

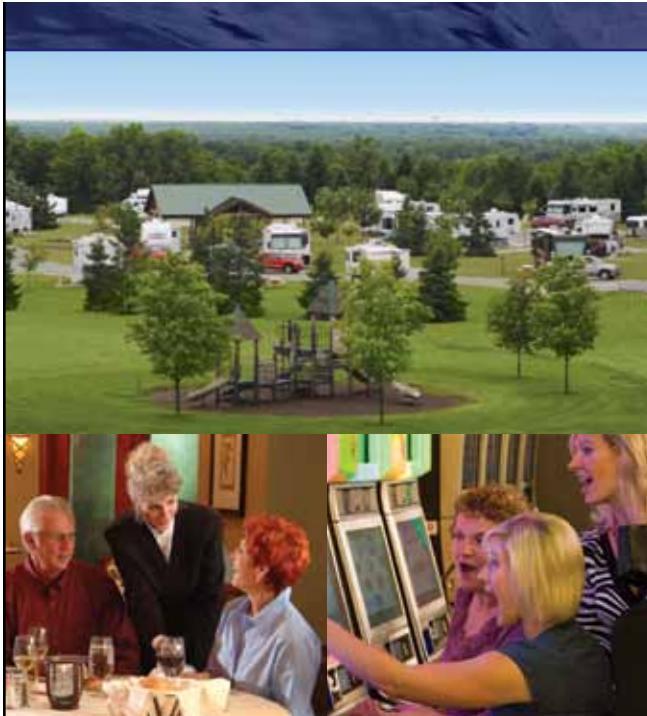
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## Editor's Pencil

There's a hook outside my office window that held the hummingbird feeder. Now, as I look at the empty hook I see another creature of nature is making use. A spider web hangs on the hook. It's not the most beautiful I've ever seen, but could be one of the most unusual in architecture. A misty fog came through this morning that I thought would break the spider's creation, but it's still there.



I wonder what winter will bring to the hook? Look for that story in the spring.

Next, I looked outside under the feeder to see a blue jay and a dove. Usually each will be with a mate if not two or three pair, but these were alone. Yesterday I found a muffle of feathers on the ground not far from the feeder. I wonder if that hawk that perches on the light pole across the street finally got his dinner. And I wonder was it the dove or the jay that lost its mate? That always makes me sad, but yes, the circle of life happens.

There's also a white toad that I swear comes to our house every fall. He was waiting on the porch

when I returned home. He was right in my path so I stepped around him to open the door. When he finally hopped it was just to the edge of the porch, like he was determined he wasn't jumping off. The next thing I knew it was pouring rain and he was still undercover. I'm sure toads can sense when the rain is coming, but now I wonder: do they like to get wet?

So that led me to another "wondering," what's the difference between a frog and a toad? Frogs like to get wet.



Paul caught this cute guy who looks like he's getting a bubble bath on Sapphire Lake. I do wonder why the lake foams like this.

So what's happening outside your window? What about your front porch or bird feeder? What do you wonder? Keep in touch over the winter so we can wonder together.

Kathy Salvatore ~ Publisher

## Lake Missaukee's Blessing of the Dock

**Top:** Camp at Missaukee Lake next summer and bring your boat to Lake City's beautiful new dock. Area businesses are a step away and many will deliver right to your boat! **Bottom:** Al Pierce, Lake City Dairy Queen & DDA board member along with Shaun Soper, stellar Baker graduate and owner of Ansuzdesign were all smiles to unveil their new dock side sign. **Bottom right:** Nate Ginter isn't nuts; he's young! The 16-year old from Lake City took the first dive off the new dock at the celebration on Sept. 28.



The guy who said,  
“What you don’t know won’t hurt you”  
did not live in Northern Michigan.

# You should know. Stay connected.

A collage of various mobile devices and connectivity icons. It includes a Samsung smartphone displaying its home screen with various app icons, a black smartphone showing a different interface, a tablet device, and several social media and connectivity icons such as Facebook, Twitter, RSS feed, and QR codes. The background of the collage features a dramatic sunset over water with lightning bolts striking.

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“hot shot” of a beautiful sunset in Elk Rapids.

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# COLOR ME MICHIGAN

*Autumn, the year's last loveliest smile. ~ William Cullen Bryant*

I can't help but get a little bummed out once summer begins to turn to fall. I actually feel a sense of loss as the amount of daylight begins to wane, and the kids go back to school. I love summertime in northern Michigan so much because of its constant activity, warm weather, and sunshine. A happy feeling envelops me when it's light out until 10 p.m., and the beaches are full of happy people soaking in the sunshine. Once late September rolls around, honestly, I feel a little bit let down by Mother Nature. I can't help but wonder, how could she take the summer away from us?

This sense of disappointment lasts only until I remember everything that I love about fall: school supplies, Halloween, sweaters, and apple cider. Fall is an amazing time of year in northern Michigan. Mother Nature redeems herself with the dazzling changing of the leaves. The beauty of the color season reminds me of the way American poet, William Cullen Bryant describes the leaf change. He says, the trees with "Their sunny-coloured foliage, in the breeze, twinkles like beams of light." I can just picture the warm sun shining through the trees in the woods, while I'm out

for a walk. The air smells crisp, and the leaves, as they fall, cover the ground like a patchwork quilt.

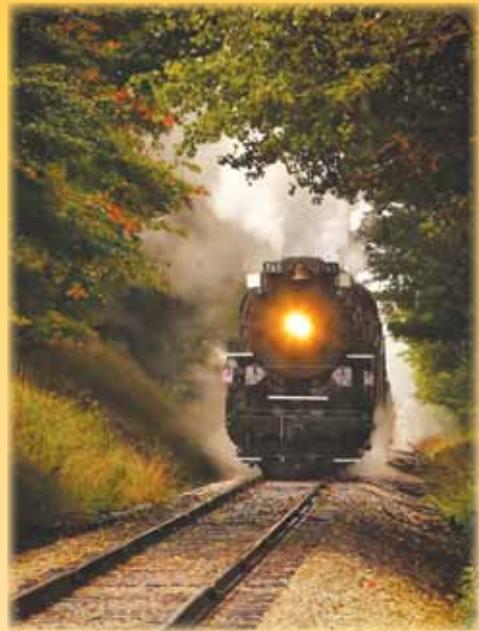
With all of the campgrounds and outdoor activities available, I'm making plans to experience the color season and search the north woods for those

twinkling beams of light. The peak color is from late September to early October. I've checked around and have found ways to experience a color tour by car, rail, kayak, and foot. Check out these ideas, and perhaps you'll find yourself on one of these color tour adventures. Or, you might just find your own favorite color tour.



## Color Train

- I love any excuse to take a train ride. I've traveled via train all around Europe, and it's just as much fun to travel by train near home.
- During the month of October, on the 5 and the 12, the Michigan Steam Train Institute is hosting train rides to take your color tour. The all day trip offers stops in Boyne and in Yuma. You can just relax and let the conductor do the driving. All you need to do is take in the beauty of the colorful Michigan landscape, while you are gently lulled into relaxation by the clickety-clack of the train. After you de-train in Cadillac, there are some great restaurants in the downtown area to enjoy. Once you've dined at a great local establishment, make your way down M-115 to the **Cadillac Woods Campground** with its wooded campsites or cabins. You can enjoy hiking on the area trails or canoeing or fishing on the area lakes and rivers.



## Manistee River Loop

- A great option for seeing the leaf changing on foot is the Manistee River Loop, a 17.5 mile hike along the Manistee River, through the Manistee National Forest. This beautiful hike takes you over

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a hiker-only suspension bridge that is modeled after the mighty Mackinaw Bridge. The verdict is that the terrain is full of rolling hills, but the climbs are short. There are frequent, breathtaking river views throughout the trail where you can snap some photos and catch your breath. There



are many campsites all along the trail, almost at every mile, and each site offers something unique. Some of the campsites are near waterfalls and others have river views. The Manistee River Loop is a great destination for those who are looking to play and stay in the same area.

## Pierce Stocking Drive

If you're looking to take your color tour from the comfort of your own vehicle, the Pierce Stocking Drive is a great option for a day trip. The



- Pierce Stocking Drive is one of my favorite things to do in the summer time. This year, I'm going to experience the scenic drive through the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the autumn. The views will be spectacular. One of the stops, near the top, overlooks a dense forest, and the crystal blue water of Glen Lake is in the distance. The view from the top of the dune, with the leaves in full color will be absolutely majestic. Once you're on the Pierce Stocking Drive, there are plenty of opportunities to get out of the car and hike around the dunes. I'm so excited to see the glory of the changing leaves against the backdrop of the lakeshore. If you want to make the trip a weekend excursion, try booking a campsite at one of the many camping options available. **The Platte River Campground** has electric hookups, as well as walk-in sites. If you're yearning for a more rustic experience, check out the **D.H. Day Campground**. You can also experience backcountry camping on the **Manitou Islands** by taking the ferry from Fish Town in Leland.

