Bayfield County Hiking Trails

Key
( )-Round trip distance
$-Fee area
E-Easy
M-Moderate
D-Difficult

1. Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Island Trails (various) E-M
These trails provide access to lighthouses, abandoned quarries, old farm sites, historic logging camps, beaches, campsites, and scenic overlooks.

2. Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Mainland Trail (9 mi) M-D $
The trail extends past the cliffs above the mainland sea caves ending at a backcountry campsite. A boardwalk covers parts of the trail, but the path is rugged with stream crossings and steep slopes along the way. This trail can be viewed on Google Earth Street View.

3. Bass Lake Interpretive Trail (1 mi) E $
Forest Road 214 (at Two Lakes Campground)
Located on the east side of Lake Owen, the trail goes around Bass Lake and is near the North Country Trail and the Rainbow Lake Wilderness Area.

4. Bayfield Waterfront Trail (1.2 mi) E
Front St & Washington Ave, Bayfield, WI 54814
The Bayfield Waterfront Walk presents a series of interpretive markers to introduce you to Bayfield’s past. This easy “out and back” walk is a great way to learn about the area while connecting with the outdoors.
More information: City of Bayfield (715) 779-5712
5. Big Ravine Trail (1.8-2.5 mi) M
Sweeny Ave, Bayfield, WI 54814
Hike uphill along the steep rim of the big ravine to scenic overlooks. Multiple loops make for a 1.8-2.45 mile hike.
More information: City of Bayfield (715) 779-5712

6. Birch Grove Campground Trail (1 mi) E $
Twin Lakes Landing, Washburn, WI 54891
The trail encircles East Twin Lake. Trail access at either boat landing.
More information: US Forest Service Washburn District (715) 373-2667
Map: fs.usda.gov/recarea/cnnf/recreation/hiking/recarea/?recid=27831&actid=50

7. Birkebeiner Trail (various) E-D
The 60-mile+ Birkie Trail system attracts skiers, runners, bikers, trekkers, and hikers, from casual day-trippers to elite superstars.

8. Brownstone Trail (4.2 mi) E
Lake Shore Drive & Highway 13, before Bayfield
A highly-utilized and scenic trail that meanders along the brownstone cliffs of the Lake Superior shoreline, the Brownstone Trail is an easy 4.2 mile round-trip hike.
More information: Landmark Conservancy (715) 235-8850 Map: bayfieldcounty.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/3104

9. Clayton Creek Trail (2 mi) E
Aiken Rd & State Hwy 13, Bayfield, WI 54814 (across from Legendary Waters)
This trail brings hikers through a variety of habitats as it follows Clayton Creek.
More information: Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (715) 779-3700

10. Drummond Ski Trails (various) E-M
500 N Lake Owen Dr, Drummond, WI 54832
The trails are in a northern hardwood forest, with some rolling terrain. Trail loop lengths vary for a create-your-own hike experience.
More information: US Forest Service Washburn District (715) 373-2667
Map: fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd497349.pdf

11. Drummond Woods Trail (1.5 mi) E
Forest Rd 403, Grand View, WI 54839
This trail is relatively flat and easy to hike. The trail traverses a northern hardwood forest with several informational signs.
More information: US Forest Service Great Divide District (715) 634-4821
Map: fs.usda.gov/recarea/cnnf/recreation/recarea/?recid=27747&actid=50

12. Forest Lodge Nature Trails (1.5-4 mi) E-M
Forest Lodge Rd & Garmish Rd
The main trail loop is 1.5 miles. The optional Extended Nature Trail loop adds an additional 0.5 miles. This trail has a somewhat rough tread in the woods. The additional Conservancy Trail loop is 2 miles in length.
More information: US Forest Service Great Divide District (715) 634-4821
Map: fs.usda.gov/recarea/cnnf/recreation/recarea/?recid=27747&actid=50

13. Frog Bay Tribal National Park Trails (.8-2 mi) E-M
92070 Frog Bay Rd, Bayfield, WI 54814
There are several trail options here, whether you are looking for a direct route to the beach (.4 mile), a scenic jaunt through boreal forest to the beach (additional .3 mile), or a moderate hike through forested ravines (1 mile).
More information: Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (715) 779-3700

Sweeny Ave, Bayfield, WI 54814
This short trail follows the creek under the historic Old Iron Bridge.
More information: City of Bayfield (715) 779-5712

15. Horseshoe Lake Saddle Trails (various) E $
Forest Road 245, Washburn, WI 54891
This trail is open to both horseback riders and hikers. Trail Lengths: A Loop 9.25 miles, B Loop 3.7 miles, Outside Loop 10.25 miles.
More information: US Forest Service Washburn District (715) 373-2667
Map: fs.usda.gov/recarea/cnnf/recreation/recarea/?recid=82793&actid=70
Houghton Falls Rd, Bayview, WI 54891
This easy "out-and-back" trail contains views of sandstone cliffs, seasonal waterfalls, and a lagoon. The narrow trail is well marked.

17. Iron River National Fish Hatchery Trails (up to 3 mi) E
10325 Fairview Rd, Iron River, WI 54847
3 miles of hiking trails with various loops. Signage and maps at trailhead and along the trail. Includes a picnic area.

