

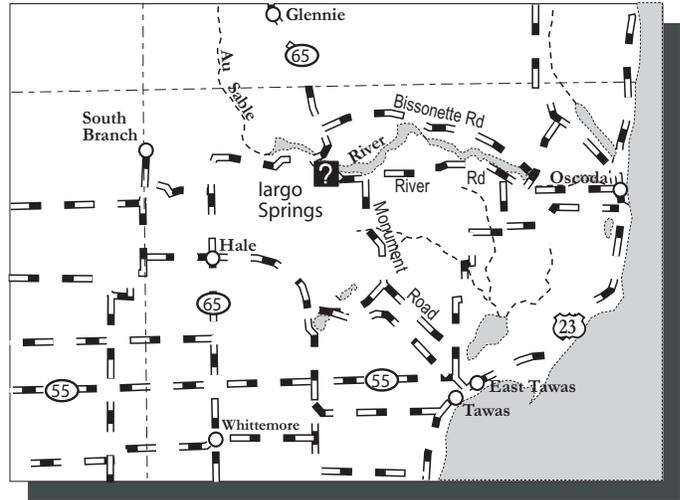


Iargo Springs

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Iargo Springs Interpretive Site provides a spectacular panoramic view of the Au Sable River. It lies next to River Road and has been used as a drinking water source since presettlement times. Dams were constructed on the springs by early loggers, before the turn of the century. The dams were useful on diverting water to the logging camps nearby. Most of the waters of Cooke Pond were dry land then. Europeans have visited the springs for recreation since the 1920's. A trail was constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1934. Early photographs show the dam being repaired and reinforced by the CCC's. This work lasted until a storm took out the dams in 1981.



Iargo Springs Interpretive Site was renovated in 1991. The "One Step At A Time" campaign raised funds to rebuild the stairway. Additional grant moneys and Forest Service funds were used to landscape the area and construct the boardwalks and dams.

LOCATION

Iargo Springs is located in Iosco County, Michigan. The nearest communities are Tawas to the southeast, Oscoda to the east and Hale to the west.

ACCESS

From East Tawas, follow Wilbur Road north to Monument Road for 11 miles to River Road. Turn left on River Road, travel about three miles to the entrance on the right.

From Oscoda, travel 18 miles west along River Road to the entrance.

From Hale, travel 11 miles north and east along M-65, turn right on River Road for 1 mile to the entrance.

SEASON

This area is open year round, however the parking lot and sidewalks are not cleared during the snow season. For the latest information regarding condition of facility, contact the Huron Shores ranger Station at 989-739-0728.

FACILITIES AVAILABLE

- Paved Parking Area & Sidewalks
- 2 Toilet Buildings
- Observation Deck
- Benches & Interpretive Signs
- Highbanks Trailhead
- 300 Step Stairway to Spring Area
- 1000 Ft. Boardwalk through Springs
- 4 Observation Decks at River

FEES

There is no charge, donations are accepted at the site to help with maintenance costs.

CONSIDERATIONS

Care should be taken to keep the area clean and in the condition it was found, so visitors are asked to please pack out what they pack in.

The spring area and sand banks are very fragile. Visitors should stay on the boardwalks and stairway to help prevent erosion and damage to delicate plants. Drinking from the springs is not recommended.

Because it causes erosion, swimming in the pools behind the dams is not allowed.

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