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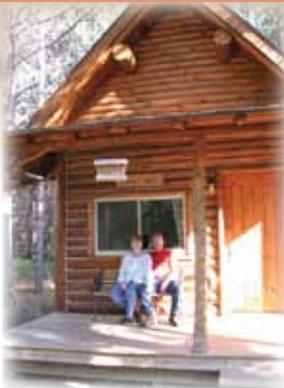
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 Editor's Pencil

Don't put that camping gear away!

Maybe you'll need to get a sweatshirt out, but you haven't needed it much this summer. And the campfire will be a little crisper in the cool air, but not to be extinguished for many weeks to come. Camping in the fall is fabulous. And as a bonus, most of the insects are gone!

Whether you're here to take in the colors of our woods (all 19 million acres of them), take a tour through the wineries, maybe drive the back roads and find that property you want to call on (it's a great time to buy)—many will tell you this is the best time of year to camp, explore and enjoy the outdoors in northern Michigan.

From **Reed City** to **Traverse City** and **Houghton Lake** to **Cadillac**, with "Small Town Stops" like **Boon** and **Moorestown** in between, there are enough country roads to keep you coming back for a lifetime. Pick up a local map in any of our communities or better yet, ask a local—they'll point out the highlights and how to get there. We like to share this experience.

Don't forget our community outdoor markets and roadside stands. It will be an early harvest this year and everything from squash to pumpkins and apples will be coming in about the same time. What better way to enjoy your camping experience than to have fresh fruits and veggies from local farms.

And if you happen to take a spectacular digital photograph of your tour, send it to us! We'd like to have it for our website and maybe you'll even see it in print.

Thanks as always to our sponsors. Every business is worth a visit if just to say hi ~ they are all run by genuine people you would have fun talking to. Another thanks to our distributors, especially the campgrounds. Remember most are open through October and some all year. They'll leave the light on for you and have your copy of *The Northern Camper* waiting.

~Kathy Salvatore & Jim Dissette, co-publishers

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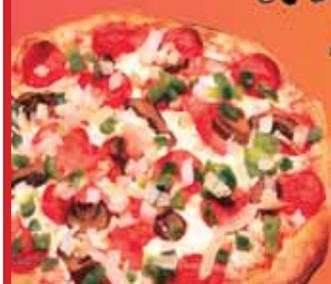
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Outdoor Magic ~

AUTUMN COLOR TOURS

Autumn—the crown jewel of Michigan seasons— begins its colorful display in mid September and lasts through the end of October. Trees blaze with fiery palettes of red, orange and yellow, turning



the forest canopies into a crazy-quilt of color. Who wouldn't want to explore the countryside with these kinds of breathtaking panoramas at every turn?

Hundreds of miles of back roads meander through thousands of acres of Michigan wilderness and are waiting for your own color tour but why not consider something a little more unique: a hot-air balloon ride, a day on a vintage train, a sail on a tall-masted schooner on the lake or how about discovering the many wineries in our neck of the woods? From the air, on the lake or RV touring, this is the time of year for special outdoor magic.

"All Aboard!"

One of the most popular color tours is by train out of **Owosso** and chugging its way through the forests to **Cadillac**. This year's excursion, the **"Cadillac Fall Color Steam Special and 'Autumn in Alma' Steam Special** will take place **October 16 and 23**.

The trip from "Scotland USA" (Alma) to Cadillac will begin at 9 a.m. with a planned arrival into Cadillac at 12:30 p.m. After a two hour lay-over, the train will return to Alma. This year, the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society's Nickel Plate Road 765 steam locomotive will be powering the excursion. Tickets start at \$125 each.

