



CISCO CHAIN
of Lakes

OTTAWA
National Forest

SYLVANIA
Wilderness

LAC VIEUX DESERT

Located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula



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Cisco Chain of Lakes

The famous Cisco Chain of Lakes has **15 interconnected lakes with over 270 miles of scenic shoreline**. Three of those lakes border both Michigan and Wisconsin. We invite you to come enjoy the beautiful scenery and excellent fishing and boating. The Cisco Chain and other area lakes provide great fishing for walleye, northern, silver and tiger musky, smallmouth and largemouth bass, trout, cisco, and a variety of panfish including bluegill, perch and crappie. Thousand Island Lake produced the **state record silver musky**. Wildlife abounds on this peaceful chain. Fabulous summer scenery, spectacular fall colors, awesome snowfalls, and spring's awakening of the northwoods will bring you back time after time. In any season, resort facilities range from **modest cabins to deluxe homes** to suit all visitors to this scenic area of **Michigan's Upper Peninsula**.

Ottawa National Forest

Watersmeet is located in the center of the Ottawa National Forest. Opportunities for camping, hiking, canoeing, fishing and hunting are unlimited. **Ten national forest campgrounds** are available in the Watersmeet area for spring, summer and fall camping. **The Ottawa Visitor Center** is open to the public daily for area visitor information and informative exhibits, interpretative programs and a gift shop.

Sylvania Recreation Area

Sylvania, once enjoyed by the rich and famous, is now operated by the U. S. Forest Service as part of the Ottawa National Forest. A **48-unit campground**, information and recreation station, pavilion with showers, beach and picnic area and **boat landings on Clark, Crooked, and Long Lakes** allow you to camp, picnic, hike, or swim and be adjacent to the Sylvania Wilderness.

Sylvania Wilderness

Leave your motors and wheels behind and enjoy the solitude of this **fantastic 19,000-acre wilderness area**. Many of the lakes are connected by portages, and campsites have been established. Known for its **virgin forests and pristine lakes**, Sylvania has special rules and regulations in place to protect its fragile environment. The hiking trails and forests are great for exploring. Enjoy fishing, hunting, crosscountry skiing and snowshoeing. Sylvania is Mother Nature's year-around playground.

Lac Vieux Desert

Lac Vieux Desert is the headwaters of the Wisconsin River and proud home of the **world record tiger musky**. This beautiful **4,200-acre boundary lake** is nestled between the Ottawa and Nicolet National Forests. Both Michigan and Wisconsin licenses are legal here. Anglers return year after year to fish for both silver and tiger musky, walleye, northern pike, small and largemouth bass and panfish. Watersports, hunting, winter sports, good times and relaxation are right at your doorstep when you visit Lac Vieux Desert. Year-round accommodations vary from **camping to housekeeping cabins to deluxe American plan resorts**.



reflecting pond



fishing at sunset...



Bond Falls



skiing with a friend...

Winter Recreation

Forty miles of crosscountry ski trails weave through the immediate Watersmeet area. Fifteen miles of these trails are groomed by Sylvania Outfitters, Inc. by permit with the Ottawa National Forest. Motorized grooming is not permitted in the Sylvania Wilderness, but skiers alone keep these trails tracked. Peace and solitude are the result. Skiers throughout the Midwest are attracted to these natural wilderness trails.

Historically, Watersmeet was the railroad hub for the Upper Peninsula. Now it is the snowmobiling hub connecting every town in the western U.P. with trails in northern Wisconsin. Abandoned railroad beds are now snowmobile and ATV trails. Our local snowmobile club, The U.P. Thunder Riders does a wonderful job of maintaining our vast snowmobile trail system.

With snow covering the ground here from November until April, winter sports enthusiasts love our magnificent winters. Located about an hour's drive from several downhill ski hills, we have it all! Snowmobile, ice fish, ski, snowshoe, sled, sightsee, or just relax. *Do a little or do a lot.* Watersmeet is a true winter playground with accommodations ranging from motels, hotels and a casino resort to cabins, cottages and vacation homes. You'll long remember the breathtaking winter scenery and peacefulness here.

For snowmobile trail conditions in the Watersmeet area, please call (906) 358-9961.