## Ellis Lake Resort

- Ellis Lake Resort, in Grawn, is a great year-round campground with log cabins built back in 1939. This lakeside resort is a classic northern Michigan experience and a haven for color seekers who are also outdoors lovers. The lake is full of fish and is great for kayaking or canoeing. There are trails for



experiencing the leaf change while hiking. They also have an outdoor hot tub which is under the stars and surrounded by trees. Now, that sounds like a relaxing way to spend the evening after a long day of kayaking and hiking in the refreshing fall air. Ellis Lake Resort is a mere 11 miles from Traverse City, 18 miles from the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, and 2 miles from the Interlochen Arts Academy. Check out their websites for seasonal specials, [EllisLakeResort.com](http://EllisLakeResort.com).

Sadly, like so many of the wonders of nature, the awe-inspiring color season is fleeting, so we need to experience it when it's in full swing. Don't wait to make your color tour plans. Choose your day, weekend or even a week and make it happen. You don't want to miss out on this year's last loveliest smile. Once the majesty of autumn has passed, I'll have winter to anticipate with its warm boots, Christmastime, and gently falling snow. It will be difficult to let go of the beauty of autumn, but the changing seasons in Michigan are one of the best things about living here in nature's playground. ✨



**Editor's Note:** When I asked my "tree guru" friend Adam Budday from Mike's Tree Surgeons, "why have the colors been slow to change this year," I received this very understandable explanation. Thanks Adam!

Due to all the rain and moisture we have had means that the trees will not go into dormancy as quickly. During seasons of drought, a lot of stress is put on the trees and they go into dormancy earlier (opposed to later) to help them conserve energy. Since precipitation levels have been up later in the summer this year (less drought stresses), the trees will have more leaf retention and ease their way into fall color. You should notice the sugar maples starting to turn up by you first (probably already), and if we continue to have warm days and cool nights, the show will continue throughout October and slightly into November.

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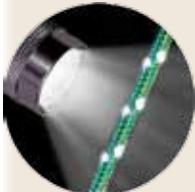
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# CAMPER'S GADGET



## Shorter days? Let there be light!

Just because the days are getting shorter and the nights cooler doesn't mean your camping adventures have to come to an end. Fall and even winter camping can be a very exciting experience, especially when you have the right kind of gear. While most equipment you use for summer camping will work just fine for this time of year there are a few things that can make the camping experience more enjoyable.

As we are all seeing, the daylight hours are getting shorter, this can mean getting camp set up and more moving around camp in the dark. I know we have all done it, tripped or stumbled over the ropes supporting the tent or awning. Not only can it create a mess—it can be dangerous. Wouldn't it be nice if the support ropes were more visible?

There are several items on the market that can help. One is the Van Berlo



TentLED. These little lights attach directly to the ropes and they automatically adjust their intensity based on how dark it is. They even turn off automatically when being stored.

Another, lower tech option is using a reflective rope. While the rope doesn't light up on its own it does reflect any light that passes over it – similar to the camping headlamp we talked about in last month's "Camper's Gadget." There are several brands on the market but all have a similar design – the nylon rope has a reflective strip woven right in. This rope can be great for securing your tent or awning or even used to secure loads on your car or truck. ✶



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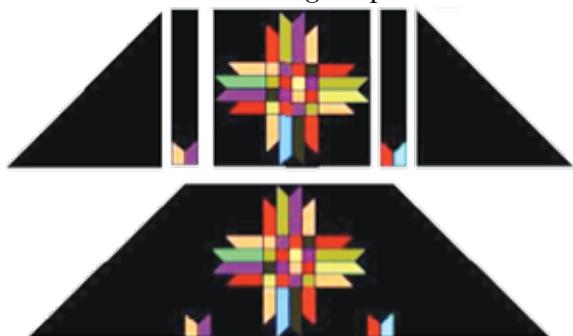
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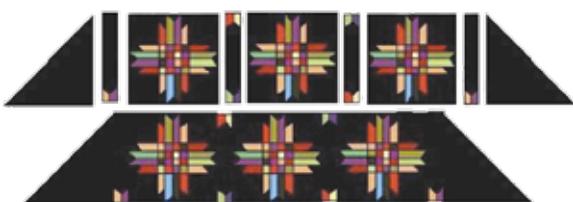
**Here it is, the last set of instructions.** Are you surprised by it? I hope that you like yours as much as I like mine. If you have missed an issue you can get it online at [northerncamper.com/back\\_issues.html](http://northerncamper.com/back_issues.html), or better yet, **GET A SUBSCRIPTION FOR ONLY \$15!** And don't forget to send us pictures of your completed projects. The original designer, Cindy Carter ([carterquilter.wordpress.com](http://carterquilter.wordpress.com)), is

**As before, many pieces will be referred to by the steps in which they were created. I have continued the numbering from the last two months in hopes of making this less confusing. Steps 1 through 7 are in the August instructions and 8 through 13 were in the September instructions, so we pick up with step 14 this month.**

14. Make two of the following for both sizes as shown below. Using four of the triangles created in step 11, four of the rectangles created in step 5, and two of the blocks created in step 13. Press to the sashing strips.

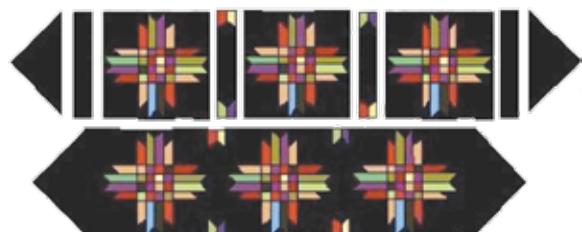


15. **Full Size Quilt Only.** Make two as pictured below using four of the triangles created in step 11, four of the rectangles created in step 5, four of the rectangles created in step 4, and six of the blocks created in step 13. Press to the sashing strips.



really looking forward to seeing them as are we! Perhaps we can make a quilter out of Kathy yet! Also, remember to let me know what you would like to do next year—another mystery, a series quilt, featured blocks, tips, or something else? E-mail [dawn@northerncamper.com](mailto:dawn@northerncamper.com). I'll look forward to hearing from you during the fall and winter months!

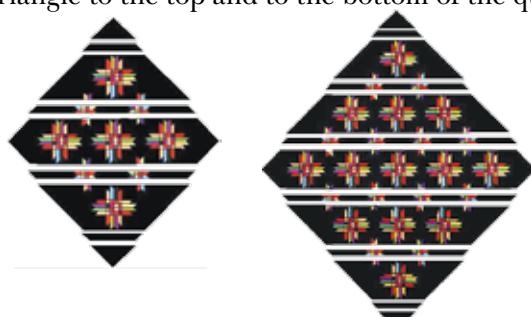
- 16. **Comfort Quilt Only.** Make one as pictured below using two of the triangles created in step 12, two of the rectangles created in step 4, the remaining two 18.5" rectangles, and three of the blocks from step 13. Press to the sashing strips.



- 17. **Full Size Quilt Only.** Make one as pictured below using two of the triangles created in step 12, four of the rectangles created in step 4, the remaining two 18.5" rectangles, and five of the blocks from step 13. Press to the sashing strips.



- 18. Sew Sashing Rows and Block Rows together as shown. Press to the sashing rows. Sew a corner triangle to the top and to the bottom of the quilt.



- **YOU ARE DONE—with the top. Mine is off to the long-arm quilter. What are you going to do?**

# Cookin' Campers

## CAPTAIN ARNE'S TURKEY

- 10-12 lb. turkey
- Olive Oil
- Salt, pepper, garlic powder, onion powder, sweet basil, celery seed, ground clove

Rinse thoroughly & pat dry turkey. Coat turkey with olive oil & liberally season inside & out. In Weber, light 2 piles of charcoal, opposite sides of grill, & use torch to light coals. NO LIGHTER FLUID! Immediately place turkey in center, cover with lid. Average cook time 2 - 2 1/2 hours. Pop up timer in bird works well.

~ Submitted by Arne Sarya, Traverse City

## GRILLED SHRIMP

- 1/2 stick butter, melted
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 2-3 minced garlic cloves
- 1/2 tsp. favorite spices (I have a hickory I really like from Alden Spice Mill)
- 2 T. Worcestershire
- 1 T. soy sauce
- 2 lbs. large shrimp

Place in oiled basket or skewer. Cook over high heat for 15 minutes or until bright orange; brush often.

