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by Jenifer Witt

# Can your family stay unplugged?

## “I'm bored . . .”

When I was a kid saying, “I’m bored” to my mother was about as taboo as swearing. Looking back, I realize that Mom had a good point. As a parent who tries to provide fun opportunities for their kids, hearing that they’re “bored” must be very frustrating. There is no reason for a person to be bored on summer vacation in northern Michigan. Now that I’m an adult, I see what my mom was talking about. A family pastime in northern Michigan is camping, and the entire camping party needs to enjoy the trip.

When I look around at the campgrounds or the beach and I see kids glued to their tablets or smart phones, I think about what my parents or grandparents would have said. If I had been on a family camping trip and had a device in my hands rather than enjoying the company of my family or the beauty of nature, my parents would not have approved. We didn’t camp a lot when I was a kid, but I do remember my little brother and I making

- friends with the kids at the neighboring campsites,
- and riding our bikes all around the campground.
- I was a kid in the 1980s, so we didn’t have tablets
- or cell phones or even a portable television. We
- were truly unplugged. It is rare for us in 2013 to
- be unplugged. We can, though, make an effort to
- slow down, and enjoy our families.

## • Things With Screens (*other than a tent*)

- One of the convenient things about the popular devices like tablets and smart phones is that
- they’re so small, and therefore a quick and easy
- choice to bring on a family camping trip. Camp-
- ing means packing food, cookware, bedding,
- clothes, and beach toys. With all of the gear
- needed for a camping trip, not having to bring a
- lot of stuff to entertain the family is an attractive
- perk. But a fun, family camping trip should mean
- spending time with the family, not constantly
- plugged in.

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# Unplugged (continued from pg. 5)

## Unplug and See What Happens

The campgrounds in northern Michigan are packed during the summertime. Families from all over the United States flock to this amazing corner of the world for some fun, sun, and family time. What happens, though, when someone in the camping party says those words that would make my mom's skin crawl, "I'm bored?"

Camping should be a time when the family unplugs, and spends time together. Rather than whipping out the iPhone and playing Angry Birds or Mine Craft, the family can be together, making memories and playing games. I have a list of low-tech camping games, guaranteed to be a lot of fun, active, and social, and not involve a lot of stuff to haul around.



## Marshmallows for Chubby Bunny

Everybody brings marshmallows on a camping trip, right? Well, pack an extra bag so that you can play **CHUBBY BUNNY**. This game is great because you get to eat sugar! All of the players put a marshmallow in their mouths, and say, "Chubby Bunny." Another marshmallow is added each round, and the last person to be able to say, "Chubby Bunny," understandably, is the winner.

## Cards for Spoons and Baloney

A deck of cards takes up almost no space when packing for a camping trip. Playing cards can afford campers with countless games to play during a rainy afternoon, or in the evenings by lantern light. Spoons and Baloney are two fun card games to play by lantern light or for those times during your camping trip that the weather decides not to cooperate.

In **SPOONS**, raid the silverware drawer, and pile enough spoons for every player, except one, in the center of the table. Each player gets four cards. On the second round, each player picks up another card, and discards one to the next player. The first player to get four of a kind takes a spoon; then all of the other players make a grab for the remaining spoons. The player without a spoon is out. Keep playing until the last spoon is won.

The card game **BALONEY** is full of bluffs and laughs, and can get pretty raucous. The deck is dealt evenly to all players (use 2 decks for a large group). The first player plays aces, and tells the

- group how many aces he is laying face down.
- The next player plays twos, and so on around the
- group. If at any point someone thinks the player
- is bluffing, "Baloney" should be yelled out. If the
- person was indeed bluffing, he must take the
- whole pile of cards from the middle of the table. If
- the player was not bluffing, the person who called
- "baloney" must take the whole pile of cards. Since
- the goal is to get rid of all of your cards, having
- "Baloney" called on you can hinder your chances
- of winning.

## Stickers for Mosquito Bites

- In the game **MOSQUITO BITES**, every player
- gets a sheet of red dot stickers. The players se-
- cretly place
- the red stick-
- ers on their
- opponents. If
- you're caught,
- you keep your
- sticker, and
- you are "bit-
- ten" by the
- person who
- caught you.
- You can also
- play Mosquito
- Bites by design-
- ating a "hot
- word" such as
- tent, campsite,



or fire. If you say the “hot word” the first person to notice “bites” you. The first person to get rid of all of the stickers is the winner.

## Imagination for Scavenger Hunts

A good old-fashioned **SCAVENGER HUNT** is always a big hit around the campground. The adults can make up the items to be scavenged; just remember to make them findable in the campground. Items such as a ketchup packet,



a marshmallow, a yellow pencil, an oak leaf, or a fossil rock are easily found in a campground, and are things that fellow campers would be willing to help kids find. A creative twist, if the kids love scavenger hunts, is to host a different themed hunt each

day: food, leaves, rocks, things that begin with the letter B, or things that are red. A variation on the scavenger hunt is the alphabet game. Beginning with the letter A, your camping party finds something that begins with each letter of the alphabet. The alphabet game is a challenge, especially with letters such as X or Z. A round of this game might take a couple of days.

## Campfire for Stories

Sitting around the campfire is a great time for a game. A **WANDERING GHOST STORY** is fun for everyone. The first person begins the story, and then each person adds a little bit. The story that you end up with can actually be scary, or end up funny. You could start the story, “It was a dark, dark summer night, in this very campground...” No matter how it ends, a wandering ghost story is fun around the campfire.

## Ball and Ladders for Ladder Ball

If you have some room among your camping gear, there are some fun games that need some equipment. (And if you don’t bring it, your campground hosts are always willing to help find it!) **LADDER BALL** is played with two teams by setting up two ladder-like structures, facing each other, and throwing a bola, a short piece of rope



- with balls on each end. The bolas wrap around
- one of the ladder rungs when thrown. Each rung
- of the ladder is worth a certain number of points.
- You can buy ladder ball sets in stores or make your
- own with materials from the hardware store.

