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Cover photos:

The Western Upper Peninsula of Michigan is a “kids paradise”! Pictures cannot truly do justice for all the fun, exercise, excitement, and education!

I’m sure many of you still remember Carolyn Maves, past editor of the Gogebic Times. Her legacy lives on in her children and grandchildren who live up here. The first 2 pictures are her grandchildren, having fun in the snow under one of the massive rocks that jut out in so many places, especially around our many waterfalls. The beauty of fall is endless and overwhelming, so going for a walk on our forest trails and collecting some of the wide variety of colored leaves is a must.

Tony & Bonnie Trolla certainly enjoy watching their grandson fish off their dock. The excitement and pride in catching a fish is so rewarding for a young person!

The last picture was taken by Tammy Kauranen, the winner of our picture contest. It includes so much of the fun, relaxing things there are to do on Lake Gogebic: taking a rest from swimming & playing on a large floating tube or kayaking, watching the tame ducks trying to catch their dinner, or doing a little fishing off the dock while watching the beauty of the sun going down. What a wonderful place for a vacation or to raise a family!



Welcome to Lake Gogebic in the Western U.P. of Michigan We look forward to seeing you!

Year around enjoyment can be found in Michigan’s Western Upper Peninsula which makes this area a destination families return to time after time. And maybe it’s because of the offerings of passive relaxation and excitement all at the same time. It’s a place filled with natural wonders.

LAKE GOGEBIC, is the largest inland lake in the U.P. with 13,380 acres of prime fishing for walleye, smallmouth bass, jumbo perch, northern pike and more! The southern half of the lake is located in Gogebic County, in the Central Time Zone with the northern half in Ontonagon County, in the Eastern Time Zone. A great place to celebrate the New Year twice in the same evening!

The million-acre Ottawa National Forest as well as the 21,000-acre Sylvania Wilderness surrounds the Lake Gogebic area providing endless opportunities to enjoy nature in so many ways.

In addition to Lake Gogebic, there are 1200 miles of rivers and streams and over 300 inland lakes with hundreds of spectacular waterfalls and so many great choices for scenic hiking, biking, kayaking, canoeing, downhill skiing, cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing. Dark evenings are often lit up with Northern lights and stars that seem close enough to touch!

We also have hundreds of miles of Multi-Use trails and our winter snowfall of almost 300 inches provides the best and most varied snowmobiling trails you will find. Our area has consistently been voted the #1 best place to ride!

This vacation guide is printed annually and in it you will find many things to do in the whole western Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

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The Western Upper Peninsula is "Michigan's Trailhead." Attractions are plentiful here: waterfalls, old mines, statues, lighthouses, and so much more! Whether you are looking for hiking, biking, paddling, ORV, skiing, snowshoeing, or other trails, you will find it here!

HIKING TRAILS

With miles of trails through scenic and pristine natural areas, some of the best hiking opportunities in the Eastern United States can



be found here. Treat yourself to views of majestic old growth forests, scenic overlooks, inspirational waterfalls. To really see the countryside, visit Alligator Eye near the south end of Lake Gogebic on M-64, a mildly challenging 1/2 mile hike to the crest of this scenic rock outcrop, rising 300 ft above Lake Gogebic.

SKIING, SNOWSHOEING, SNOWBOARDING, SNOWTUBING

In one incredible ski vacation you can visit 4-5 different downhill ski areas. Whether your interests are in downhill or cross-country we offer a multitude of options.



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MOUNTAIN BIKING/FAT TIRE BIKING

The growing sport of mountain biking has taken hold here in the Western U.P. and has become a biker's paradise. The Ottawa National Forest provides a wide variety of mountain biking opportunities ranging from well-maintained and signed loops to more challenging cross-country travel. Copper Peak Trails highlight elevation change from the banks of the Black River, around the ski-jump base, with the last 2 miles being a fun downhill section. The area's newest trail, the Split Rock Trail, is located east of Wakefield. The Keweenaw offers more than 37 miles of singletrack amid miles of untamed forestland dotted with unique geological features overlooking Lake Superior. Biking experts from across the globe come to Copper Harbor to get tested by these gnarly, highly technical trails! There are other singletrack trails that

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KAYAKING/CANOEOING

Explore the variety of waters awaiting you from the whitewater kayaking sea kayaking the mighty Lake Superior! Explore rock formations, discover waterfalls, or Lake Gogebic, the largest inland lake in the Upper Peninsula — or travel our pristine rivers. Never kayaked before? Many of our resorts have rental service.



FISHING/ICE FISHING

Fishing in the Western U.P. is good clean fun! Our endless variety of lakes and rivers will provide you with whatever type of fishing you want, from Lake Superior charter boat fish-

ing, to fishing with a float tube on a small secluded lake, and everything in between. As well as some great fall or winter fishing tournaments on Lake Gogebic! Many of the resorts around Lake Gogebic offer bait and tackle shops and good fishing "advise".

Our area is well known for its excellent ice fishing. Whether you are looking to hook walleye, perch, bass, northern pike, whitefish, lake trout or a variety of panfish — we have you covered even during the winter months!



HUNTING

The Western U.P. is a hunter's paradise. Whitetail deer, Black Bear and Grouse hunting are all popular in the forests of our area. Other small game fowl and fur-bearing hunting is also great up here! Many resorts in our area are your full-service base camps for a great hunting experience.

WATERFALLS

There are more than 150 waterfalls across this breathtaking area. In the Autumn, the waterfalls are framed by maple crimson and aspen gold. In the winter, they create strange ice formations. All are spectacles of white splendor that are sure to make any vacation memorable.



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Lake of the Clouds

The WESTERN UPPER PENINSULA has a rich and fascinating history. Its vast resources of iron ore, copper, and its connection with the Great Lakes water system make it one of the world's premiere landmarks. It is a region of land at the northern most part of the United States covering an area of over 40,000 square miles where historic and cultural sites are scattered throughout the natural geographic features of the landscape. But together they become one of the most significant historical accounts of natural and cultural history in the world.

Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park

At roughly 60,000 acres, Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park is Michigan's largest state park and one of the few remaining large wilderness areas in the Midwest. It's home to a 35,000-acre old-growth forest, roaring waterfalls, miles of rivers and streams, more than 90 miles of hiking trails, a modern and rustic campground, back-country camping, the Lake Superior shoreline and unrivaled vistas.

The park boasts many popular natural attractions, including Lake of the Clouds (with an accessible viewing area), the scenic Presque Isle River corridor. Other attractions include the Summit Peak observation tower, Porcupine Mountains Ski Area, an 18-hole disc golf course and much more.

The popular Porkies Visitor Center offers interpretive programs, an exhibit hall, information on trail conditions, Wi-Fi, a gift shop and more. Website: www.mi.gov/porkies

Michigan's Iron Belle Trail

Jump on the longest designated state trail in the nation as you hike or bike your way between Belle Isle Park in Detroit and Ironwood in the Upper Peninsula. Explore pristine forests, pass cool rivers and visit charming towns, and find out why Michigan is known as "The Trails State." The 1,273-mile hiking route (69% complete) incorporates a large portion of the existing North Country National Scenic Trail. It traverses the west side of the Lower Peninsula and borders Lake Superior in the Upper Peninsula. The 791-mile bicycle route utilizes existing multi-use trails and follows US-2, a designated national bicycling route in the Upper Peninsula. Excellent handicapped access from Bessmer to Ironwood. **Facebook:** MI Iron BelleTrail.

Discover the Heritage

Trail System in Ironwood The Miners Memorial Heritage Park encompasses the former iron ore mining locations within the City of Ironwood (locally known as the caves area). The discovery of these mines resulted in the establishment of the City of Iron-

wood in the latter part of the 19th century. The last iron ore mine in the City of Ironwood closed in 1966. Take the trails for hiking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and more! The trail winds thru the rustic area for two and a half miles.

Each summer, attend the Art in Miner's Park exhibit to see pieces by local artists.

Follow on Facebook: Friends of the Miners Memorial Heritage Park.

Adventure Mine

200 Adventure Ave. Greenland, MI 49929

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www.adventureminetours.com

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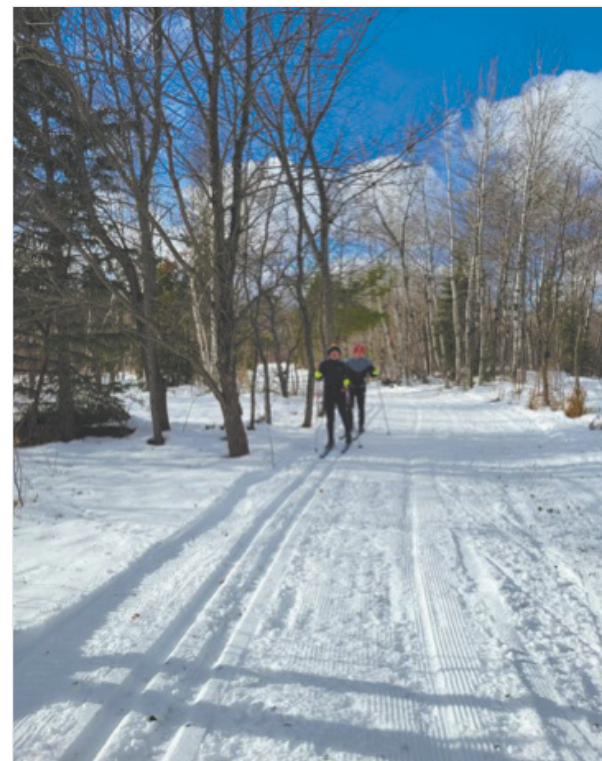
million pounds of native copper from the ground. We invite you to step back in time in the world's greatest copper district to experience one of Michigan's best-preserved historic mines. Since 2004, the Adventure Mining Company has offered a variety of historic underground mine tours and mining educational workshops. Opens May 27 to October. Different types of tours are available: Prospector's Tour, Miner's Tour, Captain's Tour & Mining Educational Program. All have different time schedules. Check website.

Sylvania Wilderness

Few Wilderness areas compare to Sylvania with its old growth forest and pristine lakes. Leave your motors and wheels behind and enjoy the solitude of this fantastic 19,000-acre wilderness area. Here you will find 34 named lakes – some with sandy beaches, others surrounded by record-sized pines. Many of the lakes are connected by portages, and campsites have been established. Spend the afternoon exploring Sylvania and you might just see a rare orchid, a bald eagle, loons and osprey. This wilderness area offers canoe and kayak camping, 30 miles of hiking trails. Trails are well suited for both day hiking and backpacking trips. Car camping is also available in the beautiful forest at Clark Lake.

The Cisco Chain of Lakes is a spectacular destination for fishing, boating and other outdoor activities. The famous chain is made up of 15 lakes with over 270 miles of scenic shoreline. Nestled in colorful forests with abounding wildlife, the Cisco chain is one of the largest chain of lakes in the world. These pristine lakes are dotted with many islands for picnicking and exploring.

As for fishing, the spring-fed waters offer excellent fishing for Walleye, Northern Pike, Muskies, Bass and Panfish. Notably, the current state record Muskie was caught in Thousand Island Lake in 1980. www.watersmeet.org



Lighthouses

Did you know there are over 40 lighthouses in the Upper Peninsula? With so much Great Lakes shoreline, there are quite a few in each region of the U.P. Below are those along Lake Superior in our Western Upper Peninsula.

Copper Harbor Lighthouse

9879 Woodland Dr

The current lighthouse was built in 1866 on the tip of the eastern point of land that hugs the harbor. It aided in the transport of copper from the U.P. Ships carrying immigrants, supplies, and equipment increased dramatically.