~ Submitted by JoAnn Treiber, Manton

## BITTERSWEET CHOCOLATE CAKE WITH BALATON CHERRY COMPOTE

### CAKE

- 1 lb. dark chocolate chips (60% cacao or more)
- 1 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 3/4 cup very hot coffee
- 8 oz. unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 8 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- Powdered sugar

### BALATON CHERRY COMPOTE

- 2 cups frozen balaton cherries
- 1 cup sugar
- zest and juice from one orange
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 split vanilla bean
- Pinch of salt

**CAKE:** Preheat oven to 350°. Prepare a 10-inch springform pan; line bottom with parchment paper. Place dark chocolate into bowl of large food processor; pulse until chocolate breaks into small bits. Add sugar. Pulse until chocolate & sugar is an even, sandy grain. Pour coffee slowly into feed tube as you pulse again. Pulse until chocolate is melted. Add butter & pulse to combine. Add eggs, salt, vanilla; process until smooth. Pour batter into pan. Bake in center oven until puffed & cracked on top—about 55-65 min. Place cake pan on wire rack to cool (it will deflate, don't worry!). When cooled, press down on cake gently with spatula to make even. When cake is cooled, cover & chill for 3 hours. Release cake from pan & dust with powdered sugar. Serve with warm balaton cherry compote. Can be made a couple days ahead and holds well in refrigerator up to 1 week.

**BALATON CHERRY COMPOTE:** Combine all ingredients in pot, bring to boil, simmer for 20 min.

~ Submitted by Daniela Weiner, Traverse City

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## OVEN SMOKED FISH

- Fish fillet
- 4 oz. liquid smoke
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Place fish in bowl; pour in liquid smoke. Coat fish with salt & pepper. Cover bowl; place in fridge for 8 hours. Heat oven to 150°. Remove fish from bowl & rinse. Spray cooling rack with nonstick spray; place fish on rack. Bake 8 hours. Crack oven to keep fish from steaming. Remove fish when it looks opaque & is 130-145°.

~ Submitted by JoAnn Treiber, Manton

## BUCKEYE BARS

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 22 vanilla wafers
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 4 oz. of whipped topping (frozen)
- 3 oz. of semi-sweet chocolate

Line 8" pan with foil. Beat butter & peanut butter. Add cookie crumbs; mix well. Beat in sugar. Press in bottom of pan. Microwave whipped topping & chocolate 1 min.; stir. Microwave 15-30 sec. or until chocolate melts; stir. Spread over peanut butter layer. Refrigerate 2 hours.

~ Submitted by Bessie Ball, Cadillac

## SAUSAGE & CHICKEN JAMBALAYA

- 3 lb. chicken pieces, bone in
- 3 lb. sweet sausages
- 2 lb. potatoes, washed and cubed
- 4 green peppers, seeds removed and cut up
- 4 onions, cut up
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- salt and pepper to taste
- Cajun type spice mix, if desired

Combine first 5 ingredients in large foil roasting pan. Drizzle oil on top & toss together until coated. Add spices & toss again. Cover with foil and place on a preheated grill or campfire grate (over hot coals, not flames). Cook 50-60 minutes, stirring mixture several times.

~ Submitted by Laura Gervenack, Spring Lake

## POTAWATOMI PUMPKIN BREAD

- 1-1/2 cups unbleached flour
- 1-1/2 cups mashed or pureed cooked pumpkin
- 1/2 cup honey
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup melted unsalted butter
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. allspice
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup pecans or walnuts, chopped
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- whipped cream

Preheat oven to 350°. Combine flour, pumpkin, honey, butter, eggs, baking powder, spices & salt in large bowl. Stir in nuts & cranberries. Pour batter in 6x9 pan. Bake 1 hour; cool on baking rack. Top with whipped cream.

~ Submitted by Denise Connolly, Dublin

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## 1. JALAPENO POPPERS

Remove the stems from 8 jalapenos; scrape out the seeds and stuff with Muenster cheese. Toss with olive oil, salt and 1/4 teaspoon each ground cumin and coriander on a sheet of foil. Form a packet. Grill over medium-high heat, turning often, 10 minutes.

## 2. SPICED NUTS

Toss 2 cups salted mixed nuts, 1 teaspoon chipotle chile powder, 1/4 teaspoon each ground cumin and pepper, and 1 tablespoon butter on a sheet of foil. Form a packet. Grill over medium heat, turning often, 8 minutes.

## 3. TOMATILLO-PINEAPPLE SALSA

Toss 3/4 pound diced husked tomatillos, 1/2 cup diced pineapple, 1 each minced jalapeno and shallot, and 1 tablespoon olive oil on a sheet of foil. Form a packet. Grill over high heat, 12 minutes. Stir in some chopped cilantro.

## 4. JERK CHICKEN WINGS

Toss 6 split chicken wings, 1 tablespoon vegetable oil and 3 tablespoons jerk seasoning on a sheet of foil. Form a packet. Grill over high heat, turning once, 25 minutes. Top with cilantro and serve with lime wedges.

## 5. ROASTED GARLIC

Slice the point off 1 head garlic to expose the cloves. Coat with 2 teaspoons olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Seal in a foil packet. Grill over medium-low heat, 45 minutes.

## 6. SPICY OLIVES

Toss 1 cup olives, 1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes and 1 minced garlic clove on sheet of foil. Form a packet. Grill over med.-high heat, turn often, 15 min.

## 7. QUESADILLAS

Sprinkle shredded pepper jack cheese on one half of a flour tortilla; top with chopped rotisserie chicken and cilantro and fold in half to close. Repeat to make more; seal in individual foil packets. Grill over medium heat, turning once, 5 minutes.

## 8. GARLIC SHRIMP

Mix 1/2 stick softened butter, 1 cup chopped parsley, 2 chopped garlic cloves, and salt and pepper. Toss with the juice of 1 lemon, 1 pound unpeeled large shrimp and a big pinch of red pepper flakes. Divide between 2 foil packets. Grill over high heat, 8 minutes.

## 9. LOBSTER SCAMPI

Make butter mixture for Garlic Shrimp (No. 8). Split 4 thawed frozen lobster tails lengthwise; spread cut sides with butter. Divide between 2 foil packets. Grill over high heat, turning once, 10 min.

## 10. MUSSELS

Toss 2 pounds mussels, 1 shaved fennel bulb, 8 halved cherry tomatoes, 1/2 cup white wine, 1/4 cup olive oil, a pinch of red pepper flakes and salt. Divide between 2 foil packets, leaving room for mussels to open. Grill over med.-high heat, 10 min.

~ Submitted by Laura Gervenack, Spring Lake



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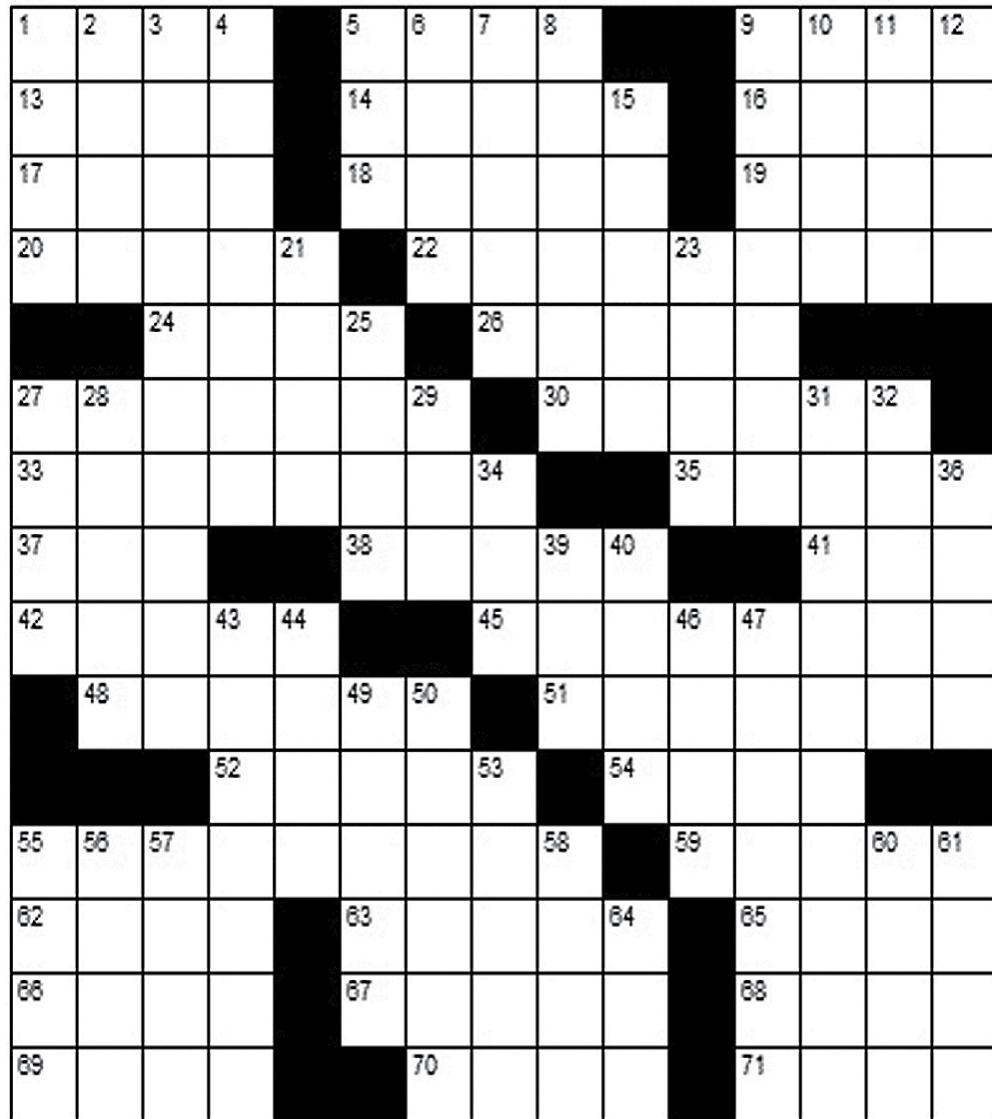
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# PUZZLED?

