Things To Do in the Area!

2021 Edition

With updated information on area openings

Waterfalls

Black River Parkway Falls- Black River Falls consists of five amazing waterfalls (Great Conglomerate, Potawatomi, Gorge, Sandstone, and Rainbow falls) only minutes away from BPLA. This parkway ends at Black River Harbor where you can hike more trails, take a lunch break on the picnic tables or play in the sand on the beach!

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!

Gabbro Falls- A very lovely waterfall that is also largely wild, despite being just a short walk from your car. This is one of the best waterfalls in the western U.P.

Kimball Falls- Kimball Falls is a small waterfall on the West Branch of the Montreal River. There is a picnic area, playground, walking trails, fishing area and pavilion near these falls.

Saxon Falls- Saxon falls is located just a few miles from Superior Falls and about 10 miles from Ironwood. The trail to the falls starts off on top of diversion pipes while you cross the river. From there the trail splits where you can choose if you want to see the lower or upper falls.

Superior Falls- Superior Falls is just a few hundred yards from Lake Superior. This is an amazing waterfall consisting of several drops before it flows into Lake Superior. There are also hidden trails to hike down for a closer view of the falls. For a great view of Lake Superior head down the paved path to a scenic viewing area of the lake!

Interstate Falls- Interstate Falls is a 19-foot waterfall on the Montreal River, along the border between Wisconsin and Michigan. A .03 mile easy trail through hardwood-hemlock forest leads to the falls. Once you reach the falls there are overlooks and viewing areas to take in the beauty.

Copper Falls State Park- Copper Falls State Park is a beautiful state park with many trails that will take you around the falls. Enjoy seeing the ancient lava flows, deep gorges and spectacular waterfalls from the scenic overlooks along the trails. Parking fee required.

Foster Falls- Foster Falls is the 10th highest waterfall in Wisconsin standing at 25 feet high. This is a gorgeous waterfall and it is fairly easy access to.

Potato River Falls- Potato Falls is one of the most impressive waterfalls in Wisconsin. This waterfall is gorgeous and easy to find. The county park, where the falls are located, consists of a parking lot, picnic area, pit toilet, observation deck, and trails to the falls.

Bond Falls- Bond falls is a scenic and popular waterfall. These falls tumble over a thick belt of fractured rock dividing it into numerous small cascades. There is a boardwalk with six viewing locations.

Lake Superior

Black River Harbor- Located at the end of the Black River Valley Scenic Highway. Very picturesque, large park, unique suspension bridge over harbor, beautiful shores of Lake Superior, deep sea fishing, and a great swimming beach.

Little Girl's Point- Located about 21 miles North of Ironwood along Lake Superior. Public Park, great swimming beach, & picnic area. Legend tells of an Ojibwa maiden lost on her wedding day & later found at this very point.

Saxon Harbor- Saxon Harbor features a brand new marina, and county park . The harbor features deep sea fishing charters, boat launches, restrooms and showers and a great beach/lake shore.

Other Lakes

Gile Flowage- Located in Gile, WI. Fishing, canoeing, kayaking, abundant fish, many boat access points.

Sunday Lake- Located in Wakefield, MI. Beautiful Eddy park & recreation facilities, swimming, boating, canoeing, kayaking, & hiking trails

Lake Gogebic- Upper Peninsula Michigan's largest inland lake. Lots of great fishing. Pontoon, fishing boat, canoe or kayak rentals available.

Activities

Golfing- We have several scenic golf courses in the area. Just a short drive West on Hwy 2 is Gogebic Country Club (18 holes) and a little farther along Hwy 2 into WI is Eagle Bluff (18 holes), off of Co. Rd D.

Disc Golfing- Bring your discs and enjoy the area's free disc golf courses. Norrie Park features a 9 hole disc course and Mt. Zion has an 18 hole course.

ATV/ORV Trails- There are more than 200 miles of routes & trails that take you deep into the heart of Iron County! Also explore the beauty of the Ottawa National Forest with approx. one million acres of land in Western UP Michigan. Rent an ATV/ORV from Cloverland Motors in Ironwood, MI.