On February 22, 1974, the lighthouse was designated a Michigan State Historic Site.

On June 7, 2012, it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

This lighthouse is now a part of the Ft. Wilkins State Park Complex and can be seen from the Copper Harbor viewing deck.

Eagle Harbor Lighthouse Station & Museum

670 Lighthouse Rd, Mohawk, MI

Situated sixteen miles west of Copper Harbor, Eagle Harbor was first settled in 1844 by Edward Taylor, who built a log warehouse and extended wooden piers into the harbor. The following year, the Eagle Harbor Mining Company arrived and built the expansive Eagle Harbor House, which opened to boarders in 1846 and remains standing today. The Eagle Harbor Mining Company was one of many enterprises prospecting for rich veins of copper on the Keweenaw Peninsula.

Eagle Harbor Lighthouse was de-staffed on January 8, 1982, when Jerry McKinney, who had been serving there for less than a year, was transferred. This change left Two Harbors Lighthouse in Minnesota as the only staffed lighthouse on Lake Superior. The Keweenaw County Historical Society was granted temporary stewardship of the lighthouse property in 1982 and then



full ownership in 1999, after the Coast Guard accessed the station. The society maintains four museums at the light station: a keeper's museum in the lighthouse, a maritime museum in the fog signal building, a fishing museum in the white keeper's dwelling, and a Keweenaw history museum in the station's garage. The brown light keeper's cottage near the lighthouse is available for week-long rentals.

Sand Point Lighthouse

Lighthouse Rd, Baraga

The Sand Point Lighthouse is located on the west side of Keweenaw Bay at the Ojibwa Campground and Recreation Area in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Owned by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, the keepers dwelling has recently been restored to its original design. The dwelling is not open, but visitors are



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www.keweenaw.info

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welcome to tour the grounds.

The Sand Point Light Station was first lit in 1878 and replaced by a steel skeletal tower at the shoreline in 1922. This automated light is presently an active aid to navigation in Keweenaw Bay. The keepers dwelling is red brick with white trim and a square brick tower that once contained a fifth order Fresnel lens. The Sand Point Lighthouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Sand Hills Lighthouse

6029 5 Mile Point Rd, Ahmeek, MI

Sand Hills was an active lighthouse on the shore of

Lake Superior and has been converted into a bed and breakfast. It is located in Ahmeek in Keweenaw County in the Keweenaw Peninsula, which is the northern part of the Upper Peninsula in Michigan. It was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1994. (may be closed for restoration)

Ontonagon Lighthouse

The oldest standing lighthouse on the mainland of the Keweenaw Peninsula. Keepers and their families lived in the lighthouse from its opening in 1866, until it was deactivated in 1963.

Book a tour at the Ontonagon Museum and tour all

3 levels including the tower and lantern. Self-guided tours from 11am-3pm.



THE ARTS

Historic Ironwood Theatre

109 East Aurora St. Ironwood

906-932-0618

www.ironwoodtheatre.net

Ironwood has kept many historical buildings, each worthy of a visit. The Ironwood Theatre in downtown was built as a vaudeville and silent movie palace in 1928. It was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1985. Today a non-profit organization operates the theatre and hosts numerous shows per year.

Some unique renovations include the ceiling Proscenium Mural and wall and beam decorations as well as the "Grand Old Lady", the Barton Organ.

It's one of only 6 remaining operable original installations, completely intact as it was on opening night, June 1928, and is regularly used for concert performances.

Theatre North

825 N. Lake Rd, Ironwood

906-932-4371

www.theatrenorth.info

Theatre North features performances by the theatre in-house group and also sponsors children's theatre workshops & productions. It is included in: Historical Downtown Walking Tour.

The 1st tour (self-guided) of the commercial district highlights 12 sites, starting with the original Ironwood Historical Society building on McLeod Ave. and visiting Theatre North, the 1925 Sears Roebuck building, and the 1892 Railroad Depot, ending at the Carnegie Library, built in 1901.

The 2nd tour of the residential district begins at the 1921 Memorial Building and includes stops at the 1895 Curry House and the 1925-built L.L. Wright High School and ends at the 1886 Church of the Transfiguration.

Ontonagon Theatre of Performing Arts

311 N. Steel St, Ontonagon, MI 49953

www.ontonagontheater.org

In the early 1920's the Ontonagon Twp Memorial Building was built. The second floor was turned into the theatre.

The theater was used until the early 1950's, then it fell into disrepair. In 1997, the citizens of Ontonagon decided they needed a proper theater and restoration efforts began.

The theater offers cultural, interactive & educational experiences for all age groups, and it restored a sense of community for the people of the Ontonagon area.

MUSEUMS

Old Victoria Restoration Site

Victoria Dam Road, PO Box 43

Rockland MI 49960

oldvictoria1899@gmail.com

906-886-2617

Visit us on Facebook

This historical town was built in 1899 by the Victoria Copper Mining Company, once a thriving mining town with 70 homes, which operated until 1921.

Four log cabins have been restored at their original remote mining location, giving visitors a true feeling of the life faced by copper miners and their families.

Open June 15-Labor Day.

This cooperating site of the Keweenaw National Historical Park.

Ontonagon County

Historical Society Museum

422 River St. PO Box 92

Ontonagon, MI 49953

906-884-6165

www.ontonagonmuseum.org

Located in downtown Ontonagon, this may be one of the best small-town museums you'll ever see. There are thousands of fascinating artifacts that speak volumes of the shipping, mining and logging eras,

all local history displays with photographs, reading room, genealogy research and gift shop. Housed here is a replica of the Ontonagon Boulder, a 3,708 pound copper mass that sparked a copper rush in the Upper Peninsula in the mid 1800s. The original boulder is at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C.

Open 10-4:00pm (ET) Tues-Sat.

Rockland Twp Historical Museum

40 National Ave. PO Box 296

Rockland, MI 49960

906-886-2821 or 906-886-2645

The museum is dedicated to the history of Rockland Township's people, copper mines, businesses, and first telephone system in the state of Michigan.

Its collections include photographs, newspapers, documents, and artifacts relating to mining, farming, military, schools, and household goods.

Open daily from Memorial Day to mid Oct. 11:30am-4:30pm (ET) and by appointment.

The Depot Park Museum

150 Lowell St, Ironwood, MI 49938

906-932-0287

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This beautifully restored structure of Lake Superior sandstone and red brick, Chicago & Northwestern Railway Depot, is now a museum featuring iron mining displays, railroad memorabilia, Ironwood community, culture, and regional historical artifacts. The museum is open Memorial Day thru Labor Day, Mon.-Sat. 12-4pm(ct). Ironwood Chamber of Commerce is located in the Depot, and open year-round from 7am-2pm, Mon. thru Fri. Stop in and pick up area brochures and maps.

Wakefield Historical

Society Museum

306 Sunday Lake St. PO Box 114

Wakefield, MI 49968

906-224-1045

A true hometown museum, the displays reflect the humble lives of the families who built Wakefield and shortly thereafter, the beginning of extensive mining operations, plus, the first school classes being conducted in the railroad's section house. Much of the museum's space is dedicated to the difficult work of the miners and loggers, who supported those families and accelerated the town's growth.

The museum building was completed in 1887, serving as the first doctor's home, office and hospital. The dangers of living in this early northern frontier provided daily excitement for the tiny clinic, not always with a happy ending.

Many believe that the spirits of some of those who passed there still reside in the 135 year-old building!

Tentative hrs: Mid June thru Mid Sept. Monday-Saturday 1:00-4:00pm (ct)

Wakefield Visitors Center

906-224-2222

Before you start your Western UP adventure be sure to stop at the Wakefield Visitor's Center operated by the Chamber of Commerce.

Located on Hwy M-28 just north of US 2, the Center provides free maps and brochures, and is staffed by knowledgeable volunteers who can tailor their advice to your group's needs and preferences. Just outside, on the shore of beautiful Sunday Lake, visit Peter Toth's enormous Whispering Giant sculpture, Nee-Gaw-Nee-Gaw-Bow (The Leading Man).

Gifts and souvenirs are always available in the Center's shop including local guide and history books. Items of regional interest such as locally produced maple syrup, copper mining samples, puzzles and games, and of course "Yooper" memorabilia fill the shelves.

Tues-Fri 9am-5pm Sat. 10am-3pm (ct)

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LAKE GOGEBIC:

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MLS#50093541 191' of level lake frontage on the East Shore of Beautiful Lake Gogebic. Heavily wooded with easy access to the water, underground electricity along East Shore Rd.

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Gogebic Lodge Resort/ Restaurant/Bar	X	X		X	X	X		S	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	LG	X	85	30	5	X	906-842-3321 www.gogebiclodge.com	X
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Lake Gogebic Motel & Sled Rental	X		X			X				X			X						X	50	25	10	X	Phone 906-575-3557 www.lakegogebicmotel.com	X
Root Cellar Resort/Restaurant	X	X	X	X	X				X	X				X	X		X	LG	X	105	35	10		906-365-2021 www.therootcellarresort.com	X
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LAKE GOGEBIC AREA																		
Almost a Castle on Lake Gogebic	1	X	15	5	3.5	X	F	X	X		X	X	28	5	X	Alex & Jean Elkins	10282 M-64 Marenisco www.almostacastleonlakegogebic.com	608-575-1343
Bayview Chain/Porcupine Point	1	X	8	3	1	X	F	X	X	X	X	X	25	25	X	Lisa Borseth	14695 E. Shore Rd., Bergland, MI 49910 www.lisaborseth.com	906-250-1199
Cabin Creek	1	X	10	4	2	X	F	X	X	X	X	X	30	5	X	Holly Michelli	N9615 M 64 Marenisco West Shore of Lake Gogebic www.cabincreekupmi.com	906-250-9246
Gogebic Heights	2	X	16	8	5	X	F/HT	X			X		30	13	X	Shawn & Jo Ann Montie	N9456 St. Hwy. M-64, Marenisco, MI 49947 www.gogebicheights.com	906-842-3322
Northern Delights	1	X	12	4	3	X	F/HT	X	X		X	X	30	9	X	Renee Brandt	14695 E. Shore Rd., Bergland, MI 49910 Email: renee49947@yahoo.com	906-250-1199
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Ottawa National Forest & Visitors Center in Watersmeet

The almost one million acres of the Ottawa National Forest located in the Western Upper Peninsula of Michigan extends from the south shore of Lake Superior to the Wisconsin border. The area is rich in wildlife viewing opportunities; breathtaking view of rolling hills dotted with lakes, rivers and waterfalls; and spectacular fall colors. BUT you must see it to believe it!

The ONF provides a wide variety of canoeing, kayaking, and boating experiences along with high quality warm and cold-water fishing opportunities. The ONF encompasses over 500 lakes, 2000 miles of wild and scenic rivers, and access to Lake Superior at Black River Harbor.

Hiking trails offer something for everyone. More than 196 miles of hiking and backpacking trails vary widely in character. Some provide short, easy walks to points of interest, such as waterfalls and historic sites. Cross-country travel is also another challenging opportunity offered.

The Ottawa National Forest is known as waterfall country! Trails mark the way to many of the waterfalls. Visit these beautiful areas all year long! In the summer, flora and fauna adorn the shoreline of the falls, and the plummeting winter temperatures create an eerie wonderland of ice and snow.

The ONF provides a variety of camping opportunities, including campground camping, wilderness camping and dispersed camping. All are accessible by road and most service both tent and campers. They are located near lakes or rivers and offer some fishing opportunities.