## T-shirts for T-Shirt Relay

- The **T-SHIRT RELAY** is a blast if you have a big
- group of campers. Divide into two teams, each
- in a single file line. Each team needs a really big
- t-shirt. The first campers in each line puts on the
- t-shirt, turns to face the next person, holding both
- hands. The other campers in line work the shirt
- off of the first camper, onto the second, while they
- are holding hands. The first team to work the t-
- shirt to the end of their line wins.

- I know that times have changed since I was a kid
- back in the 1980s, but the importance of fam-
- ily bonding has not. For some families, it may be
- unreasonable to expect that kids can completely
- give up their electronic devices, even on a camp-
- ing trip. Perhaps, though, these games can help
- families achieve some time together, and the kids
- to enjoy the fresh air and socialize. All of these
- games can be played as a family, and will be enjoy-
- able for both adults and kids. More games and
- detailed rules for all of these games are available
- online (I hate to admit). But find them before you
- leave for camping so you can stay “unplugged.” †

# CAMPER'S GADGET



## The Tick Key

Last month the Pure Dogma article talked about the critters that can hitch a ride on our furry friends—ticks! On a recent trip, we experienced this with our four legged friend, and even on ourselves. Now we are looking into ways to prevent and remove these little pests.

One product that we are starting to test is the Tick Key. It is claimed to be the “easiest to use” tick removal device. The Tick Key is made from high strength anodized aluminum; this is not a weak piece of plastic that is going to break the first time you use it. It allows natural forward leverage to remove the entire tick quickly, safely and without touching or squishing the engorged pest. You place the key over the tick in the slot, then pull the key away from the tick sliding along the skin. It can be a bit more difficult if your dog has a longer coat. Our dog has very short fur and it seems to work.

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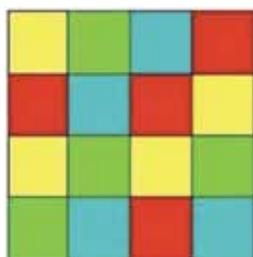
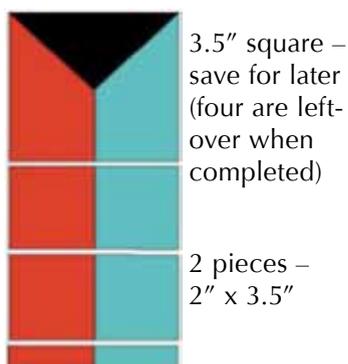
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# QUILTING CAMPER

by Dawn Paulin

Many pieces will be referred to by the steps in which they were created. Here we go this month!

1. The rectangles with the most color (that you set aside last month in step 2, bullet two) should now be mixed up and sewn and trimmed as per the diagram on the left.
2. Now mix up the 2" x 3.5" pieces and sew them together to create blocks with 16 patches that should measure 6.5" square. (See diagram on right.) Nest the seams for this block. You should have 5 (comfort size) or 13 (full size) of these when done.



3. Using the 2" squares that you originally cut, sew four-patch blocks. You will create either 4 (comfort size) or 12 (full size). See diagram at right.
4. Using 8 (comfort) or 32 (full) of the 3.5" squares from step 1 and the 12.5" background rectangles, create the following, pressing to the background. Complete 4 (comfort) or 16 (full) as shown.



*Are you excited to see what you are creating?*

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5. Using 8 (comfort) or 16 (full) of the 3.5" squares from step 1 and the 15.5" background rectangles, create the following, again pressing to the background. Complete 8 (comfort) or 16 (full) as shown.



6. Cut the 5.5" squares in quarters **DIAGONALLY** (see diagram). There are 2 for the comfort size or 3 for the full size. Make sure to handle carefully as there are bias edges here!



7. Using 4 of the triangles from step 6, attach two of them to each end of an 18.5" piece as shown here. Press away from the triangle, toward the rectangle.



# COOKIN' CAMPER'S

## TIPSY WIENERS

- 1 lbs frankfurters
- 12 oz beer
- 2 dashes hot pepper sauce

Cut frankfurters into bite size pieces. Add beer and hot pepper sauce. Cook, uncovered, about 15 minutes or until most of liquid has evaporated into a sauce. Stir occasionally. Serve hot.

~ Submitted by Mema Joy, Manton

## ONION SNACKS

- 1/4 lbs butter or Margarine
- 2 1/2 tab. onion Soup mix
- 1 can refrigerated biscuits

Melt butter in skillet. Stir in onion soup mix. Separate biscuits. Cut each into fourths. Add biscuits to butter mixture. Cook over very low heat for 20 minutes, turning to brown evenly on both sides. The same thing works with crushed garlic or your favorite spice. Also works with crescent only don't roll them, cut the flat in half and flatten slightly.

~ Submitted by Marian Harrington, Manton

## CUCUMBER SALAD

- 1# package, spiral noodles

Cook, drain, and coat with 1/3 cup of oil - I use light olive oil or unflavored grapeseed oil.

Mix together:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup white vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salad sprinkles (could also use dried parsley)
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt (I usually use a bit less)

Slice thin 3 or 4 cucumbers (depending on size) and 2 medium to small onions. Mix with sugar/vinegar mixture, then with pasta. Allow to set at least 4 hours but overnight is better. This will keep for weeks if refrigerated.

~ Submitted by Dawn Paulin, Cadillac

## BACON RANCH FOIL PACKET POTATOES

- 3 sheets of heavy-duty foil
- 10-12 baby red potatoes, thinly sliced
- 6 slices of cooked and crumbled bacon
- 1 packet ranch dressing mix
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 3 tablespoons butter
- Sour cream for serving, if desired

Spray each sheet of foil with cooking spray. Top each piece with equal portions of potatoes, bacon and ranch dressing mix. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add 1 tablespoon of butter to each serving. Wrap securely. Grill 20 to 30 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serve in foil, topped with sour cream.

~ Submitted by Lynnelle Yurack, Cadillac

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- 2 bell peppers
- 2 large onions
- lemon

Cut chicken and beef into pieces, slice onion and bell peppers, place on kabob sticks and squeeze lemon over kabobs right before grilling. Cook over campfire about 1 hour. Camp Kabobs are easy and mess free. The kids like eating them too, because they're fun to eat. Bake potatoes directly in fire, add some bread and you've got a meal.

