

## Morgan Falls

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC's) worked on many projects, from firefighting, tree planting, road building, to campground building. Morgan Falls, at one time, was the site of a campground built by the CCC's. The fieldstone fireplaces along the hiking trails are easily noted. The campground was flooded in 1946. It was closed in 1960 because, during heavy rain storms, the ground became saturated with water making for wet camping conditions. The falls are a short 0.6 mile hike, through a beautiful northern hardwood forest carpeted with ferns and woodland wildflowers in the spring. The waterfall is a steep, narrow cascade that zig zags along crevices in the rock. The main drop is 40 feet, landing in a splash pool. Morgan Falls has a total height of 70 feet. The falls today are as beautiful as they were in 1934 when the photo at right was taken. Take a walk and see for yourself!



**Directions:** From Mellen drive 9.6 miles on Highway 13. Turn left (west) on Highway C and drive 5.8 miles to a T intersection with Ashland-Bayfield Road. Turn left (south) and drive 3.8 miles to the parking lot.

## Namekagon Picnic Shelter and Campground

The Namekagon Picnic Shelter and the Campground were developed in the late 1930's as a cooperative project between the Forest Service and the Works Projects Administration (WPA) which was a federal work program that operated during the same time period as the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The original structure had changing rooms on each end. These were, later, removed to allow for a larger picnic shelter area. Namekagon Campground is the Great Divide Ranger District's most popular campground with a total of 34 sites. There are 4 sites on the lake, 4 sites overlooking the lake, and the remainder of them are near the lake. The campground also has a nice sandy beach near the Picnic Shelter, a boat landing and a nature trail. Namekagon Lake is 3,227 acres in size and hosts great fishing for walleye, musky, northern, bass and panfish.

**Directions:** From Cable drive 11 miles east on Highway M to Highway D. Turn left (north) on D and drive 5.5 miles to Forest Road 209. Turn left (west) and drive .5 mile to the campground entrance on the left side of the road.





### Forest Road 203 Pine Plantation

Many people don't realize that many of the trees you see on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest are here due to the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). First, the CCC's fought fires that burned over the fire-prone cut-over stump land. After the rage of fires, they planted acre after acre of tree seedlings. Most of these were planted between 1933 and 1940. The photo above is what the young plantations looked like a few years after planting. Over the years, subsequent harvests, called thinnings, have taken place, allowing maximum growth.



If you walk through the pine stand you may find an old square cedar post, similar to the one at right. These posts contain information about the plantation including:

- the name of the CCC company that planted the area
- the plantation number, given at the time of planting
- the species of tree planted
- the type of stock (for example, "3-0" bare root)
- the month and year of the planting
- the funding source (for example "ECW" or Emergency Conservation Work)

**Directions:** From Cable, take County M east about 10 miles to Forest Road 203; head south on 203 about 2 1/4 miles to many acres of red pine plantations.