The ONF works closely

with our partners and volunteers to offer a variety of cross-country skiing on groomed trails. Whether you are an expert skier, or a beginner, you're sure to find a favorite trail that lets you enjoy the great outdoors all winter long.

The ONF has over 2,300 miles of Forest Service roads and trails open to off-highway vehicles (OHV's).

Free Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM's) are available to show what routes are open to OHV's and what routes are open to highway legal vehicles, and routes open to all vehicles. Maps are available at our offices and on the Forest website.

There are over 450 miles of groomed snowmobile trails within the Ottawa. These trails are maintained through a cooperative effort between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, numerous local snowmobile clubs, and USDA Forest Service.

The ONF offers a winter wonderland for snowshoe enthusiasts. Encompassing nearly one million acres, there is sure to be something for everyone on the beautiful snow-covered landscape. While there are no specific trails designated for snowshoeing, with a compass and map a person can go virtually anywhere on the Forest.

Ottawa Visitor's Center in Watersmeet

Located @ junction US Hwy 2 & US Hwy 45

No visit to the Ottawa National Forest is complete without visiting the Visitors Center! Here you will find recreation information, maps, and much more. The facility is packed with interpretive exhibits and animal mounts explaining the Forest's natural and cultural his-

tory. They offer a large selection of educational videos to be viewed in the auditorium. Thursday evening programs are held during the summer months. Topics may include wildlife, photography, history, weather, and forest management.

The Visitors Center and interpretive trail are fully accessible, and no fees are charged for admission to the center, or to attend the interpretive programs on Thursdays.

Also located within the Visitor's Center is the BEAR'S DEN sales outlet. It offers many environmental books, Ottawa apparel, unique gifts and other nature-related items to purchase. Proceeds from sales (after expenses) go back to the Ottawa in the form of grants for interpretive projects around the Ottawa. Open Summer: May-September.

Available at the Ottawa Visitor Center:

- ~ Forest Information
- ~ Visitor/Recreation Information
- ~ Forest Product Permits (please call ahead for availability of permits)
- ~ Interagency Passes
- Visit News & Events

Schedule at: www.fs.usda.gov/ottawa

Need to contact the Ottawa National Forest?

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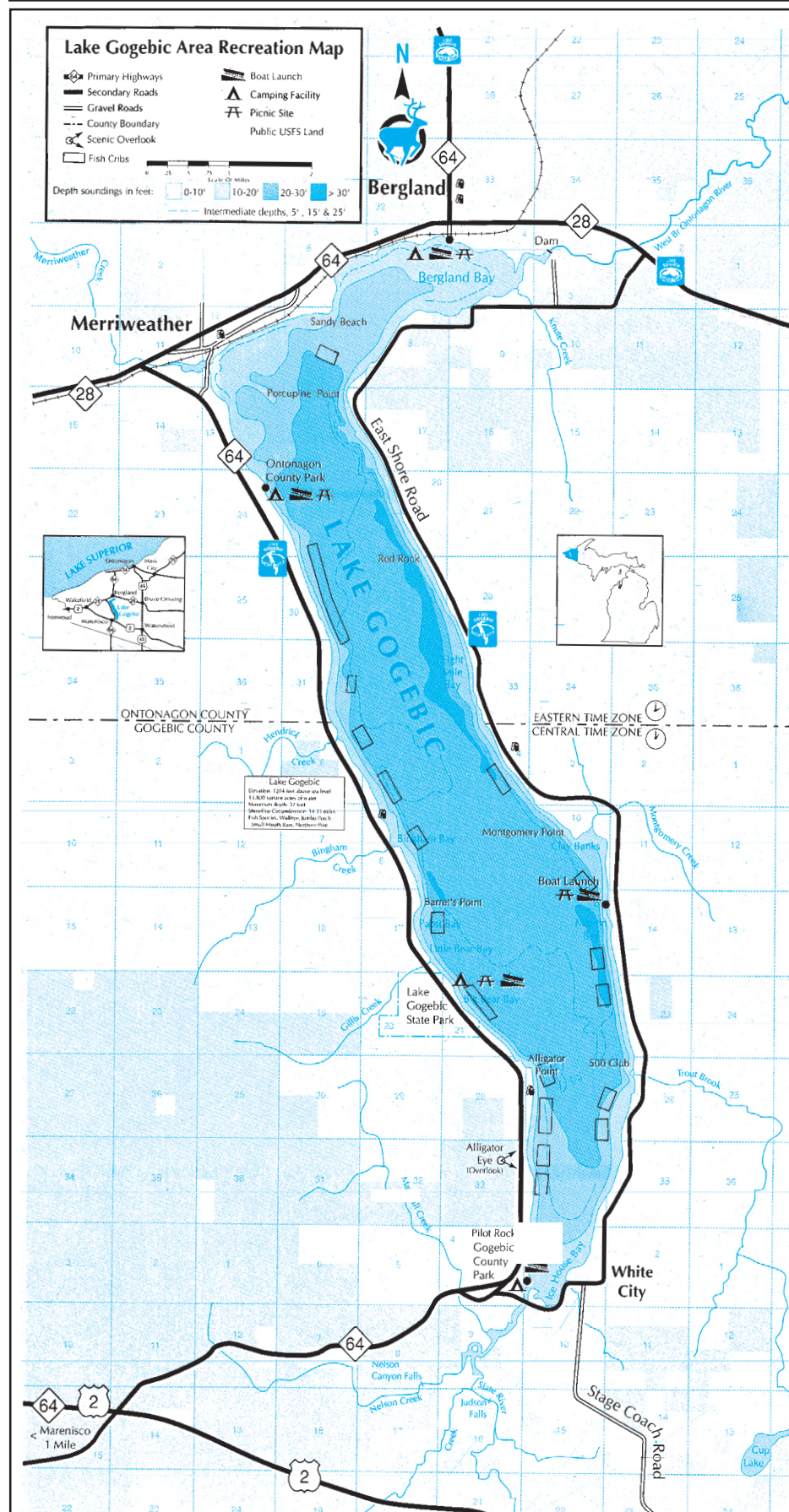
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MI-TRALE

Michigan Trails and Recreation Alliance of Land and the Environment is an organization dedicated to the development, maintenance, safe use and enjoyment of multi-use trails in the Western Upper Peninsula (UP) of Michigan.

One of the ways we make sure our trails are maintained for safe riding is to clear them of metal debris. From 2018 to 2022, our Super Magnet has enabled us to remove 3,300 pounds of iron from our trails! If you find a hazard while riding, please mark it or, if possible, move it to the side of the trail. Your good trail etiquette is appreciated by all.

With over 500 miles of trails to maintain, we are always looking for help to keep them in the best condition possible. May through August are the crucial months for trail maintenance. We welcome all assistance so the ORV community can have the best ever riding experience while on our trails.

Visit our website (www.mi-trale.org) for detailed information on trails for ATVs/ORVs, Equestrians, Paddlers, Hikers, Bicycle



Riders and how to become a member!

We work closely with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Ottawa National Forest (ONF) and many local businesses and landowners. This gives us the best selection of maintained, multi-use trails and schedule of recreational events for our Western UP community.

To follow are some activities we think you'll enjoy:

**MI-TRALES 14th ANNUAL
SENIOR FALL COLOR ORV
RIDE-September 28, 2023**

MI-TRALE provides seniors with the opportunity to get out and enjoy the natural wonders and

Fall foliage from the seat of a Side-by-Side (SxS) ORV. Volunteer drivers take the seniors for a 15 mile ride along the BN (Bill Nichols) Trail to the triple trestles over the Firesteel River, then continues to Twin Lakes for a wonderful pasty lunch. Join the ride by registering for a seat or you can also be a volunteer driver. This means you would donate your time and SxS, (if you are of age), to give a senior a ride. Please check our website for updates and registration.

ANNUAL S.P.O.R.T. RIDE
-June 10th & 11th 2023

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On two weekends during the Summer, the state of Michigan provides a free ORV riding weekend, no licenses or permits are required. The first opportunity is always the second weekend in June. The second free weekend is August 19 & 20.

MI-TRALE supports the June free weekend by holding our annual SPORT Ride (State Park Off Road Trek). The ride originates from Twin Lakes State Park, with some coffee and cookies to help get us started, and runs between 70-90 miles. The routes taken differ each year. Watch the MI-TRALE website for updates and lunch plans.

COPPERFEST GUIDED HISTORIC ORV RIDE

MI-TRALE sponsors this ride held each July during the Ontonagon Copperfest Days in Ontonagon, MI. The ride starts from Ontonagon, at the old railroad depot and continues to Lake Victoria. The day is spent learning about the copper mining history of the area, as well as visiting some previous mine sites; such as the one at Old Victoria Village. Check our website.

MI-TRALE ORV CLUB RIDES--Everyone is welcome to come along!

MI-TRALE generally schedules a monthly ride. Some are on weekends and some are on weekdays. We invite the ORV public to join our mem-



bers and lay down the first tracks of the year with our Spring Ride. We usually hold this ride in May and it is a "Waterfall" Ride that visits local waterfalls on our trail system. Check our web page for updates.

HOLIDAY EVENTS AND PARADES

MI-TRALE participates in several community events. Please join us, it's always a fun day!

We can be seen at local area 4th of July Parades, the Ontonagon Labor Day Parade, the Ewen Log Jamboree and the Ontonagon Christmas Parade. The crowds at the 2022 Ontonagon Labor Day



Parade seemed to last forever and our fellow participants were great! Become a MI-TRALE member and ride your machine with us in some of the 2023 parades.

THE MI-TRALE MAP APP

Major changes have been made to the base map format and the app

has been upgraded to be more responsive. You will find improved resolution and more graphic content as you zoom in. We will continue to make upgrades to this map in the future to make sure it meets and exceeds the

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Is Michigan's largest island hiding in the Keweenaw Peninsula?

By Brad Barnett, Executive Director of the Keweenaw Convention & Visitors Bureau

Surrounded by four of the five Great Lakes and home to numerous inland lakes, the Mitten State is gifted with an abundant collection of islands. While lacking in palm trees and coconut drinks, many of Michigan's islands are steeped in history, wildlife, and plenty of spectacular shorelines for relaxing afternoons on sandy (or rocky) beaches. With heavy hitters like Mackinac Island, Drummond Island and Isle Royale, visitors have lots of options to choose from.

But did you know Michigan's largest island may very well be hiding within the Upper Peninsula in plain sight?

THE CASE FOR "KUPARISAARI" – COPPER ISLAND

According to most geographic records with any authority, Michigan's largest island is Isle Royale. Located in Lake Superior and coming in at approximately 205 square miles in area, this national park holds the official title. The 45 mile long island and its collection of 450 smaller islands attracts outdoor enthusiasts from across the globe interested in its pristine trails and Northwoods wildlife.

But located due south by approximately 55 miles is the coast of "Kuparisaari", which translates to "Copper Island" in English. Kuparisaari was the Finnish name of the northern half of Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula bestowed by the immigrants who ventured to remote region in the mid- 1800s in search of



GOOGLE EARTH

Copper Island

copper ore. And while the copper rush came to an end nearly 60 years ago, the "island" designation still seems apt.

According to Dr. Don Lafreniere, Associate Professor of Geography and Geographic Information Systems at Michigan Technological University, the verdict is clear cut. "Yes, it is technically, and absolutely, an island," Lafreniere explained. "According to the Oxford Essential Geographical Dictionary, an island is defined as 'a landmass that is totally surrounded by water and is a minimum of 100 feet long in any direction and a minimum of 50 feet from the main shoreline'. This distinction is to overcome small changes to rivers such as oxbows and such".

