

Trail Guide

Ambrose – Black Lake

This trail guide is intended to provide a brief overview of each trail. Included is the width of the trail which indicates what vehicle types are appropriate: 40" = Motorcycle; 50" = Motorcycle & ATV; 72" = Motorcycle, ATV & Truck. Amount of traffic on an average riding day is shown, although holiday weekends generally have much higher levels of traffic. Length of the trail, in miles, is listed which is a total of all trail segments. Also included is if county & forest roads near the trail are open to ORVs or not.

Ambrose Lake Pg# 78

Width: 50" Length: 12 Traffic: Some County Rds: Yes Forest Rds: No
ORV Trail, shorter but connects to other systems via ORV trail. Generally sandy, flat & open. Directly connects with Ambrose Lake State Forest Campground. Modern staging area near campground. Located in Ogemaw County which has opened county roads to ORVs.

Atlanta Pg# 1-2

Width: 50" Length: 79.3 Traffic: Some County Rds: Yes Forest Rds: No
ORV Trail, several loop options. Varies from flat & sandy to hard pack & hilly. Some rocks. Can be whooped. Varies from jack pine scrub to mature (open) hardwood stands. Direct fuel & food access via ORV Route to facility on M-33. Direct access to Jackson Lake State Forest Camground. Modern staging area on M-33 next to DNR Atlanta Office. Located in Presque Isle & Montmorency counties which allow ORVs on county roads.

Atlanta Pg# 1-2

Width: 72" Length: 65 Traffic: Some County Rds: Yes Forest Rds: No
ORV Route, many loop options. Generally flat and sandy but some small hills and rocks. Portion of ORV Route in unique grid pattern (1/4 mile x 1/4 mile grid) allows for learners to have substantial riding in a small area on hard packed, wooded, terrain. See Atlanta Trail for campground/road/food info.

Baraga Plains..... Pg# 3

Width: 50" Length: 28.3 Traffic: Little County Rds: Yes Forest Rds: Yes
ORV Trail, generally flat and sandy. Whooped in spots, but overall not bad. Northern portion of loop in hard packed, hilly, mature hardwoods area provides some interesting riding. Modern staging area. Located in Baraga county which allows ORVs on county roads. Forest roads generally open as well.

Bass Lake..... Pg# 4

Width: 40" Length: 24.5 Traffic: Little County Rds: Yes Forest Rds: Yes
ORV Trail, motorcycle-only. Generally wooded, tight/twisty and rough trail. Some rocks and lots of roots (most roots of any MI trail). Several rocky climbs with some that are very eroded with large rocks (not good for novice). Modern staging area. Located in Marquette county which allows ORVs on county roads. Forest roads generally open as well.

Bay City Lake Pg# 5

Width: 50" Length: 7.9 Traffic: Little County Rds: Yes Forest Rds: Yes
ORV Trail, generally sandy in flat to rolling terrain. Very short trail. Small loop to the south contains a rock garden. North of the lake the trail is sandy, partially whooped and used by ATVs. South of the lake the trail is harder pack and used mostly by motorcycles (and narrower). Located in Mackinac county which allows ORVs on county roads. Forest roads generally open as well.

Beaver Creek..... Pg# 6

Width: 50" Length: 18 Traffic: Little County Rds: No Forest Rds: No
ORV Trail although generally marked as MCCCT only. Road sections require SOS license. This is basically part of the Cross State Connector for the MCCCT but is listed as an ORV trail. Narrow trail, rarely used but heavily whooped out.

Bergland - Sidnaw ORV Route Pg# 7-10

Width: 72" Length: 44.6 Traffic: Little County Rds: Yes Forest Rds: Some
ORV Route. Varied terrain, rocky sections. Old RR Grade. Located in Houghton and Ontonagon Counties which allow ORVs on county roads; some forest roads open.

Big Bear Pg# 11

Width: 50" Length: 14.1 Traffic: Some County Rds: Some Forest Rds: No
ORV Trail. Generally sandy and flat, lots of whoops. Part of the trail is hard packed, including rocks. Trail is on the tighter side of 50". Connects to Crapo Creek ORV Trail. Located in Montmorency county which allows ORVs on county roads; connector to Crapo Creek is in Otsego county which does not allow ORVs on county roads.

Big O.....Pg# 12-13

Width: 40" Length: 71.3 Traffic: Some County Rds: No Forest Rds: No
ORV Trail, open to motorcycles only, requires bikes to also be licensed by Secretary of State for all sections. Trail is on USFS land. Generally flat, sandy and wooded. Uses some county road connectors, shares northeast portion of trail with Little O trail which is open to ATVs. Two staging areas on loop.

Bill Nichols Pg# 14-16

Width: 72" Length: 39.8 Traffic: Little County Rds: Yes Forest Rds: Yes
ORV Route, entirely on old Railroad Grade. Generally straight and flat (like a railroad). Lots of interesting scenery, mostly northern hardwood & pine forests. Passes over the Firesteel Bridges with excellent scenic overlooks. Located in Houghton & Ontonagon Counties, which allow ORVs on county roads; forest roads generally open as well.

Birch Hills Pg# 17

Width: 40" Length: 8.4 Traffic: Little County Rds: Yes Forest Rds: Yes
ORV Trail, motorcycle-only. Very rocky trail with some hills. Mostly hard-packed (rock). Short trail. Located in Chippewa county which allows ORVs on county roads. Forest roads generally open as well.

Black Lake..... Pg# 18, 22

Width: 50" Length: 39.1 Traffic: More County Rds: Yes Forest Rds: No
ORV Trail. Generally sandy. Flat & narrow at the north with little use. Hilly, wider, whooped and used more heavily at the south. Connects to small Use Area which allows cross-country travel in a sandy bowl area that used to be a snow ski resort. Full size vehicles are not allowed in the Use Area. Connects to Bummers Roost ORV Trail. Connects to Bluffs Resort (campground/food/gas) and Black Lake State Forest Campground. Modern staging area near Use Area, staging area near Bluffs Resort as well. Located in Cheboygan and Presque Isle counties which allow ORVs on county roads.

Black Lake..... Pg# 18, 22

Width: 72" Length: 16.1 Traffic: More County Rds: Yes Forest Rds: No
ORV Route. Generally rocky and sandy. Some hills. See Black Lake Trail info for campgrounds/food/fuel info.