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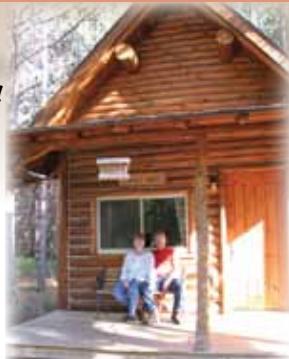
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And what about the campgrounds you stayed in—maybe some of them your annual favorites or did you visit new places that you'll want to go back to next year? How will you keep track?

We were given the gift of a journal a few years back and it has turned into a winter project for my husband. After he filled the first journal, he was hooked! But he realized he had specific entries for boating, so I made a personal log book with a photo of our boat on the cover and entry pages specific to the ports we visited. (*To order yours, see page 27!*)

Now we have a great travel book to share with family and friends. It also serves as a great log of where we went, contact information, amenities, and why or why not we would want to go back.

However you choose to reminisce, a journal is a keepsake that does not require a keypad or electricity, just a turn of the page. Maybe this could be your family's winter project and serve as a resource for your adventures in 2011!

As we close out the 2010 season, we feel blessed with our sixth year of publication and look forward to lucky number seven! Thanks as always to our sponsors and we ask that you support them throughout the winter and in your plans for next summer.

We also thank those of you we heard from with compliments and corrections. Our distribution efforts did pay off as we had feedback from the north in Leelanau to the south in Howell. Next year our goal is to expand into more counties and the Welcome Centers in New Buffalo and Mackinaw City.

And a big thanks to our base camp, Lake City. As I write this, a pileated woodpecker just cawed. As I look up and see his grandeur, it is a good reminder that some of the best stories can be found in your own backyard! +

~Kathy Salvatore & Jim Dissette, co-publishers

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WINTER TRAILS & TALES

The temps dip down into the 30s at night, the trees turn their golden oranges and yellows, RVs are winterized for the season and we are left with memories of another summer as we head into winter.

For many of us, winter is not the end of our outdoor activities. In fact, it can be the most exciting season in northern Michigan. When the snow flies activities such as snowmobiling, skiing, snow-shoeing and ice fishing will highlight the winter months. And yes, there are campgrounds that cater to this special season.

MichiganMapsOnline

Before your winter journey begins you might want to find a good map that illustrates the thousands of miles of snowmobile trails in Michigan. You need to check out MichiganMapsOnline. These maps are not only useful for their detail—they cater to recreation trails—and are frame-ready works of art.

Mark Stone, the owner of MichiganMapsOnline, has been producing regional maps since 1990. Longitude and latitude accurate, Stone offers an assortment of maps, from colorful elevation renderings to snowmobile paths for many Michigan regions including Grand Traverse and Cadillac areas.

“I’ve discovered a new way of presenting geographical information. My maps have a different look to them that people find engaging. They are all printed on high-end art printers and will steal the show when framed on a wall,” Stone says.

While the maps may be found in many retail outlets, they may also be ordered through their web site, michiganmapsonline.com.

MichiganMapsOnline also offers an interactive map on their website, updated for current winter conditions. Then it’s off to snowmobile some of the best trails in the world.



Missaukee TrailBlazers

Bill Voelker, President of the Missaukee TrailBlazers, a non-profit group “dedicated to the recreational enjoyment of safe snowmobiling riding,” has the highest regard for the Michigan snowmobile trails.

“There are 6,600 miles of beautiful snowmobile trails throughout Michigan. We just had a group visit that was trying out trails from here to Alaska. When they got back in touch with us, they praised the Michigan trails as the very best.”

Lake City, the group’s home base, connects to some of the best trails in the region: Houghton Lake, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Gaylord and Grayling. Each trail is maintained by dedicated volunteers who drag leveling devices behind tractors to keep them open and safe.

“People don’t know the extent to which our volunteers go to maintain these trails. Did you know that you can snowmobile from Lake City—one of the trailheads—to the Mackinac Bridge? That’s quite a few miles of trail maintenance,” Voelker says.

Just around Lake City itself, 52 miles of groomed trails are offered to the ever growing number of

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snowmobilers and they are cared for by a dedicated group within the 125 commercial and individual memberships making up the organization.

If there were one message Voelker would like to get out to the public it would be about safety. "Snowmobilers in Michigan get overconfident because we have so many warning signs along the trails that they feel they know exactly what's ahead of them and will maintain too high a speed. Coupled with alcohol, that overconfidence can be fatal. We've noticed that statistically the states with less signs actually slow drivers down since they can not anticipate a sharp turn on the trail ahead."

Michigan trails open up December 1 or after the first big snow and stay open until March 31. More information about the Missaukee TrailBlazers may be found at www.missaukeetrailblazers.org.

Ice-Fishing

And let's not forget ice-fishing, perhaps one of the all-time favorite winter outdoor activities. Perhaps you've seen the small ice-fishing shanties pop up over night across our frozen lakes. These



instant villages are populated by avid winter fisherman who bore holes in the frozen lake to try their luck. But don't think of them as Arctic-hearty types. Although it might be zero degrees in the area, these shanties are well-equipped heating sources, not to mention a bottle or two of medicinally used alcohol! One informative site to use as an ice-fishing guide is at www.iceshanty.com., an interactive bulletin board for experienced ice fisherman and newcomers to the sport!

ICE FISHING LINGO

Ice fishermen have their own set of terms to describe some of the things that happen out on the frozen lakes, ponds and rivers. "After chasing wind flags all day, I finally caught a lunker after a couple of chew and screws" means that a frustrating day eventually turned out OK. If you are going to take up ice fishing, you need to become versed in the language. Here's a quick guide to ice-fishing terms.

- Don't chase those wind flags. Ice fishermen use devices called tip-ups that have a red or orange flag which alert the fisherman to a biting fish. However, the wind can cause these flags to trip prematurely. When an angler gets to the tip-up and finds a flag up and the bait untouched, the breeze is often the culprit, resulting in a "wind flag." Use this term to describe these false alarms.
- Be on the lookout for a "flag up." This means that a fish has tripped the tip-up and the flag is up. Ice fishermen live for flags going up, and for the excitement of what could be on the other end of the tip-up.
- Don't lose a "lunker" at the hole. A lunker isn't a species of fish. It is a term that describes any very large fish. To lose a fish at the hole is as bad as it gets. It means that a fish has been played for a while but escapes just as it is being pulled up out of the hole drilled through the ice.
- Recognize that a dead stick might catch a live one. Dead sticking is a technique used that involves setting up a small ice rod and reel with bait and letting it just sit there. The bait is suspended and the fisherman is not holding onto the pole. He waits to see some movement before he grabs the pole and sets the hook.
- Understand that "teardrops," "mousees" and "spikes" are baits. A teardrop is a small lure used to attract panfish. A mousee and a waxee are grubs that are sold as bait.

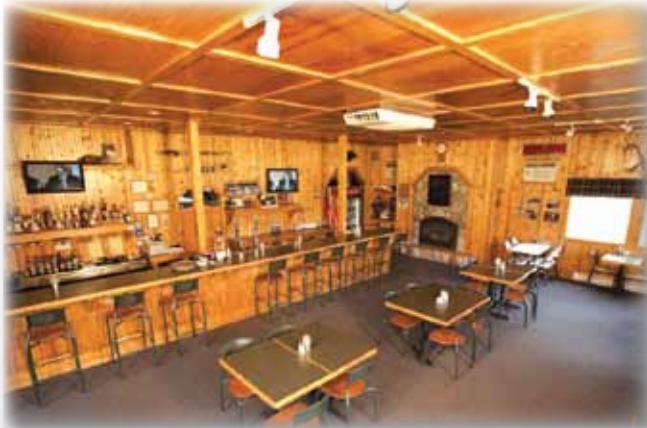
Where to Stay

So now you have your map and you know that the trails will be ready and waiting, glorious in their glistening white powder. But what if you want to stay more than a day in the area? Maybe a week? Where could you stay?

