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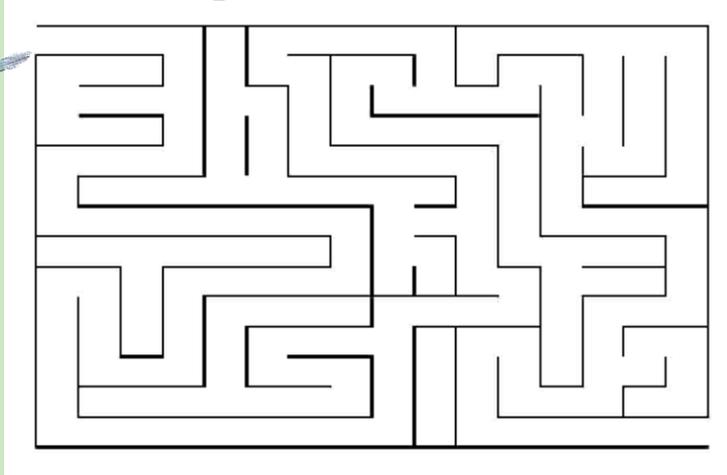
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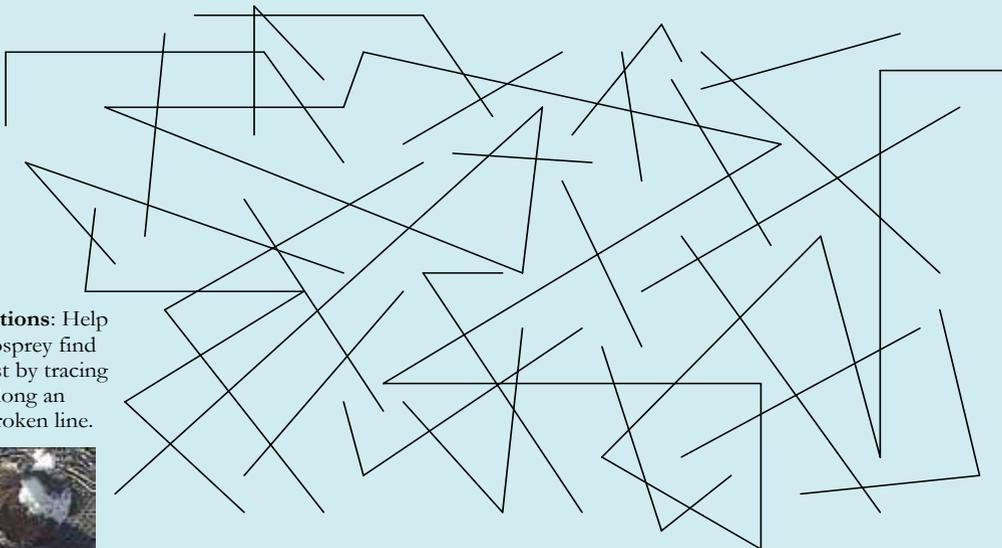
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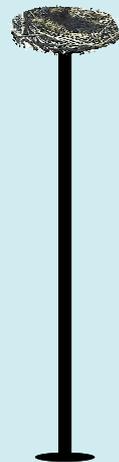
Directions: Help the Karner blue butterfly get through the maze so he can find the lupine plant.



The Karner blue butterfly is a very small butterfly, around the size of a nickel, and considered threatened in Michigan. Male Karners are light blue, while females are dark blue with orange crescents on their hind wings. They can only survive where lupine plants grow because that's the only food eaten by the caterpillars that turn into Karner blue butterflies. This butterfly can be found in only ten Michigan counties and four of them are in the Muskegon River Watershed: Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon and Newaygo Counties.



Directions: Help the osprey find its nest by tracing along an unbroken line.



The osprey is a large raptor (bird of prey) that has a black back and wings, and a white breast and belly. They have talons (claws) to grab fish from the water. They are considered a threatened species in Michigan. They fly south in the fall and arrive back in Michigan around April. Osprey build their nests in tall trees or manmade structures. For the last few years, ospreys have nested on a 100-foot light pole at Ferris State University. You can view them at www.ferris.edu/osprey.

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Contrary to the latest statistics, printed news hasn't died yet. There are still people who put their reading glasses on, get lost in a story, and enjoy coming in contact with a piece of paper—no cord, no wireless—just newsprint to wash off their hands.

People may still use newspapers as packing material (those who actually still mail things) and we know *The Northern Camper* has been used to start some really good campfires. As long as you read it first and patronize our sponsors, it's all good.

Following is an article that finds a reader—and a darn good journalist—who noticed our little magazine. He may have somewhat of a print prejudice, but he writes a story of when you might pick up a paper and read it, especially if you are heading up north.

Thanks Tom Rademacher and *The Grand Rapids Press*. And Tom, Whitetail Realty has a listing for that cabin you mentioned. It comes with a pie iron. †



Northern Michigan reels me in

By Tom Rademacher | *The Grand Rapids Press* | May 16, 2010

If you dare to venture out of the city, this is a dangerous time of year.

It happened to me one day last week and now, when I am supposed to be focusing on home chores and writing assignments, all I can think about are morels and walleye, canoes and creels, shotguns and hiking and campfires.

Thanks a lot, Northern Michigan.

I got stung inside Garlets Corner Restaurant at M-37 and M-55 near Hoxeyville, one of those ubiquitous but charming ham-n-egg joints where they lure you deeper and deeper into the woods with bottomless coffee, cheery waitresses and, oh yeah, seemingly harmless publications like “The Northern Camper” and “Michigan’s Hooks & Bullets.”

My waitress said nothing as I flipped through both, but I knew what she was thinking: “Another catch.”

Not that I was going home with her. But in her eyes I saw a hint of knowing, that I'd be back this way, my car loaded to the gills with golf clubs and fishing poles and the most important outdoor item of all, a pie iron.

It's bad enough that the May/June cover of “Hooks & Bullets” featured Mari Romanack holding up a pike the size of an I-beam that she caught while casting a crankbait off a rocky shoreline. But inside drove me even crazier, with ads enticing me to patronize “Deer Tracks Ranch” and “Rustik Wooden Kreations” and “Uncle Bob's Smoky Mountain Premium All-Purpose Sauce” and “Kelley's Ketch” and “Wiggly Dicks's Bait & Tackle” and, no, I am not making any of this up.

The ads inside “Northern Camper” were a bit more subtle, but just as diabolical, perhaps “Whitetail Realty” more than the others. I mean, how can you even say the name of that Lake City business and not picture yourself in a cabin or cottage warmed by a woodstove and boasting hand-peeled beams and stocked with cast iron cookware — and Hollie, are you listening?

The issue I perused featured a profile on “Spikehorn” Meyers of Clare County, who died in 1959 but not before reportedly establishing a reputation for (a) hosting a park with wild bear, (b) inventing “a contraption to snare children trying to steal his watermelons,” and (c) offering a \$50,000 reward during the 1940s for the live capture of Adolph Hitler.

In other words, he fit into the Northern Michigan landscape just fine.

At Garlets Corner, I figure they get characters somewhat like ol' Spikehorn, or at least inventive enough to answer like the man across from me, who said this when the waitress asked how he was doing:

“I'm here, aren't I?”

The term “Northern Michigan” is subjective, of course. If you live in the U.P., you're not there until you can sniff the southern shore of Lake Superior. But for those of us south of where birches flourish naturally, north is just beyond Muskegon, Howard City and Greenville.

And the draw is inescapable, our senses overcome by the scent of pine, the taste of something atavistic.

Soon, we'll be topping our trucks and minivans with bicycles and floats and disappearing in search of idyllic woods and waters. People are taking their RVs out of storage, priming their outboards, inventing ways to be sick on Friday and (cough, cough) the following Monday.

We'll spill from our vehicles and feast our eyes on nothing that is of brick and mortar. We will leave deadlines in our wake, stare into campfires just because and announce ourselves in little whispers that both acknowledge we've arrived, and can hardly believe it's true.

“I'm here, aren't I?”

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Take a Hike or a Bike

Ask anyone who has visited northern Michigan to describe it and you're likely to hear "it's the lakes!" Ask an RVr and you're likely to have to sit down with them for a half-hour to hear their list of recommended attractions.

From 400' sand dunes, boundless lakes with quaint villages tucked away in coves, sandy beaches and immense forests creased by crystal clear rivers, northern Michigan has something for every geographical taste.

