Experience the Trail

The Manistee River Trail is an 18 - 24 inch wide trail that follows the east bank of the Manistee River for 10.5 miles between Red Bridge River Access and Seaton Creek Campground.

As visitors hike the trail they will pass through a variety of vegetation, ranging from pine to deciduous trees, to swamps and cedar seeps. Several spring-fed waterfalls and tributary creeks, as well as intermittent views of the river, add splendor to the trail.

Two connector trails, located at the southern and northern portions of the trail connect the Manistee River Trail to the North Country National Scenic Trail, making a 23-mile loop.

Camping -
Along the trail there are several designated campsites marked by carsonite/fiberglass posts with numbers. You can also camp 200 feet from water and 100 feet off of the trail.

Seaton Creek Campground is located at the northern end of the trail, and is a trailhead and campsite.

Mountain Bikes -
Although mountain bikes are not allowed on the trail, they are allowed on the connector trails.

Fishing -
The river is popular for many types of fishing. Consult the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fishing Guide or MI-DNR website: www.michigan.gov/dnr for complete information.

Suspension Bridge
Manistee River Trail and Backwaters

Red Bridge River Access
Hiking the Trail

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Red Bridge River Access (from Manistee)
- Turn left and travel north on High Bridge Rd. for 6 miles.
- Turn right and travel east on Coates Highway for 8 miles.

Seaton Creek Campground (from Mesick)
- Travel south on M-37 for 4.5 miles.
- Turn right and travel west on 26 Mile Rd. for 3 miles.
- At the fork veer right on O'Rourke Rd.
- Turn right and travel north on FR 5993 for 4 miles into the campground.

Government Landing (from Manistee)
- Turn left and travel north on High Bridge Rd. for 6 miles.
- Turn right and travel east on Coates Hwy. for 3.5 miles.
- Turn right and travel south on Dilling Rd. for 2.5 miles.
- Turn left and travel northeast on Upper River Rd. for 2.5 miles.
- Turn right on Forest Road 8130.

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Conduct and Ethics
Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Bring water or a filtration system with you.
Camp on Hardened Ground
- Campsites must be at least 200 feet from water and 100 feet from roads and trails.
Dispose of Waste Properly
- Create waste disposal areas at least 200 feet from water, camps and trails.
Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Make sure ashes are cold to the touch before leaving.
Be Considerate of Other Visitors
- Remove trash when you leave.

Float Times
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