



Tahquamenon's Year Round Playground

Your Road to Recreation

Tahquamenon offers recreation and spectacular beauty year-round, including hiking, fishing, camping, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, bird watching and more, dozens of inland lakes and miles of the beautiful Tahquamenon River. You will literally never run out of landscape to explore since the route is hugged by endless acres of natural areas, 125 species of birds, moose, bear, wolves and so much more.

Paddling

Tahquamenon offers up incredible liquid landscapes. Anyone seeking an afternoon of family fun, an amazing wilderness canoe race or exceptional sea kayaking excursion will find it all here.

- Every fall, visitors can join in the annual Tahquamenon Wilderness Canoe Race. The 17.5 mile route takes racers from the Lower Falls to the shores of Lake Superior.
- One of Ernest Hemingway's favorites, the Two Hearted River, serves up spectacular scenery. It is a legendary trout stream and favorite family paddling spot. Most use the frequent sandbars and beach shores for picnic and exploration stops.
- The Tahquamenon boasts a National Wild and Scenic River designation and is a favorite paddling spot. This river is long and the further you travel the more you inhabit the gorgeous, wild country below the Dollarville Dam. This trip includes easy, flat water, with no required portaging, and is well suited for beginners and families.
- Near the Lower Tahquamenon Falls one can rent a rowboat or simply paddle up to the base and experience an up-close and personal look at the 22-foot falls that lead to Lake Superior.
- Sea kayakers will be immersed in the scenic shoreline of Lake Superior and delight in a glimpse of shipwrecks while exploring the coastline along Whitefish Bay. Check with the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum to see if guided paddling tours are available during your visit.

Contact: Tahquamenon Falls State Park
Phone: (906) 492-3415

Exploring Nature

- The Whitefish Point Bird Observatory, the Newberry State Forest and Tahquamenon Falls State Park are perfect areas for bird watching, as well as seeing the colors change throughout the autumn season. Don't miss the spring Hawk migration at Whitefish Point.
- The upper level of the two Tahquamenon Falls is the second largest waterfall east of the Mississippi and the elevation changes found in the park offer great hiking and scenic views.





- The Toonerville Trolley and Riverboat Tour are great options to explore the forest and spot some wildlife if you want to get off your feet!

Contact: Tahquamenon Falls Riverboat Tours
Phone: (906) 876-2311

- The largest bear-only ranch in the United States! Located just 20 minutes from Tahquamenon Falls, Oswald's Bear Ranch is a great addition to your trip itinerary. Thirty rescued American black bears can be safely viewed in four large natural habitats ranging from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ miles in perimeter, each equipped with a photo taking platform. Admission is charged by vehicle; a highlight is the chance to get your photo taken (for a fee) with a cub; worth the price is the chance to interact with owner Dean Oswald and watch him interact with his "babies."

Contact: Oswald's Bear Ranch- Dean and Jewel Oswald
Phone: (906) 293-3147
Website: www.oswaldsbearranch.com

ORV Trails

There are many miles of designated ORV trails in the area. ORV trail maps and regulations are available at the Falls State Park Headquarters and/or Newberry DNR Operations Service Center.