One of the state's less heralded resources is its miles and miles of hiking and biking trails. They offer a wide spectrum of terrain including dune walks and lake side hiking and biking trails to solitary paths and routes through inland forest and across narrow bridges and gently sloping hills.

Each year more and more RV campers arrive with bicycles attached to specially fitted racks on the back of their motorhomes. Bicycling in the vicinity of their RV sites has become a popular activity. More adventurous bicyclists explore the network of interlaced trails available for hikers and bikers (and cross-country skiers and snowmobilers in the winter.)

Wexford County

Many of these dedicated hiking and biking paths may be found close to campsites. Mitchell State Park, in Cadillac, for instance, offers a great 2.5 mile

- nature walk on their Mitchell Heritage Nature Trail.
- Other paths require a short journey to a staging area, The Cadillac Pathway, an 11.5 mile trail can be found just east of Cadillac.

Osceola County

- Part of the "Rails to Trails" movement, Reed City might qualify as the hiking and biking capital of northern Michigan.



White Pine Trail

Between Cadillac and Big Rapids, Reed City is known as the "Crossroads" because two intersecting trails: the Pere Marquette State Trail, which runs 55 miles west/east from Ludington to Midland and the 92-mile White Pine Trail which runs south/north from Comstock Park (just north of Grand Rapids) to Cadillac with various

- parking areas along the way. Reed City and Cadillac are the two most northern "staging areas." Existing rail beds from long defunct railroads are adapted and reconditioned in stages. Some are more rugged than others. The Pere Marquette Trail surfaces are natural ballast and hard packed gravel, with 13 miles of asphalt pavement from Reed City to Big Rapids and 7 miles of asphalt pavement from just north of Rockford to Belmont.

- One of the most beautiful biking sections of the Pere Marquette Trail is between Reed City and

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Directions: White Pine Trail Trailheads

To Cadillac Trailhead: Take US-131 north to the M-115 exit and go northwest for a half mile. Take North 41 Road one mile north to North 44 Road. Go west on North 44 Road approximately a half mile.

To Big Rapids trailhead: Take US-131 to Big Rapids, exit 139. Take M-20 east to Maple Street. Proceed straight for 1/10 mile to the depot staging area; turn south.

To Rogue River Park, Belmont, Trailhead: Take US-131 to exit 95 (Post Dr.). Take Post Drive east to Belmont Road. Take Belmont Road 1/4 mile south to Rogue River Park entrance; turn left.

Trails of Northern Michigan *(continued from page 5)*

Hersey. If you are staying at Rambadt Park in Reed City, this is a trail not to be missed. Much of it is paved to showcase its future appearance.

Reed City embraced the unique intersection of the two trails by recreating the historic train depot that sat at the junction of the Flint, Marquette, Grand Rapids, and Indiana Railroads. It boasts an octagonal meeting room complete with cupola and houses the Reed City Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Development Authority, Pere Marquette Snowmobile Club, as well as serving as a 24-hour rest area for users of the White Pine and Pere Marquette trails.

Grand Traverse & Leelanau County

North and 25 miles west of Traverse City campers will find the spectacular Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore (www.sleepingbeardunes.com). This area is a hiker's paradise—hills, dunes, valleys, shoreline, small lakes and streams which you'll see throughout the area were formed by the powerful earth moving forces of ice, wind and water over geo-

Pere Marquette Parking and Access

To East End of Trail

From the South: Take US-127 to Clare. Get off at downtown Clare exit. Take Mission Rd. to 5th St. Turn left. 5th turns into M-115. Follow M-115 for 2 miles. Trailhead is on the south side of road at Moose Lodge.

From the North: Take US-127 to B.R. 127/B.R. 10. Follow into downtown to 5th St. Turn right. 5th turns into M-115. Follow M-115 for 2 miles. Trailhead is on the south side of road at Moose Lodge.

From the West: Take M-115 through Farwell to 1 mile past Beaver Rd. Trailhead is on the south side of road at Moose Lodge.

From the East: Take US-10 west to B.R. 10. Follow B.R. 10 and it will turn into E. 5th St. Follow 5th and will turn into M-115. Follow M-115 for 2 miles. Trailhead is on the south side of road at Moose Lodge.

To West End of Trail

From the South: Take US 31 North to US-10 East. Follow US-10 to trailhead in Baldwin.

From the North: Take US 31 South to US 10 East. Follow US-10 to trailhead in Baldwin.



TART Trail

logical time. Trailer camping is welcomed but RVs must find another spot in one of the neighboring towns—but don't worry—there are a ton of them! At the Dunes, the National Park Service offers campsites with electricity, showers and modern restroom; more rustic camp sites without electricity or showers and vault restrooms; and primitive camping on the mainland and on North and South Manitou Islands. The islands can be reached via a passenger ferry operated by Manitou Island Transit out of Leland. First time visitors will find it invaluable to start their discovery at the Philip A. Park Visitor Center near Empire. The visitor center has a large relief map of Sleeping Bear Dunes, interesting interpretive displays and an enjoyable movie along with brochures and maps.

Bikes are not allowed on hiking trails but don't fret, any road open to automobiles can be used for biking, including 2-track roads. Roads within campgrounds, the back roads around Port Oneida, and the Pierce Stoking Scenic Drive can all be used for biking. The Park even offers weekly bicycle tours. Ride the winding back roads and pedal through history on old farm roads and former logging roads.

For those seeking a day-trip break from their camping, take the ferry from Leland (north of Sleeping Bear Dunes) to the Manitou islands. North Manitou Island is more for overnight campers, but day-trippers can walk into another world on South Manitou. The trip takes 1.5 hours and visitors can explore the island for 5 hours before returning. The round trip to the island costs \$25 for adults and \$14 for kids. Guided tours are \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids. Call 231-256-9061 for more information. Pack a lunch in Leland and head off to a hiking adventure (and cruise) you'll never forget.

If you stay at the Traverse City State Park (47 acres with a ¼ mile beach!), you would not be far from another exciting biking and hiking path—the TART

Sleeping Bear Dunes

No reservations are needed, and participants need only purchase the park entrance pass to join in the fun (\$10/vehicle valid for seven days or \$20/vehicle for an entire year). When planning to attend a program, be prepared for all kinds of weather, dress appropriately and wear a bike helmet. It is recommended that participants be 10 years of age or older. For more information about the schedule, meeting locations, or other Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore activities, please call the Visitor Center at 231-326-5134, ext. 328.



Sleeping Bear Dunes

Trail (Traverse Area Recreation and Transportation Trails, Inc.). A rail trail which follows the 19th century roadbed of the former Chicago and West Michigan Railway, the TART is part of a network of four regional trails. It's a beautiful 10 mile stretch that runs along Grand Traverse Bay and can be entered at the junction of M-22/M-72. Bicyclists can even connect with the adjoining Leelanau Trail and cycle to Sutton's Bay although that distance is more for long distance bikers.

If you happen to be there on August 13th you could take part in the annual 19-mile ride to Suttons Bay. It's a one-way trip culminating with a bayside dinner and a return bus ride! Pre-registration is recommended (www.traversetrails.org/events, or call 231.941.4300).

These are just a few examples of the many biking and hiking opportunities in northern Michigan. All of Michigan, and most states offer a network of trail systems not always evident during our travels. Stop and ask community residents for information. Your camp host or fellow campers are sure to offer directions to the nearest bike and hiking path. More often than not there's something right near your campground. It's like a vacation inside a vacation. Happy biking and hiking! ✦



The "Heart" of Rails-to-Trails

Pere Marquette Trail



White Pine Trail



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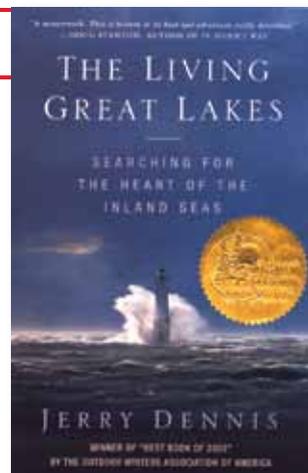
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Book Review

The Living Great Lakes is the most complete book ever written about the history, nature, and science of the remarkable lakes at the heart of North America. From the geological forces that formed them to the industrial atrocities that nearly destroyed them, to the greatest environmental success stories of our time, the lakes are portrayed in all their complexity. The book, however, is much more than just history. It is the story of the lakes as told by biologists, fishermen, sailors, and others whom the author grew to know while traveling with them on boats and hiking with them on beaches and islands. Woven into the book is a personal journey of a four-week voyage through the lakes and beyond as a crew member on a tall-masted schooner, and a memoir of a lifetime spent on and near the lakes. Through storms and fog, on remote shores and city waterfronts, the author explores the five Great Lakes in all seasons and moods and discovers that they offer a surprising and bountiful view of America. The result is a meditation on nature and our place in the world, a discussion and cautionary tale about the future of water resources, and a celebration of a place that is fragile and robust, diverse, rich in history and wildlife, often misunderstood, and worthy of our attention.



