

Escanaba Trail System



Northern Highland American Legion State Forest



Welcome!

Escanaba Trail System rests like a ribbon across a rolling landscape and winds around five kettle lakes. Escanaba trailhead is accessible from a parking lot area roughly 3.5 miles east of County Highway M on Nebish Lake Road. Restrooms are available near the entrance. Escanaba Trail is groomed and tracked in the winter for cross-country skiing, and serves hikers and cyclists well in warmer seasons. There are a couple of fairly steep hills which will be appreciated by skiers. A shelter and fire ring are located on the trail junction between Escanaba, Palette, and Lost Canoe Lakes. Hiking, biking and leashed pets are allowed on this trail during the spring, summer and fall. Please note that a State Trail Pass is required for skiing on this trail. The glacially carved landscape offers four routes of varying difficulty due to length, hilly terrain, and naturally surfaced trails, so watch for roots and proceed slowly down hills. Some slopes along the way are graded between 20 and 30 percent which make this trail moderately difficult according to hiking and cross-country skiing standards. All routes lead through healthy stands of red oak, red maple, balsam fir, and aspen along with red and white pines of varied age.



Photo courtesy of Kim Krawczyk, WDNR

Trailhead at Escanaba Trail System.

General Information

For general questions about trails or the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest, contact:

- **Escanaba Trailhead**
9588 Nebish Lake Road, Town of Plum Lake, WI
- **Clear Lake Visitor Station**
715-356-3668
- **Crystal Lake Visitor Station**
715-542-3923

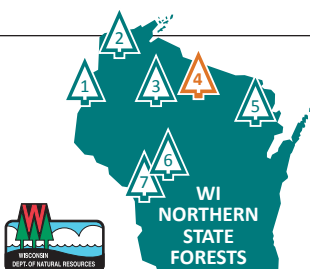
State Trail Admission Fees

Annual Pass \$25
Daily Pass \$5

- Trail passes are required for skiers 16+ years of age. Self-registration is available at the trailheads.
- Trail fees contribute to the cost of grooming and maintenance.

Trail Rules

- A Wisconsin State Trail Pass is required for skiers 16+ years old on trails.
 - Pets are allowed on all trails.
 - Pets need to be on a leash no longer than eight feet at all times. Carry out all pet waste.
 - Carry out all litter on departure.
 - No hiking or pets allowed on the groomed ski trails during the winter months.
 - No motorized vehicles allowed.
 - Pit fires are permitted at shelters.
- Extinguish all fires before leaving.**
- A lost and found service is maintained at Crystal Lake and Clear Lake Visitor Stations. If lost items are found, please turn them in at one of these visitor stations. Help us return items to their rightful owners.



Come back soon — and be sure to visit Wisconsin's other Northern State Forests

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| 1 Governor Knowles State Forest..... | 715-463-2898 | 6 Black River State Forest..... | 715-284-4103 |
| 2 Brule River State Forest..... | 715-372-5678 | 7 Coulee Experimental State Forest..... | 608-785-9007 |
| 3 Flambeau River State Forest | 715-332-5271 | | |
| 4 Northern Highland American Legion State Forest
Crystal Lake: 715-542-3923 • Clear Lake: 715-356-3668 | | | |
| 5 Peshtigo River State Forest | 715-757-3965 | | |
- WDNR Call Center (toll-free 7 a.m.-10 p.m.)**
1-888-936-7463 • FOR EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911
dnr.wi.gov (search keywords "state forest")



