

Trail Distances (measured from County A)

County Trunk "A" - Start of Trail	0.0 miles
Forest Road 411	2.1 miles
Forest Road 412	4.4 miles
Square Lake	6.3 miles
Forest Road 228 - Parking & North Boundary of Rainbow Lake Wilderness	7.1 miles
Tower Lake	9.3 miles
Rainbow Lake	10.2 miles
Trail crosses old Anderson Railroad Grade	11.4 miles
Bufo Lake	11.6 miles
Reynard Lake	12.6 miles
Wishbone Lake	13.3 miles
Forest Road 392 - Parking & South Boundary of Rainbow Lake Wilderness	13.5 miles
Stratton Ponds	13.6 miles
Nelson Lake	14.2 miles
Delta Drummond Road	15.0 miles
Mirror Lake	15.7 miles
Esox Lake Overlook	16.1 miles
Overby Lake	16.5 miles
Forest Road 397	16.8 miles
Long Lake Branch Creek	17.6 miles
Forest Road 235 - Parking	19.5 miles
Junction with State Highway 63	19.6 miles



The North Country Trail Association is a national group that works to promote, develop and maintain the North Country Trail. You can contact them at:
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The North Country National Scenic Trail in the Chequamegon National Forest is primarily maintained by the Chequamegon Chapter of the North Country Trail Association in cooperation with the US Forest Service and the National Park Service. For further information, calendar of events or to become a member of the Chequamegon Chapter go to: www.northcountrytrail.org and visit our website.

For more information and topographic maps of the North Country National Scenic Trail go to www.northcountrytrail.org or call 1-866-445-3628

National Park Service Website: <http://www.nps.gov/nocol>

US Forest Service Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/>

The North Country Trail

This 61 mile section of the North Country National Scenic Trail traverses the northern half of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. The trail extends from County Highway "A", near Lake Ruth, approximately 5 miles south of Iron River, Wisconsin, to FR 390 some 2 miles west of Mellen, Wisconsin. The trail offers an excellent summer hiking and backpacking experience. The North Country National Scenic Trail is primarily a hiking trail. Horse use on the trail is discouraged. Soils on the east end of the trail tend to be fairly wet and are not particularly suitable for riding. Mountain bikes are also discouraged and may not be ridden where the trail crosses wilderness areas. Cross country skiing is possible on the trail but is best in late winter when a crust has formed on the snow. Dog sled use is also allowed except where the trail follows the Penokee Mountain ski trail. Motorized use on the trail is prohibited under existing Forest Off-Road Vehicle Policy.

Wilderness

The North Country National Scenic Trail passes through the Rainbow Lake and Porcupine Lake Wildernesses. Only foot travel is allowed within wilderness—no motorized or mechanical transport, such as the use of bicycles, is allowed.

Camping

Camping is permitted along the trail. However, campsites must be kept at least 100 feet away from the trail or water's edge in order to protect natural features. There are two Adirondack shelters along the trail. One is located just off the trail by the Marengo River and the second is located just west of FR 604.

Water

Water is available from pumps at Lake Owen Picnic Ground, Two Lakes, Lake Three, and Beaver Lake Campgrounds. Water in streams and lakes along the trail is only safe to drink if it is boiled or treated.

Garbage and Waste

Pack out what you pack in. Burying garbage is not satisfactory because cans will usually be exposed in time through animal or frost action. Human wastes must be buried in a hole located at least 100 feet from any open water, the trail, or any campsite.

Fire

Fires are allowed on National Forest land but please be careful. Most locations along the trail have 1 to 4 inches of duff on top of mineral soil. The duff will burn if you build a fire on it. You must remove the duff to mineral soil before constructing a small fire. Rocks have no effect in containing a fire. All fires should be put completely out by thoroughly soaking the embers with water and then mixing them with mineral soil. In dry conditions we suggest that you use camp stoves rather than wood fires. In extremely dry conditions open fires may be prohibited.

Bears

Bears frequent the area along the North Country Trail. Please be careful with food storage when you camp. It is best to suspend food supplies in a bag or pack between two trees at least 10 feet off the ground. The black bears that inhabit the area do not normally attack people, but be careful about getting between a mother bear and her cubs.

Wildlife

Several species of birds and animals make their home in the woods along the trail. A few of the animal species are white tailed deer, black bear, coyote, grey wolf, fox, fisher, gray squirrel, red squirrel, and chipmunk. Birds that may be seen are bald eagle, osprey, several species of hawk, raven, crow, owls, several species of ducks and shore birds, loon, heron, grouse, spruce grouse, jays, vireos, and warblers. The sighting of any wildlife depends upon the ability of the trail users to travel quietly and use their powers of observation. Wildlife, as a whole, are quite timid and will avoid you at every opportunity. They generally won't bother you unless they feel their security threatened or are searching for carelessly located food stores.

