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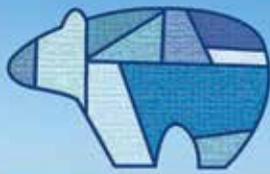
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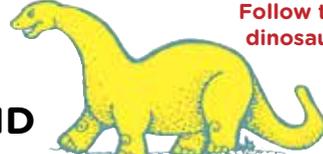



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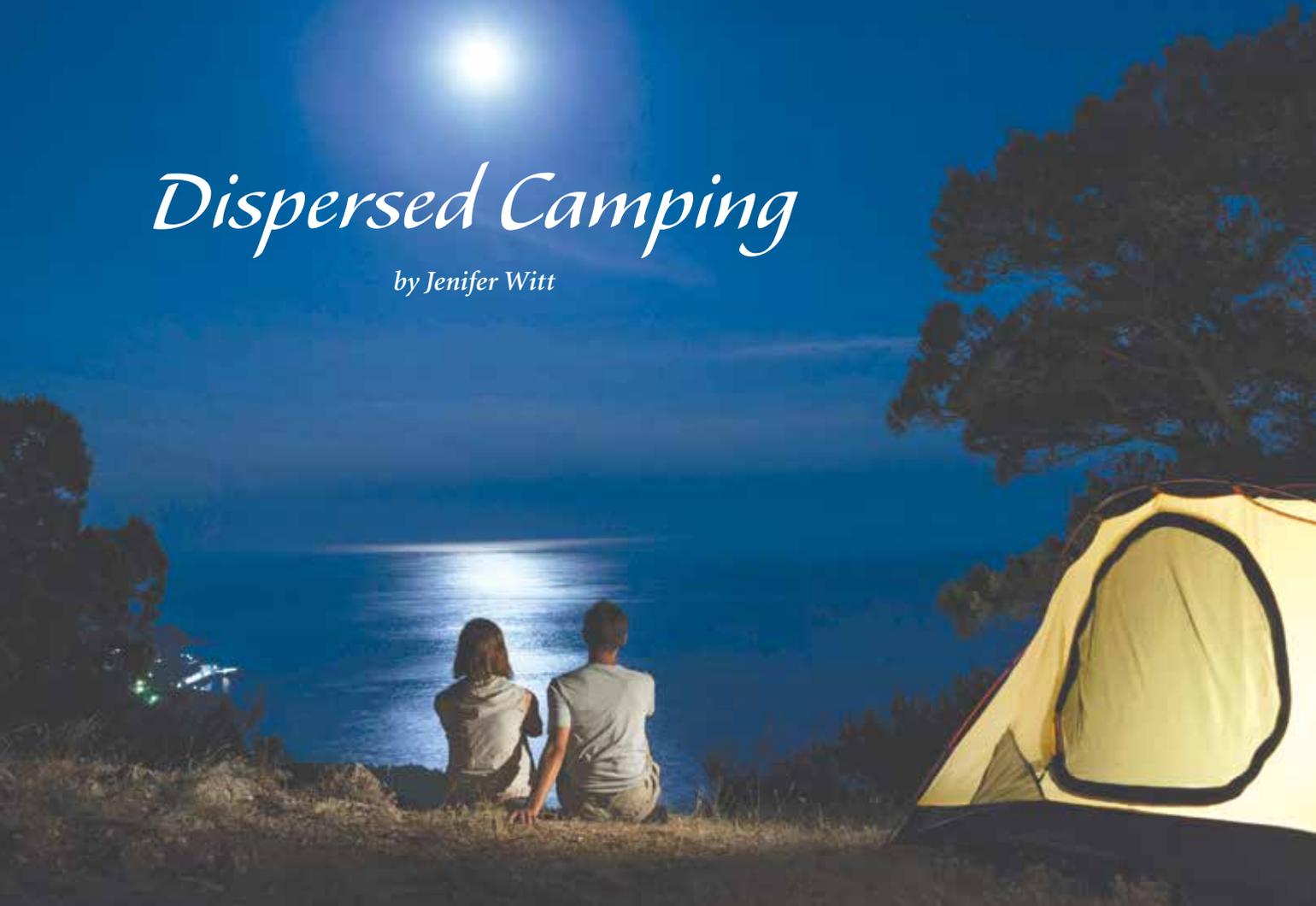
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# Dispersed Camping

by Jenifer Witt



## There are many wonderful things about popular campgrounds:

meeting new people, the amenities that make for a comfortable camping experience, the sounds of the campground quieting for the night as everyone heads off to bed.

What about those times when you want to camp, but want to have a more rustic experience or bit of a challenge? Do you ever want to just get away from it all?

Give dispersed camping a try. The US Forest Service defines dispersed camping as “outside a designated campground” such as National Forests, State Forests, State Parks, National Parks, and BLM Land.

## Where to Go

Michigan has many dispersed camping areas. There are 285,000 acres of state park land, 2 national parks, and 4 million acres of state for-

est land. These public lands are ready for you to explore and have a grand camping adventure this summer.

Not everyone knows that you can camp inexpensively or free of charge on most state and national parks and forests. In these places, the only thing provided is the land. There are few to no amenities, but many rewards. Check in with the ranger station before your trip. They’ll provide you with regulations, places within the parks that you can camp, current fire conditions, and places to avoid.

## What to Bring

Since this is rustic camping, the parks don’t provide picnic tables, grills, trash removal, or showers like campgrounds often do. You’ll have to bring everything you think you’ll need for an amazing rustic experience. In addition to the usual camping gear, these items will come in handy:

- Camp stove
- Solar shower
- Tools for cutting up firewood
- Water purification tablets, filters, or a kettle for boiling water for drinking
- Lanterns
- First aid kit
- Portable toilet or a shovel to dig a cathole

Once you’ve arrived at the park, scout your perfect spot. The Michigan DNR and National Park Service both suggest using existing trails and campsites whenever possible. Choose a site near a creek or lake so that you can use the water for bathing or washing dishes. Regulations stipulate that you must be at least 200 feet away from any body of water. This minimizes your impact on the

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## Dispersed Camping *(continued)*

environment. Make sure to look for your campsite well before dark. You'll need time to set up your site, and it will be much easier to do in the daylight. You'll want to be all set up before dark, so that you can enjoy your perfect evening under the Michigan stars.

### Be Safe

As with any outdoor activity, safety should be a priority. Most likely there won't be cell phone service, so plan ahead how you'll handle an emergency.

- **You're heading out to the wilderness to get away from the crowds, but it's still important to let someone know where you'll be and when you expect to be back.**
- **There's no camp store, so take plenty of food and drinking water for your group.**
- **Don't leave food unattended. It will attract wildlife.**
- **Know some basic first aid.**
- **Know the way out of the park and to the ranger station.**

### Campfire Safety

The campfire may just be the best part about camping. You're under the stars, breathing in the crisp air of a cool, summer evening in Michigan. Ghost stories or campfire songs with great friends and s'mores is a memorable way to spend the evening. Folks who camp on public land need to consider campfire safety before their trip. Use a metal campfire ring, if one is provided, to keep the fire from spreading. If a campfire ring is not provided, use a light-weight camp stove. Monitor your fire closely to ensure it doesn't burn out of control. Be mindful of what's nearby such as trees, grass, and your tent.

In Michigan, parks and campgrounds ask campers not to bring firewood with them. Insects and tree diseases are easily spread. The Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive insect, poses a threat to Michigan trees. We can stop the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer by not bringing firewood with us. Other hints to minimize disease and insect damage are to find firewood near your campsite, and not to take any firewood in or out of the campground.

