

MT. ARVON

45° 45.330' North, 88° 9.325' West
1979.238 Feet above Sea Level

Mt. Arvon is Michigan's highest point standing at 1,979.238 feet above sea level. It is located in the rugged backwoods of Michigan's Upper Peninsula in beautiful Baraga County, approx 27 driving miles from L'Anse, Michigan.

Getting to Mt. Arvon is no easy feat if you don't know your way around. Due to logging operations, the roads in the Mt. Arvon area frequently change. In the winter, the roads become impassable due to the heavy snow the area receives. During the rainy season, the roads become muddy and are often unfit for passenger cars. The peak is not prominent as it is located in a heavily wooded area.

For years, Mt. Curwood, located a few miles south of Mt. Arvon in Baraga County, was recognized as the highest point in Michigan. However, in 1982, the U.S. Department of Interior's Geological Survey team gathered new measurements and found Mt. Curwood to be slightly lower in elevation than Mt. Arvon measuring in at 1,978.24 feet above sea level.

Although no panoramic views are offered from the summit of Mt. Arvon, visitors can enjoy the forested scenery. Currently, blue diamond shaped signs (about every mile) mark the route to Mt. Arvon.

PRIMARY ROUTE

Approach: From the intersection of US Hwy 41 and Broad Street immediately South of L'Anse, proceed north into L'Anse on Broad Street for 0.7 miles to Main Street. Turn right on Main Street which will become the Skanee Road, and continue 16.1 miles to Church Road (formerly Roland Lake Road) on the right, where the Zion Lutheran Church is on the SE corner. Turn right on Church Road and proceed 2.9 miles to Ravine River Road to Roland Lake (see map at right for a detailed description). Turn right on Ravine River Road and continue 6.1 miles to T-intersection. Turn right and continue 0.9 miles to the trail on the right which actually is an old logging road.

There are many less well-developed roads in the Ravine River Road area. Please follow the blue signs that mark the way to the top. Unless indicated below, stay on the obvious "main track" as you proceed along Ravine River Road. The route on Ravine River Road is as follows: (at this point reset the odometer).

At 0.7 miles, fork, go straight; 1.8 miles, pass through gravel pit; 2.0 miles, leave gravel pit at a fork, go straight; 3.0 miles, fork, bear left; 3.4 miles, fork, bear right; 4.0 miles, 4.5 miles and 4.7 miles, forks go straight; 6.1 miles. T-intersection, main road goes left, turn right, 6.3 miles fork, go left; 6.4 miles, steep incline at the point, fork, go right; 6.8 miles, fork, go right 7.2 miles go to right. At this point there is a parking lot and there is an approximately 1/4 mile walk to the summit. A USGS benchmark and mailbox containing a register will be found on the summit. Return down the mountain the same way.

Road Map To Mt. Arvon

Skaneec

Skaneec Road

Zion Lutheran Church
(16.1 Miles from L'Anse)

Sawmill Road

To L'Anse

Roland Lake
(2.9 Miles from Church)

Gravel Pit

Ravine River Road

MT. ARVON

Congratulations!
YOU HAVE REACHED
MICHIGAN'S
HIGHEST
POINT

Follow The Signs

Mt. Arvon

(1/4 Mile walk from
Parking Lot to Summit)

Parking-

(0.9 Miles from T-Intersection)

T-Intersection
(6.1 Miles from Roland Lake)

