

= H @-@ 13 ( Michigan county highway ) =

H @-@ 13 is a county @-@ designated highway in the Upper Peninsula of the US state of Michigan that runs north ? south for approximately 36 @.@ 2 miles ( 58 @.@ 3 km ) between Nahma Junction in Delta County and the Munising area in Alger County . The highway is also signed as Federal Forest Highway 13 ( FFH @-@ 13 ) , a Federal Forest Highway between Nahma Junction and Wetmore . The roadway runs through rural national forest lands providing access to several campgrounds and parks . The area contains several lakes as well . The Forest Highway System dates back to the 1920s , and an earthen roadway was present along the route of FFH @-@ 13 by the 1930s . It was paved by the late 1940s and added to the county @-@ designated highway system in the 1970s . A section of H @-@ 13 in Alger County originally continued north to Miners Castle , but the roadway designation was truncated in the first decade of the 21st century .

= = Route description = =

H @-@ 13 / FFH @-@ 13 starts at an intersection with US Highway 2 ( US 2 ) west of Moss Lake . The roadway runs north crossing a line of the Canadian National Railway . It heads through the Hiawatha National Forest , running parallel to the Sturgeon River . H @-@ 13 / FFH @-@ 13 crosses the river near the Flowing Well National Forest Campground on a T @-@ beam bridge built in 1941 . The road meanders from there northeasterly through rural Delta County forests , passing to the west of Dana and Skeels lakes and crossing several small streams . It crosses into the southeastern corner of Alger County near Straits Lake . The road continues northeasterly and then meanders back and forth along the Alger ? Schoolcraft county line in an area dotted with several lakes .

H @-@ 13 / FFH @-@ 13 crosses east into Schoolcraft County completely and provides access to the Pete 's Lake National Forest Campground near the lake of the same name . The road shifts back westerly to follow the county line near the Widewaters National Forest Campground ; from here north the forest highway will follow the county line north to the northwestern corner of Schoolcraft County . Along the way , H @-@ 13 meets the southern terminus of the unsigned H @-@ 09 . Once the road crosses back into Alger County completely , it provides access to Wagner Falls State Park and passes Hanley Field , a private airport south of Wetmore . The forest highway crosses another branch of the Canadian National Railway south of the junction with M @-@ 28 / M @-@ 94 in Wetmore . At that junction , the FFH @-@ 13 designation ends and H @-@ 13 continues north as a gravel surface along Connors Road through Munising Township . The county road ends at the intersection with H @-@ 58 ( Munising ? Van Meer ? Shingleton Road ) in the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore . As a county @-@ designated highway , H @-@ 13 is maintained by the county road commissions of Delta , Alger and Schoolcraft counties ( DCRC , ACRC and SCRC respectively ) with support for the FFH @-@ 13 segment as part of the Forest Highway System that is funded and administered by the United States Forest Service and the Federal Highway Administration . H @-@ 13 / FFH @-@ 13 forms a major north ? south artery for the Hiawatha National Forest .

= = History = =

The Forest Highway System was created by the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1921 . An earthen road was present along the route of H @-@ 13 by the middle of 1936 . Later that year , the segment along the Alger ? Schoolcraft county line was built as a gravel road , and Miners Castle Road was upgraded to gravel as well . Additional segments were under construction in 1940 in Delta County and south of Wetmore . During World War II , the gravel surface was downgraded to earth along Miners Castle Road . The rest of the modern H @-@ 13 was paved in 1948 or 1949 .

The county @-@ designated highway system was created around October 5 , 1970 , when the state approved the system . The H @-@ 13 designation debuted in 1972 between Nahma Junction and H @-@ 58 ; H @-@ 13 turned east and ran concurrently with H @-@ 58 before turning north

on Miners Castle Road . The northernmost segment was paved in 1987 , completing the paving along the entire route . The H @-@ 58 concurrency was removed in 2004 when the northern segment of H @-@ 13 along Miners Castle Road was redesignated H @-@ 11 .

= = Major intersections = =