

Michigan's Iron Belle Trail

Michigan's Iron Belle Trail is only part of what makes Michigan *the* Trails State. More than 12,000 miles of extensive trail network provides hours of fun, improved health, and lasting memories for Michigan's wide range of trail users from snowmobilers to paddlers, hikers to mountain bikers, and road bike enthusiasts to off-road vehicle (ORV) riders.

Michigan is home to over 12,000 miles of trails*, including:

- 6,407 miles of snowmobile trails
- 3,627 miles of ORV trails
- 2,623 miles of rail-trail (the most in the nation!)
- 560 miles of forest looped trails
- 900 miles of state park trails
- 590 miles of designated equestrian trails, including the 300-mile Shore-to-Shore Riding Trail
- 1,150 miles of the North Country National Scenic Trail – 750 developed.

**The list double-counts some trails as they may be available for more than one use.*



Michigan's Iron Belle Trail is a major project stretching across the state (twice!), and touching many diverse communities along the way. Like any project of this scale, it could not happen without partners working together to make it a reality. We value these partners and the often-unseen work they do every day to make their segment of trail accessible, clean and safe. Pay them a visit. Say hello. Get involved.

For a complete list of trail partners, please visit

michigan.gov/dnrtrails.



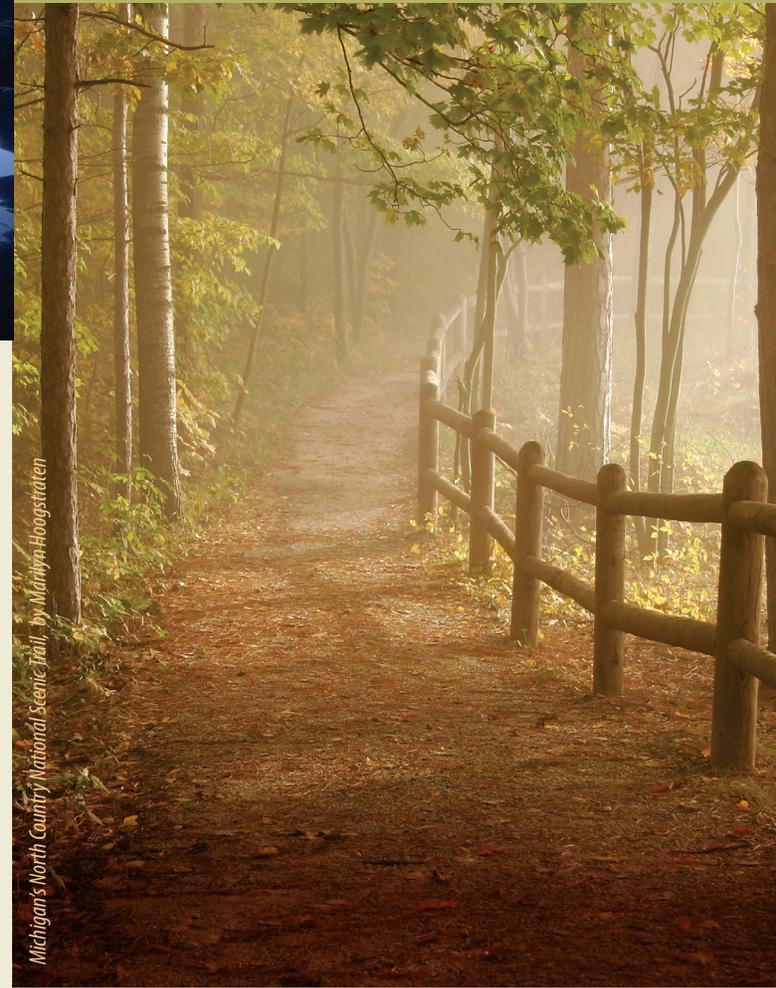
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Michigan's North Country National Scenic Trail, by Marilyn Hoogstraten



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Two routes, one great trail



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The Hiking Route

Most of the hiking route will follow the North Country National Scenic Trail between Calhoun and Gogebic Counties. The trail traverses the west side of the Lower Peninsula, and borders Lake Superior in the Upper Peninsula.



1,259 miles

69% makes use of the existing trail

31% of the trail is yet to be developed*



What is Michigan's Iron Belle Trail?

Michigan's Iron Belle Trail is the newest addition to Michigan's thousands of miles of recreational trails. Two routes make up Michigan's Iron Belle Trail; one for hikers and one for bicyclists. Both routes stretch from Detroit to Ironwood, each taking a separate route to complete the journey.

Is the trail complete?

More than 60% of both routes (bicycling and hiking) are already completed, and partners are working to establish temporary connectors that will be made permanent as resources become available. Federal, state and local units of government are working to complete the trail by acquiring trail easements from willing sellers. Detailed maps showing which segments are complete are available at

michigan.gov/dnrtrails.

Who do I contact?

Michigan's Iron Belle Trail comprises many existing trails, so users should contact the local managing authority for information about local use, rules and detailed maps. An interactive map of the entire trail will soon be available at

michigan.gov/dnrtrails.

How do I cross between the peninsulas?

Ferry to Mackinac Island: Ferries are available in both the Lower Peninsula (Mackinaw City) and the Upper Peninsula (St. Ignace). For details, visit

mackinacisland.org/transportation.

Mackinac Bridge Authority transport services: Users can call for a vehicle to transport them across the Mackinac Bridge, 24/7. Cost is \$3.50 per person, \$5 per bicycle as of March 2015. Users can walk across the bridge for the Labor Day Bridge Walk (Sept. 7, 2015). For details, visit mackinacbridge.org.

*For the most up-to-date information, please visit

michigan.gov/dnrtrails

The Bicycle Route

Whenever possible, the bicycle route will use existing multi-use trails that have been developed by local units of government, counties, and the state. In the Upper Peninsula, the bicycle route will follow US-2, a designated national bicycling route.



774 miles

64% makes use of the existing trail

36% of the trail is yet to be developed*