### Leave No Trace

One of the cardinal rules for enjoying parks and forests is to leave no trace. Follow a pack it in, pack it out philosophy—if you brought it to the park, take it with you when you leave.

- **Leave natural objects like rock formations or flowers as you found them.**
- **Observe wildlife from a distance, and don't feed wild animals. People food is not good for wild animals. Remember, you're the visitor in their homes; be a courteous guest.**

- **Extinguish your campfire completely.**
- **If you bring your four legged camping buddy, make sure that he is under control.**
- **Make sure to take your trash with you when you leave.**
- **We also have to address the inevitability of . . . ahem, human waste. Your cathole needs to be at least 6-8 inches deep, and covered when you leave.**

The main idea of leave no trace is to leave the environment better than you found it. No one should know you were even there.

### Respect Others

You've chosen an off the beaten path or remote camping location for a reason, and so have the other people in the park. Be a kind camping neighbor by protecting others' experiences. Keep your noise level down to preserve the peace and quiet of a northern Michigan summer day. Set your camp up away from others. National and State parks are vast, so there's plenty of room. There's no need to set up a campsite too close to others.

Some folks even camp in state or federal land in their RVs. They abide by the same rules and regulations as tent campers. Dispersed camping in an RV means no hook ups. So, many RV campers use portable solar panels to power their RVs.

According to the Michigan DNR, you can camp anywhere on State Forest property as long as:

- **It's not posted 'no camping.'**
- **You're more than one mile from a state forest campground.**
- **You agree to follow all state land rules.**
- **You post a camp registration card, which you can get from the DNR.**
- **You move along every 15 days. Move to another campsite that is at least ½ mile away. This will give you a chance to check out other great spots to camp.**

There may be a few more things to consider when you take off on a camping trip somewhere other than a campground, but the amazing camping experience will be well worth it. You'll probably have to take some different gear to account for the lack of amenities usually found at campgrounds. And, you'll be more isolated in the vast national or state parks and forests. This is what most dispersed campers are seeking, but you still need to use your head and camp safely. Check out [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) or [michigan.gov/dnr/](http://michigan.gov/dnr/) for more information about using national and state land for your dispersed camping experience.

We all love a summertime camping adventures in Michigan. Give dispersed camping a try. Who knows, you may just fall in love with it. ✦

# Geocaching in Northern Michigan

by James Fewlass • photos compliments of [facebook.com/geocaching](https://www.facebook.com/geocaching)



*Hi everyone! Over the next five editions I will be joining geocachers here in Northern Michigan to get an idea of what it takes to be a geocacher. I will begin with Casual Novice Cachers and work my way to Advanced Cachers. I consider myself a Recreational Cacher, so by July's edition, I will be learning along with you!*

## Amy & Ben ~ Frankfort to Glen Arbor

I caught up to Amy and her son, Ben, just north of Frankfort at the Pointe Betsie Lighthouse. Our plans; to geocache our way south along the beautiful Lake Michigan waterfront on an amazing autumn day. Armed with a Smart Phone and bag of trinkets, we started the day's adventure.

The Geocaching App showed our first find, just in front of the lighthouse. As we wound our way around the public area, the big question I had for them was, "How did you get into geocaching?"

Amy explained that she and Ben were looking for a way to spend time together that was minimal cost but still fun. She had heard about geocaching from a coworker who had taken her son to a Boy Scout event where geocaching was highlighted. Her coworker had downloaded the App to her phone and she found that there were hundreds of caches around Traverse City. So Amy downloaded the App to her phone and sure enough—even in Frankfort—she was surrounded by geocaches.

This actually answered my second question, "What do you need to geocache?" Amy held up her phone and said this is it! Her iPhone is GPS enabled and she said that it might not always be the most reliable, but for the vast majority of caches, it worked just fine. I asked about handheld GPS units and she said she'd never used one. She mentioned that her coworker had a Garmin Etrex 20x that the Boy Scouts had recommended, but for just



a casual geocacher a phone would be just fine. Geocaching has an App for both Android and iPhone.

Next, I asked them to tell me a little bit about geocaching. Ben jumped in on this one. "It's a treasure hunt, all over the world. Millions of treasures hidden for us to find." What's in the treasures? "Toys and coins. Or at least some of them."

Amy points out that some of the caches are big and some of the caches are very small. They range from Micro to Extra Large on the App. Micros can be as small as your pinky nail, with just enough room to put your initials on a piece of paper the size of a straw wrapper. The Extra Large's can be anywhere from an ammo can to a 50 gallon drum. The bigger the cache the more likely it is that the cache will contain items.

Ben explained how you take toys from a cache. "You trade, so you need to leave a toy to get a toy." This explained the bag of trinkets.



By this point we've reached the area that the cache is listed to be in. We spread out over the area and within minutes Ben has called out that he's found it. His excitement is only slightly lessened to find that the cache is not big enough to have toys in it. But he's still excited; first cache of the day and he found it! He lets me know that I'll have to try harder to find the caches before him.

Over the next few hours we rack up nine more caches going up through Empire and Glen Arbor. Amy gave me a few more pieces of advice. "Look at the difficulty and when the cache was last found. This will help you decide if you want to stop at each one or pass it by for the next one." The Difficulty and Activity can be found for each cache within the Geocaching App.

If you would like more information on Geocaching please visit [geocaching.com](https://www.geocaching.com). And remember to pick up the July Northern Camper for our next geocache adventure! ✦

# QUILTING CAMPERS

by Dawn Paulin

## Welcome to the 2016 Camper Mystery Quilt!

I admit that I struggled with an idea this year. Then I was chatting with my friend Patty—you know, the one who doesn't like mystery quilts because she doesn't deal well with not knowing what something is going to turn out like—and she suggested a "Northern Lights" theme.

This quilt should finish at 72" x 96"—a nice twin size. There will be seven different squares in the quilt this year, but the trick will be that they are made into 3", 6", and 12" finished blocks (3½", 6½", and 12½" unfinished). All of the blocks are known blocks and may have other names besides what I am using. And yes, I know that 3" is a small block, but I have faith in you!

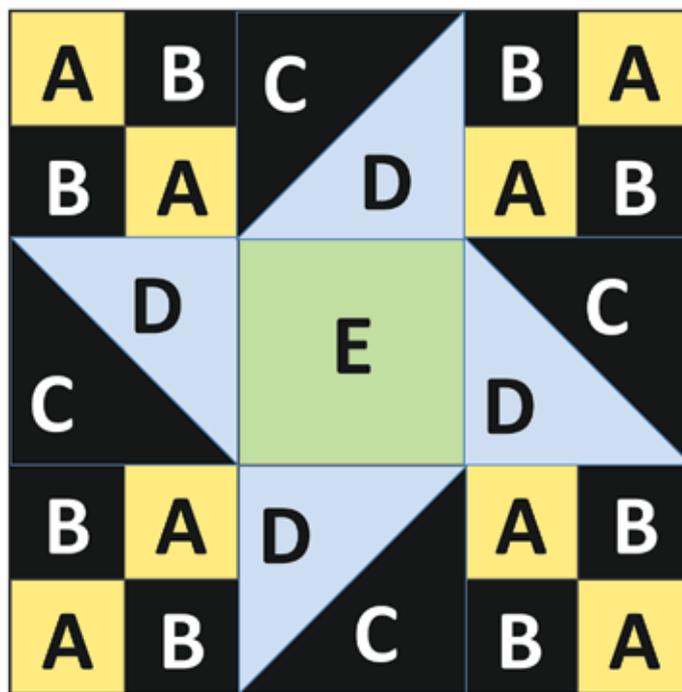
This month you will get the first one, then in July, August, and September, you will get two blocks each month. The arrangement will be presented in the October-December issue.

