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Recreation Fees
Recreation fees are required at most day-use sites and campgrounds. Check bulletin boards for fee information.

Directions to Trailheads

From Mesick
Travel south on M-37 for 13 miles. Turn right and travel east on Fire Tower Rd. The site is immediately on your left.

From Marlette
Travel south on M-37 for 3 miles. Turn right on M-27 for 3 miles. Turn right on M-37 for 2 miles.

From Baldwin
Travel south on M-37 for 3 miles. Turn right and travel west on Highway 14 Mile Rd. Turn left and travel south on Bingham Rd. for 1 mile.

From White Cloud
Travel south on M-37 for 5 miles. Turn right and travel west on M-20 for 2.75 miles. Turn left and travel south on Fire Rd. for 1 mile.

From Willette Marsh
Travel south on M-37 for 5 miles. Turn right and travel west on M-20 for 2.75 miles. Turn left and travel south on 40th St. for 1 mile.

From Sterling Marsh
Travel south on M-37 for 7 miles. Turn right and travel west on Hodenpyl Rd. for 5 miles.

From Manistique
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- Bring water or a filtration system with you. Don't trust water from streams or ponds without treating.
- 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, campsites 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.
- Share the trail with other users.

Mountain Biking Allowed
- Marilla to Dilling Road - 21 miles
- M-55 to Bowman Lake - 41 miles
- Nichols Lake N. to M-20 - 18 miles

Mountain Biking Not Allowed
- Dilling Road to M-55 - 20 miles
- Bowman Lake to Nichols Lake N. - 17 miles
- M-20 to Croton Dam - 19 miles

Legend
- Baldwin Ranger Station
- Trailhead
- Campgrounds
- Non FS sites
- Hiking Only
- Open to bikes
- Manistee River Trail
- National Forest System Lands
- Sterling Marsh

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