Jerry Dennis writes about nature and the outdoors for such publications as *Sports Afield*, *Gray's Sporting Journal*, and *The New York Times*. His previous books have been widely praised and have been translated into five languages. He lives in Traverse City, Michigan.

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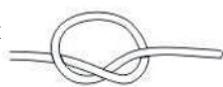
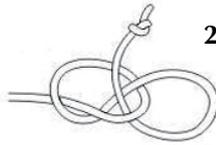
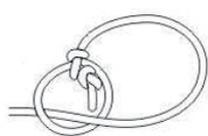
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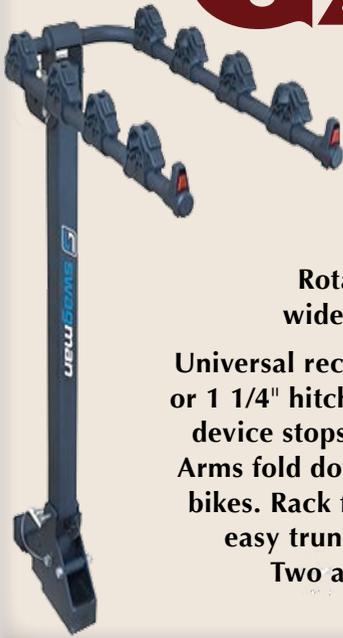
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- 1 Can Mushrooms
- Pinch Garlic
- Pinch Salt & Pepper
- Pinch Sugar
- Ground Beef (1-2 Pounds)

Add together and warm. Mix 1/3 of sauce with hamburger and make into patties. Broil patties till done, top with 1 slice mozzarella cheese and 1 slice onion. Broil till cheese is melted. Place on onion roll, top with additional tomato mixture and serve.

POOR CAMPER STEAK & POTATO

- 1 Pound Ground Beef
- 4-5 Large Potatoes Sliced
- 2 Cans Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 1 Onion – Sliced

Make foil pouches, about 6" x 6". Divide and press hamburger into 4 patties. Place hamburger patty in the bag, add 1/4 of potato slices and onions. Pour 1/4 of soup in bag and seal tightly. Cook on grill about 45 minutes or until done, turning about every 10 minutes. Cut open down the center and eat from the foil. Wonderful!

BUNLESS SWIRLEY DOGS

- 1 Package Hotdogs
- 1 Tube of Biscuits
- 4-8 Roasting Sticks

Take your dog and put it on the roasting stick. Take out 1. biscuit per dog and roll it between your hands to form a snake until it is about 1/2" or less thick. Coil the biscuit around the dog, making sure the biscuit does not touch itself as it is wrapped around. Roast slowly over coals and savor your bunless swirly dog!

GRILLED SHRIMP

- Large shrimp
- bacon slices cut in 1/2
- pepper jack cheese

Slit the back of each shrimp. Place a small slice of cheese in the slit and wrap with a piece of bacon. Use a toothpick to hold together. Cook on the grill until bacon is slightly crisp. This is delicious and easy.

STUFFED ZUCCHINI OR ONIONS

- 1 Pound Ground Beef
- 4 Zucchini or Large Sweet Onions
- 1 Egg
- Bread Crumbs or Crackers
- Salt, Pepper or Other Seasonings

Scoop out vegetable leaving thick layer in tact. Chop the excess into smaller pieces. Add crumbs, meat, egg and seasonings. Fill shells with mixture and wrap with aluminum foil. Place directly on the coals and cook until meat is done, about 1 hour.

GRILLED CHOPS

- 3/4 Cup Soy Sauce
- 1/4 Cup Lemon Juice
- 1 Tablespoon Chili Sauce
- 1 Tablespoon Brown Sugar
- 1/4 Teaspoon Garlic Powder
- 6 Rib or Loin Pork Chops (3/4 Inch Thick)

In a large re-sealable plastic bag or shallow glass container, combine the first 5 ingredients; mix well. Remove 1/4 cup for basting and refrigerate. Add pork chops to remaining marinade; turn to coat. Cover and refrigerate for 3 hours or overnight, turning once. Drain chops, discarding marinade. Grill, covered, over medium-hot heat for 4 minutes. Turn; baste with reserved marinade. Grill 4-7 minutes longer or until juices run clear. 6 Servings

ORIENTAL CHICKEN GRILL

- 1/2 Cup Orange Juice
- 2 Tablespoons Honey
- 2 Tablespoons Soy Sauce
- 1 Teaspoon Lemon Pepper Seasoning
- 1 Teaspoon Ground Ginger
- 1/2 Teaspoon Garlic Powder
- 2 Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast Halves

In a small bowl, combine and mix first six ingredients. Set aside 1/4 cup for basting. Put chicken and the rest of mixture into a resealable plastic bag. Put in fridge overnight. Next day drain and discard the mixture. Grill chicken over medium heat. Baste several times with reserved marinade. Serve on rolls with your favorites - lettuce, tomato, etc.

GRILLED POTATO HALVES

- 4 Cloves Garlic (Chopped)
- 1/4 Teaspoon Salt
- 2 Tablespoon Olive Oil
- 2/3 Teaspoon Oregano
- 3 Teaspoon Dried Rosemary
- 1/2 Teaspoon Paprika
- 1/2 Teaspoon Black Pepper
- 4 Long Russet Potatoes (Cut In Half)

Combine all ingredients except potato. Let stand 1 hour. Boil potatoes for about 15 minutes. Brush the seasoned oil on top of the potatoes. Grill for about 15 minutes or until slightly charred. Don't cook over direct coals. HINT: 1 or 2 mesquite chunks added to the coals gives a nice flavor. 4 Servings

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This Old Camper



A Do-It-Yourself Guide For Camper Maintenance

by Gerry Bandelow, Lake City

Roughing-it—what does it mean?

I'm sure people will have different opinions. One might say grabbing a backpack with a sleeping bag and heading down one of Northern Michigan's scenic pathways for the weekend is roughing-it. Another might say receiving only two channels on the high-def digital TV in their luxury motor coach is roughing-it. My guess is most people would give a more in-between answer like no hook-ups is roughing-it. But does it have to be?

Most campgrounds have full hook-up and rustic lots while some are all rustic. You'll find some real hidden gems are lots further out from the main camping area in a campground. These lots are more secluded and usually larger with more trees and a more private and scenic view. The drawback is that they do not have the conveniences of electricity or water. So let's break down what preparations you will need to make your camper self-contained to eliminate those drawbacks.

BATTERIES

Most campers are for the most part already self-contained. First, does the camper have a 12 volt battery or at least a battery box (usually located on the front tongue of the camper)? This battery should be wired into the camper's power box and will act as a power supply for most low powered things such as lights, furnace blower and water pump.

The 12 volt battery needs to be a deep cycle marine battery. That means it will hold more voltage longer than a standard car battery. It is designed this way because there is no need for a high amp draw. All it needs is to hold 12 volts at low amps for a long time, whereas a car battery is designed for high amps for a short period of time. A deep cycle marine battery will keep 12

volts until it is almost dead. When it dies, it dies almost without warning. Having two batteries is always an option for back-up.

GENERATORS

The drawback of a battery is that it will need to be recharged periodically. This brings you to the need for a small portable generator with approximately a 1500 watt capacity with a 12 volt output (which most generators have).

If roughing-it in the extreme heat and you need to run your air conditioner, be sure to bring along a generator that has at least a 5000 watt capacity. This will run your air and keep your battery charged at the same time. Most generators of this capacity will run between 8 and 10 hours on a single fuel fill up. To conserve fuel, you may want to run the generator in the heat of the day, open the window in the cool of the

evening and on through the morning hours.

The generator is a great camper gadget, but it is optional. Generators are like most things in life, you get what you pay for. Most are labeled with a decibel rating. For every increase in 10 decibels, the noise level is 10 times more powerful. A generator that runs at 70 decibels is ten times as loud as a generator that runs at 60 decibels (a smoke detector is 80 decibels). Honda and Yamaha generators for instance are renowned for quiet operation. They operate at noise levels between 49 and 60 decibels, which is no louder than normal speech.

