

Winter Recreation in Tahquamenon Country

2 Day Trip Itinerary

Winter brings a peace unlike any other to Tahquamenon Country. Explore our trails and silent, snow-shrouded forests by ski and snowshoe, sled dog team or snowmobile. For the latest information on outfitters, tours and lodging visit WWW.EXPLOREM123.COM

Day 1: Ski and Snowshoe at Tahquamenon Falls State Park

Savor the silent season in this winter wilderness. Be sure to check with the park for a schedule of guided events and snowshoe availability.

RISE AND SHINE

Rise early and get a hearty breakfast in Newberry or Paradise.

- Travel M-123 11 miles from Paradise or 32 miles from Newberry to Tahquamenon Falls State Park's Lower Falls area. Strap on your snowshoes and spend 1-2 hours traveling a well-packed loop to view the Lower Falls and the deep forest that surrounds it.

GRAB LUNCH

- Drive about 5 miles west to the park's Upper Falls area.
- Take an hour and view the magnificent Upper Falls and its icy gorge below. The falls are just a short walk from the parking area on a well-packed trail-no snowshoes needed.
- If you're feeling adventurous, set out to snowshoe on a trail less traveled. The park's River Trail connects the Upper Falls and Lower Falls areas along 4-miles of challenging terrain that follows the river downstream.

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Return to the parking area and warm up by the fireplace with a meal and a craft beer at the Tahquamenon Falls Brewery and Pub.

- At dusk trade your snowshoes for cross-country skis (snowshoes welcome too) and set out on the groomed Lantern Loop, a 1-mile loop lit with oil lanterns and staffed with a bonfire and refreshments. Check with the park for lantern-lighting schedule.





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Day 2: Sled Dog Tour with Iditarod Experts

Pilot a sled dog team through snowy splendor with Nature's Kennel in McMillan. Contact the kennel to make reservations at WWW.NATURESKENNEL.COM

RISE AND SHINE

- From Newberry travel about 40 minutes to Nature's Kennel, located in a remote area up County Road 415 north of McMillan. Along the way you'll cross a small upstream stretch of the Tahquamenon River.
- Meet Ed and Tasha Stielstra, owners of Nature's Kennel and Iditarod veterans, then tour the kennel with their experienced staff. Be sure to visit the puppies!
 - Learn the art of mushing by helping with the dogs and taking a test run.
 - Set out for a 10-mile (half day) or 20-mile (full day) run piloting your own sled (or ride in a guide's sled) along groomed trails. A guide will drive a team as well and be along to help.

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Take a break for warm drinks and a trailside lunch

- Enjoy the hush of winter trails where the only sound is the panting of the dogs and the "shhhhhh" of sliding over snow.



Don't Miss: Snowmobiling in some of the State's Best Trails.

Tahquamenon Country has long been recognized as the best riding in the region. The meticulously groomed trails cover over 100 miles through areas only accessible by snowmobile in winter. Many resorts and outfitters in the region rent sleds and are happy to help if you're just getting started.

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