



Highbanks Trail

7 miles of trail

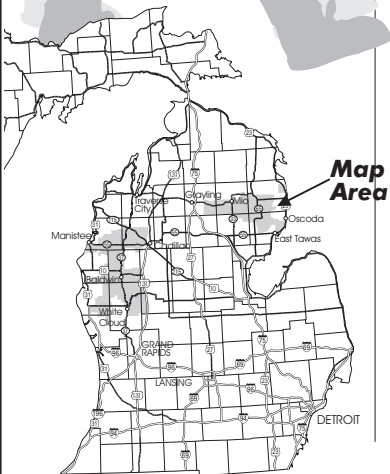
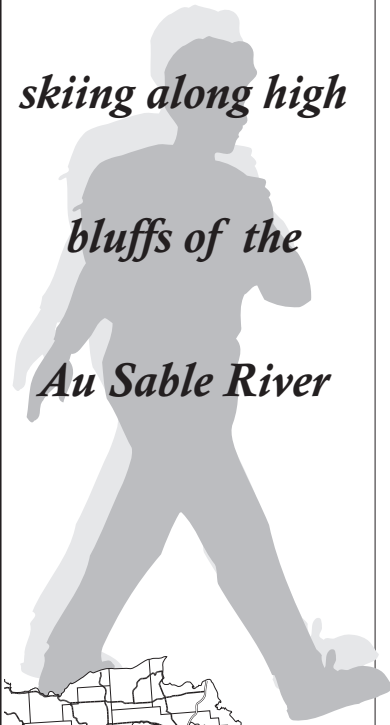
for hiking and

cross country

skiing along high

bluffs of the

Au Sable River



Highbanks Trail System

Welcome to the Highbanks Trail System. The U.S.D.A. Forest Service manages this area with an emphasis on providing non-motorized recreation experiences.

The Highbanks Trail winds along the towering bluffs of the AuSable River, offering incredible vistas of the historic AuSable River Valley. This is a linear trail which originates at Iargo Springs Interpretive Site and extends 7 miles east to the shore of Cooke Dam Pond.

The trail is not groomed during the winter season. Skiers need to break their own trail. Winter access is at Lumberman's Monument Visitor Center.

Access:

The Highbanks Trail System is located in Iosco County, Michigan. The nearest communities are Tawas and East Tawas about 15 miles south-east; Oscoda, about 15 miles east; and Hale, about 15 miles west. The trail system is a linear system with terminals at Iargo Springs and Cooke Dam Road.

A Few Rules:

Camping is allowed at designated campsites only. Monument Campground is easily accessed from the trail. Campsites are available on a first come first serve basis. Camping is also available at the primitive sites at Sawmill Point. From May 15 through September 30, these campsites require a permit to camp. Permits are available at www.rec.gov or at Lumberman's Monument Visitor Center. Outside of the permit season, these sites are available on a first come first serve basis.

Bicycles and all motorized vehicles are not allowed on the trail.

Hunting and Fishing:

Hunting and fishing are permitted in season with proper licenses. All Michigan DNR regulations apply. When hunting, observe all the rules of safety.

Fees:

There are no fees required for the use of this trail system.

For more information contact:

Huron Shores Ranger Station
5761 N. Skeel Rd.
Oscoda, MI 48750
(989)739-0728 (VOICE)
(989)739-0806 (TTY)

On the web at:

www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf

For emergency help contact:

Iosco County Sheriff
by calling **911**

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Highbanks Hiking and Ski Trail System



Distances

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to Canoer's Memorial 1.75 mi.

Canoer's Memorial to
Lumberman's Monument 1.75 mi.

Lumberman's Monument to
Sawmill Point Parking 2.80 mi.

