



Ward Hills

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Snowmobile Trail

The Ward Hills Snowmobile Trail is located on National Forest System roads, two-tracks, and some Lake county roads. Many hills and curves make the trail exciting and provide opportunities to see wildlife in their natural state. Portions of this trail are groomed and maintained by two volunteer organizations, Irons Area Tourist Association and the Lake County Trail Riders. The Ward Hills segment of the trail system (shown on map) is approximately 45 miles in length.

LOCATION

This trail is located in Lake County, Michigan. The nearest communities are Branch (2 miles west) and Baldwin (about 10 miles south east of the Timber Creek trailhead).

NATIONAL FOREST ACCESS

From Baldwin, go north 3.5 miles to US-10, then 7 miles west to Timber Creek Campground. The trailhead is in the parking area at the east end of the campground.

From Branch, go 2 miles east on US-10 to Timber Creek Campground.

The trailhead is plowed.

FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT TIMBER CREEK CAMPGROUND

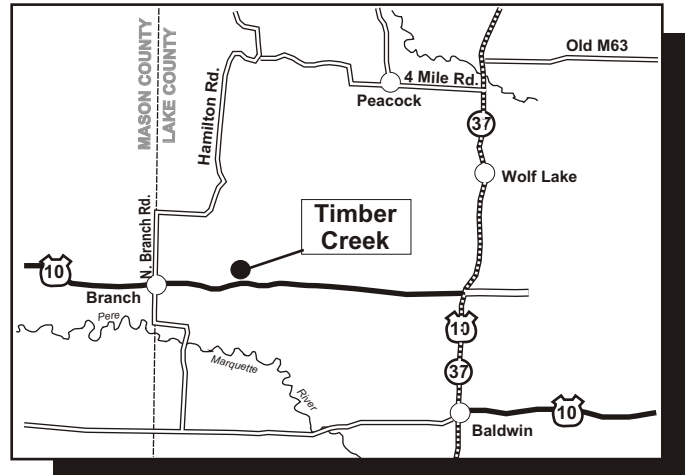
- 9 Campsites
- 9 Fire Rings
- 9 Picnic Tables
- 2 Vault Toilets
- Ward Hills Snowmobile Trailhead Parking
- North Country National Scenic Trailhead

SEASON

The season is from December 1 - March 31, depending on snow conditions. Please check with the Baldwin Ranger Station regarding dates outside the managed season.

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 local designated vendors. A Snowmobile Trail Permit is required to operate a snowmobile on public lands in Michigan. They can be purchased on line at www.mdnr-eligence.com or at designated vendor locations throughout Michigan.

CONSIDERATIONS

Trails are signed with orange reflectorized diamond shaped confidence markers.

All snowmobile trails are two-way traffic. Please obey trail signing and maintain your speed appropriate with trail conditions.

Counties allow snowmobiles to use the unplowed shoulders of their roads. Snowmobiles may not use the plowed surfaces of county roads according to state law.

Chasing or intentionally disturbing wild game animals with snowmobiles is prohibited by state law.

Portions of this trail utilize private property easements. Please respect private property rights.

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