

Sleeping Bear Dunes

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National Lakeshore

Shauger Hill Trail

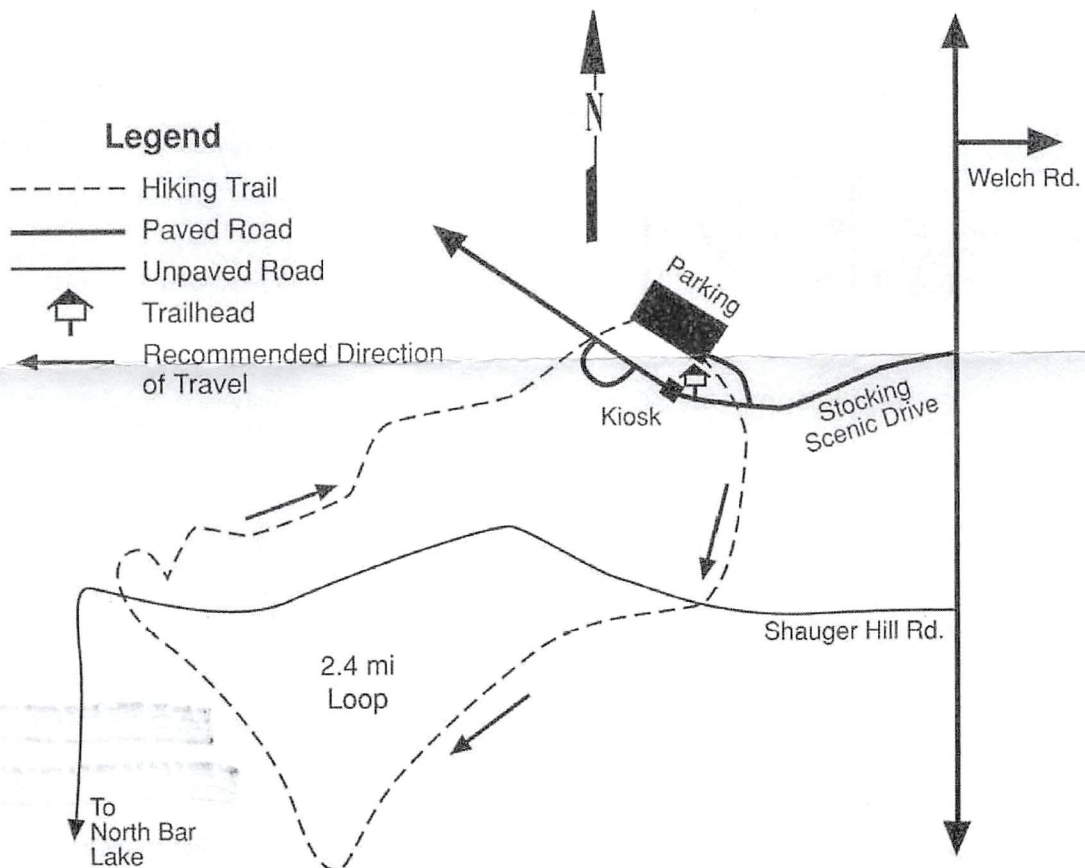


Trail Description

This 2.4 mile (3.9 K) trail takes you through hardwood forest interspersed with a few small fields and pine plantations. The first half of the loop has some moderate uphill slopes, while the latter part has some steep downhill sections. The glacial soil of this sill supports the climax beech-maple forest.


The trail crosses Shauger Hill Road twice and the Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive twice. Be careful crossing these roads.

This rich woodland changes with the seasons. In the spring, look for wildflowers and morels; in the summer enjoy the deep shade and listen for the songs of the ovenbird, red-eyed vireo and veery; in the fall, relish the colorful foliage; and in winter, try cross-country skiing through these snowy woods, part of the Scenic Drive Cross-Country Ski Trail system.



See reverse side for other trails at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore and general trail information.


Key

 **Authorized Parkland**

Many pieces of private property exist within the park's authorized boundary. Respect all property owners' rights.

