a series of falls with various-sized drops. The upper section has the largest drop, as part of the Presque Isle River forces its way into a small gorge on its trip downstream

Alligator Eye- Climb to the highest point near Lake Gogebic, located near the southwest corner of the lake, and you will be at the eye of the Alligator. Folklore has it that before the forests grew, when viewed from the lake; the area appeared to resemble the shape of an alligator.

MAP & DIRECTIONS

Drive Time: 1 hour & 53 min | 81.8 miles



Powderhorn Falls- Located on Powderhorn Road. Right after the Alpen Inn sign & red chairlift, park on the side of the road before the road goes downhill. There is a small white sign in the trees, if you reach the Powdermill Creek Hotel or a big curve in the road you have gone too far.

Bessemer Bluff- Head south on Powderhorn Rd toward Alpen Rd. Turn left onto US-2. At the stop light, turn left onto N Moore St. In 0.3 miles parking will be on the left.

Gabbro Falls- Turn right out of the Bluff parking lot. At the stop light, turn left onto US-2/Lead st. In 3 miles turn left onto Baker Blackjack Rd. Turn left into the base of Blackjack Mountain.

Bottom Trail- Continue driving on Blackjack Rd, north, stop before the bridge and park on either side of the road. The trail begins on the left side of the road if you were facing the ski resort. The trail appears to be an ATV trail. Follow this trail and the blue markings until you get to the fork in the trail. Continue to the right; shortly after you should see a small marked trail leading down to the river.
Top Trail- Continue driving on Blackjack Rd, north, following it over a wooden bridge and around a curve past the ski resort. Park on either side at the top of the curve near the old equipment and garage style buildings – the trail begins on the left (east) side of the road.

Split Rock Trails- Continue out of Blackjack Mountain on Baker Blackjack Rd. At the stop sign, turn left onto US-2. In 3 miles, at the yellow blinking light, turn left onto Putnam Rd. Turn right onto Castile Rd, then turn left onto the gravel road. Parking will be at the end of road.

Wolf Mountain- Head back to Castile Rd and turn right onto Putnam St. Take a sharp left onto US-2 and continue for 8 miles. Turn left onto Wolf Mount Rd.

Yondota Falls- Head north on Wolf Mount Rd. Turn left onto US-2. In 5 miles turn left onto Cty Rd 105. Park on the shoulder, just past the bridge, and follow the path leading downstream (there should be a wooden sign marking it). The falls are a short walk from the road.

Alligator Eye- Head southwest on City Rd 105. Turn left onto US-2. In 7 miles turn left onto M-64. Keep your eyes open – the trail is easy to miss – look for a modest post with a small hiker logo. There is a small parking area just south of the steps leading to the trail on the west side of the road. But once you're deep in the forest, you'll discover that some trails are worth looking for.

Back To BPLA- Head south on M-64 S. Turn right onto US-2 W. In 22 miles turn right onto Powderhorn Rd.

Need Dinner? Head to Indianhead Mountain's Skye Bar for great food, drinks, outdoor seating and amazing views! 500 Indianhead Rd, Wakefield, MI 49968