Note that if a generator is being used to supply power to the camper it must have an inverter or you take the risk of burning up your TV and other appliances. At this point you need to ask yourself are you camping to get away and enjoy the peace and quite? And how about the surrounding campers? You have to take their privacy into consideration.



Photos by Megan Brooks

OTHER OPTIONS

One of my camping friends, Greg, is an expert at roughing-it. These are the best people to talk to—campers that have found or come up with ideas to make roughing-it more pleasant through experience.

Greg, his wife Kim and a group of friends found a perfect rustic camping location and have set up their campers to be fully self contained. Along with a solar panel for trickle charging the battery and a Honda 2000 generator, he shared with me another great idea for lighting—a Mr. Heater wall mount gas light. They run on about one pound of gas for 11 hours. The light wasn't too hard to hook up, running a 3/8" copper tubing in a hollow interior wall and connecting to his existing copper line using a tee-fitting.



These lights are to be used with caution. Make sure you have ventilation and that your smoke, carbon monoxide, and LP detectors are in good working condition.

Another simple idea for lighting is outdoor solar lights. Take a block of wood about 4" x 4" x 2" and drill a hole in it the same size as the solar light's stake. Now you have a great indoor lamp.

FURNACE

If roughing it in colder weather (and let's hope that doesn't come before October), you will need electricity to operate the blower. Another good idea is a Mr. Buddy radiant heater. This heater provides safe heat, has a low oxygen depletion sensor, built-in tip over shut off switch and runs off a 1 lb. cylinder for about 4-6 hours.

REFRIGERATION

Let's examine the refrigerator. This is one of the most incredible, can't live without, dual cooling, compact appliances you will have in your camper. You can cool or freeze anything you want even without electricity. These also run on propane (and uses very little) so you can save on your battery power. No electricity or propane? Freeze water or put ice in a plastic container

and place it on a shelf in the refrigerator. It will last a day or two.

WATER

Bring bottled water for drinking. A full fresh water tank will add many extra pounds onto your towing, so be sure to compensate in your sway control bar. The pump that pressurizes the water line runs on the 12 volt battery. Most only operate when you turn on the faucet, flush the toilet or shower. When showering, use the shower head valve to cut the water on and off between soaping and rinsing. This will save on water and electricity.

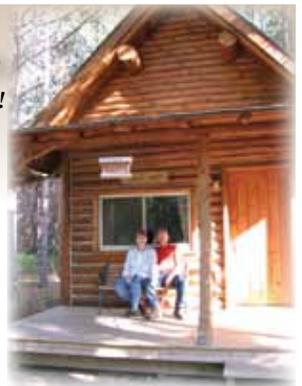
The hot water heater is another appliance you may not be able to live without. If a cold shower is beyond your roughing-it skills, you can still have hot water by switching to the propane tanks.

Remember, while making your camper roughing-it ready, don't let it become overwhelming. Involve the family and keep it fun. If you have any questions or comments you can e-mail me at thehappycamperguy@yahoo.com or visit me on Facebook, The Happy Camper Guy. ✦

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Michigan Free Fishing Weekend • June 12

Kayaking Adventure Program • June 19, Noon - 3 pm

Sign up for kayaks 10 am, drawing at 11 am

Project GO - Get Outdoors Day • June 26, 7 am

Coffee and rolls 7 a.m., birding video 7:15 a.m., hike at 8 a.m.

Kayak/Canoe Demo • June 12, 11 am - 2 pm

Mitchell State Park • 231-775-7911

Jazz In the Park • June - September

Rotary Pavilion, downtowncadillac.com.

Lake Band (Mondays)

Gospel Concerts (Saturdays & Sundays)

Jackpine Pickers (Tuesdays)

Rock the Dock (Wednesdays)

Upbeat Cadillac/Jazz in the Park (Thursdays)

Alive After 5 (TBA)

Elk Rapids

Farmers Market • Fridays, June - Oct., 8 am - Noon

Elk Rapids Chamber, elkrapidschamber.org

Antique Art Show • June 5, 9 am - 3 pm

Downtown Elk Rapids, elkrapidschamber.org

Art Beat • June 5, 10 am - 6 pm

Downtown Elk Rapids, elkrapidschamber.org

Evening on River Street • Wed., June - Oct., 6 - 9 pm

Downtown Elk Rapids, Food & Live entertainment

Art Rapids Art Fair • June 26, 10 am - 11 am

Veteran's Memorial Park, elkrapidschamber.org

Evart

Wood Carvers Roundup • June 9-12

Creative Carving Seminar • June 14-18

Gold Wings Touring Association • June 24-27

Relay for Life • June 25-26

Community Hall Fair Grounds

Hersey

Hersey Heritage Days • June 4-6

Higgins Lake

Dave Bennett's Benny Goodman Tribute • June 5, 3 pm

Kirtland Center, 989-275-6777, kirtland.edu/kcpa

DOE Day Ladies Golf Outing • June 17

Ye Olde Country Club, 989-275-8760, hlrc.com

Higgins Lake Sunrise Run • June 19

North Higgins Lake State Park, 989-415-9116,

higginslakesunriserun.com

Interlochen

Interlochen Summer Arts Festival • See Page 23

Lake City

Hazardous Waste Collection • June 5, 9 am - 1 pm

Missaukee County Road Commission, missaukeecd.org

Friendly Garden Club of Lake City June Schedule

Beverly Lind, 839-7422

Annual Perennial Plant Sale • June 5, 9 am

Lake City Municipal Park

Scholarship Recipient, Kendra Jenema & Bowling Ball

Decorating Demonstration • June 7, 6:30 pm

Potluck Picnic • July 12, 6 pm

Equine Fellowship • June Schedule

Missaukee Agricultural Society Arena, 231-878-1021, equinefellowship.org.

50s & 60s Theme for Meals on Wheels • June 9

Tough Enough to Wear Pink American Cancer Society • June 16

Patriotic or Camo Theme for Wounded Veterans • June 30

Music in the Park • June Schedule, Thursdays, 7-9 pm

Lake City Free Stage - All concerts free.

Steven Dee in the Keys (Oldies) • June 17

Earthworks Musicians (Folk) • June 24

Hole-In-One Tournament • June 12, 8:30 a.m.

Stoney Creek Golf Course, 4664 S. Morey Rd., 231.839.7777,

TheUltimatePar3Shootout.com. See ad, page 17.

Good Morning Lake City • June 18, 7 am

Lake City EMS Bldg., 1st St., margo.jacobs@chartercom.com.

Greatest 4th In the North • June 30 - July 5

Leelanau

Leland Wine Festival • June 12, Noon - 6 pm

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Lucas

Crazy Softball Game • June 5, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Lucas Ball Field, benefit for Wexford Missaukee Mentoring Coalition. Bedonna Davis, 779-4559.

Manton

Old Time Jamboree • 1st Saturday of Month, 6 - 10 pm
Manton HS, square/round dancing, 231-389-0042.

After 26 Project Golf Outing • June 26, 8:30 am
Emerald Vale Golf Course, Kathy Bloomfield, 231-775-4516.

Marion

Marion Fair • June 20-26
380 S. Mill St., 231-743-2975 (-6451), www.marionfair.com.

Merritt

Merritt Speedway • May Schedule (Tentative)
4430 E. Houghton Lake Rd., 231-328-4351, merritt-speedway.com

Forward's Employee Night • June 5
Michigan National Guard Stay on Track • June 19
Don Nester Chevrolet Employee Night • June 26

Golden Agers Dance Night • Mondays, 6-9 pm
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Merritt Farmers Market • June - Sept.
Ben Jeffs Park, greg@missaukeepaddlesports.com.

4-H Horse Show • Mondays in June
Community Park, BAMASHA Arena.

Golden Agers Hootennany • June 18-20
BBQ, bingo, dance, camping; 231-328-4447.

Mesick

2nd Annual Mesick River Days • June 19-20

Moorestown

Jack Pine Enduro Cowbell Classic • July 25
Mike Maurer, (517) 655-5505 / mike@nationalenduro.com,
www.nationalenduro.com / www.d14enduro.org

Northport

Northport Lighthouse & Maritime Festival • June 19
Haserot and Marina Parks, Downtown Northport, www.grandtraverselighthouse.com, (213) 386-7195.

Reed City

Reed City Chamber Golf Outing • June 11

Art In The Park (Rambadt Park) • June 19

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Music in the Park • Saturday Evenings, June 5 - Aug. 21
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231-832-4880, reedcitycrossroads.com.

