

Ottawa National Forest Management Areas

The *Forest Plan* provides a blend of different management objectives in management areas across the forest. The *Forest Plan* emphasizes native plant and animal communities, provides for large, undisturbed forest ecosystems, provides for biological diversity on both local and regional scales, from specific management areas to the western Upper Peninsula (UP) of Michigan as a whole, and protects riparian habitat.

The *Forest Plan* identifies sixteen management areas (MA's) for their ecological attributes: Each has a unique set of value that need to be protected (see map below):

- MA 1.1 – Emphasis on Aspen in a Motorized Recreation Ecosystem
- MA 2.1 – Emphasis on Northern Hardwood Forests in a Motorized Recreation Ecosystem.
- MA 3.1 – Emphasis on a Mix of Northern Hardwood Forests in a Motorized Recreation Ecosystem.
- MA 3.2 – Emphasis on Northern Hardwoods in a Motorized Recreation Ecosystem.
- MA 4.1 – Emphasis on Long-lived Conifers in a Motorized Recreation Ecosystem.
- MA 4.2 - Emphasis on Short-lived Conifers in a Motorized Recreation Ecosystem.
- MA 5.1 – McCormick Wilderness
- MA 5.2 – Sturgeon River gorge Wilderness
- MA 5.3 – Sylvania Wilderness
- MA 6.1 – Emphasis on a Semi-primitive Non-motorized Northern Hardwood Forest Ecosystem.
- MA 6.2 – Emphasis on a Semi-primitive Motorized Northern Hardwood Forest Ecosystem.
- MA 7.1 – Black River Recreation Area.
- MA 8.1 – Designated Wild and Scenic Rivers
- MA 8.2 – Sylvania Perimeter and McCormick Entrance Area.
- MA 9.2 – Wild and Scenic Study Rivers.
- MA 9.3 – Minimal Management Areas.

(See map below)