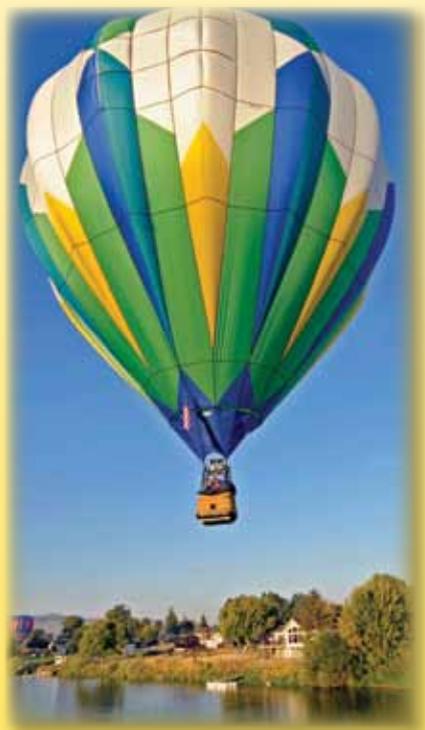
The "Autumn in Alma" excursion leaves at 9 a.m. from Owosso and steams to Alma for a short layover and returns to explore the Steam Railroad Institute. Coach seats are \$99.

The Railroad Historical Society in Owosso is also a place to keep in mind. It is the home of the famous "Polar Express" which usually makes a November run to the North Pole (Cadillac). This year it will not feature the famous steam locomotive, but will instead pull vintage passenger cars with one of the famous Michigan

diesels. For information and schedules call **999-725-9464** or see **www.mstrp.com**.

"Up, Up & Away!"

If you'd rather see our spectacular fall colors from 2,000 feet or just above the treetops, no problem. How about a hot-air balloon ride?



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"Anchors Away!"

For the sea-faring explorer, there's no better way to enjoy the brisk autumn breezes than on a 114-foot 1800s type cargo schooner, the **Tall Ship Manitou**. With 3,000 square foot of sail, the Manitou has plied the waters of West Grand Traverse bay since 1991.

The ship offers two-hour sails (noon, afternoon and evening) **through September 13**. Specialty and multi-day sails are also offered including a Wine Tasting Cruise.

If you are in the area earlier next year, check out their Microbrew and Pizza Night Sail, Moomers Ice Cream Sail, or The Floating Bed and Breakfast Overnight Cruise.

September will still offer 4-day **Windjammer** multi-day cruises. Depending on the weather con-

ditions and wind direction, the destinations may vary but could include St. James fishing village on Beaver Island, Manitou Islands or visit one of Michigan's oldest general stores

while staying at Mission Harbor, sailing during the day and anchoring at night. Accommodations are first class and the home-cooked food (on a wood stove!) is served family style in the main cabin or as a buffet on deck. Call for schedules, pricing and more information, **231-678-0383**.

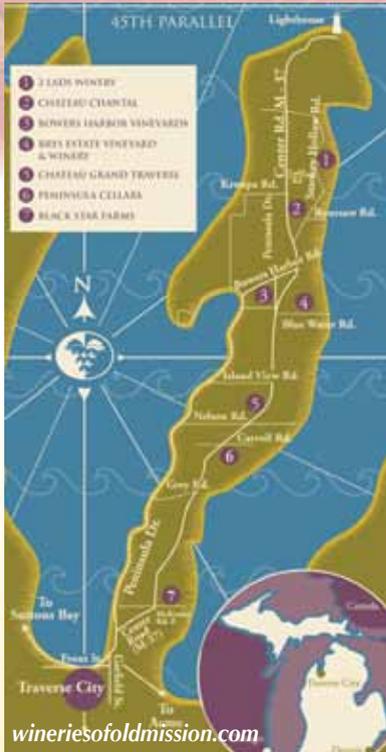
"Land Ho and a Bottle of . . . Wine!"

For those who want to stay closer to land and would like to do a little traveling, a tour of Michigan's wineries can be a memorable adventure: luxurious estate-sized tasting rooms and

inns with panoramic views dominate **The Old Mission Peninsula** (11 miles north of Traverse City) and the **Leelanau Peninsula**.

The Old Mission Peninsula alone could keep you busy for a full day (as long as you don't taste too much wine!). There are seven wineries located on the 20+ mile long peninsula which lays between the West Arm and the East Arm of Grand Traverse Bay. You could start your day at **Black Star Farms'** round oak wine tasting bar (an extension of their Sutton's Bay facility) and work north to **2 Lads Winery**. The wine "estates" on the Old Mission Peninsula are impressive in looks and wine quality, and all have tasting rooms exuding individual style.





Chateau Chantal is a perfect example of the winery “manse” and one not to be missed for its panoramic view of the Bay, stately old world inn and rolling vineyards. For more information see www.chateauchantal.com.