Traverse City

Farmers Market • June, Wed. & Sat., 8 am - noon
Cass & Union St., (231) 922-2050, downtowntc.com

Stargazing • June 5, 9 - 11 pm
NMC's Rogers Observatory, 231-995-2300, nmc.edu.

Grand Traverse Kennel Club Dog Show • June 18 - 20
Grand Traverse Civic Center, www.gtkc.org, (586) 662-0947.

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Marquette Who?

Pere Marquette State Trail, Pere Marquette Rail Trail, Marquette Michigan, the Pere Marquette River, Marquette University in Wisconsin—who was this Marquette fellow and why is he memorialized so much in Wisconsin and Michigan? We have to go back to 17th century France for part of the answer.

Jacques Marquette, a French Jesuit priest (hence “Pere” Father Marquette) born in 1637, was sent to “New France” (Quebec) in 1666 as a religious missionary to work with the indigenous tribes in the region. By all accounts he mastered several of the local languages, including Algonquin and Huron and became a trusted friend of the tribes before making his way to Sault Ste. Marie where he helped found a mission and then to La Pointe (near present day Ashland) on Lake Superior.

If these travels weren’t enough to make him interesting—establishing Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace as the earliest European settlements in Michigan—the next phase of his life would guarantee him a place in history. While exploring the Ashland, Wisconsin area the Illinois tribe informed Marquette of the Mississippi River, but because of hostilities



Père Marquette and the Indians
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between nearby Huron at LaPointe and neighboring Lakota, the missionary relocated to the Straits of Mackinac. It was from there that Marquette told his superiors about the rumored river, and the French, always looking for a pathway to the Pacific, authorized an expedition.

Joined by the French Canadian explorer, Louis Jolliet, the two left from St. Ignace that would take them on a journey to within 450 miles of the Gulf of Mexico via the Bay of Green Bay, the Fox River and the Wisconsin River, portaging canoes through swampy terrain and the severe hardships of that era. It was also realized that this route would probably not take them to the Pacific.

Discovering that local natives were carrying European trinkets, the explorers feared an encounter with the Spanish and followed the Mississippi north to the Illinois River, a faster route to the Great Lakes, ending up near the present day Chicago—the first Europeans to winter there—as welcomed guests of the Illinois Confederation.

In 1675, the missionary-explorer died from dysentery contracted during his expedition and died near Ludington. His remains were buried at St. Ignace in 1677.

The story of the voyage and discovery is related by Marquette in his “Voyage et decouverte de quelques pays et nations de l’AmSrique Septentrion Me,” a translation of which is given in Shea’s “Discovery and Exploration of the Mississippi” (New York, 1852). The narrative is remarkable for charm of style as well as close observation and fine descriptive ability. He had a keen and scientific eye for all the natural features of the river.

One interesting footnote about Marquette is that he was the first to give an explanation of the lake tides, and his theory has not been improved by modern scientists.

The Father Marquette National memorial and Museum is located in Straits State Park in St. Ignace and is interpreted in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Resources. ✦



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Campground Critter



Common Crow, aka American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*)

Crows are so much a part of the landscape that we hardly pay attention to them—unless there’s a flock of them yakking at us. Considered by some as annoying “sky rats,” these sleek, black tricksters are smarter than commonly believed. In fact, not only can they recognize each other even after long periods of separation, they can recognize us. Yes, that mean’s facial recognition—cross species social skills!

As a recent *New York Times* article by Michelle Nijhuis revealed—John M. Marzluff, a wildlife biologist at the University of Washington has studied crows and ravens for more than 20 years and has long wondered if the birds could identify individual researchers. Previously trapped birds seemed more wary of particular scientists, and often were harder to catch. “I thought, ‘Well, it’s an annoyance, but it’s not really hampering our work,” Dr. Marzluff said. “But then I thought we should test it directly.”

To test the birds’ recognition of faces separately from that of clothing, gait and other individual human characteristics, Dr. Marzluff and two students wore rubber masks. He designated a caveman mask as “dangerous” and, in a deliberate gesture of civic generosity, a Dick Cheney mask as “neutral.” Researchers in the dangerous mask then trapped and banded seven crows on the university’s campus in Seattle.

In the months that followed, the researchers and volunteers donned the masks on campus, this time walking prescribed routes and not bothering crows.

The crows had not forgotten. They scolded people in the dangerous mask significantly more than they did before they were trapped, even when the mask was disguised with a hat or worn upside down. The neutral mask provoked little reaction. Even two years later the crows not only remembered the dangerous masks but also had taught others in the flock to be equally wary!

In Hong Kong, China, crows have adapted to city life by learning to drop nuts onto street intersection to be crushed, then run out with pedestrians as they cross, grab their delicacies and scurry back to the curb.

So the next time you scorn a crow for annoying behavior or its incessant cawing just know that it is able to remember you...personally. They may not know where you live, but the following camping season, don’t be surprised if you see a flock hanging around your camp site. †

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1. Cha-cha cousin
6. Repulsive
10. Like one end of a pool
14. Dolphins' home
15. Tickled-pink feeling
16. ___ mater
17. Moving
20. Privet
21. Foamy pick-me-up
22. Excessively
23. Liable
25. Slim swimmer
26. Seed coverings
30. Borrrring
31. No longer green
32. Abounding
34. Electrical unit
37. Dashboard display
40. Time-wasting bother
41. Crops up
42. Clearasil target
43. Tousle
44. Searches for
45. Capital of Phoenix?
48. Mag. submissions
49. Set of supplies
51. Eagle's nest
53. State
58. Cunctation
61. Subordinate staffer
62. Get the ball rolling
63. Like forks
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65. Cons' confines
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DOWN

1. It may bite your shorts
2. Piece of property
3. Honey-based liquor
4. Firecracker sound
5. Beginnings
6. Block house?
7. Kind of hammer
8. Barbie's ex-beau
9. In the time left
10. Statistics
11. Ruling class

12. Be a ham
13. Committee
18. Old hand
19. Gibson of tennis
23. Flying solo
24. Roles
26. 'Cessa di più resistere,' for one
27. Peel
28. ___ facto
29. '___ me think about it'
30. Glorify
32. Mentors
33. Off the mark
34. Cats' prey
35. Goose sound
36. Kind of column
38. Demolition derby entrant
39. Menlo Park monogram
44. Summer ermines
45. Mamas' mates
46. Spine-tingling
47. Destroy by degrees
49. Works with some yarn
50. Quaint lodging
52. Keeps cold
53. FYI cousin
54. Elec., e.g.
55. Span's inches
56. Like most colleges
57. Budgets make them meet
59. Killer _____
(excellent computer program)
60. Take to court



Answers on page 25

Vegetation Station

Have you noticed a delicate white flower during your spring treks through the woods? I finally found out what they were on one of my many walks around Sapphire Lake.

“Nice dog but stay out of the Trillium,” my neighbor said kindly.

Beverly Lind from the Friendly Garden Club of Lake City is one of my new “Camper” friends and resource for plant life in the woods.

“What’s Trillium,” I asked, and wondered what the harm was of one dog-watered flower.

“It’s a protected plant in the state of Michigan,” Beverly explained. “You’ll see them in big clumps in the woods, but they are very delicate.”

A member of the lily family, the most common species of trillium in Michigan is Trillium Grandiflorum or the Large-flowered Trillium. This plant has a large, often white three-petaled flower above three broad bracts that look like leaves. Trilliums are North American and Asian natives that typically thrive in moist, woodland settings where rich, acidic soil is prevalent.

Picking the flowers of Trillium can seriously injure the plant. The three leaves below the flower are the plant’s only food source and a picked Trillium may die or take many years to recover. For this reason in many areas, e.g. British Columbia, Michigan, New York, Oregon and Washington, it is illegal to pick.

For hundreds of years, this plant and its name have been used to symbolize purity, simplicity, elegance, and beauty. Every spring and early summer, thousands of nature enthusiasts journey into the woods to admire the showiest of our spring woodland flowers.



“They’re not a long-lasting bloom,” Beverly said. “And you’ll see the flower starts to turn a pink color at the end of it’s blooming state.”

“They are so beautiful but just remember if you pick one, it kills the seed and there is one less plant.”

