

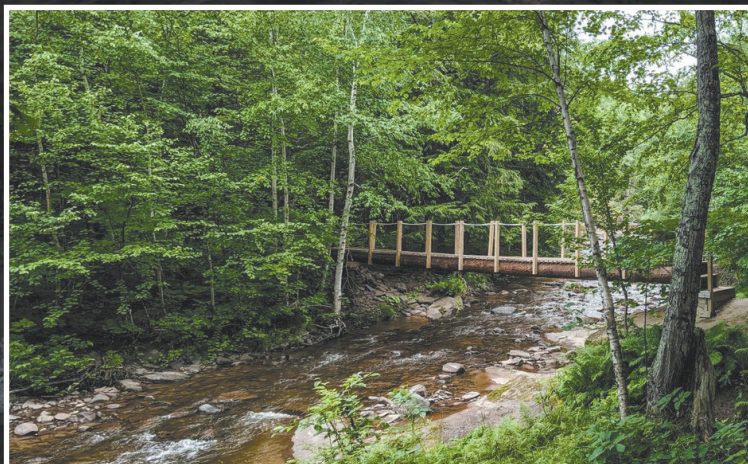
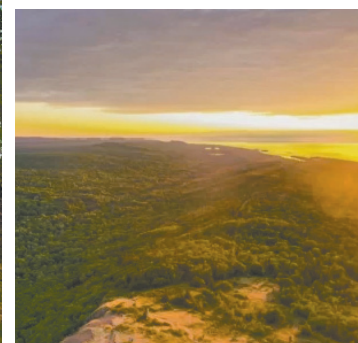
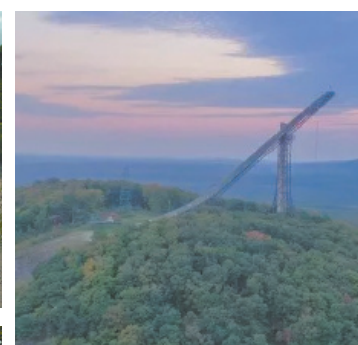


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COVER PHOTOS:

Bond Falls – near U.S Hwy 45 in Paulding. The falls are created as the middle branch of the Ontonagon River tumbles over a thick belt of fractured rock, dividing it into numerous small cascades. The total drop of the falls is about 50 feet. There is a short boardwalk to and from the falls and a picnic area atop the falls.

Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park – known as “the Porkies” features 60,000 acres of old-growth forest, roaring waterfalls, Lake Superior shoreline, rivers, trails and ridges. Its incomparable vistas make Michigan’s largest state park a popular destination for camping, hiking, snowmobiling, fishing and more. The park has many popular natural attractions, including the scenic **Presque Isle River corridor** and Lake of the Clouds. Other attractions include the Summit Peak observation tower, Porcupine Mt Winter Sport Complex, fall chairlift rides, an 18-hole disc golf course, Summer Music Festival and more.

Lake Superior – borders Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan’s U.P. and Ontario, Canada.

It is the largest fresh-water lake in the world. It’s a paradise for fishing and known for some of the most magnificent waterfalls in the state. It has many attractions, from canoeing to exploring caves, or you can lay on many different beaches and feel like you are at the ocean with large rocks, agate and Petoskey stones and driftwood to search for and find.

Lake Gogebic – Michigan Upper Peninsula largest natural inland lake, set in the heart of the Ottawa National Forest, just minutes from the Wisconsin border. It’s an ideal vacation gem from which to explore the western U.P. and many points of interest nearby. It straddles Marenisco in Gogebic County in the central time zone on the south end, and Bergland in Ontonagon County in the eastern time zone on the north end.

Copper Peak – near Ironwood, keeping watch over 2500 square miles, 3 states and beautiful Lake Superior for more than 40 years and has hosted 10 ski flying events between 1970-1994. The best is yet to come. Copper Peak will soon be the world’s largest ski jump hill designated by the International Ski Federation. Copper Peak’s Adventure Ride draws in thousands of visitors each year taking the chairlift up the landing and the elevator up the tower and walk the final 8 stories to take in the 26-story view. Others come to take pictures of fall colors, enjoy the birds and wildlife or just relax!

Brockway Mountain Drive – One of the most scenic roads in the Keweenaw. The 9 ½ mile drive has breathtaking views of Lake Superior and thousands of acres of the Keweenaw, taking you to the highest point above sea level between Copper Harbor and Eagle Harbor. There are numerous pull-offs for photos and preserves to see along the way. As your journey gets steeper, you get even better views from the top of Brockway Mountain. It is designated as an official Michigan Wildlife Viewing Area. The biggest wildlife attraction here is the annual migration of birds-of-prey from mid-April to mid-June.

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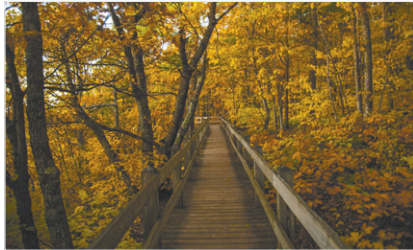
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With miles of trails through scenic and pristine natural areas, some of the best hiking opportunities in the Eastern United States can be found here. Treat yourself to views of majestic old growth forests, scenic overlooks, inspirational waterfalls.



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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 and the Heritage Park trail in Ironwood. The Keween-

aw 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 are perfect for all-skill levels with varied terrain and great scenery! Or ride the hand-built technical trails among the mine ruins at Adventure Mine.



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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.



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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 fishing, 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.



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Something For Everyone

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.

Alligator Eye

On M-64 about two miles south of Lake Gogebic State Park Campground and about 6 miles north of U.S. 2 with just a paved shoulder of the road for parking. Take a mildly challenging ½ mile hike to the crest of this scenic rock outcrop, rising about 300 feet above the lake, and you will be at the eye of the Alligator overlooking the southwest corner of Lake Gogebic. Folklore has it that before the forests grew, when viewed from the lake; the area appeared to resemble the shape of an alligator.

Before the trail to the overlook was improved, a small-scale archaeological excavation was conducted by Ottawa National Forest. They found a large amount of quartz material embedded in the rock outcrops and determined the site was probably a quarry from which quantities of quartz were chipped from the surrounding bluffs many years ago and may have been used for a variety of tasks such as hunting, skinning game, cutting, gathering and scraping plant material. When you reach the "eye" you may also be lucky enough to find Indian Artifacts which the area was known for.

From the Lake Gogebic east shoreline, viewing the west shore landscape, it appears to be an alligator outline. The high spot where the Alligator Eye Overlook is located looks like where the alligator's eye would be. How an alligator could be in da U.P. only the Yoopers know!??



Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park

www.mi.gov/porkies

At roughly 60,000 acres, the Porcupine Mt. Wilderness State Park is Michigan's largest state park and one of the few remaining large wilderness areas in the Midwest. Recently, the "Porkies" have been recognized as the "most beautiful state park in the nation" by a travel website.



Its home to a 35,000 acre old-growth forest, roaring waterfalls, miles of rivers and streams, more than 90 miles of hiking trails, modern and rustic campgrounds, back-country camping, 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 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.

Nonesuch Falls Trail in the Porkies

When you are ready for a "creepy" hike through the ruins of an abandoned mining town, combining history and a dash of eeriness, we've got the perfect destination. If you are an avid outdoor explorer, intrigued by ghost towns, or just like learning more about the history of our state, take a hiking trip to the Nonesuch Falls Trail, which visitors consider a haunted trail. The trail can be reached via South Boundary Road off M-107, within the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park. The trail is also accessible for mountain biking and cross-country skiing.



