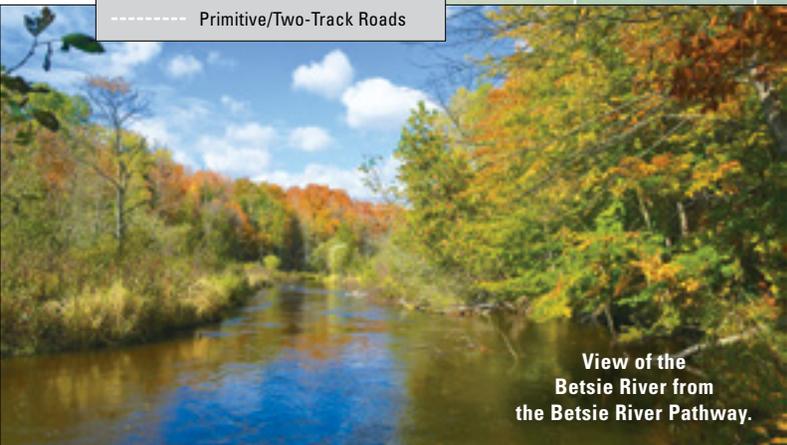


Crystal Mountain Trails • Betsie River Pathway



View of the Betsie River from the Betsie River Pathway.

Crystal Mountain Hiking and Mountain Biking Trails

With its beautiful downhill and cross-country ski runs, and superb hospitality, Crystal Mountain offers a wide range of outdoor sports activities you can enjoy all year long. This includes over 15 miles of interconnected hiking and mountain biking trails, and access to another 8 miles of trails on the Betsie River Pathway – all open to fat tire biking and snowshoeing during the winter season. There’s something for everyone. The Aspen, Pineapple and Nature trail loops are scenic and moderately challenging. The Screaming Eagle and Crystal Peak trails (on the mountain) are more advanced and thoroughly thrilling. The 2.5-mile Michigan Legacy Art Park Loop guides you through 30 acres of hilly terrain with more than 40 outdoor art sculptures (open to snowshoeing during the winter). Mountain bikes, fat tire bikes and snow shoe rentals are available at the Park at Water’s Edge in Crystal Mountain Village. You will need to purchase a multi-use trail pass if you would like to ride your own bike on the Crystal Mountain Trails. For a fun day trip, pedal 2 miles east on Lindy Road to Thompsonville to ride the Betsie Valley Trail (see page 59) to Lake Michigan and back.

Betsie River Pathway

Explore 8 total miles of scenic hiking, mountain biking and cross-country ski trails on the Betsie River Pathway, situated on State Forest land west of Crystal Mountain. The trail system consists of two main loops that radiate from the trailhead on Longstreet Road. The western loop travels through pine and hardwood forest to the Betsie River. The eastern loop takes you on a journey through mostly wooded terrain, pine groves and grassy meadows. This well developed trail system features wayfinding maps and distance markers at each intersection so you always know where you are as you ride or hike through this quiet commune with nature.

Peak-to-Peak Mountain Biking Route

For a fun adventure and healthy workout, we highly recommend the 12-mile Peak-to-Peak Mountain Biking Route, a continuous loop that takes you through the best of both the Crystal Mountain Trails and Betsie River Pathway. The route is based on the annual Founders Peak2Peak Mountain Biking Race that takes place at Crystal Mountain in late October.

