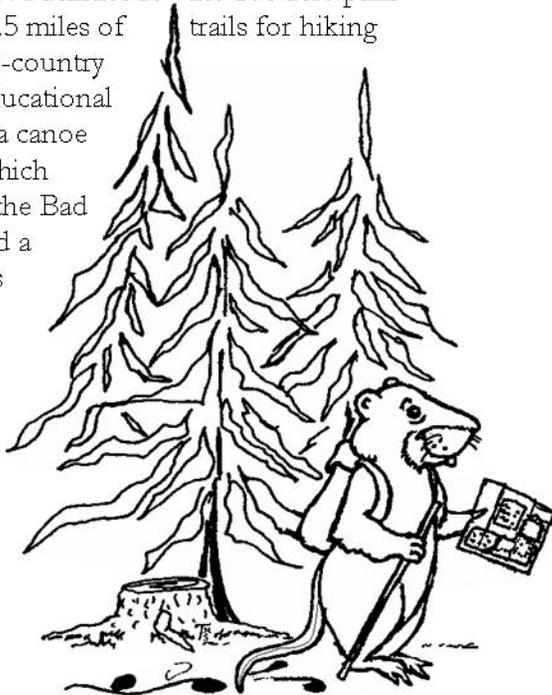


Park History

“This land, originally part of the great pine forest of Michigan, was lumbered in 1862 by Eleaser J. Ring. Here one of the earliest forest plantations in the state was established in 1883, by his son, William Lee Ring, in whose memory his brother, Clark L. Ring, presented the tract to the University of Michigan in 1930 to be used henceforth for instruction, demonstration and research in forestry.”

In 1983, a lease was executed between the University of Michigan and the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission and the park officially opened to the public June 1987. Facilities at the 160 acre park include 3.5 miles of trails for hiking and cross-country skiing, educational displays, a canoe launch which accesses the Bad River, and a children’s play area.



Visit Our Parks

Imerman Memorial Park, 3495 Midland Rd., Saginaw Township, offers a wide variety of activities. With access to the Tittabawassee River, you can fish from shore, rent a canoe or launch your own boat. The park also offers sand volleyball courts, horseshoes, ball fields, shuffleboard, basketball, tennis courts, a playground, dog park and modern and rustic restroom facilities. Over one mile of hiking trails take you around the park and past each of the four pavilions, which are available for rent.

William H. Haitheo Recreation Area, 2121 Schust Rd., Saginaw Township, is a beautiful park with a 40 acre man-made lake. The park offers a lifeguard supervised beach, sand volleyball courts, paddleboat rentals, horseshoes, playground, fishing access, and modern restrooms. There are five pavilions available for rent, two on the north end and three on the south end of the park. The park is conveniently located off I-675 at the Tittabawassee Road exit.

Price Nature Center, 6685 Sheridan Rd, Bridgeport Township. If seclusion is more your style, then this is the place for you! Located 5 miles south of Saginaw, this park offers nearly three miles of hiking trails through its 186 acres. Additionally, the park offers one pavilion available for rent with a play area nearby. A group campground is also available for those interested in rustic camping.

Saginaw Valley Rail-Trail begins at Lumberjack Park in St. Charles and ends 6.1 miles north at Benkert Rd. When completed the trail will cover 10 miles of abandoned rail corridor in Saginaw County, stretching from St. Charles to James Township. Trail features include several bridges over various rivers and creeks, wetland areas, a wildlife viewing platform and a variety of different habitats.

Veterans Memorial Park is a one and a half-mile parkway on the Saginaw River, located off M-13 and north of Zilwaukee. It features picnic areas, fishing and boat launch access.

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RINGWOOD FOREST TRAIL GUIDE

Ring Rd. St. Charles



Keep a look out for signs of the past.



In 1862, Lumberjacks cut down nearly all of Ringwood's White Pine trees, also known as Michigan's "Green Gold." Thanks to reforestation efforts by the Ring Family and the University of Michigan Ringwood Forest is home to some of the state's oldest tree plantations.

These woods are full of rich history, if only the trees could talk. While walking the trails you will have the pleasure of passing by several different species of trees. These trees include but are not limited to, Red Oak, White Pine, European Larch, American Beech, Poplars, Sassafras, Hawthorn, Locust, Black Cherry, Balsam Fir, Scotch Pine, Jack Pine, White Cedar and Maple.

Pikes Perch is one location you will not want to miss as you hike through Ringwood Forest. While at Pikes Perch you can almost imagine what the Bad River was like in 1862. In the spring this river was full of bobbing White Pine logs that were guided to stream side sawmills by the river drivers' peaveys (tool used to move logs in a lever motion).