You still have a few weeks to enjoy this wildflower around your camp site or walk through the woods. Just remember to keep your dog and your own paws out of the Trillium. †

TRILLIUM (TRILL-EE-UM)

Plant Type: Perennial

Habit: Clump-Forming

Plant Size: 12-18" Tall & 12" Wide

Flower Size: Up to 3" Wide

Flower Color: White, Red, Pink, Yellow

Leaf Color: Green, Sometimes Mottled With Pale Green, Dark Green, or Maroon

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got rocks?

by Kevin Gauthier

Chain Coral

The name describes this stone.

Look for a stone with a myriad of white chains interlocking a tan matrix. The calcium carbonate in the coral was replaced with quartz making the chain part of the stone harder



I got up from where I was sitting on my beach towel and began roaming the shoreline, no luck—to this day he still holds the record between us for finding the most chain corals. (He seems to have the same instincts for morel mushroom hunting).

The white lines are the actual coral which can be extracted from the dolomite with a muriatic acid bath. The picture of this coral extracted from the stone gives a very clear insight on how the coral would have looked on the lake floor millions of years ago. †

than the rest of the stone. When the stone is weathered, the lines are raised. Because of the distinct pattern and weathered textured, chain coral is one on the easiest stones to identify, but hard to find.

Chain coral is more commonly found in the eastern most part of the Upper Peninsula and on Drummond Island. It is rarely found in Lake Michigan. On a really good day, you might find a half dozen stones which are typically no bigger than 2-3".

One day last summer at Point Betsy Light House, my 9 year old son discovered 7 Chain Coral stones. Not to be outdone,

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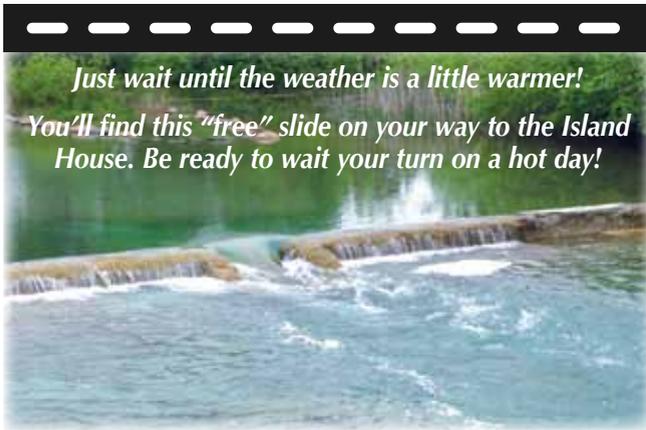
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Ever wish for a rainy day and time to read a book? Cross the bridge off River Street (remember the river runs through it) and find this historic home—now library—complete with internet and two levels of books. And though there's not a lot of talking, you'll see the window seat that overlooks the harbor and swear it's calling for you to stay awhile.

The Island House was built in 1865 by Edwin S. Noble, a local businessman. It changed ownership and was added onto several times over the years, until it was donated to the Village in 1948 by its last owner, Katherine Dexter McCormick. Extensive renovations were made in recent years, and great care was taken to preserve the character of the house and grounds.

One of the Village's true gems, patrons and staff are very proud of their library and invite you to visit!





Just wait until the weather is a little warmer!
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Whirl-i-gig (hwûr l-g g , wûr -). n. 1. Any of various spinning toys. 2. A carousel; a merry-go-round. 3. Something that continuously whirls.

Yep, they have it. Maybe not a life-size merry-go-round, but everything else that whirls and gigs. And don't be deceived by the quaintness of this little stone building. It's filled to the roof with fun for the young and young at heart.



STOP **The Nature Connection**
 137 River Street • (231) 264-6330

One more stop—a must mention for the nature lover—this gift shop has practical and educational gifts for all who find treasures in the outdoors. The Nature Connection has everything from butterfly nets to books on butterflies. And for the rock hounds, you can buy a polished petoskey stone here if you didn't find one on the beach!

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Ranch Rudolf
(not Rudolph)

was named after Rudolf Paziener, born in Austria-Hungary in 1887. In 1916, he came to the U.S. and by 1922, was an executive chef at one of Chicago's largest hotels. The same year he was offered a job running a small ranch resort in northern Michigan. With Rudolf's fabulous cooking, the Ranch quickly became a renowned haven for hunters and fishermen seeking excellent food and lodging in a natural setting.



Rudolf's legacy was succeeded in 1963 by Harvey & Joanne Montgomery then in the 70s by Dr. Powers, owner of the Park Place Motor Lodge in downtown Traverse City. The Park Place operated the property until 1982 when the Hamills purchased the Ranch.

"It was a love for horses and getting away from 'the desk job' that brought us here," Melody said. And over the years returned guests are more like family. "We have three generations of families who plan their vacations here."

Whether you are suited for a motel or campground, fine dining or campfire, activity or a little "R & R," Ranch Rudolf will have an answer for that loaded question, "What do you want to do today?" And everyone will get what he or she wants! ✦



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UNPUZZLER

Sudoku (Page 9)

9	3	4	6	5	7	2	8	1
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Crossword (Page 19)

Editor's Note: To make it a little harder to cheat, answers are in reverse . . . Gotcha!

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East Bay of Grand Traverse Bay

There is a multi lane ramp at **Edward Grace Memorial Harbor** that provides direct access to East Bay of Grand Traverse Bay. From here, it is a short hop to many favorite anchorages such as Old Mission Bay, the great sand bar at Petobego Pond and a bit farther into West Bay is the ever-popular Power Island. You can take a day trip and tie up at the docks in Suttons Bay for a little shopping and sight seeing or anchor and go ashore for lunch at Knot-Just-a-Bar in Omena Bay.

Chain O’ Lakes

The other side of the “best of both worlds” is access to the Chain O’ Lakes. At the north end of Bridge Street in Elk Rapids is a launch ramp providing access to Elk River. Adjacent to the ramp is **Elk River Marina**, which can provide marine supplies, including charts.



- From here, it is just a short trip under the US-31
- Bridge and then out into Elk Lake, the beginning of
- several great opportunities for day trips.



Once under the bridge you head out into the Chain O’ Lakes, a system of lakes and rivers with over 200 miles of shoreline and almost 60 square miles of water. This continual connection of water embraces 14 lakes and interconnecting rivers. In addition, there are more than 200 high quality groundwater fed tributaries, many of which are trout streams such as the Cedar and Rapid River.

Elk Lake & Lake Skegemog Torch River & Torch Lake

Elk Lake is first and then connects with Lake Skegemog. From there find the Torch River and wind your way into Torch Lake, a 18,473 acre lake

that is 18 miles long. Torch Lake has been ranked by *National Geographic* as “the third most beautiful lake in the world.” It was called “Was-Wah-go-nink” or “lake of torches” by the Native Americans, reference being made by the use of torches in spearing whitefish and trout.

Once you come out of the Torch River and enter Torch Lake you approach the ever-popular sand bar that attracts many visitors each summer. It can be a fun place to anchor and hang out.

Another popular destination is the Dockside Restaurant, this is right at the mouth of the Clam River on the east side of the lake. They have plenty of space to tie so you can go ashore for lunch or dinner.



Clam River & Clam Lake Grass River & Lake Bellaire

From the Clam River and through Clam Lake you come to the Grass River. It is 2.5 miles long and connects Lake Bellaire to Clam Lake. Its overall watershed is about 175 square miles and has been deemed to be one of the most scenic spots along the Chain O' Lakes. The Grass River flows through an expansive marsh and dense conifer swamp and most of the river is undeveloped and protected by Grass River Natural Area. The Natural Area has 49 species of mammals, 33 species of reptiles and 65 species of birds.

There is plenty to see and do as you travel the Chain O' Lakes, whether it is stopping at the many hot spots for a bite, anchoring off on a sand bar, wetting a line to catch fish or just cruising the shore. This area has just about everything a boater needs to enjoy Michigan's wondrous waters.

Getting On the Water

Even if you did not bring your own boat up camping with you there are ways to get out and enjoy the water.

You can charter a fishing boat in **Edward Grace Memorial Harbor** and get out on Grand Traverse Bay fishing for lake trout and salmon. *The Ultimate* is a 31 foot boat and can take up to 6 passengers for a half day (4



hour) trip. Departure times are decided by the Captain and customer. Many people enjoy the evening trip and that can be some of the best fishing. Contact **Ultimate Charters, 231-392-3062**.

Elk River Marina rents all kinds of watercraft. You can get a fishing, pontoon, or ski boats and other water toys to have plenty of fun in the sun. Boats can be rented by the day or week. Contact **Elk River Marina, 231-264-9500**.