Obviously city motels and hotels will be available year 'round for visitors. But there are some very special resorts and campgrounds that cater to winter sports, plus some of the National and State Parks stay open throughout the winter.

Coyote Crossing

Just west of Cadillac, near Caberfae Ski and Golf Resort, Coyote Crossing is the perfect example of a “winter activity” camp. Surrounded by the Manistee National Forest, Coyote Crossing has access



to some great cross-country and downhill skiing and snowmobiling. They have two bedroom cabins for families and even a beautiful wood-paneled bar and grill where, after a long day of winter fun you can kick back, sip a glass of Merlot and watch the evening snow fall. Rates are very reasonable and they are in the proximity of lots of local fun. For more information see www.coyotecrossingsresort.com or call 231-862-3212.

Timber Ridge Resort

If you find yourself up in the Traverse City area another great winter sport spot can be found at Timber Ridge Resort. With the Vasa Pathway trail-head connecting to Timber Ridge-maintained, on-site trails, there is a year-round flurry of activity.

Timber Ridge has its own trail system for hikers, skiers and snowshoers, about five kilometers. These trails link up to the miles and miles of Vasa



Pathway trails in the Pere Marquette State Forest. This system is well known and respected by outdoor enthusiasts and is the site of the annual North American VASA Festival of Races cross-country ski races.

In addition to local residents, many “downstaters” find that Timber Ridge Resort’s grounds make for a perfect up north winter weekend. Their cozy lodge with in- and out-door fireplaces often see guests warming their toes and enjoying a cup of cocoa, then skiing or snowshoeing right up to their cabins and cottages, which are heated and open year round. Visit www.timberridgeresort.net or call 231-947-2770 for more information.

State Parks

For those of you who are hearty campers, good news! Many State and National Parks are open during the winter months. 17 Michigan State Parks and Recreation Areas that offer winter camping experience are: Algonac, Hartwick Pines, Ludington, McLain, Muskegon, Mitchell, Sleeper, Sterling, Straits, Tahquamenon Falls, Traverse City, and Warren Dunes state parks; Bay City, Fort Custer, Proud Lake, Rifle River, and Waterloo recreation areas.

“Winter camping is more fun and much warmer than you can imagine,” says a Ludington State Park Camper. “The quietness and solitude is unbelievable compared to the crowded summer months. We love to cross country ski the miles of trails, ice fish on the lake, watch the hundred of birds on the river, and spend time together, truly alone.”

If you’re not into pitching a tent during this winter season, then there are other options for you in most of these parks. Many offer heated mini-cabins, rustic cabins, and RV electrical hookups for those preferring the comforts of home.

Because of the ever-changing budget issues in Michigan, it is best to check with the DNR (www.michigan.gov/dnr) and Fed. (www.nps.gov/state/mi) to make sure your intended destination is open.

So while for some, the first few snow flurries signal an end to outdoor adventures, many see them as a harbinger for the most exciting part of the year. Michigan's geography and climate make for some of the best winter activities in the world. It's just a matter of good planning, good weather and a good map and a whole other Michigan will appear out of the bare trees of November. +

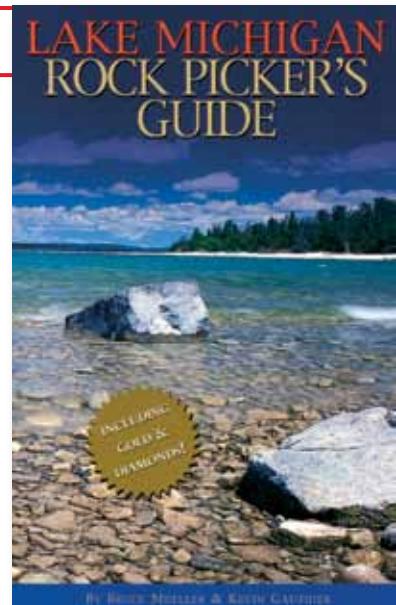
Book Review

Lake Michigan, Superior & Huron Rock Picker's Guides

by Kevin Gauthier & Bruce Mueller

One of our favorite monthly editorials is "Got Rocks?" Thanks to Kevin Gauthier, readers of *The Northern Camper* are now turned "rock hounds" if they were not before.

Whether your rock hunting finds you on the shores of Lakes Michigan, Huron, or Superior, these books include photos of the area's rocks and answer the most common questions: What kind of stone is this? How old is it? Where is it from? How did it get here? How did it form? Where can I find a particular type of stone? How can I polish it? Not only will these books answer those questions, it will also be a fun guide for families to help explore our Great Lakes.



Pick one or all three up at your local book shop or visit Kevin's store, Korner Gem, in Traverse City or Bruce's store, C&M Rock Shop in Honor. Great Christmas presents for the rock hound in your family!

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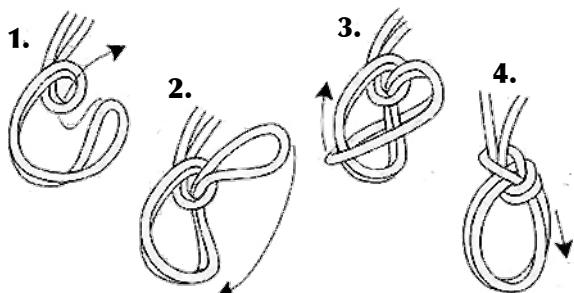
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Cookin' Campers

GIANT STUFFED HAMBURGER

- 2 Tablespoons Butter or Margarine
- 1 1/4 Cups Herb Seasoned Stuffing Mix, Crushed (3/4 Cup)
- 1 Beaten Egg
- 1 3 oz. Can Chopped Mushrooms, Drained (1/2 Cup)
- 1/3 Cup Beef Broth
- 1/4 Cup Sliced Green Onion
- 1/4 Cup Chopped Almonds, Toasted
- 1/4 Cup Snipped Parsley
- 1 Teaspoon Lemon Juice
- 2 lbs. Ground Beef
- 1 Teaspoon Salt

In medium sauce pan, melt butter or margarine; remove from heat. Add stuffing mix, egg, mushrooms, beef broth, onion, almonds, parsley, and lemon juice; mix well and set aside. Combine ground beef and salt; divide meat in half. On sheets of waxed paper, pat each half to an 8" circle. Spoon stuffing over one circle of meat to within 1" of edge. Top with second circle of meat; peel off top sheet of paper and seal edges. Invert meat patty onto a well-greased grill basket; peel off remaining paper. Grill over medium coals about 10-12 minutes on each side or until done. Cut into wedges; serve with warmed catsup, if desired. I make and freeze to take camping. Keep in cooler until thawed, then use. Makes 6 servings.

~ Submitted by Mary Ann Wolford, Lake City, MI

SQUASH BRAID

- 1 (.25 oz.) Package Active Dry Yeast
- 2 Tablespoons Warm Water (110° To 115°)
- 1 Cup Mashed, Cooked Butternut Squash
- 1/3 Cup Warm Milk (110° To 115°)
- 1/4 Cup Butter or Margarine, Softened
- 1 Egg
- 3 Tablespoons Brown Sugar
- 1/4 Teaspoon Salt
- 3 Cups All-Purpose Flour

Glaze:

- 1 Egg, Beaten
- 1 Tablespoon Water

In a small bowl, dissolve yeast in water. In a mixing bowl, combine squash, milk, butter, egg, brown sugar & salt; mix well. Add yeast mixture & 1-1/2 cups flour; mix well. Add enough remaining flour to form a soft dough. Turn onto a floured surface; knead until smooth & elastic, about 6-8 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover & let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour. Punch dough down. Divide into thirds; roll each third into a 18". rope. Place on a greased baking sheet. Braid ropes together; pinch ends. Cover & let rise until nearly doubled, about 30 minutes. Combine glaze ingredients; brush over braid. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from pan & cool.

