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States: Michigan

Counties: Manistee

Length: 18.6miles

Trail end points: Manistee National Forest to
Manistee National Forest

Trail surfaces: Dirt,Grass,Sand

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Mountain

Biking,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

To reach the Big M Trail, take State Route 55/Caberfae Highway (east from Manistee or west from Cadillac) to Udell Hills Road and turn south. You'll come to a big bend west in the road and short distance later, another bend south. Just beyond the second bend, look for Forest Road 8234 on the right. Take it to trailhead parking.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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