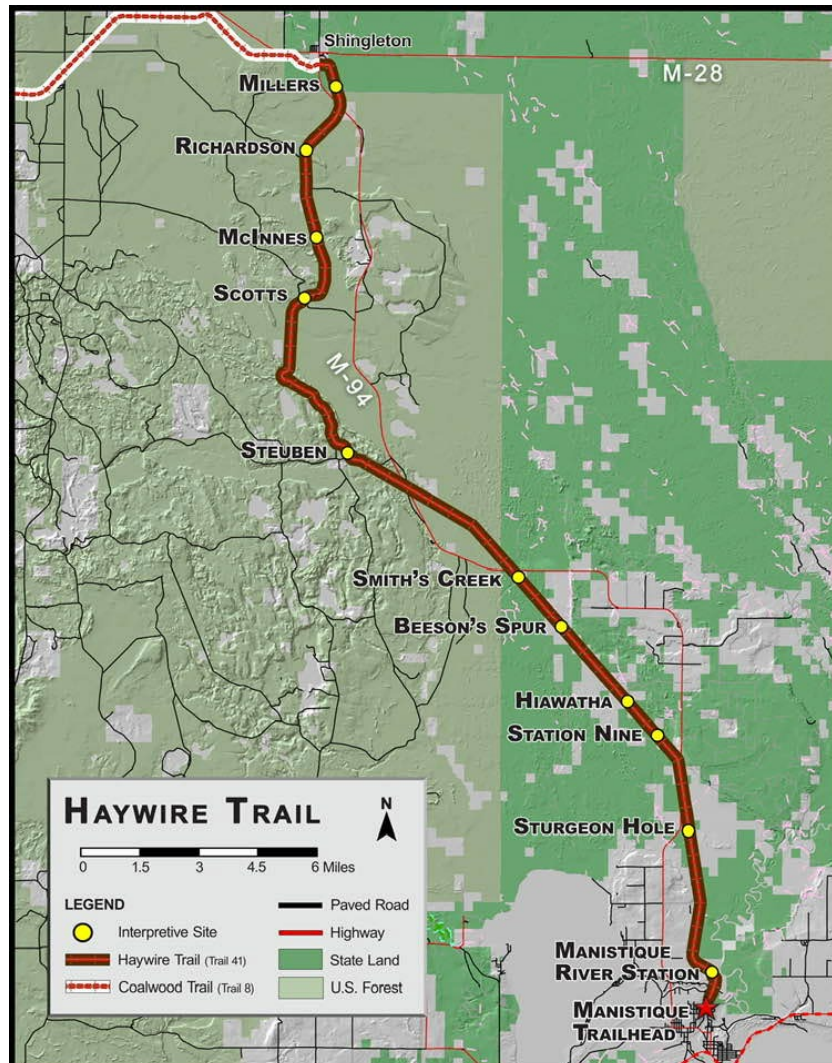


*Out with the old - March went out like a lion.
In with the new - Atv fun on the
Haywire Grade Trail*



More Than 50 Years of fun:

The Haywire Grade Trail

Michigan's first rail trail turns 55 years old in 2025. It is a year-round multi-use trail that crosses the Upper Peninsula north to south from Shingleton to Manistique.

History

The trail's historical significance dates to the late 1800s. The Manistique and Northwestern Railroad began operation in 1898 and reorganized as the Manistique and Lake Superior in 1909. The railroad served the logging industry and fostered settlement in the region. Many of the trees harvested from the area were sent to Illinois to help rebuild after the Great Chicago Fire.

Interpretation

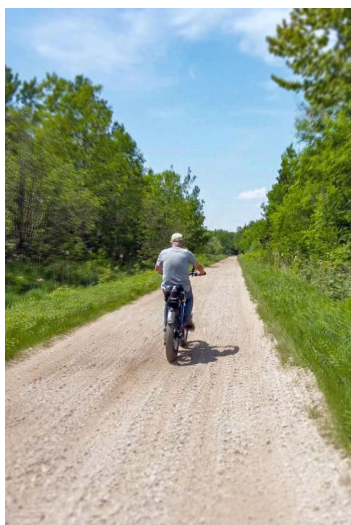
There is a series of 11 historical interpretive kiosks installed along the trail. The kiosks were fabricated with steel from Upper Peninsula railroad tracks and cedar logs grown in the region. Each kiosk also contains metal art depicting a train engine and Manistique and Lake Superior railroad cars.

Discover the Haywire Grade Trail...just what you need to enjoy Manistique in April



ATV fun!

Challenging trails for the off-road enthusiast can be found throughout the Manistique area, including the Haywire Grade Trail. Riding opportunities abound along abandoned railroad grades for a near straight jaunt. Hundreds of miles of scenic and historic trails are ready for today's rider.



Fat Tire bike riding & more

The trail surface is a mix of sand, gravel and coarse limestone, designed for snowmobiles and ATVs, but suitable for fat-tire biking. You'll find a small grocery store in the tiny hamlet of Steuben, the last vestige of the many logging camps or towns that vanished after the railroad was abandoned.

Multi-use



In 1970 the Haywire Grade Trail was reclassified as a year-round, multi use trail – the first in the Upper Peninsula. The Haywire Grade is most commonly used for biking, ATVing and snowmobiling, although it is also open to hiking and horseback riding.



Trailheads

Trail Length: 32 miles between Manistique and Shingleton

MANISTIQUE TRAILHEAD

Intake Park Road - Manistique, Michigan (across from Manistique Pumping Station)

JACK PINE TRAILHEAD

Jack Pine Lodge on M-94 (about half way between Manistique and Shingleton).

NORTHERN TRAILHEAD

A sign marks the northern trailhead on the east side of M-94 just south of Shingleton. There is no parking, but spaces are available east of the Tanglewood Restaurant and Antique Shop on M-28 in Shingleton less than a quarter mile north of the trail.

There is a reason to visit Manistique all four seasons. Within a day's drive there are state parks, a national forest, fishing, hiking, history and nature. Make it your resolve to explore more in 2025. Come stay play, shop and dine with us.



Watch the [GREAT GETAWAYS](#) ATV Haywire Grade Trail episode on April 24. Check times and stations in your area [here](#).

FUN **events** for the entire family



The Pine Performance Center
N9224 Saw-Wa-Quato St.
Curtis

April 12
Spring Twine Cross
Class
6:30-8:30 p.m.

April 19
Community Easter
Egg Hunt
starting at 1 p.m.



Easter Egg Hunt

Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility
520 Main Street - Manistique
1 p.m.

A Family Event! Come join us in the court yard for our annual Easter Egg Hunt.



April 11

[Easter Cookie Class](#)
LaTulip Brewing Co.
11858W US-2, Cooks
6-8pm
Sweetly Sprinkled Custom Cookies is hosting this Easter Cookie Decorating Class. Attendees will be shown how to beautifully decorate 5 cookies, which they will get to take home to show off and enjoy.

April 12

[Yooper Hooper 3 on 3 Basketball](#)
Manistique High School
100 N Cedar Street - Manistique
8am
Tournament starts at 8am and ends when all teams are finished. Trophies will be awarded. All teams guaranteed two games.

April 26

[Beach Glass Wind Chimes](#)
LaTulip Brewing Co.
11858W US-2, Cooks
2pm
Create beautiful wind chimes! Participants get to choose the beach glass colors of their choice. Perfect to hang and enjoy.

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