## ACROSS

1. Make do
5. Between the head & shoulders
9. Contributes
13. Throat-clearing sound
14. Characteristic
16. A type of liquid food
17. Speech disorder
18. Abrasive
19. Fizzy drink
20. Sacred song
22. Not often
24. Weight lifters pump this
26. Anagram of "Smite"
27. A grouping of elements
30. Plaid
33. Supervisor
35. Academy award
37. Was victorious
38. Short person
41. Spy agency
42. Allowed
45. Double-magnum
48. Separate
51. Fearful people
52. Panache
54. Blend
55. Intense sorrow
59. Gash
62. Dogfish
63. Expertise
65. Dwarf buffalo
66. Sword handle
67. Feel
68. Stigma
69. Backside
70. Marsh plant
71. School session



## DOWN

1. Serene
2. Buckeye State
3. Plague
4. Male ruler of an empire
5. Greatest possible
6. Historical periods
7. Billiards bounce
8. Fate
9. Helps
10. Bad end
11. Guy
12. Resorts
15. 8th Greek letter
21. Clothing
23. Novice
25. Require
27. Yowl
28. Steer clear of
29. Not used
31. Conformity
32. A nymph of lakes
34. British rule in India
36. Adult male sheep
39. Record (abbrev.)
40. Not "To"
43. Go over again
44. Diplomacy
46. Is indebted to
47. Used to stabilize a ship
49. Elegance

50. Cyberpunk
53. Yours (archaic)
55. Laugh
56. Arab chieftain
57. Afflicts
58. If not
60. Fly high
61. Damage
64. Directed

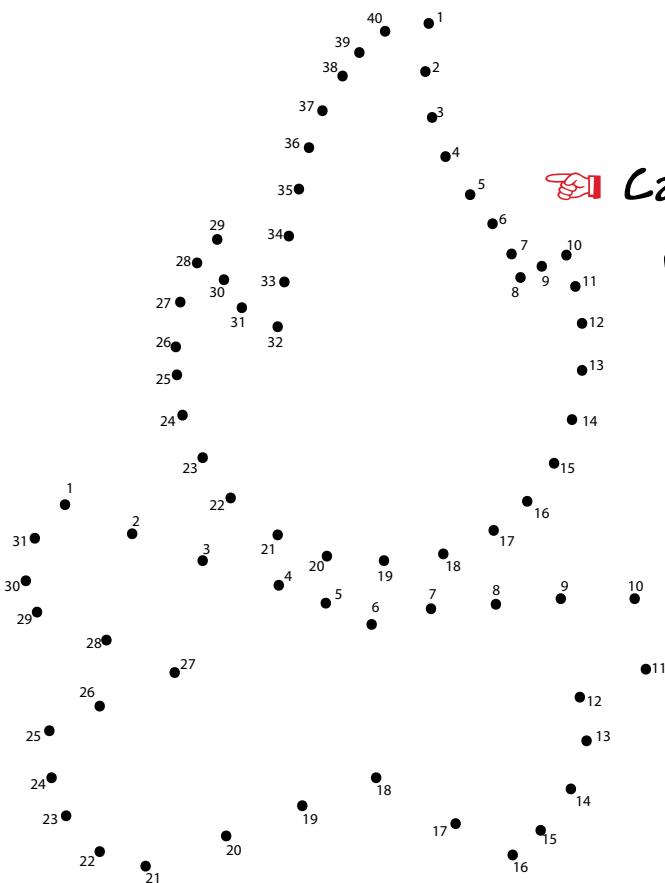
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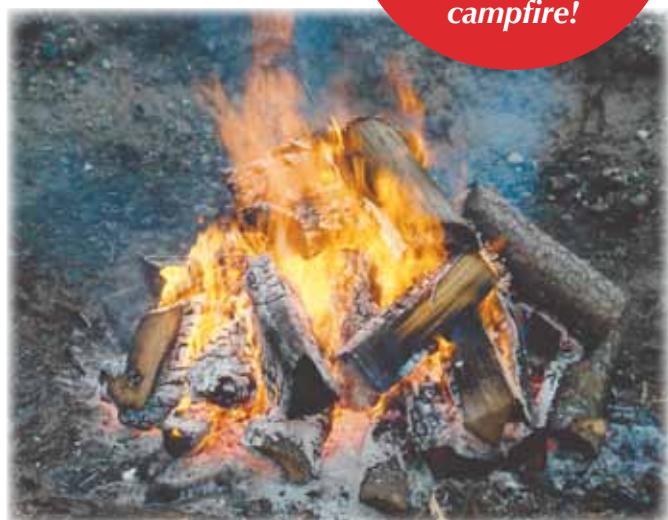
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| Mummy   | Witch    |
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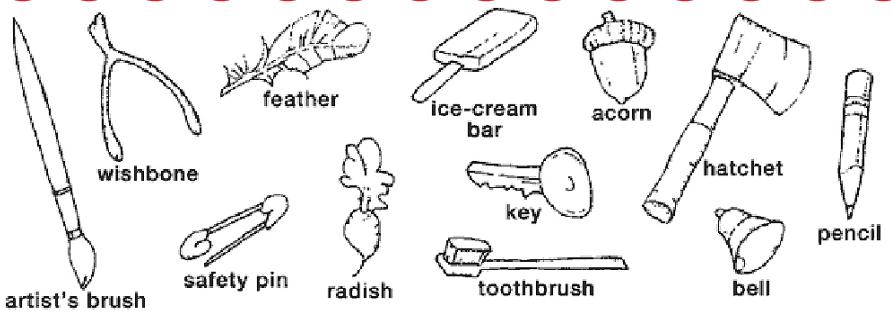
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**Find  
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objects &  
give them  
some color!**



## Solstice

When you hear the word "Solstice," you may think of "Summer Solstice," the beginning of summer and our outdoor adventures. But did you realize there are two solstices?

solstice; noun; either of the two times in the year, the summer solstice and the winter solstice, when the sun reaches its highest or lowest point in the sky at noon, marked by the longest and shortest days.

The solstice has been recognized and celebrated in many different ways and for as many different reasons throughout human history. For many it meant the return of the sun and for others it signified the birth of their God's son.

As summer comes to an end and we approach fall, another milestone is just ahead; the winter solstice. Celebration of the winter solstice has taken many forms and names but the basic principal or idea is the same—the sun. In ancient Egypt, they celebrated the birth of Hours. In Rome, solstice was the birth of an unconquered Sun. Solstice was called Yule in ancient Europe and Mirthra in ancient Persia.

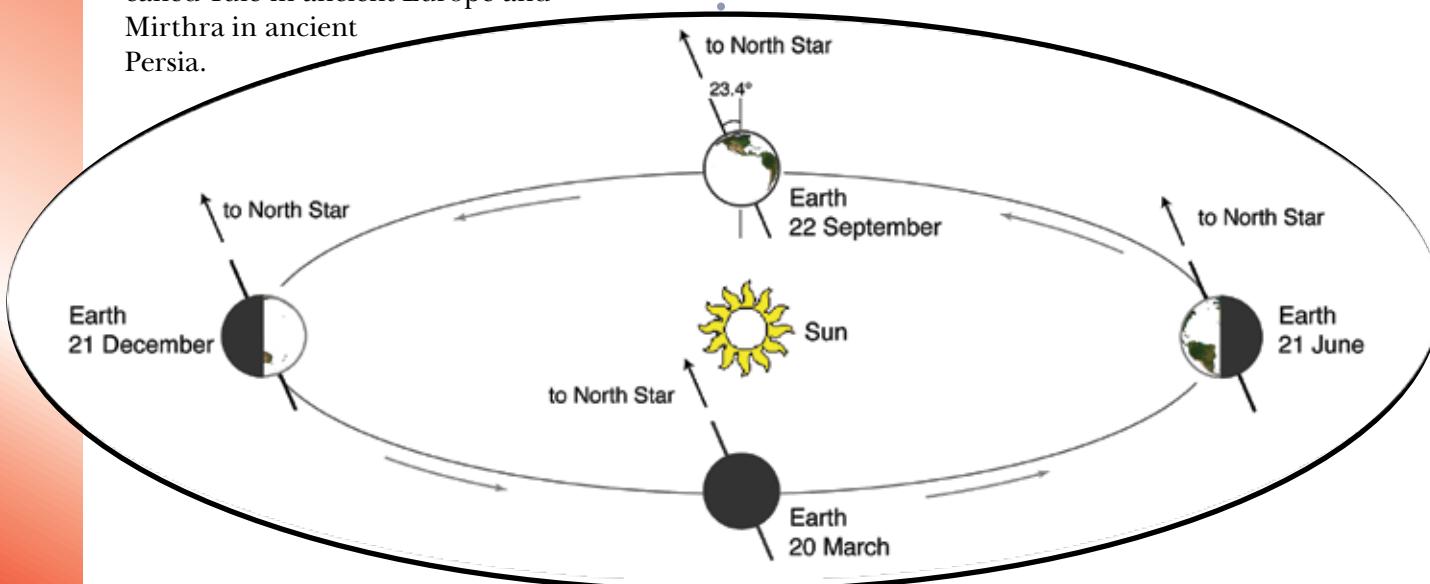
Regardless of continent, time period or name, the basis of the celebration is the same—the return of the sun after the darkest period of the year.