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

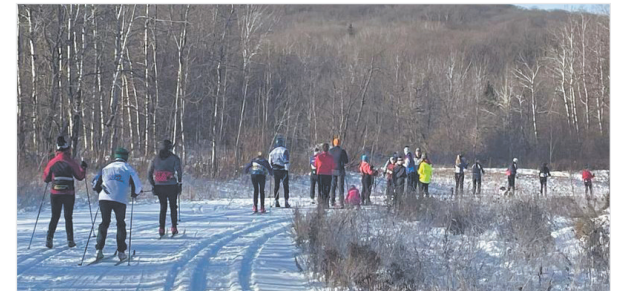
Trail System in Ironwood The Miners Memorial Heritage Park encompasses the former iron ore mining locations within the City of Ironwood (locally known as the caves area). The discovery of these mines resulted in the establishment of the City of Ironwood in the latter part of the 19th century.

The last iron ore mine in the City of Ironwood closed in 1966. Take trails for hiking cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and mountain biking. The trail winds thru the area for about 15 miles.

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.

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The Paulding Mystery Light

The light appears in a valley outside of Paulding, about four miles north of Watersmeet, off US 45 on Robbins Pond Road/Old US 2. The road is about a half mile long, lined with woods and ends a guard rail where there is a ravine and then a large hill.

The mysterious light has defied explanation since it was first sighted about 60 years ago. It can be observed almost every night once darkness has descended. A noticeable white light rises slowly out of the forest and hovers low in the sky for ten minutes to over a quarter of an hour. For some reason there is a red light hovering near the light as well, similar to an infra-red beam. The white light moves at times, swinging or almost appearing as if someone was running down a hill with a lantern at a fast pace. It's amazing, although a little scary!

Some have said that while looking at the light through binoculars, they have seen what appears to be a dark figure walking across the road.

There are folklore stories related to the mystery light. The most popular legend involves the death of a railroad brakeman. It states that the valley once contained railroad tracks and the light is the lantern of the brakeman who was killed while attempting to stop an oncoming train from colliding with railway cars stopped on the tracks. Another story claims the light is the ghost of a slain



mail courier. There are a couple of other legends as well.

There have been some scientific investigations. The hypothesis is that the stability of an inversion layer allows vehicle lights to be visible from the stretch of highway 4.5 miles away.

In the meantime, THE MYSTERY LIGHT continues to baffle, intrigue and mystify people!

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.

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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

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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

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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.

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Ontonagon County Historical Society Museum

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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.

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

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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 Mon. - Fri. 10am -2pm (ct). Ironwood Chamber located in the Depot, is open Mon. - Fri. 7am-2pm. 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)



AREA RESTAURANTS

Aj's Lodge & Oven

(906) 575-3557
35243 M28 (North Shore of Lake Gogebic)
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at the junction of M28 & M64.
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Friday Fish Fry, and Daily Specials
Open 7 days a week at 8 am (et)

Gogebic Lodge/ Restaurant/Bar

(906) 842-3321
www.gogebiclodge.com
N9600 M-64 (west shore of Lake Gogebic)
11 miles south of M-28.
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N10596 M-64
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burgers, our Charlie the Loon Bowl featuring a
blend of power grains, Ontario style Wild Rice Soup,
house made dressings such as our Borealis Salad
Dressing, fresh Great Lakes Whitefish and Wall-
eye, and dare we mention all the goodies from the
smoker?
Our bar features crafted cocktails specific to our
menu and region, as well as the best wine list
around. What better way to enjoy such offerings
than lakeside with a beautiful view of Lake Gogebic?

Root Cellar Resort/ Restaurant/Bar

(906) 813-1600
Facebook: RootCellarResort
www.therootcellarresort.com
Located on East Shore Rd. 10 miles
south of M-28.
Friday Fish Fry & Saturday Prime Rib

Trailside Bar & Grill

**New managers - Richard & Beth Knox,
from De Pere, WI.**
(906) 365-5227
Facebook: TrailsideBar&Grill
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just off snowmobile trail.
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Prime Rib with Rosemary Garlic Au Jus. You'll always
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Hoop 'N Holler Tavern

(906) 575-5555
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MLS# 50124960 4 BR, 3 BA A-frame style lake home on 257' of Lake Gogebic's West Shore. The home has 3 finished levels of living area with spectacular views from nearly every room. Other amenities include a 30 x 40' two story heated/fully insulated detached garage w/guest quarters, a 40' crank-up pier, storage shed and a playground for the children.



MLS#50106078 148.25 acres of heavily wooded recreational land, located on Sleepy Hollow Rd. (just 4 miles west of Paulding). The property has black top frontage road that leads to an improved driveway, an active trout stream (known as Sucker Creek) and National Forest on two sides. This property is in a great location for all of your recreational needs.



MLS# 50115999 Well established bar/restaurant known as Two Fat Guys Pub. This business is located on the main street of Marenisco, just blocks from the main snowmobile and ATV trail. The present owners have been doing business for the last 6 years, during this time they have built a very successful bar and eating establishment! The building has been well maintained and updated to date. At time of sale the business will include all commercial furnishings, equipment and signage. This could be the opportunity to own your own business and live in "God's Country".



MLS# 50118542 2 BR 1BA custom log home with a modern addition, and 2 additional cabins. This property is located on 25 acres, between Watersmeet and Marenisco. The current owners have extended electricity over a mile to the property, put in a new septic system, a new well, a new foundation on the cabin and a 24' x 34' Detached garage.

LAKE FRONTAGE

MLS# 50085257 150' Of level lake frontage. Located on the West shore of Beautiful Lake Gogebic. The lot is heavily wooded with mature trees, and a very gradual slope to the water's edge.

MLS 50110611 190' of level lake frontage located on the East Shore of Beautiful Lake Gogebic. This property has an established building site, road access, and 3.9 acres, allowing for many building opportunities.



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Trinity Lutheran (LCMS): Sun, 9am. 404 Birch St.

United Methodist: Sun, 11am. 108 Birch St.

ONTONAGON

Assembly of God: 906-884-4622 Sun, 10:45am. 104 N. Steel St.

Baptist: 906-884-2453 Sun, 11am. & 6pm. 615 Greenland St.

Holy Family Catholic: 906-884-2569 Sun, 9am. 515 Pine St.

Ontonagon Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness: 906-884-5459 Sun, 10am. 700 Greenland Rd.

Redeemer Free Lutheran: 906-884-4028 Sun, 9am. 315 S. Steel St.

St. Paul Lutheran (Missouri): 906-884-4788

Sun, 9am. 107 E. River St.

Siloa Lutheran (ELCA): 906-884-2655 Sun, 9am. 218 E River St.

United Methodist: 906-884-4556 Sun, 9am. 109 Greenland St.

WHITE PINE

United Methodist: 906-885-5419 Sun, 11am. 13 Tamarack St.

St. Jude's Catholic: 906-885-5763

2nd & 4th Sat. of month 6pm. 8 Ceder St.

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Ice Fishing U.P. of Michigan's premiere fishing lake, Lake Gogebic!

Lake Gogebic:

The Lake Gogebic area is a winter wonderland for all types of activities. Skiing, Snowmobiling, Ice Fishing, just to name a few. The Timbers Resort basically focuses on Snowmobiling and Ice Fishing during this time.

