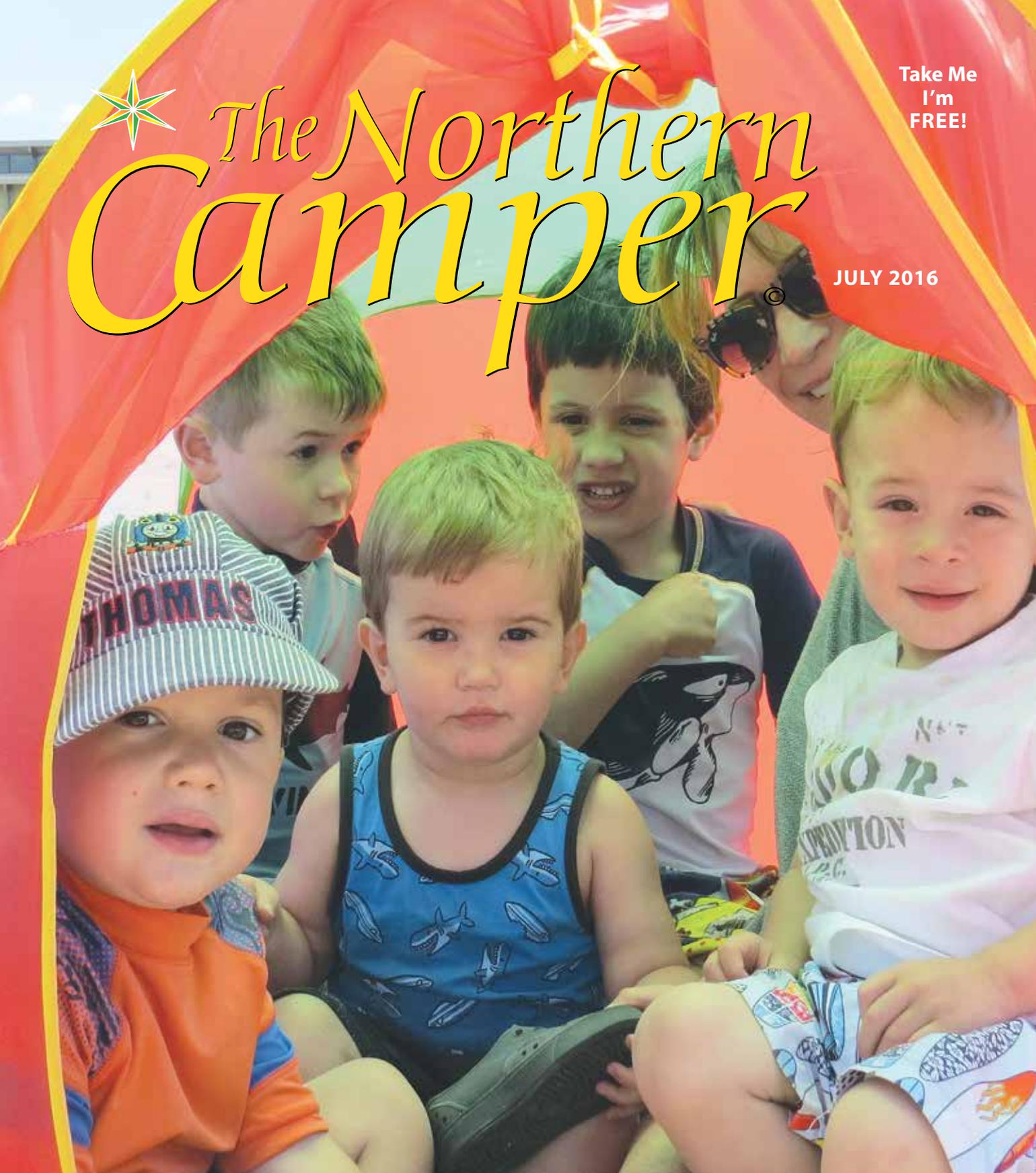


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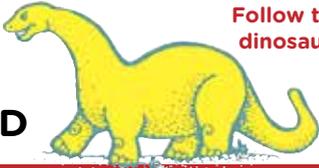
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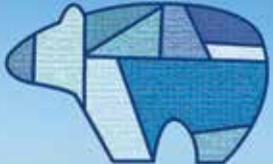


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BECOMING CAMPERS

by Jenifer Witt
photo from Lloyd's Blog



The old saying that the only thing constant is change, holds true for camping as well. If you're anything like me, you like to explore the history of things you enjoy. I looked around the campground and noticed that everyone's sites are a little different, based on what each family likes. I started to wonder about the origins of recreational camping, and spent some time investigating the early years of camping, and how it has changed since the beginning.

Camping in Early Times

As expected, the military has always set up camps, but I wondered how long Americans have been camping recreationally. As early as the mid 19th century, Americans were seeking refuge from the hustle and bustle of the city, and took to the woods to rejuvenate their spirits and appreciate nature. In the mid 19th century, Transcendentalism, the belief in the unity of man and nature, and achieving spirituality by intuition and rational thinking, was a driving philosophical force. Basically, these folks sought spiritual enlightenment in nature.

Think Ralph Waldo Emerson or Henry David Thoreau. Emerson wrote, "Nature always wears the colors of the spirit." In nearly 200 years, the reasons for camping haven't changed. We still seek peace and quiet, and refilling our souls through nature. Let's take a look at how camping, especially recreational vehicles, has evolved through the years.

Getting to Camp

These early campers trekked to campsites on foot or horseback. They often called their adventures, "gypsying," named after nomadic people who lived in camps. Campers were limited to what they, or the horse, could carry. Also, in the early stages of camping, there were not a lot of camping products or equipment available commercially. These early campers slept under the stars or constructed shelters from materials

found in nature. By the late 19th century, however, canvas shelters became commercially available. The late 19th century campers were not seeking the comforts of home, they felt that "roughing it" was necessary, and part of the experience. These folks would bring their supplies in a knapsack.

