



# Bowman Lake

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**Bowman Lake** is a place where you can experience solitude in a natural environment. Interaction between forest users is generally low. The Forest Service attempts to minimize on-site controls and restrictions to provide the user with a high probability of experiencing isolation from others, independence, tranquility, and self-reliance. The Forest Services' goal in this area is to maintain the natural environment by limiting motorized vehicle access. Approx. 9 miles of non-motorized trails provide access to the area.

**The Bowman Lake Area** presents a variety of recreation opportunities, such as hiking, cross-country skiing, fishing, canoeing, and camping. Glacial depressions are found in this area and provide homes for many species of wildlife. While motorized vehicles are prohibited, snowshoes and skis are welcome.

## NATIONAL FOREST ACCESS

**From Baldwin:** Take Seventh Street (also called 52nd and 56th Sts.) west 7 miles to the trailhead. The North Country National Scenic Hiking Trail can also be accessed here.

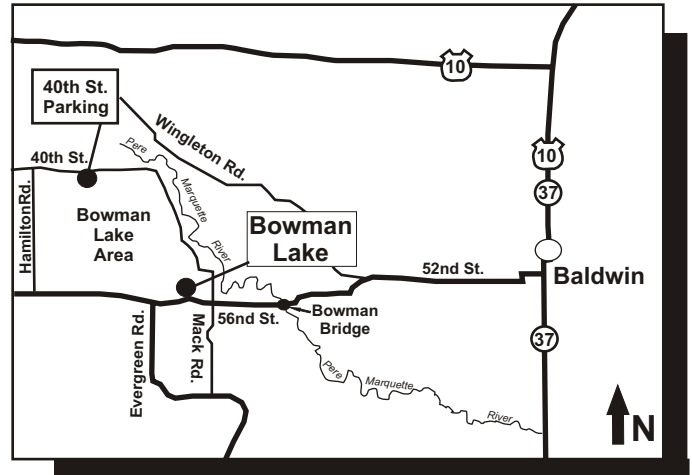
**40th St. Trailhead:** Turn north on Mack Road and travel approx. 2.5 miles to the parking area. It is on the north end of the area.

## FACILITIES AVAILABLE

White rectangle-shaped confidence blazes on trailside trees and posts designate the Bowman Lake Trail system. The North Country National Scenic Hiking Trail is marked with light blue rectangle-shaped confidence blazes. Visitors are asked to remain on the trail to prevent erosion. It is approximately 1/4 mile from the parking area to the lake.

## SEASON AND FEES

The hiking season is year-round, with snowshoeing and cross-country skiing during the winter months. The 56th St. parking lot is snow-plowed in the winter. A Huron-Manistee National Forest Recreation Pass is required at this site. Daily and weekly passes may be purchased at the site. Annual passes may be purchased at the Baldwin Ranger Station or at participating vendors. Please contact the Ranger Station for additional information or a list of vendors.



## CAMPING

Camping is restricted to the four designated sites located on Bowman Lake. You may camp along the North Country National Scenic Hiking Trail, away from the lake and at least 200 feet off the trail.

## CONSIDERATIONS

Camping is limited to 16 continuous days and you must occupy the site every day. Drinking water is not provided. Please pack out what you pack in.

Motorized vehicles are prohibited.

There are currently no toilet facilities at the site. Human waste should be buried 8" deep away from camp, trails, or water. Use biodegradable soap and dispose of waste water at least 200 feet away from any water source. Please do not wash dishes, clothes, or clean fish in the lake or any stream.

Please be careful with fire. Build fires in safe areas and keep them small. Use only dead and down wood for your fires. It is illegal to cut live trees.

Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) are required by law for each watercraft occupant and **must** be worn by children 12 and under at all times.

For State Fishing Regulations Consult the DNR website: [www.dnr.state.mi.us](http://www.dnr.state.mi.us). A permit is required for commercial use of National Forest lands.

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