But what is the solstice and why does it happen? In the northern hemisphere, the winter solstice is always on or around December 21 and the day marks the beginning of the winter season. And yes, you may have guessed it, in the southern hemisphere this day marks the beginning of summer.

As the earth spins creating night and day it also moves around the sun in an elongated circle, once around every 365 ¼ days. The earth's axis is tilted about 23 ½ degrees and this is what causes the seasons. When the axis is pointed toward the sun it is summer for that hemisphere. When it points away, it is winter.

The word solstice is derived from two Latin words: sol, which means sun and sistere, which means to stand still. On solstice, the sun appears to stand still in the sky, its position not changing. On earth the solstice occurs twice a year, June 21 and December 21. Depending whether you are north or south of the equator they will be your summer or winter solstice.

Funny thing about the solstice: while the summer solstice marks the longest day of sunlight in the northern hemisphere and the beginning of summer, it also marks the shortening of days. From the summer solstice in June to the winter solstice



in December the days get shorter. Conversely, the winter solstice is the shortest day in the northern hemisphere and also marks the beginning of the days getting longer.

There are some notable caveats however. For example, in Barrow, Alaska on November 20 the sun sets below the horizon and will not rise again until January 23. Now that is one long night! On the flip side, on May 12 in Barrow the sun is up all day and doesn't set again until August 2. The pro for this stretch of sun: golf courses can schedule tee times 24 hours a day! The con: you won't be seeing any fireworks on the fourth of July.



History tells us that almost all cultures recognized the importance of the solstice and celebrated this astronomical event in some way. So what's keeping you from celebrating? Just because the winter solstice is approaching doesn't mean you can't enjoy the great adventures our Michigan winter has to offer. (Be sure to see our "New Year's Eve Camp," page 22, with a list of state parks open year round.)

To plan your winter activities, a cool web site is [sunrisesunset.com](http://sunrisesunset.com). From this site you can create printable calendars showing sunrise and sunset times for various locations throughout the United States and Canada. Check it out so you can enjoy the winter months wherever your neck of the woods happens to be! +



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# Campground Critter

by Don R. Harris

## Wild Turkey

If you live in northern Michigan, you've probably seen them as you drive through the countryside: large, rather awkward birds, ambling across the road, in no particular hurry to get to the other side. You slow down to avoid them, but it's not until you're almost on top of them that they notice the car, and scatter in a flurry of squawking and flapping wings.

These birds are wild turkeys, *Melleagris gallopavo*. The turkey is the largest bird in the order of galliformes, which includes grouse, quail, and pheasants. All gallinaceous birds have heavy, chicken-like bodies, short, heavy bills, short, rounded wings, and long legs adapted for running. Typically, the males are more colorful than the females.

The feathers of wild turkeys are mostly dark brown and black, with a coppery sheen that is most evident in the sunlight. In males, this sheen may have an iridescent quality, showing colors of red, green and gold. Wild turkeys display a trait known as sexual dimorphism, which means that the males and females of the species are noticeably different. The male wild turkey, at 11 to 24 pounds, weighs approximately twice as much as the female.

Males typically have a "beard:" a tuft of coarse, hair-like feathers growing from the center of the breast. The adult males (also called toms), have a featherless, red head and a red wattle on the throat and neck. The head of the female is more of a bluish gray. Turkeys' feet have three toes in front and one toe in back; in addition, males have a spur at the back of their legs that they use in fighting.

Wild turkeys live in forests, especially those with clearings for fields or pastures. Their range extends from Florida north to Canada, and from New England west to the Great Plains, with smaller populations scattered throughout the western states. Their diet consists of acorns, nuts, and seeds, as well as



Photo by Junior Libby

insects and sometimes even small reptiles or amphibians. Often, they visit cropland after the crops have been harvested, and in suburban areas they are frequent winter visitors under bird feeders.

Males turkeys are polygamous – that is, they mate with as many hens as they can. Male turkeys

- put on a courtship display called strutting, puffing out their feathers, spreading their tails and dragging their wings. They make sounds such as gobbling and drumming to attract females and alert other males of their presence. Courtship begins during the months of March and April. When mating is finished, the females build nests in shallow dirt depressions in the woods. Each hen lays 10–14 eggs, which are incubated for a period of approximately one month.

- Many people are surprised to learn that wild turkeys can fly. Typically, they don't fly for long distances, but they frequently do roost in trees. When forced to flee from a predator, wild turkeys are more likely to run than to fly. Their predators include raccoons, coyotes, foxes, and skunks, but in this day and age, their primary predator is man.

- Interestingly, at least one of our country's forefathers suggested the turkey, rather than the eagle, as our national bird. In a letter to his daughter, Ben Franklin wrote:

*For in Truth the Turkey is in Comparison a much more respectable Bird, and withal a true original Native of America... He is besides, though a little vain & silly, a Bird of Courage, and would not hesitate to attack a Grenadier of the British Guards who should presume to invade his Farm Yard with a red Coat on.*

- High praise, indeed, for the awkward-looking birds you see standing in the middle of the road! +

# Clickety Clack, Time to Cut Back

It is important to keep our pets nails clipped and filed for many reasons.

A good test is if your dog walks on a hard surface, you should not be able to hear a clicking sound. Long nails that hit the ground force your dog's toes out of their normal position. Long nails can also distort the foot or pads, especially in a puppy, and cause a permanent deformity or lameness. They can mimic macaroni and curl up into the foot or in the case of the dew claw, into the leg.

Clipping nails should not be a difficult task. However, starting young can be key. Teaching an older dog this new trick will likely take longer but with your patience, can be learned. Plenty of caressing the legs and feet will acclimate a dog for future clipping. If the only time you touch your dog's feet is when you're going to clip his nails, he will likely object. Start when you're snuggling with your dog, hold and gently massage each of his feet. If he doesn't like it, go slowly at first, then extend the time. If he fights having his feet held, keep some treats nearby. Gently take a foot in your hand, and give him a treat with the other while still holding the foot. If he pulls his foot away, don't give him a treat until you're holding his foot again. When you can hold your dog's foot for at least 30 seconds without a struggle, you can begin trimming his nails.

Snipping off tiny bits often will help your dog learn that clipping nails is not a traumatic experience. If necessary, do just one nail, give him a treat while still holding his foot, then quit. Do another nail later. Eventually, you'll be able to do all his nails without a fight. If your dog is relaxed, go ahead and do all the trimming in one session.

- Use good, sharp nail clippers. Old, dull clippers will not cut cleanly and can cause pressure and pinching, hurting or scaring your dog. Most people prefer the pliers or scissor type clippers versus the guillotine type.
- If the nail is light colored, you'll be able to see where the quick ends (which appears pink from the blood it contains). If the nail is dark, simply look at where the nail curves downward and narrows. Check the end and if you see a black dot near the center of the nail, you're at the start of the quick and it's time to stop trimming.
- Of course give your dog lots of hugs, treats and praise after this big accomplishment! +



*While camping, make note of your closest groomer (above), vet (below) and pharmacy (page 17).*



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A photograph of a brown and white dog wearing a red bandana around its neck.

# Vegetation Station

by Don R. Harris

## CHOKECHERRY

What do plums, cherries, peaches, and almonds all have in common, besides the fact that they're all good to eat? All of these fruits are members of the genus *Prunus*, which is, in turn, part of the rose family. What you may not realize is that there are members of this same genus growing wild in Michigan—and you might not find their fruits at all pleasant to eat (at least, not on the first taste!).

One such fruit is the chokecherry, *Prunus virginiana*, also known as bitter-berry or Virginia bird cherry. The chokecherry is a shrub or small tree, growing to about 15 feet tall. The leaves are small and oval, with coarsely serrated edges, and appear dark green from above and lighter on the underside. The small white flowers appear in clusters in late spring, and like most other members of the rose family, have five sepals, five petals and many small stamens. The bases of the sepals, petals, and stamens are fused together to form a cup-like structure that becomes the cherry after the petals fall away.