As Google Earth image

shows, the northern portion of the Keweenaw Peninsula is surrounded by water and is only connected to the "mainland" via the Portage Lake Lift Bridge. With Lake Superior to the north, east, and west, The Keweenaw Waterway to the south, "Kuparisaari" appears to meet the technical definition of an island. And while not a precise measurement, an outline would put the area of Copper Island at approximately 560 square miles....more than double the size of Isle Royale.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE KEWEENAW WATERWAY

So why isn't "Kuparisaari" fully recognized as Michigan's largest island? According to Lafreniere, "Some will argue that it is an unofficial island be-

cause the north entry canal is man-made but that does not disqualify it from being an island."

Today, the Keweenaw Waterway cuts through the Keweenaw Peninsula and separates the northern half from the rest of the Upper Peninsula. Comprised of several linked bodies of water, including Portage Canal, Torch Lake, and Portage Lake, the waterway offers access to Lake Superior from both upper and lower entries.

The waterway, as we know it, was augmented by several separate efforts beginning in 1860. During the second half of the 19th century, the region's booming copper industry created an appetite for more efficient maritime transportation routes to get the red metal to mar-

ket quicker and cheaper. The creation of the Portage Lake Ship Canal, which linked Keweenaw Bay on the eastern side of the Keweenaw Peninsula with Portage Lake, was opened in June 1860. It was constructed by several local individuals, who later organized the Portage Lake and River Improvement Canal. In 1864, the Portage Lake & Lake Superior Company was formed, facilitated by the U.S. Government and several mining companies, to connect Portage Lake to Lake Superior on the western side of the Keweenaw Peninsula.

Construction began in 1868. While financial mismanagement led that company to go bankrupt, a second effort by the Lake Superior Ship, Canal, Railway and Iron Company

eventually completed the project in 1874. In 1890, the U.S. Government purchased both the eastern and western canals for a sum of \$350,000.

THE FINAL VERDICT

It's hard to argue against Dr. LaFreniere's assessment, but we at Visit Keweenaw are admittedly a bit biased. We'd love to see "Kuparisaari" take its rightful place atop the storied annals of Michigan's most beloved islands. But what do you think? Should a petition campaign to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names commence?

SOURCES

Bowling Green State University, GLMS 18 – Portage and Lake Superior Canals Collection <https://lib.bgsu.edu/finding-aids/items/show/732>

Fishing Lake Gogebic & Our Many Beautiful Lakes In The National Forest

By Gene Kauranen

I would like to say "hello" on behalf of my wife Kathy and myself. We sure do miss all the people we have met over our 30 years in business. We had such loyal customers and friends and employees while we owned the Root Cellar and we are ever grateful.

During that time, I wrote many articles for the Chamber paper and was blessed by the opportunity to take many outdoor sports writers out fishing and filming for the Midwest Outdoors television program. I did my own Fishing program on Lake Gogebic for a while, and many of you may recall the Deer Hunters Round up that I was a part of while we owned the Root Cellar.

Some great memories were made, and we sure had a ton of fun!

Fishing on Lake Gogebic has encountered some changes over the years and many of the changes have been very good. The size limit on Smallmouth Bass used to be 10" and gradually increased to 14". This made for a great fishery! The size limit on Walleye was 13". That was changed to keeping 2 fish at 13" and 3 fish at 15" for your total of 5 limit. I feel this has also resulted in a stronger supply of walleyes. The increase of size limit of Northern from 20" to 24" seems to have been positive also and they seem to be caught more frequently.

I've also noticed and heard from others, the

Crappie and Bluegills are coming on stronger, especially at the North end of Lake Gogebic. This includes the Jumbo Perch population. Today everyone wants to have a 15" Perch to hang on their wall. And they are in there! The DNR has put stricter limits on the amount of Perch you can keep and personally, I feel that is a benefit for the lake as they are the main food source for the Walleye.

Lake Gogebic has always been a lake where the wind is one of the biggest indicators of where you will find fish. When I was guiding and clients would ask me where we are going to fish the next day, I would tell them, "we will wait and see which way the wind is going to be coming from in the

morning and then decide".

I am, primarily, a lead Jig fisherman and anchor my boat on ledges and drop offs, casting to the upper ledge and working my jig down and back to the boat. I bait the jig with a minnow or leech, depending on the season, I use 6-8# Trylene XL green line and 1/6 or 1/4 oz weights with color combinations of pink with white hair, chartreuse with white hair, blue with white or black with white, on the jigs. Most of the time when weeds are up, I'll use a slip bobber with a leech or a night crawler. This is usually July-August, but weed beds are also a good place to fish all fall. They provide a great food source.

So many folks coming up to our area miss out on the

hidden treasures we have up here in the Ottawa National Forest where you will find a wealth of small lakes offering some excellent fishing! The Forestry Office on US 2 between Bessemer and Ironwood have some great maps of these waters and all the roads getting to them. When I'm not chasing Walleye on Lake Gogebic, I have a great time, and just love fishing for panfish on these lakes. Some mighty fine eating! For panfish, my line is usually 4# test and my bobber is the size of a nickel with a No.6 Aberdeen hook. I use my 19' boat for the big Lakes, but primarily use my 14' boat for the smaller lakes. Most of the lakes have boat landings, yet others I have to find an alternative way to

launch my small boat, dragging it through brush to the waters' edge. A person may even want to try taking a kayak to some of those little lakes that are a challenge to get to.

I'm getting older, have some health challenges, so it's getting harder for me to access those. However, it is still a pleasure for me to just sit in my boat with a cup of coffee and a sandwich with nothing but Mother Nature surrounding me. What more can a guy ask for?

I want to remind you to always practice safety and wear your life jacket out there.

It's been a GREAT life in the GREAT outdoors! Best of luck to you all!!



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The 17th Porcupine Mountains Music Festival will be held August 25 and 26, 2023. Get your tickets at porkiesfestival.org!



Kids' Outdoor Skills Academy

The Outdoor Skills Academy gets kids outside to learn lifelong skills. This year we focused on a park favorite: archery! Thirty summer programs, eight guided hikes, and twelve Junior Naturalist programs connected 5,500 visitors to the unique and wild beauty of the Porcupine Mountains.



The Friends supported the interpretive staff by volunteering, purchasing equipment, and working with the Park on many projects throughout the year.

Several school groups enjoyed an adventure-filled program through the historic copper mining sites in the park. Others used the new archery range and practiced skills in emergency fire building.

Your donations will help us continue these programs for years to come!
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New class offerings in 2022 included beginning broom making and knitting bags, socks, and slippers. Back by popular demand were fused glass, blacksmithing, stained glass, charcuterie board, and nature printing.

The Folk School Committee is busily working on the lineup of classes for 2023. Watch porkies.org/events and our social media for info as soon as it's available. Grab some friends and get your spot!



FRIENDS OF THE PORKIES



Trails Fund

The largest single group of visitors to the Porkies is trail users, and as their numbers increase, help provided by the Friends' Trails Fund will be needed more than ever. It finances some of the repair and rehabilitation and improved signage of trails in the Park.

The Trails supporter decal design has been refreshed for 2023, and you can receive one for a \$25 donation. Visit porkies.org/donations



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user's needs. You can get the app in the Play Store or Apple Store. Search for "Michigan UP Trails." Please go to our website and share your comments with us. Your input is valued.

Check out the Trip Planner in the Apps menu (top left). There are 15 planned rides giving you trails you will be using, sites you'll see, mileage and places to stop. Below is a sample of one of the trips:

Lake Gogebic South Loop Trip – using the ES, SL, CR, CE & SB Routes – 65 miles

Sites - Lake Gogebic, Waterfall, back country of the UP

Starting in Bergland heading south on the ES Route use caution on the paved portion as you travel south along the east shore of beautiful Lake Gogebic where you will head to the SL Route. Go west on the SL and enjoy a stop in Marenisco before heading back east on the SL to the CR Route. Next-head north on the CR to stop at Kakabika Falls and wander back on the hiking trail. It's more beautiful the further you hike in. Continue

northeast on the CR to the CE Route and head north up the CE past traditional deer camps and farmlands. Enjoy the beautiful views. Take a break at Steusser Lake, continue north on CE to the SB Route then head west on the SB, which is an old railroad grade. The SB will take you through the town of Ewen. You can enjoy a stop at a local business. Continue on the SB west back to the town of Bergland and beautiful Lake Gogebic. They have lots to offer!

MI-TRALE PAPER TRAIL MAPS can be purchased at local area businesses and via our website under the "ORV ATV" tab.

GEOCACHING ON THE TRAILS

MI-TRALE sponsors over 15 geocaches throughout our trail system. This is an intriguing outdoor activity. You use your GPS to find "hidden treasures." Go to our website and click on the "Club Stuff" tab and there you will find the "Geocaching" option for basic information on the sport. Go to the official website of the sport, www.geocaching.com, if you desire more detailed informa-



tion. Check out our trails and see how good of an explorer you are!

WATER TRAILS OF MICHIGAN

Water trails are for non-motorized vessels like kayaks, canoes or rafts. All of our 15+ water trails are located in Michigan's Ontonagon, Houghton, Gogebic and Baraga Counties and shown on our MI-TRALE Map App and our Multi-Use Trail Map. Below is a sample of what you can enjoy:

West Branch of the Ontonagon River - Lake Gogebic to Norwich Bluff

17 miles. Class II+. If you put in at the old bridge just below the dam

on Lake Gogebic, the first half-mile down to the State Highway M-28 Bridge (optional put-in) has very fast water with almost no eddies. One drop is often an easy Class III, depending on water levels. Otherwise, there are numerous Class II rapids throughout the first 11 or 12 miles to Cascade



Creek, followed by 5 miles of flat water to the bridge on Norwich Road at the Norwich Bluffs. The terrain throughout is quite wild, with a couple nice views of rock bluffs. Other than a hunting camp or two, you will see no signs of civilization between bridges. Check the USGS Flow

Gauge online for the dam at Lake Gogebic. 200-600 cfs is best. 600 is exciting, with all the rocks covered. 200 is quite boney. This run is usually doable for several weeks in the Spring, sometimes in the

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44th Annual LGACC Fall Walleye Tournament in memory of John Murphy, Jr.

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TAGGED FISH CONTEST AND MONTHLY FISHING CONTEST RESULTS

Twenty-nine fish were tagged again this spring. One \$1000 walleye, eight \$500 walleye, and twenty \$250 (walleye, northern pike, perch and smallmouth bass) were tagged and swimming around just waiting to take a bite of some lucky fisherman's bait!

Our Lake Gogebic Tagged Fish Contest & Monthly Fishing Contest run from May 15 thru September 15. To participate in our contests, the first thing you must do is purchase a \$5.00 fishing contest button at one of the area businesses.

Each month anglers can win a \$25 Chamber gift certificate (which may be redeemed at any of the chamber businesses) for a walleye, perch, smallmouth bass or northern pike caught and registered (asap) at one of the participating businesses on the lake. AND be sure to register it, even if it isn't a whopper!

Our fishing contests are a way of thanking you for coming to Lake Gogebic to enjoy some fishing & relaxing on our beautiful lake. It also gives our fishing committee an idea how our lake fishery is doing. But most of all, it brings the anglers into our businesses where they get their fish entered in the contest and do a little "bragging about the big one that got away"!!

