

Little Girl's Point, Lake Superior

Near Ironwood, MI



It's like going off to the edge of the world and back in time to visit this simple, well-maintained Gogebic County Park. Little Girl's Point extends well over half a mile along Lake Superior. Its long cobble beach is a magnet for rock-pickers of all ages. Here you can look southwest to the Apostle Islands and northeast to the Porcupine Mountains. The views are riveting, especially at sunset. And the beach is fine for swimming, if you don't mind rocks and cold water!

Up on the bluff there is a picnic area with a pavilion, picnic tables and grills, shaded by maples that are brilliant in the fall color season. The picturesque stone buildings, rail fence, and colonial caretaker's house give the park a timeless look. Other nearby beautiful spots, all on CR 505, fit right in with the simplicity of Little Girl's Point: the Bald Mountain hike/bike forest trail (8 miles southeast) and Superior Falls (about 5 miles west).

The park goes back to the early 1900s, when the county acquired this choice real estate and saved it from private development. By the 1990s the park needed major renovation, starting with infrastructure. The Gogebic County Forestry department took over operations because it could fund improvements by timber sales.

Directions:

Located about 12 minutes northwest of Ironwood via Hemlock/Vanderhagen Rd, which becomes CR 505. From U.S. 2 coming from the east: take Lake St./CR 505 from U.S. 2. Look for the Holiday station and Walgreen's. (906) 932-1913; in off-season (906) 663-4518. \$2 daily use fee for nonresidents; \$10 annual fee.

OTHER IRONWOOD, MI POINTS OF INTEREST

Central Ironwood. Downtown is a shadow of itself during the mining and lumber booms, but visitors can find interesting spots, including the fabulous 1928 Ironwood Theater; the depot museum; a good quilt shop, antiques mall, and food co-op; impressive churches and Victorian homes; and good pizza, pasties, and Italian food.

Dan's Antique Mall . Colorful, rich assortment of interesting things. One of U.P. top antique shops.

Fabric Patch. A paradise for quilters, with eclectic selection of fabrics for many tastes.

Stormy Kromer store & tour. Stormy Kromer hats, designed for cold, blowy U.P. days, have become legendary. Here's the company store and how to tour the manufacturing plant.

Bald Mountain, Lake Superior Overlook, and the Powers Trail System. Little-known spots with nice views for motorists and mountain bikers.

Superior Falls. Little publicized, this thundering 40-foot waterfall in a deep gorge of the Montreal River settles into a quiet pool.

Interstate Falls. A couple miles northwest of Ironwood the wide Montreal River plunges 25 feet .

Saxon Falls. One of Gogebic's outstanding waterfalls 12 miles north of Ironwood.

Whitecap Kayak Company, Steep Creek Outfitters, and Steep Creek Cafe. Interesting shoreline trips for beginners and experienced kayakers alike give a fresh perspective of the region.

Mount Zion Scenic Overlook. This rock overlook close to Ironwood gives a fine view of surrounding hills, forests, and farms.

Depot Antiques & Gifts. In an old railroad warehouse, this unusually appealing shop offer a variety of items old and new, from gourmet foods to vintage toys ... [more](#)

Black Bear Sports. A veteran guide runs this well-stocked outdoors shop, with fishing gear and good advice.

Ironwood Memorial Building. A lavish Beaux Arts civic building, recently restored, features stained glass, murals, original light fixtures, and interesting local history exhibits .

World's Tallest Indian. What did they do to pump up the economy when the mines gave out in the 1960s? Attract tourists by building an 8-ton, 53-foot-high Indian chief and calling him Hiawatha, the "World's Tallest Indian" (actually Maine has a taller one).