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Guides



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States: Michigan

Counties: Crawford

Length: 2.3miles

Trail end points: Hartwick Pines State Park to
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Trail surfaces: Dirt,Grass,Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Fishing,Mountain

Biking,Inline Skating,Walking,Cross Country

Skiing

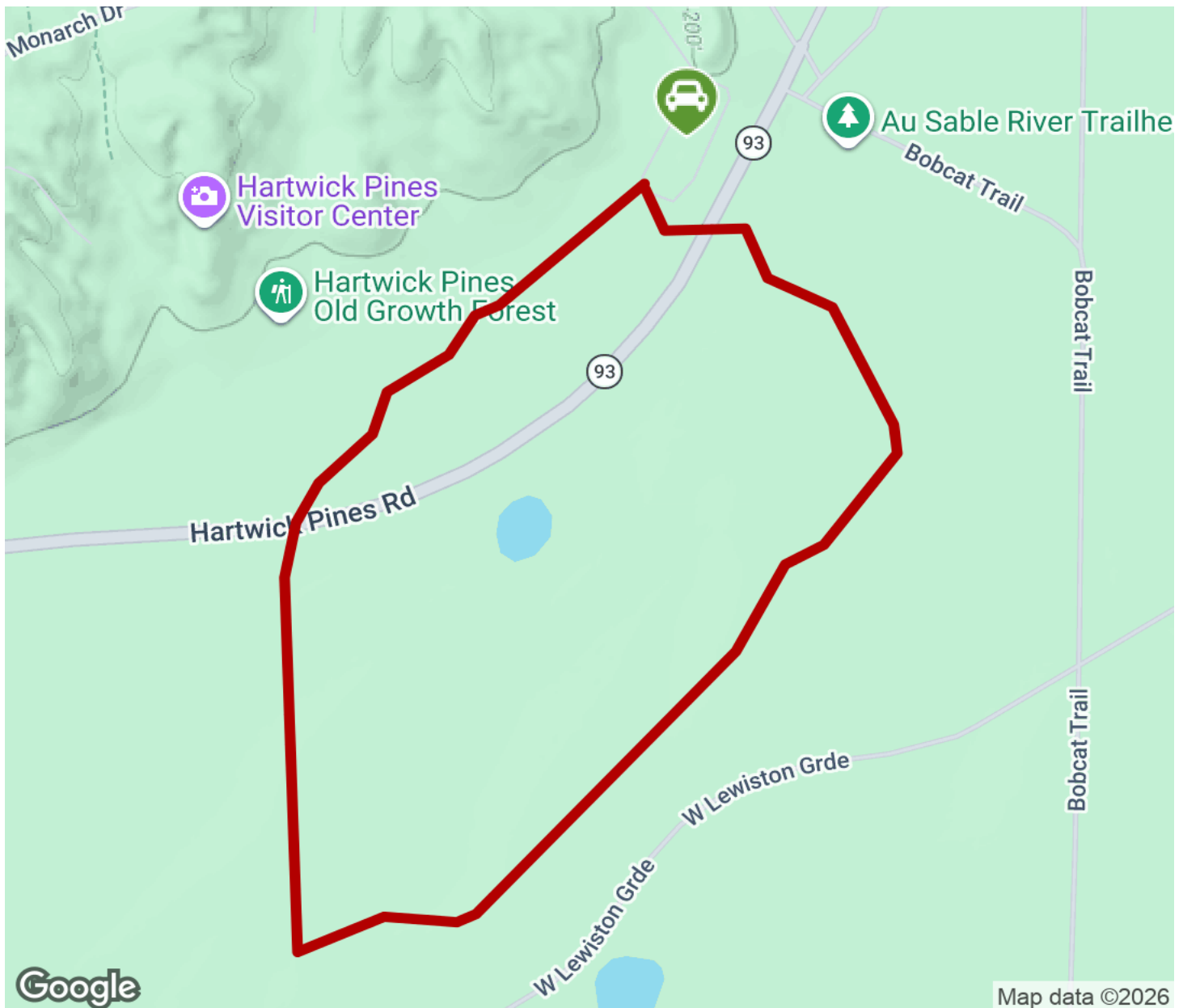
Parking & Trail Access

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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