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Hiking the Peshtigo River State Forest

Spring Rapids Hiking Trails



The Forest Trails

Hiking is a good way to get close to nature. The state forest has a total of 10 miles of designated trail set aside for hikers. 5 miles of trail is found at the Spring Rapids Trailhead, the other 5 miles of designated trail are found at the Seymour Rapids Trailhead and in the campground, Old Veteran's Lake. In addition, there are many more miles of trail on old logging roads, forest access roads, and snowmobile trails. Contact the state forest office for more information on these trails. A permit and/or the State Trail Pass is not required for day-use hiking.

Spring Rapids Trails

Trail	Length	Level
Riverside	1 mi./1.6 km	Easy
Aspen Ridge	2 mi./ 3.2 km	Easy
Big Oak	2.5 mi./ 4 km	Intermediate
Kirby Hills	0.63 mi./ 1 km	Difficult

Trail Tips

You will encounter some steep hills and ridges while on the Spring Rapids Trail System. The steep hillsides can erode easily. For your own safety, please stay on the trails.

Private land does border the state forest. Please respect private landowners and do not trespass.

Keep in mind that these trails are a home for wildlife and plants. Keep it tidy and leave everything as you found it for others to enjoy.

Dress appropriately in sturdy, comfortable clothing and footwear. For a more enjoyable hike, you may want to bring insect repellent, camera, binoculars, and field guidebooks.

Pets are allowed on the trail, but must be kept on a leash no longer than 8 feet at all times. Please do not allow your pet to become a nuisance to other trail users and **please clean up after your pet**.

Safety Messages

Designated Use Areas

Designated use areas are those developed areas such as trails, picnic areas, campgrounds, or other areas that are inspected and maintained by the Department and shown on the official property map. All other areas are considered undesignated. These areas are not maintained or inspected by the Department. Users are encouraged to limit their activities to designated areas.

Public Hunting

The majority of the Peshtigo River State Forest is open to public hunting and trapping during the established open seasons. Hunters are required to wear blaze orange during the statewide 9-day gun deer hunt; it is recommended that all other forest users also wear blaze orange when using the trails.

Hikers

Be aware that trails vary in difficulty. The trails are not surfaced and steep climbs or descents may be encountered. Trail surfaces can become slippery when wet, leaf covered, or where loose gravel may be encountered. Motor vehicles are not allowed on the trails.

Emergency Information

Your first source of assistance in any emergency should be 911. The nearest public pay phone is at the Corner Convenience Amoco Station, 3 miles west of County Road W. Please report any safety hazards to the state forest office.