Mountain Biking- Our area offers several trail systems for mountain biking. The Wolverine Trails System is right down the road from BPLA office and features intermediate to advanced trails. Copper Peak offers a great cross country mountain bike experience to those of all abilities. Mt. Zion has a small blue rated trail down the side of their hill.

Kayaking- Paddle everything from rivers that lead to waterfalls to lakes to the shoreline of Lake Superior, where you can see sandy beaches to towering jagged cliffs lined with trees. There are plenty of opportunities to venture on your own or take a guided day trip with Whitecap Kayak, located off of US 2 in Ironwood.

Charter Fishing Trips- Various charter fishing boats are available for full or half day trips on Lake Superior. Test your skills while catching such species as Lake Trout, Coho Salmon, Steelhead & more. Join Captain Dan McManman with Nomad Charter Fishing out of Black River Harbor. Guided charters are available for 2 to 6 people and all gear is provided!

Hiawatha Skate Park- This park features ramps, rails, & substantial open skating space.

Bessemer Valley Park- The Bessemer Valley Park features a large playground, skate park, bike pump track, and walking trails.

Fishing- Fishing for Lake trout, chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead in the waters of Lake Superior will provide a good challenge as you haul them up from great depths. Pike, trout, bass, muskie and numerous pan fish can be caught at any of the many inland lakes.

Hiking

Bessemer Bluff- The park offers a nice hike to the bluff which overlooks Bessemer and the Western U.P., on a clear day enjoy seeing Copper Peak.

Miners Memorial Park- The Miners Memorial Heritage Park is a group of trails used for silent sport activities. While hiking these trails you can enjoy the fun interactive and interpretive signs that show the history of the miners.

Cemetery Riverside Trails- Starting at either the Pure Michigan Welcome Center or Riverside Cemetery, this trail offers 3 loops of hiking and biking trails through the Riverside Cemetery and along the Montreal River.

Wolf Mountain- Wolf Mountain is the highest peak in Gogebic County and offers a 0.7 mile lightly trafficked out and back trail located near Wakefield, Michigan. The view from the top of Wolf Mountain is spectacular, giving you a complete 180 degree view over Gogebic County!

Iron Belle Trail- The Iron Belle trail is the longest designated state trail in the nation! Enjoy walking or biking on this beautiful trail with overlooks of rivers and bluffs, railroad bridges and historical sites. Start at Ramsay Park or the Ironwood Depot in Downtown Ironwood.

Sightseeing

Copper Peak.- One of 6 ski flying hills in the world and the only one in the Western Hemisphere, Copper Peak is located just 10 miles North of BPLA. It offers an Adventure Ride to the public everyday, 10am to 4:30pm , June through October. The Ride allows visitors to rise up an 18-story elevator to the main observation deck and then walk an additional 8 stories to the top starting gate! Enjoy the highest, most awe-inspiring, unobstructed vista in the Midwest overlooking over 2500 square miles, 3 states and even Canada on a clear day. The Copper Peak Adventure Ride is an opportunity not to be missed!

Mt. Zion Observation Deck- Located at the top of Mt. Zion near Gogebic Community College is the handicap accessible observation deck. The observation point offers breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape facing Lake Superior.

Hiawatha- Hiawatha is the world's tallest and largest Native American. He stands at 52 feet and weighs 16,000 pounds.

Porcupine Mountains State Park

The Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park is the largest state park in Michigan and is a very popular destination for hiking, biking, fishing and more. It is also home to abundant wildlife, photo-worthy destinations like Lake of the Clouds, numerous waterfalls and hidden lakes. The Porcupine State Park is only an hour away from Big Powderhorn Lodging. Here are just a few highlights:

Presque Isle Waterfall Loop- Your 2.5 mile hike will include sections of boardwalk, forested trail, and a suspension bridge. Soon after leaving the parking lot, you will cross over the suspension bridge to follow East River Trail. Here you will be able to see three gorgeous waterfalls.

Lake of the Clouds Overlook- Lake of the clouds is a gorgeous blue lake amid thick emerald forests. In the fall the trees burst into a fiery palette of oranges, yellows and reds. This is one of the most photographed features in the U.P.

Summit Peak Observation Tower- Summit peak is the highest point in the park. A viewing deck and observation tower provide outstanding views of the park and surrounding area. 0.5 miles

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