Lake Gogebic is the largest lake in the U.P. stretching nearly 14 miles long and 3 miles wide, at its widest point approximately 14,000 acres.

We average over 200" of snow annually. So, with that being said, you really need to be prepared when you come to Lake Gogebic for ice fishing. What I mean by that is the best way to get around on the lake is with a long track snowmobile and a portable ice shelter always being mobile and searching. Speaking from experience I have to say that Lake Gogebic is one of the most brutal lakes to be on during the winter months. That is because of all the snow that we get up here. The snow creates a lot of slush pockets on the lake. The lake is constantly changing and is why I say a long track snowmobile is the preferred method of travel. 4 wheelers may work in the beginning of the season some years but as winter starts to settle in, chances are you won't be able to use a 4-wheeler after the first couple of weeks of the ice fishing season.

Now that you have some tips on being prepared. Lake Gogebic is an awesome lake to ice fish. The information that I have mentioned above makes Ice Fishing on Lake Gogebic interesting and fun.

As we get into the late season of ice fishing a lot of our visitors are here to target the perch, in search of that fish of a lifetime. Yes, the lake

can offer the largest perch of your life pushing upward of 2lbs +.

During the late season we are typically targeting the main part of the lake for the Perch. We will begin searching on the East and West shorelines where the steep breaks transition into the mud flats. This is where the wigglers live and that is what the Perch are feeding on. The best presentation for these jumbo perch is a dead stick presentation using wigglers.

The walleye bite continues in the shallow weeds on the north end of the lake throughout the year with most anglers using tip ups tipped with sucker minnows in that 3 - 4" range. The walleye bite is typically a low light bite with the bite being in the early mornings and evenings. In the mornings I like to get out there a few hours before day-break and in the afternoons I will get set up a couple hours before sunset and fish for a few hours after dark.

Always remember to practice catch and release. We want you to come here and enjoy our beautiful area, so it is very important to protect the resource which we are taking from. One of the most important things to do while you are fishing for these jumbo perch in deep water is to bring them up slow so they don't blow their air bag and they can be released successfully.

Keep in mind that the walleye fishing closes on March 15. Currently, we have legislation in place that lets you harvest 5 walleye's, 15" or larger. Perch harvest is 25 with no more than 5 over 12". Northern Pike has no minimum size limit, and you can now keep 5 with only 1 greater than 24". Always make sure you know the regulations before you



head out.

I do not personally guide on the ice anymore, I leave it to the young guys. The Timbers Resort works with a guide who is an established Ice Fishing Guide, and his main focus in the winter is the Perch. He promotes catch & release, select harvest protecting the large females. These large females have very little meat on them but are full of eggs. It is very important that we put these fish back as much as possible. He also does some guiding in the winter for Walleye's but mainly Perch.

The Timbers Resort offers 11 different housekeeping cabins all varying in size located on the north end of Lake Gogebic. We also offer ice fishing snowmobile rentals. We have a Live Bait and Tackle store on site. We spend time with our customers going over the Lake Map pointing them in the right directions to get on fish. We look forward to seeing you!



Call us at 906-575-3542 for snow & lake condition updates or to make a reservation www.thetimbersresort.com.

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ACCOMMODATIONS Resorts, Cabins & Motels	Television	Motel/Hotel Unit	Kitchen	Groups	Packages	Sauna/Swim Pool/Hot Tub	Restaurant on Premises	Housekeeping Units	Pets Allowed	Boat/Motor Rentals	Restaurant/Walking Dist.	Bar	Dining Room/Lounge	Fireplace	Cabins/Individuals	On Lake Gogebic On Lake Superior	Credit Cards	Sleeping Capacity	Miles to Closest Alpine Ski Area	Miles to Closest Nordic Ski Area	Access to Snowmobile Trail	Phone and Websites	WIFI	
LAKE GOGEBIC AREA																								
Aj's Lodge & Oven	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X		LG	X	70	25	10	X	906-575-3557 www.ajslodgeandoven.com	X	
Bear's Nine Pines Resort	X		X	X		HT		X	X	X	X			X	X	LG	X	68	30	13	X	906-842-3361 www.ninepinesresort.com	X	
Bergland Outfitters Bait Shop & Motel	X	X		X	X						X						X	27	25	10	X	906-235-8288 www.berglandoutfitters.com	X	
Our Guest House Cabins	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X		X	LG	X	70	25	5	X	906-842-3366 www.OurGuestHouseCabins.com	X	
Gogebic Lodge Resort/ Restaurant/Bar	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	
Hamilton's North Coast Adventures/ Rentals	X		X					X						X			X	10	15	15	X	906-884-3005 www.hamiltonsnorthcoast.com	X	
Thousand Islands Resort . - Watersmeet area, on Cisco Chain	X		X	X		S		X	X	X				X	X		X	65	45	10	X	906-358-4380 www.thousandislandlakeresort.com	X	
Root Cellar Resort/Restaurant	X	X	X	X			X	X				X	X		X	LG	X	105	35	10		906-365-2021 www.therootcellarresort.com	X	
The Konteka White Pine Motel, Restaurant, Bowling, Gas	X	X		X	X		X					X	X				X	96	5	5	X	906-885-5170 www.thekonteka.com	X	
Timbers Resort	X		X	X				X	X	X	X				X	LG	X	70	25	10	X	906-575-3542 www.thetimbersresort.com	X	
West Shore Resort	X		X	X				X	X	X					X	LG	X	48	24	6	X	906-842-3336 www.westshoreresort.com	X	

PRIVATE RENTALS	No. of Units	Kitchen	Total Sleeping Capacity	Bedrooms	Bathrooms	Television	Fireplace/Sauna/Hot Tub	Linens Provided	Telephone	Pets Allowed	Open Year Round	On Lake Gogebic	Miles to Closest Alpine Ski Area	Miles to Closest Nordic Ski Area	Access to Groomed Trails	Contact Person	Address & Website	Phone	
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	
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.lisapaulovich.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	
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	
Northern Reflections	1	X	10	3	2	X	F	X	X		X	X	25	2	X	Holly Michelli	N9248 St. Hwy. M-64, Marenisco, MI 49947 www.northernreflectionsnonlakegogebic.com	906-842-3238	
Sunrise Cove	1	X	14	4	2	X	F	X		X	X	X	25	5	X	Kris Hebel	sunrisecovelakegogebic@gmail.com Facebook SunriseCoveLakeGogebic	608-444-5260	
Teal Wing	1	X	10	4	2.5	X	F	X	X	X	X	X	25	5		Dan M Gillivray	N9682 M-64 West Shore, Marenisco, MI 49947 VRBO Homeaway Lake Gogebic Lodging Teal Wing www.VRBO.com/1504249	920-224-2531	
Oasis North Rentals																	N9638 Hwy M64, Marenisco oasisnorthrentals@gmail.com	651-491-2939	

Lake Gogebic Area Calendar of Events for 2024

JANUARY

December-March Gogebic Lodge Breakfast - 8am-11am (ct)
Serving full breakfast menu 7 days a week. 906-842-3321

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 9 MI-TRALE usually meets the 1st Monday of each month. www.mi-trale.org.

January 6 SISU Skifest in Ironwood. www.ironwoodchamber.org or Facebook

Jan. 27-Feb.24 Porcupine Mt Wilderness State Park-Guided Snow-Shoe Hike on Sat. from 1-3:30pm (et) and Lantern'Lit Trail from 6-8pm for walking, snow-shoeing, skiing.

