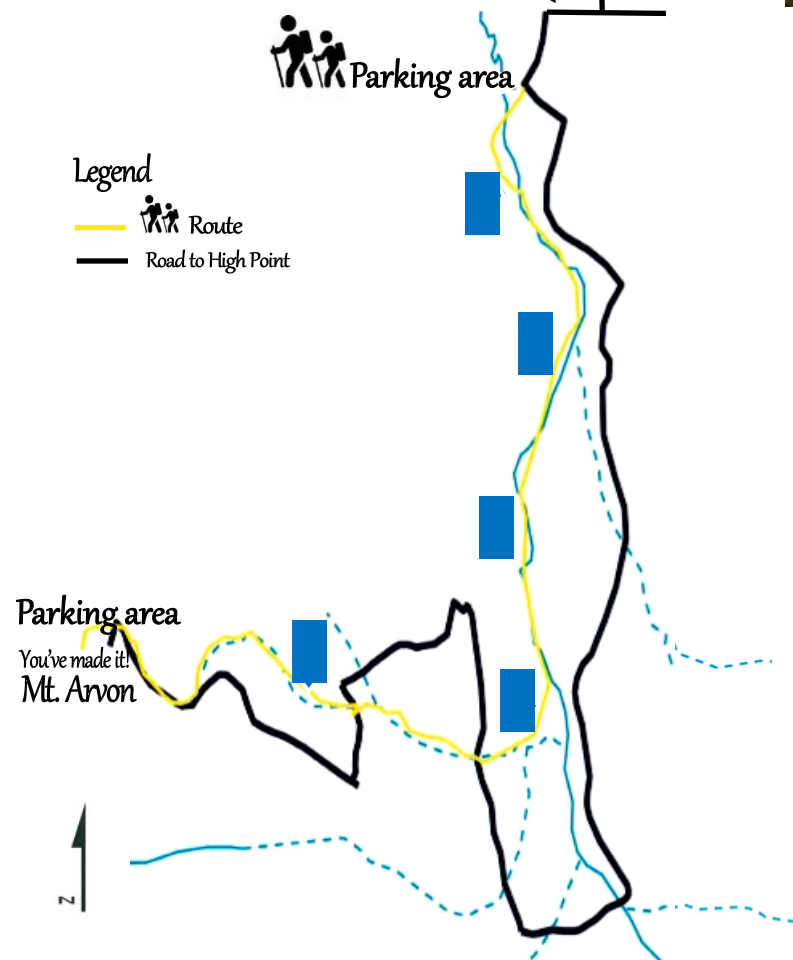


Drive.....or Hike

In 2017 the hiking trail to the top of Mt. Arvon was created by a couple of avid hikers. Thanks to Weyerhaeuser (the landowner) you now can drive within 2 miles from the top and hike the rest!

The hiking trail is marked with blue plastic rectangles nailed to trees with a few other signage for guidance. The trail takes you through the untouched forest of nature and by a couple of breathtaking waterfalls.



For years there was not a view from the top of Mount Arvon. In September of 2008, the land owner Plum Creek provided an opening which created a view of Lake Superior.



Trees harvested from the Mount Arvon area went to local mills to help sustain our local economy. Anyone hiking to the top presently has a panoramic view of Lake Superior, which is a short walk to the north from the top.

In March of 2016 Plum Creek was purchased by Weyerhaeuser. In 2020 the ownership was bought by Lyme Timber Company.



