



**Reid Lake — a  
back-country  
recreation  
experience  
within a  
working forest  
environment**



# Reid Lake Foot Travel Area

*Welcome to Reid Lake Foot Travel Area. The U.S.D.A. Forest Service manages this area with an emphasis on providing back-country recreation experiences within a working forest environment. As you travel through this area, watch for examples of timber harvesting and tree regeneration, wildlife habitat management and watershed protection.*

The Reid Lake Area is relatively small, encompassing only 3,000 acres. Six miles of gently rolling trail will lead you around Reid Lake, once part of a northern Michigan farm. If you are interested in spending an hour to an afternoon in the forest, without facing too great a physical test, this is the area for you. The ski trails are easily negotiated by a beginning skier, with enough rolling terrain to please even the more advanced skier.

#### **A Few Rules:**

Sorry, but saddle, pack, draft animals, bicycles and motorized vehicles are not allowed within this area. Camping within 200 feet of open water or trails is prohibited except at the camping areas designated on the map. Groups larger than ten people are also prohibited.

#### **For Your Personal Safety:**

To help ensure your visit becomes a fond memory and not a tragedy, remember to:

- Carry a compass and map and know how to use both.
- Carry a jackknife.
- Carry matches in a water-

proof container.

- Carry a small emergency supply of food, such as cheese or chocolate.
- Stay with your group.
- Leave word with someone about where you are going and when you expect to return, and stick to your plans.

#### **Campfires:**

Fire can be a friend or an enemy, depending on how you use it. Camping stoves are preferred in the Reid Lake Area. However, if you do plan to use a campfire, remember:

- Fires are not permitted within 200 feet of trails, swamps, or water.
- Clear a 5-foot circle of needles, sticks, and leaves.
- Use fallen wood only; the cutting of standing timber, whether living or dead, is prohibited.
- Keep your fire small.
- Do not leave your fire unattended.
- When through with your fire, use water and bare soil to douse it thoroughly; feel the coals with your bare hands to be sure the fire is out.
- Return leaves, twigs, and other ground cover to the

area you originally cleared. Leave the area as you found it.

#### **Hunting and Fishing:**

Hunting and fishing are permitted in season with proper licenses. All Michigan DNR regulations apply. Hunter parking is available along the area's boundary. When hunting, observe all the rules of safety. Don't endanger yourself or other visitors.

Reid Lake boasts populations of largemouth bass, perch, sunfish, and rainbow trout. Small boats, canoes, and inflatable rafts are permitted, however, they must be carried in and out of the foot travel area. Boats should not be left unattended overnight.

#### **Access:**

Reid Lake is located in the central portion of Alcona County, Michigan. From Harrisville, take Hwy M-72 west 19 miles, and from Mio take M-72 east 31 miles to the parking lot and trailhead.

#### **For more up-to-date information contact:**

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Oscoda, MI 48750  
or call:  
(989)739-0728 (VOICE)  
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#### **For help contact:**

Alcona County Sheriff  
(989) 724-6271  
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