FEBRUARY

February 9-11 Annual Midwest Telefest at Porcupine Mt. State Park Winter Sports Complex.
Facebook.com Midwest Telefest.

February 11 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 17-18 Michigan FREE fishing weekend - No license required

February 24 Snowburst Winter Carnival at Porcupine Mt Wilderness State Park
Beginning at 12pm(et). Including ski & snowshoe races, children's activities

February 23,24,25 and more! www.porkies.org
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.

MARCH

March 2 41st 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 9 Annual "Hog-A-Thon" Perch Fishing Tournament (1 day).
Bergland Outfitters Bait shop & Motel in Bergland.
Women & kids Division. Call Mike: 906-235-82880.

APRIL

April ICE OUT - Lake Gogebic & Lake Superior. 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 2024.
"Camp Josh" Fund-Raiser Gun Banquet at The Konteka Black Bear Resort. Call 906-885-5170 for details or www.campjosh.org

MAY

May MI-TRALE trail maintenance - help needed. Call 906-827-3208.
May 15 Opening of Walleye & Northern Fishing Season.

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Come Ruffle Our Feathers



By Ron Searles at West Shore Resort

The Western Upper Peninsula seems to be experiencing an upswing in grouse numbers after what seemed like several years of somewhat dismal hunting. Sightings and shot opportunities steadily increased as we got into the month of October with the leaves finally falling.

I used to get out a lot more when I was a bit younger. I spent many hours brushing and signing the many miles of our snowmobile trail system and exploring the logging roads and trails by ATV and pickup. This gave me a first-hand idea of how strong the grouse population was in our area.

Nowadays, I find my time is taken up with bear and deer hunting as well as all the fall chores that being a resort owner requires of me. I now mainly rely on customer reports to gauge grouse numbers.

There are some grouse habitat project areas that many hunters flock to.

Most of the guys I talk to at the resort like to stay away from these areas and get further off the beaten path to find undisturbed and less

pressured birds. For the past several years logging has been hot and heavy in our area, which is giving us better habitat. It doesn't look too pretty for a year or two but the long-term benefits for deer and grouse is promising. The grouse hunting customers I had this year were pleasantly impressed with the number of birds they saw. What they weren't too impressed with was their shooting ability.

Our grouse season begins mid-September and runs to mid-November and closes during the deer rifle season. It kicks back in for the month of December. The MDNR provides resources and guidelines to help hunters with their trip. There are also a few area guides and outfitters to help ensure a successful and enjoyable hunt.

I think we are looking at the next few years of grouse hunting improving for the Western U.P. If you happen to plan a trip to our area or lake, don't forget that fishing can get pretty good off the shoreline at night at this time of the year. Pack your fishing gear and enjoy some double duty outdoor activity!

GROUSE IN RHINE WINE



2 grouse
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Dash of salt
1 Tablespoon parsley
Flour
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May 25 Opening of Smallmouth Bass Season.
May 27 Memorial Day Service. Marenisco American Legion Post #523

JUNE

June 8 & 9 Annual MI-TRALE S.P.O.R.T. Ride. Details www.mi-trale.org
June 8 & 9 Michigan FREE fishing weekend – No license required.
June 8 & 9 Upper Peninsula ORV Trails FREE Riding Weekend.
June 8 Lake Gogebic Fireflies All-Lake Garage Sale 8am-2pm (ct) Check us out on Facebook. New members welcome.
June 12-Labor Day "Old Victoria" in Rockland opens for season 11am-5pm(et) Wed, Fri, Sat, Sunday. Check Facebook.
June 20 Porcupine Mountain Folk School Summer Solstice Celebration, featuring a Finnish dancing program, bonfire, music & refreshments. For more info: www.porkies.org.
June 23? Log Cabin Day at Old Victoria. Check Facebook page.
June 23-July 4 Bessemer Blast Festival – a week long party! www.bessemer4th.com.
June 28 Farmers Market/Artisan Market opens at Depot Park in Ironwood.
June 29 Annual Tour da Lake Bicycle Tour around Lake Gogebic
June 29 -Aug 2 Emberlight Festival of the Arts in Miner's Park in Ironwood.

JULY

July 3 Wakefield Fireworks at Sunday Lake at dusk. Parade July 4 at 1pm
July 3 Marenisco Golf Outing.

July 4 Marenisco parade, games, turkey feed, food, concert, fireworks. www.marenisco.org
July 10-13 Festival Ironwood. Facebook: Festival Ironwood
July 19-20 Copperfest Heritage Festival in Ontonagon. www.ontonagonmi.org
July 21 Lake Superior Day www.ontonagonmi.org
July 26-28 Ontonagon County Fair. Exhibits, stock cars, horse show, cattle sorting, kid games, antique tractor show, concessions, and more. Gate opens at 10am (et)
July 27-28 Gus Macker 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament in Wakefield

AUGUST

August 11 Lake Gogebic Fire Dept Annual Chicken Dinner sponsored by Lake Gogebic Fireflies 12-6pm (CT). Serving 12-3pm
August 11 Auxiliary. West Shore Fire Station on M-64
August 17 & 18? Upper Peninsula ORV Trails FREE Riding Weekend.
August 18 Annual Old Victoria Craft Fair from 10am-5pm (et). Handmade crafts, homemade cinnamon rolls old-fashion kids games at 1:30pm. (always 3rd Sunday in August)
August 23-24 Porcupine Mountains Music Fest www.porkiesfestival.org
August 30-Sept. 2 Ontonagon Labor Day Celebration – www.ontonagonmi.org


