

BEAVER MEADOWS HIKING TRAIL SYSTEM

WELCOME to the Beaver Meadows Trail system. This system consists of five interconnecting trails, totaling 5.9 miles that wind through the forested hills around Beaver Meadows Lake. The trails begin at the dam at Beaver Meadows Recreation Area.

FINDING THE AREA – The trailhead is located at the Beaver Meadows Recreation Area on Forest Road 282, four miles north of Marienville on N. Forest Street (Forest Road 128).

HIKING THE AREA – A wide variety of experiences await the hiker at Beaver Meadows. The terrain around the lake is gentle offering a leisurely hike. Opportunities to view wildlife are plentiful. “You Area Here” signs are located at junctions and other key areas.

Beaver Meadows Loop – This 2.5 mile loop is marked with gray diamonds. South of the lake, the trail passes through a grassy savannah dotted with spruce and pine trees. As the trail nears the headwaters of the lake, look for the small fenced areas that protect blueberry plants from deer browsing. Then the trail passes over the lake on a floating boardwalk. North of the lake, the trail climbs to a forest of black cherry and red maple.

Seldom Seen Trail – This trail is 1.0 miles long and is marked with blue diamonds. This trail passes through a mature forest of black cherry, red maple, beech and red pine. The highlight of the trail is the half acre blueberry patch. The area is protected with a fence to protect the plants from deer browsing. Enjoy the blueberries in late July and August.

Salmon Creek Loop – This loop trail is 1.4 miles and is marked with blue diamonds. This trail is dominated by a peaceful red pine and spruce forest. Several beavers make their home in Salmon Creek. If you are quiet, you may be able to see one.

Penoke Path – This trail is 0.8 miles long and is marked with blue diamonds. As this trail follows Penoke Run, it passes through a grassy savannah on an old railroad grade. The large old stumps in the savannah are the remnants of a forest that was cut at the turn of the century.

Lakeside Loop – This short 0.2 mile trail is marked with blue diamonds. This trail takes you closer to the lake to enjoy the scenery, view wildlife, or fish.

REGULATIONS – These trails are for hiking, skiing, and mountain biking. Motorized vehicles, ATVs, and snowmobiles are not allowed on any of the trails. Forest trails policy prohibits the use of a saddle, pack, or draft animals on hiking or cross county ski trails. If you are hunting in the area, please make sure you are outside the campground boundary.

SAFETY – The skill level of these hiking trails are MORE DIFFICULT and you should be in good health to enjoy them. The trail surface is uneven with many exposed roots and rocks. We encourage you to hike with at least one other person and to

leave your itinerary with friends so they’ll know where to look if you don’t return on time or need assistance.

These trails are open for winter hiking. Remember to dress in layers appropriate for the weather conditions. Be aware that these trails are used heavily in the late fall and spring by hunters. It is a good idea to wear bright fluorescent colored clothing if hiking during these time periods. Practice NO TRACE ETHICS —PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT... and for sanitary disposal of wastes, dig a pit on flat ground at least 6 inches deep and at least 200 feet from water.

EMERGENCY – The nearest hospital is in Brookville, 25 miles south. The nearest telephone is located in Marienville, 4 miles south on Forest Road 128. The pump water in the developed recreation areas is safe for drinking. Water from any other sources should be boiled before consumption.

VOLUNTEERS – If you, a friend, or a club is interested in volunteering to help maintain the trails in this area, please contact the Ranger Station.

CUSTOMER SERVICE – The Marienville area offers food, lodging, gas and a small medical center. We would like to hear about your trail experience. Please report any unsafe trail conditions. We appreciate your support.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about this and other opportunities, please contact:

