

Presque Isle – Marquette Area

Trail Length:

2.4 mile loop (1-2 hours)

Difficulty:

Easy

The trails that circumnavigate Presque Isle are relatively flat and easy to walk. There is a minor hill at the beginning which is 90 ft over 0.2 miles. In the summer cars are allowed on Peter White Road which circumnavigates the park. You can drive to the small parking area mentioned at location (3) in the directions below which has closer access to Blackrocks.

Trail Head Directions:

Presque Isle Park is 3.5 miles north of downtown Marquette. Travel north on Lakeshore Boulevard until the road ends at the park. Directions for this hike start at the eastern most parking area which is near the Presque Isle Gazebo. Bear right at the entrance to the park and drive a little ways to find the gazebo and parking location.

Google maps link

Trail Description:

Start the hike (P) by walking on Peter White road up the small hill. Once you are up on the escarpment, you can head off the road towards Lake Superior and there will be a parallel walking path. Fallow this path until you arrive at a picturesque overlook platform (1). Continue following the path until it rejoins with Peter White Road. In a few hundred feet the walking path will be visible again along the lakeshore. Follow this path away from the road and continue to location (2) where it ends. Take the path to the left to rejoin with Peter White Road. Continue following the road north down a hill (3). At the bottom of the hill to your right you will see a small parking area. Walk towards the parking area and keep to the left of the large inlet in front of you, this will lead you to the rocky shoreline. Walk out onto the rocky slabs for views of Blackrocks (4). In the summer you will often see brave souls jumping off the cliffs into the small inlet. Retrace back to (3) and continue along Peter White Road. Past Sunset Point you can choose to continue to walk on the road or the path that parallels it along the shoreline. Looking west from this location you will see Middle Island, Partridge Island beyond, and the peaks of Sugarloaf Mountain and Hogback Mountain. At point (5) you will encounter the west parking area and beach. Continue south on the road and then bear left at the entrance to the park to make your way back to where you parked.