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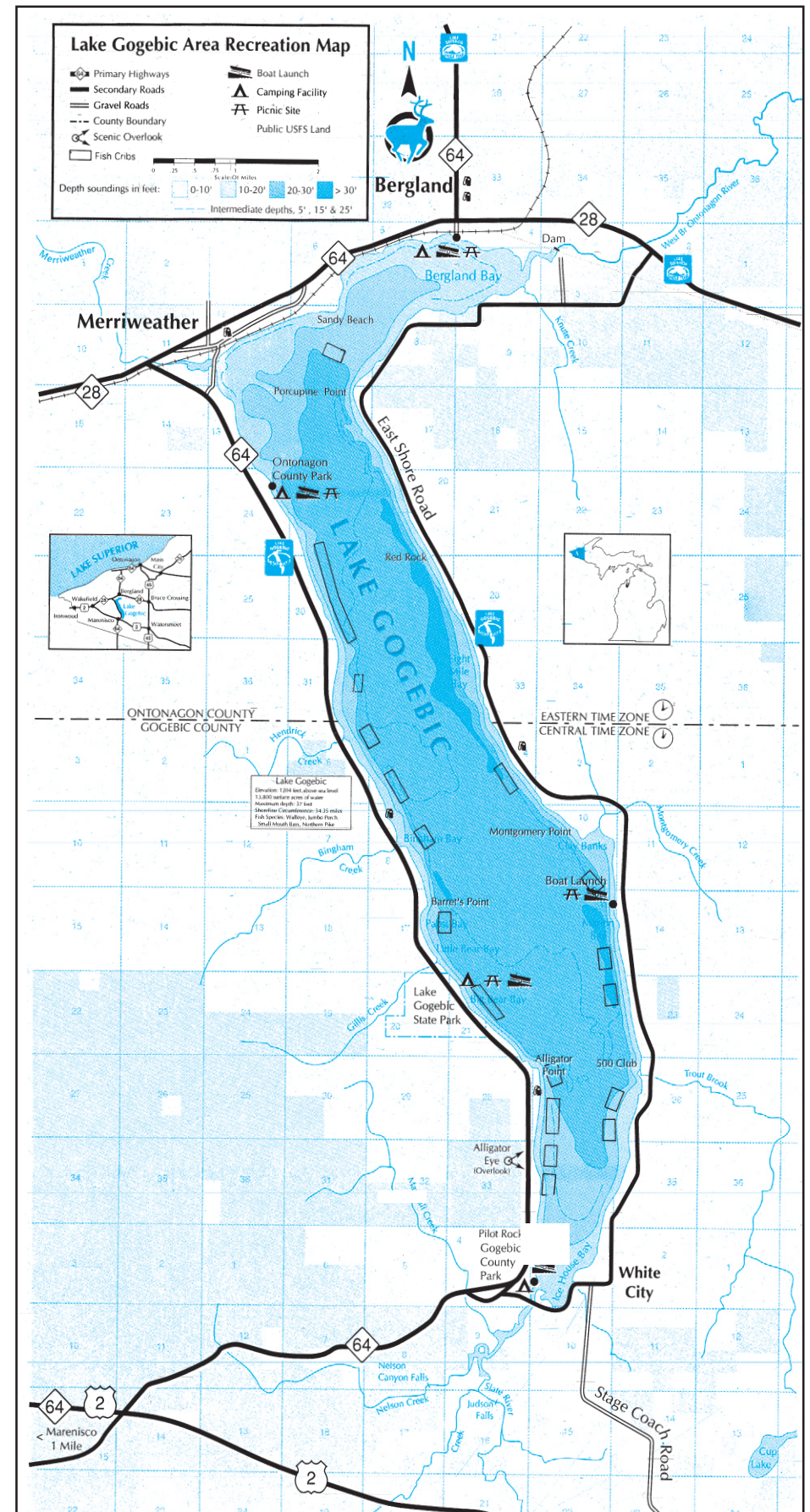
Here you will find recreation information, maps, and much more. It's packed with interpretive exhibits and animal mounts explaining the Forest's natural and cultural history, and educational videos to be viewed in the auditorium. Thursday evening programs are held during the summer months. Topics may include wildlife, photography, history, weather, and forest management.

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Open Summer: May-September.

Available at the Ottawa Visitor Center: Forest Information, Visitor/Recreation information, Interagency Passes, Forest product Permits (please call ahead)



Lake Gogebic Area Calendar of Events for 2024 Continued

SEPTEMBER

September 6 Marenisco Sports Club Gun Banquet. 1st Friday in Sept.
September 6 & 7 Lake Gogebic Area Chamber Fall Walleye Tournament www.lakegogebicarea.com.
September 21? Chair Lift Color Tours at Porcupine Mt. Wilderness St. Park on Sat & Sun beginning Sept 21 – Oct.12(tentative) from 12-6pm(et) Gift shop & Concessions open. www.mi.gov/porkies

September 26 MI-TRALE Annual Senior Citizen Fall Color OHV Tour www.mi-trale.org - for details.

OCTOBER

October 5 Lobster Boil & Fall Colorama at Gogebic Lodge. Call 906-842-3321 for reservations
October 31 Halloween Hayride & Trunk or Treat in Marenisco.

NOVEMBER

November 7 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
November 15 Opening day of Firearm Deer Season.
November Annual Christmas Bazaar at Ewen/Trout Creek School-10-2pm(et)
November 30 Annual Craft Show at The Konteka in White Pine – 9-1pm(et)

DECEMBER

December 1 Opening of Upper Peninsula Snowmobile Trails.
December 6-8 "Hometown Christmas" in Ontonagon. Parade, community tree trimming, Mule drawn wagon rides, light tours, dance, crafts, fireworks. www.ontonagonmi.org

December 7 Jack Frost Festival of Lights Parade, 6:00pm downtown Ironwood
December Christmas Music Concert at Ontonagon Theater of Performing Arts Traditional and Contemporary Music. www.ontonagontheater.org
December Santa Visit at the Marenisco Townhall.
December New Year's Eve Party – Finn & Feather Northern Cuisine *Central Time Zone.
December 31 New Year's Eve 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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Congratulations to all the participants who showcased their angling skills and sportsmanship!

We were blessed with great fishing weather, and a few majestic eagles who closely monitored the check-in area activities, keeping a close eye on our volunteers as they diligently recorded the size of each catch brought in and photographing each one. Our tournament adheres to a catch & release policy, so after a fish is measured and weighed, it is gently returned to the lake, symbolizing our commitment to sustainable fishing practices. At one point an eagle swooped down and secured a fish in its talons. This awesome moment was further amplified when the eagle, in a twist of fate, dropped the fish onto the road right in front of a volunteer en-route to another check-in point. This unexpected gift from nature provided him with a delicious walleye dinner!

This year's tournament also held a moment of reflection as we remembered Ray Sievert, a member of the Pace and Buss families and a long participant of our tournament. Ray, who passed away earlier this year, was dearly missed, leaving an empty seat in the boat and our hearts. We cherish the memories captured in a photograph from the 2022 tournament and shared on our tournament page in last year's Lake Gogebic Times. His spirit lives on in the stories shared and memories cherished.

We are reminded that this event is more than just a tournament, it's a celebration of community, enjoyment with nature, and a tribute to those who have left a legacy. We eagerly anticipate our 46th tournament September 6 & 7, 2024!

2023 WALLEYE TOURNAMENT WINNERS!

First Place: Taylor Smith of Conover, WI – 25 ¾ inches

Second Place: Joseph Maslanka of Montreal, WI – 25 ¼ inches

Third Place: Richard Zalewski of Plover, WI – 24 inches

Fourth Place: Tim Laajala of Houston, TX – 23 ½ inches

Fifth Place: Brad Casanova of Norway, MI – 23 ¼ inches

Sixth Place: Kimberly Hintz of Stevens Point – 23 inches

Seventh Place: Michael Stockrowitz of Merrill, WI – 22 ¼ inches

Eighth Place: Bob Usitalo of Iron Mountain, MI – 22 inches

Ninth Place: Paul Paananen of Chassell, MI – 21 ¾ inches

Tenth Place: Brent Leonard of Houghton, MI – 21 5/8 inches

FRIDAY \$50 WINNERS

Perch: Tony Casanova – 13 ½ inches

Sm. Bass: Andy Buss – 21 ¾ inches

N. Pike: Lea Ellis – 32 ¼ inches

SATURDAY \$50 WINNERS

Perch: Tim Meyer – 13 ½ inches

Sm. Bass: Jennipher Kolpack – 20 ¾ inches

N. Pike: Tricia Kohls – 34 ¼ inches

EARLY BIRD WINNER – Joseph Maslanka



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

2023 winner Taylor Smith



Andy Buss



Jenipher Kolpack



Lea Ellis



Brad Casanova



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Thank you to everyone who participated in our tournament. We appreciate your support of our Lake Gogebic fishery program.

****2024 Fall Walleye Tournament date:
September 6 & 7.**

LGACC Tagged Fish Contest & Monthly Fishing Contest Results

Purchasing a Monthly Fishing Contest/Tagged Fish Contest button from our area businesses could win you \$30.00 or more while you are fishing on Lake Gogebic. There are tagged fish out there from last year also! Several tagged fish were caught this year.