The fruit of the chokecherry is small—about 3/8 inch in diameter—and varies in color from bright red to black. The taste is quite unlike any domestic cherry as it is both sour and bitter at the same time. In spite of the seemingly unpleasant taste, the chokecherry was an important fruit in the diet of some Native Americans. The root of the chokecherry was also used in medicines, and the inner bark was mixed with bearberry leaves and smoked. Today, the fruit has been found to contain the same kinds of antioxidants found in blueberries and cranberries.

The leaves of the chokecherry can be poisonous to livestock under some circumstances. Chokecherry leaves contain cyanic glycosides, compounds that decompose to form hydrogen cyanide. This tends to occur when the leaves are crushed and exposed to air. Actually, the flesh of cherries also contains these com-



pounds, but does not contain the enzymes needed to produce cyanide, so cherries are safe to eat.

In spite of the chokecherry's sour, bitter taste, some people use the fruit to make wine, particularly in the western parts of the country. Likewise, the chokecherry makes a flavorful jelly, but because of the sourness of the fruit, it requires large amounts of sugar. In Canada, the University of Saskatchewan is working to develop better tasting chokecherry varieties.

Even though it isn't the best tasting cherry in the world, the chokecherry does have its fans. Recently, the chokecherry was named the official fruit of the state of North Dakota. This probably had less to do with its usefulness in making wine or jelly than because its remains have been found at more archeological sites in the Dakotas than anywhere else.

Local chokecherry shrubs grow in northern Lake Michigan coastal sand dune communities in mixed pine forests that range from 200 - 400 years old. When you find your chokecherries, try one of the recipes below, just don't forget the sugar! †

### CHOKECHERRY VINEGAR

Mash the cherries thoroughly, then cover with weak vinegar (half white wine vinegar and half water). Let stand 2 days, stirring each day. On the third day drain and add 1 cup granulated sugar for each cup of juice. Let it come to a boil, settle well and bottle or put in jars. Two tablespoons of this to a glass of water makes a splendid drink.

### CHOKECHERRY LIQUEUR

- 1 quart chokecherries
- 1 quart sugar
- 1 fifth gin or vodka

Place all ingredients in a glass jar. Shake every day for 30 days. Drain and bottle. This will be sweet at first, but will be best after 6 months.

*Find this and more recipes at [msuextension.org/musselshell/PDF%20FILES/CHOKECHERRYRECIPES.pdf](http://msuextension.org/musselshell/PDF%20FILES/CHOKECHERRYRECIPES.pdf)*

# OCT.-DEC. FESTIVITIES

## ALDEN

October 6 • Antique Car Show  
October 6 • Harvest Days  
November 23 • Arts & Crafts Sale  
November 30 • Christmas Lighting

## BELLAIRE

November 2 • Holiday Gift Fair  
December 7 • Light Up The Holiday

## BEULAH

October 31 • Halloween Maze  
December 7 • Christmas Magic

## CADILLAC

October 5, 12 • Fall Color Train  
November 23 • United Way Dinner Dance  
November 29 • Storybook Christmas  
December 7 • Garden Club Holiday Home Tour  
Jan. 30-31, Feb. 1-2 • North American Snow Festival

## FRANKFORT

October 12 • Fall Festival  
November 30 • Community Tree Lighting  
November 30 • Holly Berry Arts & Crafts Fair

## HOUGHTON LAKE

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October 18 • Belle Oakes 10 Year Anniversary

## LELAND

October 11 • Fiber Festival

## Are you ready for winter?

As funny as this looks, Waldo was really in a bind. In 2010, dog booties were sold out in our area because of the cold. Don't be caught with your "socks" down or have to put your dog though the humiliation!



# A New Year's Eve Camp

by Gaylynn Howton

**Early in September** the subject of winter camping was put before me. Camping I love, but winter camping and on New Year's Eve? Never thought about that, but being one to take on new and exciting challenges I said yes. My friend Marilyn and I started to plan what we would need and where we would camp. We knew approximately where we wanted to camp, the problem was finding the best spot. We procrastinated, lots; it was not until late November that we hiked to take a supply of fire wood that we would need for our campout.

As the month progressed we took another load of wood. This was accomplished by filling a sled (the kind used when ice fishing) and pulling it over the snow. Marilyn had her backpack filled with wood while I pulled the sled attached to my backpack. We covered the wood with a trap and then covered the trap with snow, wanting no one to find our perfect spot.

December came to a close and our friend Annie and her nephew arrived, it was Annie's idea to camp; she wanted to do something special for her 50th birthday.

We gathered all our gear and I do mean all of our gear. Three sleds filled with tents, two of them and cots; did you think we were going to sleep on the ground? Sleeping bags and extra clothes. Food, chili made ahead of time, we had it all. Snow was falling and was looking to accumulate over night and the wind chill was in the teens.

We arrived at our destination got our sleds and hiked a mile to our campsite and set up the tents. There was suppose to be a full moon, but the

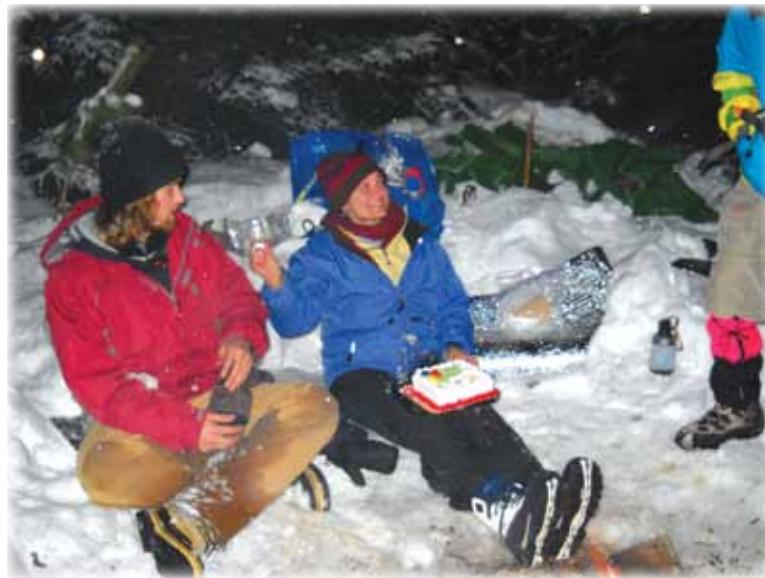
snow was falling and all that could be seen was the bright sky. How beautiful it was in the woods with the snow falling, wind blowing and peaceful night around us. We ate our dinner, talked and meditated in our home away from home. We made a sofa out of the snow and relaxed in front of the fire.

Not able to make it to midnight we went to our tents and our warm sleeping bags. The temperature was in the teens, and falling, but we had been warmed by the fire and the friendship that we shared. Morning came too quickly, getting out of our sleeping bags and making the early morning ritual that is so much easier without all the layers

of clothing that was needed to keep warm.

The fire was out, we need to rekindle it, and cook breakfast. The early morning cold was hard to take. However the warm fire soon was taking the chill off the 11 degree temperature. We made coffee and ate a warm breakfast, filled with this warmth along with the experience of camping in a snow storm helped. We took down the tents and loaded the sleds, hiked back to our car, less than 24 hours from the time we started.

It was one of the most spiritual times for me; lying in bed I heard the earth breath. The snow fell on us all night, the wind blew and the trees swayed. Never have I spent such a wonderful time with nature. I was able to endure more than I thought possible. Adventures are in my future and having endured a night in a snowstorm with temps near zero, I know that I can take on what is at the next winter campsite. +



# UNPUZZLER

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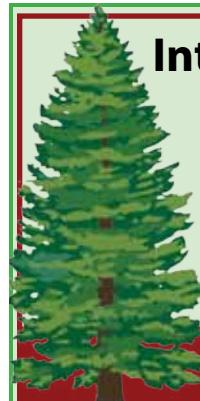
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## Crossword (Page 13)



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# Natural Health Tips

by Kelly Sandelius, ND

**Just as the end of summer** signals the start of school, it also ushers in the cold and flu season. To help protect your body make healthy eating choices, drink 1/2 your body weight in ounces of water daily (herbal teas count), be in bed by 10 or 10:30 (every hour before midnight counts as two hours), and exercise at least 10 minutes per day. Try some of our great immune system supporting products to minimize down time.

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## The “Dish” From the DNR

- New camping & harbor reservation website
- allows customers to set up profiles ahead of time



In less than six weeks, outdoor enthusiasts can begin making state camping, lodging and harbor reservations for dates past Oct. 31, 2013. However, a sneak peek of the new Central Reservation System (CRS) website and the opportunity to create an online account - giving customers a leg up when that reservation window opens - will be available even sooner.

The new, improved CRS, which features customer-requested enhancements, manages state park camping, lodging and harbor reservations. From Oct. 22-24, the current CRS website, [www.midnrreservations.com](http://www.midnrreservations.com), will become unavailable as the new website is transitioned. The website address will remain the same.

The new website is scheduled to go live on Oct. 25. Although website reservations cannot be made until early November, guests can visit the new website on this date and experience all the updated features (including viewing photos of each individual campsite and searching for campsite by region) and create their customer profiles. Current customer account information will not be transferred to the new system. This simple, time-saving step includes entering name, address, phone number, email and other pertinent contact information.