TAGGED FISH WINNERS:

\$250 - Small Mouth Bass - Rick Mantor - of Antigo, WI
\$250 - Northern Pike: Davis DeWolfe - of Luxemburg, WI
\$25 - 2021 Walleye - Bob

Usitalo - of Iron Mountain, MI

\$25 - 2020 Perch - Justin Hoerter - of Stevens Point, WI

MONTHLY FISHING

CONTEST WINNERS:

May 15 to June 14:
Walleye: Dave Powell - Antigo, WI - 25 inches long.

June 15 to July 14:
Northern Pike: Wayne Luepke - Centuria, WI - 27 inches long.

Walleye: Marcus Schwarz - Nappanee, IN - 25.75 inches long

Perch: Dennis Pike - Merriweather, MI - 13.75 inches long.

Small Mouth Bass: Lynn Reed - Hudson, WI - 19.25 inches.

July 15 to August 14:
Northern Pike: Tim McGuire - Crown Point, IN - 33.5 inches long.

Perch: Doug Holda - Denmark, WI - 14.5 inches long.

August 15 to Sept 15:
Northern Pike: Dan Buss - Elgin, IL - 33 1/8 inches long.

Walleye: Barb Wilson - Larson, WI - 16.75 inches long.

Perch: Cheryl Schwalback - Larson, WI - 13 inches long

Small Mouth Bass: Ed Selfe - Eldridge, IA - 18 1/2 inches long.

44th Annual LGACC Fall Walleye Tournament in Memory of John Murphy, Jr

Even with the total number of entrants down a bit this year, we had a good competition going between all the fishermen/women in our fall tournament. Our congratulations go out to all the winners and thank you to all who participated. We see a lot of familiar faces who have taken part in our tournaments for many years and we hear many sharing their "fishing stories" at the

awards presentation after the tournament.

We would like to give recognition to some special people who have fished the tournament for over 25 years, Jim and Carol Pace from Elgin, Illinois. Jim (92), Carol (83) and their extended family, Uncle Ray Sievert, son Dan Pace & grandson, brothers Andy, Dale & Dan Buss, as well as some friends. The tournament is their yearly "lake holiday" at the lake cottage. Oh my, the stories they have to share would fill this whole page & more! They all have won tournament prizes over the years. Some drive over 600 miles just to fish in the tournament and enjoy our beautiful, peaceful area. Carol attributes her and Jim's longevity to good times spent up here in "Gods country"!

Congratulations to our tournament winners!

First Place - \$2000 - Paul Hewlet of Norway, MI - 23 inches

2nd Place - \$1000 - Rick Mantor of Antigo, WI - 22 3/4 inches

3rd Place - \$300 - Keith Korns of Bryant, WI - 22 1/8 inches

4th Place - \$245 - Chris Whitburn of Wakefield MI - 22 inches

5th Place - \$215 - Vicky Cummings of Rhinelander, WI - 22 inches

6th Place - \$190 - Nate Mantor of Antigo, WI - 21 1/2 inches

7th Place - \$165 - Keith Oksuita of Waupaca, WI - 21 1/8 inches

8th Place - \$150 - Matt Warren of Deerbrook, WI - 21 1/8 inches

9th Place - \$120 - Joe Menghini of Vulcan, MI - 21 inches

10th - \$105 - Dick Bou-



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2022 fishing tourney Jim & Carol.

vette of Marenisco, MI - 21 inches

Friday \$50 winners:

Largest Perch - Nate Mantor of Antigo, WI - 13 1/8 inches

Largest Bass - Vincent Wilhelmi of Kingston, IL - 20 inches

Largest N. Pike - Dan Buss of Elgin, IL - 33 1/8 inches

Saturday \$50 winners:

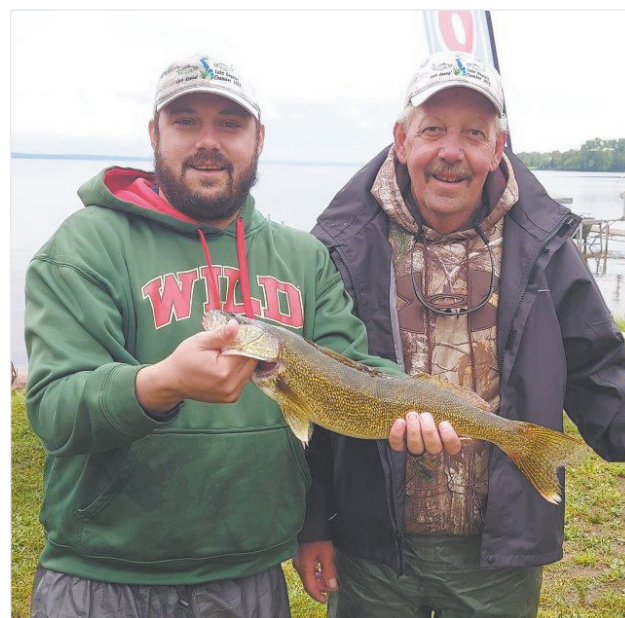
Largest Perch - Jill Meyer of Merriweather, MI - 14 1/8 inches

Largest Bass - Mike Strachen of Ishpeming, MI - 19 1/4 inches

Largest N. Pike - Kristi Lodewegen of New London, WI - 28 inches

Early Bird \$50 winner - Mark Johnson (guy who designs/makes tournament caps every year)

We hold our tournament in honor of a young man who began fishing our tournament at the age of 12 with his father. He became a professional tournament fisherman and holds record for largest walleye caught in



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2022 tourney pic Jim Pace.

a Master's Walleye Circuit and Cabela's. He passed away 2016 shortly before our fall tournament. His family has given so much in his honor to increase our prize amounts, for area high school scholarships, and to

promote lake improvements & amenities. Thank you to everyone who fished our fall walleye tournament. We appreciate your support of our lake fishery program.

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Summer after big rains and often in the Fall after the seasonal rains come.

MI-TRALEs COURTNEY EQUESTRIAN TRAILS & CAMPGROUND

Located in Mass City, Michigan is the Courtney Lake Recreational Area. The trails are mapped, marked and maintained by the volunteers of MI-TRALE under a partnership agreement with the Ottawa National Forest. We invite you to ride and enjoy these serene trails and campsites. Each October an Annual Camp & Ride outing takes place. The MI-TRALE website will post a firm date later this year. Many improvements and opportunities have been added over the

past couple of years--and there are more to come!

Camp, kayak, fish, ride horses, hike and bicycle over 18 miles of a very pleasant trail system. Only a small portion of the trails are open to motorized riders, who also experience a rather slow, quiet ride. The trails are mostly sandy and will take you over a few small hills and rises. They give you stunning views of peaceful lakes, ponds and a ravine near the Firesteel River. You will travel among beautiful varieties of forest vegetation and mature trees. Equestrian riders can go through a non-motorized river crossing that adds enjoyable tracks to their ride. During the Winter months, some of the trails are available for cross-country skiers and snowshoers.

There are 21 campsites with fire rings, tables and

lantern posts. Six campsites are set up for equestrians with high-lines and corrals. There are hitching posts and a solid mounting block at key areas of the campground. Latrines and potable water are also available.

The campground is open during the Summer months and is managed by Calderwood Services. Contact Fred: (906) 852-3232. The day use area is managed by the Ontonagon National Forest and has ample parking for equestrians who come to visit and ride the trails. For more information, please contact the Ontonagon Ranger District Office at: (906) 884-2085.

Visit the "Horse Trails" tab on our MI-TRALE website for updates and information, including other horse trails in the Western Upper Peninsula.

MI-TRALE OFFERS SAFETY TRAINING

We encourage safety training for all ages of ORV riders. In the Spring of 2023, MI-TRALE will provide the state required classroom safety training to over 80 young riders by our State of Michigan Certified Instructor. This ensures that the youth of our state have the opportunity to earn the legally required ORV Safety Certificate. It exposes them to the rules and responsibilities of riding an ORV in Michigan. It also increases the population of considerate and safety-minded riders on our trails. If you have any questions about ORV safety training classes, please contact us at mi-traletrainer@gmail.com , we will be happy to assist you. You will find firm dates on our web page.



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MI-TRALE volunteers and representatives of the Ottawa National Forest celebrate the 2022 Grand Opening of the Courtney Equestrian Campgrounds.

MI-TRALE 2023 CLUB MEETING

All of our club meetings take place at the Stannard Township Building, 14927 State Highway M28 East, Bruce Crossing, MI 49912. They are held on the first Monday of the month, with exceptions for occur-

ring holidays. Please feel free to come and attend any of our meetings. Hopefully, the information we have shared with you here will entice you to visit Michigan's beautiful UP for many enjoyable hours!

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Copper Peak Ski Jump

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FIS ski jumping could be just a few years away from returning to Gogebic County. FIS ski jumping events at Copper Peak have been "out of commission" for nearly 30 years.

Copper Peak Ski Jump Planning Committee Chairman, Bob Jacquart, says a FIS engineer is set to visit the ski jump this summer to begin drafting remodel plans. He expects it to be finished by the end of summer 2024, with its first competition slated for winter of 2025.



Campgrounds on Lake Gogebic



Lake Gogebic State Park on west shore, 8 miles south of M28 set in 350 acres of the Ottawa National Forest w/about 1 mile of lake frontage. The park has 101 modern campsites w/several pull-thru and 26 semi-modern sites. Campsites all have picnic tables (with more in the day use area). The camping facilities include flush toilets, showers, sanitation station, on site host, playground, and 20 or 30amp electric hookups. Day use area includes a paved boat launch, sandy beach for swimming (no lifeguard), grills, playground, shelter building (available for rent), and a self-guided hiking interpretive trail. For info, call 906-842-3341 from May-October. Or 906-885-5275 from November-April. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-44-PARKS or online www.midnrreservations.com

Lake Gogebic County Park on west shore has 53 camp sites, with 28 sites that include water and electricity, the remainder w/electricity (30 amp). Four pull-thru sites (50 amp). The park offers a

waste dump station, a pavilion (can be reserved for a minimum fee), flush toilets, boat launch access, playground and a fishing and swimming pier. www.gogebicforestryandparks.com/lake-gogebic-county-park

The park is open May-September. Caretaker will be available from May through September and contacted at 906-842-3333. Prior to park opening, you may make a reservation be contacting Forestry & Parks office at 906-663-4428 or Gogebic County Forestry & Parks Commission, 500 N. Moore St, Bessemer, MI 49911. www.gogebicforestryandparks.com/lake-gogebic-county-park

Ontonagon County Park on west shore (2

miles south of M28), with 45 wooded campsites w/ picnic tables. A picnic shelter is available at the swim beach (no lifeguard). Paved boat launch w/dock will handle most boats. Fishing, toilets, dump station, electric hookups and playground are available. Info & reservations at County Clerk 906-884-4255.

Bergland Township Park in Bergland off M28, with 28 campsites (mostly wooded). The beach location (no lifeguard) will allow boaters to park their boats on shore next to the Bergland Dock. There is a shower building, drinking water, sanitation station, flush toilets, fishing, boat access, electric hookups (30 amp), baseball field, playground and paved roads. Open May-October.

Contact township office 906-575-3522.

Sylvania Wilderness in Watersmeet, is 18,327 acres of old growth forests, and crystal clear lakes. Camping is permitted at designated sites by permit only. Designated campsites have fire grates and wilderness latrines. Special fishing regulations apply to Sylvania lakes. For info or reservations contact the District Ranger at 906-358-4551. Check out www.fs.usda.gov/ottawa.

PRIVATE CAMPGROUNDS

Gogebic Lodge on west shore has 8 sites for tents and up to 35' trailers with 2 full hook-ups and 6 w/ water and 30amp electric. Includes dump station, laundry, showers, bathrooms and sauna. Call 906-842-3321 for reservations.