~ Submitted by Lynnelle Yurack, Cadillac

## CAMPFIRE PEPPERONI PIZZA

- 1 pound refrigerated pizza dough
- 1/4 cup pizza sauce
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup sliced pepperoni
- Pack your pizza stone!

Place pizza stone on grill directly over fire. Spread out wood if flames are too tall. Roll out pizza dough to desired thickness. Place on pizza stone and cook 10 minutes on one side until golden. Remove from fire and on cooked side, spread pizza sauce in even layer over dough leaving about a half inch around rim of pizza dough bare. Sprinkle mozzarella cheese evenly on top of sauce, followed by the pepperoni slices. Place uncooked side down on pizza stone. Cover with a foil tent and cook until cheese has melted, about 10 minutes. Transfer pizza to a cutting board and let cool slightly before cutting and serving.

~ Submitted by Lynnelle Yurack, Cadillac

## KABOB IDEAS

Use things that cook at the same rate or put things together that have to be started at different times. Brush with your favorite marinade or seasoning when cooking.

- Most meats cut into chunks
- bacon use thick slice
- onions, large halves or small whole
- zucchini sliced
- mushrooms whole
- cherry tomatoes
- eggplant cut into cubes
- pineapple chunks
- apple chunks
- green pepper chunks
- celery squares
- summer squash slices
- green onions
- Sausage slices
- scallops

~ Submitted by JoAnn Treiber, Manton



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In large mixing bowl fill 2/3 with salmon pieces (skinless and boneless). Do not stir until all ingredients added. Drizzle enough olive oil to thoroughly coat fish. Add ingredients to taste and be generous. Stir with a big spoon until coated. Refrigerate and let sit at least 20 minutes in marinade. Grill 5-10 minutes a side and turn ONCE.

~ Submitted by Arne Sarya, Traverse City

## PEACH DESERT

- 2 tab butter
- 1 cup sifted flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 tea baking soda
- pinch salt
- 1 1/3 cup diced peaches

### TOPPING

- brown sugar
- chopped nuts

Melt butter in baking dish. Mix ingredients & spread into baking dish. Sprinkle with topping. Bake in 375 oven for 35-40 minutes.

~ Submitted by JoAnn Treiber, Manton

## Thoughts to Ponder While You Wander

'Tis the night-time, evening past  
Why do I write scrawl when asked  
To keep in touch with environment  
Metro and all. To report findings  
Spring, winter and fall.

Is summer upon us, green  
leaves often found. To be  
thankful for seasons, all  
the year 'round. Sing for your  
Supper, once asked on demand  
Raspy voice over pure song  
Yet not sang. What about  
ancestors, off-spring to come.  
Why else am I here on earth  
as a planet. With the sole to  
increase and moon moreso known.  
But, to keep peace in the nighttime  
in a space of my own... shared  
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# PUZZLED?

## ACROSS

1. Type of vacuum flask
6. Sun
10. Products of human creativity
14. Picture
15. South American country
16. Defeat decisively
17. High, low and neap
18. Twin sister of Ares
19. Cotton bundle
20. Blue blood
22. Small island
23. Gull-like bird
24. A piece of mail
26. Affirm
30. Former boxing champ
31. Hearing organ
32. No more than
33. Twinge
35. Lustrous fabric
39. Opening words of a text
41. An informal term for money
43. Maxim
44. Distinctive flair
46. Double-reed woodwind
47. Derisive laugh
49. Actress Lupino
50. South African monetary unit
51. Cave
54. Agreeable
56. Train track
57. Excessively dramatic
63. Doing nothing
64. Rhythm
65. Redress
66. Fastens
67. Therefore
68. Goat antelope
69. Mats of grass
70. Stag or doe
71. Make improvements

