

HERITAGE TRAIL SITES

1) Iron County Heritage Museum

The 10-acre grounds contain six complexes - logging, homesteading, mining, transportation, Victorian and the arts with 26 buildings.

Location: Drive two miles South of Iron River on M-189; turn E on 424 to Caspian, then left to Museum Road.

Phone: (906) 265-2617

2) Pentoga Park Indian Burial Grounds

This is the site of a pre-European Native American settlement and permanent area headquarters where Ojibwa Bands congregated.

Location: County Road 424 at South end of Chicaugon Lake.

Phone: (906) 265-3979

3) Alpha Circle Historic District

Established in 1914, this example of early engineering and government planning showcases a traffic circle.

Location: County Road 424, center of Village of Alpha.

Phone: (906) 875-3465

4) Iron County Courthouse

Located in the Crystal Falls Historic District, it is the most architecturally significant building in the County.

Location: 2 South Sixth Street, at the top of the hill in Crystal Falls.

Phone: (906) 875-3301

5) Harbour House Museum

Originally built in 1900, this Queen Anne Colonial Revival home has been restored and is now a museum featuring furnishings, decorations and artifacts from Iron County's past.

Location: 17 North 4th Street in Crystal Falls.

Phone: (906) 875-4341 or (906) 875-3454

6) Mansfield Location & Pioneer Church

Mansfield is the site where one of Michigan's worst mining disasters occurred on September 28, 1893; 27 miners lost their lives in a cave-in.

Location: Seven miles North of M-69 on Mansfield Cutoff Road, 1 mile North on Stream Road.

Phone: (906) 875-3553

7) Amasa Museum

The Amasa Museum, located in the Main Street Historical District of Amasa, formerly the township hall, is a fine example of late 1800s balloon-style architecture.

Location: 12 miles North of US 2, just off Hwy 141 on Pine Street in Amasa.

Phone: (906) 265-2617

8) Fortune Pond

Fortune Pond is an example of how mine sites can be reclaimed by nature. This iron mine produced 1,316,905 tons of iron ore from 1953 to 1958.

Location: ¾ mile North of US 2 on New Bristol Rd, two miles West of Crystal Falls.

Phone: (906) 265-3822

9) Be-Wa-Bic (Bewabic) State Park

This 315-acre State Park has a number of public log buildings built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s.

Location: Four miles West of Crystal Falls on US 2.

Phone: (906) 875-3324

10) Larson Park

Established in 1919, this park is the first roadside picnic site in Michigan and perhaps in the entire United States.

Location: On US 2, four miles East of Iron River.

Phone: (906) 875-3301

11) Apple Blossom Trail

This paved non-motorized pathway along the banks of the Iron River was originally the major corridor for the rail lines that hauled thousands of tons of iron ore.

Location: Trailhead located at the Iron County Chamber of Commerce; Access points in downtown Iron River or Caspian.

Phone: (906) 265-2514 (Caspian City Hall)

12) Lake Ottawa Recreation Area & Campground

An Ottawa National Forest recreation site that offers hiking trails to Orville's Bench on the Ge-Che trail. The site introduces visitors to one of the most breathtaking natural views in the County.

Location: One mile South of US 2 on M-73 to Ottawa Lake Rd, four miles.

Phone: (906) 265-5139

13) Mile Post Zero & Treaty Tree

This site notes where Captain Thomas Cram placed the first marker at the survey point establishing the Wisconsin-Michigan state boundary in 1840.

Location: From M-73 continue on Ottawa Lake Road to West Brule Lake Road to Stateline Picnic Grounds, total seven miles.

Phone: (906) 265-5139

14) Camp Gibbs Recreation Area

In 1935, Camp Gibbs was established as a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp. The materials and methods of construction represent a time when frugality was critical to the survival of society.

Location: Ten miles North of US 2, about two miles West of Iron River.