Camping & the Automobile

By the early 20th century, Americans were driving cars, and our love of the automobile rendered trekking in on foot and knapsacking primitive. These campers began packing up their automobiles, and heading to the woods by car. In the roaring '20s, Americans were enjoying a strong economy, and a cultural revolution that glorified new experiences and freedom. By the end of the 1920s, nearly 200,000 people, per year, entered Yellowstone National Park by personal automobile. In 1935, E.P. Meinecke, who worked for the US Department of Agriculture, saw RVs as a potential problem for campgrounds. He published a paper called, "The Trailer Menace," and warned National Parks about potential damage. He called RVs "traveling city slums," and said that they were bringing the city to the woods, and this threatened to overrun public lands.

Camping & Consumerism

The 1920s also saw a boom in the consumer culture. The production and affordability of goods such as appliances,

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BECOMING CAMPERS *(continued)*

telephones, automobiles, and other convenience items opened up more leisure time for Americans. Camping was gaining popularity, and equipment-manufacturing companies developed and sold camping gear. Companies such as the Gold Medal Camp Furniture Manufacturing Company sold camping furniture and gear through catalog orders. The '20s were a patriotic time, and Americans wanted their tents and other canvas goods in red, white, and blue, but the companies produced only khaki and other drab colors because bright colors and patterns were thought to attract insects. A popular item for campers was Wilson's Kamp Kook Kit, 21 pieces of cooking equipment, including broiler, utensils, can opener, all contained in a handy case, and weighing only 15 pounds. It was during this period, in 1927, that the recipe for the most delicious part of camping, the s'more, was published in a Girl Scouts manual. Thank you, Girl Scouts!

The forerunner to today's fifth wheels and RVs came early in America's camping tradition. The **Auto Bed Manufacturing Company** of Kansas City, MO created the **A.B.C. Sleeper**, which was a spring bed specially fitted to the seats of Ford's touring models. This way, campers could comfortably sleep in their cars. Also, **L.F. Schilling Company** of St. Joseph, MO developed **Schilling's Auto-Camp**, a tent/bed combo that fit on the rear platform of the car. Several other companies manufactured varieties the auto-bed and the auto-camp.

Fancy Camping: 1920-1950

The early 1920s saw ready-made camp trailers for sale. These early campers contained foldout beds, storage cabinets, and a canvas cover. For the more affluent campers, the Adams Motor Bungalow contained beds, a kitchenette, icebox, and screened windows. The benefit of the camp trailer over the auto-camp was that folks could unhook the trailer, take their cars touring, and return to their campsites without having to dismantle.

The 1930s saw travel trailer demand increase, despite the Great Depression. Airstream made its signature-shaped trailer in 1936. By 1941, camper production had come to a halt because war production was ramping up. The manufacturers needed the metal and factories to produce materials for WWII. When WWII ended, camper manufacturing increased, and new, dazzling RVs were on the scene.

By the 1950s, the American camping scene had fully embraced the camping trailer. Even as early as the 50s, these rigs were becoming outrageous. Some were two storied, had televisions, and full bathrooms. In 1959, **Shasta** joined the scene, and became the most popular travel trailer in the industry.

Today's Campers Make it Personal

The roots of modern recreational camping are in the 1920s. We saw early versions of equipment, trailers, and RVs. Let's fast forward to the present and see how much these early camping set-ups have changed, and just how luxurious they can get.

Now, campers, tents, even campsites can be personalized and can be quite impressive. Camping folks are personalizing RVs and adding all of their preferred comforts such as whirlpool tubs, wine refrigerators, and even built-in compartments for ATVs. Even mainstream manufacturers make extreme, luxury versions of their campers, complete with a kitchen island, dishwasher, full-size refrigerator, and walk-in closets.

Some people rent their campsites for the entire season, and the campground or RV park permit residents to personalize their sites. They build decks and sheds, and plant flowers and other landscaping. They really turn their campsites into a home away from home. For example, **Indigo Bluffs**



in Empire sells campsite lots, which permit landscaping, small outbuildings, and patio extensions. **The resort is open from May through October**, and some folks stay through the whole season. The campers who spend their time at the resort can tailor their campsites to their own comfort.

Really, the passion for camping hasn't changed that much. We still venture out into the woods for the same reasons as our 19th century predecessors: to appreciate nature and to spend some time away from our busy, hectic lives. Campers, since the mid-19th century have been customizing their recreational vehicles to their own tastes and comforts. What has changed, though, is the technology. Now, we can have wi-fi, a full-sized dishwasher, and a television on board our RVs. Given that our love of nature has endured, I think that those early campers would have felt right at home camping in 2016. ✦

Geocaching in Northern Michigan

by James Fewlass



Hi everyone! In the last issue of *The Northern Camper*, we met novice geochacher Amy and her son, Ben. They showed us that we could start geocaching with just a cell phone. This month I'm joining a group that consider themselves novice recreational geocachers. I caught up to them at the South Long Lake Forest Nature Area, a beautiful public park just north of Interlochen.

Group Geocaching

Following Amy's advice, I looked at the park before going out on geocaching.com. I found that there were four geocaches; three traditional and a mystery cache, or puzzle cache. The three traditional are all pretty simple, but it is the mystery cache that we're after. In the cache's description it had us starting at night, so I met up with the group at 10 p.m. As instructed, I've brought only my cell phone.

The group of nine included three college students, two local nurses, a truck driver, a high school student and an office worker. I met Dale first, the truck driver and defacto leader. Asking him what interested him in geocaching he said it was something that he could do all around the world. He is traveling three quarters of the year, and explained it was a great way to keep track of where he's been. He boasts

that he has found a geocache in 45 states and three Canadian provinces.