Both peninsulas are wonderful places to grow wine grapes. In fact, if you follow the 45th parallel east a few thousand miles you will come to the wine

growing regions of France and Italy. Six of the ten top producing wineries in Michigan are from this area and many have earned world-class recognition. The climate and soils (a gift from the Ice Age) favor cool climate classics like Pinot Grigio, Riesling, Chardonnay, Gewurztraminer, Pinot Noir and other varieties. The region is also excellent for sparkling wines and a specialty called “Ice Wine,” a dessert wine produced by letting the grapes freeze on the vines before processing in January.



At **Black Star Farms** on the Leelanau Peninsula, guests are treated to a unique merging of winery (with Inn) and equestrian facility and state of the art creamery. Billed as an “agricultural destination” the main facility is known as “The Big Red House,” and was originally built as a private residence which has been converted into a posh bed and breakfast. Its 10,000 case winery has won numerous gold medals and their A Capella Reisling Ice Wine has even been served during the dessert course at the White House.



The stables are available for guests’ horses (there are 13 stalls), and there are indoor and outdoor arenas, turnout paddocks and fields. For those just traveling through the area, it’s fun to watch!

But that’s not all. Black Star Farms is also home to the **Leelanau Cheese Company**. With milk provided by local dairies and adding no preservatives or artificial coloring, this cheese could be placed next to the best cheese northern Europe has to offer.

Sixteen other wineries grace the “wine coast” of the Leelanau Peninsula, each of them with a distinct offering. What a way to celebrate autumn!

As you plan your autumn color tour, it’s good to know exactly when the leaves are turning. One way is to check the weekly color report provided by the **Michigan Audubon Society**. Updates are posted weekly. See www.michiganaudubon.org.

In the “last but not least” file, don’t forget that Michigan is renowned for its apples and orchards will be in full swing, many of them also on the Leelanau and Old Mission Peninsulas. Stop by the **Traverse City Visitor’s Center** (101 W. Grandview Parkway/US–31 and North Union Street) for maps or see their website at www.visittraversecity.com.

When in doubt about which adventure to choose, just head off down that winding back road and enjoy the colorful show! ✦

Book Review

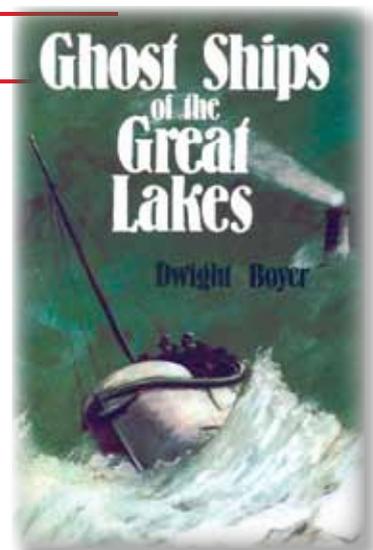
Ghost Ships of the Great Lakes

by Dwight Boyer

This is the awesome story of the missing “ghost ships” of the Great Lakes, ships that disappeared, often in complete mystery, and were never seen again. The chronicle is a varied one: sometimes the cause was a titanic storm with huge seas and terrifying winds; or it was blinding snow that destroyed all sense of direction and massive ice that by its weight bore the ship beneath the surface; often it was mechanical failure or disregard of safety for the sake of gain.

In researching this book, the author scanned thousands of old newspaper and shipping journals, read hundreds of letters from relatives of lost skippers and their crews, shipping company reports and files. The accumulated data reveal many crucial facts never before known, to document the chapters of this thrilling book.

Dwight Boyer is also the author of True Tales of the Great Lakes, Great Tales of the Great Lakes, Ships and Men of the Great Lakes and Strange Adventures of the Great Lakes.



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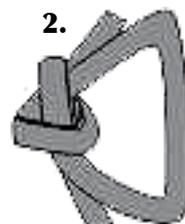
Camper's Knot

WATER KNOT

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2. Make loops, slings and grab handles.