BISCUITS & GRAVY

- 2 lb. Dublin's Homemade Pork Sausage
- 1/2 Gallon Milk
- 1/2 Teaspoon Ground Black Pepper
- 2 Package 8 Count Large Biscuits
- 1 Cup Flour

Follow instructions on package for biscuits. Brown sausage in large sauce pan. Mix flour with meat, coating evenly. Add pepper and milk to sauce pan. Heat over medium heat and stir until it boils. Remove from heat. Split biscuits and cover with mixture.

~ Submitted by Greg Fischer, Wellston, MI

BLACK BEAN & ROASTED PUMPKIN SALAD

- 2 Cups Cubed Pumpkin
- ¼ Cup Olive Oil, Divided
- 1 Clove Garlic, Sliced
- 1 (15-oz.) Can Black Beans, Drained & Rinsed
- ½ Cup Cherry Tomatoes, Halved
- ½ Cup Sliced Red Onion
- ¼ Cup Sliced Cucumber
- ¼ Cup Sliced Celery
- 2 Tablespoons Chopped Parsley
- 2 Tablespoons Fresh Lime Juice
- ½ Teaspoon Salt
- ½ Teaspoon Black Pepper

Preheat oven to 400°. Toss pumpkin in 2 Tbs. olive oil with garlic & place in glass baking dish. Drizzle 3 Tbs. water in dish & bake until softened, 20 minutes. Remove & cool. Combine black beans, tomatoes, onion, cucumber, celery, & parsley in large bowl. Add remaining 2 Tbs. oil, lime juice, salt, & pepper; toss to coat. Add cooled pumpkin, toss gently, & serve.

SAUSAGE KALE SOUP

- 1 lb. Pork or Turkey Sausage
- 2 Medium Onions, Chopped
- 2 Cloves of Garlic, Minced
- 2 Tablespoons of Olive Oil
- 4 Cups of Chicken Broth
- 4 Cups of Water
- 3 Chicken Bouillon Cubes
- 1/2 lb. Fresh Kale Chopped
- 2 Medium Potatoes, Cubed
- 1 Cup Sliced Carrots
- 2 Small Cans Navy Beans, Rinsed & Drained

In large pot brown sausage & onion in oil, then drain. Add garlic & cook 1-2 minutes. Add broth, water, bouillon & kale. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat & simmer 1 hour. Add potatoes & carrots, cooking 15 minutes. Add beans, cook until potatoes & carrots are tender.

~ Submitted by Dean & Angie Fischer, Wellston, MI

LADY REBECCA'S CHOICE PERSONAL APPLE CRISP

This recipe is not fussy. You can add more or less of all ingredients to your personal taste. Take 8-10 MICHIGAN apples peeled and cut in slices. Place in 8x8 or so bake pan slightly sprayed with oil. In a bowl combine:

- 1-1/2 Cups Oatmeal
- 1/2 Cup Flour
- 1-2 Tsp. Cinnamon (Depending On Your Taste)
- 1/4 Tsp. Nutmeg (Optional)
- 1/2 - 3/4 Cups Brown Sugar (Depending on How Sweet You Would Like It)
- 1/2 Cup Oil or Melted Butter

Use pastry cutter or blender, food processor to combine to a crumby mix. Crumble over apples. Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes depending on whether you like your apples soft or firm. Cool after removing from oven. Best served warm with fresh whipped cream or ice cream.

~ Submitted by Jeannine MacDonald, Howell, MI



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This Old Camper



A Do-It-Yourself Guide For Camper Maintenance

by Gerry Bandelow, Lake City

So what is it that draws us to vintage campers— those small rounded *canned ham* style campers from the past or the Airstreams with sleek shiny exteriors? It takes a certain type of person that is attracted to these nostalgic RVs of yester year. Is it that you can pick them up fairly cheap?

That might be part of it but I don't believe that's why most people either purchase or restore vintage campers. I think there are those of us out there that just enjoy the thought of what real camping meant.

This Old Camper's Good Old Days

Just this past month I was over at my parent's house and I picked up a magazine my dad subscribes to called *Reminisce*, a magazine that is dedicated to the "good-old-days." As I looked through the pages, I came across an article called "*Camper Chronicles*." This section was dedicated to stories and pictures that readers share of their camping memories, the oldest being from 1926. As I read the stories and looked through the pictures it took me back to a time when camping was just that—camping.



Nowadays camping is air conditioners on the roof, flat screen TVs on the walls and microwave ovens on our counter tops. We have satellite dishes and Wi-fi to entertain us. A lot of campers even self level themselves! Is this really camping?

Well to some camping wouldn't be fun without all the hi-tech gadgets. To others it's just the opposite. We go camping to get away from all the hi-tech "stuff" that runs our lives. We want marshmallows and good conversation (not texting) while sitting around a warm crackling fire.

As I get older I get called *old-school* from time to time to which I reply "thank you," even if

it wasn't meant as a compliment. I grew up on the outskirts of Detroit in the 60s and early 70s so camping meant a lot to me. It was a break from the over crowded city in a place that was filled with trees and streams, of campfires and canoes, the smell of the musty canvas on my parents popup camper and pulling the sleeping bag over my head on a chilly morning. We played hard on those camping trips as kids. We had no cell phones or video games to slow us down and no \$120 gym shoes to worry about. We knew our good ole' Converse could take on anything.

You don't have to be old to appreciate things of the past. We can read about it in books or see it in pictures. We can hear the stories being told by our elders "back in my day..." and some of us can live it through owning a bit of history ourselves.

Finding Your Vintage

So how does one go about finding a vintage camper? First start by searching the internet to see what sizes and different years and makes look like. You might find you're more attracted to a 1960s Scotty then a 1950s Airstream. This is about what you like and what brings

2010 Serro Scotty**1970 Serro Scotty**

campers out there like red and white Coca-Cola themes or teal and silver beach themes complete with pink flamingos. Putting together the look you are after is easy and even fun.

Outfitting your camper can also be nostalgic. When I walk through flea markets and antique shops I see things that remind me of my childhood camping trips like those old green Coleman kerosene popup stoves. Those stoves take me back to the days when we always had one set up at the end of the picnic table at our campsite. To create your own oasis you will be much happier with the end result by picking the camping gear that reminds you of your past.

For campers and gear, it's easiest to search the web and shopper magazines, but don't stop being old-fashioned now! I see more campers for sale by just driving down the road, so take your family for that slow Sunday drive.

True Old vs. New Old

OK, so no matter how much you like the vintage campers you just don't want to deal with a 40 year or older camper. The thought of that many years on the road has you a little nervous that you may be buying a project you're not quite ready for...not to fear there is another way.

Several RV manufacturers have listened and heard the call for the classic vintage design. Just like the automobile companies coming out with the new retro style Mustang, Camaro, and Challenger the RV manufac-

tures have come out with the new retro designs as well like Scotty with the Gaucho, Shasta with their Airflyte, and of course the new Airstreams with their timeless sleek rounded design.

The price difference between owning an old camper and a new one will be considerable. For instance, a used (and needs some work) Scotty may be anywhere from \$400 to \$800 where a new Scotty runs more like \$12,000. The new Airstreams are very pricey, but you get what you pay for as they are the Cadillac of RVs. If Airstreams interest you let me suggest Nature & Me RV in Traverse City. It doesn't cost anything to look. I stopped in this summer and got a tour of some of the new models and the sales person was happy to show me around. They even had a pre-owned 1970s Airstream on the lot at a great price.

