

COPPER FALLS STATE PARK

Scenic Waterfall Area  
Bad River, Tyler Forks River, Loon Lake

Information

Wisconsin DNR  
Copper Falls State Park  
36764 Copper Falls Road  
Mellen, WI 54546  
Phone: 715.274.5123

Pattison State Park trails and day use areas are open year-round from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm for non-campers

A Wisconsin State Park Vehicle Admission Sticker is required.  
*Daily or Annual*

Location

Park Office: 46.35308, -90.64559



Recreation & Attractions

Gorge of the Bad River, Tyler Forks River, Brownstone Falls (30 feet), Copper Falls (29 feet), Red Granite Falls, The Cascades, Devil's Gate, hiking, interpretive trail, North Country Trail segment, historic POI, observation tower, picnicking, Loon Lake (swimming, paddle sports, fishing), tent & RV camping, backpack camping (North Country Trail), mountain bike trails (4.2 miles). Winter: groomed for cross-country skiing (22k classic, 7.4k skate)

Hiking

*Doughboy's Trail*

**Distance & Time:** 1.7 miles, loop, allow up to 2 hours  
**Trail Surface:** Crushed stone & packed-dirt, erosion steps, stairways, boardwalks, footbridges  
**Rocks & Roots:** Occasional  
**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Terrain:** Mostly flat except for a pair of steep, stone stairways on both sides of the Bad River at Devil's Gate  
**Elevation Gain:** 280 feet  
**Assurance Markers:** Yes, trail markers & map signs at junctions

*CCC 692 Trail*

**Distance & Time:** 1.0 mile, point-2-point, allow up to 1 hour  
**Trail Surface:** Packed dirt, wood stairways  
**Rocks & Roots:** Occasional  
**Difficulty:** Moderate  
**Terrain:** Hilly  
**Elevation Gain:** 225 feet  
**Assurance Markers:** Yes, trail markers & map signs at junctions

*Red Granite Falls Trail*

**Distance & Time:** 2.5 miles, lollipop loop, allow up to 2 hours  
**Trail Surface:** Crushed stone, packed dirt, erosion steps  
**Rocks & Roots:** Occasional  
**Difficulty:** Easy-moderate  
**Terrain:** Rolling  
**Elevation Gain:** 115 feet  
**Assurance Markers:** Yes, trail markers & map signs at junctions

*Meadows Trail*

**Distance & Time:** 1.5 miles, loop, allow up to 1 hour  
**Trail Surface:** Packed dirt  
**Rocks & Roots:** Occasional  
**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Terrain:** Mostly flat  
**Elevation Gain:** < 100 feet  
**Assurance Markers:** Yes, trail markers & map signs at junctions

*Takesson Trails (hike or mountain bike)*

**Distance & Time:** 1.6 or 2.5 miles, double loop, allow up to 2 hours (hiking)  
**Trail Surface:** Packed dirt, double track  
**Rocks & Roots:** Occasional  
**Difficulty:** Easy-moderate  
**Terrain:** Hilly  
**Elevation Gain:** 300 feet (both loops combined)  
**Assurance Markers:** Yes, trail markers & map signs at junctions

*Vahterra Trails (hike or mountain bike)*

**Distance & Time:** 1.2 or 1.7 miles, double loop, allow up to 1.5 hours (hiking)  
**Trail Surface:** Packed dirt  
**Rocks & Roots:** Occasional  
**Difficulty:** Easy-moderate  
**Terrain:** Hilly  
**Elevation Gain:** 500 feet (both loops combined)  
**Assurance Markers:** Yes, trail markers & map signs at junctions

*North Country Trail*

Park Entrance to Hwy 169 parking area  
**Distance & Time:** 11.1 miles, point-2-point, allow up to 6 hours  
**Trail Surface:** Packed dirt, footbridges  
**Rocks & Roots:** Occasional  
**Difficulty:** Moderate  
**Terrain:** Hilly  
**Elevation Gain:** 1,170 feet  
**Assurance Markers:** Yes, trail blazes. There are trail markers and map signs where NCT intersects with State Park trails

Winter

In winter, the park offers groomed cross-country ski trails, snow-shoe trails, winter camping, and ice fishing on Loon Lake. The Doughboys Trail is closed for safety. Winter maps are available at the park office and on the Wisconsin DNR website

*Cross-Country Skiing*

22km are groomed for classic and 6.5km are groomed for skate skiing. Difficulty ranges from beginner to advanced.

*Snowshoe Trails*

The Red Granite Falls Trail (3.2km) and a Winter Waterfalls Trail (1.6km) are designated for snowshoeing.

Amenities

*Park Office*

Staffed office, information, maps, restrooms (*running water, accessible flush toilets*), Meadow Trail trailhead, firewood (\$ fee), rentals (*kayaks, paddleboards*)

*Loon Lake Day Use Area*

Parking, drinking water, restrooms (*running water, accessible flush toilets*), Red Granite Falls Trail trailhead, accessible area, picnic area, swimming beach

*Main Picnic Grounds, Gorge of the Bad River*

Parking, Doughboy's Trail trailhead, CCC 692 Trail trailhead, shelter, drinking water, restrooms (*running water, accessible flush toilets*), vault toilets, accessible trail, picnic grounds (*shade, tables, grills*), childrens playground, pet picnic area (*shade, tables, grills, river access*), concessions (*beverages, hot food, ice cream, souvenirs*), nature center

*North Camp Area*

32 campsites (28 *electric, 4 non-electric*), accessible vault toilets, drinking water

*South Camp Area*

23 non-electric campsites, shower building (*accessible heated showers, accessible flush toilets*), drinking water, accessible vault toilets, accessible cabin (*electricity*), dump station

*Group Camp*

Accessible vault toilets, drinking water

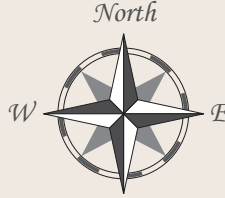
*Sandstone Ledges Backpack Campsite*

Open pit toilet

The shower building and the dump station in the South Camp Area are freely available for all registered campers.

*This map is for general reference purposes only*

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| Parking                      | Drinking Water                          |
| Park Office                  | Shower Building                         |
| Trailhead                    | Restrooms                               |
| Information                  | Vault Toilets                           |
| Camping                      | Accessible Amenities & Pathways         |
| Historic Buildings           | Firewood (\$ fee)                       |
| Nature Center                | Dump Station                            |
| Picnic Grounds               | Concessions                             |
| Shelter                      | Ice Cream                               |
| Children's Playground        | Rentals ( <i>kayaks, paddleboards</i> ) |
| Pet Picnic Area              | Observation Tower                       |
| Swimming Beach               | Ball Field                              |
| Boat Landing (non-motorized) | Sand Volleyball Court                   |
| Canoe Launch Area            |   |