TAGGED FISH WINNERS:

Steve Summ of Green Bay, WI caught a \$250 tagged Walleye
 Tom Forbes of Woodruff, WI caught a 2022 tagged Walleye, netting him \$30.00
 John Luxton of Merriweather, MI caught a 2022 tagged Northern Pike, netting him \$30.00

Anglers who enter their catch in our Monthly Fishing Contest could win a \$30.00 Chamber Gift Certificate which they may redeem at any chamber business. Bring your fish in to one of the participating businesses on the lake as soon as you catch it, and have it registered (even if it isn't a whopper!).

MONTHLY FISHING CONTEST WINNERS:

PERIOD 1 - MAY 15 TO JUNE 14

Walleye: David Leathhead of Grass Lake, WI - 25.25 inches. Registered at the Hoop 'n Holler Tavern
 Smallmouth Bass: Mike Kruth of Colgate, WI - 17 inches. Registered at Bear's Nine Pines Resort
 Perch: Spencer Fels - 14.25 inches. Registered at West Shore Resort
 Northern Pike: Spencer Fels - 32 ½ inches. Registered at West Shore Resort

PERIOD 2 - JUNE 15 TO JULY 14

Walleye: Danielle Kirchner of Powers, MI - 27 inches. Registered at West Shore Resort.



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Smallmouth Bass: Matt Warren of Dearbrook, WI - 20 ¼ inches. Registered at Hoop 'n Holler Tavern.

Perch: Maria Schwartz of Nappanee, IN - 14.5 inches. Registered at Bears Nine Pines Resort.

Northern Pike: Bob Kolodzik of Land O Lakes, WI - 28 ½ inches. Registered at Hoop 'n Holler Tavern.

PERIOD 3 - JULY 15 TO AUGUST 14

Walleye: Dale Bouche of Denmark, WI - 28 inches. Registered at West Shore Resort.

Smallmouth Bass: Luke Mitrisin of Shelby, IN - 18.5 inches. Registered at Bears Nine Pines Resort.

Perch: Darin Fels - 14 ½ inches. Registered at West Shore Resort.

Northern Pike: none registered.

PERIOD 4 - AUGUST 15 TO SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

Walleye: Kim Hintz of Stevens Point, WI - 23 inches. Registered at Bears Nine Pines Resort

Smallmouth Bass: Andy Buss of Woodstock, IL - 21 ¾ inches. Registered at Hoop 'n Holler Tavern.

Perch: Cheryl Schwalbach of Larsen, WI - 13 inches. Registered at West Shore Resort.

Northern Pike: none registered.

2024 FALL WALLEYE TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP FORM

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, WRITE OR CALL: THE LAKE GOGEBIC AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 www.lakegogebicarea.com PO BOX 114 - BERGLAND, MI 499910 (888) 464-3242

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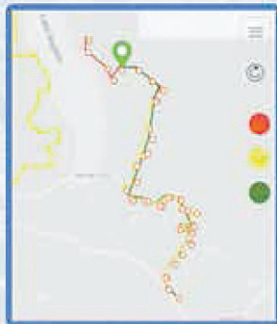


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Lake Gogebic County Park on west shore has 53 camp sites, with 28

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 avail-

able 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. Desig-

nated 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.

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

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Visit our website (www.mi-trale.org) for detailed information on trails for ATV/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.

We also offer Safety Training for all ages of ORV riders. In the spring MI-TRALE will provide the state required classroom training for young riders by our State of MI Certified Instructor. This ensures that 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 and increases the population of considerate, safety-minded riders on our trails.

We also offer many activities, such as Geocaching & Guided Rides, giving ATV/ORV riders the opportunity to get together and enjoy the natural wonders in our beautiful area!

Check our website for dates, registration and so much more!

There is a MI-TRALE Map App you can learn about on our website.

MI-TRALE paper maps may be purchased at local area businesses, or via our website.

We hold Club Meetings, usually the first Monday of the month at the Standard Township Building, 14927 St Hwy M28, Bruce Crossing.

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Ontonagon Valley Sportsmen's Club

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There is Shotgun Shooting at the OVSC Range every Wednesday night at 7:00pm (et). There are instructors



present. Men, women and adult children are welcome. \$5 a-round for 25 targets. Eye and

ear protection required (the range has extras if needed). Contact Al Sanborn with questions

906-827-3307.

You can Join the summer Shooting Range Sport Program on Saturday at 9:00am (et) in June & July for a morning of .22 rifle and archery. Firearms, ammo, archery equipment and lunch are provided by the OVSC.

All participants will receive individual instruction and all beginners will be provided a firearms safety and basic shooting class. It's recommended for ages 8 and up. Trained and certified instructors work with the kids.

It's a great way to spend time with your kids and pass along the legacy of firearms safely and responsibility.

Check our Facebook page for more information and membership sign-up info.

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 8, 2024, 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 11, 2024 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.

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THE SECRET BEHIND JEOPARDY!

How a Yooper created the greatest game show

Editor's note: *This article first appeared in Marquette Monthly. The author is a former Ontonagon County resident who had a long career with Copper Range, at the old White Pine Mine.*

By LARRY CHABOT

At the end of every televised Jeopardy! game show, the last credit reads "Created by Merv Griffin."

He did create the popular Wheel Of Fortune program, had his own TV talk show for 21 years, and was an entertainment legend, but he DID NOT create Jeopardy! A Yooper did, and Griffin admitted it.

The creator is Julann Wright of Ironwood, who was married to Merv Griffin for 17 years.

Griffin revealed the true story in an interview, Julann repeated it in another interview, and she repeated the straight scoop when we traced her to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, where she lives now on an old plantation. "Don't let the 'plantation' word fool you," she cautioned. "It sounds more elegant than it is!"

Our far-ranging talk was full of wonderful memories and the swapping Ironwood stories with a lively and very funny show-business veteran from the U.P.

Julann recalled that in 1963 she and Merv were flying from Duluth to New York after visiting her parents in Ironwood. He was shuffling notes and clippings, looking for a show idea.

"What, another game show?" she asked, and he said, "Yeah."

She said she was tired of game shows "with people jumping around and doing pantomimes and acting like fools. What happened to knowledge-based games?"

At that time, TV executives were leery of game shows because of recent scandals in which contestants were given the answers in advance and told to feign anguish and indecision before spouting the winning answer.

Mindful of this, Julann countered with, "Why don't you give them the answers and make people come up with the questions?"

When Merv asked for an example, Julann replied with, "The answer is 5,280" and Merv responded with the question: "How many feet in a mile?"

A Legend is Born

"We kept going and I kept throwing him answers and he kept coming up with questions," Julann recalled. "And by the time we landed the plane, we had an idea for a show.

"Well, after that he went right down to his office, got the guys working on it, building some sets, which I helped him build, and then they had meetings at our house, playing practice games.

"When we first went to NBC with the idea, they said it was too difficult, so we had to dumb it down a little so the big men at NBC could play it!" Merv's version of events had them taking the idea to NBC which "bought it without even looking at a pilot show."

It first aired in early 1964 with Julann's sisters Sally and Maureen on the original writing staff.

Julann said that President Richard Nixon was a faithful viewer, always scheduling his lunch hour so he could watch the show. Singer Frank Sinatra was another big fan.

A syndicated version began in 1984 with the beloved Alex Trebek hosting until his recent death. Two different versions, with different hosts, play now on U.P. TV stations. Jeopardy! has been voted one of the best TV shows in American history, born out of the creative mind of a memorable U.P. woman.