Hoop 'n Holler Tavern on northwest shore has 8 fully updated campsites, including city sewer hookup, water, 50amp service, cable TV, free WI-FI, natural sandy beach for swimming, boat dock with area to launch boat on Merriweather Creek. Contact George at 906-575-5555 for reservations.

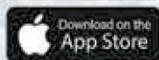
The Timbers Resort on north shore in Bergland has 4 camp sites with electric hookup. Call 906-575-3542. www.thetimbersresort.com.

Thousand Island Resort on the Cisco Lakes Chain of 15 lakes on Thousand Island Lake has two sites with water, electric & sewer hookup, barbeque grill and picnic table. Contact 906-358-4380

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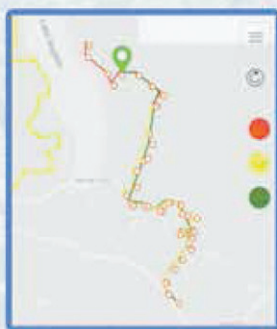


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Former CEO of Stormy Kromer Awarded Manufacturing Lifetime Achievement Award

Ironwood, MI — Bob Jacquart, Chairman of Ironwood's Jacquart Fabric Products (JFP) and Stormy Kromer received state-wide recognition as a recipient of the MFG Lifetime Achievement Award with a 2022 MFG Excellence Award, presented by the Michigan Manufacturers Association (MMA) during a celebration on Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022, in Lansing. The MFG Lifetime Achievement Award is given to a manufacturer who has excelled in the industry and inspires their peers, emerging leaders, lawmakers, and educators to strive to make significant contributions to their company, industry, and community.

"It gives me great pride to represent the manufacturing community of the Upper Peninsula and to manufacture products here that ship all over the world," said Bob Jacquart, Chairman of JFP and Stormy Kromer. "As an Ironwood native, I have spent my entire career in manufacturing and I truly believe any problem can be solved with innovation and some tinkering. I'm a mechanic and maker at heart."

Jacquart Fabric Products was started by Bob's father in 1958. Bob joined the organization in 1971 and later purchased it in 1983. From there, he grew the family business from a two-person storefront to 80,000 square feet of manufacturing space to ship products nationally and internationally. In 2001, Bob embraced the opportunity to buy the rights to manufacture the iconic Stormy Kromer hats when the then-manufacturer was on the brink of shutting down production. At the time, the beloved brand was a single product that sold just 3,900 units a year, but Bob believed in the brand and saw its potential. He grew Stormy Kromer from 18 dealers to 900, with the company now making 3,900 caps per week. Under his leadership, JFP and Stormy Kromer have stimulated the U.P. economy and added to Michigan's reputation as a go-to manufacturing state, with 80% of the company's products manufactured in state.

"Manufacturing has been our family business since 1958. As kids, my sister KJ and I spent Saturday mornings at the shop helping customers and making change. We saw how our father treated his workers with respect and kindness," says Gina Thorsen. "We saw him take strategic risks.

We experienced his optimism and his can-do attitude. We didn't realize it at the time, but even then, he was mentoring us."

Bob Jacquart is also a community steward who has shown up for his community through charitable giving and participation on the boards of organizations such as the U.S. Nordic Sport Board of Directors, Gogebic Community College Board of Trustees (Board Chairman), Michigan Technological University Board of Control, Northland College Board of Trustees, Aspirus Inc. Board of Directors, and the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank Ninth District Advisory Board. He is also a longtime board member of Copper Peak and the Chair of the Organizing Committee for future meets. He has dedicated countless hours, energy, and financial investment into leading the effort to revitalize the largest ski jump in North America.

"Bob exemplifies the best of manufacturing. He's a communicator, a critical thinker, and a strategist. He's adaptable, resilient, and brave. He has dedicated his life to Michigan manufacturing and has inspired many others to do the same. I can think of no other person who so uniquely embodies all the best of our industry," said Thorsen.

The MFG Excellence Awards are an annual statewide celebration of the exceptional contributions that Michigan manufacturers make to their workforce, their communities, the economy, and the industry. The program promotes the inspiring stories of Michigan's manufacturing industry and the communities that support it, along with highlighting the thousands of unique manufacturing companies across the state and the hundreds of thousands of Michiganders employed in the industry.

The Michigan Manufacturers Association, which is celebrating its 120th anniversary, serves as a unifying champion of an industry that is in constant evolution and growth. Michigan represents the most diverse manufacturing center in perhaps the entire world. And just as it has since the industrial revolution, Michigan will continue to be the cradle of innovation and invention for generations to come, all with the sole purpose of advocating for, supporting, training, and growing the manufacturing industry in our state. Learn more



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Bob Jacquart, Chairman of Ironwood-based Jacquart Fabric Products and Stormy Kromer recognized for over 50 years of contributions to the manufacturing industry

about MMA and the 2022 MFG Excellence Awards at mimfg.org.

For more information on Bob Jacquart, Jacquart Fabric Products, or Stormy

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LAKE GOGEBIC FIREFLIES

The Lake Gogebic Fireflies are a group of women from around the lake area whose purpose is to raise funds for the Lake Gogebic Fire department. We host primarily two fundraisers each Year.

On Saturday, June 11, 2022, 8am-2pm (ct) there will be an "All Lake Garage Sale".

Residents around the lake pay an admission fee to have their sale advertised. The Fireflies prepare a map of participants, handle the advertising, provide and distribute signs to the sale locations. The sale has become very popular with people near and far. Area restaurants run a special the day of the sale and donate the proceeds to the Fireflies.

On Sunday, August 14, from noon to 3pm, they will be hosting the "Fireman's Picnic" along with the Fire Department. It takes place at the West Shore Fire Station on M-64 and is a fabulous chicken dinner. The meal also includes corn on the cob, homemade baked beans, coleslaw, rolls and dessert. There are door prizes, basket raffles, along with a great time of fellowship and fun. Proceeds from the dinner go to the Lake Gogebic Fire Department.

If you live around the Lake Gogebic area and have some free time or want to get to know a few more fun-loving people, come and join us. You can message the Lake Gogebic Fireflies on Facebook.



Wholesome Entertainment

Written by: Tammy Kauranen - First Weber, Inc. Bessemer, Broker/Manager, Lic. In WI and MI

As I sit by the fire tonight on a cold December evening, I am feeling a bit nostalgic as I reflect on my childhood. The days when I thought I was being tortured coming to the middle of nowhere and having to play out in the woods all day, no choice but to be creative with my adventures. Never to utter the word bored, lest you find yourself quickly engrossed in chores.

So, you learned the later and used your imagination to keep yourself occupied. Catching frogs at the pond, finding snakes, making mud pies, building forts, bathing in a lake

and practicing your shot with a BB gun was not thought to have been the most glamorous life for a city gal. No electricity, no running water, no tv, no telephone (what!), and playing cards by the light of the kerosine lantern. I begged to vacation in the tourist towns we passed through on the way to "no man's land", where there were stores, and restaurants, and mini golf, and go carts, and horseback riding and lots of water and water skiers and boats, oh my! But our destination remained consistent and there was no convincing dad of anything different.

Fast forward 50 years later and much wiser for these experiences, I thank my lucky stars for the era I was raised in. The days

when kids could be kids and parents made the decisions in the family until you proved yourself a responsible young adult. Life was simple, not confusing. Life was wholesome. Life was families working together. And meals shared together around the table. Sunday church, followed by dinner at grandmas. Much different than life as a child today, but torturous, it was not. We had big imaginations, strong immune systems, tough skin and respect. We learned to be survivors in our surroundings, come what may. This was all part of the era I was raised in, yes, I am sure many can relate, but it also had a lot to do with where I was raised.

To this day, there are the

same great activities available in the U.P. and then some. We just have to get kids out there doing them again. We live in a big playground! There is so much opportunity for free entertainment up here. Healthy activities. All that is required is a love of the outdoors.

Take your kids fishing on the wealth of various lakes the Western UP has to offer. Hike up to high points, we have Alligator Eye, Bench Bluff, Wolf Mountain, Lake of the Clouds and many more to discover. How about a day of waterfall chasing? One of my favorite things to do and I am still finding new ones I have yet to visit. Some of my top picks are in my own back yard in Bessemer- Ironwood area, including Interstate Falls,



Gorge Falls, Sandstone and Rainbow Falls or by

the ski hill, I could just sit all day by the beautiful Gabbro Falls. Not a far drive to Potato Falls in Gurney, or Yondota Falls in Marenisco, and Bond Falls and Kakabika Falls in Watersmeet. On the way to Silver City you must stop at the Bonanza Falls. Don't count these out in the winter, sometimes they are even more beautiful in the winter and there is always a trail to them. Because we all live here for the same reason.

Rock hunting on the shores of Lake Superior



has taken on a whole new dimension as we have folks combing the shores with ultra violet flashlights at night looking for the glowing rocks. I can spend hours in search of sea glass and agates in the daylight hours. But don't leave before catching a Lake Superior sunset! Or how about rocks for painting! I have collected rocks of different shapes that when put together look like a turtle. It will be painted and in my flower gardens next summer.

June Strawberries, July raspberries and August blackberries make for busy berry picking months. But we have plenty of mushroom picking to do in the spring and the fall. There is just no season without something great to do. Some of these activities can teach invaluable life skills for kids too.

My winter sport of choice... most definitely snowshoeing! Trails everywhere but go ahead and make your own. The kids will love the quiet tranquility of the woods in the winter and the twinkling

snow you are surrounded by. If you are lucky, maybe you will spy a bunny or two. Leave some snow angel artwork for the next visitor. Runner up for winter activity is ice fishing. Have you ever been up close and personal with an Eagle? Only ice fishing did I experience that one. Unforgettable!

Have I made you want to come on adventures in the U.P.? If you've never been here, you will never understand. No electronics required.

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Waterfalls: Recreation Opportunity Guide

The Ottawa National Forest, home to many beautiful waterfalls, is known as "Waterfall Country"! No trip to the Ottawa is complete without exploring these scenic wonders!

Trails mark the way to many of the Ottawa's waterfalls, but others require the use of a map and a compass. Pack your camera, water bottle, and wear your hiking shoes as you explore the magnificent waterfalls of the Ottawa and throughout the western Upper Peninsula.

Visit these beautiful areas all year long! In the summer, flora and fauna adorn the shoreline of the falls, and plummeting winter temperatures create an eerie wonderland of ice and snow.

Sturgeon Falls – Listen for the steady tremor of a Hermit Thrush, or examine the forest floor for the wildflowers that bloom in the quiet shade along Sturgeon Falls. The trail is rated moderately difficult because of its length and grade changes.

From Sidnaw, MI – Take M-28 east, turn left on Forest Road 2200 and travel approximately 11 miles north. Veer left on Forest Road 2270 on the east edge of the Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness.

Latitude: 46.534247 Longitude: -88.652094

Duppy Falls – The trail to the river was created by trout fishermen. There is an abandoned state quarry near the falls, if you walk quietly along the open field at the

edge of the old quarry you might catch a glimpse of deer. Be sure to note the wildflowers in the open areas.

From Kenton, MI – Take Forest Highway 16 south to Forest Road 3610 and make a right. Then go about 1/4 mile to an unmarked trail. Follow the unmarked trail toward the west. When you reach the river go upstream to the falls.

Latitude: 46.413807 Longitude: -88.910858

Jumbo Falls – Old growth hemlocks line the trail to the crystal clear waters of Jumbo Falls.