Well, this is the last article of the year and I hope I was a help at some point this summer. Remember with this or any camper project, 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, Happy Camper Guy. +

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Holiday Gift Fair • Nov. 6, 10 am - 3 pm
Bellaire High School; 231-533-6023, bellairechamber.org.

Buckley

Merchant Trick-Or-Treat Night • Oct. 31, 4 - 6 pm
Downtown businesses; 360-829-0975, buckleychamber.org.
Christmas Tree Auction, Raffle & Dance - Dec. 4
Trees decorated and auctioned off to raise money for community projects, dinner and dancing; 360-829-0975, buckleychamber.org.

Cadillac

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Lake Street, north of library next to DEQ Bldg.; 231-775-6310.
Antique Show/Sale • Oct. 9, 10 am - 5 pm; Oct. 10, 11 am - 4 pm
Wexford Civic Center; 231-779-9520, www.thewex.com.
Fall Color Steam Special • Oct. 16, 9 am - 7 pm
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Habitat Festival of Trees • Nov. 20, 6 pm
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Tastes & Treasures • Nov. 7, 3-7 pm
Hermann's Cafe; United Way food tasting event, silent auction.
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Christmas in the Park • Dec. 3 - 5
Downtown Cadillac; special activities in stores, holiday menus, Santa; downtowncadillac.com.
Garden Club's Home Tour • Dec. 4, 11 am - 4 pm
Tickets available at Brink's Art and Framing; 231-510-9047.

Central Lake

Window Night • Dec. 1, 5 pm
Downtown businesses; carolers, horse drawn hay wagon, fire engine rides, Santa Claus, crafters; 231-544-3322, clcc@torchlake.com.

Elk Rapids

Farmers' Market • Fridays Through Oct., 8 am - Noon
Elk Rapids Chamber, 305 US-31 N.; 231-264-8202; elkrapidschamber.org.
Holiday Open House • Nov. 27, 9 am - 5 pm
231-264-8202, elkrapidschamber.org.
Pajama Party • Dec. 31, 7 am - Noon
Downtown; come in you pajamas for the best deals of the year; 231-264-8202, elkrapidschamber.org.

Evart

Chamber of Commerce Events
(231) 734-9799, evartchamberofcommerce.com.
Downtown Fall Fest Street Fair • Oct. 16

Evart (continued)

- **Kids Halloween Costume Contest @ Schmidty's • Oct. 30**
- **Buck Pole Contest @ Schmidty's • Nov. 15**
- **Masonic Lodge Big Buck Contest • Nov. 15**
- **Christmas in a Small Town • Dec. 4, 1-4 pm**
Depot & Crossroad Church
- **Christmas with Santa @ Schmidty's • Dec. 11**
- **American Rabbit Hound Assoc. Field Trials>Show Dec. 11-12**
- **Michigan Reigned Cow Horse Association Events • Oct. - Nov.**
JDJ Ranch, 10418 Evergreen Rd.; michiganreignedcowhorse.com.

Glen Arbor

Harvest Wine Tour Weekend • Oct. 29
The Homestead; Begins with brunch on Saturday morning, tour departs at noon and returns at approximately 4 pm. At 6 pm, five-course dinner; 231.334.5100, thehomesteadresort.com/events.php.

Houghton Lake

Houghton Lake Christmas Show • Nov. 13, 9 am - 3 pm
HL Middle School; 989-366-8511.

West Houghton Lake Campground Schedule
9371 W. Houghton Lake Dr.; 989-422-5130; westhoughtonlakecampground.com
October Camper Appreciation
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Opening Day • Nov. 15
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Interlochen

Interlochen Area Chamber of Commerce Schedule
231-276-7141, interlochenchamber@juno.com
Children's Christmas Party • Dec. 3
Cycle Moore's Christmas Wonderland • Dec. 1 - Jan. 1

Kingsley

Haunted Farm Ghost Walk • Oct. 8-31, Fri. & Sat., 7 - 11 pm
Autumn Winds Farm, 5010 Peirce Rd.; food, scary stories around a campfire; d_dline13@hotmail.com, (231) 645-1447.

Lake City

Monster Bash • Oct. 30, 3 pm
Lake City Public Library; 345-4013, info@lakecitymnlibrary.com.
Rock Picker's Guide Author Kevin Gauthier • Nov. 8, 2 pm
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Leland Fall Frenzy • Oct. 23

LeRoy

Harvest Supper • First Saturday in Nov.

United Methodist Church; family event and great for hunters.

Christmas Bake & Craft Sale • First Saturday in Dec.

Evangelical Covenant Church; bake & craft sale.

Manton

Old Time Jamboree • 1st Saturday of Month, 6-10 pm

Manton HS; 231-389-0042; square/round dancing.

Kickoff to the Holidays Craft Show • Oct. 23, - 10 am - 4 pm

5th Street Gym/Manton School; (231) 824-4158, info@mantonmichigan.org.

Marion

Halloween Party • Oct. 30, 5 pm, Town Hall

Buck Pole • Nov. 15, Horseshoe Bar

Celebration of Love & Life • Nov. 26, 6:30 pm

Veteran's Memorial; singing, tree lighting, Santa.

Caroling • December 11, 6 pm,

Meet at Museum
Marion Chamber, marionmichigan.com.

Merritt

Golden Agers Dance Night • Mondays, 6-9 pm

Sr. Center; 231-328-4447; dancers & musicians welcome.

McBain

McBain Farmers Market • Fridays Through Oct., 3-6 pm

Stoney Corner Rd. & M-66; 231-825-2483.

Northport

Ghost Walks Grand Traverse Lighthouse • Oct. 1-31, Fri. & Sat., 7 pm

Lighthouse Museum; grandtraverselighthouse.com, (231) 386-7195.

Fall Festival • Oct. 16

Northport Village

Reed City

Fashion Show & Holiday Bazaar • Oct. 29

St. Paul Lutheran Church; INC Spot of Reed City/Love INC event.

Community & Business Expo • Nov. 5, 5:30 - 8 pm

Reed City High School.

Lighting of the Trees • Nov. 26, 6 pm

Reed City Depot; Christmas Carols, Hot Cocoa.

Parade with Santa and Mrs. Claus • Nov. 27, 1 pm

Reed City Depot; Gingerbread House, Hot Cocoa, Cookies.

Chamber Christmas Open House • Dec. 9, 5 - 7:30 pm

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Contact Reed City Chamber, ReedCity.org, 231.832-5431.

Roscommon

Christmas In the Village • Dec. 4

Art & Craft Events, Art and Craft Show.

Suttons Bay

Farmers' Market • Saturdays Thru Oct. 16, 9 am - 1 pm

Ice rink, corner of Lincoln & Broadway; leelanau.cc/farmersmarkets.asp.

Suttons Bay Art Walk • Oct. 22

Art & wine walk; suttonsbayartwalk.com.

Holidays In the Village • Dec. 4-5

Traverse City

Downtown Farmers' Market • Saturdays Through Oct.

Cass & Grandview Parkway, 231- 922-2050, rob@downtowntc.com.

Indoor Farmers' Market • Saturdays Through Dec., 10 am - 2 pm

800 Cottageview Dr. (Grand Traverse Commons), thevillagetc.com.

Traverse City State Park Harvest Festival • Oct. 15-17

Open to all ages of campers and day visitors alike; 231-922-5270.

Downtown Halloween Walk • Oct. 29

Trick or Treat Downtown!

Iceman Cometh Challenge • Nov. 6

27-mile off-road bicycle race through Pere Marquette State Forest between Traverse City and Kalkaska; iceman.com, (231) 922-5926.

Shop Your Community Day • Nov. 13

Downtown Traverse City gives back during this one day promotion.