Julann recalled that the first big winner was a Black cab driver from Chicago with a long winning streak "because he knew a lot of trivia. He beat a lot of professors and everybody else."

She's still a fan and watches whenever she can.

"But I feel like it's my baby that went to school and graduated and then went overseas," she told an interviewer. "It's not even connected to me anymore. Jeopardy! belongs to all of us now.

"I think the reason it quickly grew was that it was real and not fake. It's about the information and not gimmicks. I'm shocked that it's still on today. Those first days were a miraculous time."

Merv Griffin sold the rights to the show for \$250 million, and made millions more from his Wheel of Fortune program — especially the show's theme song, which brought in more millions.

When he died in 2007, his wealth was estimated at \$1.6 billion, according to internet sources.

There was a lot more to Julann Wright than that show's creation. She was a force in her own right.

After graduating from high school and college in Ironwood, she headed for New York and a career in show business. She played the comic foil on the Robert Q. Lewis TV show for years, drawing laughs through her feigned stupidity.

It was on the Lewis show that she met Merv Griffin, whom she eventually married and moved to California. Another career as a movie actress gave her parts in films like Haunted Honeymoon and The Woman in Red.

Big Mistake

After her 17-year marriage ended, Julann faced a glass ceiling in being denied a credit card in her own name. Sorry, the bank said, not for women.

Well, they had just poked a bee's nest!

Out of the same creative brain which invented Jeopardy came another breakthrough: The First Women's Bank of California, created by persuading eight other women to help her form the bank whose mission was to help women save money and establish credit.

The first customer through the door was none other than Florence Henderson, star of the wildly popular Brady Bunch TV show. Then came actresses Jane Fonda, Phyllis Diller, Anne Bancroft, Farah Fawcett, Loretta Swit of MASH, and a parade of the famous and unfamous who bought into Julann's creation by buying stock and opening accounts.

In 1978, Julann was honored with an invitation from Gogebic Community College in Ironwood, her alma mater, to address the graduates at commencement, in a speech entitled "You Are What You Think."

Her status as a banking executive, radio star, and TV creator and producer also earned her an honorary degree.

"I graduated from there," she told us, "but was not a good student. My interests were elsewhere so it was really something when they asked me to give the commencement speech!"

She loved Ironwood and its great people, a wonderful place to grow up. The family home was at 223 West Aurora, and her father, Robert, was a local judge.

"My favorite store in Ironwood was my uncles' Gil and Joe Trier's drug store on Suffolk Street. I was a soda jerk there. When my friends came in my uncles would warn me not to tell them how big my pay was, but I told them not to worry, I was ashamed about how little I was paid," she said..

Even though she lived in ski country, she was never a skier "but I would go down Mount Zion sitting in a box!"

She lives not far from Thomas Jefferson's home and the University of Virginia. "I raise a lot of my own vegetables. It's a lot like the U.P. here, without the snow."

"I miss the U.P. and think about it a lot," she said. "We were able to make many trips home because Merv was very good about visiting his relatives and my family. I wish I could do that now."

Author's note: The information in this article came chiefly from interviews of Merv and Julann by other writers, and from a wonderful phone conversation I had with her. She has total recall, a great sense of humor, and no bitterness at the lack of royalties from Jeopardy!

Julann Wright Griffin truly earns the title of memorable U.P. woman. How cool it would have been if the give-and-take leading to the creation of Jeopardy! had occurred as their flight passed over the U.P.

Waterfalls: Recreation Opportunity Guide

The Ottawa National Forest (www.fs.usda.gov/ottawa), Sylvania Wilderness and the Porcupine Mountains are home to many beautiful waterfalls. No trip to the western U.P. is complete without exploring these scenic wonders!

Trails mark the way to many of the waterfalls, but most require a map and a compass, hiking shoes, camera, and water bottle. (Waterfall maps are available from the Lake Gogebic Chamber).

Many waterfalls can be visited 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 reedy tremolo 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 County Road 523 north. There is a

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LGIA has been a non-profit association for over 40 years. LGIA has an open board meeting policy. All are welcome to attend. Your suggestions, ideas, and project assistance are always welcome. Membership is open to all who are interested.

Some of the projects we are involved in are:

LAKE LEVAL – monitoring lake levels to ensure proper lake levels are maintained per FERC license.

FISHERY ENHANCEMENT – build and maintain positive relations with the DNR and other fisheries proponents. We keep a close watch on legislation that impacts our lake and water.

FISH CRIBS – applying for permits from Michigan Department of Conservation to build and place fish cribs in lake.

BOAT WASHING STATION - Currently both boat washing facilities are operated by the Watersmeet Tribe at the south end of the lake.

INVASIVE SPECIES – watch for new invasive, Phragmites, a tall reed like plant that has migrated from Australia. And the purple loose-strife is beginning to appear around the lake.

TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES, BOATERS SHOULD:

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2. DRAIN live wells, bilges and all water-pull drain plugs.
3. DRY boat and equipment.
4. DISPOSE of unwanted bait in the trash.

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Telephone: _____

Any particular interests, talents, concerns you like to share? The LGIA thanks you in advance for your interest and your support.

Waterfalls

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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 north-east.

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 Sandstone 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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Ironwood to Saxon Harbor	28 miles
Wakefield to Lake of the Clouds	53 miles
Wakefield to Merriweather	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

Michigan Snowmobile Trail Permit Required

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SNOWMOBILE YES - ORV NO

Thrilling Adventures Await: Snowmobiling at Lake Gogebic, Michigan

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Lake Gogebic, Michigan's largest inland lake, is nestled amidst pristine forests, waterfalls, and rolling hills, creating a picturesque backdrop for your snowmobiling adventure. The area's trails are well-marked and traverse through diverse terrains, offering both challenging rides for experienced adventurers and gentler paths for beginners.

Local businesses cater to the snowmobiling community, providing ample opportunities for equipment rental, trail maps, and advice on the best trails.

After a day on the snow, riders can warm up and swap stories at the cozy lodges and welcoming eateries on the lakeshore.

The Lake Gogebic area is renowned for its consistent snowfall and well-maintained trails, ensuring optimal conditions throughout the winter season. The Gogebic Area Grooming snowmobile club plays a crucial role in trail upkeep, demonstrating a community-wide commitment to ensuring a premier snowmobiling experience.

Embrace the chill and discover the exhilarating joy of snowmobiling at Lake Gogebic. Whether gliding thru serene, snow-covered forest or challenging trails, this winter wonderland delivers unmatched adventure and breathtaking scenery, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

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.

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.

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.