With everyone introduced, Dale handed out tiny LED flashlights, similar to what you would use on a key ring. These were our tools, and as a house rule we could not use anything larger. Then he explained that the cache had a trail and it was marked with reflective thumbtacks in the trees. We would need to use our tiny flashlights to follow the trail of tacks. And there was one more thing—the trail came to a split half way in. If we took the wrong path, we would reach a dead end.

After an encouraging pep talk from Dale about things that go bump in the night, we were off! Dale would have one person stay at the first tree until the next tree could be found, and everyone else would spread out from there. Calls of, "Found it" were followed by cheers from everyone, then the inevitable, "Who said that; where are you?"

When we came to the fork in the road it was decided that we'd flip a coin; no one wanted to be responsible for choosing the wrong direction. So with the coin flipped and our direction decided at random we were off—in the wrong direction!

The communal groans as we found the dead end were punctuated by the fact that we had not left anyone at the last tree with a reflective tack! So, we had to start the whole process over again, except this time we had to find the trees with the tacks on the opposite side of the direction we were walking.

Dale never stopped raining encouragement upon the group. If we spent too long looking for the tree he would bring us all back to the last known tack and then we would spread out again, everyone choosing a new direction. Eventually we did work our way to victory. Signing the log book felt great to do after such an adventure.

It is very important that you look at the difficulty ratings and terrain of the caches. Where a novice usually sticks with two stars or under, a recreational novice may have built a "tool box" now that helps them find the harder caches. Dale added that the two most useful tools he carries are a pair of long handled tweezers and a Swiss army knife.

I thanked Dale for a great time and am happy to say that since our first adventure, I've gone caching with a few of the same people. With new friends and endless caches, be sure to pick up the August issue of *The Northern Camper* for the next adventure! ✦

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QUILTING CAMPERS

by Dawn Paulin

2016 Camper Mystery Quilt (Part 2)

I am so excited, I can barely contain it. I have run into several of you over the past few weeks—since the first edition of the Camper came out this year—and you have told me that you are already working on this quilt. And then there are a few who have said that they are thinking about it. Do you have any idea how wonderful that is to hear? Did I mention how excited I am?

So this month I am giving you two more blocks. They have some similarities to the last one and will also be made into 3", 6", and 12" finished blocks (3½", 6½", and 12½" unfinished). The good news is that this will be it for the 3" blocks. I believe I can hear the collective sigh of relief for that news!

As always, due to limited space I am assuming that you know how to make half- and quarter-square triangles. Do

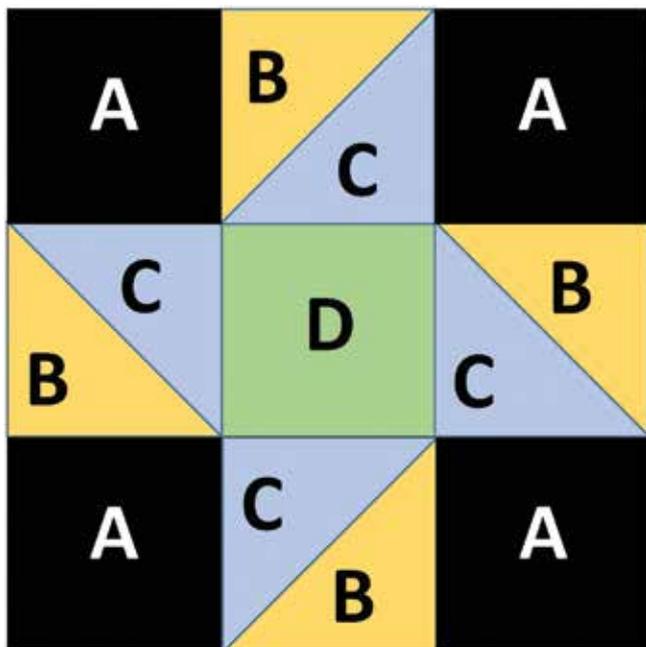
remember that I cut my pieces a bit oversized and trim to the appropriate size. With that in mind, all I have given you are drawings of the finished squares and the dimensions to cut the pieces. If you are at all unsure about this, please contact me (dawn@northerncamper.com) or head into one of our quilt shop advertisers for help. Additionally, these two blocks are known blocks. I am using the names that I know them by, but I have seen them called something else.

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. ✦

Spinning Star

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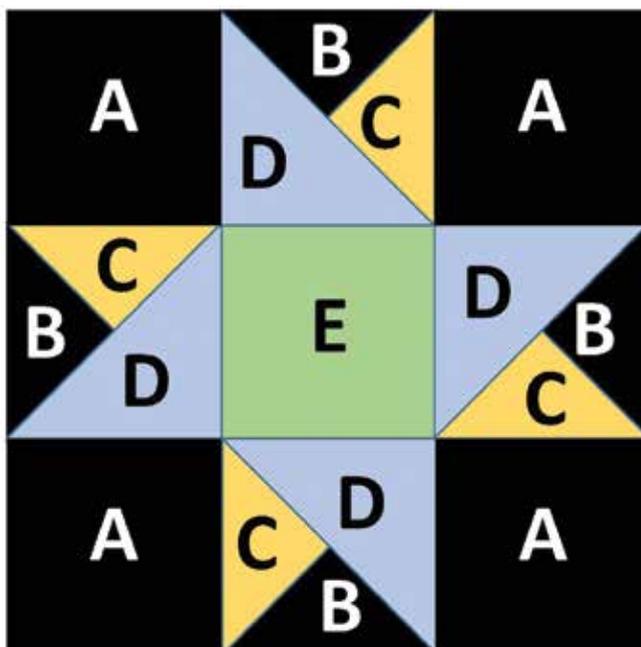
	Number pieces needed for block	12" need 2	6" need 5	3" need 33
A	4	4½"	2½"	1½"
B	2	5"	3"	2"
C	2	5"	3"	2"
D	1	4½"	2½"	1½"



Star of Hope

Note: using background for pieces A and B

	Number pieces needed for block	12" need 2	6" need 5	3" need 30
A	4	4½"	2½"	1½"
B	1	5½"	3½"	2½"
C	1	5½"	3½"	2½"
D	2	5"	3"	2"
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BLUEBERRY COFFEE CAKE

- 2 cups flour (sifted)
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup butter or oleo
- 2 egg yolks (beaten)
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 egg whites
- 1 pt. blueberries

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt and sugar and sift into a mixing bowl. Add butter and cut into the mixture until it resembles coarse meal. Measure 1 cup of crumbs and set aside. Add beaten egg yolks, milk and vanilla to remaining crumbs and beat until smooth. Beat egg whites until stiff, but not dry and fold into the batter. Pour into a well greased and floured 13 x 9" loaf pan and sprinkle with berries. Sprinkle reserved crumb mixture on top, adding a sprinkle of cinnamon, if desired. Bake in a 350 oven about 35-40 minutes, or until done.