Popular campgrounds in the area include the **Chain O' Lakes Campground** and **Barnes Park**, among others. So get the kids, pack up your cooler, sunscreen and swim suit and get out on the waters in Elk Rapids. ✦

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Antrim County

COUNTY

Barnes Park Campground • 231-599-2712
1298 Barnes Park Rd., Eastport, MI 49627

Directions: junction US-31 & M-88, west, approx. 3/4 mile.
Facilities: tents & RVs/62, electric, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, wheelchair accessible, beach, Wi-Fi.

Craven Park • Bellaire

Facilities: rustic/20, electric/30, toilets, showers, boat launch.

Thurston Park • Village of Central Lake

Facilities: electric/36, toilets, showers, beach, boat launch.

Wooden Shoe Park • Banks Township

Directions: East of Ellsworth at Rushton and Pleasant Hill roads.
Facilities: rustic/15, electric/40, toilets, showers, beach, boat launch.

STATE

Graves Crossing Forest Campground • 989-732-3541

Directions: 10 miles north of Mancelona via US-131 and M-66.
Facilities: tents & small trailers/10 sites.

Pinney Bridge State Forest Campground • 989-732-3541

Directions: 5.5 miles NW of Alba via 620 & Cascade Rd.
Facilities: tents/15 sites.

PRIVATE

Chain O' Lakes Campground • 231-533-8432
7231 South M-88 Hwy., Bellaire, MI 49615

Directions: Routes 88 between Mancelona & Bellaire.
Facilities: tents, RVs, cabins, electric, water, sanitation station, toilets, showers, reservations, pool, store, laundry, Wi-Fi, rec. room.

Wieland's Whistling Pines • 231-544-6348
7143 Rushton Road, Ellsworth, MI 49729

Facilities: 14 sites.

Grand Traverse County

TOWNSHIP

Whitewater Township Park • 231-267-5091
9500 Park Rd., PO Box 159, Williamsburg, MI 49690

Facilities: Electric/53, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, beach, boat launch.

STATE

Arbutus No. 4 Rustic Camp • 231-922-5280

Directions: 10 miles SE of Traverse City via Garfield Rd., Potter Rd., 4 Mile Rd. & North Arbutus Lake Rd.

Facilities: rustic/30, boat launch.

Interlochen State Park • 231-276-9511

M-137, Interlochen, MI 49643

Facilities: Duck Lake, electric/418, toilets, showers, wheelchair accessible, reservations, beach, boat launch, store; Green Lake, rustic/58 sites; teepee/tent rental/4 sites.

Lake Dubonnet State Camp • 231-922-5280

Directions: 4 miles NW of Interlochen via M-137, US-31 & Wildwood Rd.
Facilities: rustic/50, boat launch.

Lake Dubonnet Trail Camp (Equestrian) • 231-922-5280

Directions: 4.5 miles NW of Interlochen via M-137, US-31 & Wildwood Rd.
Facilities: rustic/200 people, reservations.

Scheck's Place State Forest Camp • 231-922-5280

Directions: 12 miles SW of Williamsburg via Williamsburg Rd., Supply Rd. & Brown Bridge Rd.
Facilities: rustic/30, boat launch.

Scheck's Place Trail Camp (Equestrian) • 231-922-5280

Directions: 12 miles SW of Williamsburg via Williamsburg Rd., Supply Rd. & Brown Bridge Rd.
Facilities: rustic/200 people, reservations.

Traverse City State Park • 231-922-5270

1132 US-31 North, Traverse City, MI 49686

Directions: US-31 between 3 & 4 Mile Rds.
Facilities: tents & RVs/343, cabins/2, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, beach.

PRIVATE

Holiday Park & Campground • 231-943-4410

4860 US-31 South, Traverse City, MI 49684

Facilities: RVs, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, beach, boat launch, store, laundry, Wi-Fi.

Honcho Rest Campground • 231-264-8548
8988 Cairn Hwy., Elk Rapids, MI 49629

Facilities: 95, electric, water; cabins/2; toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, beach, Wi-Fi.

Ranch Rudolf • 231-947-9529
6841 Brown Bridge Rd., Traverse City, MI 49686

Facilities: tents, RVs/25, electric, water, sanitation station, toilets, showers, reservations, pool, store, laundry. **SEE AD PAGE 24.**

Timber Ridge RV & Recreation Resort • 231-947-2770
4050 Hammond Rd., Traverse City, MI 49686

Facilities: RVs, cabins, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, pool, store, laundry, Wi-Fi, rec. room.

Traverse Bay RV Resort • (231) 938-5800
5555 M-72 East, Williamsburg, MI 49690

Facilities: RVs, electric, water, sanitation station, toilets, showers, reservations, pool, laundry, Wi-Fi, rec. room.

Lake County

STATE

Bray Creek State Forest Campground • 231-775-9727

Directions: 1.5 miles northeast of Baldwin via M-37, north of St. Merriville Rd. & 40th St.

Facilities: rustic/9, boat launch.

Carrieville State Forest Campground • 231-775-9727

Directions: 3 miles west of Luther via Old M-63 & Kings Hwy.

Facilities: rustic/31 sites.

Leverentz Lake State Forest Campground

Directions: 2 miles East of Baldwin via US-10 & Forest Dr.

Facilities: rustic/18 sites on Big Leverentz Lake, rustic/7 sites on Little Leverentz Lake; boat launch.

Lincoln Bridge Rustic Campground • 231-775-9727

Directions: 7 miles north of Luther via State Rd. & 10 Mile Rd.

Facilities: rustic/9 sites.

Silver Creek Rustic Campground • 231-775-9727

Directions: 5.5 miles of north Luther via State Rd.

Facilities: rustic/26 sites.

PRIVATE

Irons RV Park and Campground • 231-266-2070
4623 West 10-1/2 Mile Rd., Irons, MI 49644

Directions: M-37 north, left on 10 Mile Rd.; 10 Mile turns into 10 1/2 Mile; 5 miles from M-37 & 10 Mile Rd.

Facilities: tent & RV/33, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, wheelchair accessible, store, laundry, Wi-Fi.

Leelanau County

STATE

Leelanau State Park • 231-386-5422

15310 N. Lighthouse Point Rd., Northport, MI 49670

Directions: 9 miles north of Northport, follow road to park.

Facilities: rustic/52, RVs/10, cabins/3, reservations, beach.

PRIVATE

Lake Leelanau RV Park • 231-256-7236

3101 Lakeshore Dr., Leelanau, MI 49653

Facilities: rustic & RVs/196, electricity, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, beach, boat launch, Wi-Fi.

Wild Cherry RV Resort • 231-271-5550

8563 E. Horn Rd. • Lake Leelanau, MI 49653

Directions: M-22 north to Suttons Bay, M-204 west towards Lake Leelanau; approx. 2 miles from Suttons Bay, Horn Road north.

Facilities: tents, RVs, electric, water, sanitation station, reservations, club house.

Missaukee County

CITY

Maple Grove • 231-839-4429

Directions: 4 blocks from Lake Missaukee, east end of Union St.

Facilities: 32, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations.

COUNTY

Ben D. Jeffs River Park • 231-839-4945

PO Box 800, Lake City, MI 49651

Directions: 16 miles east of Lake City on M-55, Muskegon River.

Facilities: rustic/17 sites. **SEE AD PAGE 8.**

Crooked Lake Park • 231-839-4945

PO Box 800, Lake City, MI 49651

Directions: South edge of Crooked Lake near Jennings.

Facilities: 37, electric/15, toilets, shower, sanitation station, reservations, beach, boat launch. **SEE AD PAGE 8.**

Missaukee Lake Park • 231-839-4945

PO Box 800, Lake City, MI 49651

Directions: north shore of Lake Missaukee.

Facilities: tents & RVs/170 sites; electric/21, water/96, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, beach, boat launch.

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Missaukee County (continued)

STATE

Goose Lake • 231-775-9727

Directions: 2.5 miles from Lake City, south of M-42, Al Moses Rd.
Facilities: rustic/54, boat launch.

Hopkins Creek Camp (Equestrian) • 231-824-3591

Directions: 5.5 miles north of Arlene via M-42 & Lucas Rd.
Facilities: rustic/16, 108 people, reservations.

Long Lake State Forest Camp/Missaukee • 231-775-9727

Directions: Lake City, M-42 north to Randall Rd., west 1/2 mile to Almoses Rd., north 1/4 mile to Goose Lake Rd., west 1.5 miles, Green Rd., north to camp.
Facilities: rustic/ 20, boat launch.

