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Guides



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**States:** Michigan

**Counties:** Crawford

Length: 2.3miles

**Trail end points:** Hartwick Pines State Park to  
Hartwick Pines State Park

**Trail surfaces:** Dirt,Grass,Gravel

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Fishing,Mountain  
Biking,Inline Skating,Walking,Cross Country  
Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

Hartwick Pines State Park is located in Crawford County, Northeast of Grayling on M-93, Exit 259 off I-75 and parking is available.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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