~ Mary C. Galvin, LAAOH (Rose Kennedy Div.)

CORN FRITTERS

- 6 ears of corn
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 egg
- Pinch of salt
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup milk

Cut corn from cob, mix together with sugar, baking powder, bread crumbs. Add egg, milk. Fry on buttered griddle. More milk or crumbs may be added to resemble pancake mix.

~ Louise Markey, LAAOH (Rose Kennedy Div.)

CUCUMBER & MUSHROOM DIP

- 1-1/2 cups cottage cheese, or 1 cup cream cheese and 1/3 cup coffee cream
- Small portion cauliflower
- Chopped chives
- 1 carton plain yogurt
- Juice 1/2 lemon
- Seasoning
- 1/2 - 3/4 cup small, raw mushrooms

GARNISH

- Crisp bacon slices
- Chopped chives

Sieve cottage cheese or blend cream cheese and cream until soft. Blend with yogurt, lemon juice and season well. Divide cauliflower into tiny sprigs, which should be raw (or if preferred, lightly cooked so it retains firm texture).

Wash, dry, but do not peel mushrooms, unless skin is marked, then cut into thin slices. Peel and grate cucumber. Blend vegetables with cheese mixture. Allow to stand for 30 minutes. Dice bacon and fry until crisp. Drain and chop into small pieces. To serve, pile cheese mixture in bowl; top with chives and cold bacon.

~ Maureen Stillin, LAAOH (Rose Kennedy Div.)

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- Parsnips
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- 12 small whole onions
- 2 oz. flour
- 1/4 pt. heavy cream
- 1 large cucumber, peeled & diced
- Parsley, chopped
- 2 oz. butter
- 1 lb. small mushrooms
- 1/2 pt. stock
- 4 oz. bacon, diced
- 1 glass Madeira wine

Melt butter in a frying pan and add chicken. Cook for 10-15 minutes. Remove chicken and keep hot in covered dish. Fry onion and mushrooms in frying pan until tender. Sprinkle with flour and gradually blend in the stock and cream.

In a separate pan, cook bacon and cucumber and add to sauce. Add Madeira and cook slowly for 5 minutes. Arrange chicken on a serving platter and pour sauce over. Sprinkle with chopped parsley. Serve with boiled rice with grated carrot added.

~ Lynn Brady, LAAOH (Rose Kennedy Div.)

CRACKER CRUSTED WALLEYE W/ LEMON

- Walleye fillets
- 3 eggs
- 2 Tbsp butter
- Ritz crackers

Put butter in frying pan on medium heat. Dip Walleye into the beaten eggs, then coat with crushed crackers. Make sure it is well coated. Cook on each side until golden brown, approximately 3-5 minutes on each side.

LEMON SAUCE

- 2 Tbsp Butter
- 1/2 cup cream
- 1 lemon
- Dublin's All Purpose Seasoning

Melt butter in pan, add cream and squeeze about 1/2 lemon in pan. Cook on medium heat until sauce thickens. Add Dublin Seasoning to taste. Spoon over filets.

~ Troy Fischer, Dublin

STEAK ROLL WITH NUT STUFFING

- 1 whole round steak (about 2 lbs)
- 10-1/4 oz. can consomme

NUT/STUFFING MIXTURE

- 3 Tbsp butter
- 1 cup coarsely chopped cashews
- 2 Tbsp chopped onion
- 1/4 cup diced celery
- 2 cups 1/2-inch bread cubes
- 1/2 tsp salt
- Dash Tabasco

ADDITIONAL SEASONING

- 1/8 tsp poultry seasoning
- 1 Tbsp minced parsley
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1/4 tsp paprika
- 3 Tbsp cooking oil

Melt butter in heavy skillet. Add nuts, onions, celery and cook gently until onion is yellow. Combine bread crumbs, salt, Tabasco, poultry seasoning and parsley. Add nut mixture and toss lightly.

Combine flour, 1 tsp. salt, pepper and paprika. Pound mixture into steak using the edge of a heavy plate. Top steak with dressing and roll up. Tie securely with string.

Heat cooking oil in heavy kettle or Dutch oven and brown steak roll on all sides. Add consomme, cover tightly and cook gently 1-1/2 hours or until very tender. Add water if necessary. Thicken pan juices for gravy if desired or serve them as they are over slices of roll.

~ Betty Middleton, Elliot Lake, Ontario

TEXAS JO'S

- 1 med onion
- 1-1/2 lb. hamburger
- 1 can spaghetti sauce
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 can pork and beans
- 1 can red kidney beans
- 2 shakes tabasco sauce
- 2 Tbsp vinegar
- 2 Tbsp chili powder
- 2 Tbsp prepared mustard
- Salt & pepper

Cook onions in a little butter, brown hamburger, add rest slowly in order. Serve over buns or cold roast beef slices.

