

Drive in directions to Wart Lake.

You will go through Sault Ste. Marie just like always (as if going to Searchmont or Batchawana Bay). My favorite way is to drive down to the old stone train depot and turn left on Bruce St. Go straight until it dead-ends into Hwy 17N. Take a left. You are now heading out of town, can't screw up for about the next 35-40 minutes.

Drive north heading for Batchawana Bay. In about 35-40 miles (I really don't know for sure HOW far it is) you will cross the Chippewa River. This is a scenic waterfall and pull-off on the right side of the road. Can't miss it. (If you get to Batchawana Bay road, you did.)

Just after crossing the Chippewa River you'll go up a small hill. Start watching for a road to your right. The road has one of those green street signs on it. This is the 38 Road (probably because it's 38 miles out of the Soo). Turn right onto it.

You'll know you're on the right road if there is a sawmill (It's some kind of small concern) on the left just after you start up the road. There will probably also be signs about the logging going on and AT YOUR OWN RISK type of signs. It's pretty rough at first but it gets a little better in a few miles. You'll notice kilometer (KM) signs along the road, nailed to trees on the right. You may also see orange markers warning of holes or washouts – Be careful!

Around the 19 KM point the road will split. It does this just as it curves to the right. There is a sign warning of truck loading activity – they use this area as a loading and staging area. You will want to go straight ahead (left fork). The road is marked Mekatina to the right – you don't want that way, and Batchawana to the left. After the fork, you'll also see a sign that says 38 Road. You've done well if you make the fork. Now, just stay on the main part of this road. In about 20 more Km's (signs go up to about 43 KM) you'll come to the Batchawana River. You might see the metal bridge on the left as you go by – you won't cross it – you just keep on. You will also see a sign that says Wart Lake Rd. and the KM markers will start over. There may be a sign that says RIVER ROAD – you don't want that one. You'll start to see some small cabins along the road, start crossing railroad tracks, etc. The only place you can really screw up is at a spot where the road turns sharply to the right, and also forks straight ahead and goes down a hill to Batchawana Station. You'll know if you come to the Station, there's lots of logs piled there and you'll be at the railroad tracks. You can turn around and go back up to get back on the road or turn right, along the tracks and drive a ways where you should intersect the road again. In either case, turn left to get back on the main road.

The next thing you will come to is Summit Crossing (about 5 miles or so). You should recognize this by the tin building just across the tracks on the left, and then our garage at the top of the hill on the right. You won't recognize much else there because of the clear cutting on the left across from our garage, but you'll know where you are. The road will look very different to you, much wider, some parts totally changed. Just follow it and watch for the dead swamp on your right. It's still the same. Just as you go around it, you will find the turnoff to Wart. You may want to park your vehicle at that point if there's room, and walk in. If there's no room there, there is a small gravel pit back a bit on the other side of the swamp where you can park and hike in. We can come back for your stuff if you want to leave it in your vehicle.

At a fast pace it's about 3 hours from the Soo. Take your time and be careful. They are logging and in the early parts putting up power lines and those guys drive fast and think they own the road. Figure about an hour on the highway and 2 ½ or 3 to drive in. You'll probably do better, but don't rush.