Reedsburg Dam • 989-275-4622

Directions: 5 miles northwest of Houghton Lake via M-55 & Co. Rd. 300.
Facilities: rustic/38, boat launch.

Spring Lake State Forest Campground • 231-775-9727

Directions: 1.5 miles southwest of Fife Lake via US-131.
Facilities: rustic/32, boat launch.

PRIVATE

Rustic Rafters • 231-229-4433

9446 N. Nelson Rd., Moorestown, MI 49651

Facilities: tents & RVs/17 sites; 5 log cabins; electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations. **SEE AD PAGE 13.**

Osceola County

CITY

Rambadt Memorial Park • 231-832-2245

227 E. Lincoln Ave., Reed City, MI 49677

Facilities: tents & RVs/13, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station.

COUNTY

Crittenden Park • 231-734-2588

3641 S. 50th Ave., Sears, MI 49679

Directions: East of Ewart on US-10 to 50th Ave., south 2 miles.
Facilities: rustic/20, RVs/70, electric, water; toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, wheelchair accessible, beach, boat launch, store, rec. room.

Rose Lake Park • 231-768-4923

11726 Youth Dr. • LeRoy, MI 49655

Directions: east of Tustin & LeRoy off US-131 on Rose Lake.
Facilities: rustic & RVs/160, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, wheelchair accessible, beach, boat launch, store, rec. room.

STATE

Sunrise Lake • (231) 775-9727

Directions: 6 miles East of LeRoy via Sunrise Lk. Rd. & 15 Mile Rd.
Facilities: rustic/17, boat launch.

PRIVATE

Blodgett Landing • 231-832-4410

605 East Third St., Hersey, MI 49639

Facilities: tent & RVs.

Cadillac Woods • 231-825-2012

23163 M-115, Tustin, MI 49688

Directions: M-115, 6 miles southeast of US-131, 8 miles southeast of Cadillac.

Facilities: tents & RVs/50, cabins/6, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, pool, laundry, store, rec. room.

Old Log Resort • 231-743-2775

12062 M-115, Marion, MI 49665

Directions: M-115, Muskegon River, between Clare & Cadillac.

Facilities: tents & RVs/20, cabins/8, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, wheelchair accessible, store.

River Country Campground • 231-734-3808

6281 River Rd., Ewart, MI 49631

Directions: US-10 Ewart, north 1 block east of light; 1 1/2 miles on River Rd. to "Y," right 2 miles

Facilities: tents & RVs/125, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, boat launch/canoes, store, laundry, rec. room.

Roscommon County (West)

STATE

Houghton Lake • 989-275-4622

Directions: 6 miles northwest of Houghton Lake Heights via West Shore Dr.

Facilities: tents & RVs/50, toilets.

North Higgins Lake/East • 989-821-6125

11747 N. Higgins Lake Dr., Roscommon, MI 48653

Facilities: tents & RVs/82, electric, toilets, showers, reservations, wheelchair accessible.

North Higgins Lake/West • 989-821-6125

11747 N. Higgins Lake Dr., Roscommon, MI 48653

Facilities: tents & RVs/92, cabin, electric, toilets, showers, reservations, wheelchair accessible.

South Higgins Lake • 989-821-6374

106 State Park Dr., Roscommon, MI 48653

Facilities: tents & RVs/400, cabin, electric, toilets, showers, reservations, wheelchair accessible, boat launch.

PRIVATE**Great Circle Campground • 989-821-9486****5370 W. Marl Lake Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653***Facilities:* tent & RVs, cabins, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, store, laundry.**Houghton Lake Travel Park • 989-422-3931****370 Cloverleaf Ln., Houghton Lake, MI 48629***Directions:* 1 block east of US-127 & M-55.*Facilities:* tent & RVs/85, cabins/3, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, pool, store, laundry, Wi-Fi, rec. room.**West Houghton Lake Camp • 989-422-5130****9371 Houghton Lake Dr., Houghton Lake, MI 48629***Directions:* 1 mile east of US-127 & M-55, 1/2 mile north on Houghton Lake Dr.*Facilities:* tents & RVs/128, cabin, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, store, laundry, Wi-Fi, rec room.**Wooded Acres Family Camp • 989-422-3413****997 Federal Ave., Houghton Lake, MI 48629***Directions:* exit US-127 at M-55 east, 2nd light (Loxley Rd.), 1 1/2 miles.*Facilities:* tent & RV/84, cabins/3, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, pool, store, laundry, Wi-Fi, rec room.

Wexford County

CITY**Lake Billings RV Park & Camp • 231-824-6454****232 E. Elmore St., Manton, MI 49663***Facilities:* tent & RV/48, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, beach, boat launch.**STATE****Baxter Bridge Campground • 231-775-9727***Directions:* 12 miles northwest of Manton via M-42 & 31 Rd.*Facilities:* rustic/25, boat launch.**Long Lake/Wexford • 23-775-9727***Directions:* 8 miles northeast of Cadillac via US-131 to Long Lk. Rd.*Facilities:* rustic/16, boat launch.**Mitchell State Park • 231-775-7911****6093 E. M-115, Cadillac, MI 49601***Directions:* between Lake Mitchell & Lake Cadillac, west on M-115.*Facilities:* tent & RV/221, electric, toilets, showers, reservations, beach, boat launch.**Old US-131 Campground • 231-775-9727***Directions:* 7 miles north of Manton via US-131 & Old US-131.*Facilities:* rustic/25, boat launch.**FEDERAL****Hemlock Campground • 231-723-2211***Directions:* from Cadillac, west on M-55 for 1.3 miles, right, north on S. Mitchell Lake Dr. 1.4 miles.*Facilities:* rustic/19.**Peterson Bridge • 231-723-2211****940 S. State, Route 37, Cadillac, MI 49601***Directions:* off M-37, 1.5 miles north of Wellston.*Facilities:* rustic/30, boat launch.**PRIVATE****Birchwood Resort & Camp • 231-775-9101****6545 E. M-115, Cadillac, MI 49601***Directions:* 2.3 miles west of US-131.*Facilities:* RVs/33, cabins/6, electric, water, toilets, showers, reservations, wheelchair accessible, Wi-Fi. **SEE AD PAGE 9.****Camp Cadillac • 231-775-9724****10621 E. 34 Rd. (Boon Rd.), Cadillac, MI 49601***Directions:* US-131, Exit 183, east 1 mile.*Facilities:* tent & RVs/115, cabins, electric, water, toilets, showers, reservations, pool, store, laundry, Wi-Fi. **SEE AD PAGE 25****Cedar Creek Camp/Liberty Park • 231-824-9318****9696 12 3/4 Rd., Manton, MI 49663***Facilities:* tents & RVs, cabins, electric, toilets, reservations, store.**Chippewa Landing/Oak Grove Camp • 231-313-0832****10420 Chippewa Landing, Manton, MI 49663***Directions:* 15 miles north of Cadillac, 30 miles south of Traverse City off US-131.*Facilities:* tent & RVs/40, electric, water, sanitation station, toilets, showers, reservations, beach, boat launch, store.**Coolwater on the Pine • 231-862-3481****9424 W. 48 1/2 Rd., Wellston, MI 49689***Directions:* 2 miles south of M-55 & 2 miles east of M-37.*Facilities:* tent & RV/65, cabins, electric, water, toilets, showers, reservations, laundry.**Kestelwoods Campground • 231-862-3476****10860 W. 48 1/2 Rd., Wellston, MI 49689***Directions:* 2 1/2 miles south of M-37 & M-55 crossroads on M-37 & 48 1/2 Rd.*Facilities:* tent & RVs/96, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, pool, store, Wi-Fi.**Northern Exposure • 231-885-1199****285 Manistee River Rd., Mesick 49668***Facilities:* tents & RVs/260, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations boat launch, beach.**Pat's RV Park • 231-885-1056****2981 North 7 Rd., Mesick, 49668***Directions:* Hoodenpyle Dam on the Manistee River.*Facilities:* tents/RVs/87, cabins.**The Campground LLC • 231-824-9111****10330 E. M-42, Manton, MI 49663***Directions:* US-131, exit 191, east 1/2 mile on M-42.*Facilities:* tents & RVs/30, electric, water, reservations.



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Students (5-16)	\$10	\$15
Seniors (55+)	\$10	\$15
Individuals w/ Disabilities	\$10	\$15



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