~ Nell Lewis, Elliot Lake, Ontario

SWEET POTATO CHEESECAKE

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground allspice
- 2 Tbsp margarine, melted
- 2 (8 oz) packages light cream cheese
- 1 cup nonfat plain yogurt
- 1 (15 oz) can sweet potatoes (yams), drained and mashed or 1 cup fresh, cooked and mashed
- 1-1/3 cups dark brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 large egg white
- 2 tsp vanilla

In a bowl, combine the cracker crumbs, sugar, cinnamon, allspice, and margarine. Pat into the bottom and up the sides of a 9-inch springform pan. In a large bowl, beat together cream cheese and yogurt until creamy. Add yams and brown sugar, beating until smooth. Add egg and egg white on at a time, beating after each addition. Add vanilla. Spoon mixture into crust. Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until set. Remove from oven to cool. Refrigerate until chilled, about 2 hours.

~ Dawn Paulin, Cadillac

DANDELION WINE

- 3 qts flowers
- 3 lbs sugar
- 1 orange, rind and pulp
- 1 gallon water
- 2 lemons, rind and pulp
- 12 oz raisins
- Yeast

Gather flowers by picking off stalks and put into large bowl. Bring water to boil, pour over dandelions and leave for 3 days, stirring occasionally. Cover bowl with muslin. After third day, add sugar and rinds only of the lemon and orange. Stand until cool, then add yeast.

Cover for 3 days. It should be finished working and ready to strain and put in bottles. Divide raisins between bottles. Do not fill to top with liquid. Leave until fermentation ceases before cooking. Keep for 6 months before consuming.

~ Sean J. Usher, LAAOH (Rose Kennedy Div.)

CARAMEL PECAN CHEESECAKE

- 2 - 8 oz pkgs cream cheese (softened)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 25 caramels
- 2 Tbsp milk
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Mix cream cheese, sugar and vanilla with mixer. Fold in eggs and mix well. Melt caramels with milk on low heat until smooth. Stir in pecans and pour into graham cracker crust. Top with cream cheese batter. Bake for 40 minutes or until center is almost set. Refrigerate overnight.

~ Dawn Paulin, Cadillac

ROOT BEER FLOAT CAKE**CAKE**

- 1 (18-1/4 oz) package white cake mix
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1-1/4 cup root beer (regular, not sugar free)

FROSTING

- 1 (1.3 oz) package whipped topping mix
- 1/2 cup chilled root beer (regular, not sugar free)

In mixing bowl combine the first 4 ingredients. Beat on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on high for 2 minutes. Pour into greased 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350 for 35 to 40 minutes or until passes wooden pick test. Cool completely. Beat frosting ingredients until stiff peaks form. Frost cake.

~ Dawn Paulin, Cadillac

FROSTY CAPPUCCINO PIE

- Prepared chocolate pie crust
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 (3.9 oz) package pudding (chocolate or vanilla)
- 2 Tbsp Kahlua liqueur
- 3 tsp instant coffee granules
- 1 container (12 oz) whipped topping (thaw & divide)
- 2 Tbsp chocolate syrup

Beat together milk, pudding, Kahlua, and coffee. Fold in 3 cups of whipped topping. Pour into pie crust. Put remaining whipped topping on top and drizzle with chocolate syrup.

~ Mickey Yurack, Cadillac

Campin' Kids Day at the Beach!

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- Share Toys _____
- Run _____
- Splash _____
- Nap Time _____
- Learn to Swim _____
- On your mark, get set, go! _____
- Dig _____
- Hat Check _____
- Off the Wagon _____



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PUZZLED?

ACROSS

- 1) Tub activities
- 6) Flat-necked snake
- 11) It may be skipped in alphabetization
- 14) "I, Robot" author Asimov
- 15) Head piece?
- 16) Bottom seam
- 17) "Pronto!"
- 19) Monte Rosa, e.g.
- 20) United Kingdom brew
- 21) Psychology 101 topic
- 22) Trike rider
- 23) International agreement
- 27) Mass-to-volume ratio
- 29) Outburst from Homer Simpson
- 30) Cows' chew
- 32) Some bread loaves
- 33) _ few rounds (box)
- 34) Susan Lucci character
- 36) Lauer and LeBlanc
- 39) Carpenters and harvesters
- 41) Cause of some food poisoning
- 43) Ill-mannered one
- 44) Send for consultation
- 46) Fabric with patterns
- 48) Not to be trusted
- 49) Curtain that no longer exists
- 51) Hand part
- 52) Feel feverish
- 53) Surgically ties
- 56) Class within a class
- 58) Flightless bird
- 59) Android offering
- 60) Chairman in The Beatles' "Revolution"