Please make sure your blocks are finishing at the right size as the arrangement will not work if it is off! If you need help, head over to one of our quilt shop advertisers. You can also contact me, [dawn@northerncamper.com](mailto:dawn@northerncamper.com), and I will be glad to send you more information. Please remember that I make my half- and quarter-square triangles a bit larger and trim them to size as this helps with accuracy, so cutting dimensions include this.

Fabric requirements are listed below, but depending on how many different fabrics you use, you might need slightly more or less. My stars are all out of glittery or shiny fabric (still cottons although I have a couple of pieces that also contain silk) and they include silvers, golds, and coppers.

I am giving you a total needed so picking up fat quarters or quarter yards of many different ones would work well. I am also giving you the total needed and the cutting of the background fabric for the settings; the remainder will be used in the star blocks. I am using a solid black and one that is black and gold for my backgrounds with no real planning on which one gets used when. Block cutting is for each block—so that you can change things up if desired. Finished size and number of blocks needed is at top of third chart.

One last reminder—mark **September 17** on your calendar for the **North Star Quilt Guild Show**. We have over 100 quilted products and at least 12 vendors. And if you are in the Cadillac area on the first or third Thursday of the month, please join us at our meetings. More information is available at [northstarquiltguild.org](http://northstarquiltguild.org). †



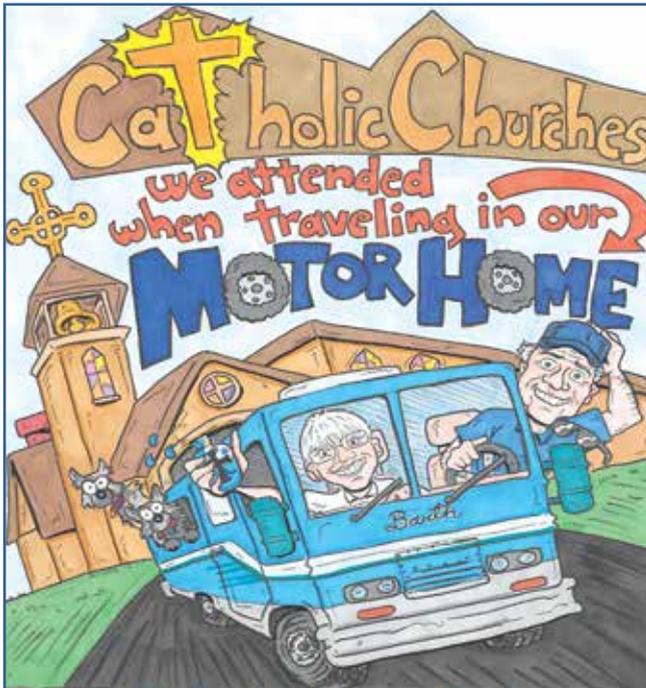
Fabric	Total Yardage Needed
"Stars"	4¾ to 5 yards
Background	5¾ yards

Background cutting requirements for settings.	
6½" x WOF	6 strips for border
6½" x WOF	3 strips subcut into:
	7 6½" squares
	16 3½" x 6½" rectangles
3½" x WOF	5 strips subcut into:
	32 3½" squares
	6 3½" x 9½" rectangles

## Water Wheel Block Cutting Requirements

(I am using my background for pieces B and C)

	Number of pieces needed per block	12" need 2	6" need 7	3" need 30
A	4	2½"	1½"	1"
B	4	2½"	1½"	1"
C	2	5"	3"	2"
D	2	5"	3"	2"
E	1	5½"	2½"	1½"



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# Cookin' Campers

## RHUBARB BARS

- 2 Tbsp. Cornstarch
- 1/4 C. Water
- 3 C. Chopped Rhubarb
- 1 1/2 C. Sugar
- 1 Tbsp. Butter
- 1 Tsp. Vanilla
- 1 1/2 C. Uncooked (Quick) Oats
- 1 C. Margarine
- 1 1/2 C. Flour
- 1 C. Brown Sugar
- 1/2 Tsp. Baking Soda
- 1/2 C. Chopped Nuts (we use walnuts)

Dissolve cornstarch in water. Add rhubarb and sugar and cook until thickened. Add butter and vanilla and mix well. Cool slightly. Combine oats, margarine, flour, brown sugar, baking soda, and nuts and blend until crumbly. Reserve 1/4 of the mixture. Press remaining mix into a lightly greased 9x13 pan. Pour in the rhubarb mixture. Sprinkle the top with the reserved crumbs. Bake a 375 for 30 - 35 minutes.

~ *The Gardner Family, Mesick*

## HERBED SLOW COOKER CHICKEN

- 1 Tbsp. Olive Oil
- 1 Tsp. Paprika
- 1/2 Tsp. Garlic Powder
- 1/2 Tsp. Seasoned Salt
- 1/2 Tsp. Dried Thyme
- 1/2 Tsp. Dried Basil
- 1/2 Tsp. Pepper
- 4 Bone-in Chicken Breast Halves (6 oz. ea)
- 1/2 C. Chicken Broth

In a small bowl, combine first 7 ingredients, rub over chicken. Place in a 5 qt. slow cooker, add broth. Cover and cook on low for 4-5 hours or till a meat thermometer reads 170 degrees.

~ *The Gardner Family, Mesick*

## SAVORY BISCUIT BITES

- 1/4 C. Butter/ Margarine (melted)
- 2 Tbsp. Grated Parmesan Cheese
- 1 Tbsp. Dried Minced Onion
- 1 1/2 Tsp. Dried Parsley Flakes
- 1 pkg (12 oz) Refrigerated Biscuits

In a bowl, combine butter, cheese, onion, and parsley. Cut biscuits into quarters; roll in butter mixture. Place on greased 15x10 baking pan. Let stand for 25 minutes. Bake at 400 for 8 minutes or until lightly browned.

~ *The Gardner Family, Mesick*

## DEEP FRIED PICKLES

### In one bowl:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

### In another bowl beat:

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 3 cups thin dill pickle slices, drained & blotted  
(Note: Coating will not stick to them if they are wet.)

Coat pickles with dry ingredients then wet then dry again. Oil for deep-fat frying about 375 for 3 min each side (they cook quick). Don't put in too many at a time they stick together. Ranch salad dressing, or we use ranch chip dip.

~ *The Treiber Family, Manton*

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- Add ½ cup sugar and ½ tsp vanilla, Mix with grapes.
- Top with ½ cup brown sugar and 1 cup walnuts

Let set overnight. Or until you can't wait anymore.

~ Ladies at First Christian Church, Manton

## CORN ON THE COB

- Husk and de-silk corn while waiting for large pan of water to boil.
- A small amount of sugar can be added to sweeten the corn but, never salt it; it causes the corn to be tough
- Add corn to boiling water and bring back to boil; we cover ours because it helps boil faster.

Once it comes back to a boil it's done. I like mine crisp so I take mine out. Mom likes her softer so we leave it in for about 5 minutes. Slather in butter, salt and enjoy.

My question is how do "you" roast corn? I have tried what I thought my dad did and burned it. So readers send me your instructions on how to roast corn either over a fire or on the grill.

~ JoAnn Treiber, Manton

## GRILLED POTATOES & PEPPERS

- Potatoes
- Onions
- Peppers
- Butter
- Seasonings

Precook slightly 5 or 6 medium to large potatoes. Slice potatoes no more than 1/8 in. thick. Cut a medium onion and separate into rings. Cut 2 to 3 sweet peppers (I try to use different colors) into strips. Layer two sheets of aluminum foil in a cross shape - at least 24 in. each. Layer potatoes, onions, and peppers on foil, adding butter and seasonings to taste. Roll foil around mixture and crimp securely. Cook on grill for about 45 minutes to 1 hour turning every 10 minutes or so.