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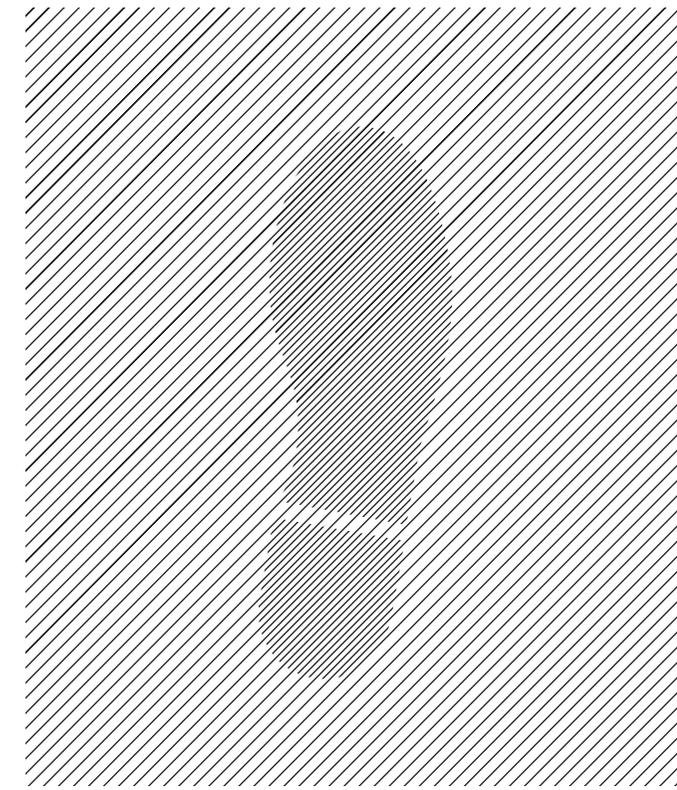
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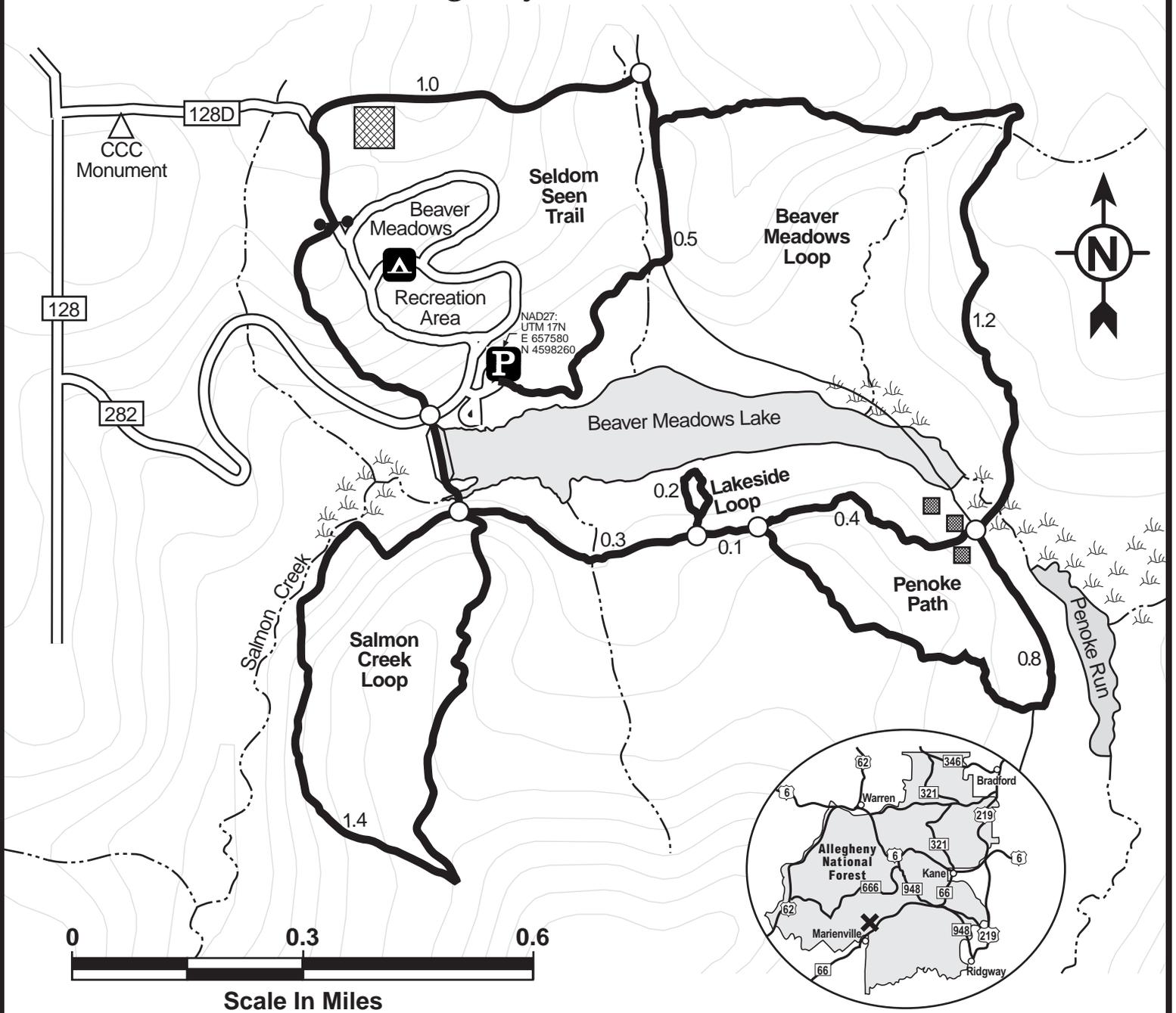
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Legend

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| P Parking | A Camping Area |
| — Trails | Wetlands |
| == Roads | Blueberry Plantings |
| — Railroad Grade | ● Gate |
| - - - Streams | ○ Mileage Between Points |



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