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Minnie Pond Campground offers a primitive, yet diverse camping experience. This human-made impoundment was designed to attract and provide habitat for waterfowl. Ducks, geese, and heron frequent the area. Minnie Pond houses a good population of bass, pike, and blue gill as well. Mena Creek, flowing from Minnie Pond is a popular trout fishing stream. A foot bridge connects the campground with the picnic area. A carry-in boat launch is provided. The land surrounding Minnie Pond is also noted for its deer hunting.

#### **LOCATION**

Minnie Pond is located in Newyago County, Michigan. The nearest community is Hesperia, about 11 miles southwest.

#### NATIONAL FOREST ACCESS

From Hesperia: Go east on M-20 about 6 miles, then turn north on Luce Avenue. Travel 3 miles, then turn east on 4 Mile Road for ½ mile. Turn north on Alger Avenue and travel 1 mile to Forest Road 5632 (Picnic Area) and just over 1 mile to Forest Road 9570 (Camping Area).

**From White Cloud:** Go north on M-37 1 mile to M-20. Turn west and travel 71/2 miles to Luce Avenue. Follow the instructions above from Luce Ave..

# **FACILITIES AVAILABLE**

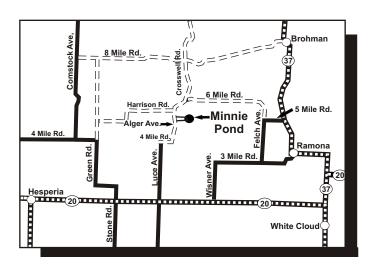
12 Drive-In Campsites12 Picnic Tables1 Vault Toilet2 Pit ToiletsCarry-in Boat Access

## **SEASON**

The camping season is from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend. However, camping is allowed year-round. The area is not snow-plowed. Please check with the Baldwin Ranger Station regarding dates outside the managed season (231-745-4631).

## **FEES**

A Huron Manistee National Forest vehicle pass is required at this site. Daily passes may be



purchased at the site. Weekly and annual passes may be purchased at the Baldwin Ranger Station or at participating vendors. Please contact the Ranger Station for this list or further details.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

To avoid resource damage, camping is allowed at numbered sites only. Camping at this site is prohibited beyond the 14 day limit.

Water is not available and there are no garbage facilities.

Care should be taken to keep the area clean and in the condition it was found, so visitors are asked to please pack out what they pack in. Please keep all vehicles within 50 feet of roads.

Please collect only dead and down wood for your campfire. It is illegal to cut live trees.

Off-road vehicles are not allowed in the campground or in this area. The M-20 Motorsport trail is located east of Minnie Pond and is open to unlicensed ATV's and motorcycles. The designated trailhead is located on M-20, west of White Cloud, Michigan.

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