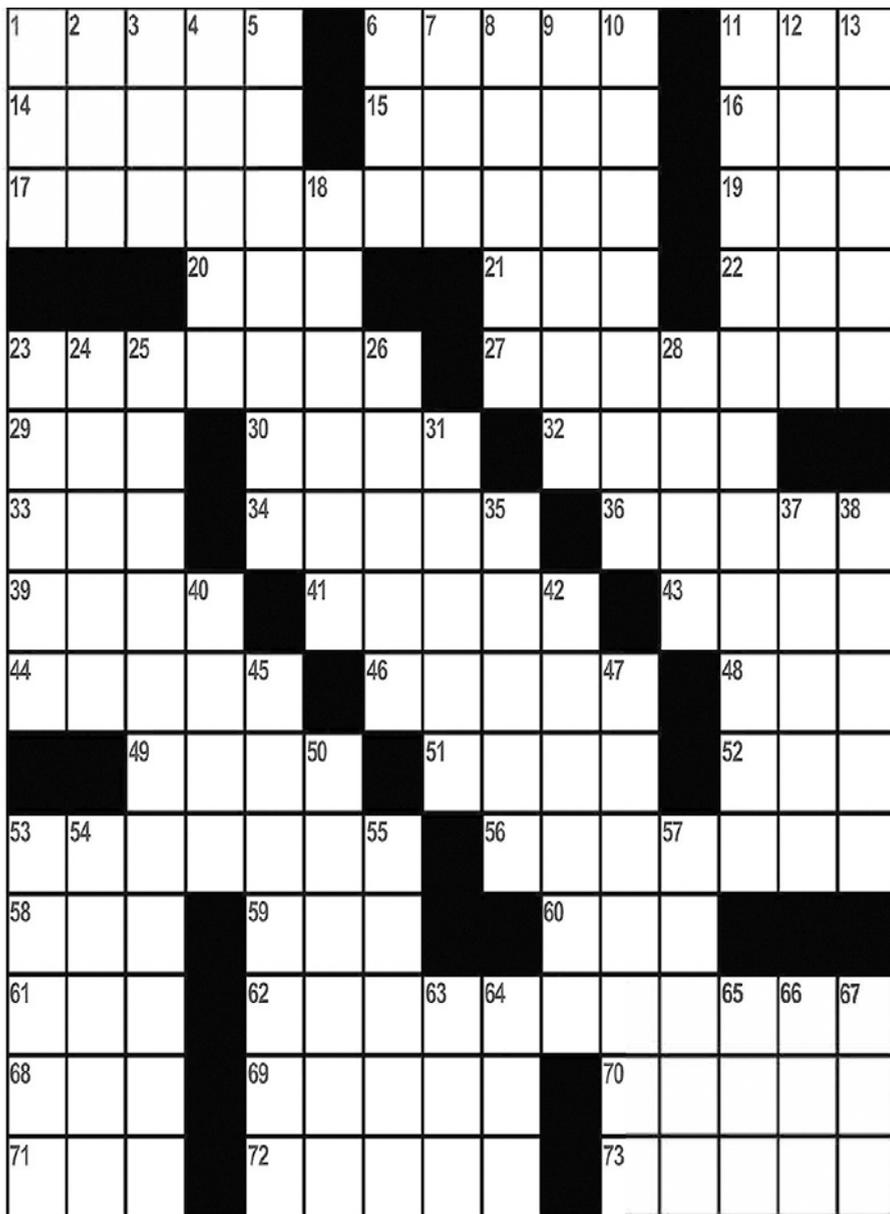
- 61) Damage superficially
- 62) Now-or-never time
- 68) Store in casks, as wine
- 69) Kind of silence
- 70) Crystal-bearing rock
- 71) They are not positive
- 72) Searched for bugs
- 73) Old-fashioned music hall

DOWN

- 1) Power-drill accessory
- 2) Type of pile at a campground
- 3) Mai_ (tropical beverage)
- 4) Hurriers make it
- 5) High school subject
- 6) "Elementary" network
- 7) Dinner table crumb

- 8) Emulated a sheep
- 9) Horseshoe score
- 10) Contrary word?
- 11) "What I meant was ... "
- 12) Old serf
- 13) Ready for a refill
- 18) Kind of study or trail
- 23) _____ Allan Poe
- 24) "There's_ here but us ... "
- 25) "Makes sense"
- 26) Formal proclamation
- 28) "Clapping" animal
- 31) Ice-cream utensil
- 35) Name on a wanted poster
- 37) Early spring bloom

- 38) What the rich live in?
- 40) Evening, in Milan
- 42) Light
- 45) Spins, as the earth
- 47) Commerce stoppage
- 50) Certain male relative
- 53) Lake_ (Lake Geneva)
- 54) Adult insect
- 55) Church steeple
- 57) Teased (with "with")
- 63) Tentative taste
- 64) Animal doc
- 65) Bambi's mother, for one
- 66) Shakespeare's "Much _ About Nothing"
- 67) Tokyo cabbage?



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Campground Critter

by Don R. Harris

Eastern Cottontail Rabbit

When I think of bracken ferns, I also think of rabbits—probably because of *The Velveteen Rabbit*, a book I read years ago in Ohio. In the book, bracken is mentioned several times in describing the place where the little toy rabbit encounters “real” rabbits. At the time, I didn’t know what bracken was, but I gathered from the story that it was some sort of fern.

Very likely, bracken ferns were growing in Ohio, but for whatever reason, we didn’t have any on our property. Perhaps it was too wet for them.

We did have rabbits, though. I know this because our dogs chased them, and my father hunted them. Today, in Michigan, I often see them in the subdivision where I live—sometimes in my own yard. The rabbits I see here, and the ones I remember from Ohio, are eastern cottontails. It’s easy to see how they got the name cottontail; when they run, you can see the little white tail, which does look like a ball of cotton.

The eastern cottontail, *Sylvilagus floridanus*, is found from the Rocky Mountains to the east coast, and also in parts of Arizona and New Mexico. A separate species, the desert cottontail, lives in the southwest, and still another species, the brush rabbit, is found in Oregon and northern California. The eastern cottontail is grayish brown with a rusty patch on its back and around its neck. Stretched out, it measures from 14 to 18 inches in length, and weighs from 2 to 4.5 pounds. Its feet are white, as is its underside and (of course) its tail.

The eastern cottontail is a true rabbit, as opposed to a hare. Jackrabbits and snowshoe rabbits are actually hares. In general, hares have longer legs and can jump higher than rabbits. Hares are born with fur and their eyes open; rabbits are born naked (actually with a coat of very fine hair), and with their eyes closed. Both rabbits and hares belong to the family *Leporidae*. All rabbits and hares have long hind legs,

with four toes per foot, and shorter front legs, with five toes per foot. They have long, moveable ears, and excellent hearing. They also have large eyes, and their night vision is good as well.

Eastern cottontails live in grassy fields, pastures, and open woods but need brush or tall grass and weeds for cover.



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Today, suburbs often provide the mix of vegetation and cover that cottontails require. In summer, various grasses and clovers provide much of the cottontail’s diet. In winter, they eat such things as twigs, buds, and bark—pretty much any living vegetation they can find.

And as for reproduction, well, their reputation is probably well deserved. Rabbits do have lots of babies. Their breeding habits depend somewhat on climate. In the north, they breed from March to September. In Texas, they breed year-round. Gestation is about four weeks. The young (known as kits) are weaned and independent at four to five weeks, and disperse at about seven weeks. Females can produce as many as 35 kits per year.

