General Trail Rules

• A Wisconsin State Trail Pass is required for skiers and bicyclists 16+ years old on designated trails.
• No pets are allowed on nature trails.
• No pets, biking, hiking or snowshoeing allowed on the groomed ski trails.
• Pets need to be on a leash no longer than eight feet at all times.
• Carry out all litter and pet waste on departure.
• No motorized vehicles allowed.

Bearskin State Trail

While visiting the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest and looking for a great bicycle and hiking adventure, check out the Bearskin State Trail in the heart of the Northwoods. This mostly crushed gravel trail is about 26 miles long, and meanders through dense forests, around lakes, and has the added bonus of crossing several converted railroad trestles – eight of which span Bearskin Creek. Trailheads can be found in Minocqua and on County Highway K near U.S. Highway 51. An annual or daily state trail pass is required for bicyclists 16+ years of age.

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

Northern Highland American Legion State Forest offers great opportunities for hundreds of miles of bicycling or fat tire biking on trails for all ages and expertise of riders. Biking is allowed on all roads and trails within the forest except on the nature trails (Fallison Lake, North Trout Lake, Star Lake, Raven’s yellow loop, and the Tom Roberts Memorial Trail). Some trails require a state trail pass which can be purchased by self-registering at the trailheads. Trails designated for bicycling are Raven, McNaughton, Madeline, and Lumberjack. When ski trails are open and groomed during the winter months, it is important to stay off these trails with bikes or pets.

Bicycling

Raven Trail

Daily or annual state trail pass required for biking only (no pass is required for the paved portion). This forested trail winds past Clear and Inkpot Lakes with a few steep hills. Most of the trail is an intermediate level, but there is also a 4.25 mile expert trail. This trail is groomed for skiing in the winter, and has a shelter with a fire ring. A bike skills course is unique to this trail with log rides, bridges, teeter totters, and rock areas.

McNaughton Trail

Daily or annual state trail pass required for biking and skiing. McNaughton Trail follows old logging roads and is a very easy scenic trail. The trail meanders around three different lakes and provides excellent views. Biking can be enjoyed when it is not groomed for skiing. There is a shelter with a fire ring on the trail.

Madeline Trail

Daily or annual state trail pass required for biking and skiing. This trail has a variety of scenery as it winds around three lakes and different types of terrain. It has a few rolling hills. Most of the grass and dirt trail follows old logging roads. The effort level is easy to moderate. This is an excellent trail for all levels of skiers. There is a shelter located on the trail with a fire ring.

Lumberjack Trail

Daily or annual state trail pass required for biking only. The Lumberjack Trail is a spectacular trail winding along the Manitowish River, Fishtrap Flowage and White Sand Lake. The grass, dirt, rocks, and sand trail gently rolls through a variety of timber types. The effort level is easy to moderate. About half of the trail winds through an area logged several years ago with the rest through old timber. Lumberjack Trail connects with the Escanaba Trail, and has two loops packed down for fat tire biking starting at the Concora Road trailhead. The blue and green loops are included in the groomed portion of the trail.

State Trail Admission Fees

Annual Pass $25
Daily Pass $5

• Trail passes are required for all skiers and bikers 16+ years of age on designated biking or skiing trails. Self-registration is available at the trailheads.
• Trail fees contribute to the cost of grooming and maintenance.

For Emergencies, Dial 911
Wisconsin State Trail Passes Are Required For:

Raven Trail System

Lumberjack Trail System

Madeline Lake Trail System

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