



Forest County Area Walking and Biking Trails



Palmer Park Trail

Directions: Located behind CoVantage Credit Union off of Highway 55. The trail is directly beside the Crandon Community Building. There are several entrances to the trail, such as Washington Street, or from the Community Building. There is parking available, as well as a playground for children.

Trail Length: Estimated one mile walk.

Difficulty: This paved walking trail is easy but provides a full workout. This scenic trail has rolling hills that pass through small wooded areas. It twists and turns in a direction similar to a figure eight.

Ed's Lake Hikin/Biking Trail

Directions: Ed's Lake Trail is located on **County Highway W between Wabeno and Crandon**. Look for a large sign along the northeast side of the highway. Parking is available for 12 or more cars.

Trail Length: There are 6 miles of trail in upland hardwoods, all loops.

Difficulty: Varies from easy to difficult.

Cardinal Park Walking Trail

Directions: Located near Forest County Courthouse. Travel down east Madison Street past the courthouse and jail. Cardinal Park is located across from the old Crandon High School, or now called the North-woods Recreational Center. The wooded trail is located at far end of the park while the paved trail circles the park.

Trail length: Estimated 3/10th of one mile, 4 laps around is approximately a little over one mile.

Difficulty: Easy, flat, smooth walking trail. Can be used as a bike trail as well. Wooden trail is easy walking with wooden bridges that cross small wetlands.

Knowles Creek Interpretive Trail

Directions: Located **9.5 miles east of Wabeno** on Highway C to Forest Road 3132, south on 3132 for a half mile. This is a one-third mile barrier-free access interpretive trail which follows the north shore of Knowles Creek impoundment. This is also a state designated Watchable Wildlife viewing area.

Trail Length: 1/3 mile

Difficulty: Easy and wheelchair accessible.

Halley Creek Bird Trail

Directions: Located **5 miles east of Blackwell** on Goodman Park Road to Forest Road 2103, then south on 2103 to trailhead. This is a one mile loop trail with bird viewing opportunities in four different habitat types.

Trail Length: 1 mile

Difficulty: Easy, flat with some exposed roots and rocks.

Michigan Rapids Trail

Directions: Located **3 miles north of Laona** on Highway 8 to Forest Road 2131, then east on 2131 for 13 miles to Forest Road 2134, and then 1.5 miles south to the trailhead. This is a 1 mile one-way hike along the Peshtigo River to the rapids. Total trip hike is 2 miles.

Trail Length: Estimated 2 mile loop

Difficulty: Moderate, uneven, and rocky terrain. Some wet areas in the early spring. Watch for poison ivy at far end of the trail.

Argonne Forest Trail

Directions: Located **1.5 miles east of Hiles** on Highway 32 to Forest Road 2184, then north on 2184 for 1.5 miles to the trailhead. The self-guided loop trail gives the hiker a chance to learn more about northern hardwoods and forest management. The trail features 17 stops along an easy three-quarters of a mile walk which takes about an hour.

Trail Length: ¾ mile

Difficulty: Easy

Scott Lake Trail and Shelp Lake Trail

Directions: From **Hiles head south on Highway 32** to Forest Road 2174, then north on 2174 for 5.5 miles to Forest Road 2183, east on 2183 for 6 miles to the trailheads. The one-third mile Scott Lake Trail is located on the south side of 2183. You can walk among some larger diameter eastern white pines, hemlocks and hardwoods. The boardwalk to Shelp Lake is located on the north side of 2183. This short walk will take you out over a floating bog.

Trail Length: 1/3 mile

Laura Lake Walking Trail

Directions: The trailhead is located between the swim area and the boat ramp. **Directions:** From Laona, follow US Hwy. 8 northeast for 14 miles. Turn left on FR 2163 and drive 5 miles north to Laura Lake Campground. Parking is available for 7 vehicles.

Trail Length: 2 ¼ mile loop

Difficulty: Moderate, uneven, narrow trail with some exposed rocks and roots.

Otter Springs Hiking/Biking Trail

Directions: The Otter Springs trail is located on a large area of hardwood forest with scenic view of Otter Springs and Bug Lake. The trail is located **4 miles east of Crandon**, off of Hwy. 8, north on 2378. The trail is entirely on Forest County land and is maintained/developed by Forest County Forestry Dept.

Trail Length: 8 miles

Difficulty: The beginner's trail is about 0.75 of a mile long located near the graveled parking area. The intermediate trails are hilly and more challenging. The second trail is 1.25 miles in length with hills and curves. The trails are all well marked and groomed.

Pickerel Lake Walking & Biking Trail

Directions: Located **18 miles southwest of Crandon**. From Crandon take Hwy. 55, and turn onto Pickerel Lake Road by Hills Still Supper Club. The trail is located next to Pickerel Lake Road. Designated area for walking and biking is approximately 4 miles from Highway 55.

Trail Length: 2 miles

Difficulty: Easy walking and biking trail with flat, smooth surfaces.

Anvil Trail

Directions: Anvil Trail is located **8.5 miles east of Eagle River** on Highway 70. There are 12 miles of groomed loop options.

Trail Length: 12 miles

Nicolet North Trail

Directions: Nicolet North is located **10.5 miles east of Eagle River** to Forest Road 2460, then south on 2460 for 2 miles to the trailhead. There are 13 miles of groomed trails with several loop opportunities. The Nicolet North Trail connects with the Anvil Trail.

Trail Length: 13 miles

NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST - FOREST COUNTY: In addition to designated trails, all logging roads and undesignated/unmarked trails within the Nicolet National Forest are open to mountain bikes unless otherwise posted. Information may be obtained at the local Forest Service office located in Laona. 715-674-4481