Snowmobiling

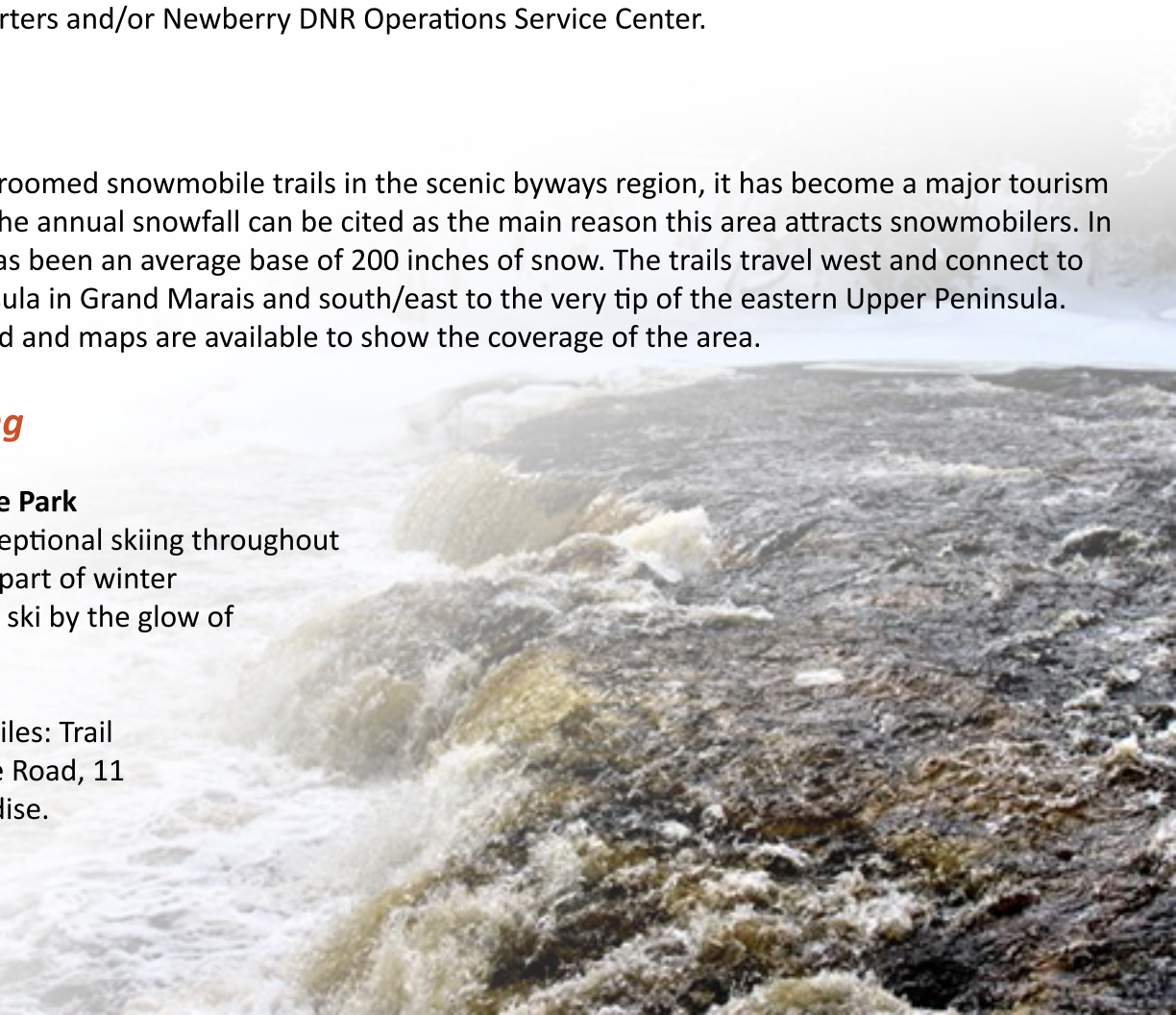
With over 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails in the scenic byways region, it has become a major tourism attraction for the area. The annual snowfall can be cited as the main reason this area attracts snowmobilers. In the last 10 years there has been an average base of 200 inches of snow. The trails travel west and connect to the central Upper Peninsula in Grand Marais and south/east to the very tip of the eastern Upper Peninsula. The trails are well marked and maps are available to show the coverage of the area.

Cross Country Skiing

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Tahquamenon offers exceptional skiing throughout winter. During the latter part of winter visitors can enjoy a night ski by the glow of lantern light.

- Clark Lake Loop - 5.2 miles: Trail accessed from Clark Lake Road, 11 miles southwest of Paradise. The trail is not groomed.





If the trail has not been accessed recently, you may find yourself breaking trail for the trip. For this reason, the loop is recommended for experienced skiers only.

- Giant Pines Loop (Tahquamenon Falls State Park) - 3.8 miles: This loop leads travelers through a forest of ancient hemlocks. The highlights of the trail are two giant white pine trees left over from the late 1800's logging era. The trails is groomed. Leashed dogs are not permitted.
- Nature Trail (Tahquamenon Falls State Park) - .5 miles: This trail offers visitors an alternative route on their journey from the frozen Upper Tahquamenon Falls to the parking lot and is featured on the lantern lit tours occurring in Tahquamenon Falls State Park during February. The trail is groomed. Leashed dogs are not permitted.
- Wilderness Loop (Tahquamenon Falls State Park) - 7.4 miles: Hikers are led through the most remote areas of the park through old hemlock forests. The trail features a notable beaver pond and dam on the loop's eastern portion. The trail is not groomed.

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Paradise and Newberry Offer up Additional Trails

- Canadian Lake Pathway - 14 miles of rolling terrain through a predominantly hardwood forest. The trail is groomed and rated for skiers of novice and intermediate skill levels.
- Paradise Pathway - Two loops totalling over six miles. This quiet trail is brushed and marked well.

Dog Sledding

In addition to snowmobiling and cross-country skiing, dog sledding has also become a popular winter time sport. The area has seen an increase in dog sledding activities, with annual races that are held in northern Luce County and individual adventure rides available for all.

