# Superior Region - West
## Road and Trail Bicycling Guide

3rd Edition

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**BARAGA · GOGEBIC · HOUGHTON
IRON · KEWEENAW · ONTONAGON
COUNTIES**

$5.00 VALUE


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## Transportation Network

**Vehicle Traffic Volume* - vehicles per day**

| | Unpaved | Paved | Paved 4 or greater paved shoulder or bike lane |
|---|---|---|---|
| Minor Roads/No Data** | | | |
| Light (under 2,500) | | | |
| Medium (2,500 - 10,000) | | | |
| Heavy (above 10,000) | | | |
| Active Rail | | | |

* Traffic volumes are estimated on an average 24-hour period. Rush hour (peak period) traffic volume can be much greater at other times of the day. Traffic volume also varies by season and day of the week.

** Minor roads generally have lower traffic volume but road width and surface type may make them less appropriate as a bike route. Consult local county road commission for more information.

## Bicycle and Shared Use Paths

- Improved Shared Use Regional Path (paved or crushed fines)
- Unimproved Shared Use Regional Path (gravel or dirt)
- Shared Use Local Path
- North Country Trail

## Recreation Areas

- Park / Public Recreation Area
- Campground
- Picnic facilites
- Drinking water
- Toilets
- Showers
- Swimming beach

## Points of Interest

- Carpool Parking Lot
- Hospital
- Trail Network
- Lighthouse
- Summit
- Other points of interest
- Visitor Center / Information

## Services

- **CITY/VILLAGE NAME** Full Service (food, and lodging)
- **City/Village Name** Some Services (food, or lodging)
- **City/Village Name** Expect No Services

## Land Cover

- County Boundary
- Incorporated City/Village limits
- Ottawa National Forest
- Wilderness Area
- Lakes
- Rivers and Streams
- State or County Forest or other protected lands

## Tourist Resources

Vacation and accommodation information can be obtained from the following organizations. The same information can be obtained at any of Michigan's 13 Welcome Centers, located on major highways throughout Michigan.

**Upper Peninsula Travel & Recreation Association**
www.uptravel.com
800-562-7134 or 906-774-5480

**Baraga County Convention & Visitors Bureau**
www.baragacounty.org
800-743-4908 or 906-524-7444

**Porcupine Mountains Ontonagon Area Convention & Visitors Bureau**
www.porcupinemountains.com
906-884-2047

**Travel Michigan**
www.michigan.org
888-784-7328

**Keweenaw Convention & Visitor Bureau**
www.keweenaw.info
888-766-0325

**Iron County Chamber of Commerce**
www.tryiron.org
906-265-3822

**Ironwood Chamber of Commerce**
www.ironwoodchamber.org
906-932-1122

**Western Upper Peninsula Convention & Visitor Bureau**
www.westernup.com
906-932-4850

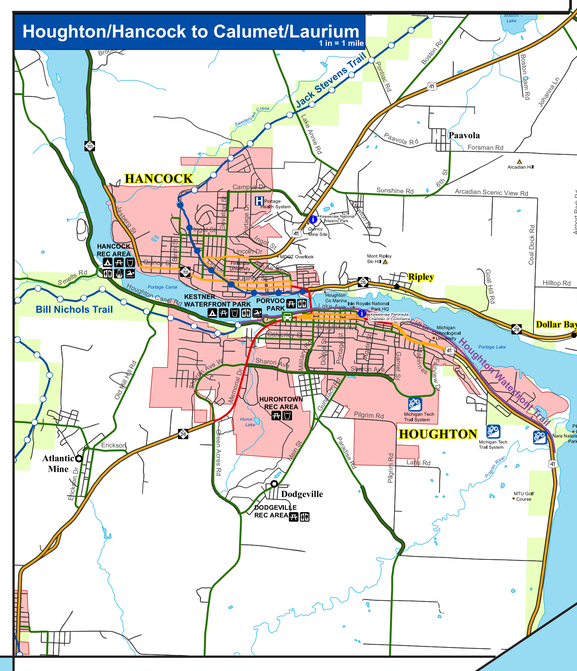
**Lake Gogebic Area Chamber of Commerce**
www.lakegogebicarea.com
888-464-3242

