

WAHSEGA 4-H CENTER TRAIL MAP

This map is for information only. Stay on marked trails to avoid getting lost in the National Forest.

Before hiking, check the weather forecast and dress appropriately. Warm winter and spring days can become deadly cold at night, especially if you are wet. Sandals are not appropriate footwear for hiking. Let someone responsible know that you are going hiking, where you are going and when you will be back. Cell phones sometimes work at the tops of the ridges.

These trails are located on public lands that are open to hunting at various times of the year. Thoughtless hikers can cause accidental shootings!



1. SPRING TRAIL

The Spring Trail starts behind cabin 4 and follows a small spring. An interesting feature is a stone enclosure that surrounds a spring head near the beginning of the trail. It's an easy walk that rises gradually as it follows the spring. The trail ends in an open area in the forest. (20 minutes)

2. HORSESHOE TRAIL

This trail starts on the Spring Trail and follows a ridge. It is a more difficult climb. The top of the ridge is typically a peaceful place with many trees and the sound of the waterfall can be heard at the ridge top. The climb and descent from the ridge is very steep. (30 minutes)

3. WATERFALL TRAIL

This trail starts behind cabin 10 off the old logging road that begins beside cabin 9. Go up the logging road 100 feet or so and then turn left. The trail follows an abandoned flume bed that heads east. After crossing under a large fallen tree, the trail drops down to stream level and follows Ward Creek to a large open area carpeted with ferns during the warmer months. Mostly level walking except for one short steep climb. (1 hour)

4. CONNECTOR TRAIL

This short connector between the Waterfall Trail and Amphitheatre Trail provides more options for hiking different routes. (10 minutes)

5. AMPHITHEATRE TRAIL

This trail starts at the top of the hill behind the Amphitheatre. This is not a difficult trail. It's a combination of easy, level walking with moderate uphill climbing. This trail can be hiked as a simple in and out or used to connect with other trails. At its eastern most point the trail moves onto private property. (20 minutes)

6. FOREST ECOLOGY TRAIL

This trail starts behind cabin 13 at the small wooden bridge. The trail simply follows the contour line of the drainage behind cabin 13 in a short, easy loop. A diagonal short cut provides easy access to the back of the Amphitheatre. (20 minutes)

7. RIDGE TRAIL

This begins as a spur off the Forest Ecology Trail. This trail is difficult as it has a long, fairly steep beginning which flattens out at the top of the ridge. The trail continues across the saddle through the "Pine Devastation" zone caused by pine beetles and connects with the end of the Amphitheatre Trail. (40 minutes)

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