



Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

New Century Snapshot

Volunteers work tirelessly to improve mountain bike trails

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Rhinelander and Park Falls, Wis. – The Forest Service, along with countless volunteers, have worked tirelessly to establish mountain biking trails in the forest into the ‘Jewels of the Midwest.’

The Chequamegon Area Mountain Bike Association (CAMBA) and the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest formed a unique partnership that benefits thousands of mountain bikers every year. CAMBA has a network of trails in northwest Wisconsin, many of them on the National Forest in both the Great Divide and Washburn Ranger Districts.

These include more than 300 miles of marked and mapped trails mostly on public lands in the National Forest and County Forests in Sawyer and Bayfield counties.

Upkeep on the trail markers never ends. Trail markings include frequent reassurance markers, intersection “you are here” markers with a corresponding land marker number on the map, sign board with overview map, cluster map, and map dispensers at the trailheads.

Many within the mountain bike community consider the CAMBA trails to be the jewel of all mountain bike trails in the entire Midwest. There are miles and miles of trails for the mountain bike enthusiast to enjoy,



many of them single-track trails. CAMBA and the Forest Service have partnered to make the trails enjoyable, safe, and in some instances, challenging.

The early trails consisted mostly of travel ways through the Forest that were created for purposes other than mountain biking. Currently, CAMBA is trying to create more single-track trails designed specifically for mountain biking. The Forest works with CAMBA to complete the environmental analysis.

All the hard work paid off as CAMBA received an honor award from the Forest Service’s Washington Office in 1995. CAMBA’s mission is to promote and develop bicycling by encouraging tourism and recreation in balance with the natural environment. CAMBA trail maps are available in most Forest Service offices. Enjoy your national forest in Wisconsin and don’t forget to wear your bike helmet when riding the trails.

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