Recreational trails abound in Door County. Our 5 state parks allow you to take in nature, scenic views along groomed trails, perfect for hiking, biking, running, cross-country skiing, fatbiking, or snowshoeing. While a leisurely hike can be good for the soul, we know getting the adrenaline pumping can also be just what you’re looking for. Plan ahead and create the perfect trail by using our virtual maps by Trail Genius. Check out trail distance, elevation, 360-degree views and video so you know what to expect as you plan your next adventure in Door County.

To virtually explore our state park trails visit DoorCounty.com/Experience/Scenic-Attractions/Parks

Hiking is one of Door County’s most popular activities because of the vast array of environments and terrains. Our unique geology along the Niagara Escarpment along with our positioning between the bay of Green Bay and deep, cool waters of Lake Michigan have created rare microclimates. Here you will discover an unusually large number of rare plants, flowers and birds on lands that have been protected for public use. In addition to our 5 State Parks, explore our 21 county parks, and public lands protected by the Nature Conservancy, Door County Land Trust, Bishops Sanctuary, Crossroads at Big Creek, and Wisconsin State Natural Areas.

Visit DoorCounty.com/Experience/Recreational-Activities for more information on silent sports activities in Door County.

Door County is a premier kayaking and stand-up paddle board (SUP) destination in the Midwest. While you’ll see many kayaks and SUPs on top of vehicles throughout the summer season, some visitors opt to rent from local outfitters or take advantage of organized tours in central northern Door County that are sponsored by well-trained and seasoned guides. Some of the tours even include yoga with more than 300 miles of scenic shoreline and 5 inland lakes, there is incredible biodiversity to see and explore. Feeling adventurous? Padle Death’s Door passage in the Washington Island Canoe and Kayak event. Prefer a less strenuous trip? Pick a calm, sunny day and paddle an inland lake.

Whether you are a seasoned runner, training for an upcoming race, or a leisurely jogger that just loves to get outdoors, Door County has the perfect road or trail for you. Imagine pounding the pavement along one of our picturesque back roads, hitting the scenic trails of the ever-so-tranquil Peninsula State Park or wandering through quaint downtown villages. No matter where you run in Door County, you will feel that special sense of serenity as you take in the beauty around you. If setting a new personal record is more your speed, you will find a number of races throughout the year to help you do just that.

If your idea of fun is where the rubber meets the road, bicycling is an awesome way to tour, stay fit and soak up the rural beauty of our quiet county roads from the Belgian settlement in Brussels through historic Sturgeon Bay to the Scandinavian-influenced northern Door area. Consider taking your bike across Death’s Door on the Washington Island Ferry. Bicycling is the perfect way to explore this beautiful island for more adventure, hit the mountain bike trails that take you deep into the pristine forests and meadows of many of our state parks. Our cycling season is year-round with several of our parks offering trails for fatbiking during the winter season. Whether you’re exploring the County end to end or taking a short trip around the block with the kids, why not bring or rent a bike? Our outfitters have everything you need to get the whole family biking!

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Kayak Launch Areas

- Peninsula State Park
- Moonlight Bay
- Garrett Bay
- Ellison Bay
- Northport
- Min River Ditlvery via Rowleys Bay
- Eagle Lense
- Newport State Park
- Sturgeon Bay
- Marina Park
- Eagle Harbor
- Jackson Harbor Coves Park
- Rock Island State Park
- Lily Bay Launch
- North Bay
- Sand Bay Park
- Egg Harbor Beach Park
- Sunnset Lane
- Lakeside Park
- W. Town Line Rd to Clark Lake
- Egg Harbor Beach Park
- W. Town Line Rd to Clark Lake

Boating...Follow the Rules

There are a few set of rules that apply to all vessels that are on the navigable waters of the United States. They are the Inland Rules and the International Rules. Together, they are commonly known as "the Nav Rules." The International Rules are also known as the COLREGS, since they were originally "regulations" formulated to prevent "collisions" at sea. Boats over 20 meters long (about 65 ft) must carry a copy of the Nav Rules. Anyone else should certainly familiarize themselves with them. General, these rules describe the ways in which vessels must act in relation to each other in order to maintain safety on the water. Certain types of vessels have to "give way" to other types of vessels and the procedures about how to give way are spelled out. Regulations regarding maintaining a safe lockout, maintaining a safe distance, not to mention in narrow channels, what kind of sound signals should be used, what kinds of lights must be on a boat, and how they should be shown in various situations, all strive to keep all members of the boating public safe while they are on the water.

Door County's Maritine Trail

Over 200 shipwrecks lie in the waters surrounding Door County and have attracted divers for years. The cold freshwater preserves the vessels and provides divers an opportunity to view these historic vessels. With the addition of land-based historic markers, everyone can learn about the rich heritage entombed in the waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay.

Map Key

- Recommended County Bicycle Route
- Kayak Launch Areas
- County Bicycle Parks
- Bike Ramps
- Lighthouse
- Public Restroom
- Shipwreck
- Historical Marker
- Airport

Bicycling Safety Tips

- Ride defensively
- Ride near the right edge of the pavement
- Wear bright colored clothing
- Ride single file
- Listen for vehicles
- Avoid riding on rural roads at night
- obey all traffic laws
- Look both ways
- Brake carefully
- No alcohol
- Take it easy
- Be careful of dogs or other animals on the roads
- Ride straight
- Keep Door County beautiful - no littering

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