Tustin

Kettunen Center Fall Schedule

14901 4-H Drive, (231) 829-3421, info@kettunencenter.org

The Art Crawl • Oct. 7-19

Footlitters Dinner Theater Angel Street • Oct. 10

Fall Beauty of Northern Michigan through Watercolors • Oct. 10-15

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Johnny Appleseed: A Pioneer Hero

Of all of the legendary pioneers who settled the West, Johnny Appleseed was surely the most unusual. He owned no land, raised no family, made no money. Yet, his famous trees continue to enrich America today.

The first reliable trace of our modest hero finds him in the Territory of Ohio, in 1801, with a horse-load of apple seeds, which he planted in various places on and about the borders of Licking Creek.

It was 1806 before Johnny's next known appearance, when a pioneer settler in Jefferson County, Ohio noticed a peculiar craft, with a remarkable occupant and a curious cargo. It was "Johnny Appleseed," by which name Jonathan Chapman was afterward known in every log cabin from the Ohio River to the Northern lakes, and westward to the prairies of what is now the State of Indiana.

With two canoes lashed together he was transporting a load of apple seeds to the Western frontier, for the purpose of creating orchards on the farthest verge of white settlements. A long and toilsome voyage it was, and must have occupied a great deal of time, as the lonely traveler stopped at every inviting spot to plant the seeds and make his infant nurseries.

These are the first well-authenticated facts in the history of Jonathan Chapman, whose birth, there is good reason for believing, occurred in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1775. At the time of his appearance on Licking Creek, he was to have claimed he was twenty-six years of age. His whole after-life was

devoted to the work of planting apple seeds in remote places. The seeds he gathered from the cider presses of Western Pennsylvania; but his canoe voyage in 1806



appears to have been the only occasion upon which he adopted that method of transporting them, as all his subsequent journeys were made on foot.

In personal appearance Chapman was a small, wiry man, full of restless activity; he had long dark hair, a scanty beard that was never shaved, and keen black eyes that sparkled with a peculiar brightness. His dress was of the oddest description. Generally, even in the coldest weather, he went barefooted, but sometimes, for his long journeys, he would make himself a rude pair of sandals; at other times he would wear any cast-off

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foot covering he chanced to find—a boot on one foot and an old brogan or a moccasin on the other.

Johnny's dress was generally composed of cast-off clothing, that he had taken in payment for apple trees. In his later years, however, he seems to have thought that even this kind of second-hand raiment was too luxurious, as his principal garment was made of a coffee sack, in which he cut holes for his head and arms to pass through, and pronounced it "a very serviceable cloak, and as good clothing as any man need wear."

In the matter of headgear his taste was equally unique; his first experiment was with a tin vessel that served to cook his mush, but this was open to the objection that it did not protect his eyes from the beams of the sun; so he constructed a hat of pasteboard with an immense peak in front, and having thus secured an article that combined usefulness with economy, it became his permanent fashion.

It was his custom, when he had been welcomed to some hospitable log house after a weary day of journeying, to lie down on the split-log floor, and, after inquiring if his auditors would hear "some news right fresh from heaven," produce his few tattered books, among which would be a New Testament, and read.

Next to his advocacy of his religious ideas, his enthusiasm for the cultivation of apple trees in what he termed "the only proper way"—that is, from the seed—was the absorbing object of his life. Upon this, as upon religion, he was eloquent in his appeals. He would describe the growing and ripening fruit as such a rare and beautiful gift of the Almighty.

Whenever Johnny saw an animal abused, or heard of it, he would purchase it and give it to some more humane settler, on condition that it should be kindly treated and properly cared for. It frequently happened that the long journey into the wilderness would cause the new settlers to be encumbered with lame and broken-down horses that were turned loose to die. In the autumn Johnny would make a diligent search for all such animals, and, gathering them up, he would bargain for their food and shelter until the next spring when he would lead them away to some good pasture for the summer. If they recovered so as to be capable of working, he would never sell them but would lend or give them away, stipulating for their good usage.

In 1838—thirty-seven years after his appearance on Licking Creek—Johnny noticed that civilization, wealth, and population were pressing into the wilderness of Ohio. Hitherto he had easily kept just in advance of the wave of settlement; but now towns and churches were making their appearance, and even, at

long intervals, the stage driver's horn broke the silence of the grand old forests, and he felt that his work was done in the region in which he had labored so long.

During the succeeding nine years Johnny Appleseed pursued his eccentric avocation on the western border of Ohio and in Indiana. In the summer of 1847, when his labors had literally borne fruit over a hundred thousand square miles of territory, at the close of a warm day, after traveling twenty miles, he entered the house of a settler in Allen County, Indiana, and was, as usual, warmly welcomed. He declined to eat with the family, but accepted some bread and milk, which he partook of sitting on the doorstep and gazing on the setting sun.

Later in the evening he delivered his "news right fresh from heaven" by reading the Beatitudes. Declining other accommodation, he slept, as usual, on the floor, and in the early morning he was found with his features all aglow, and his body so near death that he could not talk. The physician, who was hastily summoned, pronounced him dying, but added that he had never seen a man in so placid a state at the approach of death. At seventy-two years of age, forty-six of which had been devoted to his self-imposed mission, he ripened into death as naturally and beautifully as the seeds of his own planting had grown in fiber and bud and blossom and the matured fruit.

Thus died one of the memorable men of pioneer times, who never inflicted pain or knew an enemy—a man of strange habits, in whom there dwelt a comprehensive love that reached with one hand downward to the lowest forms of life, and with the other upward to the very throne of God. A laboring, self-denying benefactor of his race, homeless, solitary, and ragged, he trod the thorny earth with bare and bleeding feet, intent only upon making the wilderness fruitful. +

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Campground Critter

Gray Wolves

Second only to humans in adapting to climate extremes, gray wolves once ranged from coast to coast and from Alaska to Mexico in North America. By the early 20th century, government-sponsored predator control programs and declines in prey brought gray wolves to near extinction in the lower 48 States.

Wolf groups, or packs, typically include a breeding pair (the alpha pair), their offspring, and other non-breeding adults. Wolves are capable of mating by age two or three and sometimes form a lifelong bond. Wolves can live 13 years and reproduce past 10 years of age. On the average, five pups are born in early spring and are cared for by the entire pack. For the first six weeks, pups are reared in dens. Dens are often used year after year, but wolves may also dig new dens or use some other type of shelter, such as a cave.

Pups depend on their mother's milk for the first month, then are gradually weaned and fed regurgitated meat brought by pack members. By seven to eight months of age, when they are almost fully grown, pups begin traveling with the adults. After they are a year or two, wolves may leave and try to find a mate and form



a pack. Lone, dispersing wolves have traveled as far as 600 miles in search of a new home.

Wolf packs live within territories, which they defend from other wolves. Their territories range in size from 50 to more than 1,000 square miles, depending on the available prey and seasonal prey movements. Wolves travel over large areas to hunt, as far as 30 miles in a day. Although they usually trot along at five miles per hour wolves can run as fast as 40 miles per hour for short distances.

Wolves use their distinctive howl to communicate. Biologists have identified a few of the reasons that wolves howl. First, they like to howl. They also howl to reinforce social bonds within the pack, to announce the beginning or end of a hunt, sound an alarm, locate members of

the pack, or warn other wolves to stay out of their territory. Wolves howl more in the evening and early morning, especially during winter breeding and pup-rearing.

By the time wolves were protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973, only a few hundred remained in extreme northeastern Minnesota and a small number on Isle Royale, Michigan. Gray wolves were listed as endangered in the contiguous 48 States and in Mexico, except that in Minnesota they were listed as threatened. Alaska wolf populations number 7,700 to 11,200 and are not considered endangered or threatened.