Cottontails need to have lots of babies because their mortality rate is high. Only about 20 percent of adult rabbits survive from one year to the next. On average, cottontails live for about 15 months in the wild. Lots of things eat rabbits. Eastern cottontails are a major component in the diet of foxes, coyotes, bobcats, weasels, raccoons, minks, and owls. In addition, domestic dogs and cats are predators, and many cottontails die in collisions with automobiles.

In spite of predators, hunters, disease, and cars, the eastern cottontail is in no danger of extinction. In fact, just the opposite is true: the conservation status of the eastern cottontail is listed as one of “least concern.” And given all the other animals that depend on the eastern cottontail for food, that’s probably a good thing. ✦

Vegetation Station

by Don R. Harris

Bracken Fern

I'm writing this two days after the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, and the official beginning of summer. In some parts of the world, especially Northern Europe, this is an official holiday, known as Midsummer. I first came across this summer holiday celebration in a Thomas Hardy novel – possibly *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, although I don't remember for certain. There was a quote (which I've tried to find online, without success) about how “as usual, no one had been able to catch any fern seed at midnight, thereby rendering himself invisible.” Well, I'm not surprised. For one thing, ferns don't have seeds.

Ferns are vascular plants – that is, water and nutrients are carried throughout the plant in veins—but they don't have flowers. Instead, they reproduce through spores. Spores differ from seeds in several ways. Spores don't have a protective coating, like seeds do. Spores also don't contain a supply of food for the developing plant. And spores are tiny, like dust. Unlike seeds, which can survive on their own for some time—years, even—spores have to land on a suitable surface and start growing. This is one reason why plants that produce spores make a lot of them—to increase the chances that a few spores will land in suitable places and grow.

The fern with which I'm most familiar is the common bracken fern. These are the ferns you see most often in northern Michigan. They grow just almost everywhere: in the woods, along the sides of roads, even in my yard, where I pull them up. The leaves are compound, and the branches are roughly triangular. According to my book of non-flowering plants, bracken ferns can grow up to 6 feet tall, but the ones that I see around here are more like two feet, occasionally three. And they have thick, hard stems that can cut you when you try to pull them up, especially when they're dry. Again, I know this from experience.



Top photo: Young bracken frond (en.wikipedia.org).

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The scientific name for the common bracken fern *Pteridium aquilinum*. Bracken ferns are found worldwide in the temperate zone, that is, in the area between the tropics and the arctic. These ferns actually prefer poor soils, but they do need good drainage. They don't like bogs and fens, but they can withstand a wide range of pH, from 2.8 (acid) to 8.6 (basic). And while they reproduce by spores, their roots can travel several feet underground between fronds.

Ferns have an interesting life cycle. The spores are produced on the undersides of leaves in tiny capsules called sporangia. When a spore lands on moist soil, it germinates, and grows into a small, flat green plant called a gametophyte, which is the fern's sexual stage. The female parts of this tiny plant produce eggs, and the male parts produce sperm. The sperm swim through a thin film of water to fertilize the eggs, and a fertilized egg begins to grow, forming an embryo. Eventually, leaves and roots appear, and the tiny plant becomes independent. This tiny plant is the sporophyte, which will eventually develop into the plant we see in the woods and roadsides.

Ferns date back millions of years, to a time before the first flowering plants, and bracken ferns are among the oldest of ferns. Today, ferns are occasionally eaten as fiddleheads, before the leaves open out, but this may not be a healthy practice, since the fiddleheads (and ferns themselves) are thought to contain carcinogens. And in some areas, efforts are underway to control the spread of bracken ferns, since they tend to crowd out other plant species.

Fortunately, this doesn't seem to be the case in Michigan. And don't worry if you didn't catch any fern seed (or spores) on Midsummer's Eve. According to some variations on that superstition, the time to do it is at Michaelmas, which happens in the fall. So in a few months, you can try again. ✦

got rocks?

by Kevin Gauthier

Note: Our 'got rocks?' series is from the Lake Michigan Rock Picker's Guide, a must-have for all rock hounds. Be sure to get your copy for the rest of the story!

Rock Stops from Ludington to Northport

From **Ludington** to just north of **Petoskey**, there begins to be an appreciable amount of glacial debris from the local limestone. The bedrock along the lake is limestone and shale, much of it full of beautifully preserved fossils, especially fossil corals. Some common fossil corals include Petoskey stones, Favosite fossils, Horn Corals, Honeycomb Corals, Pipe Organ Corals, Crinoids, Brachiopods, Cephalopods—and easier to pronounce—clams and snails!

On **M22** from **Manistee** heading toward **Frankfort**, there are obvious places (scenic overlooks, etc.) to reach the beach. South of Frankfort there is **Elberta Municipal Beach**; north there is a long high bank beach. Near **Crystal Lake** and Frankfort there is lake access at **Point Betsie Lighthouse**.

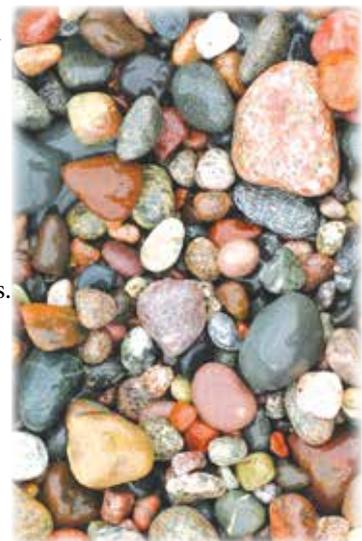


I think that there must be over 10,000 people who walk this beach every summer. Despite this, Lake Michigan seems to replenish the beaches' supply of Petoskey stones every year. Even so, please keep in mind: at **Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, NO COLLECTING ALLOWED.**

Just beyond the Dunes is **Leland**. There is a beach access and good collecting to the north. If you take **201 North** beyond **Northport**, you will come to **Peterson Park** which sits on a high bank over looking Lake Michigan. On a clear day and at the right time you can view the **Great Lake freighters** in distant shipping lanes.