Parking

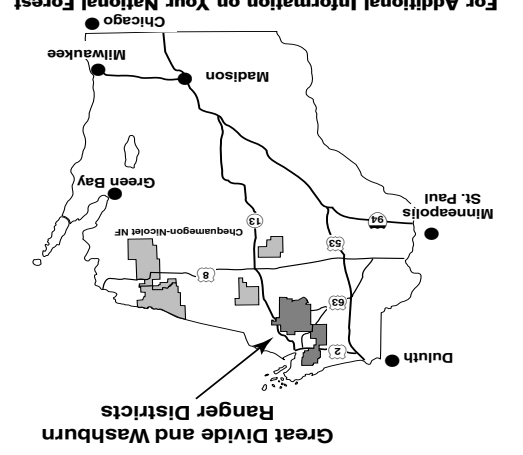
There is no charge for most parking areas shown on the map, however, several of the more developed parking areas are fee areas. The following areas require either a daily fee or an annual sticker: Penokee Mountain Ski Trailhead (winter only), Lake Owen Picnic Ground, Drummond Ski Trailhead.

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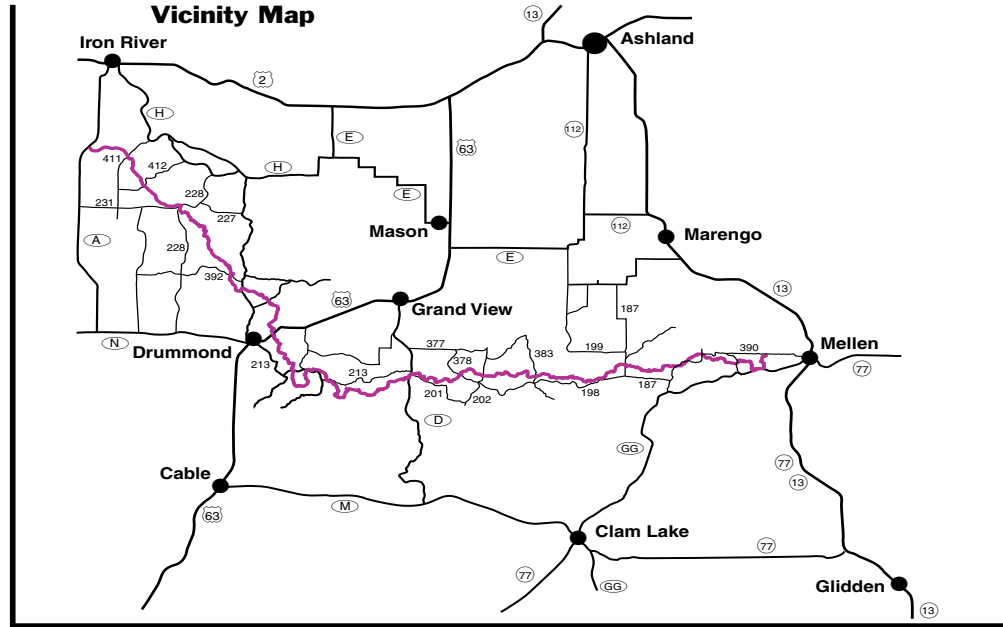
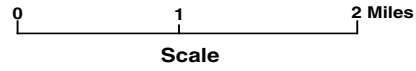


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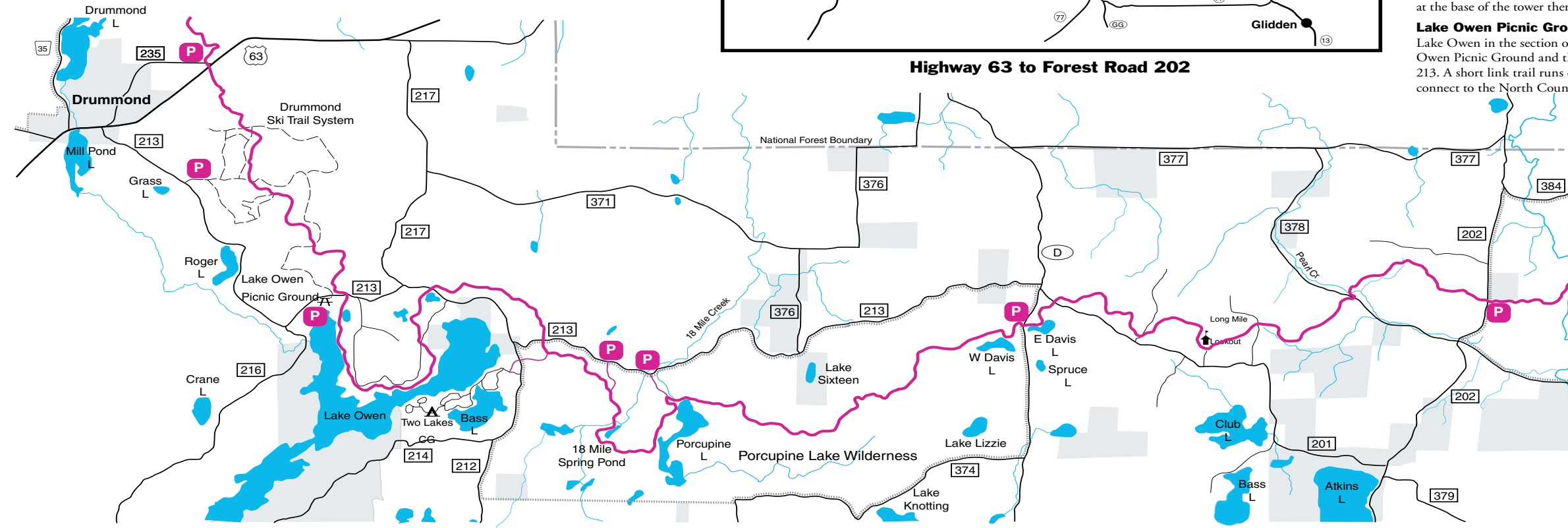