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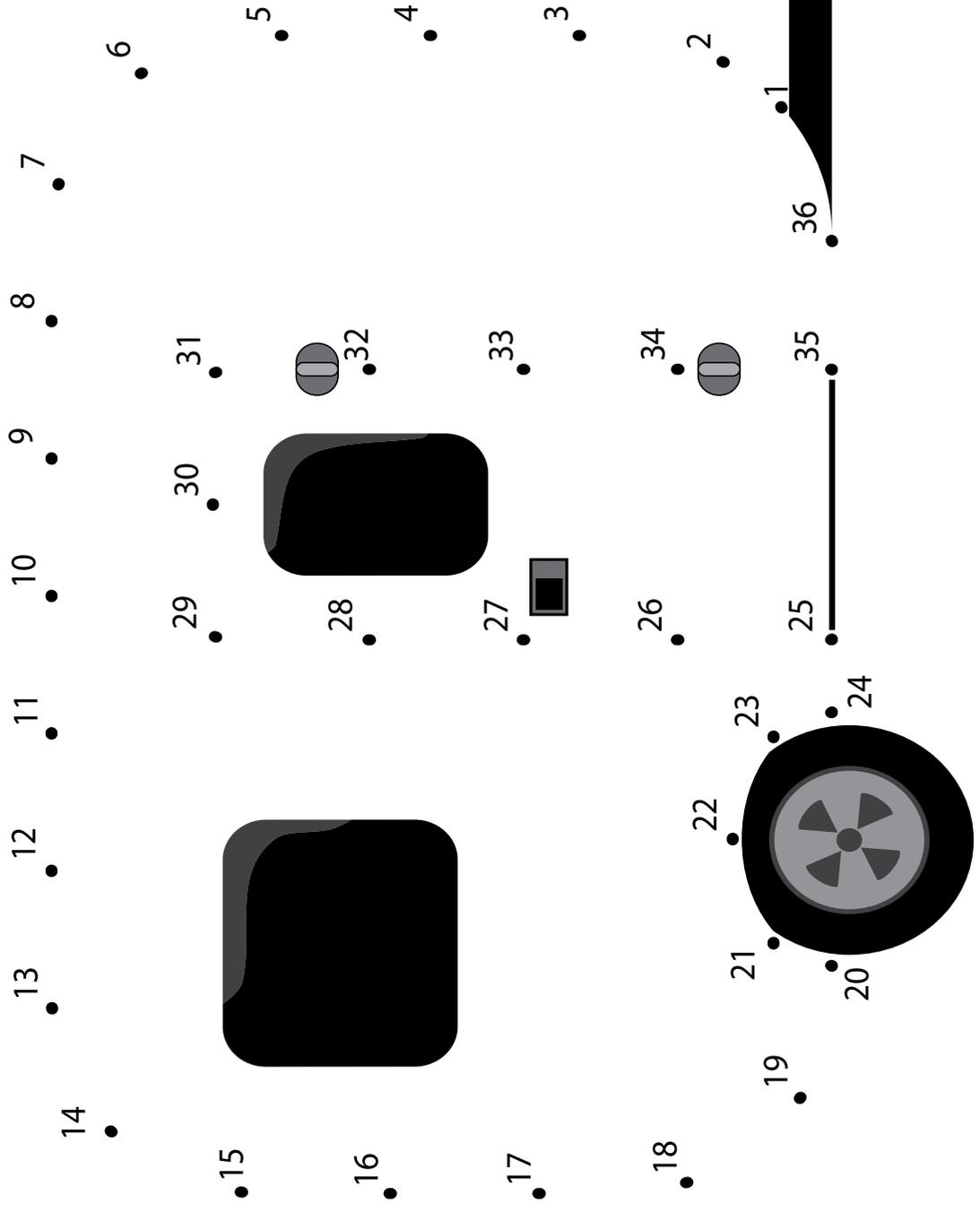
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| 2. Arab chieftain    | 21. Relative of a giraffe                 | 45. Bloodline               |
| 3. Dry riverbed      | 25. Where the sun rises                   | 48. A bed of rich soil      |
| 4. How old we are    | 26. Dogfish                               | 51. Southern breakfast dish |
| 5. Relaxes           | 27. Sell                                  | 52. Audio communications    |
| 6. Hypothesize       | 28. Killer whale                          | 53. Lubricated              |
| 7. A piece of ground | 29. Having no apparent gravitational pull | 55. Delete                  |
| 8. Diva's solo       | 34. Pugilist                              | 58. Not there               |
| 9. A light noise     | 36. Brass instrument                      | 59. Bit of gossip           |
| 10. A type of judge  | 37. Computer symbol                       | 60. Center                  |
| 11. Cut of beef      | 38. Require                               | 61. Nameless                |
| 12. Gown fabric      | 40. Kind of moss                          | 62. Bawdy                   |





# MORE CAMPIN' KIDS!

Thanks to artist  
Jason Davis ~  
Lake City



## Witness Trees

*Survey law established by the Continental Congress in 1785* reads as follows: Deputy surveyors shall cause to be marked on a tree near each corner established in the manner described, and within the section, the number of each section, and over it the number of the township within which such section, may be; and the deputy surveyors shall carefully note, in their respective field books, the names of the corner trees marked and the numbers so made.

In laying out the grids for what would become today's townships, surveyors walked each section line and made note of changes in vegetation, soil types and quality, and topography. The surveyors also recorded details on the types and sizes of trees growing on the section lines. They would blaze (mark) one to four bearing (witness) trees to further identify locations of section corners.

*The following is a reprint (in part) of a 2012 Michigan Department of Natural Resources article of a witness tree salvaged in Kalkaska County.*

Trees are cut down every day in Michigan, but not all of them have the rich history of a sugar maple that was removed from Rapid River Township in Kalkaska County. According to Department of Natural Resources foresters who examined the rings of this particular tree—an original “witness tree” from the 1850 resurvey of northern Michigan—the tree is believed to have been more than 200 years old.

Witness trees serve as reference points, or accessories, used to locate land corners in surveying. In rural areas, trees are often used as witnesses. This tree, which died last year, was originally marked by a U.S. Government surveyor



- named Lucius Lyon on Sept. 26, 1850. Lyon served as
- Michigan surveyor general from 1845 to 1850. The tree
- was 10 inches in diameter at the time of that marking,
- and was 36 inches in diameter when it was cut down.
- “There are very few of these original witness trees
- left in Michigan today,” said Jerry Grieve, a land use
- forester with the DNR’s Forest Resources Division. “A
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lot of people have put a lot of care into the salvage effort of this significant tree. We’re very fortunate that its importance won’t be lost simply because it’s no longer in the forest. Preservation plans are underway to keep this tree and its history available to the public.”

The tree was originally identified as being in poor health in 2010. Since then, the DNR had been keeping an eye on it and making plans for the best way to salvage it. DNR staff from the Forest Resources and Parks and Recreation divisions, and members of the Northern Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors (MSPS) joined Great Lakes Energy, which volunteered its time and a Trees Inc. crew, to help with the removal of the tree.



- To prepare it for cutting, MSPS and DNR representa-
- tives dug around the tree to provide more space for
- a cut to be made as close to the base as possible. The
- close cut helped to salvage more of the tree to be used
- in displays. A portion of the sugar maple display may
- rotate to state parks. Michigan State University’s De-
- partment of Forestry also expressed interest in getting
- cuts of the tree for its own exhibit. †

# UNPUZZLER

## Sudoku (Page 3)

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## Crossword (Page 13)

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# Campground Critter

by Don R. Harris

## Green Darner Dragonfly

*If you happen to be camping near water* on a summer day, you're likely to see a number of things flying through the air around you. Among the most beautiful will be the dragonflies and damselflies. Some will be in elegant, almost metallic colors. Others will have transparent, lacy wings. All are expert fliers, hovering for a moment and then abruptly darting away.

One of the largest is the green darner dragonfly (*Anax junius*). The green darner has a body up to three inches long and a wingspan up to 4.5 inches. Green darner dragonflies are dimorphic – that is, the male and female look different. Both the male and the female have a green thorax, but the male's abdomen is blue, while the female's abdomen is purplish-gray. Both male and female have a target-like mark on the face.