Additional important transition dates include:

- Oct. 22-31: Website reservations cannot be made. The call center will remain active through Oct. 30, taking reservations for dates through Oct. 31, 2013. The call center phone number, 1-800-44-PARKS, will remain unchanged.
- Oct. 31: Reservations cannot be made. State parks can register walk-ins on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Nov. 1: The new CRS (both the website and the call center) opens to state park lodging, which typically has a one-year reservation window (camper cabins, mini-cabins, rustic cabins, yurts and modern lodges).
- Nov. 3: The system opens to facilities with a six-month reservation window. These include campsites at state parks and select state forest campgrounds and harbor slips. From Nov. 1-2, campsites and slips are not reservable. During this time, campsites and slips are available at the facility on a first-come, first-served basis. ✶

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# got rocks?

by Meghan Chase

## Concretions

Itching to add a new unique rock to your collection? Concretions are a great idea!

Understanding what a concretion is and how it forms will help in your rock hunting adventures.

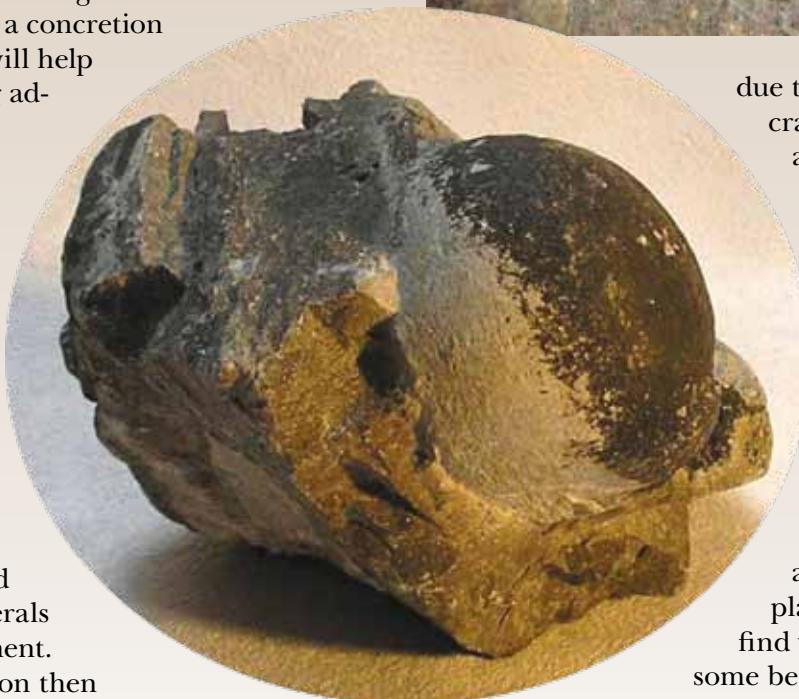
Concretions are formed within layers of sedimentary bedrock after deposition has taken place. These unique rocks form as organic material trapped within the sediment. As water moves through the rock, it carries in and introduces new minerals to the existing sediment.

A mineral cementation then precipitates surrounding the sediment particles and organic material, which binds them together.

This mineral cement is often harder than the surrounding host rock. As a result, when weathering processes take place the preexisting host rock is more readily eroded away. As time passes, the host rock will eventually be completely worn away, leaving behind the hard surfaced concretion.

Some fantastic concretions that entrap organic material such as a leaf or organism become a well-preserved fossil. These fossils can help reveal the age of the rock, paleoecology of the area, and history of the sediments.

Some concretions will also have striking designs of banding minerals within them. Septarian concretions are given the nickname "Lightning Stones"



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due to their characteristic cracks where minerals are beautifully deposited. Due to the varying composition of minerals and organic material, concretions have a large range of colors, shapes and sizes.

Looking to add this unique rock to your collection? Here are some common places where you can find your own and witness some beautiful concretion formations.

- **Kettle Point** – On the southeastern shoreline of Lake Huron, this area is home to the famous concretions referred to as the “kettles.”
  - **Southern Portion of Lake Superior** – Clay concretions are commonly found along the shore.
  - **West Side County Park in Fennville** – Rumor has it that septarian concretions are often found here on the shore of Lake Michigan.
  - **Deerlick Creek Park in South Haven** – This is a great place to go septarian concretion hunting.
- What are you waiting for? Get out there and discover the unique concretions and beautiful views of the Great Lakes that our state has to offer. Happy rock hunting! +



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# Campground Directory



## ANTRIM COUNTY

### COUNTY

**Barnes Park Campground • 231-599-2712**

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Park offers beautiful sandy beach on Lake MI. Trails to hike or bike through the forest, two modern restrooms, playground.

*Facilities:* 76 sites (14 rustic), electric, sanitation, reservations, wheelchair accessible, beach, Wi-Fi. SEE PG. 28

### STATE

**Graves Crossing Forest Campground • 989-732-3541**

*Facilities:* tents & small trailers/10 sites.

**Pinney Bridge State Forest Campground • 989-732-3541**

*Facilities:* tents/15 sites.

## BENZIE COUNTY

### PRIVATE

**Hanmer's Riverside Resort & Livery • 231-882-7783**

**2251 Benzie Hwy. US-31, Benzonia, MI 49616**

Overlook scenic Betsie River. Cabins & campsites on river; kitchen, fire rings, air cond., grill, picnic tables, indoor pool/spa, more.

*Facilities:* tent, RV, cabins; electric, water, reservations, wheelchair accessible, boat launch, cable, Wi-Fi.

**Vacation Trailer Park • 800-482-5101 • 231-882-5101**

**2080 Benzie Hwy. US-31, Benzonia, MI 49616**

*Facilities:* tent, RV, cabins, trailers; electric, water, sanitation, reservations, partial wheelchair accessible, swimming pool, boat launch/canoes, camp store, laundry, cable, Wi-Fi, rec. room.

## GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

### STATE

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

*Facilities:* rustic/30, boat launch.

**Interlochen State Park • 231-276-9511**

**M-137, Interlochen, MI 49643**

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

**Lake Dubonnet State Camp • 231-922-5280**

*Facilities:* rustic/50, boat launch.

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

*Facilities:* rustic/200 people, reservations.

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

*Facilities:* rustic/30, boat launch.

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

*Facilities:* rustic/200 people, reservations.

- **Traverse City State Park • 231-922-5270**
- **1132 US-31 North, Traverse City, MI 49686**
- *Facilities:* tents & RVs/343, cabins/2, electric, water, sanitation, reservations, beach.

### PRIVATE

**Bison Lodge and Campground • 231-342-0169**

**8746 Fox Rd., Buckley, MI 49620**

15 minutes south of Traverse city off M-37

*Facilities:* tent, RV (14), electricity, water, sanitation station, reservations, beach.

**Everflowing Waters Campground • 231-938-0933**

**5481 Brackett Rd., Williamsburg, MI 49690**

1 mile north on US-31 from intersection of M-72 & US-31 (Acme).

1 mile east on Brackett Rd., left side. 7 miles from Traverse City.

*Facilities:* RVs, tents, electric, water, reservations, Wi-Fi.

**Timber Ridge RV & Recreation Resort • 231-947-2770**

**4050 Hammond Rd., Traverse City, MI 49696**

*Facilities:* RVs, cabins, electric, water, sanitation, reservations, pool, store, laundry, Wi-Fi, rec. room, tennis, pickleball, dog park. SEE PAGE 28

**Traverse Bay RV Resort • (231) 938-5800**

**5555 M-72 East, Williamsburg, MI 49690**

Luxury motor coach & RV resort located minutes from Traverse City.

All sites have cement pads with full hook-ups & 50 amp electric.

*Facilities:* RVs, electric, water, sewer, reservations, wheelchair accessible, pool, laundry, cable, Wi-Fi, rec. room.

**Traverse City KOA • 231-269-3203, 800-249-3203**

**9700 S M-37, Buckley, MI 49620**

Cabins/deluxe cabins, fun train rides, jumping pillow, dog park.

*Facilities:* tents, RVs, cabins, electric, water, sanitation, reservations, wheelchair access, pool, store, laundry, rec room, cable, Wi-Fi.

## LAKE COUNTY

### STATE

**Bray Creek State Forest Campground • 231-775-9727**

*Facilities:* rustic/9, boat launch.

**Carrieville State Forest Campground • 231-775-9727**

*Facilities:* rustic/31 sites.

**Leverenz Lake State Forest Campground**

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

**Lincoln Bridge Rustic Campground • 231-775-9727**

*Facilities:* rustic/9 sites.

**Silver Creek Rustic Campground • 231-775-9727**

*Facilities:* rustic/26 sites.

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# Campground Directory

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## PRIVATE

### Enchanted Acres Canoe & Campground • 231-266-5102 9581 N. Brooks Rd., Irons, MI 49644

Free casino package, firewood available on site only. Stay for 7 days, get 1 free. 1 mile south of Irons (10 1/2 mile) on Brooks Rd.