From Kenton, MI – Take highway M-28 west. Turn south on Golden Glow Road and travel approximately 2 miles to Forest Road 4589 (Jumbo Pit Road). Turn left and take Forest Road 4589 (Jumbo Pit Road) to Forest Road 4589-B, you will veer right to stay on Forest Road 4589-B. Keep to the right as you pass the gravel pit and continue to the end of the road where you will find the trail to the falls.

Latitude: 46.457753 Longitude: -88.912228

Mex-i-min-e Falls – This beautiful waterfall can be accessed from the Burned Dam Campground via a short trail down to the river. Meximine Falls was the inspiration for the print "Spirit of the Ottawa," now available in the Bear's Den Gift Shop at the Ottawa Visitor Center.

From Watersmeet, MI – Take Old US 2 east approximately 6

miles to Forest Road 4500. Follow Forest Road 4500 to the Burned Dam Campground. Listen for the roar of the water and follow the sound to the short, well-used trail from the campground to the falls.

Latitude: 46.313237 Longitude: -89.054089

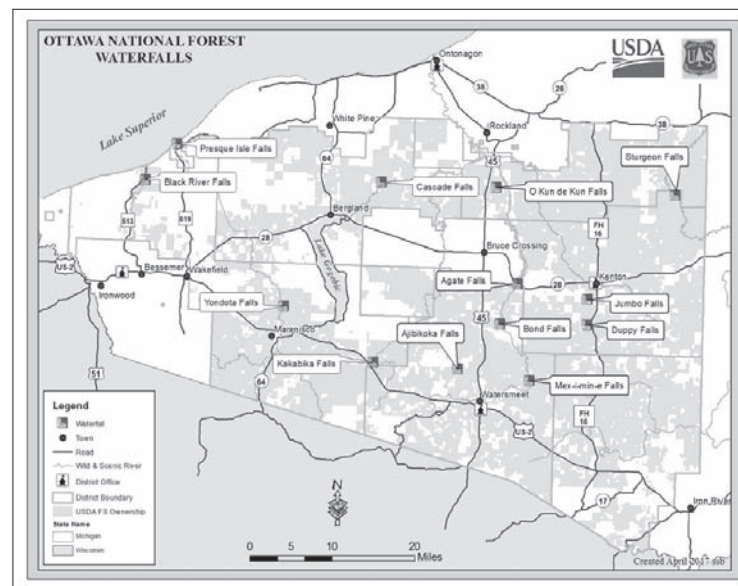
Bond Falls – Although not part of the Ottawa National Forest, this beautiful series of waterfalls is surrounded by the National Forest and is one of the most popular waterfalls in the Upper Peninsula. A developed trail is maintained with steps and bridges across the river. A Recreation Passport is required to enter the falls area from the bottom parking lot. The Bond Falls Scenic Site parking area and trail from this location are accessible.

Contact Michigan Department of Natural Resources at 906-353-6651 or Bond Falls Outpost at 906-827-3235 for additional information.

From Watersmeet, MI – Take Highway 45 north approximately 9 miles to Paulding, turn east on Bond Falls Road. Travel about 4-1/2 miles to this well signed parking area and falls.

Latitude: 46.406733 Longitude: -89.128797

Agate Falls – Although not part of the Ottawa National Forest, this waterfall is surrounded by the National Forest. An accessible trail from the Michigan roadside park leads under the road and to a



viewing area at the top of the falls. Look for the old railroad trestle over the river. It will add historic interest and depth to your photos.

From Bruce Crossing, MI – Take M-28 east 7 miles and turn right into the Michigan roadside park. You can access the trail from the parking area.

Latitude: 46.481331 Longitude: -89.090288

O Kun de Kun Falls – Aspen and mixed hardwoods grace the gently rolling terrain along the 1-1/3 mile-long trail to the falls. Keep your eyes open for frogs, squirrels, and dragon flies. Reconstruction was done on the trail this summer to allow that portion of the North

Country National Scenic Trail to meet American Disabilities Act standards for accessibility.

From Bruce Crossing, MI – Head north on Highway 45 approximately 8 miles to the parking area. This is also a trailhead for the North Country National Scenic Trail. *Latitude: 46.648865 Longitude: 89.150461*

Yondota Falls – This is a series of falls, so be sure you walk far enough to see all of them. The trail is not long, but it does drop in elevation along the river, so the uphill return hike makes this a moderately difficult trail.

From Marenisco, MI – Take

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- Some of the projects we are involved in are:
- LAKE LEVAL – monitoring lake levels to ensure proper lake levels are maintained per FERC license.
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Waterfalls

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County Road 523 north. There is a small parking area near the bridge that crosses the river. The main trail is on the north side of the river, but you can hike down either side.

Latitude: 46.429405 Longitude: -089.681566

Ajibikoka Falls – This waterfall is about 40 feet high and the hike is of moderate difficulty. Advanced orienteering skills are required to locate this secluded gem. It is not particularly difficult terrain, but you should have a good pair of hiking boots, bug spray, a map, and a compass. Check out the unusual quartz outcroppings around the falls.

From Watersmeet, MI – Take County Road 206 west to Forest Road 5120. Then park your car off the road. Follow Forest Road 5120 along the west side of Brush Lake for about a 1/2-mile. Then take a compass reading and hike northeast.

Latitude: 46.330371 Longitude: -89.237780

Kakabika Falls – The falls are a series of “S” turns that descend as the river drops in elevation. The trail is not long and not very difficult. There are some choice berry picking locations and nice fishing holes along the trail.

From Watersmeet, MI – Travel west on US 2 approximately 15 miles to County Road 527. Turn right (north) onto County Road 527 and travel approximately 1/2-mile to the parking area for the falls. *Latitude: 46.336666 Longitude: -89.453005*

Cascade Falls – Grab your camera because the word ‘cascade’ is the perfect description for this waterfall. There are two trails that lead to the falls. The main trail is the easiest, with only moderate changes in elevation. The second trail, Bluff Trail, leaves and rejoins the main trail, but is quite challenging; however the view is definitely worth the extra effort.

From Bergland, MI – Head east on M-28, turn north on Forest Road 400. Follow the signs to the parking area at the trailhead.

Latitude: 46.652042 Longitude: -89.445967

Presque Isle Falls – Although not part of the Ottawa National Forest, we recommend a visit to this beautiful series of waterfalls. There are several falls on the Presque Isle River; those most visited are within the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park.

A Recreation Passport is required for areas within Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, please call 906-885-5275 for additional information.

From Wakefield, MI – Take Highway M-28 to County Road 519. Follow County Road 519 north. When you come to South Boundary Road keep going straight. (This will lead to a parking area.) Take your time and enjoy the view. Manabezho Falls is near where the mouth of the river empties into Lake Superior.

Latitude: 46.787132 Longitude: -89.684143

Gabbro (Bakers) Falls – Black River. Walk the line west to river and go upstream for upper and down for lower falls. Upper falls: Fairly easy access. Lower falls: Fairly easy access. Beautiful.

Take US-2 between Bessemer & Wakefield to Blackjack Road. Turn north and go past the second gas line clearing and park (1.5mile).

Latitude: 46.502127 Longitude: -89.992473

Black River Falls – There are five distinct and picturesque waterfalls within the Black River Harbor Recreation Area. All can be accessed by traveling County Road 513 or by hiking the North Country National Scenic Trail from the Black River Harbor parking lot. Observation platforms and a boardwalk trail system can be accessed from trailheads located off of County Road 513. Just watch for the signs. Whichever route you choose, hiking the trails to these falls will be rewarding:

Rainbow Falls – A 1/2-mile hiking trail will take you from a paved parking lot to a stairway dropping down to an observation platform overlooking the scenic Black River and Rainbow Falls. Aptly named, the falling water creates a mist that can sometimes produce a rainbow effect. Just imagine the beautiful images you will be able to capture!

Sandstone Falls – While Sand-



stone Falls is not a large waterfall, the varied rock formations and hollows carved out of sandstone and conglomerate rock by stream erosion make this little falls well worth the 1/4-mile hike.

Potawatomi and Gorge Falls – There are a few different routes to these falls. A 600 foot trail from the Potawatomi Falls parking lot will take you to the Potawatomi Falls viewing platform, where you can also walk along the trail as you view the river and falls. Gorge Falls is only a short distance north of Potawatomi Falls. A 500 foot asphalt surface trail, located at the south end of the Gorge Falls parking area, will also connect you to Potawatomi Falls viewing platform; this trail, vault toilet, and viewing platform are accessible, providing a unique opportunity for all to view one of our areas most beautiful waterfalls. A 400 foot trail to Gorge Falls is located at the north end of the Gorge Falls parking lot.

Great Conglomerate Falls – This 3/4-mile hiking trail will drop steadily as you near the riverbank. At the falls, the river separates into two sections, falling 40 feet around an island of conglomerate rock. Old growth hemlock and hardwood add to the natural beauty of the area. Gorge and Potawatomi Falls can also be reached from Great Conglomerate Falls, by hiking north approximately 1/3-mile, via the North Country National Scenic Trail.

Ottawa National Forest information is available in large print upon request from the Forest Supervisor’s Office in Ironwood, MI (906) 932-1330, TTY 771.



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Welcome Snowmobilers

Michigan's Western Upper Peninsula offers a variety of snowmobiling opportunities. In order to protect resources, the rights of others and to provide for your pleasure and safety, a variety of Local, State and Federal laws and regulations have been adopted. Some of the subject they address include:

Travel on Roads

In general snowmobiles may not be operated on a public highway or street. You may however, operate your snowmobile:

- On the unplowed right-of-way of a public highway except a limited access highway. The snowmobile must be operated with the flow of traffic.
- On the roadway or shoulder when necessary to cross a bridge or culvert.
- Across a public highway, other than a limited access highway, at right angles for the purpose of getting from one area to another.
- On the shoulder of a county road only when no right-of-way exists on all snowplowed roads in the Gogebic County Road system which are outside of the incorporated city or village, which is designated and marked for snowmobile use by the county road-system having jurisdiction. EXCEPTIONS WILL BE POSTED.
- On unplowed Forest Service roads within the Ottawa National Forest. Exceptions to this rule will be posted.

Trespass

About forty percent of the land within the Ottawa National Forest is privately owned. The following rules apply to these and all other private land in Michigan:

- A person shall not operate a snowmobile in or upon a private property without consent of the landowners.
- The Recreational Trespass Act requires written consent from the owner, his agent, or lessee before operating a snowmobile on lands which are:
- Fenced or enclosed and maintained in a manner to exclude entry.
- Posted in a conspicuous manner against intruders.
- Farmlands or connected wood lots.

Maps of the Ottawa national Forest that show the location of National Forest Land and on Off-Road Vehicle Users' Guide to the Forest area available from the Supervisor's Office in Ironwood and from District Ranger Offices in Bergland, Bessemer, Iron River, Kenton, Ontonagon, and Watersmeet.

Other Areas of Operation

A person may not operate a snowmobile:

- On a railroad right-of-way
- In or across a cemetery or burial ground
- On land used as a public highway or street
- On National Forest lands, roads, or trails when there is less than 4 inches of snow on the ground
- On National Forest trails that have been designated for non-motorized uses such as skiing and hiking.

Complete copies of the State of Michigan Snowmobile Rules and Regulations may be obtained from any Michigan Department of Natural Resources office. The grooming and maintenance of the trails shown on this map and the acquisition of the easements and right-of-way needed for them are the result of cooperative efforts of:

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EXCESSIVE NOISE

Any snowmobile with louder than stock exhaust traveling on city streets and trails will be ticketed for excessive noise. This law will be strictly enforced by the Gogebic County Sheriffs Department, the Michigan DNR and other law enforcement agencies. The noise from "pipes" and "cans" has become so loud that landowners have withdrawn permission to use their lands, trails have closed, and cities have closed streets to the snowmobile public. Control our noise.