The wolf's comeback nationwide is due to its listing under the Endangered Species Act, resulting in increased scientific research and protection from unregulated killing, along with reintroduction and management programs and education efforts that increased public understanding of wolf biology and behavior. Today about 2,922 wolves live in the wild in Minnesota, 24 on Lake Superior's Isle Royale, about 580 in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and at least 626 in Wisconsin. ✤

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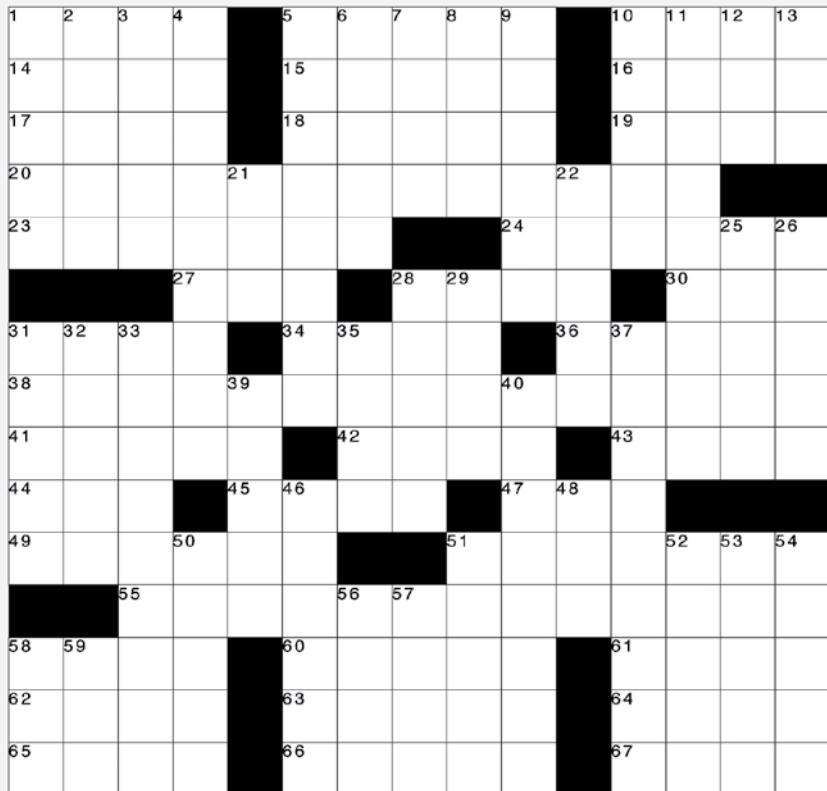
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- 15 Atlanta campus
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- 17 Strike a stance
- 18 Group of witches
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- 27 OED entries
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- 41 Walled Spanish city
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- 45 Physique
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- 49 "Psst!"
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- 60 Shout of approval
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- 3 Long time follower
- 4 Chinese tourist
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- 5 Legendary
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- 6 Dean Martin song



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26 Good judgment

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33 Milker's workplace

35 Fill with ammo

37 Sopranos hit them

39 Small drum

40 Long-distance

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46 Offer more than

48 "Terrible" age

50 Like eggs

51 Early evening

52 Giraffe relative

53 Military-band
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54 Big celebrations

56 Language of
Pakistan

57 "The Lion King"
lioness

58 High-flown verse

59 Country singer Tillis



Answers on page 25

Vegetation Station

Take a look in your own backyard. There's a good chance you have your very own state tree!



The White Pine was adopted as the state tree in 1955 and is considered to be the largest conifer in the northeastern United States.

White pines are easy to spot because they're the only Michigan tree whose needles grow in bundles of five. If you have any doubt, all you have to do is count. The needles are also soft and bluish to silver green. You'll know the kind because when you see them, you want to touch them.

How did they get here? White Pine were pushed south and east during the last Ice Age. With the melting of the continental ice sheets and the slow rise of sea levels, White Pine moved westward, off the Continental Shelf, arriving in Virginia about 12,700 years ago. Because it had to migrate north around the Appalachians and south around the Great Lakes, it would be some 3500 years after the arrival of Jack and Red Pines that they would be joined by White Pine.

How were they used? Native Americans used the inner bark of the white pine as an emergency food source. They also used the whitish resin which seeps out of the wounds of the tree and mixed it with beeswax to seal the seams of their canoes.

Between 1834 and 1897, about 160 million trees were cut in Michigan. Michigan provided most of the lumber to rebuild Chicago after Mrs. O'Leary's cow is said to have kicked over a lantern, starting a fire that destroyed the city. The most prized boards were white pine, which had few knots, or scars from lower branches. That's because the trees didn't have many lower branches. They were mostly trunk, growing so close together that only branches near the top of the canopy received sunlight. ✤

Eastern White Pine ~ Pinaceae *Pinus Strobus*

- **Leaf** – Evergreen, 3 to 5 inches long, with five blue-green, slender needles per fascicle. A fascicle sheath is not present. Needles appear blue because of 3 or more lines of stomata.
- **Fruit** – Cones are 4-8 inches in length, usually slightly curved. Cone scales are thin and never have prickles. Cones also have a fragrant gummy resin.
- **Twig** – Slender, gray-green to orange-brown in color.
- **Bark** – On young trees; thin, smooth and gray-green in color. Later becoming thick, reddish-brown to gray-brown with prominent ridges and furrows.
- **Form** – Large tree with very straight stem. Crown is conical when young, later developing wispy, horizontal branches.



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got rocks?

by Kevin Gauthier

Crinoids are a relative of the star fish.

They had roots like a plant, a stem composed of many disks stacked on top of each other and the top was many "arms" to the plant like an octopus (see photo of top of crinoid plant which looks like a petrified hand). When these plants died they almost instantly broke apart into many disk like fossils that were buried in the sea silt (petrified mud). These disks when viewed will look like an eyeball or a petrified jaw.

I love this stone as every year we get visitors to our store claiming they have found an obscure stone when in reality it is a section of a crinoid stem. I have heard such statements as, "I found a petrified eyeball," "I

found a petrified bird jaw," "I found a petrified alligator jaw." The most recent statement which is included in the new *Rock Picker's Guide to Lake Huron* (see



page 8 for book review) was from a gentleman who told me he had found a "petrified baby Monkey." The rock was about the size of potato. With a vivid stretch of imagination one might vaguely envision the weathered shape of a monkey with a crinoid near where the eye might have been. The man was somewhat upset when I explained to him what he had found and that it was not the petrified remains of a baby monkey. He remained absolutely convinced he had found a monkey and left our store.

Once again the crinoids rule. They take on as much shape and character in rocks as the human race. These little guys (crinoids) have their own sense of humor when it comes to introducing themselves to people

on the beach. In the *Lake Michigan Rock Picker's Guide* I refer to loving these stones as much as watching chickadees in the woods. (Spending time in the woods is another of my favorite pastimes). I wonder with so many people visiting Korner Gem with their newly found crinoids, how many other visitors, who came and went this summer without stopping by the store, are back

home convincing their friends right now they found a petrified eye ball in northern Michigan and it's probably worth a fortune!



So to end the season of 2010, I would say celebrate the crinoids, and may they magically appear on the beaches next year for our amazement and joy. Long live the spirit of the crinoid; they add so many dimensions to our rock collections. ♦

Note: Just because summer is over, remember rock picking is never over. The wind storms that took down the Edmond Fitzgerald in November provided some of the best rock picking along our shorelines. New material is being turned up all the time. During winter have you ever snow shod down a beach? I have!

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Small Town



Wellston • Wexford County

By Nicolina Gardner

The Wellston area contains some treasures of northern Michigan. The family owned and operated businesses (quite a trend as we found—and a great one!) within this region work to provide a great experience both to tourists and the local residents who frequent them. Whether you like to tour and see the autumn colors, visit local shops, canoe, hunt, hike, fish, and of course eat: the Wellston area has something for you.