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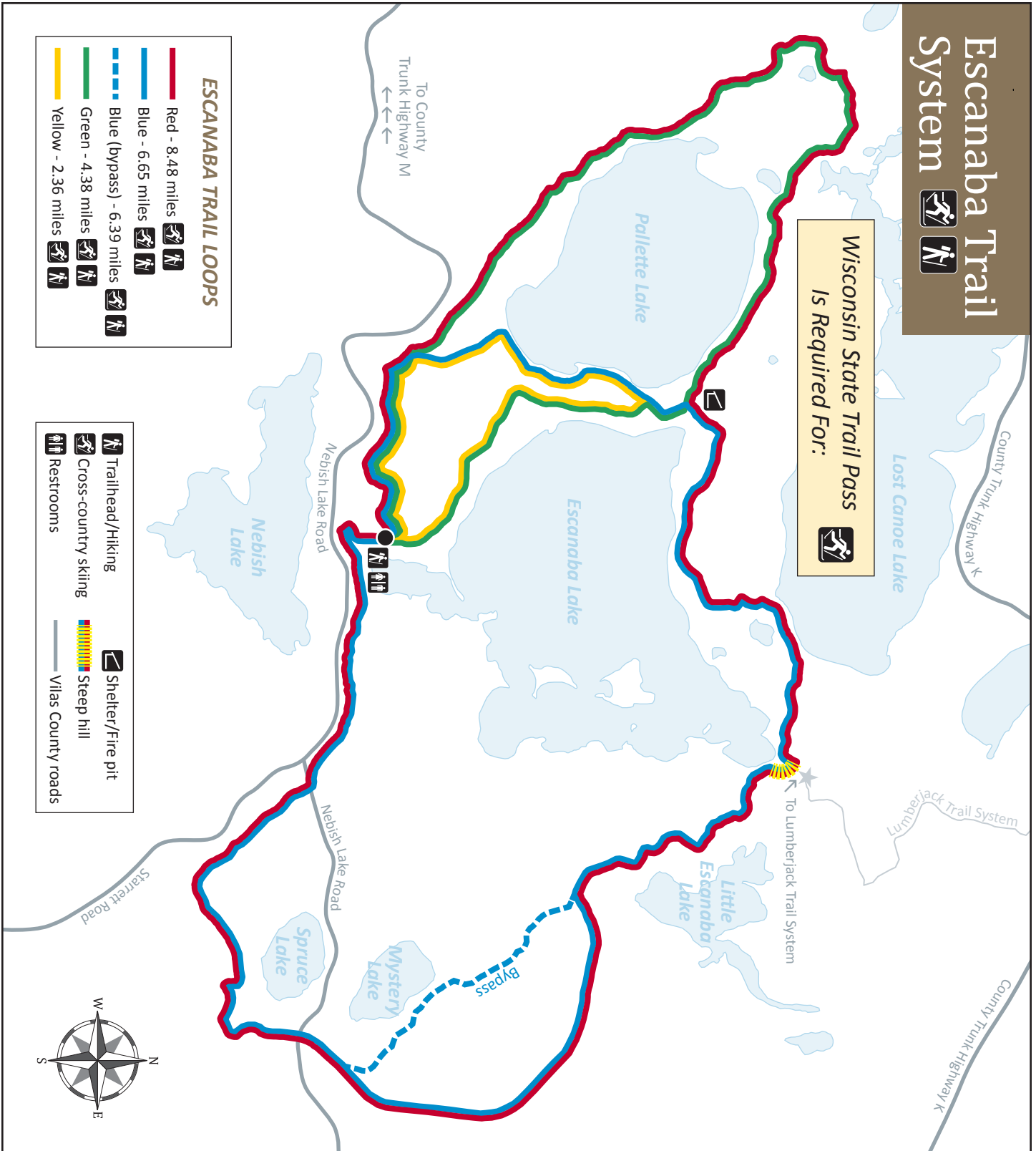
Wisconsin State Trail Pass
Is Required For:



ESCANABA TRAIL LOOPS

Red - 8.48 miles		
Blue - 6.65 miles		
Blue (bypass) - 6.39 miles		
Green - 4.38 miles		
Yellow - 2.36 miles		

	Trailhead/Hiking		Shelter/Fire pit
	Cross-country skiing		Steep hill
	Restrooms		Vilas County roads



Local Emergency Contact Information

Oneida County Sheriff's Department: 715-361-5100 • Vilas County Sheriff's Department: 715-479-4441
Iron County Sheriff's Department: 715-561-3800