~ Dawn Paulin, Cadillac

## BANANA BOATS

For each BOAT you will need:

- 1 banana
- 1 teaspoon of chocolate chips
- 1 tablespoon of mini-marshmallows

Cut banana peel lengthwise about ½" deep; leave about ½" at both ends. Open peel to form a pocket; fill with chocolate chips & marshmallows. Shape heavy-duty foil (about a 12" square) around bananas so that they look like a boat. Grill, covered, over med. heat for 5-10 minutes or until marshmallows melt & turn golden brown.

~ Dawn Paulin, Cadillac

## SPRING PEAS WITH MINT

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 cups fresh baby peas
- 1/2 small red onion, dice 1/4-inch
- 1 cup loosely packed mint, torn
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground pepper

In a bowl, whisk the olive oil with the vinegar. Add the peas, red onion, & mint. Toss to coat, season with salt & pepper & let stand at room temperature for 1 hour.

~ JoAnn Treiber, Manton

## SWEET BISCUIT ON A STICK

- 1 package regular biscuits or crescent rolls
- Cinnamon and sugar
- Margarine or butter

Wrap biscuit around a stick by spiraling from top & working down. The thinner the biscuit the quicker the inside will cook. Cook over fire until done. Roll in butter & sprinkle the cinnamon & sugar.

~ Renee Fehr, Iron Mountain

## GRILLED BALSAMIC ASPARAGUS

- Asparagus
- Balsamic Vinegar

Put fresh asparagus in Zip-loc bag. Add enough vinegar to cover asparagus when bag is laid flat. Marinate for 30 minutes to 1 hour. Place stalks directly onto grill and roll for about a minute until stalks are heated and slightly scored from grill rack.

~ Amy Barta, Appleton, WI

**BARBEQUE SAUCE**

- 1 T. salt
- 1/2 tsp. red pepper
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 2 small onions, sliced
- 2 T. vinegar
- 2 T. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1 T. chili powder
- 3/4 c. catsup
- 3/4 c. water

Mix all ingredients. for 3-4 pounds spareribs.

~ *Martha Whitfield, Ortonville*

**CHERRY PIE FILLING**

- 5 to 6 cups fresh pitted cherries, about 2 1/2 to 3 pounds
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 4 tablespoons cornstarch (or use quantity of flour to thicken)
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

In saucepan over med. heat, combine cherries, water, lemon juice, sugar and cornstarch. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to low, stir frequently for 10 min. Stir in almond extract. Cool slightly before using.

~ *Tammy Fewless, Manton*

**HAWAIIAN BEEF BARBEQUE**

- 3 to 4 lbs. of beef chuck roast
- 3/4 cup apricot- pineapple Jam
- 2 tab soy sauce
- 1 tea ground ginger
- 1 tea grated lemon

Slice across grain about 1/4 inch thick, poke with fork to help marinate soak in. Combine everything in bowl and let sit. Grill over med. heat to desired doneness turning and basting often.

~ *Jimmy Treiber, Manton*

**SESAME CHICKEN W/ GREEN BEANS**

- 3 T. oil
- 1 c. white rice
- 2 c. chicken broth
- Salt
- 1/2 lb. green beans
- 1 lb. skinless chicken, thinly sliced
- 1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 3 T. tamari or dark soy sauce
- 3 T. honey
- 1 T. hot pepper sauce
- 1 T. Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp. sesame Oil
- 1 bunch scallions, finely chopped
- 2 T. sesame seeds toasted

In large sauce pan heat 1 T. oil over med. high heat. Add rice, stirring for 2 min. Add 1-1/2 c. chicken broth, lowest heat, cover & simmer 17 min. In med. skillet, bring one in depth water to boil. Salt, add green beans, cook for 2 min. Drain and rinse with cold water. In large skillet heat remaining oil over high. Add chicken and cook until golden. Add bell pepper & cook 3 min. Add green beans & cook 1 min. In bowl mix tamari, honey, hot sauce, mustard, and 1/2 cup broth. Pour sauce over chicken & toss. Drizzle sesame oil over chicken. Stir scallions into rice, fluff. Serve chicken over rice, top with sesame seeds.

~ *The Fischer Family, Dublin*

**GREEK FETA CHEESEBURGER**

- 6 oz. nonfat plain Greek yogurt
- 1/2 C. cucumbers, unpeeled, grated
- 1/2 clove garlic, crushed to paste
- 1 t. lemon juice
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 4 oz. zucchini, finely diced
- 1/2 C. crumbled feta
- 1/3 C. red onion, finely diced
- 1/2 t. dried marjoram
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 7 oz. jar of roasted red peppers, drained

Mix above ingredients, make patties and grill 'er up!

~ *Josh Sabin, Cadillac*

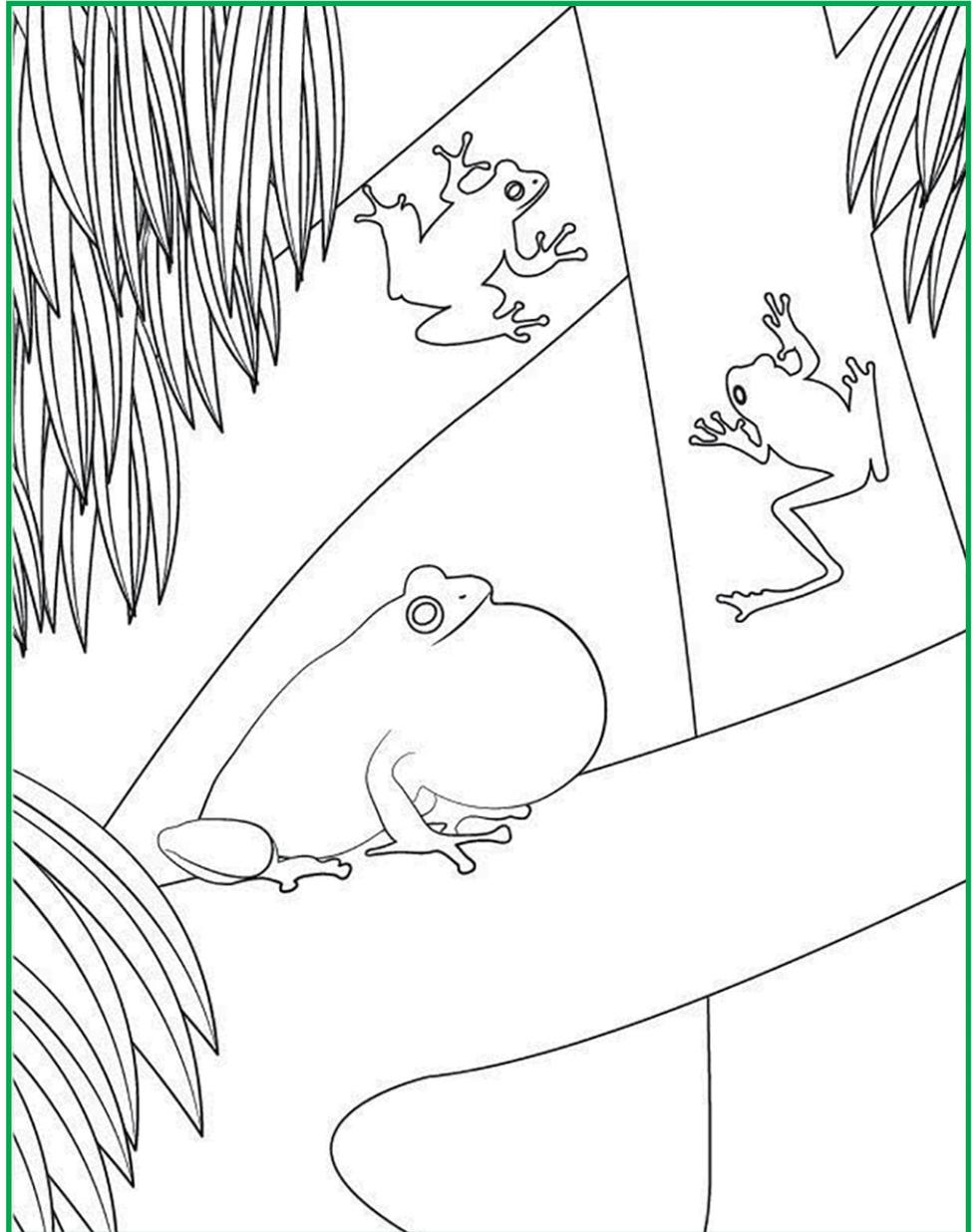
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## Michigan Frogs