Legend

- P Parking Area
- ▲ Developed Campground
- ⛶ Picnic Area
- 🗼 Lookout Tower
- 🏠 Adirondack Shelter
- North Country Trail
- Ski or Hiking Trails
- 13 N State or County Highway
- 213 Forest Roads
- Private Land
- Non-Motorized Areas and Wilderness



Highway 63 to Forest Road 202



Short Hikes

For those who don't want to hike the entire distance of the North Country Trail on the Chequamegon-Nicolet NF, here are some interesting places to hike:

Marengo The Marengo Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized area from FR 202 to the Snake Trail (FR 383). This section has quite a bit of topography. There are three overlooks where one can see for several miles. In addition there is an interesting old home site—the Swedish Settlement just east of the Marengo River.

Rainbow Lake Wilderness The Rainbow Lake Wilderness is particularly scenic in the fall color season. Here the trail passes by several small lakes and you can see where loggers around the turn of the century constructed several narrow gauge railroads to remove the white pine. Bufo Lake along the North Country Trail is particularly scenic.

Porcupine Lake Wilderness The western portion of the Porcupine Lake Wilderness is fairly scenic. Here the trail passes by Porcupine Lake and Eighteen Mile Spring Pond, Eighteen Mile Creek, and Porcupine Creek.

Long Mile Lookout This old fire tower is 2.5 miles east from the parking lot at Highway D. From the rock outcrop at the base of the tower there is a great view to the east.

Lake Owen Picnic Ground There are great views of Lake Owen in the section of trail from FR 213 near Lake Owen Picnic Ground and then back north to Forest Road 213. A short link trail runs east from the picnic ground to connect to the North Country Trail.

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Junction with State Highway 63	19.6 miles
Forest Road 213	23.1 miles
Access Trail leading to Lake Owen	
Picnic grounds	23.3 miles
Forest Road 213	26 miles
Forest Road 213 & Porcupine Lake Wilderness	
North boundary	27.5 miles
Trail leading to Two Lakes Campground	27.6 miles
Eighteen Mile Creek	28.8 miles
Eighteen Mile Spring Pond	29.3 miles
Porcupine Lake	30.4 miles
Highway D & East Boundary Porcupine Lake Wilderness	34.3 miles
East Davis Lake	34.5 miles
Forest Road 201	34.8 miles
Forest Road 378	38.6 miles
Pearl Creek	38.9 miles
Forest Road 202 - Parking	40.3 miles
Marengo River	41.4 miles
Trail To Adirondack Shelter	41.5 miles
Swedish Settlement	42.1 miles
Forest Road 383	44.0 miles
Coffee Creek	45.1 miles
Whiskey Creek	46.1 miles
Trail to Beaver Lake Campground	47.1 miles
Scenic Overlook - Seitz Lake	48.8 miles
Forest Road 187 - Parking	50.1 miles
Access trail to Lake Three Campground	50.2 miles
Scenic Overlook - Lake Three	50.3 miles
Brunsweler River Bridge	52.1 miles
Forest Road 188 Parking	54.1 miles
Forest Road 188	54.9 miles
Forest Road 188	55.9 miles
Trout Brook	56.5 miles
Forest Road 604 - Parking	58.3 miles
Penokee Trailhead - Parking	59.9 miles
Forest Road 390	61.4 miles

This trailhead is 2 miles west of Mellen, Wisconsin

Forest Road 202 to Mellen