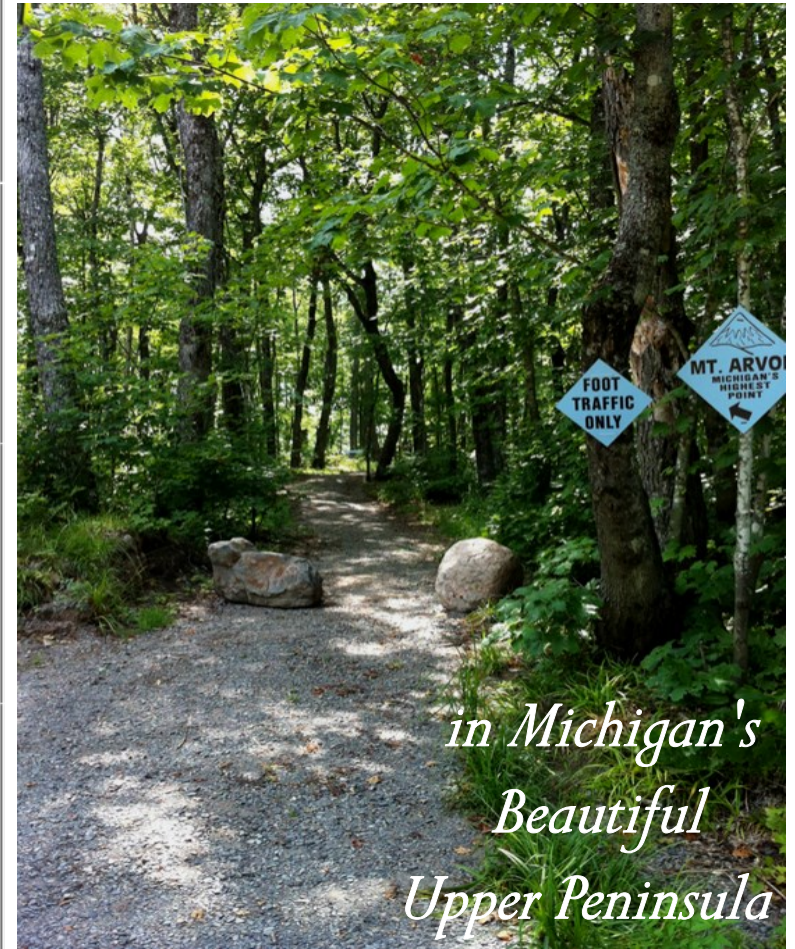
For those who are interested in reaching the highest peak in each state, the Highpointers Club may be for you. The organization which was established in 1987, offers a newsletter, climbing awards, annual banquet and highpoint climb. For membership information write to:



Certificate available at:



Mt. Arvon Michigan's Highest Point!



Mt. Arvon

1,979.238 ft.

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. A 1/2 of a mile from the top there is a beaver pond that you have to check for Moose. During the rainy season, the roads become muddy and are often unfit for passenger cars.