Ed and Tasha are two of the Midwest's most accomplished dog sledding champions. Ed has finished Alaska's Iditarod and Tasha won a Michigan dog sledding tour with Marquette's UP 200. Their company, Nature's Kennel, offers guided day trips and overnight adventures.

- Mini-Drives gives you the opportunity to drive your own dog team on a 10 mile loop. You will receive a kennel tour, brief instructions and a guided sled dog trip. Drivers must be over 8 years old. Allow approximately 3-4 hours.
- Enjoy an Overnight Adventure with one night and two days. On this adventure, visitors learn the basics of mushing, how to drive a dog team and spend one night winter camping in our heated tent. No experience necessary! Trip is all-inclusive.





- Nature's Kennel offers dog sled rides to view the Lower Falls of the Tahquamenon Falls on Thursdays in February. This unique adventure includes a scenic dog sled ride and a stop for photos and hot chocolate. Cost is \$150 per sled (a sled accommodates up to two adults and two small children).

Contact: Nature's Kennel - Ed and Tasha Stielstra
Phone: (906) 748-0513
Website: www.natureskennel.com

Hiking

The hiking trails in the scenic byways area are seemingly endless. You could spend days out in the wilderness without seeing any people, but it is best to hike and camp with friends and family.

Byway Trails worth Exploring:

- McMahan Lake Preserve Trail - The nature trail on the 3,124 McMahan Lake Preserve is located in Luce County. The preserve lies within the watershed of the Two Hearted River, a state designated Natural River.
- Muskallonge Lake State Park - Short trails connect from the park to the nearby North Country Trail. The 1.5-mile Muskallonge Lake Trail is open for hiking.
Contact: Muskallonge Lake State Park
Phone: (906) 658-3338
Website: www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails
- Tahquamenon Logging Museum - The nearby nature trail and boardwalk are available for hiking and exploration.
- Two Hearted River - The North Country Trail passes near the mouth of the Two Hearted. Most trails in the area of the Two Hearted are rated for moderate difficulty.
- Zellar Meadows Fitness Trail - This one mile trail is gently sloped for wheelchair accessibility. It provides an alternate route between Newberry and recreation land up the hill, south of town. The trail also meanders through meadow and woodland. Benches and signage were installed the summer of '09 with a plan for more amenities.
- Curly Lewis Memorial Highway - Available via access to The North Country Trail, which begins to parallel the highway right as it nears the shoreline of Whitefish Bay.
- North Country Trail - The North Country Trail stretches 4,600 miles across seven states from New York to North Dakota, making it America's longest Scenic Trail. The trail winds its way through the Upper Peninsula and passes south of Paradise along the Tahquamenon River before heading north to the Lake Superior shoreline, highlighting some scenic locations to go hiking in Michigan. Visitors traveling from Paradise interested in UP hiking will find the North Country Trail accessible from the Rivermouth campground and the Upper and Lower Tahquamenon Falls.



Trails of Tahquamenon Falls State Park

- Clark Lake Loop - 5.2 miles: Trail accessed from Clark Lake Road, 11 miles southwest of Paradise. Complete the hike to Clark Lake, a nice spot for a picnic or snack on the bordering ancient sand dunes.
- Emerson Trail - 1 mile: Located near the Rivermouth Campground on the Tahquamenon River. The last 200-foot section of the trail leading to Whitefish Bay remains incomplete and is difficult, but possible, to navigate. For birding enthusiasts, the trailhead presents opportunities to hear songbirds.
- Giant Pines Loop - 3.8 miles: This loop offers hikers the sights and sounds of ancient hemlocks, bubbling streams and the occasional active woodpecker. The highlights of this trail are two giant white pine trees left over from the late 1800's logging era.
- Nature Trail - .5 miles: Carpeted with ferns during the summer months, this trail offers hikers an alternative route on their journey from the Upper Tahquamenon Falls to the parking lot. Birding enthusiasts have reported many sightings on this trail during the spring. Strollers and wheelchairs are welcome.
- River Trail - 4.8 miles: The trail between the Upper and Lower Tahquamenon Falls. Exposed roots, hilly terrain and several staircases make this trail difficult. The River Trail travels along the Tahquamenon River and is considered the most scenic trail in the park.
- Wilderness Loop - 7.4 miles: Hikers are led through the most remote areas of the park among old hemlock forests and peatland areas. The trail features a beaver pond and dam on the loop's eastern portion. As ferns grow taller in mid-summer, the trail becomes increasingly difficult to follow. It is recommended for advanced hikers only.

Leashed dogs are welcome on these State Park hiking trails!

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