Dragonflies are part of the order Odonata, which includes dragonflies and damselflies. Both dragonflies and damselflies have membranous wings, large eyes, slender bodies, and small antennae. But damselflies, besides being smaller, rest with their wings folded behind them, and dragonflies rest with their wings fully extended. Also, dragonflies' eyes touch in the middle of the head, and damselflies' eyes are distinctly separate.

The green darner belongs to the family Aeshnidae – the darners – which includes many of the world's largest and fastest-flying dragonflies. The darner gets its name from the female's slender, needle-like abdomen, with the sharply pointed tip that she uses for laying eggs in the stems of plants. After the male has chased and caught the female and inserted the tip of his abdomen behind her head, the female will find a water plant and cling to the stem. She will then back down into the water, make a slit in the stem, and lay her eggs in the stem under water.



- When the eggs hatch, the immature insects are nymphs, rather than larvae – that is, they are much like an adult insect (as opposed to a larva like a caterpillar, which is quite different from an adult butterfly or moth). As the nymph matures, it grows and sheds its skin several times before the adult insect emerges, without ever going through a pupa stage. And the

nymphs of dragonflies are called naiads, because unlike most other nymphs, they live mostly in water, while adult dragonflies live on land. Dragonfly naiads are ferocious predators. Reaching as much as two inches, the naiads eat other insects and insect larvae, worms, tadpoles, and small fish.

Adult dragonflies are also predators. Adult dragonflies eat many different flying insects, including midges, mosquitoes, flies, caddisflies, and

- other dragonflies. They are agile flyers and expert hunters. The green darner has mouthparts that are particularly well adapted to hunting. A specialized mouth structure called a labium normally stays folded under the darner's head, but when hunting, the insect swings this structure forward and uses it to grasp its prey.

- Green darner dragonflies also migrate. Spending the spring and summer months in the northern U.S., they travel south to Texas and Mexico for the winter. However, any given generation of dragonflies only makes the trip in one direction. The offspring of that generation will make the return trip when the season changes.

- Possibly because of dragonflies' unique appearance and amazing flying ability, they have at times been regarded as dangerous. Because of their elegant form, dragonflies were a popular motif in the art nouveau period. But dragonflies are useful as well as beautiful. Perhaps that is why the green darner dragonfly was chosen as the official state insect of the state of Washington. ✦

# How to be rid of those pesky fleas!

*In our area, warmer weather is the time for diligence* in keeping our pets free of fleas. They can infest your home during the cold winter months as well, but first we should know just what we're up against.

In his wisdom, God must have created fleas to feed other creepy, crawly predators such as spiders and ants that in turn are eaten by our birds and larger animals. So they must be here on Earth for a good reason.

The bad news is that fleas can really get around. They cannot fly, but they can easily jump up or sideways up to 150 times their body size! This would be equivalent to a person jumping up to 1000 feet. Most of us know that fleas can be picked up on your pet from another animal but fleas or their eggs can also hitch a ride into your home on your shoes, blankets or beach towels. Anything close to the ground can be a target.

More bad news is that many dogs have severe allergies to fleas and the bites can be very painful.

You may not be aware that tapeworms can come from fleas because they count on fleas to carry their larvae into your pet's intestines. Your dog can easily ingest a flea which can develop into serious problems. Fleas prefer your pet, but will bite humans as well. Diseases such as typhus and bubonic plague can be transmitted to both pets and humans from nasty fleas.

Even worse, a flea spends only a tiny percentage of its time on your pet! The majority of time is spent in the deep, dark crevices of your carpeting, furniture, baseboards, bedding or other comfortable places. It visits your pet only for a meal, then hops right back to its dark, happy home. Unfortunately, the temperature in your home is ideal for year round flea reproduction.

Fleas have a four-step life cycle. A single flea will lay up to 50 eggs every day. These eggs are transparent and

nearly invisible to the naked eye. The brown specks seen on our pets are not eggs but "flea dirt" which is actually feces. In only 2 days the eggs will hatch into larvae or tiny worms. These larvae survive on adult flea feces and in 5-11 days turn into pupa and form cocoons throughout your home and emerge into an adult flea only 1 week. By the way, the pupa can remain dormant under non-ideal conditions for up to 5 months. Astonishingly these new adults can reproduce again within 24 hours. Now you understand just how quickly your home can be infested and how important it is to work towards a flea-free environment for you and your pet.

Thankfully there are many flea products available. A once a month tablet for our pets will stop the flea life cycle. There are safe, topical herbal spot treatments and homeopathic herbs and essential oils as well. Natural products such as diatomaceous earth, neem oil or sodium borate can be used safely in the yard. Consider aromatic cedar chips in your pets bedding to aid as a repellent. It is very important to treat your pet's entire environment, meaning inside and outside. If fleas are infesting your home, you must treat at least 3 times, 7-10 days apart in order to break the life cycle considering adult fleas hatch every 7-10 days. Yes, it is a lot of work to be rid of these pests, but well worth the effort! ✦



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



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# Vegetation Station

by Don R. Harris

## Queen Anne's Lace

*Driving along a country road in late summer*, you may see feathery leaves and lacy white flowers on tall, slender stems, swaying in the slipstream of passing cars.

They're so common in the Midwest that if you notice them at all, it's most likely to observe that they're pretty in a delicate sort of way. Chances are, it wouldn't occur to you that they're closely related to a familiar vegetable.

The flower, of course, is Queen Anne's lace (*Daucus carota*), and the vegetable is the carrot. In fact, another name for Queen Anne's lace is "wild carrot," and the carrot we cultivate as a vegetable is actually a subspecies of the same plant. Both are members of the family Apiaceae, the parsley family, and other edible members of this family include parsnips, celery, dill, caraway, and fennel.

Queen Anne's lace grows to a height of one to three feet. The leaves are dark green and feathery, and the tiny white flowers appear in flat, umbrella-like clusters called umbels. Each of the tiny flowers has five petals and five stamens. At the center of each umbel is a single dark red flower. This red flower is thought to play a role in attracting insects.

