



## Hoist Lakes —

**10,600 acres**

**of back-**

**country**

**recreation in a**

**working forest**

**environment**



# Hoist Lakes Foot Travel Area

*Hoist Lakes encompasses over 10,000 acres of pine, aspen and hardwoods forests. The area is large enough to challenge any back-country enthusiast. There are over twenty miles of trails winding through small pothole lakes and areas of beaver flooding, as well over and around hills and ridges.*

As you travel through the area, watch for examples of timber harvesting and tree regeneration, wildlife habitat management and watershed management.

The Hoist Lakes Area is for people who desire a longer walk or ski, and is ideal for a backpacking trip of two days to a week. Most of the cross-country ski trails have been designated with the more experienced skier in mind. Longer loops and steeper hills offer an exciting challenge in beautiful surroundings.

### 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 waterproof 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.

If you should become lost—don't panic. Sit down

and get your bearings. Trust your compass. If possible, backtrack. If you are still confused, stop and stay where you are, especially if others will know your approximate location. A smoky fire (use wet or green wood) will attract attention. Stay with your fire and keep it under control.

The international distress signal consists of three of anything that attract attention: puffs of smoke, whistle blasts, shouts, flashes of light, gunshots.

### Campfires:

Fire can be a friend or an enemy, depending on how you use it. Camping stoves are preferred in the Hoist Lakes 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.

The Hoist Lakes Area is home for white-tailed deer, black bear, raccoon, red fox, coyote, beaver, otter, mink, badger, skunks, and squirrels.

North Hoist Lake is home to bass and sunfish. South Hoist Lake is a designated trout lake and is regularly stocked with rainbow trout. Byron Lake offers good bass and perch fishing.

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

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Oscoda, MI 48750  
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(989)724-6271  
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Huron Shores Ranger Station



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