



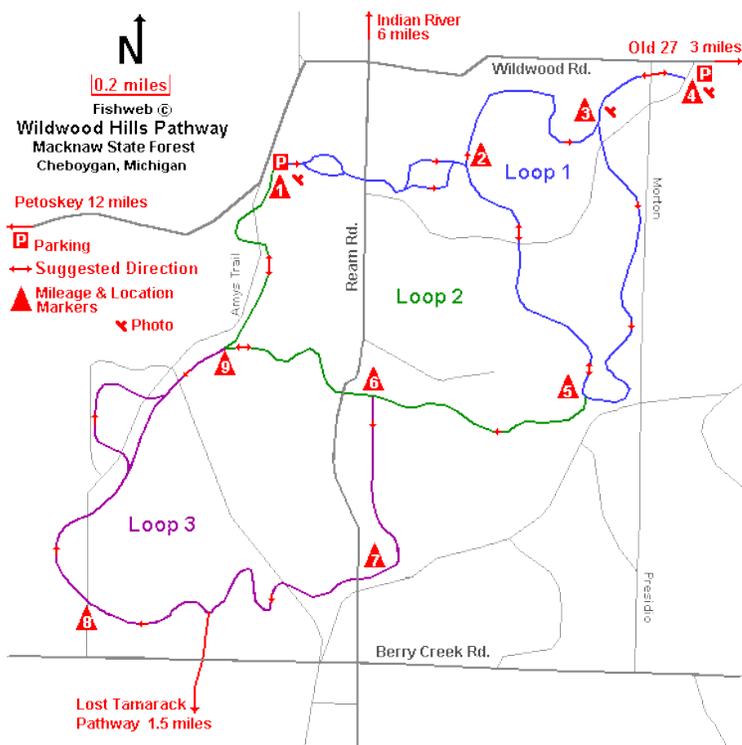
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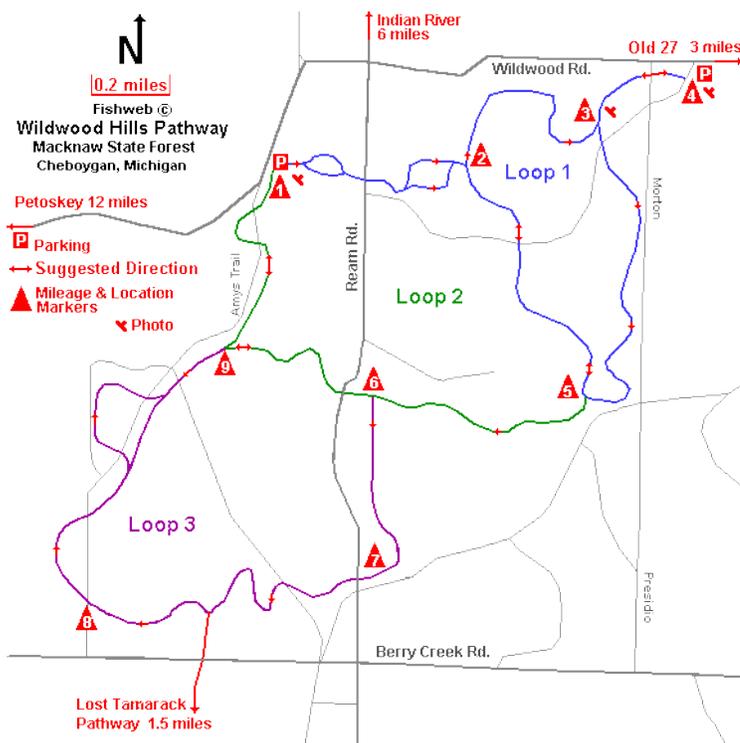
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About the TRAIL SYSTEM.

From the parking lot, the pathway heads into a red pine plantation as a level trail but within a third of a mile reaches its first hill and a bypass around it. Just beyond it you break out at Reams Road and then immediately begin climbing, gaining more than 100 feet before the trail tops off. A gentle downhill run follows to post No. 2, reached at **Mile 1**.

Head north (left) and after a short climb, the trail leads to a long, gentle downhill segment to post No. 3, the first open area you pass through at **Mile 1.9**. The next one south to Post 5 is a series of long, gentle grades that make for great cruising if you're on a mountain bike and fun skiing if it's in the middle of winter. At **Mile 2.4** you enter a red pine plantation that was planted by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s and today some of the trees are impressively tall. Post No. 5 is reached at **Mile 3.3** and you continue straight to reach post No. 6.

The trail continues to wind through a beech-maple forest that is beautiful in the fall and halfway to the next junction makes a long ascent to 940 feet. After topping off, you get to enjoy an equally long downhill run to post No. 6, reached at **Mile 4.4** and located along Reams Road.

The mile-long section to post No. 7 begins with a short be steep climb, followed by a long descent and then a level stretches along an old railroad bed left over from the days of logging. The post is also located right along Reams Road, which reached at **Mile 5.4** and is crossed to continue onto post No. 8.

On the west side of Reams Road, the pathway follows an old two-track and then crosses one. At **Mile 6.2** the trail swings sharply to the west (right) although the inclination is to continue straight. The trail to south is the unmarked connector to the Lost Tamarack Pathway and in less than a quarter mile reaches Berry Creek Road, a sandy dirt road.

The perimeter loop heads west, makes a long climb and then breaks out into the largest meadow of the day. Post No. 8 is reached at **Mile 6.8** at Amys Trail, that is crossed to continue. Follow the dirt if you want to bypass the next hill or avoid the only stretch of single track along the route. At **Mile 7.2** the pathway crosses Amys Trail again and then arrives at another bypass. Head west (left) to enjoy another climb and downhill run. Continue straight to play it safe.

You re-enter the woods and continue on another former railroad bed for final leg of the day. The pathway here is level and easy and post No. 9 is quickly reached at Mile 8. Amys Trail stays in view as you continue north to the West Lot Trailhead, reached at **Mile 8.7**.

Facilities

At the West and East Lot Trailheads there is a parking area, a vault toilet and a display map.

Fees

\$10 to the WINTERFEST/IR CHAMBER (**BUTTON FOR TENT INCLUDED**) and a state park Recreation Passport is required.

There is also a donation canister at each trailhead to help pay for the upkeep and grooming of the pathway. Please give.

Directions

From I-75, depart at exit 310 (Indian River) and head west on M-68 and then south on Old US-27 for 2.2 miles. Turn west on to Wildwood Road to reach the East Lot Trailhead in 2.6 miles and the West Lot in 4.7 miles.

From Petoskey, take Mitchell Road (CR-58) east 9.5 miles to Wildwood Road. Turn left on Wildwood Road to reach the West Lot Trailhead in 3.8 miles. The East Lot Trailhead is another 2 miles.

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

AGE:

SIGNATURE: _____