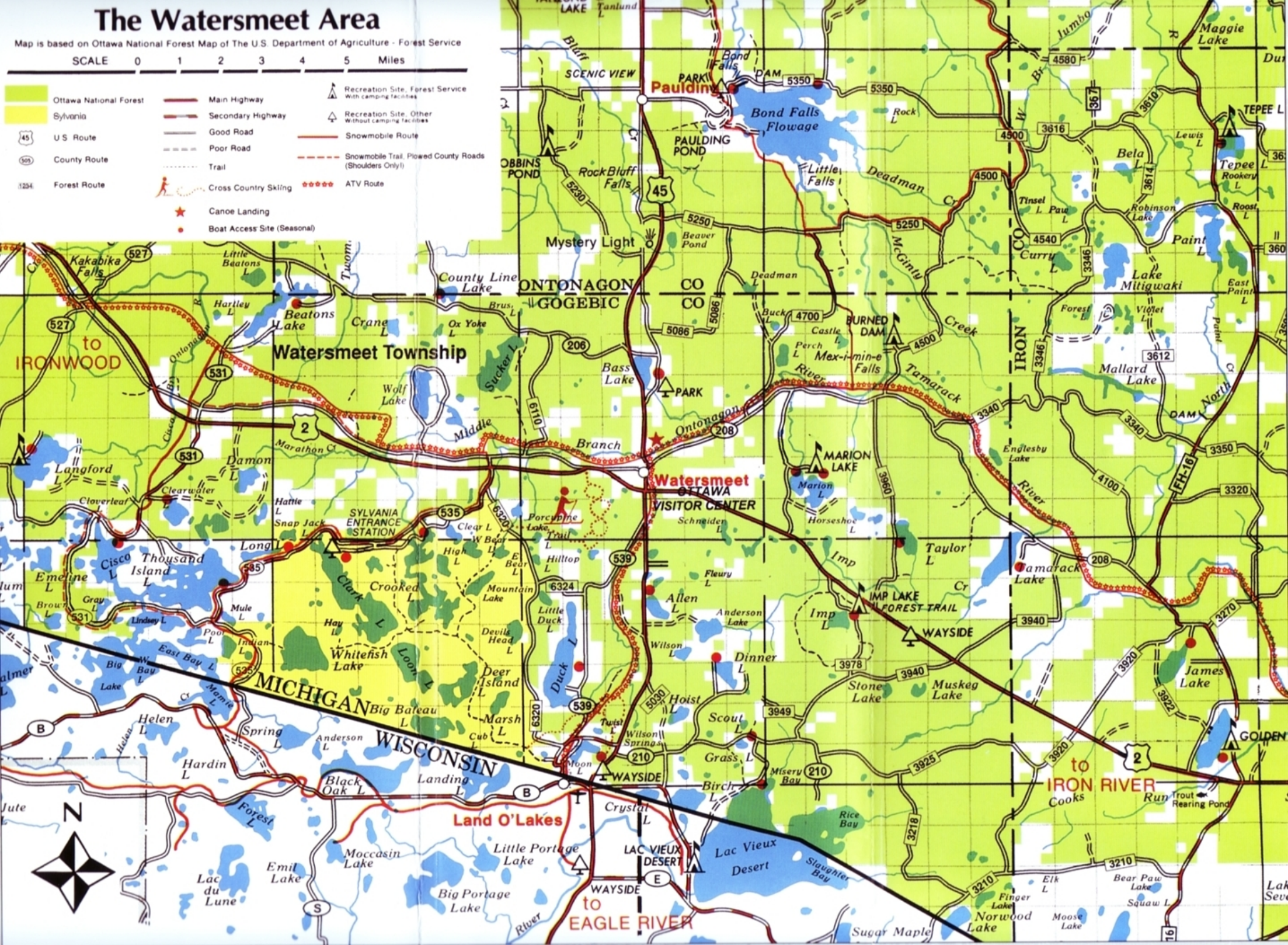
miles of groomed snowmobile trails

The Watersmeet Area

Map is based on Ottawa National Forest Map of The U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service

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|  Ottawa National Forest |  Main Highway |  Recreation Site, Forest Service With camping facilities |
|  Sylvan |  Secondary Highway |  Recreation Site, Other Without camping facilities |
|  U.S. Route |  Good Road |  Snowmobile Route |
|  County Route |  Poor Road |  Snowmobile Trail, Plowed County Roads (Shoulders Only) |
|  Forest Route |  Trail |  Snowmobile Trail, Plowed County Roads (Shoulders Only) |
| |  Cross Country Skiing |  ATV Route |
| |  Canoe Landing | |
| |  Boat Access Site (Seasonal) | |



Enjoy Watersmeet's Variety

302 lakes and 241 miles of trout streams call you to Watersmeet... a true water wonderland. From Watersmeet, the Ontonagon River flows north into Lake Superior. The Wisconsin River flows south into the Mississippi River, and the Paint River flows east into Lake Michigan. This is "where the waters meet."

Nature has smiled on this area of Michigan's Upper Peninsula with its beautiful forests of spruce, balsam, maple, birch, and aspen. Your stay here will be highlighted by sightings of white tail deer, American bald eagles, loons, black bear, coyotes, and even illusive timber wolves and moose. Enjoy our spring-fed lakes, meandering streams and rivers, and even our secluded waterfalls.

Just as the waters flow in every direction from Watersmeet, so do our snowmobile and ATV trails. Enjoy our fantastic groomed trails linking with hundreds of miles of trails throughout the Upper Peninsula and Wisconsin.

Rich in natural, manmade and historical attractions as well as a variety of great accommodations, Watersmeet is your gateway to a wonderful and relaxing vacation. We look forward to your visit with us. You will want to return time after time.



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