Facilities: tents, RVs, cabins, electric, water, sanitation, reservations, wheelchair access, store, rec room, cable.  

### Pere Marquette Campground • 231-898-3511

#### 11713 W. 40th St., Branch, MI 49402

Hiking, biking, canoe or kayak. Come back to nature this summer! Learn how to enjoy the outside again.

Facilities: tents, RVs, cabins, electric, water, sanitation, reservations, wheelchair access, store.   **SEE PAGE 24 ~ FOR SALE**

## LEELANAU COUNTY

## STATE

### Leelanau State Park • 231-386-5422

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

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

## PRIVATE

### Indigo Bluffs Motorcoach Resort/RV Park • 231-326-5050

#### 6760 W. Empire Hwy. (M-72), Empire, MI 49630

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Facilities: RVs/119, cabins/2, electric, water, sanitation, reservations, wheelchair accessible, pool, camp store, laundry, Wi-fi, club house, playground, nearby beach and boat launch.



### Lake Leelanau RV Park • 231-256-7236

#### 3101 S. Lake Shore Dr., Lake Leelanau, MI 49653

Directly on Lake Leelanau, a 21 mile long lake with swimming, boating, boat rentals, fishing and water sports. All full hook-up sites.

Facilities: tent/4, RVs/196, cabins/1, electricity, water, reservations, wheelchair accessible, beach, boat launch, laundry, cable, Wi-Fi, rec. room.    

## MANISTEE COUNTY

## STATE

### Healy Lake State Forest Campground • 231-922-5280

Facilities: rustic, 24 sites. 

### Orchard Beach State Park • 231-723-7422

#### 2064 N. Lakeshore Rd., Manistee, MI 49660

Facilities: 201 acres, tents, RVs, cabins, reservations.  

### Tippy Dam • (231) 848-4880

#### 5200 Dillings Road, Bretheren, MI 49619

Facilities: rustic, 40 sites, boat launch.  

## FEDERAL

### Blacksmith Bayou Access Site • (231) 723-2211

Facilities: 6 sites. 

## • Government Landing • (231) 723-2211

Facilities: 3 sites. 

## • Pine Lake Campground • (231) 723-2211

Facilities: 12 sites. 

## • Red Bridge River Access • (231) 723-2211

Facilities: 4 sites, boat launch.  

## • PRIVATE

### Insta Launch Campground & Marina • 231-723-3901

#### 20 Park Ave., Manistee, MI 49660

US-31 north, through Manistee to Park Ave., turn right on Park Ave. & go 2 blocks to campground.

Facilities: tents & RVs/127, cabins/10, electric/117, water/67,

sanitation, reservations, wheelchair accessible, beach, boat launch, store, laundry, cable, Wi-Fi, rec room.    

## • Little River Casino Resort • 866-572-4386

#### 2700 Orchard Hwy., Manistee, MI 49660

Facilities: RVs, electric, water, sanitation, reservations,

wheelchair access, pool, laundry, store, cable, Wi-Fi, rec room.

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## • Twin Oaks RV Campground & Cabins • 231-848-4124

### 233 Moss Road, Wellston, MI 49689 • 877-442-3102

Facilities: RVs/28, group camping/8, tents/24, cabins/4,

electric/33, water/15, sanitation, reservations, store, laundry, rec room, Wi-Fi, playground, fish station, volleyball, horseshoes, open year around, Good Sam Park.  

## MECOSTA COUNTY

## PRIVATE

### River Ridge RV Resort • 231-823-8338

#### 22265 8 Mile Rd., Stanwood, MI 49346

Facilities: RVs/226, rental trailers/5, electricity, water, sanitation, reservations, wheelchair accessible, pool, boat launch, store, laundry, cable, Wi-Fi, rec. room.  

## • CITY

### Maple Grove Campground • 231-839-4561

#### 5543 W. Davis Rd., Lake City, MI 49651

Large primitive overflow area for holidays or reunions. Rental building holds 60 w/ kitchen facilities.

Facilities: 32, electric, water, sanitation, reservations, wheelchair access, Wi-Fi, rec room.  

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

#### PO Box 800, Lake City, MI 49651

Facilities: rustic/17 sites. 

### Crooked Lake Park • 231-839-4200

#### PO Box 800, Lake City, MI 49651

Facilities: 37, electric/15, 1 rental cabin, toilets, shower, sanitation, beach, boat launch.    

### Missaukee Lake Park • 231-839-4945

**PO Box 800, Lake City, MI 49651**

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



### STATE

#### Goose Lake • 231-775-9727

*Facilities:* rustic/54, boat launch.



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

*Facilities:* rustic/16, 108 people, reservations.



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

*Facilities:* rustic/20, boat launch.



#### Reedsburg Dam • 989-275-4622

*Facilities:* rustic/38, boat launch.



#### Spring Lake State Forest Campground • 231-775-9727

*Facilities:* rustic/32, boat launch.



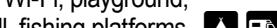
## OSCEOLA COUNTY

### CITY

#### Riverside Park Campground - Evart • 231-734-5901

**315 N. River St., Evart, MI 49631**

*Facilities:* tents & RVs/15, electric, water, sanitation, reservations, beach, boat launch, Wi-Fi, playground, shuffleboard, basketball, volleyball, fishing platforms.



#### Veteran's Memorial Park • 231-667-0100 • 231-743-6801

**226 S. Mill (M-66), Marion, MI 49665**

*Facilities:* tents/12 (rustic), RVs/38 (full hook-up w/sewer 12), electric/26, water/26, sanitation, reservations, wheelchair accessible, playground, pavilion rental.



### STATE

#### Sunrise Lake • 231-775-9727

*Facilities:* rustic/17, boat launch.



### PRIVATE

#### Cadillac Woods Campground • 231-825-2012

**23163 M-115, Tustin, MI 49688**



*Facilities:* tent/15, RVs/29, cabin/6, electric, water, sanitation, reservations, wheelchair access, pool, laundry, store, mini-golf.

## ROSCOMMON COUNTY (WEST)

### STATE

#### Houghton Lake • 989-275-4622

*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, reservations, wheelchair access.



#### North Higgins Lake/West • 989-821-6125

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

*Facilities:* tents & RVs/92, cabin, electric, reservations, wheelchair access.



#### South Higgins Lake • 989-821-6374

**106 State Park Dr., Roscommon, MI 48653**

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



### PRIVATE

#### West Houghton Lake Camp • 989-422-5130

**9371 W. Houghton Lake Dr., Houghton Lake, MI 48629**

*Facilities:* tents/7, RVs/120, cabins/2, electric/121, water/75, sanitation, reservations, wheelchair accessible, store, laundry, Wi-Fi, rec room.



## WEXFORD COUNTY

### STATE

#### Baxter Bridge Campground • 231-775-9727

*Facilities:* rustic/25, boat launch.



#### Long Lake/Wexford • 231-775-9727

*Facilities:* rustic/16, boat launch.



#### Mitchell State Park • 231-775-7911

**6093 E. M-115, Cadillac, MI 49601**

*Facilities:* tents & RVs/221, electric, reservations, beach, boat launch.



#### Old US-131 Campground • 231-775-9727

*Facilities:* rustic/25, boat launch.



### FEDERAL

#### Hemlock Campground • 231-723-2211

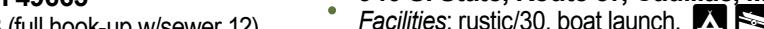
*Facilities:* rustic/19.



#### Peterson Bridge • 231-723-2211

**940 S. State, Route 37, Cadillac, MI 49601**

*Facilities:* rustic/30, boat launch.

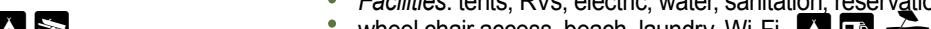


### CITY

#### Lake Billings RV Park • 231-824-6454

**221 E. Elmore St., Manton, MI 49663**

*Facilities:* tents, RVs, electric, water, sanitation, reservations, wheel chair access, beach, laundry, Wi-Fi.



### PRIVATE

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**6545 E. M-115, Cadillac, MI 49601**

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*Facilities:* RVs/33, cabins/8, electric, water, reservations, wheelchair accessible, cable, Wi-Fi.



#### Camp Cadillac • 231-775-9724

**10621 E. 34 Rd., Cadillac, MI 49601**

*Facilities:* tents, RVs, cabins, electric, water, sanitation, reservations, pool, store, laundry, Wi-Fi, rec room.



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#### Northern Exposure Campground • 231-885-1199

**285 Manistee River Dr., Mesick, MI 49668**

Open May 1 - Oct. 15

*Facilities:* tents & RVs/262, cabins/3, electric, water, sanitation, reservations, wheelchair access, beach, boat launch, store, Wi-Fi.



#### Pine River Paddlesports Center & Quiet Campground

**231-862-3471 • 9590 South M-37, Wellston, MI 49689**

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