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:

- Local units of governments
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
- Snowmobile clubs and local business
- Western Upper Peninsula Snowmobile Council



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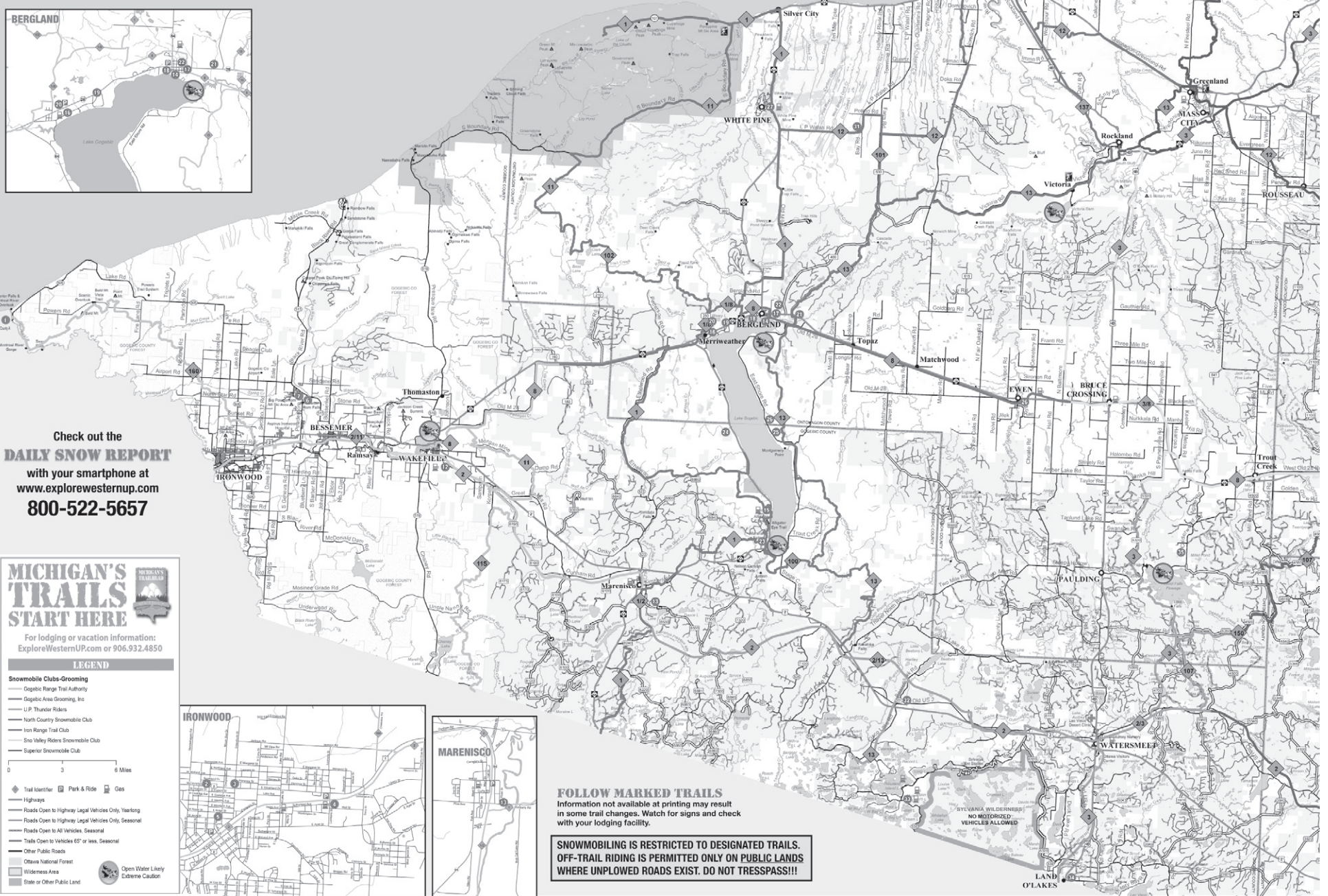
Michigan State Police - 906.224.9691

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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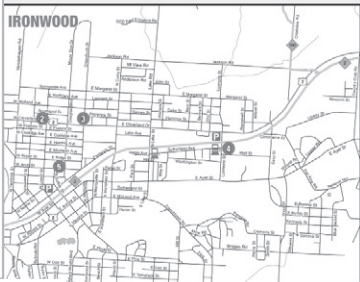
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Roads

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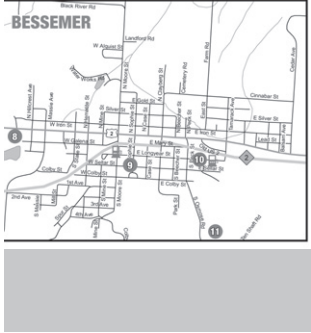
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FOLLOW MARKED TRAILS
 Information not available at printing may result in some trail changes. Watch for signs and check with your lodging facility.

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2024 Michigan Snowmobile Trail Permits \$52.00

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Porcupine Mountain Music Festival



The Porcupine Mountains Music Festival is held in the relaxing and beautiful surroundings of the ski complex and chalet, with a breathtaking view of Lake Superior.

Many genres are represented: folk, bluegrass, rock, country, jazz, you name it! In addition to the main stage, the indoor chalet stage and “busking barn” are also popular.

The 18th Porcupine Mountain Music Festival will be held August 23 & 24, 2024. 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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Watch www.porkies.org/events and our local media for information as soon as its available.

Grab your friends and get your spot!



Trails Fund

The largest single group of visitor’s 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 2024, and you can receive one for a \$25 donation. Visit porkies.org/donations



Porcupine Mountains Folk School

Located in the historical carpenter shop building in the porcupine Mt Wilderness State Park. The building is ADA handicapped accessible.

OUR MISSION

Inspiring creativity, lifelong learning, and appreciation of the natural environment and cultural heritage in the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park.

OUR VISION

Supporting the preservation of Park resources as it operates in historical facilities within the park. The Folk School will offer diverse classes that students from local communities and visitors to the park will find attractive. Students will experience hands-on workshops that connect to the natural environment and the cultural heritage of the park and the Lake Superior region.

OUR GOALS

- ~ Create a supportive non-competitive environment where students become lifelong learners.
- ~ Enhance each student's park experience and appreciation through creative expression.
- ~ Promote and preserve traditional knowledge, art, skills, and stories from the Lake Superior region.
- ~ Support and promote learning across generations and community building with creative and meaningful opportunities.

2024 FOLK SCHOOL CLASSES & EVENTS

June 2 & 3 – Greenland Kayak Paddle w/instr. Dave Rasmussen

June 8 – Aldo Leopold bench w/instr. Dave Rasmussen

June 15 – Whisk Broom w/instr. Sandy Lindblom

June 20 – Summer Solstice Event – Ft. Finnish Kivajat Dancers w/instr. Kay Seppala

June 28 – Water Reflections w/Watercolor w/instr. Donna Lenard

July 7 – Open House

July 15 – Simple Handmade Sketchbooks & Field Sketching in the Park w/instr. Cynthia Cole

July 20 & 21 – Ice Dying 100% Cotton Fiber w/instr. Lu Opperman

July 27 – Journal Cover w/instr. Donna Thurston

July 27 – Copper Bowl w/instr. Mollie Larsen

July 27 – Alcohol Ink Leather Cuff w/instr. Diane Kribs-mays

July 27 – Fused Glass w/instr. Beth Cox

August 9 & 10 – Da Pack Basket w/instr. Poppy Hatinger

August 11 – Willow Wall Pouch w/instr. Poppy Hatinger

August 17 – Hearth Broom w/instr. Sandy Lindblom

Sept. 4 & 5 – Painting on Aquaboard w/instr. Pat Tinney

Sept. 7 – Black Ash Basket w/instr. April Stone

Sept. 13 – Porkies Triptycch for Adults w/instr. Sandi VanSistine

Sept. 13 – Porkies Triptych for kids w/instr. Sandi VanSistine

Sept. 14 – Tree Applique in Wood-Triangles w/instr. Wayne Walma

Oct. 11, 12, 13 – Charcuterie Board w/instr. Dave Rasmussen

Oct. 19 – Cobweb Broom w.instr Sandy Lindblom



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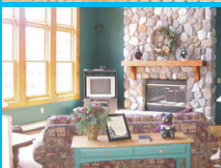
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