Phone: (906) 265-5139



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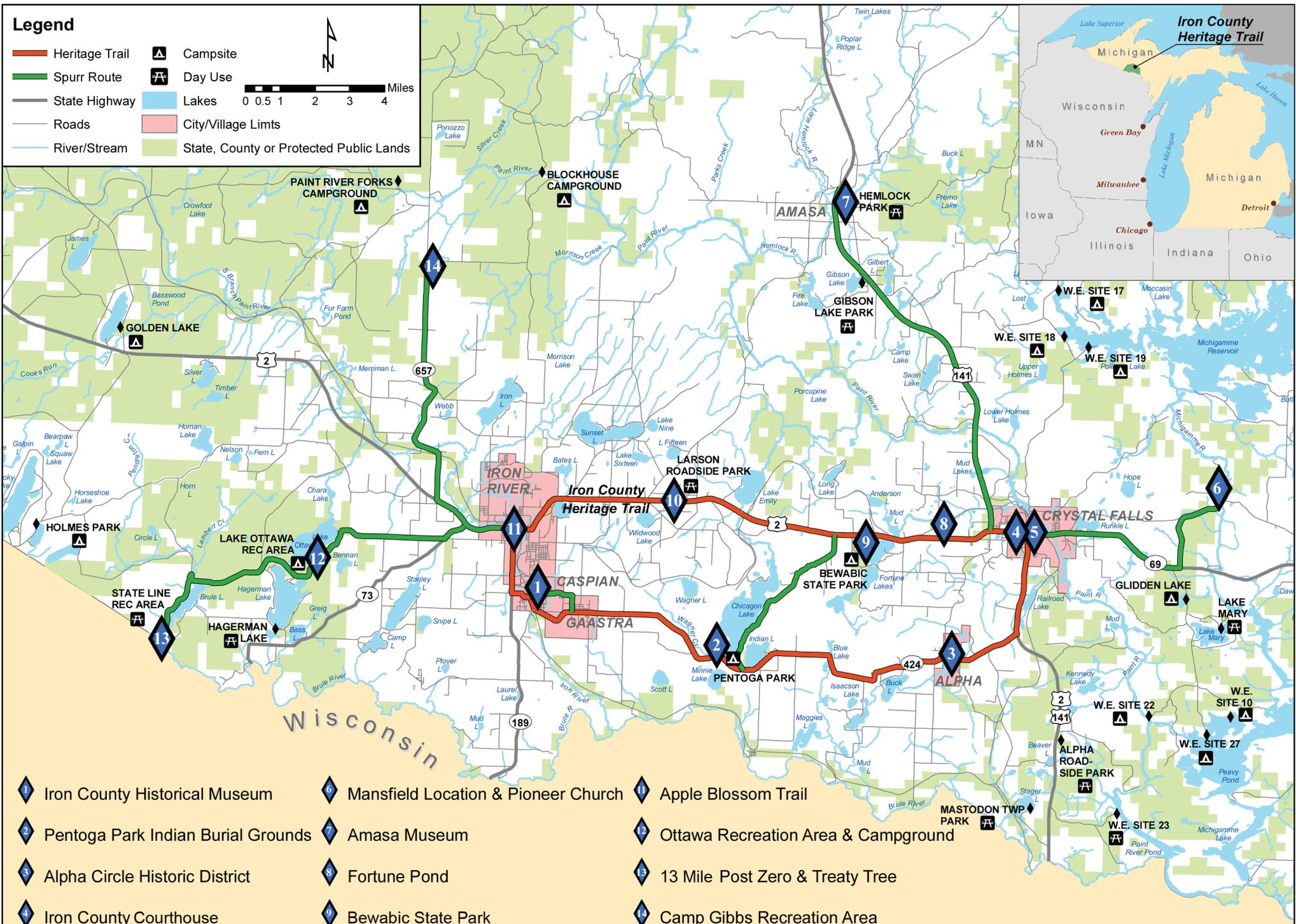
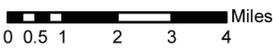
Iron County, Michigan is set amid the scenic forests, lakes and streams of the State's beautiful Upper Peninsula. No matter what time of year you choose to visit, an array of cultural and natural attractions await your discovery.

These designated sites along the 36-mile route, some of which are on the National Historic Register, are clearly marked and numbered to correspond with those in this brochure. Along the way are many other historic and natural features to be enjoyed. The Friends of the Heritage Trail, a non-profit organization, coordinates site maintenance and development.

www.IronHeritage.org

Legend

- Heritage Trail
- Spurr Route
- State Highway
- Roads
- River/Stream
-  Campsite
-  Day Use
-  Lakes
-  City/Village Limits
-  State, County or Protected Public Lands



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|  Iron County Historical Museum |  Mansfield Location & Pioneer Church |  Apple Blossom Trail |
|  Pentoga Park Indian Burial Grounds |  Amasa Museum |  Ottawa Recreation Area & Campground |
|  Alpha Circle Historic District |  Fortune Pond |  13 Mile Post Zero & Treaty Tree |
|  Iron County Courthouse |  Bewabic State Park |  Camp Gibbs Recreation Area |
|  Harbour House Museum |  Larson Park | |

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