

MARQUETTE TRAIL 50

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO AID STATIONS FROM FORESTVILLE TRAILHEAD (START/FINISH AREA)



The line on the map represents your itinerary by car to get to all the Aid Stations from the Forestville Trailhead (Start/Finish Area). For detailed driving directions, see the following page.

To Wooden Bridge Aid Station

- {3.5-mile drive to aid station, ~10-15 min}

Turn LEFT from NTN Forestville Trailhead Parking Lot, go down the hill, GO STRAIGHT, then TAKE A RIGHT. Follow this and cross the active railroad grade, making a LEFT onto Forestville Road. Continue 1.7 miles on pavement to Wright Street. Take a LEFT, down the hill about 1 mile (past the gate with square opening), to a parking lot ON THE LEFT (trailhead with map of trails). Park here. Walk down the hill until you reach a wooden bridge (0.2 mile).

Back to Forestville Trailhead - Start/Finish Area

- {3.5-mile drive to aid station + walk from parking lot, ~10-15 min}

To return to the Start-Finish Area, Forestville Trailhead, turn RIGHT from small gravel lot. Go uphill on Wright St. about 0.8 mile. Turn RIGHT on Forestville Road. Continue 1.7 miles on pavement. Turn RIGHT across an active railroad grade [*went too far if you end up at Dead River Falls – a great hike;o*]. Go straight on gravel road. LEFT towards Forestville Trailhead Sign... RIGHT in Forestville Trailhead that includes a parking area and polebarn.

To Sugarloaf Mountain Parking Lot Aid Station

- {9-mile drive to aid station, ~20 min}

Return out to Wright St. [*you should be getting good at this by now, eh ;o*] Follow directions above, if need be... At Wright St. turn LEFT. Follow Wright St. East to the intersection of Sugarloaf Ave. about 2.7 miles [*at stoplight, Northern Michigan University will be on your right*]. Turn LEFT, and take this 0.5 mile to Country Road 550/Big Bay Road. Turn LEFT, and follow CR550 North 3.5 miles to Sugarloaf Mountain Parking Lot. Parking and aid station are on the right.

To Harlow Lake 1st Bridge Aid Station

- {3-mile drive to aid station, ~5-7 min}

Turn RIGHT out the Sugarloaf Parking Lot. Take County Road 550 North about 2.5 miles to Harlow Lake Road. LEFT on Harlow Lake Road [*it's easy to miss... The road to Little Presque Isle, a fabulous beach, is just past your turn on the right... if you get to the 4-lane section of CR550 you went too far.*] Go down gravel road about 0.6 mile. When you first see Harlow Lake, then a small turn-out is on the left, before the first bridge. [*You went too far if you cross any of the three vehicle bridges.*]

To Harlow Lake Old Railroad Grade Aid Station

- {0.6-mile drive, ~2 min}

Continue down Harlow Lake Road, cross 3 vehicle bridges, pass a turn off for Harlow Lake Cabins... Now stay to the LEFT... You will come to the Southwest corner of Harlow Lake where the Old Railroad Grade and Forestville Road intersect [no signs]. Aid station will be in this sandy parking lot.

Return to Forestville Trailhead - Start/Finish Area

- {12.7-mile drive + walk from parking lot, ~25-30 min}

Take Harlow Lake Road out to CR550 (about 1.3 miles). Turn RIGHT onto CR550 going South for about 6 miles. Turn RIGHT onto Sugarloaf Ave. Take this 0.5 mile to Wright St. Turn RIGHT continue out of town, uphill, about 2.7 miles, turn RIGHT on Forestville Road. From here, follow the same directions as above (To Forestville Trailhead - Start/Finish Area).