Queen Anne's lace is a biennial – that is, its seed germinates and grows during the first year of the plant's life, but doesn't produce flowers and seed of its own until the second year. During its first spring and summer, the plant produces a rosette

- of leaves and a sturdy tap root which stores sugars that
- provide food for the plant when it flowers.
- The tap root can be eaten when the plant is young,
- but quickly becomes woody and tough as the plant
- grows. Queen Anne's lace has also been used to dye



*Photos by Otis Bentley Bailey*



fabric a creamy off-white color, and it is sometimes interplanted with crops like lettuce and tomatoes. In addition to providing shade and cooling the air for the lettuce, Queen Anne's lace attracts beneficial insects such as ladybugs, parasitic wasps, and predatory flies, which feed on insect pests of the vegetables.

Nevertheless, some care should be exercised in handling Queen Anne's lace.

For one thing, it can produce photodermatitis – a condition of skin irritation that occurs after touching the plant and being exposed to the sun. A more serious danger is that of coming in contact with the plant water hemlock (*Cicuta maculata*), which somewhat resembles Queen's Anne's lace, and is also a member of the parsley family. Water hemlock contains a deadly poison, and ingesting even a small quantity of the plant can be fatal.

The USDA lists Queen Anne's lace as a noxious weed, because it is a non-native plant and is a serious pest in pastures. Still, its delicate white flowers can be a beautiful ad-

- dition to summer bouquets. If you want to grow Queen
- Anne's lace in your garden, you might consider growing
- Ammi majus, another lacy white flower also called bish-
- op's flower or lady's lace, as a non-invasive alternative. ✦

# AUGUST FESTIVITIES

## ALDEN

August 4 • Quilt Show • Alden Depot  
August 10 • Annual Model Train Show • Alden Depot

## BELLAIRE

August 7 – 10 • Antrim County Fair

## BEULAH

August 2-3 • Darcy Memorial Library Book Sale

## BIG RAPIDS

August 29- September 2 • River Days Festival  
Car show, book Sale, concerts, Farmers Market, Big Bad Wolf  
Adventure Race, 5K, Arts & Crafts Sale

## BUCKLEY

August 15 – 17 • Buckley Old Engine Show

## CADILLAC

August 9 – 17 • Northern District Fair  
Farmer's Market • Tuesdays & Fridays

## COPEMISH

August 3 • Twisted Trails Summer Dog Party

## ELK RAPIDS

July 31 - August 5 • Elk Rapids Harbor Days

## EVART

August 1-3 • Osceola County 4-H/FFA Fair  
August 15 • Michigan Trappers Association Show and Sale  
August 30-31 • Evart Car Show • Riverside Park

## FRANKFORT

August 3 • Frankfort Rotary Chicken BBQ Mineral Springs Park  
August 16-17 • 37th Annual Frankfort Art Fair  
August 17 • Frankfort Collector Car Show  
August 23-25 • Benzie Fishing Frenzy

## HARRIETTA

August 3 • Harrietta Blueberry Festival  
Parade, Chicken BBQ, Quilt Show, Pancake Breakfast

## HONOR

August 24-26 • Honor Coho Festival

## HOUGHTON LAKE

August 3 • Houghton Lake Historic Village Days & Tractor Show

## INTERLOCHEN

August 8-11 • Vintage Motorcycle Rally, Cycle Moore

## LAKE CITY

18th Annual Lake City Car Show • See details page 22  
Music In The Park • See details pg. 22  
Ardis Missaukee Library • See details pg. 22  
Missaukee Conservation District • See details page 22  
Historical Museum • See details pg. 17 & pg. 22  
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August 2-3 • Marion Old Fashion Days

## MANCELONA

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August 10-11 • Cindy Lou's Zoo 10th Anniversary  
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## THOMPSONVILLE

August 24 • Benzie Area RCers Annual Model Air Show

## TRAVERSE CITY

July 30 - August 4 • Traverse City Film Festival  
August 2 • Downtown Street Sale  
August 3-10 • Northwestern Michigan Fair

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# FIFE LAKE

Grand Traverse County

STOP

by Joann Treiber

*Fife Lake is named after one of its founding fathers* and “parked” next to a really great lake—that isn’t just my opinion—they were voted “Michigan’s 2013 Best Inland Lake.” Swimming, boating, canoeing and fishing—they have it all. And if you didn’t bring your own water toys there are a couple of places that can help



you out with that. If the river is more your speed, you are just north of the Manistee River with its great fishing and some awesome canoeing and tubing.

Fife Lake is located approximately 25 miles north of Cadillac, 25 miles Southeast of Traverse City, and 15 miles South of Kalkaska. What more could you want than to be surrounded by beautiful forest and centrally located?

For that historian in all of us they have a special Historical Society program on the 9th of August at the library and they have two wonderful museums. If you're in the Fife Lake area on vacation and you need something to entertain the kids, check out the local library.

They have many children’s programs to enjoy. After, you can head up the road to a park with playground equipment, tennis and basketball courts, baseball field and a nice skate park.

While wandering around I walked into what I thought was a drugstore and found a great quilt shop. They have clinics on many things; not just sewing. And I am so jealous—tucked away in the center room is a long arm quilter. Since we have the mystery quilts that are being made by our readers, I hope to entice some of her customers to make one and send in pictures.

Fife Lake is known for its Fourth of July Parade and activities including fireworks that can be seen from miles around. I remember as a child watching them from the campground at Spring Lake (off US 131), but the trees have grown so large that you can’t see them anymore. They have other activities like Easter egg hunts, chili cook offs, sledding parties, and even dog sled races. This fall I’ll be taking the grand kids up to the scarecrow contest. The simple things in life are the best.

During the summer they have movies in the park every other Saturday that they project on the side of a building. In August you can see *The Hobbit*, *Avengers*, *Spiderman* and *September* brings you *Hotel Transylvania*. Bring your lawn chairs. (I hope there’s popcorn.)