Kestelwoods Restaurant & Party Store

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With a little bit of everything from basic

camping items to bison jerky from Harrietta to artwork created by the granddaughter of Delores Mikl, head of this family owned business, the Kestelwoods Restaurant and Party Store is a convenient stop for campers. The store is open April through late October and perfectly located to serve, amongst others, Kestelwood and Coolwater on the Pine campgrounds just down the road. The folks at this small-town stop work hard to serve their customers, and enjoy being an important part of this community.



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An ideal stop for anyone in need of a raft,

kayak, or canoe rental—they even have funyaks—Pine River Paddlesports has it all. What's a funyak? We had to ask because of the name...and apparently it is an older version of a kayak that is very stable and kid-friendly.

Not only does the shop rent watercraft and sell paddlegear, they have mountain bike rentals, disk golf and offer some of the nicest campsites in the area. As we were told by Jake, the owner's son, they are proud to have an emphasis on quiet at their campground, and for larger (and perhaps thus louder) groups, they have a group site location so that everyone can enjoy their camping experience as they prefer.



Garlets Corner Restaurant

(231) 862-3500 • 8031 M-37, Wellston, MI 49689

Better come hungry when you stop by Garlets Corner.

This restaurant has lots of good food to offer. Chatting with the friendly waitress and fellow diners we learned that the restaurant (family owned since the mid-1940s) is frequented by locals and those who travel here annually to enjoy the outdoors in northern Michigan. Because they are open year round, this makes it a great fall and winter spot for hunters, fishermen, snowmobilers...and anyone else who enjoys a friendly atmosphere and tasty food!





Dublin General Store

(231) 859-4121

18372 Hoxeyville Rd., Wellston, MI 49689

"Got Jerky?" read the t-shirt of one employee

at the Dublin General Store. And as we quickly found out, if you need jerky, look no further. They have over 50 varieties of jerky at the store, all made right there. In fact the jerky from this successful small town business is known worldwide and has been so popular that there is now a store especially for it in Grand Rapids called the Dublin Jerky Company.

While they are renowned for their fine selection of jerky, this is not the only thing this general store carries. "If we don't have it, you don't need it" was the old motto of the store. However, with groceries, camping, hunting, and fishing supplies and more...they probably do have what you are looking for.

Owner Greg Fischer was happy to show us another item the store currently has for sale, the Dublin General Store 75th Anniversary Cookbook. That's right, this business has been family owned and operated for 75 years, and they are pleased to share some of their favorite recipes with the public. The cookbook contains a bit of history and lots of tasty recipes and the proceeds benefit the Manistee Salvation Army.



Dublin Fudge Company

(231) 859-4949

18411 Hoxeyville Rd., Wellston, MI 49689

Across the street from Dublin General Store

we noticed another building and the intriguing sign reading Dublin Fudge Company. Not being able to resist that, we went in to discover a counter covered with yummy fudge as well as displays of other tasty candy. Meeting Dean and Angela Fischer, owners and operators of this business, was a pleasure as they truly enjoy serving the public here and making delicious goodies. With over 30 flavors of fudge, they are sure to make one that you will love!

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Dublin General Store



Twin Oaks Campground & Cabins

(877) 442-3102

233 Moss Rd., Wellston, MI 49689

The last stop on our tour of this area was

Twin Oaks Campground, another well-known camping spot, where we talked with the friendly owner Jackie Weller. She was happy to tell us about the area and activities that take place in the fall at the campground such as the Hunter's Feast, and Hot Cider Weekends. Open all year, this spot is popular for fishermen, hunters, and snowmobilers. A snowmobiler herself, and trail reporter for the Wellston area, Jackie loves having winter snow sport fans stay at Twin Oaks. The campground has 68 campsites, two full-housekeeping cabins, and more to make your fall and winter stay enjoyable.



Camper's Choice ~ Coolwater On the Pine

By Nicolina Gardner

It begins to relax you as you approach

Coolwater on the Pine Campground, located in the beautiful Manistee National Forest and on a perfect setting right next to the Pine River. Just stopping for a moment and listening to the sounds of the forest impacts you with a sense of peace that makes you take a deep breath and release stress and anxiety. This area is wonderful for lovers of nature and those who just feel that need to get away from the city.



This year Coolwater celebrates its 40 year anniversary, commemorating the growth of the campground through the years and the way that camping helps preserve enjoyment of the great outdoors for every generation. With 65 campsites to offer, a couple of cabins, an RV, and a pop-up to rent, Coolwater makes it easy for you to come and enjoy northern Michigan, whether it be in a rustic tent camping site or the convenience of a cabin or RV.

Jerri, the owner, and her son Joe along with his wife and five children live and work at the campground to make it the best experience whether you come for a weekend or stay all season long. Having owned the campground for the past seven years, these friendly folks are familiar with the popular activities and spots in the area, and are happy to provide maps and advice as they can to their campers.

Being located on the Pine River, the Coolwater is a popular place for those who love to canoe and fish. This river has been popular for decades. There were once "so many canoes that you could

walk across the river on the canoes," says Jerri. Thankfully, it is being maintained and regulated so that the river is not that congested anymore! Coolwater has a canoe landing to make your trip on the river even more convenient. There

are groups of canoeers who enjoy the Pine River each year while staying at Coolwater in one of their spacious group sites.

Make sure Coolwater is on your list of places to check out this fall, winter, or schedule your canoe and camp trip for next summer. Better yet, be a four-season camper and do it all! +



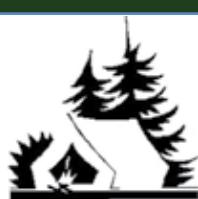
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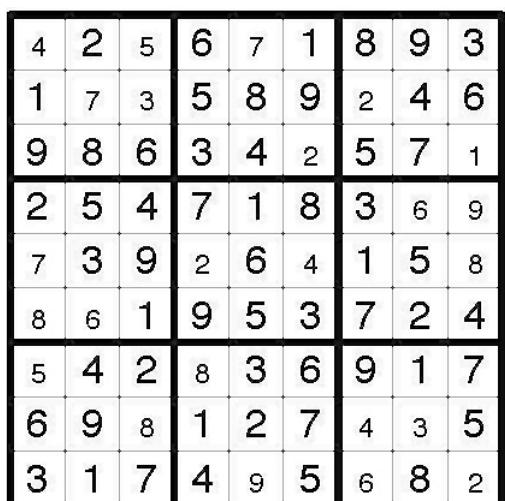


Coolwater on the Pine

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The Northern Waters

It is hard to believe that we are coming into fall and most of us are thinking about putting the boats away, if you haven't already. It sure was a great summer to be on the water, just hard for some of us to think of the "winter lay up"—things like oil change, fuel stabilizer, wash and wax then shrink-wrap. Yes there are some diehards that will keep the boat in until the very end, get that last fishing trip in, one more color tour from the water, but most are ready to store the boat and move onto the next season's activities. Here we come winter sports!

There are some however, that do not put their boats away for the winter. In fact, they get them ready for winter boating. While they are active year around and we mostly hear about them or see them in the summer, fall and winter are very busy times for them on the big water. These boaters are the United States Coast Guard.



Guardians of the Lakes

The Ninth District of the Coast Guard is headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, and they are responsible for all Coast Guard Operations throughout the five Great Lakes.

There are over 6,000 active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliary men and women of the Ninth District and they have many different missions, including aids to navigation and ice breaking.

Beginning in the fall they will start to remove the aids to navigation, those red and green buoys we see marking channels for safe navigation. They



Katmai Bay

will also remove the "weather buoys" belonging to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). These are the buoys that send valuable data about the lake conditions—winds, waves, and temperatures.