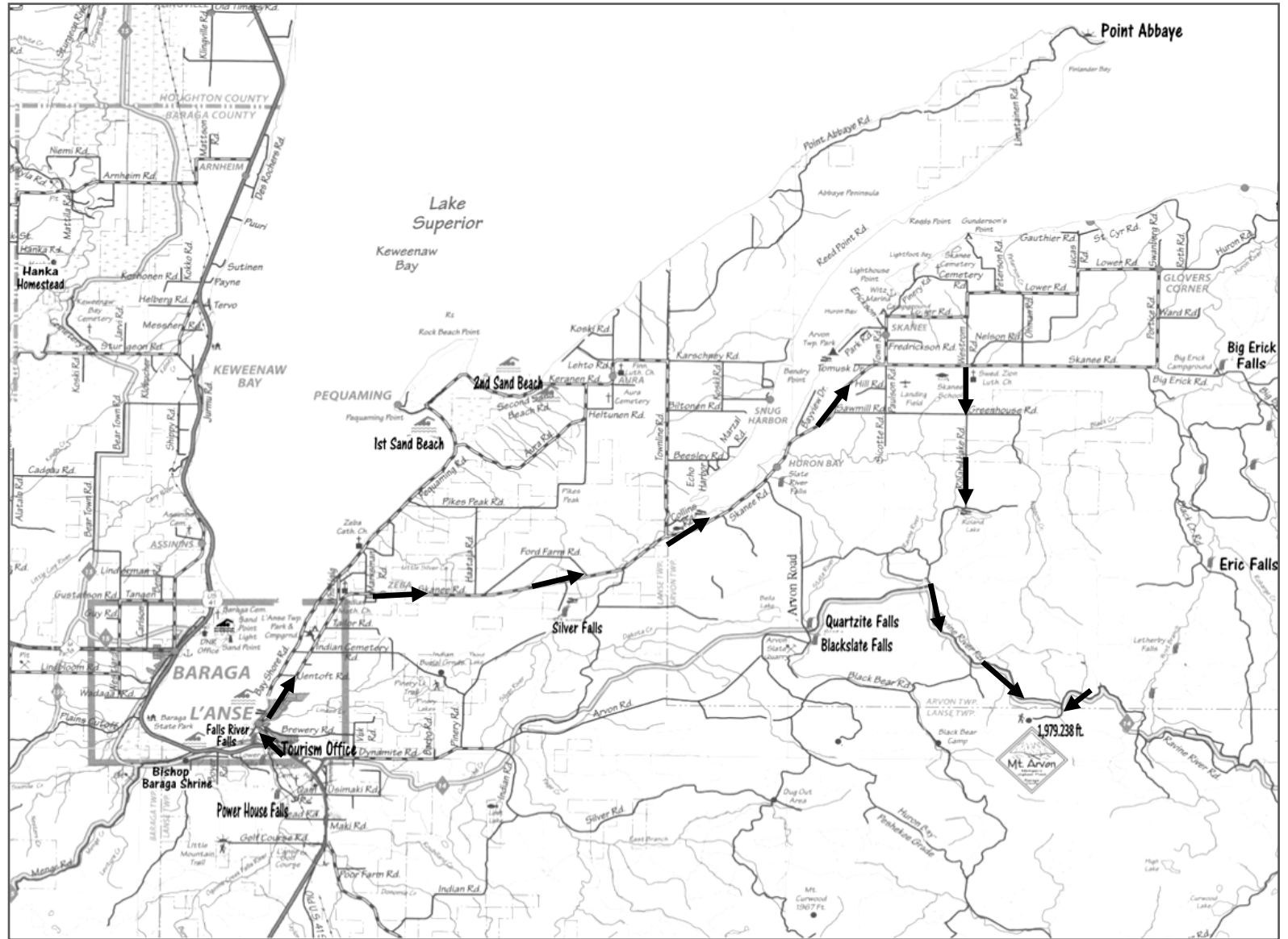
PRIMARY ROUTE: GPS Coordinates N46° 45.350ft W88° 9.321ft

Approach: From the intersection of US Hwy 41 and Broad Street (by the welcome to L'Anse sign) in 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 Roland Lake Road on the right, where the Zion Lutheran Church is on the SE corner. Turn right on Roland Lake Road and proceed 2.9 miles to Ravine River Road you will see Roland Lake (see map at right for a detailed description). Turn right on Ravine River Road and continue 6.1 miles to T-intersection. From this point you turn right and you are 2 miles from the parking lot. From the T intersection at 6.3 miles fork, go left; 6.4 miles, steep incline at this point, fork, go right; 6.8 miles, fork, go right 7.2 miles go to right. Continue on for 1/2 mile to the graveled parking lot.

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, you turn right (S)
- 6.3 miles fork, go left;
- 6.4 miles, steep incline at this point, fork, go right;
- 6.8 miles, fork, go right
- 7.2 miles go to right.
- 1/2 mile to parking lot

At this point there is a parking lot and a short 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.



Due to logging operations, the roads to Mt. Arvon area are frequently changed. In the winter months the roads are unplowed, but there is a groomed snowmobile trail to the parking lot.

For years, Mount Curwood 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 Mount Curwood to be slightly lower in elevation than nearby Mount Arvon. Mount Curwood measured 1,978.24 feet above sea level and Mount Arvon registered at 1,979.238 feet above sea level. The difference is only 11 inches!