**Ontonagon County Chamber of Commerce**
www.ontonagonmi.org
906-884-4735

**Watersmeet Chamber of Commerce**
www.watersmeet.org
906-358-9961

## Houghton/Hancock to Calumet/Laurium

1 in = 1 mile




## Ontonagon Village

1 in = 1 mile

## State Bicycle Resources

**Michigan Department of Transportation**
www.michigan.gov/mdot-biking

**Michigan Department of Natural Resources** www.michigan.gov/dnr
517-373-1275

**League of Michigan Bicyclists**
www.lmb.org
888-642-4537

**Michigan Trails and Greenway Alliance**
www.michigantrails.org
517-485-6022

**Michigan Mountain Biking Association**
www.mmba.org
616-785-0120

## Where to Ride

**On the Road:**
Bicycles are permitted on all Michigan highways and roads EXCEPT limited access freeways or unless otherwise posted. Bicycles are allowed on all road systems including those in State Forests, State Parks, National Forests, and National Parks.

**State Parks:**
Bikes are allowed on all paved and non-paved roads in State Parks and recreation areas. Bikes may also be ridden on designated bike paths. Mountain bikes are allowed on trails only if they have been designated for bicycle use. For more information, call the individual park or the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Parks Division at 517-373-9900.

**State Forests:**
Bicycles are allowed on most State Forest trails. Contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Forest Management Division at 517-373-1275 for further information.

**Ottawa National Forest:**
Besides wilderness and specifically designated hiker only trails (including the North Country Trail), the entire forest is open to mountain bikes. This includes closed, gated and blocked roads, unless the road is specifically closed to bicycles. Maximum penalties for riding sections not open to biking are a fine of $5,000 and/or six months imprisonment. Contact the U.S. Forest Service at 906-932-1330 for more information.

**Wilderness Areas:**
Bicycles are considered to be mechanical devices and are therefore prohibited in National Wilderness Areas.

**North Country Trail:**
When completed, the North Country Trail will be a 4,000-mile National Scenic Trail stretching from New York to North Dakota. While the entire trail is open to hiking, only portions are open to other non-motorized uses including mountain biking. Contact the North Country Trail Association at 1-888-454-6282 for more information. Bikes are NOT allowed on the NCT in the Ottawa National Forest.

**Local Trail Systems:**
Rules and regulations vary by each individual trail and community. Contact the appropriate jurisdiction for more information.

## Bicycle Safety

**Rights and Responsibilities**
In general, bicyclists on public roadways have the same rights and responsibilities as automobile drivers and are subject to the same state laws and local ordinances. For everyone's safety observe these bicycling rules and safety tips.

**Be predictable and act like a vehicle**
Operating a bicycle as a vehicle makes your movements more predictable to others and improves safety for everyone.

**Always wear an approved helmet**
Always have your helmet fitted and adjusted properly. Helmets should fit snugly so that they do not move around while riding.

**Watch for Cars**
Always assume that motorists do not see you. Keep an eye out for cars pulling into traffic from parking spaces, driveways, and intersecting streets.

**Always yield to other, slower trail users**
Slow down and use caution when approaching other trail users. When overtaking, announce your intentions by saying "passing on your left" or ringing your bell.

**Keep to the Right and Ride Only Two Abreast**
Bicyclists should keep as far to the right as practicable, moving left to avoid hazards and to position themselves in the appropriate designated through or turn lanes. No more than two bicyclists should ride side by side in a public roadway.

**Watch for Hazards**
Watch out for sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, oily pavement, snow, and ice. Cross railroad tracks at right angles. It is not necessary to use a bike lane if hazards such as debris and poor pavement conditions make it unsafe.

**Yield to Pedestrians**
When operating on a shared use trail or sidewalk, bicyclists must yield the right of way to pedestrians and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian.

**Wear Appropriate Clothing**
Wear light, bright and/or reflective clothing at all times to improve your visibility. Dress in layers and bring gear for unforeseen changes in weather.

**Use Lights and Reflectors at Night**
State law requires a front white light visible for 500 ft and a red reflector visible for 600 ft at night. A flashing rear light is recommended. Bright and reflective clothing is recommended at all times of the day and night.

