

# Presque Isle Trails Information Only

## Hiking Trails

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There are approximately 11 miles of hiking trails at the park. Bicycling and in-line skating are not permitted on hiking trails. Due to fluctuating lake levels, portions of trails may be seasonally flooded and not passable without appropriate footwear.

**Fox Trail:** This trail winds through wooded swamps and oak-maple forests. It is maintained and groomed as a cross-country ski trail in the winter. (.5 miles)

**Old Gas Well Trail:** This trail follows a ridge between Beach 7 and the Marina. The trail passes a gas well that produces gas used at Presque Isle State Park. (.5 miles)

**Canoe Portage Trail:** This short walk between sand dunes and forest connects Pettinato Beach (Beach 8) to Marina Lake. (.25 miles)

**Ridge Trail:** This trail follows the edge of Cranberry Pond along a portion of ridge that was a beach dune 300 years ago. (.5 miles)

**Marsh Trail:** This trail bisects Cranberry Pond, one of the many ponds on Presque Isle. The pond formed as water was trapped between two ridges. (.25 miles)

**Sidewalk Trail:** This historic trail was originally constructed by the U.S. Lighthouse Service as a path from the Presque Isle Lighthouse to the U.S. Lighthouse Service boathouse in Misery Bay. The trail was once a wooden boardwalk and was resurfaced with concrete in 1925. (1.25 miles)

**Dead Pond Trail:** This trail leads over several former dunes and through several distinct ecological zones. You will walk through oak-maple forest, pines and sandplains. (2 miles)

**A-Trail:** This short trail connects Pine Tree Picnic Area to Dead Pond Trail and passes through a vernal pond. When the vernal pond fills with water in the spring, the trail is wet. (.2 miles)

**B-Trail:** This short trail connects Pine Tree Road to Dead Pond Trail and passes through a stand of pines. (.25 miles)

**Pine Tree Trail:** This trail follows the edge of a sandplain community and a stand of pines. Located along this trail are the remains of the Biology Field Lab that was used by Dr. O. E. Jennings to study plant succession on Presque Isle. (.7 miles)

**Gull Point Trail:** This trail begins at the kiosk at the east end of the Budny Beach (Beach 10) parking lot and makes a loop through Gull Point. At the southeast end of the loop, a trail leads to the edge of the Special Management Area and an observation platform for viewing shorebirds. (1.5 miles)

**North Pier Trail:** This trail follows the shoreline between North Pier and Beach 11, along one of the sand ridges. An old firing range used for training during World War II may be seen along this trail. (.7 miles)

**Grave Yard Pond Trail:** This trail follows the shoreline along Grave Yard Pond, which as legend has it was the final resting place for many of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry's men during the winter of 1813-1814. Two boat landings along the trail offer scenic views of the lagoons and Big Pond (.75 miles)

**Long Pond Trail:** This trail follows the shoreline of Long Pond, one of the ponds within the lagoon. Approximately halfway along this trail is a boat landing. The landing is a popular fishing spot and offers a scenic view of the lagoon. (1 mile) **Duck Pond Trail:** This trail begins at Duck Pond and intersects the Canoe Portage Trail and connects with the Old Gas Well Trail. (.5 miles)

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**Karl Boyes Multi-purpose National Recreation Trail:** The Multi-Purpose Trail and extension makes a 13.5-mile circuit of the park. This paved trail is designated as a National Recreation Trail. This ADA accessible trail is popular with bicyclists, in-line skaters and joggers. During the winter, the trail is plowed from the entrance to the park office for hikers. For cross-country skiers, the trail is left snow covered from the park office to Perry Monument. The trail was renamed in 2003 for the late State Representative Karl Boyes. Without his vision and

tireless efforts, the trail would not exist.

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