The other major duty for the upcoming season will be keeping the shipping lanes open as long as possible, breaking the ice. There are five 140-foot "Bay" Class ice-breaking tugs (WTGBs) stationed across the Great Lakes (see below).

Ice-Breaking

The primary mission for these ships, and the one for which they were originally designed, is ice-breaking. This is usually conducted from mid-December through mid-April in the northern Great Lakes, mostly in Green Bay, the Straights of Mackinac and the St. Mary's River.

Katmai Bay (WTGB 101)
Home Port Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

Bristol Bay (WTGB 102)
Home Port Detroit, Michigan

Mobile Bay (WTGB 103)
Home Port Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

Biscayne Bay (WTGB 104)
Home Port St. Ignace, Michigan

Neah Bay (WTGB 105)
Home Port Cleveland, Ohio

These cutters were designed with ice breaking in mind. Their high horsepower, specialized hull design, and “slick” bottom paint make these cutters some of the most efficient icebreakers in the world today. The cutter’s hull lubrication system, or “bubbler,” further increases its ice breaking capabilities by pumping air through openings in the hull below the waterline reducing ice friction. This allows the cutter to pass easily through ice fields. At full power and using all four sections of the “bubbler system,” these cutters are capable of breaking up to 30-inches of ice in continuous mode.

The New Ice-Breaker Mackinaw

There is another icebreaker on the Great Lakes that we are sure most of you know or have heard of, the USCGC Mackinaw (WLBB30), the new Mackinaw. Her home port is Cheboygan, Michigan and she was commissioned in June, 2006. She is the largest Coast Guard cutter on the Great

Lakes and is a multi-mission cutter. Her roles range from buoy maintenance, search and rescue, en-

vironmental spills and of course ice-breaking. She is 240-feet long, has a beam of 58-feet and draws 16-feet. She displaces 3,350 tons and has a range of 4,000 nautical miles while traveling at 12 knots. She is operated by 9 officers and a crew of 47. The Mackinaw is powered by three Caterpillar diesel engines enabling it to break through 32 inches of level ice at three knots. Twin Azipod Propulsion Units that can rotate 360 degrees and a bow thruster propel the ship, providing unparalleled maneuverability.

Importance of Winter Water Navigation

The Coast Guard is required by law to maintain a “heavy ice breaking” capability on the Great Lakes to assist in keeping channels and harbors open to navigation to meet demands of winter commercial maritime activities. The new Mackinaw is the only “heavy ice breaking” cutter assigned to the Great Lakes.



Biscayne Bay



In 2008, the Coast Guard, in concert with the Government of Canada and the commercial ice breaking industry, sustained navigable waterways for commercial traffic and assisted with 680 ice transits, representing the transport of over 2 billion dollars of cargo.

Maintaining a reliable Great Lakes heavy ice breaking capability is not only required by law it is essential for the economy. Transporting goods throughout the Great Lakes region requires a 42-week shipping season to deliver 150 million tons of materials. Of those 42 weeks, 12 weeks require ice breaking services. ♦

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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.

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.

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

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Traverse City State Park • 231-922-5270

1132 US-31 North, Traverse City, MI 49686

Directions: US-31 between 3 & 4 Mile Roads
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.

KOA Traverse City Camping & Cabins • (800) 249-3203

9700 M-37, Buckley, MI 49620

Directions: 3 miles N. of Buckley or 15 miles S. of Traverse City on M-37.
Facilities: tents & RVs/119, cabins/9, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, wheelchair accessible, pool, store, laundry, rec room, 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 2**

**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 & 10 Mile Roads

Facilities: rustic/9 sites.

Silver Creek Rustic Campground • 231-775-9727

Directions: 5.5 miles north of Luther via State Rd.

Facilities: rustic/26 sites.

PRIVATE**Irons RV Park & Campground • 231-266-2070****4623 West 10½ 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**Indigo Bluffs RV Resort • 231-326-5050****6760 Empire Hwy. (M-72), Empire, MI 49630**

Directions: 3 miles east of Empire, 18 miles west of Traverse via M-72. Facilities: RVs/127, cabins/2, electric, water, sanitation, reservations, wheelchair accessible, pool, camp store, laundry, Wi-Fi, club house.

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, 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, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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MISSAUKEE COUNTY – STATE (Continued)

Reedsburg Dam • 989-275-4622

Directions: 5 miles NW 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 2**

White Birch Canoe Trips & Campground • 231-328-4547

5569 S. Paradise Rd., Falmouth, MI 49632

Directions: 4 miles W. of Houghton Lake on M-55 to Jeff Rd., turn S.
Facilities: tents & RVs, electric, water, sanitation station, toilets, showers, reservations, store, rec. room.

Osceola County

CITY

City of Evart Riverside Park • 231-734-5901

315 South River St., Evart, MI 49631

Directions: From US-10/Main St., traffic light in Evart, south 3 blocks to 9th St., east to Riverside Park.

Facilities: tents & RVs/14, electric, water, sanitation station, toilets, showers, reservations, boat launch.

Rambadt Memorial Park • 231-832-2245

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

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

COUNTY

Crittenden Park • 231-734-2588

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

Directions: East of Evart 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

17726 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, reservations, wheelchair accessible, beach, boat launch, store, rec. room.

STATE

Sunrise Lake • (231) 775-9727

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

PRIVATE

Blodgett Landing • 231-832-4410

605 East Third St., Hersey, MI 49639

Facilities: tents & RVs.

Cadillac Woods • 231-825-2012

23163 M-115, Tustin, MI 49688

Directions: M-115, 6 miles SE of US-131, 8 miles SE 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., Evart, MI 49631

Directions: US-10 Evart, 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. **SEE AD PAGE 2**

Roscommon County (West)

STATE

Houghton Lake • 989-275-4622

Directions: 6 miles NW 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 Lane, 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.

- KOA Higgins Lake/Roscommon • (800) 562-3351**
3800 W. Federal Hwy., Roscommon, MI 48653
Directions: From I-75 take exit 244 then W. 1.1 miles. From US-127 take exit 206 then E. 5 miles.
Facilities: tents & RVs/72, cabins/12, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, wheelchair accessible, store, laundry, rec room, Wi-Fi.
- 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.), 1½ miles.
Facilities: tents & RVs/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: tents & RVs/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: tents & RVs/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.
- Camp Cadillac • 231-775-9724**
10621 E. 34 Rd. (Boon Rd.), Cadillac, MI 49601
Directions: US-131, Exit 183, east 1 mile.
Facilities: tents & 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 ¾ 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 N of Cadillac, 30 miles S of Traverse off US-131.
Facilities: tents & 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: tents & RVs/65, cabins, electric, water, toilets, showers, reservations, laundry.
- Kestelwoods Campground • 231-862-3476**
10860 W. 48 1/2 Rd., Wellston, MI 49689
Directions: 2½ miles S of M-37 & M-55 crossroads on M-37 & 48½ Rd.
Facilities: tents & RVs/96, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, pool, store, Wi-Fi.
- Northern Exposure • 231-885-1199**
285 Manistee River Rd., Mesick, MI 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, MI 49668
Directions: Hoodenpyle Dam on the Manistee River.
Facilities: tents & RVs/87, cabins.
- Pine River Paddlesports Center • 231-862-3471**
9590 S. Grandview Hwy. S 37, Wellston, MI 49689
Facilities: tents, cabins, toilets, showers, reservations, store.
- The Campground • 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.
- Twin Oaks Campground & Cabins • 877-442-3102**
233 Moss Road, Wellston, MI 49689
Directions: 4 miles east of Wellston, north on Moss Rd. off Hwy. 55, 4 miles west of Hwy. 37.
Facilities: tents & RVs, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, store, rec room, Wi-Fi.



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