**Ride with traffic**
Motorists are not looking for bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the road. State law requires that cyclists ride with the flow of traffic.

**Use Hand Signals**
Hand signals tell pedestrians and motorists what you intend to do. It is state law that you use signals.

## Map Information

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## Copper Harbor Area

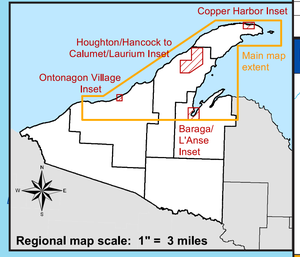
1 in = 1 mile

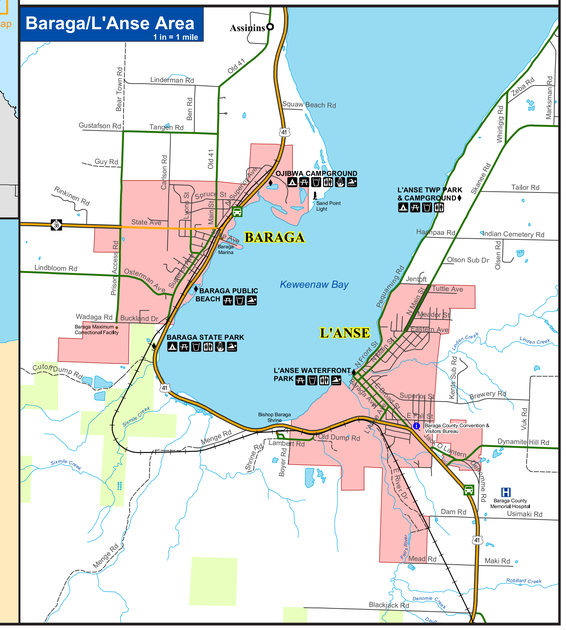
## Trail Descriptions

| TRAILS | COUNTY | MILEAGE | TYPE | OWNERSHIP | USES |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Apple Blossom Trail | Iron | 3 miles | asphalt | Caspian/Iron River | Non-motorized |
| Berglund to Sidnaw Rail Trail | Houghton/Ontonagon | 43.5 miles | old road bed | Michigan DNR | Multi-Use |
| Bill Nicholls Trail | Houghton/Ontonagon | 40.5 miles | old railroad bed | Michigan DNR | Multi-Use |
| Crystal Falls to Iron River Trail | Iron | 25 miles | old railroad bed | Iron County | Multi-Use |
| Crystal Falls to Stager Trail | Iron | 11 miles | old railroad bed | Michigan DNR | Multi-Use |
| Houghton Waterfront Trail | Houghton | 4.5 miles | asphalt | City of Houghton | Multi-Use |
| Jack Stevens Trail | Houghton | 13.5 miles | old railroad bed | Michigan DNR | Multi-Use |
| Keweenaw Trail | Houghton | 12.5 miles | old railroad bed | Michigan DNR | Multi-Use |
| State Line Trail | Gogebic/Iron | 102 miles | old railroad bed | Michigan DNR | Multi-Use |
| Watersmeet/Land O'Lakes Trail | Gogebic | 8.5 miles | old road bed | U.S. Forest Service | Non-motorized |

| MTB (OFF-ROAD) TRAIL | COUNTY | MILEAGE | TYPE | OWNERSHIP | USES |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Powers Trail System | Gogebic | 20 miles | single track, two track, gravel roads | Gogebic County Forestry & Parks | Non-motorized |
| Copper Harbor Trail System | Keweenaw | 15 miles | single track, two track, gravel roads | Keweenaw County, MIDNR, Private | Non-motorized |
| Michigan Tech Trail System | Houghton | 18 miles | single track, wide ski trails | Michigan Technological University | Non-motorized |
| Chassell Ski Trails | Houghton | 7 miles | single track | private trails | Non-motorized |
| Swedetown Trails | Houghton | 12 miles | single track, wide ski trails | Calumet Township | Non-motorized |
| Churning Rapids | Houghton | 12 miles | single track, two track, gravel roads | private trails | Non-motorized |

*Please check locally or at trailheads for information on conditions, use, and fees or to obtain maps.*




## Baraga/L'Anse Area

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