Now let’s get down to the good stuff! If you time your trip right, you can eat great food and don’t even have to cook or clean up. Besides the great restaurants downtown,

The American Legion has a Fish Fry the first Friday of every month, and a Breakfast the second Sunday. The Walton Junction Sportsman’s Club, south of town on County Line Road, has a breakfast the third Saturday of the month and I’ll be there cooking.

So before summer’s end, get to Fife Lake and enjoy the lake, fishing, camping, hiking and the great warm weather activities. If it’s not on your stop this summer consider another weekend off in the winter. Fife Lake also has some of the most beautiful trails for snowmobiling and cross country skiing around. ✦

## Camper's Choice

by Jenifer Witt

# Pere Marquette Campground

Branch/Lake County

*If you're looking for a wilderness experience in a friendly campground,* you need to visit the Pere Marquette Campground in Branch. The campground sits on 40 acres, and is surrounded by national forest. Carl and Cindy Crawford are the proprietors of this gem. Carl Crawford says, "It's quiet; it's nature." You can relax, indulge in some peace and quiet, or go canoeing or fishing. The Pere Marquette River flows near the campground, and is one of the best-known trout streams in Michigan. The river's namesake campground caters to fishermen, families, and groups.

The campground offers spacious campsites with fire pits and picnic tables. There are also cabins for rent, if you're not tent camping. There is a camp store that sells firewood, food, drinks, sundries, and all of the necessities for a day on the river. The campground is even pet-friendly. Pere Marquette partners with a local canoe livery. **Baldwin Canoe Rental** will pick you up downriver and return you to the campground. The Pere Marquette River is a national scenic river, so the trip down the river will be wonderful. (For more information on scenic rivers, see "Northern Waters" in the July 2013 *Northern Camper*.)

The usually quiet atmosphere is busier in the mid-summer. You'll see kids riding bikes, playing on the playground, or playing volleyball, horseshoes, or ladder golf. You'll see families sitting around the campfire talking and laughing. Don't worry about sacrificing peace and quiet, though; there is evening quiet time.

For the Crawford family, running the Pere Marquette Campground is all about relationships. They love the relationships that they get to build

Playin' with my friends . . .



with their campers. Since they cater to groups, they see family reunions, company picnics, and wedding receptions. They love hosting a great place for making wonderful memories. Carl says, "We go the extra mile to get to know people. Cindy learns names and greets people. The personal touch is so important." The Crawfords have met people from Chicago, Detroit, Holland, Poland, Russia, and India. They become friends with their regular campers, and love being part of their friends' lives, year after year. They love hosting a great place to make wonderful memories, for a group of 2 to a group of 200.

Cindy and Carl Crawford have decided that after 11 years of making memories for their own family at Pere Marquette Campground, that it's time to

- move on and let another family have its turn. The
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- offers some great advice about their success. He
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# got rocks?

by Meghan Chase

## The "Red Rock"

*Jasper is a form of microcrystalline quartz known as chalcedony.*

This gemstone is unique in a way that it is found in a variety of colors including shades of red, tan, yellow, green, blue, and black. It is very rare to find uniform jasper for it is often found in presence with other minerals and organic material that act as impurities giving the wild color combinations such as multicolored, spotted, or striped pieces.

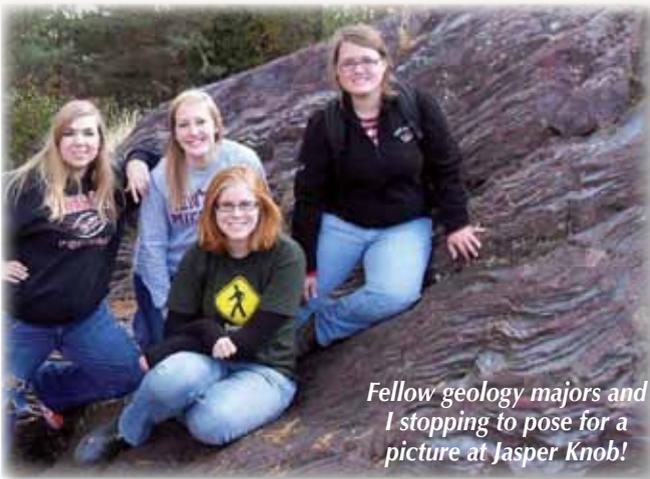
One of the most popular forms of Jasper is known simply as Red Jasper, which is used to name a reddish colored chert. The red color is due to a chemical change in composition resulting from an oxygen rich environment that led to iron oxidization. One of the largest outcrops containing Red Jasper you can find right here in Michigan is known as Jasper Knob, located within the city of Ishpeming. The hill is composed of distinctive bands of jasper and hematite, together known as jaspilite. Jaspilite is a type of sedimentary rock that has repeated alternating layers of iron-rich and iron-poor units, also known as a banded iron formation. Jaspilite's iron-poor (iron that was exposed to oxygen) units are the Red Jasper and the iron-rich (iron that has not been exposed to oxygen) units are the silver minerals known as



*The stunning red jasper and hematite banding of Jasper Knob.*

Hematite. A common explanation to this alternation of specific colored units is that the depositional environment had repeated changing of oxic and anoxic conditions. These bands of bright red and silver are also noticeably folded throughout the outcrop. The waves in the bands are a result of small-scale, high, compressional deformation that took place after the sediment deposition. This large outcrop is known for its colorful red and silver banding and is a fantastic scenic outlook of the city below. Want to witness this beautiful outcrop for yourself? Head towards the intersection of Hill and Jasper streets and turn down Hill Street. The narrow set of steps within the stonewall marks the entry to the hiking path up to Jasper Knob. It's a moderate hike because it is mostly uphill, but the path is easy to follow. Just remember your camera and wear your hiking shoes!

