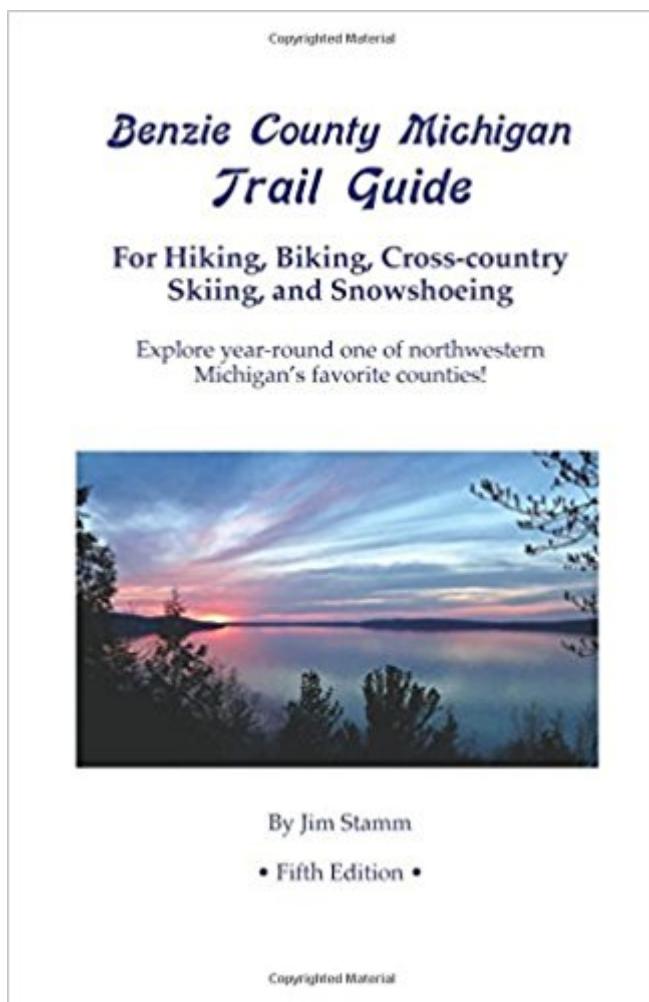


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# Benzie County Michigan Trail Guide: For Hiking, Biking, Cross-country Skiing, And Snowshoeing.



## Synopsis

This guide provides a quick and easy reference to all of the official trails (and several "unofficial" ones) for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing in Benzie County, Michigan. With the FIFTH edition, this book now covers 25 trails, including the Michigan Shore-to-Shore Trail. Explore year-round one of northwestern Michigan's favorite counties! All trails can be used for hiking, most can be used for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, and several for mountain biking. The Shore-to-Shore Trail is also used by horse riders. The Betsie Valley Trail is a former railroad with a long paved section that can also be used by road bikes and roller blades. In addition to all the wonderful well-known water-based recreational opportunities in Benzie County, there are several lovely trails to explore, all via your choice of human-powered transportation. This guide is for anyone interested in experiencing even more of the outdoor splendor the county has to offer. The trails explore along streams, rivers, and inland lakes, as well as Lake Michigan's beaches, bluffs, and great views. They travel through woods, meadows, hills, valleys, wetlands, and dunes. Some pass through former farms and orchards or follow old railroads or logging trails. Four of the trails are in the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. All encompass myriad plant and animal life and have something unique to offer. Included in the guide is a road map of Benzie County showing trailhead locations. Many details are provided for each trail, including: URLs to each trail's Web site and trail map; trail lengths, hiking times, and difficulty; GPS coordinates, detailed directions, and Google Maps URLs for each trailhead; as well as helpful tips and comments. Keep this guide in your car or at your cottage for easy reference!

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Jim is also the author of A Guide to Benzie County Michigan Rivers, Lakes, and Creeks and A Guide to the Rivers and Lakes of Grand Traverse and Leelanau Counties, Michigan. He lives, works, and plays in northwestern lower Michigan â  one of his favorite outdoor locations â  where he owns and operates a computer consulting and Web site design company.

Benzie County is wonderful place to hike. I live here and hit the trails several times a week. The problem is knowing where to find the trails, and this guide is the answer. It has all of my favorites and even some I didn't know about.

Jim Stamm has personally hiked all of the trails he has reviewed in this booklet. Any advice he gives comes from first hand experience. Anyone coming to Benzie county to enjoy the scenery, by foot or bike, should have this guide to make their experience more enjoyable.

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