

Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness

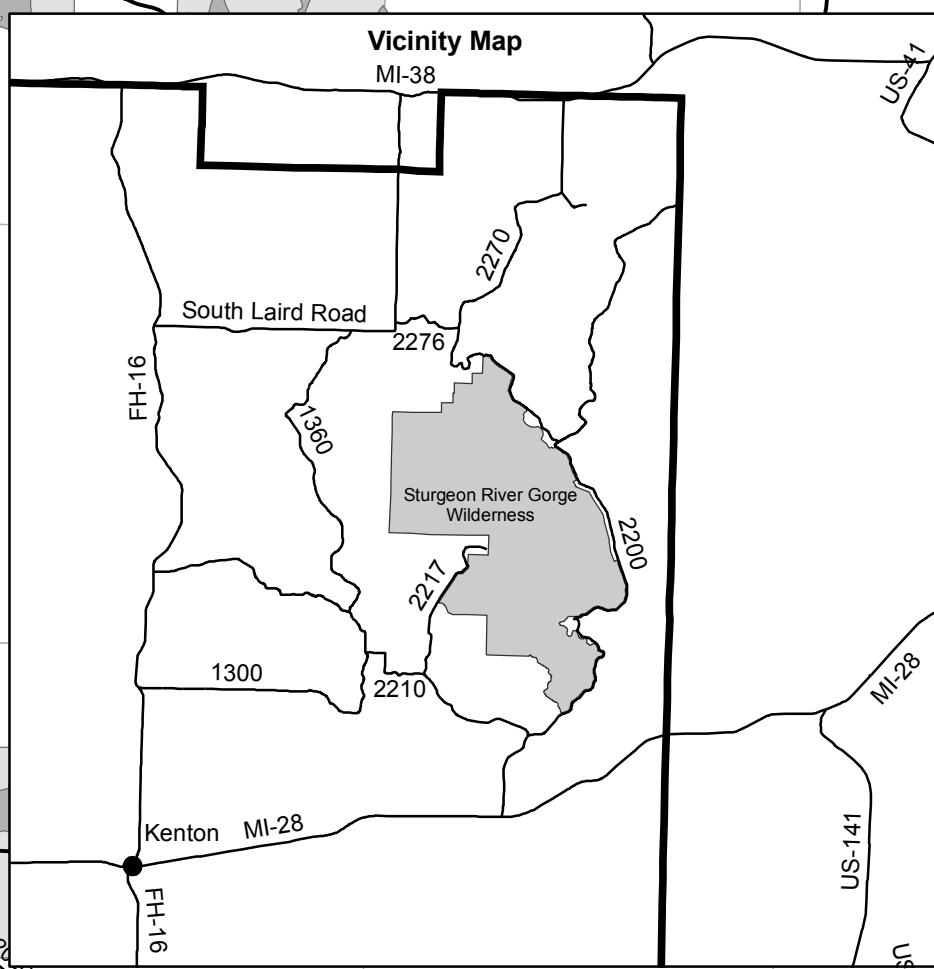
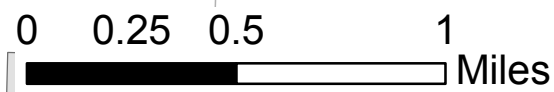
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The Wild and Scenic Sturgeon River rushes out of the northern portion of this Wilderness, over the 20-foot volcanic outcropping of Sturgeon Falls, and through a gorge that reaches 350 feet in depth and a mile in width. Throughout this rugged, steep Wilderness, the Sturgeon and Little Silver Rivers and their tributaries have carved falls, rapids, ponds, oxbows, and terraces. Stunning views are possible from the eastern rim of the gorge.

Except for a few naturally bare slopes, most of the land is forested with pine, hemlock, aspen, sugar maple, birch, and basswood. When the leaves of the hardwoods change color in fall, they form a vivid tapestry.

There are few established trails in Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness, and the few overgrown logging roads are hard to find and follow. The North Country National Scenic Trail parallels the northern and eastern boundaries for about eight miles. Sturgeon River Campground offers nine sites on the southeastern boundary. In spring and during peak runoff, kayaking and white-water canoeing are challenging, and only recommended for advanced paddlers.

- Map Coordinates
- ~ Roads
- - - Hiking Trail
- ~ streams
- Lakes
- Non FS Land
- Wilderness Boundary



Trail Mileages	
Sidnaw Creek Trail-	7.5 miles
Pine Bluff Trail-	.8 miles
Sturgeon Falls Trail-	1 mile
Bears Den Overlook-	.15 miles

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