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AuSable, Semi – Primitive Non - Motorized Area Primitive Camping

The AuSable Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized Area is a twelve mile segment of the AuSable River that has been designated for special management preserving a more primitive setting than the surrounding forest lands. Primitive campsites are available with limited road access and are spaced to provide more secluded recreational opportunities.

Reservations and camping permits are required from May 15 - September 30 of each year, prior to occupying a campsite. Camping is allowed outside of the established permit season of May 15 - September 30, but only designated campsites may be used. Reservations for permits can be made up to 240 days in advance of stay. Access to make reservations is available 24 hours/day on internet or through the toll free number listed above. The National Recreation Reservation Service call center hours of operation are as follows: **Day after Labor day through March 31:** 10 am – 7 pm EST M-F and 10 am- 5 pm EST Sat-Sun. **April 1 through Labor Day:** 8 am – midnight EST Mon-Fri; 8 am – 9 pm EST Sat-Sun. Payment methods accepted are Major Credit Cards, Certified Checks or Money Orders.

A separate permit is required for each campsite to be occupied. Sites may be reserved for up to a **fourteen day camping period**. Unless otherwise described, **ten persons, two camper units or three tents** are the **maximum** numbers allowed to occupy each site. There is a \$9 administration fee for each permit issued and a \$5 per night camping fee charged. **Permits cannot be issued and held until the total required fee has been paid. Refunds** are available for camping fees, **reservation fee is NOT refundable**, and service fees are applied for refund requests.

CAMPING: Thirteen campsites have been designated and posted for camping along the shorelines of this river segment on National Forest administered lands. Three are available by short walks and the remainder by walk or canoe. These are primitive campsites and no facilities are provided.

SWIMMING: No swimming sites have been identified along this segment of the AuSable River. The waters at these camping areas have not been checked for possible hazards. **Remember that you swim at your own risk.**

FISHING: This segment of the AuSable River contains good populations of Brown Trout with other species such as Walleye and Bass present.

BOAT ACCESS: Walk-down canoe launches are available at Bamfield Road and a new mid-point access site near Hoppy Creek called Thompson's Landing.

GENERAL INFORMATION: The nearest camping supplies, food, and gasoline are available at Curtisville or Glennie.

Please, If you pack it in – pack it out.

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