Out of the 24 local amphibian species there are 10 different species of frogs that live within the state of Michigan:

- Green Frog
- Mink Frog
- Western Chorus Frog
- Gray Tree Frog
- Bullfrog
- Wood Frog
- Northern Leopard Frog
- Pickerel Frog
- Northern Spring Peeper
- Blanchard's Cricket Frog



## Did you know?

- Frogs don't drink through their mouths like most other animals. They drink by absorbing water through their skin.
- Certain kinds of frogs can jump over twenty times their own height.
- Frogs use their eyes to swallow food by retracting them. This pushes the food down their throats.
- Frogs have teeth in the top part of their jaws that are not used for chewing but rather to keep prey in their mouths, like a little cage.

# Play Me!

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| Bass        | Lyre          | Trombone   |
| Bass Drum   | Mandolin      | Trumpet    |
| Bongos      | Maracas       | Tuba       |
| Cello       | Oboe          | Ukulele    |
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# PUZZLED?

## ACROSS

1. Quickly
6. Charity
10. Border
14. Unwind
15. Rhythm
16. Den
17. Vagabond
18. A single time
19. Makes a mistake
20. Folding portable ladder
22. Glove
23. Is indebted to
24. Bloodsucker
26. Farm fecal matter
30. Scottish for "Child"
32. Redress
33. Autograph
37. Mats of grass
38. Remove errors from
39. Dwarf buffalo
40. A remarkable display
42. Operatic solos
43. Way to go
44. No particular person
45. Jargon
47. Veto
48. Bit of gossip
49. Inherited
56. Fourth sign of zodiac
57. Tall woody plant
58. Lofty nest
59. Nobleman
60. Quaint outburst
61. Quaver
62. Unit of force
63. Fishing poles
64. Alpine call

## DOWN

1. Products of human creativity
2. Flippant
3. Wings
4. Temporary living quarters
5. Travel to
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7. Extend credit
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27. At the peak of
28. Connecting point
29. Make intelligible
30. Christian holy book
31. Chills and fever
33. Religious offshoot
34. Pearly-shelled mussel
35. A soft sheepskin leather
36. Leisure

38. Female child
41. 2,000 pounds
42. Disquietude
44. Assist
45. Roam
46. Gain knowledge
47. Requires
48. Chilled
50. Therefore
51. Absorb written material
52. Apprentice
53. Dry
54. Anger
55. Scream



# Campground Critter

by Don R. Harris

## Kirtland's Warbler

Sometime back in the dark ages, maybe 50 or so years ago, my class of third or fourth or fifth graders trudged down a hall and filed into an auditorium to see a movie. Movies were a big deal back then, mainly because they got you out of class for a while. The movies themselves were kind of a mixed bag—maybe interesting, maybe not. This particular movie was a nature film, and it was about a bird that required a young tree of a particular species in order to build its nest.

As in the case of many animals with very specific needs for food or habitat, this bird was having trouble surviving on its own. Luckily, some people had recognized the problem, and were giving nature a helping hand. The bird was the Kirtland's Warbler.

I don't remember much about the birds in the movie. It seems like they were little and brown. My bird book has the Kirtland's Warbler in a section of birds called wood warblers, which it describes as "small, very active, brightly colored songsters with slender, straight pointed bills." The scientific name for the family is Parulidae. The Kirtland's Warbler belongs to the genus *Setophaga*, although my bird book (which dates back to the sixties, about the same time as I saw the movie) lists it as *Dendroica*. This doesn't really surprise me, since the scientific names of plants and animals seem to change all the time.

Because there are so many different species in the family Parulidae, it's hard to generalize, but all the various warblers do seem to share a few characteristics: they're small, they perch, they eat mostly insects, and they sing.

The Kirtland's Warbler is actually fairly big for a warbler, roughly 5.5 to 6 inches long. Its back, wings, and head are a grayish brown, streaked with black. The underside of its body is yellow, and it has a thin white ring around its eye. It is named after Jared P. Kirtland, an Ohio doctor and amateur naturalist. I was unable to find out whether Dr. Kirtland actually discovered the bird or if it was merely named after him, but given his prominence in early nineteenth century Ohio, I'm guessing the latter.



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One of the things that makes the Kirtland's warbler unique is that it is found almost exclusively in the northern part of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. In the winter, it migrates to the Bahamas (lucky bird!), but it returns to Michigan in May to breed. And it breeds exclusively in stands of young (4 to 20 year-old) jack pine trees. From the movie, I had imagined the birds building something like a robin's nest in a tree like a small Christmas tree. In fact, the

Kirtland's warbler nests on the ground, at the base of a tree approximately 6 to 8 feet tall. The branches of the tree, along with the grasses and other plants growing there, provide cover for the nest.

One of the difficulties of this scheme is that the cones of the jack pine require heat to release the seeds that produce the young trees that the Kirtland's warbler needs in order to reproduce. At one time, forest fires would have provided the source of heat, but as forests were

cleared and fires were fought, these became less common. With shrinking habitat and fewer nesting sites, by the middle of the twentieth century, the Kirtland's Warbler was nearly extinct.

That's when the people in the movie got involved. They deliberately set small, well-contained forest fires to create the stands of young jack pine trees that the Kirtland's warbler needs for nesting. And since the 1970s, the Kirtland's Warbler's numbers have steadily risen. Today, the Kirtland's Warbler is still listed as "near threatened"—not out of the woods (to make a bad pun) but much better than "vulnerable to extinction," as it was listed in 1994.

Last fall, I was with a group of friends near Grayling while they were scouting spots for deer hunting. I was surprised, as we turned down a side road, to see a sign indicating that this was a breeding area for the Kirtland's Warbler—the same bird as in the movie all those years before. I didn't see any birds at that time (they had probably left for the Bahamas) but was good to know that the work begun back when I was in elementary school hadn't been in vain. ✦

# Vegetation Station

by Don R. Harris

## Jack Pine

After seeing that movie (about the warblers and the pine trees) all those years ago, I'm not sure that I actually remembered the name of the Kirtland's Warbler. But I definitely remembered the Jack Pine. The name sounds like a sturdy sort of tree—sturdy and solid. Maybe not the tallest tree in the forest, but neat and compact.

I was surprised, then, when I moved to Michigan and someone pointed out some Jack Pine trees to me. They were small, at least for pine trees, but not exactly neat and compact. They seemed rather lanky, with lots of small branches growing at odd angles. The trees themselves were not very straight, and they had many dead-looking needles. They looked sort of messy, and not all that healthy. I was not impressed.