 **RANGER STATION**

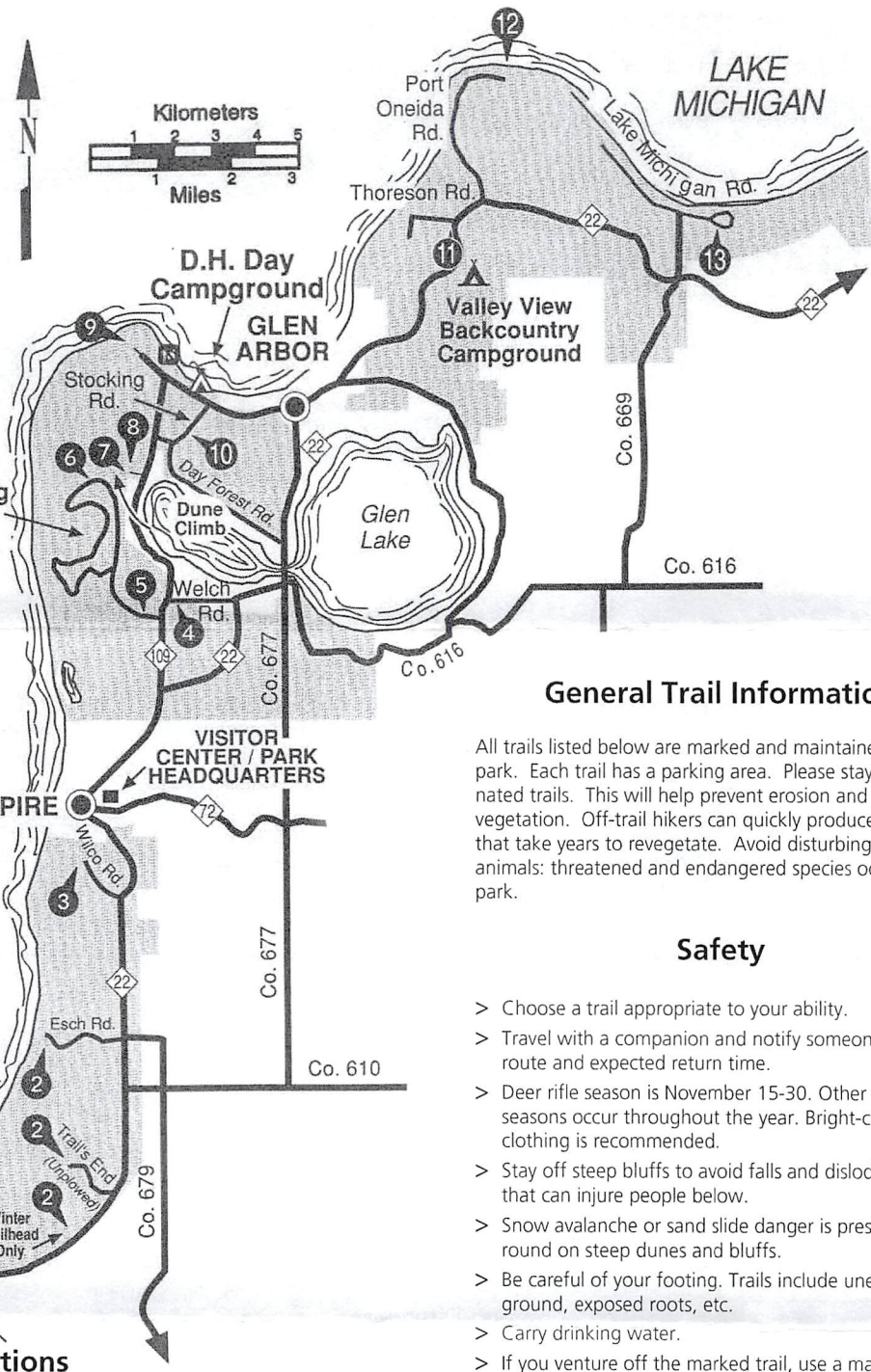
 Campground

 Backcountry Campground—Walk-in (permit required)

Trails

H&S – Hiking & Ski
H – Hiking Only
S – Ski Only

- ① Old Indian (H&S)
- ② Platte Plains (H&S)
- ③ Empire Bluff (H)
- ④ Windy Moraine (H&S)
- ⑤ Shauger Hill (H) and Scenic Drive (S)
- ⑥ Cottonwood (H)
- ⑦ The Dunes (H)
- ⑧ Duneside Accessible (H)
- ⑨ The Dunes (Sleeping Bear Point) (H)
- ⑩ Alligator Hill (H&S)
- ⑪ Bay View (H&S)
- ⑫ Pyramid Point (H)
- ⑬ Good Harbor Bay (H&S)



General Trail Information

All trails listed below are marked and maintained by the park. Each trail has a parking area. Please stay on designated trails. This will help prevent erosion and damage to vegetation. Off-trail hikers can quickly produce paths that take years to revegetate. Avoid disturbing plants and animals: threatened and endangered species occur in the park.

Safety

- > Choose a trail appropriate to your ability.
- > Travel with a companion and notify someone of your route and expected return time.
- > Deer rifle season is November 15-30. Other hunting seasons occur throughout the year. Bright-colored clothing is recommended.
- > Stay off steep bluffs to avoid falls and dislodging rocks that can injure people below.
- > Snow avalanche or sand slide danger is present year-round on steep dunes and bluffs.
- > Be careful of your footing. Trails include uneven ground, exposed roots, etc.
- > Carry drinking water.
- > If you venture off the marked trail, use a map and compass.
- > Poison ivy is common. Learn to recognize it. Remember: "Leaflets of three, let it be."
- > Be prepared for mosquitos.

In case of emergency, seek help at the nearest ranger station, campground office, or visitor center.

Park Rangers-Emergency Dispatcher
231-326-5134
1-800-PARK TIP

Police, Fire, Ambulance
Call 911

Regulations

- > Vehicles are permitted only on roads. Bicycles are only permitted on roads and the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail.
- > Collecting plants and other natural, historical and archaeological items is not permitted. Exception: certain edible fruits and mushrooms may be collected in limited quantities for personal use.
- > Pets on trails must be kept on a 6-foot maximum, hand-held leash. Pets are not permitted at the Dune Climb.
- > Glass is banned on all park beaches.
- > Fires are permitted only in campground and picnic area fireplaces. Beach fires are restricted to bare beach sand between the water and first dune.

Where to obtain a Park Pass

Purchase a pass year round at the visitor center or Platte Point fee machine; or seasonally during regular hours of operation at campground offices, Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive or the Dune Climb, or between 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at Leland Harbor. Seven-day passes may also be purchased from May thru October, 24 hours a day, at self-pay fee canisters at the Maritime Museum and at road-end beaches: Peterson, Esch, North Bar Lake, CR 669, and CR 651.