18. Jerry Jay Jolly/Pikes Creek Trail System (8 mi) E-M $
Star Route Rd - Bayfield, WI 54814
More information: Bayfield County Forestry & Parks (715) 373-6114
Map: bayfieldcounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/8999/Jerry-Jolly-Trail-PDF

19. Lincoln Community Forest Trail (up to 5 mi) E-M
Marengo River Rd, Mason, WI 54856
Up to 5 miles of hiking featuring two miles of Marengo River frontage.
More information: Friends of the LCF (715) 235-8850 Map: friendslcf.com/recreation/

20. Long Lake Picnic Area Trail (1 mi) E $
Forest Rd 251, Washburn, WI 54891
An easy hike around the lake with a boardwalk across a marshy area. Trail access is from the parking lot at picnic area or at boat landing parking area.

21. Lost Creek Falls Walking Trail (3 mi) M
Trail Dr, Cornucopia, WI 54827
This trail winds gently through the forest and ends at an 8-ft. waterfall. Some trail sections have been improved with gravel and boardwalks. Parking lot at trailhead.
More information: Bayfield County Forestry & Parks (715) 373-6114
Map: bayfieldcounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/9020/Lost-Creek-Falls-Trail-PDF

22. Mt Ashwabay Recreation Area Trails (various) E-M $
32525 Ski Hill Rd, Bayfield, WI 54814
Miles of ungroomed cross-country ski trails. Please purchase a trail pass from Ashwabay if you would like to explore their trail system.
More information: Mt. Ashwabay (715) 779-3227 ~ mtashwabay.org

23. Namekagon Interpretive Trails (various) E $
Missionary Point Dr, Cable, WI 54821
In the summer months, the East Loop is the only trail for hiking, as wetlands prevent hiking on the North and South Loops. The East Loop's 1-mile hike is easy to access, and interpretive booklets at the trailhead provide great information about the trail.

Extends from County Hwy A near Lake Ruth to Forest Rd 390 near Mellen
The 54-mile section of the North Country National Scenic Trail in Bayfield County traverses the northern half of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.
More information: North Country Trail Association (866) 445-3628 Map: arcg.is/2spb68q

25. North End Trails (3-7 mi) E-M $
41640 Randyske Rd, Cable, WI 54821
Trails connect to American Birkebeiner Trail and Birkie Classic Trail. Three trails begin at same trail head.
More information: Bayfield County Forestry & Parks Department (715) 373-6114
Map: cdn.birkie.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/EasyStriderOOMAP.pdf

26. North Pikes Creek Wetlands Community Forest
Star Route Rd & Gotchling Rd, Bayfield, WI 54814
Restoration and development is in process.
More information: Landmark Conservancy or Friends of the NPW (715) 235-8859 Map: northpikescreek.org/location-maps

27. Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center (.75 & 1.2 mi) E
29270 Co Hwy G, Ashland, WI 54806
Enjoy a .75-mile boardwalk trail which encircles the Nature Discovery Area, or the 1.2 mile Aldo Leopold Land Stewardship Trail with newly restored wetlands and a viewing platform overlooking the North Fork of Fish Creek.
More information: Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center (715) 685-9983 Map: nglvc.org/trails.html

28. Orienta Falls (short path) M
Orienta Falls Rd, Orienta, WI 54865
Orienta Falls on the Iron River is located 5 miles west of Port Wing. Follow a steep unimproved trail to the river - use caution as it is slippery when wet.

29. Pikes Creek Trail (2 mi) E
83875 State Hwy 13, Bayfield, WI 54814
The trail starts at the Les Voigt State Fish Hatchery Visitor Center parking area and runs along Pikes Creek.
More information: Les Voigt State Fish Hatchery (715) 779-4021 Map: bayfieldcounty.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/3103

30. Rainbow Lake Wilderness Area (up to 6 mi) E-M
Forest Road 38, Mason, WI 54856
The terrain ranges from old, narrow logging trails to rolling hills for easy to moderate hiking conditions.
More information: US Forest Service Washburn District (715) 373-6114

31. Raspberry River Walking Trail (5.5 mi) D
Old County Hwy K & Rowley Rd, Bayfield, WI 54814
Unmarked & unmaintained trail; mostly used for hunting access.
More information: Bayfield County Forestry & Parks Department (715) 373-6114

32. Rock Lake National Recreation Trail (various) M-D $
County Highway M 7.5 miles East of State Hwy 63
This is a narrow, classic ski trail of rolling to hilly terrain. For intermediate to advanced hikers, trail loops range from 1-10 miles.

33. Siskiwit Falls
Siskiwit Falls Road, Town of Bell (Cornucopia), WI 54827
A beautiful stretch of cascading waterfalls on either side of Siskiwit Falls Road. The northern falls are accessed by a primitive/undeveloped trail that runs along the east side of the Siskiwit River. Trail improvements are planned.
More information: Bayfield County Forestry & Parks (715) 373-6114

34. Tomahawk Lake Park Trails (1.7-4.5 mi) E-M
54585 Moore Rd, Solon Springs, WI 54873
The loops range from 1.7-4.5 miles. A three-sided shelter provides a rest stop about halfway along the longest loop.

35. Washburn Lakefront Walking Trail (2.6 mi) E
1048 W Bigelow St, Washburn, WI 54891 (Thompson’s West End Park)
This trail has a packed limestone surface and extends from Thompson’s West End Park through the Washburn Marina to Memorial Park. The western section of the trail is wheelchair accessible to Washington Ave with entrances at both ends.
More information: City of Washburn (715) 373-6160 Map: washburnchamber.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/walking-trail-smaller.jpg