Caution: Poison Ivy



Trail Information

Distance

Historic Spruce Alley _____ 0.4 mile

Observation Overlook _____ 0.6 mile

● Walnut Ridge Trail _____ 0.6 mile

Lumberjack Loop Trail-

↑ Scenic Overlook Trail _____ 1.1 mile

↑ Shortcut Loop _____ 0.9 mile

Foot Bridges & Western Trails-

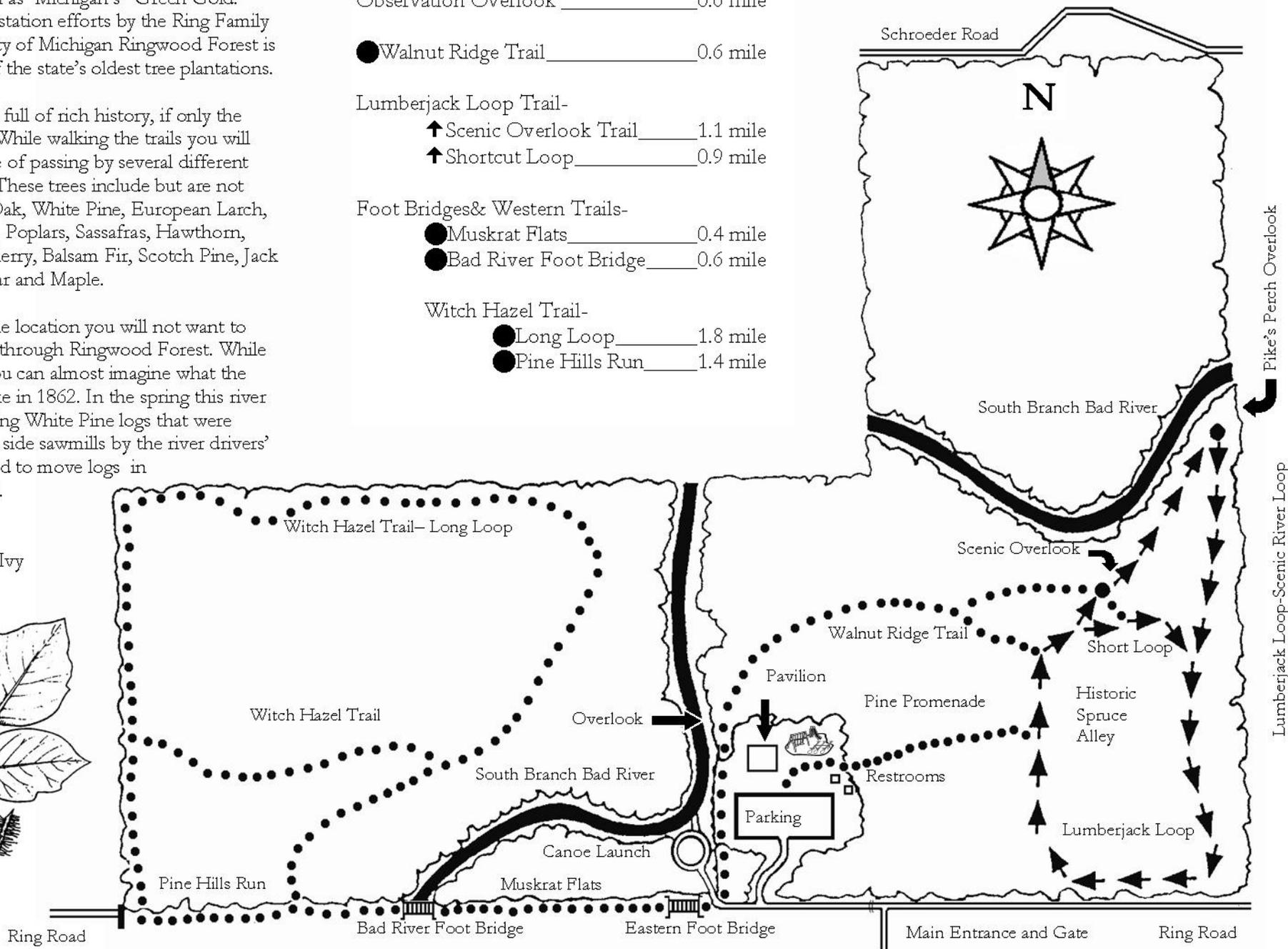
● Muskrat Flats _____ 0.4 mile

● Bad River Foot Bridge _____ 0.6 mile

Witch Hazel Trail-

● Long Loop _____ 1.8 mile

● Pine Hills Run _____ 1.4 mile



Lumberjack Loop-Scenic River Loop

Pike's Perch Overlook