Since then, I've come to realize that there are many different types of pine, and that not all of them grow tall and stately. The scientific name for the Jack Pine is *Pinus Banksiana*, and it grows primarily in the eastern part of North America, from the northern parts of Canada down to northern Indiana and Pennsylvania. The Banks from whom the species takes its name is Sir Joseph Banks, an eighteenth century naturalist who sent botanists all over the world to collect plants. Approximately 80 plant species bear his name, including the genus *Banksia*, a type of exotic Australian wildflower which is much more impressive than the Jack Pine.

Jack pines grow from roughly 30 to as much as 70 feet tall at maturity, although



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they may be considerably smaller in poor growing conditions. Their needles are relatively short, from about 1 to 1.5 inches long, and are twisted and slightly yellowish. Typically, their trunks don't grow straight, resulting in irregular shapes. Often they grow in large stands in sandy or rocky soil.

Their cones are about two inches long, and curved at the tip. The cones tend to stay on the tree for many years, releasing the seed when exposed to intense heat. This requires temperatures greater than 120° F, although cones on the lower branches can open at lower temperatures due to heat being reflected off the ground. Usually, the heat comes from a forest fire, which kills the mature trees and opens the cones, reseeding the burned ground. And it is these seeds which produce the stands of young Jack Pines in which the Kirtland's Warbler builds its nest.

The wood of the Jack Pine tends to be knotty and is not highly resistant to decay, so it isn't much used for lumber. More often, it's used for pulpwood or fuel, or occasionally for utility poles. But in addition to providing crucial nesting habitat for the Kirtland's Warbler, the Jack Pine has another role in the ecosystem. Mature Jack Pine stands are relatively open, and as their needles fall to the ground, they acidify the soil. As a result, blueberries are often found growing underneath mature stands of Jack Pine trees. That might be worth remembering this summer, when you're looking for wild Michigan blueberries. †

# got rocks?

by Kevin Gauthier

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Publisher's note ~ This season, our 'got rocks?' series is from the *Lake Michigan Rock Picker's Guide*, a must-have for all rock hounds. You'll find yourself even more hooked on rocks when you read it, and have fun identifying your gems with the great descriptions and photos. Thanks, as always, to Kevin and his crew at Korner Gem in Traverse City. Let's get quartzed soon!

## 16 Flavors in a Dixie Cup

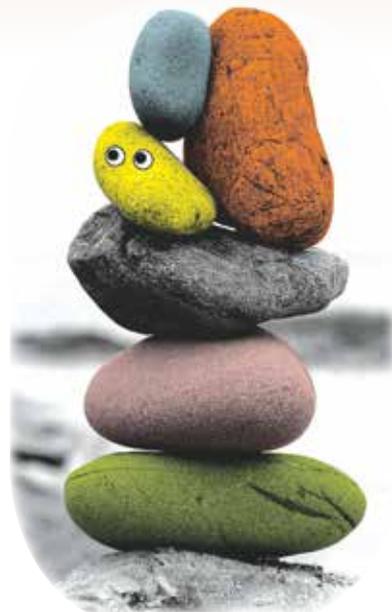
On a very warm fourth of July, I was on Old mission Peninsula off Bluff Road near Traverse City. The beach was sandy and very few rocks washed ashore as the beach faced south east. Prevailing winds can be a factor to rock exposure.

That day, I was in charge of watching my children playing in the water—a very busy three-year old girl and a five-year old boy. Since it was such a hot day, I decided to build a sand castle at the water's edge to keep my feet in the cool water. As I dug down, I hit a layer of very small rocks about dime size. The rocks were always there, but I believe the current must have buried these rocks with about six inches of sand.



Before I realized it, I was on a rock-hunting trip, one that took no effort to walk anywhere. Digging between my legs, I carefully studied each rock. That day, I got a real feel for the variety of rocks that could be collected on Lake Michigan. In an hour, I dug a one-foot circle, about a foot deep, filling only a Dixie cup, and her's the tally:

- 4 Red Jasper
- 13 Granite Stones (Red, Yellow, Black, Green, & Pink)
- 2 Limestone (One was foot-shaped)
- 1 Basalt with Green Epidot Lines
- 1 Yellow Granite with Epidot Lines
- 6 Petoskey Stones
- 17 Favourite Fossils
- 1 Crinoid Stem Fossil
- 1 Branch Coral
- 1 Burgundy Sand Stone
- 1 Black Basalt
- 2 Feldspar
- 4 Pieces of Tan Chert
- 1 Flint Chip (Could have come from an arrow head)
- 18 Transparent Quartz (60% of the earth's surface is quartz, much of which is sand)
- 3 Lake Superior Agates (1 whole nugget)



Just think; all of this in a one-foot circle which I had thought was only a sandy beach!

## 3 Sources For Lake Michigan Rocks

It's hard to tell in advance whether a beach will be grassy, sandy or covered with stone. But it's relatively easy to know what the stone will be if it's a stony beach. There are just three sources for beach stone:

- The Canadian Shield
- Sedimentary Rock From Further North
- Local Sedimentary Rock

The Canadian Shield rock will be present in greater or lesser quantities on every stony beach; it's a given. If you know what the sedimentary rock to the north is and what the local bedrock is, you know in advance what types of rocks there will be at a particular beach.

To understand the bedrock, be sure to pick up a July issue of *The Northern Camper*. We'll take a trip around Lake Michigan and share places for you to take your next rock hunting trip. Until then, get yourself a Dixie cup and go to the beach! †

# Michigan Back Roads

## Michigan Road Trips & Day Trips

by Ron Rademacher  
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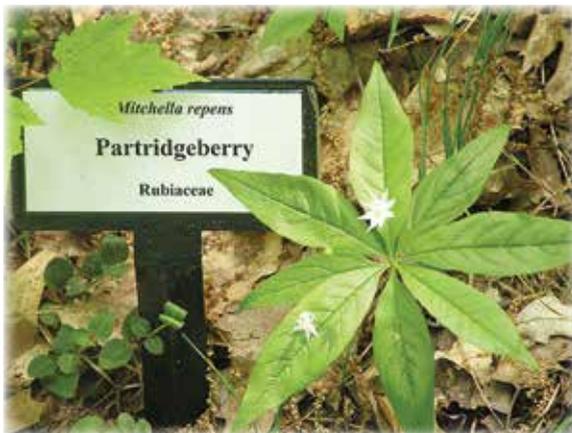
### Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary

The **Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary** is the only wildflower sanctuary inside a National Forest. Through more than 70 acres and a hiking trail of about 1-1/2 miles you can discover a sampling of wildflower plants that used to cover much of lower Michigan. The Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary includes a small spring-fed lake, a wetland area, a creek and marshy areas. There is an oak forest, pine plantations and the remains of an old farm site. All of this is inside the Manistee National Forest.

This is a beautiful place and the variety of trails makes it possible to enjoy a stroll through the wildflowers by hikers of all abilities. Loda Lake is in view from the parking area. A short walk along the shoreline brings you to the first wetlands which you cross on a very well maintained boardwalk. After crossing the wetlands a right turn will take you to a bench where several trails intersect. One is a loop back to the parking area, another will take you to the pollinator gardens and the history display. If you turn left after the boardwalk, the trail continues along the lake and eventually loops back through the Red Pine Plantation and on the history display.

All along the way are wildflowers. In fact, **more than 200 plants** have been identified and you can find them easily by following the trail map brochures that are provided near

the trail head. In addition to the wildflowers there are birds galore. The wildflower sanctuary also has a bird checklist available that shows more than **120 varieties of birds** to be found in the different habitats. There is a picnic area and there are rustic rest room facilities. There are no shops.



