

Popular Rustic Wedding Venues for the AuSable State Forest, Crawford County:

Chapel of the Pines in Hartwick Pines State Park:



Hartwick Pines State Park in Grayling has a Chapel that is handicap accessible and can be reserved by the public for special functions. For more information, please contact the Hartwick Pines State Park office at 989-348-7068.

Rayburn Estate on the mainstream of the AuSable River:



Located 3 miles west of Grayling, Rayburns offers an overlook with stone and cement terraces as well as a wooden bridge crossing the AuSable River. The site can be accessed off M-72, driving north along a narrow paved drive for ½ mile to a small parking area which will accommodate approximately 4 vehicles. A ¼ mile long paved pathway connects the parking area to a pedestrian bridge crossing the river. A terraced overlook is located across the bridge on the north side of the river. One can also access Rayburns off of North Down River Road. There is a small 4-6 car parking area located directly off of North Down River Road approximately 3 miles from Grayling. A ½ mile long paved pathway leads south from the parking area to the overlook and the river.

There is no charge to use the site for weddings under the following conditions:

- We do not reserve the site or offer exclusive use of the site. The site is open to the public at all times, so you may have canoers, hikers, and other visitors on site during your wedding.
- The wedding party and all guests are required to walk, just as the public does.
- The site is for rustic minimalist use only. There is to be no use of sound systems, set up of tents and mini bars, or use of commercial vendors on site.
- The bridge and pathway cannot be blocked and must be kept accessible at all times.
- For more information, contact the Manager at the Grayling Forest Management Unit at 989-348-6371, extension 7440 .

Mason Chapel:



George Mason dedicated funds to construct a chapel along the AuSable River to provide fishermen with a place of reverence. The Chapel was constructed on the east side of the AuSable River in 1960 and is open to the public.

- No reservations are taken for the Chapel. The facility is open to the public at all times, even when in use by another party.
- No fees are charged.
- There is only foot access to the Chapel. We do not unlock the gate across the trail that leads from the parking area to the Mason Tract Chapel for public use. Land access is along an unpaved trail with an up-hill climb. It is not handicap accessible and may not be easy for individuals with walking limitations (i.e. cane or walker or limited mobility i.e. wheelchair). Water access is available but requires traversing a steep stairway.
- No running water is available at the Mason Tract Chapel.
- Pit toilets are at the site.

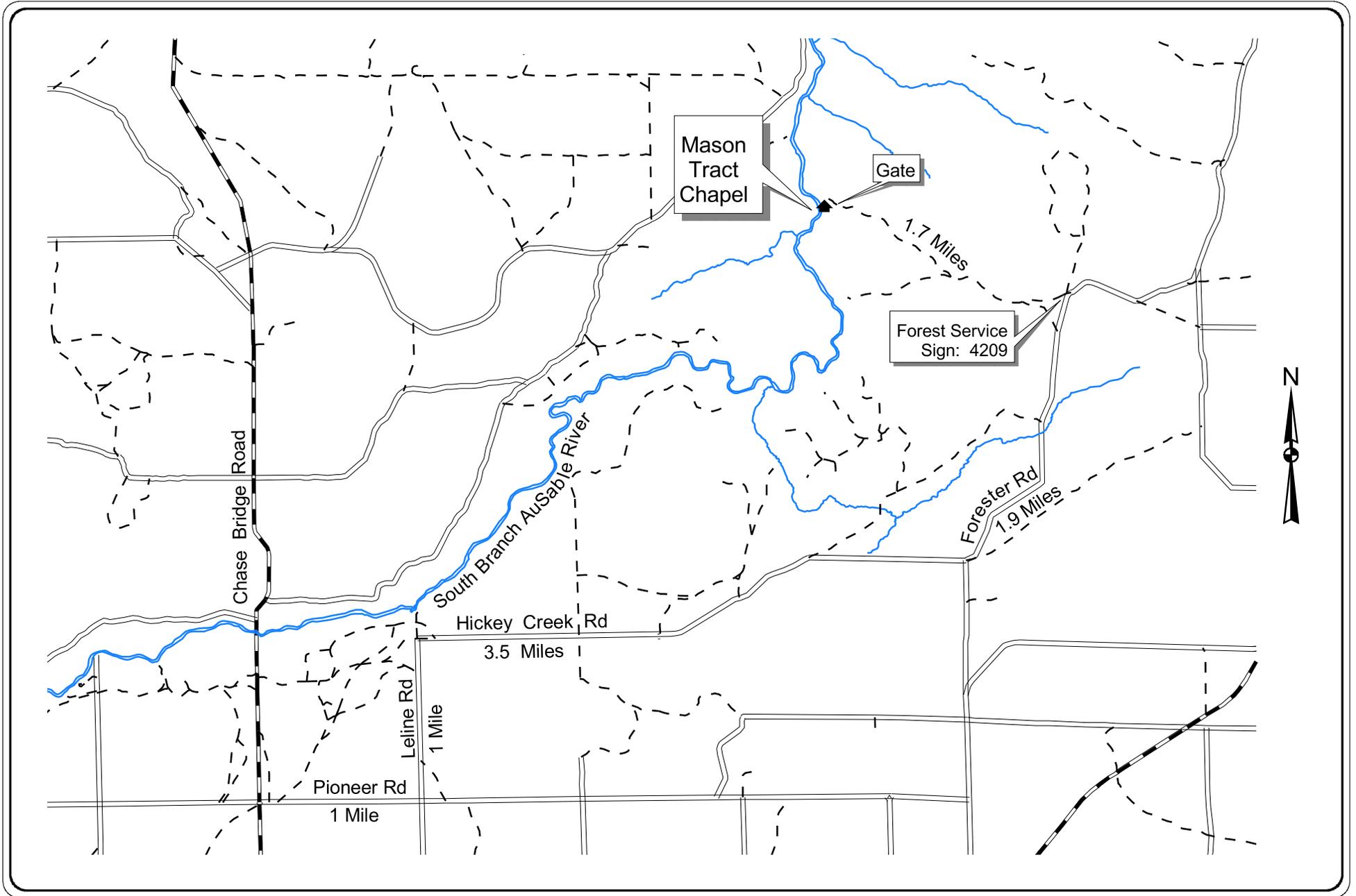
Additional questions can be directed to the Manager of the Grayling Unit at (989) 348-6371, extension 7440.

Access to the Mason Tract Chapel is via roads as shown on the attached map or by canoe via the AuSable River.

Driving directions:

1. M-18 east to Chase Bridge Road
2. North on Chase Bridge Road one mile to Pioneer Road
3. East on Pioneer Road one mile to Leline Road
4. North on Leline Road one mile to Hickey Creek Road
5. East on Hickey Creek Road for 3.5 miles to Forester Road
6. North on Forester Road 1.9 miles to Forest Service Road #4209
7. West on Forest Service Road #4209 1.9 miles to locked gate.
8. From locked gate, follow existing footpath/trail 997 feet to the Chapel.

See below for a map.



Mason Tract Chapel Access
 Directions from Chase Bridge Road