If you're looking to find your own Jasper sample, a piece of jewelry may be the way to go! The unique color patterns distinguish Jasper from all other gemstones. The physical characteristics, such as its moderate hardness and unique color patterns, are why Jasper is commonly used in jewelry. Since Jasper can be found all over the world, many cultures give this gemstone symbolic meaning. According to some common traditions, Jasper is considered a healing stone for stomach and fertility troubles, also used for protection against evil spirits, and as well as a worry stone to provide someone a sense of courage and confidence. Whether or not you believe in its healing capabilities, Jasper is a beautiful stone that can be admired for its unique characteristics! ✦



*Fellow geology majors and I stopping to pose for a picture at Jasper Knob!*

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# Campground Directory



## ANTRIM COUNTY

### COUNTY

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

12298 Barnes Park Rd., Eastport, MI 49627

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

*Facilities:* 76 sites (14 rustic), electric, sanitation, reservations, wheelchair accessible, beach, Wi-Fi. **SEE PAGE 2**

### STATE

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

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

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

*Facilities:* tents/15 sites.

## BENZIE COUNTY

### PRIVATE

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

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

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

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

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

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

## GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

### STATE

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

*Facilities:* rustic/30, boat launch.

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

M-137, Interlochen, MI 49643

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

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

*Facilities:* rustic/50, boat launch.

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

*Facilities:* rustic/200 people, reservations.

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

*Facilities:* rustic/30, boat launch.

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

*Facilities:* rustic/200 people, reservations.

#### Traverse City State Park • 231-922-5270

1132 US-31 North, Traverse City, MI 49686

*Facilities:* tents & RVs/343, cabins/2, electric, water, sanitation, reservations, beach.

### PRIVATE

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

5481 Brackett Rd., Williamsburg, MI 49690

1 mile north on US-31 from intersection of M-72 & US-31 (Acme). 1 mile east on Brackett Rd., left side. 7 miles from Traverse City.

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

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

4050 Hammond Rd., Traverse City, MI 49696

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

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

5555 M-72 East, Williamsburg, MI 49690

Luxury motor coach & RV resort located minutes from Traverse City. All sites have cement pads with full hook-ups & 50 amp electric.

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

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

9700 S M-37, Buckley, MI 49620

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## LAKE COUNTY

### STATE

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

*Facilities:* rustic/9, boat launch.

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

*Facilities:* rustic/31 sites.

#### Leverentz Lake State Forest Campground

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

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

*Facilities:* rustic/9 sites.

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

*Facilities:* rustic/26 sites.

### PRIVATE

#### Enchanted Acres Canoe & Campground • 231-266-5102

9581 N. Brooks Rd., Irons, MI 49644

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

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

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## Pere Marquette Campground • 231-898-3511

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

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

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## LEELANAU COUNTY

### STATE

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

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

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

### PRIVATE

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

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

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



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

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

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

## MANISTEE COUNTY

### STATE

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

Facilities: rustic, 24 sites.

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

2064 N. Lakeshore Rd., Manistee, MI 49660

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

#### Tippy Dam • (231) 848-4880

5200 Dillings Road, Bretheren, MI 49619

Facilities: rustic, 40 sites, boat launch.

### FEDERAL

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

Facilities: 6 sites.

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

Facilities: 3 sites.

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

Facilities: 12 sites.

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

Facilities: 4 sites, boat launch.

### PRIVATE

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

• 20 Park Ave., Manistee, MI 49660

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

• Facilities: tents & RVs/127, cabins/10, electric/117, water/67, sanitation, reservations, wheelchair accessible, beach, boat launch, store, laundry, cable, Wi-Fi, rec room.

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

• 2700 Orchard Hwy., Manistee, MI 49660

• Facilities: RVs, electric, water, sanitation, reservations, wheelchair access, pool, laundry, store, cable, Wi-Fi, rec room. **SEE PAGE 2**

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

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

• Facilities: RVs/28, group camping/8, tents/24, cabins/4, electric/33, water/15, sanitation, reservations, store, laundry, rec room, Wi-Fi, playground, fish station, volleyball, horseshoes, open year around, Good Sam Park. **SEE PAGE 28**

## MECOSTA COUNTY

### PRIVATE

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

• 22265 8 Mile Rd., Stanwood, MI 49346

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

## MISSAUKEE COUNTY

### CITY

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

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

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

• Facilities: 32, electric, water, sanitation, reservations, wheelchair access, Wi-Fi, rec room. **SEE PAGE 28**

### COUNTY SEE PAGE 28

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

• PO Box 800, Lake City, MI 49651

• Facilities: rustic/17 sites.

#### • Crooked Lake Park • 231-839-4200

• PO Box 800, Lake City, MI 49651

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

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

• PO Box 800, Lake City, MI 49651

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

**STATE**

**Goose Lake • 231-775-9727**

*Facilities:* rustic/54, boat launch.  

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

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

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

*Facilities:* rustic/20, boat launch.  

**Reedsburg Dam • 989-275-4622**

*Facilities:* rustic/38, boat launch.   

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

*Facilities:* rustic/32, boat launch.  

**OSCEOLA COUNTY**

**CITY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**STATE**

**Sunrise Lake • 231-775-9727**

*Facilities:* rustic/17, boat launch.  

**PRIVATE**

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

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

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

**ROSCOMMON COUNTY (WEST)**

**STATE**

**Houghton Lake • 989-275-4622**

*Facilities:* tents & RVs/50, toilets.  

**North Higgins Lake/East • 989-821-6125**

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

*Facilities:* tents & RVs/82, electric, reservations, wheelchair access.  

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

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

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

**South Higgins Lake • 989-821-6374**

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

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

**PRIVATE**

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

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

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

**WEXFORD COUNTY**

**STATE**

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

*Facilities:* rustic/25, boat launch.  

**Long Lake/Wexford • 231-775-9727**

*Facilities:* rustic/16, boat launch.  

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

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

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

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

*Facilities:* rustic/25, boat launch.  

**FEDERAL**

**Hemlock Campground • 231-723-2211**

*Facilities:* rustic/19. 

**Peterson Bridge • 231-723-2211**

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

*Facilities:* rustic/30, boat launch.  

**CITY**

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

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

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

**PRIVATE**

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

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**Camp Cadillac • 231-775-9724**

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

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

   **SEE PG. 28**

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

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

Open May 1 - Oct. 15

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

**Pine River Paddlesports Center & Quiet Campground**

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

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