### Local Treasures

There are all kinds of choices for those who want to make a day of it. In **downtown Baldwin**, **Jones Homemade Ice Cream** has been a destination for more than 40 years. Some people say it is the best ice cream made in Michigan. **Pandora's Box**, a very cool shop, is right across the street. Between Loda Lake and Baldwin is the **small town of Bitely**. There one finds the **Up North Gift Company**, one of our most unique shops.

The famous **Shrine of the Pines Museum** is also in Baldwin. The Shrine of the Pines is known as a "rustic furniture museum" and sits in a small stand of pines on the famous Pere Marquette River. The contents of this Michigan treasure are the life work of Raymond W. Overholzer. Inside the log cabin that serves as the museum are over 200 pieces of his incredible rustic work. This is the largest collection of rustic pine furniture in the world.

The large dining table was crafted from one white pine stump. It is more than 7 feet across and weighs in excess of 700 pounds. The rocking chair is made mostly of roots. It too, is special. While it may look like other "rustic" rockers you have seen, this one is so well balanced that one push will set it to rocking and it will keep rocking more than 50 times. The stunning fireplace is made of 70 tons of stone, there is a wooden gun rack with 39 wooden ball bearings and much more.

### Directions

The Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary is in northern Newaygo County, less than an hour north of Grand Rapids. Take highway M-37, about 6.5 miles north of White Cloud or 18 miles south of Baldwin is 5 Mile Road. Turn west on 5 Mile Road and go follow it to Felch Road (gravel), turn right and go a half mile to the parking area. ↗

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Arts and Craft Show • May • 28

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## **ROSCOMMON**

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Kirtland Warbler Festival • June 4

## **SCOTTVILLE**

Farmers Market • Saturdays • 9am-noon

## **ST. IGNACE**

Auto Show • June 23-25

## **THOMPSONVILLE**

Michigan Beer & Brat Festival • May 28 • Crystal Mountain  
[crystalmountian.com](http://crystalmountian.com)

## **TRAVERSE CITY**

Sara Hardy Downtown Farmers Markets • Saturdays

Cherry Capital Comic Con • May 27-29 • GT Resort

Colantha Walker Dairy Festival • June 12 • GT Commons

# 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Cadillac Festival of the Arts

## July 15-16

Cadillac City Park  
cadillacartists.org



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CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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missaukeecd.org

### Hazardous Waste Collection

**Missaukee County Residents**  
**JUNE 4 • 9 am - 1 pm**  
Missaukee County Road Commission  
1199 N. Morey Road, Lake City  
Missaukee County Recycling Center  
6240 W. Sanborn Rd., Lake City

- **Tires** (Limit 7 per vehicle)
- **Motor Oil**
- **Batteries** (Except rechargeable)
- **Electronics** (Anything w/cord except w/freon)
- **Free, Confidential Paper Shredding**
- **Latex Paint** (Fee to process)
- **Household Hazardous Waste**

## EXPERIENCE HIS GLORY

# 4th Big Tent Fest



## June 17 & 18

## 6:30 pm

Hilltop Tabernacle  
7383 Hoadley Road, Benzonia  
www.HTTabernacle.com

Recording Artists  
Life Changing Word

## Greatest Fourth in the North

June 30 ~ July 4

Raffle Tickets for Sale (#R35729)

### BRAND NEW CHEVROLET CAMARO LT

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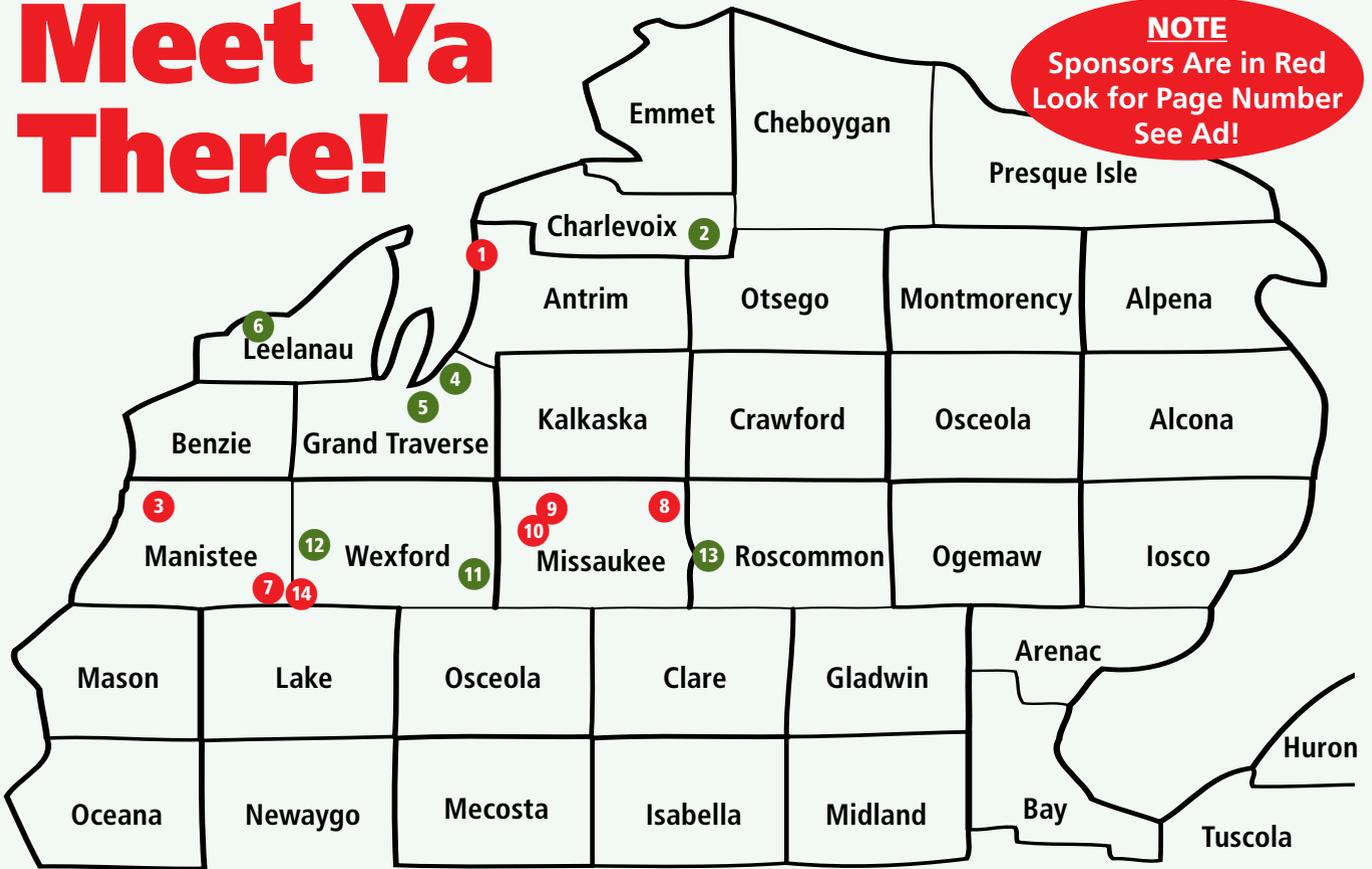


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Chamber of Commerce

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**Lot & 2007 30' Fifth Wheel \$16,500**  
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## ANTRIM COUNTY

