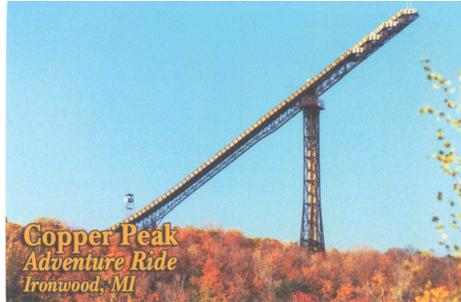


Ski Jumping

Copper Peak - Ironwood, Michigan



Copper Peak is located in the Western Upper Peninsula of Michigan near the Wisconsin border in Ironwood, MI. From the observation decks atop the giant ski jump, one can see 40 miles or more in every direction. You will be overlooking the west Lake Superior shoreline and the colorful mixed conifer - hardwoods of the Ottawa National Lakeshore, the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State park (the Midwest's largest, containing huge tracts of virgin timber), and the Gogebic - Penoque Hills (site of iron ore discovery which led to the development of several local communities).

Visitors to Copper Peak have the opportunity to "experience the feeling" of the ski flyer who is about to send himself down the 469 - Foot, 35 - degree inrun. In competition ski flyers accelerate to speeds near 70 mph (113 km/h) and launch themselves off the 8 - foot high take - off in a "leap of faith" and soar unassisted to the base of the hill.

Everything about Copper Peak is big. The ski jump (inrun) is the largest in the world rising some 241 feet above the crest of a 365 - foot copper - bearing outcrop historically known as "Chippewa Hill." The upper start gate and observation deck of this mammoth, cantilevered, 300 - ton steel superstructure reaches an elevation of 1782 feet above sea level, nearly 1200 feet above Lake Superior. This is one of the highest points in the State of Michigan.

Visiting Copper Peak:

During the summer and fall seasons, visitors can ride the 800 - foot chair lift to the crest of the hill, then take the 18 - story elevator to the main observation deck on the giant ski jump. (From here some elect to walk the additional eight stories to the very top start

gates.) These vantage points provide the highest, most awesome, unobstructed vista in the Midwest overlooking more than 2500 square miles including parts of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. (Under proper weather conditions some say parts of Canada can be seen.)

Open mid-June through Labor Day
Wed-Sun 10:00am to 4:30pm CST
and Weekends til mid-October

Rates for Chair Lift & Elevator:
Adults \$14.00
Youth 14 and under \$7.00



Refer to the US Ski Jumping website for winter ski jump event schedule.

Directions:

Take US 2 East from Watersmeet toward Bessemer, MI. Once in Bessemer, turn right on N Moore St / CR-513 (BP on the corner). Go 0.7 miles and stay LEFT to stay on Black River Rd. Continue approximately 9 miles to the Copper Peak Recreation Area.