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Trail Identifier Park & Ride Gas

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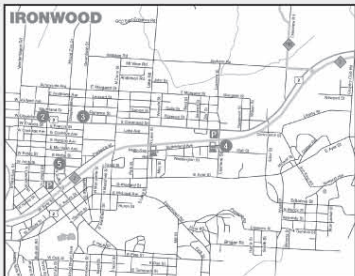
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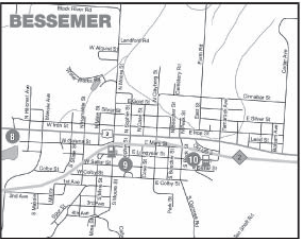
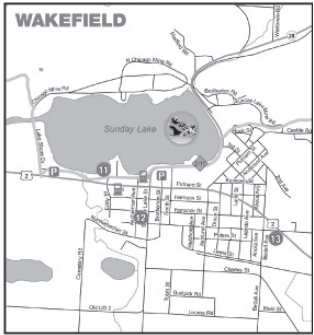
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Information not available at printing may result
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ESTIMATED MILEAGE CHART

Ironwood to Saxon Harbor	28 miles
Wakefield to Lake of the Clouds	53 miles
Wakefield to Merrweather	25 miles
Wakefield to Marenisco	20 miles
Marenisco to Watersmeet	28 miles
Bergland to Silver City	19 miles
White Pine to Ontonagon	24 miles
Ontonagon to Greenland	15 miles
Greenland to Bruce Crossing	24 miles
Bruce Crossing to Bergland	19 miles
Watersmeet to Bruce Crossing	31 miles
Bergland to Rockland	28 miles

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SNOWMOBILE YES - ORV NO

Lake Gogebic Area Calendar of Events for 2023

JANUARY

December-March	Gogebic Lodge Breakfast - 8am-11am (ct) Serving full breakfast menu 7 days a week. 906-842-3321
January-March	Open ice-skating at Pat O'Donnell Civic Center, Ironwood, Fri, Sat. & Sunday from 6:30-8:30pm(ct) & Wednesday from 1-3pm. For more info, call 906-932-0602.
January-December	Historic Ironwood Theatre coming attractions & theatre tours. www.ironwoodtheatre.net or call 906-932-0618
January-December	Ontonagon Theater of Performing Arts schedule of events www.ontonagontheater.org or Facebook.com
January 2	MI-TRALE usually meets the 1st Monday of each month. www.mi-trale.org
January 7	SISU Skifest in Ironwood. www.ironwoodchamber.org or Facebook
January 14 & 21	Old Fashioned Lantern-Lit Skiing & Snowshoeing at Porcupine Mountain State Park 6-9pm (et) One-mile loop lit by kerosene lanterns. Wear your cross-country skis or snowshoes. Call 906-885-5275 or www.mi.gov/porkies .

FEBRUARY

February 2-5	Ontonagon Valley Sportsman's Club Annual Predator Round-Up. Kick off at Hoppys Bar-4:30-6:30 p.m. For info contact Pete Heidemann at 906-988-2233.
February 4,11,18,25	Lantern-Lit Skiing & Snowshoeing at Porcupine Mt.State Park
February 10-12	Annual Midwest Telefest at Porcupine Mt State Park Winter Sports Complex. Facebook.com Midwest Telefest.
February 12	Super Bowl Party at Gogebic Lodge. All you can eat buffet!
February 14	Valentine's Day Dinner Special at Konteka in White Pine. 906-885-5170
February 14	Valentine's Day Dinner Special at Gogebic Lodge. 906-842-3321
February 18-19	Michigan <i>FREE</i> fishing weekend – No license required
February 25	Snowburst Winter Carnival at Porcupine Mt Wilderness State Park beginning at 12pm(et). Including ski & snowshoe races, children's activities and more! www.porkies.org

MARCH

March 4	40th Annual Ice Fishing Derby at the Gogebic Lodge on west shore of Lake Gogebic. Over \$10,000 in prizes! Tournament open on the whole lake. Details: 906-842-3321 or www.gogebiclodge.com .
March 11	Annual "Hog-A-Thon" Perch Fishing Tournament (1 day). Bergland Outfitters Bait shop & Motel in Bergland. Women & kids Division. Call Mike: 906-235-82880.
March 28	"Camp Josh" Fund-Raiser Gun Banquet at The Konteka Black Bear Resort. Call 906-885-5170 for details.

APRIL

April	ICE OUT – Lake Gogebic & Lake Superior.
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JUNE

June 10 & 11

June 10 & 11

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June 10

June 14-Labor Day

June 21

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June 18

June 24

June 25

June 24 - July 4

June 30

JULY

July 1 – August

July 3

July 3

View Mother Nature at her best! Bring your camera and await the thunderous sounds of large ice bergs breaking up & moving out into Lake Superior.

New fishing license required for 2023.

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Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park Interpretive

Activities begin Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day.

Call 906-885-5275 for list of events or www.mi.gov/porkies.

Memorial Day Service. Marenisco American Legion Post #523

Michigan ***FREE* fishing weekend** – No license required.

Upper Peninsula **ORV Trails FREE Riding Weekend.**

Annual MI-TRALE S.P.O.R.T. ride. Details: www.mi-trale.org

Lake Gogebic Fireflies **All-Lake Garage Sale** 8am-2pm (ct)

Check us out on Facebook. New members welcome.

"Old Victoria" in Rockland opens for season 11am-5pm(et)

Wed, Fri, Sat, Sunday. [Check Facebook.](http://www.porkies.org)

Porcupine Mountain Folk School **Summer Solstice Celebration,**

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Steak on the Lake – Father's Day at the Gogebic Lodge.

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Annual **Tour da Lake Bicycle Tour** around Lake Gogebic.

Log Cabin Day at Old Victoria.

Bessemer Blast Festival – a week long party!

www.bessemer4th.com.

Farmers Market/Artisan Market opens at Depot Park

in Ironwood.

Emberlight Festival of the Arts begins. Art in Miner's Park in

Ironwood begins. www.ironwoodchamber.org

Wakefield Fireworks at Sunday Lake at dusk. Parade July 4 at 1pm

Marenisco Golf Outing.

Lake Gogebic Area Calendar of Events for 2023

July 4 Marenisco parade, games, turkey feed, food, concert, fireworks.
www.marenisco.org
July 4 Bruce Crossing parade
July 8 Live Lobster Boil at Gogebic Lodge. Reservations 906-842-3321.
July 12-15 Festival Ironwood. [Facebook: Festival Ironwood](https://www.facebook.com/FestivalIronwood)
July 15-16 52nd Annual Marenisco Sports Club Softball Tournament.
July 16 Lake Superior Day www.ontonagonmi.org
July 21-23 Copperfest Heritage Festival in Ontonagon.
www.ontonagonmi.org
July 29 & 30 Gus Macker 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament in Wakefield
July 28-30 Ontonagon County Fair. Exhibits, stock cars, horse show, cattle sorting, kid games, antique tractor show, concessions, and more. Gate opens at 10 am (et)
July 30-Aug.5 ABPA National Final Boat Races on Sunday Lake in Wakefield

AUGUST

August 5 Gogebic Miners Football Steak-Out Fundraiser Dinner at Gogebic Lodge with music. Open to the public. Call 906-842-3321.
August 13 Lake Gogebic Fire Dept Annual Chicken Dinner sponsored by Lake Gogebic Fireflies Auxiliary. 12-6pm (CT). Serving 12-3pm West Shore Fire Station on M-64.
August 10-13 Gogebic County Fair in Ironwood. www.gogebiccountyfair.com
August 19 & 20 Upper Peninsula ORV Trails **FREE Riding Weekend**
August 20 Annual Old Victoria Craft Fair from 10am-5pm (et). Handmade crafts, homemade cinnamon rolls old-fashion kids games at 1:30 pm. (always 3rd Sunday in August)
August 25-26 Porcupine Mountains Music Fest www.porkiesfestival.org
August 26 Jimmy Buffett, "Margaritaville Party" at the Gogebic Lodge. Call 906-842-3321 for details.

SEPTEMBER

September 1 Marenisco Sports Club Gun Banquet. 1st Friday in Sept.
September 2 Emberlight Festival of Arts, concerts, films festival, art exhibits.
September 1-4 Ontonagon Labor Day Celebration - www.ontonagonmi.org
Sept. 8 & 9 Lake Gogebic Area Chamber John Murphy Jr. Memorial Walleye Tournament. www.lakegogebicarea.com.
September 9 Chair Lift Color Tours - Porcupine Mt. Wilderness St. Park Sat. & Sun. beginning Sept 9 Thru 24th. From 12-7 pm (et) Gift shop & Concessions open.
September 23 Ironwood/Bessemer Bridges & Bluffs Half Marathon Run www.facebook.com/BridgesAndBluffs/
September 28 MI-TRALE Annual Senior Citizen Fall Color OHV Tour www.mi-trale.org - for details.
September 22-23 Annual Log Jamboree in Ewen. Friday:10-3 pm Craft sale/ luncheon. Saturday: 11 am Parade. Games. Dance at 8:00 pm (et).
September ? Five Sons Brewing Octoberfest in Marenisco. Phone 906-787-2000

OCTOBER

October 7 Lobster Boil & Fall Colorama at Gogebic Lodge. Call 906-842-3321 for reservations
October 31 Halloween Hayride & Trunk or Treat in Marenisco.

NOVEMBER

November 9 Jack Frost Festival in Ironwood - Celebration of winter sports, outdoor recreation, and holiday excitement. Starting 2nd Thursday of November with Tree Lighting Ceremony at Depot Park and ending the last Saturday of January. Schedule of events on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com)
November 15 Opening day of Firearm Deer Season.
November 18 Annual Christmas Bazaar at Ewen/Trout Creek School-10-2 pm (et)
November 25 Annual Craft Show at The Konteka in White Pine - 9-1 pm (et)

DECEMBER

December 1 Opening of Upper Peninsula Snowmobile Trails.
December 2 Jack Frost Festival of Lights Parade, 6:00 pm downtown Ironwood.
December 1-3 "Hometown Christmas" in Ontonagon. Parade, community tree trimming, Mule drawn wagon rides, light tours, dance, crafts, fireworks. www.ontonagonmi.org
December 1 Christmas Music Concert at Ontonagon Theater of Performing Arts Traditional and Contemporary Music. www.ontonagontheater.org
December 2 Christmas at the Crossing at Settler's Depot Gallery, Bruce Crossing.
December 9 Santa Visit at the Marenisco Townhall.
December 31 New Year's Eve Party - Fishtales - *Central Time Zone.
December 31 Holiday Party - Gogebic Lodge - *Central Time Zone. Fun, great meal & music entertainment.
December 31 New Year's Eve Party - Hoop 'N Holler - *Eastern Time Zone
December 31 New Year's Eve Party - The Konteka - *Eastern Time Zone. Special Menu, bowling, entertainment, fun & games!
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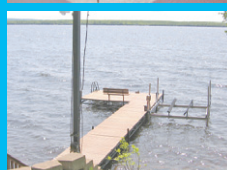
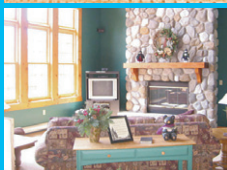
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