## MISSAUKEE COUNTY

**1 BARNES PARK  
CAMPGROUND (pg. 2)**

231-599-2712 • [antrimcounty.org](http://antrimcounty.org)  
12298 Barnes Park Rd., East Port, MI 49627



Total Sites ..... 76  
Seasonal ..... NA  
Hook-Up ..... NA  
Rustic ..... 14  
Season .... May-Oct  
Reservation ..... Yes

**8 BEN D. JEFFS  
RIVER PARK (pg. 2)**

231-839-4945 • [missaukee.org/departments/parks](http://missaukee.org/departments/parks)  
M-55 at Muskegon River, Lake City, MI 49651



Open to  
Hiking &  
River Access  
Season .... May-Oct

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

**2 CHANDLER HILL  
CAMPGROUND**

231-549-7878 • [chandlerhillcampground.com](http://chandlerhillcampground.com)  
2930 Magee Rd. N., Boyne Falls, MI 49713



Total Sites ..... 76  
Full Hook-Up... Yes  
Rustic ..... Yes  
Cabins ..... 2  
Pull Through ... Yes  
Season .... May-Oct  
Reservation ..... Yes

**9 CROOKED LAKE  
CAMPGROUND/PARK (pg. 2)**

231-839-4945 • [missaukee.org/departments/parks](http://missaukee.org/departments/parks)  
M-55 at Muskegon River, Lake City, MI 49651



Total Sites ..... 53  
Seasonal ..... Yes  
Electric ..... 35  
Rustic ..... 17  
Cabin ..... 1  
Season .... May-Oct  
Reservation ..... No

## GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

**4 EVERFLOWING WATERS  
CAMPGROUND**

231-938-0933 • [everflowingwaterscampground.com](http://everflowingwaterscampground.com)  
5481 Brackett Rd., Williamsburg, MI 49690



Total Sites ..... 52  
Seasonal ..... 5  
Elec. Hook-Up... 22  
Rustic ..... 15  
Pull Through ..... 5  
Season .... Apr-Oct  
Reservation ..... Yes

**10 MISSAUKEE LAKE  
CAMPGROUND/PARK (pg. 2)**

231-839-4945 • [missaukee.org/departments/parks](http://missaukee.org/departments/parks)  
M-55 at Muskegon River, Lake City, MI 49651



Total Sites ..... 121  
Seasonal ..... Yes  
Full Hook-Up ..... 96  
Electric ..... 21  
Cabin ..... 4  
Season .... May-Oct  
Reservation ..... Yes

## ROSCOMMON COUNTY

**5 TIMBER RIDGE RV &  
RECREATION RESORT**

231-947-2770 • [timberridgeresort.net](http://timberridgeresort.net)  
4050 Hammond Rd., Traverse City, MI 49696



Total Sites ..... 249  
Seasonal ..... Yes  
Full Hook Up... Yes  
Pull Through ... Yes  
Season .... All Year  
Reservation ..... Yes

**13 HOUGHTON LAKE  
TRAVEL PARK**

989-422-3931 • [houghtonlaketravelparkcampground.com](http://houghtonlaketravelparkcampground.com)  
370 Cloverleaf Ln., Houghton Lake, MI 48629



Total Sites ..... 83  
Seasonal ..... 33  
Full Hook-Up ..... 27  
Rustic (3 Cabins) ... 12  
Pull Through ..... 71  
Season .... Apr-Oct  
Reservation ..... Yes

## LEELANAU COUNTY

**6 INDIGO BLUFFS  
RV PARK & RESORT**

231-326-5050 • [indigobluffs.com](http://indigobluffs.com)  
6760 W. Empire Hwy., Empire, MI 49630



Total Sites ..... 147  
Seasonal ..... 42  
Full Hook-Up ..... 43  
Pull Through ..... 8  
Cabin ..... 2  
Season .... May-Oct  
Reservation ..... Yes

## WEXFORD COUNTY

**11 CAMP CADILLAC  
CAMPGROUND & RV PARK**

231-775-9724 • [campcadillac.com](http://campcadillac.com)  
10621 E. 34 Rd., Cadillac, MI 49601



Total Sites ..... 115  
Seasonal ..... 24  
Full Hook-Up ..... 60  
Rustic ..... 8  
Cabins ..... 3  
Pull Through ..... 9  
Season .... Apr-Oct  
Reservation ..... Yes

## MANISTEE COUNTY

**3 KAMPVILLA RV PARK &  
FAMILY CAMPGROUND (pg. 2)**

231-864-3757 • [kampvilla.com](http://kampvilla.com)  
16632 Pleasanton Hwy., Bear Lake, MI 49614



Total Sites ..... 92  
Seasonal ..... 45  
Full Hook-Up ..... 22  
Rustic ..... 25  
Pull Through ..... 22  
Season .... Apr-Oct  
Reservation ..... Yes

**14 COOLWATER ON THE PINE  
CAMPGROUND (pg. 2)**

231-862-3841 • [coolwatercamp.com](http://coolwatercamp.com)  
9424 W. 48-1/2 Rd., Wellston, MI 49689



Total Sites ..... 65  
Seasonal ..... 6  
Full Hook-Up ..... NA  
Rustic ..... 25  
Season .... Apr-Oct  
Reservation ..... Yes

**7 TWIN OAKS CAMPGROUND  
& CABINS (pg. 2)**

877-442-3102 • [twinoakscamping.com](http://twinoakscamping.com)  
233 Moss Rd., Wellston, MI 49689



Total Sites ..... 78  
Seasonal ..... 21  
Full Hook-Up ..... 18  
Rustic ..... 26  
Pull Through ..... 4  
Season .... Apr-Dec  
Reservation ..... Yes

**12 NORTHERN EXPOSURE  
CAMPGROUND**

231-885-1199 • [northernexposurecampground.net](http://northernexposurecampground.net)  
285 Manistee River Rd., Mesick, MI 49668



Total Sites ..... 240  
Seasonal ..... Yes  
Full Hook-Up ..... NA  
Rustic ..... 42  
Pull Through ..... 21  
Season .... May-Oct  
Reservation ..... Yes

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**Baldwin – TNC16011633 – \$22,900**  
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**Hersey – TNC16001957 – \$56,500**  
100' of Muskegon River frontage, pole barn style cabin, 1 BR, shower but no septic, kitchen, dining & livingroom areas. Great views; bring your toys & enjoy!



**Reed City – TNC15057999 – \$59,900**  
Private hunting retreat, about an hour from Traverse City & GR. Mostly wooded with several open areas. Includes single wide trailer. Great weekend getaway!



**Evart – TNC16019238 – \$69,900**  
Beautiful 10 acre parcel, garage/cabin, 175' of Muskegon River Frontage, 693' of Kinney Creek, well, septic & electric all ready for your cabin or motor home.



**Hersey – TNC16019120 – \$74,500**  
3 BR, 2 bath ranch, walkout basement. Laminate flooring in living room, master BR & halls. 2 car detached garage, pole barn. Large yard. Easy access to M-131.



**Reed City – TNC15033448 – \$109,000**  
Beautiful 57 & 6 acre parcel; includes Natural Gas rights! Wooded w/ Lincoln Creek running through SE corner. Great property not far from town & paved road.



**Hersey – TNC16001191 – \$114,900**  
2 bdrm, 2 bth Ranch on 3 acres with 200' of Muskegon River frontage, open floor plan, newly remodeled kitchen, 2 car attached garage, large storage building.



**Evart – TNC16013245 – \$139,900**  
Quiet location! 2 BR, 2 bath cabin, 2 stall detached garage, deck, covered patio. Furnishings, pontoon, lawn mower, quad w/ plow for acceptable offer.

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