There is access to the lake but a hike—about 100 stairs. Further north on **201 is DeLong Road** which leads to **Christmas Cove Road**, which leads to **Cat Head Point**. If you are this far, you might as well go all the way to the point and visit the lighthouse. (For more on Northport see next page, *Michigan Back Roads*.)

Be sure to pick up the August *Northern Camper*. We'll have more information on rock stops from the Grand Traverse Bay area to Petoskey. And if you're in the Traverse area, be sure to stop in and say "Hi" to Kevin and crew. You will be amazed to see what they can do with rocks; just look left! ↗



There is a large amount of Canadian rock intermixed with the fossils. This lends a wide variety of color to these beaches.



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Michigan Back Roads

Michigan Road Trips & Day Trips

by Ron Rademacher

Trails & Treasures: Northport

Trails – The last community going north up the **Leelanau Peninsula** is **Northport**. The road continues north to the tip of the peninsula, and along the way is the trail to **Cat Head Bay**, leading to the **Manitou Overlook**. The trail is part of a system in **Leelanau State Park**.

The trail is fairly smooth, through gently rolling terrain. The area is forested with tall beech, white birch, and pines, with a scattering of other hardwoods. There are a couple of small hills to negotiate as the trail winds through the forest. This trail follows the contours of the landscape, affording great views of several ravines. After less than a mile, you reach the stairs to the overlook. The stairway is about 30 steps, and steep. At the top is an overlook, rewarding the climb with an unequaled view of the dunes and Manitou Islands. Plan ahead for sunset watching; this is a popular spot.

If the stairs are too much, there is another unique flat shoreline trail, nearby. Drive further north to the tip of the peninsula, and enter the State Park. From the parking area, it is just a short walk out to the **Grand Traverse Lighthouse**. There is a pathway that goes out to the shoreline, past the old Fog Signal Building, and winds back to the grounds of the lighthouse. The trail is narrow and is made mostly of stone, but it is smooth and easy to walk. The trail winds along the shore of Lake Michigan through stands of Pussy Willows, low shrubs, and small trees. The entire walk is only about a quarter mile, and there are gorgeous views. The variety of birds found here is amazing. If you are early, the benches make this a comfortable spot to watch the sunrise.

Perhaps the least known trail in the area is the **Nagonaba Nature Trail**, found right in Northport. Beginning in town, the 3/4-mile trail curves through some unique habitats, and ends at **Morningside Drive** at the **Braman Hill Recreation Area**. The trail was designed to give access to three areas, each with different natural characteristics. The first part goes through larch, tamarack, and pine trees with a small bridge across the **Northport Creek**. It is in this section where everyone stops for a selfie with a big cool sculpture, **Jeremy the Frog**, work of a local artist. In the spring season this area will be covered in marsh marigolds, and jack-in-the-pulpit peaking up through the wetlands. The next two areas include a section of cedars, hemlocks, and quaking aspen trees. Then comes a section of hardwoods including ash, beech, and maple. There are small signs along the way, to help with tree identification, and boardwalks help protect the low wet areas. A spur leads to a wooded ridge that is steep, and one should be sure footed (that is an understatement).



Treasures – The **Historic Willowbrook Mill** (circa 1850), is charming spot with a registered trout stream, **Northport Creek**, running directly under the building, and features a water wheel. This is the only building in the State constructed over a trout stream. You may even see salmon swimming upstream in spawning season. The patio at the waterwheel is great spot to relax, enjoy the running water, and take pictures. These folks are well known for their gelato and gift shop featuring work of Michigan artisans.

Just across the street from the mill is **Barb's Bakery**. Whatever you do, don't leave town without trying her Cinnamon Twist. I have never had anything like it. You may as well buy at least two of them while you are there. Otherwise, you will have to go back, because one is only going to make your mouth water for another one.

The tip of the Leelanau Peninsula is marked by the **Grand Traverse Lighthouse**, one of the oldest on the Great Lakes. This lighthouse guided ships through the Manitou Passage of Lake Michigan for nearly 150 years. The lighthouse has a museum representing a keeper's home, and several other exhibits. The old fog horn station is also on the grounds, and is used for demonstrations. ✦

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 Cabins 2
 Pull Through ... Yes
 Season May-Oct
 Reservation Yes

9 CROOKED LAKE CAMPGROUND/PARK (pg. 2)
 231-839-4945 • 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
 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
 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
 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
 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
 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
 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
 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
 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
 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
 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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WATERFRONT! Beautiful building site;
3.5 acres on 185ft of Muskegon River.
Wooded with great view. Perfect spot for
dream home to enjoy all river has to offer.



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!



Baldwin - TNC16011633 - \$22,900
2 large lots w/ 5" well, septic w/ 3 hook-
ups, electric, and 2 sheds. Ready for
camp to enjoy trails, fishing & state land.
Deeded access to Mench Lake.



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!



LeRoy - TNC15063981 - \$82,500
3 bdrm, 2 bth, ranch manufactured home
on 10 acres. Lake frontage, pole barn,
decks, hot tub. Title to home retired. Comes
w/ home warranty; in secluded location!



Reed City - TNC16029447 - \$59,900
34 Acres of land with two road frontages,
Kissinger creek running through the
middle and lots of wildlife.



Reed City - TNC16024248 - \$56,500
Beautiful 33 acre parcel on paved road
just outside of Reed City. Offers rolling
hills, wooded and open areas and plenty
of wildlife.



Reed City - TNC16006013 - \$16,500
A beautiful walkout lakefront lot! Located
in Swiss Alpine sub on Round (Alpine)
Lake, about an hour north of Grand
Rapids and 30 minutes south of Cadillac.

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