

Favorite Northern Michigan Hikes with kids...

Mark these off as you do them!

In Gaylord

- Aspen Park in Gaylord. City park with paved and unpaved trail loops, woods and meadows, and a pond. Hike, ski, bike, jog. Some trails lighted.
- Otsego Environmental Learning Site, behind Gaylord Middle School. Trail loops in woods, meadow, and a pond.
- Community Garden area, off Livingston Blvd. Lots of different garden areas, trail in the woods, and more.

Otsego County


- Groen Nature Preserve, just west of Johannesburg. Woods, fields, hills, and a lake. Lots of trails for walking, running, biking, skiing.
- Pickerel Lake State Forest Campground in Pigeon River Country east of Vanderbilt. Sandy wading area and a nice trail around the lake.
- Shingle Mill Pathway, Pigeon River Country. Trail starts just west of the Sturgeon River Bridge about 8 mi east of Vanderbilt. Cedars and mosses.
- Sturgeon River Preserve. Between Gaylord and Vanderbilt, off Whitmarsh Rd west of Peanut Hill Rd. Hike, cedars, river. Headwaters Conservancy.

Nearby

- North Country National Scenic Trail. Access at many places from Pigeon River Country E of Vanderbilt to Sturgeon Bay north of Harbor Springs.
- Dead Man's Hill. West off US 131, south of M32. Big scenic view and the fall color will be outstanding. The 3 mile trail is a BIG climb up and down.
- Hiking along the crystal clear Jordan River. A good start is at Warner Creek Pathway off M-32 West of US-131
- Ocqueoc Falls. Just off M-68 between Onaway and Rogers City. Small waterfall and hiking along the stream.



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