

The North Country National Scenic Trail

The North Country Trail is the longest of the eleven National Scenic Trails. It is designed and maintained for hiking and backpacking. Other uses may be prohibited by the land managers (the USFS, Wisconsin DNR or Bayfield County) and are discouraged by the NCTA, the association of volunteers who maintain the trail. Motorized vehicles are prohibited everywhere on the trail and the use of mechanical transportation devices is strictly prohibited in the Rainbow Lake and Porcupine Lake Wilderness areas. This map depicts a 70-mile section of the trail maintained by the Chequamegon Chapter of the NCTA. To report trail conditions or volunteer to maintain the trail, email the Chapter at che@northcountrytrail.org.

Camping - There are developed Campgrounds at Copper Falls State Park, at Beaver Lake, at Two Lakes, in the City of Drummond and at Perch Lake. There is a fee to use them. There are primitive campsites near Trout Brook, Lake Three, Whiskey Creek and East Davis Lake, and Adirondacks-style shelters just east of the Marengo River and just west of Quarry Road (FR 604). Dispersed camping is also allowed. Campsites should be 200 feet from any shoreline and 150 feet away from any trail. Campers should acquaint themselves with the precepts of “leave-no-trace” camping and follow them.

Water - Water is available from pumps at Lake Owen Picnic Ground, Two Lakes, and Beaver Lake Campgrounds. Water in streams and lakes along the trail is only safe to drink if it is boiled or treated.

Garbage and Waste - Pack out what you pack in. Burying garbage is not satisfactory because cans will usually be exposed in time through animal or frost action. Human wastes must be buried in a hole located at least 200 feet from any open water, the trail, or any campsite.

Bears - Bears frequent the area along the North Country Trail. Please be careful with food storage when you camp. It is recommended that you suspend food supplies in a bag or pack between two trees at least 10 feet off the ground, but storing food away from the campsite in a bear-proof container is probably the best way to protect you and your food.”

Fire - Fires are allowed on National Forest land but please be careful. Most locations along the trail have 1 to 4 inches of duff on top of mineral soil. The duff will burn if you build a fire on it. You must remove the duff to mineral soil before constructing a small fire. All fires should be completely extinguished by soaking the embers with water and then mixing them with mineral soil. In dry conditions we suggest that you use camp stoves rather than wood fires. In extremely dry conditions open fires may be prohibited. To check fire conditions, contact the US Forest Service in that district.

Parking - There is no charge for most parking areas shown on the map, however, several of the more developed parking areas are fee areas. The following areas require either a daily fee or an annual sticker: Penokee Mountain Ski Trailhead (winter only), Lake Owen Picnic Ground, Drummond Ski Trailhead.

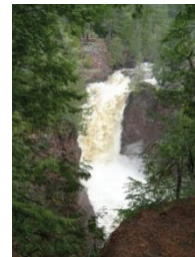
Contact - For more information on the rules and regulations within the National Forest please contact the Forest Service at:

Washburn Ranger District: 715-373-2667

Great Divide Ranger District: 715-634-4821 (Hayward), 715-264-2511 (Glidden)

Copper Falls State Park

Waterfalls, 100+ foot canyon walls, and unique geological features dominate the landscape in the gorge of the Bad River in Copper Falls State Park. A 65-foot CCC constructed observation tower with 250 steps offers views of the Penokee Range and Chequamegon Bay.



The North Country Trail Association is a membership-driven, volunteer-based organization. The NCTA is a “friends” organization that unites the efforts of our local volunteer chapters and partner organizations with the National Park Service to build, maintain, protect, and promote the North Country National Scenic Trail. The trail is a 4,800-mile footpath through the northern tier of the United States, traversing eight states. Though still under construction, more and more miles of trail are completed every year. The trail is starting to draw national attention, alongside the likes of the Appalachian and Pacific Crest Trails. Our work uses federal dollars, membership dues and other revenues and combines them with the tremendous volunteer effort, to leverage the greatest amount of good for the trail. Each year thousands of individuals do volunteer work on the North Country Trail. Your membership dollars not only directly support these volunteers by purchasing tools and other resources, but act as a vote of confidence in the North Country National Scenic Trail.

Become a member of the NCTA today and you will help develop, maintain, and protect America's longest National Scenic Trail.

To become a member visit us on-line at:

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