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MINI CAPRESE BITES

- 1 Pint Grape Tomatoes, Halved
- 10-14 Small Mozzarella Balls, Cut in Thirds
- 32 4" Wooden Skewers or Picks
- 1/4 Cup Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 2 Tablespoons Balsamic Vinegar
- 1/4 Teaspoon Kosher Salt
- 1/4 Teaspoon Pepper
- 6 Thinly Sliced Fresh Basil Leaves
- Kosher Salt & Pepper to Taste

Thread 1 tomato half, 1 piece of cheese, & another tomato half onto each skewer. Place skewers in a shallow serving dish. Whisk oil & next 3 ingredients. Drizzle oil mixture over skewers; sprinkle with basil, salt & pepper to taste.

~ Submitted by Laura Gervenack, Spring Lake, MI

FETA DIP (YUM!)

- 8 oz. Cream Cheese Softened
- 1/2 Cup Mayo
- 8 oz. Feta Cheese Crumbled
- 1/2 Teaspoon Dried Dill
- 3-4 Cloves Garlic Minced
- 1/2 Teaspoon Thyme
- 1/2 Teaspoon Oregano
- 1/2 Teaspoon Basil

Mix all ingredients until well blended. Serve with assorted crackers. Best if made one day before serving.

~ Submitted by Michelle Asim, Lake Orion, MI

BREAKFAST SAUSAGE CASSEROLE

- 1 lb. Bulk Sausage
- 2 Tablespoons Flour
- 1-1/2 Cups Milk (No Lowfat)
- 1 lb. Frozen Shredded Hashbrowns (Thawed)
- 4-6 Green Onions
- 1 1/4 Cups Grated Cheddar Cheese

Butter 8x8 casserole dish. Cook sausage. Add flour & mix well. Add milk, simmer 5 minutes. Place hashbrowns in dish, top with 1/3 of green onions. Add one cup of cheese, another 1/3 of green onions. Pour sausage mixture over top. Cover with remaining 1/4 cup cheese. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining green onions.

~ Submitted by Michelle Asim, Lake Orion, MI

MEDITERRANEAN CHICKEN COUSCOUS

- 1 1/4 Cups Low Sodium Chicken Broth
- 1 Pkg. (5.6 oz.) Toasted Pine Nut Couscous Mix
- 3 Cups Chopped Cooked Chicken
- 1/4 Cup Chopped Basil
- 1 Package (4 oz.) Crumbled Feta Cheese
- 1 Pint Grape Tomatoes, Halved
- 1 1/2 Tablespoons Lemon Juice
- 1 Teaspoon Grated Lemon Rind
- 1/4 Teaspoon Pepper

Heat broth & seasoning from couscous in micro on high for 3-5 min. or until broth boils. Place couscous in bowl & stir in broth mixture. Cover & let stand 5 min. Fluff couscous; stir in chicken & next 6 ingredients. Serve warm or cold. Serves 4-6.

~ Submitted by Laura Gervenack, Spring Lake, MI

PORK LOIN MARINADE

- 2/3 Cup Honey
- 1/2 Cup Dijon Mustard
- 1/4 - 1/2 Teaspoon Chili Powder
- 1/4 Teaspoon Salt

Mix, save 2/3 cup for sauce & use rest for marinade. Grill pork loin, warm extra sauce & serve with meat.

~ Submitted by Lynde Chase, Waters, MI

GRILLED TURKEY LEGS

- **Small Turkey Legs**
- **Garlic Salt**
- **Butter**

Simple! Season turkey legs with garlic salt only. Melt butter and add garlic salt. Put legs on grill and baste with butter mixture. Grill about 45 minutes, turning often and basting. Smaller legs are tender, better tasting and faster to cook. Also good with turkey wings!

~ Submitted by Judy Boughner, Lake City, MI

MARGO'S CHERRY ALMOND SUGAR BARS

- **1 Pkg. Betty Crocker Sugar Cookie Mix**
- **1 Stick Softened Butter**
- **1 Egg**
- **1 Teaspoon Almond Extract**
- **1 Cup or More Finely Chopped Raw or Roasted Almonds**
- **1 Cup or More Dried Cherries**
- **Sugar**

Preheat oven to 350°. Spray an 8½ x 11 baking pan. Mix all ingredients until blended. Press dough into pan. Sprinkle with sugar. Bake 25-30 minutes or until edges are lightly browned.

~ Submitted by Margo Jacobs, Lake City, MI

MARGO'S LEMON SUGAR COOKIE BARS

- **1 Pkg. Betty Crocker Sugar Cookie Mix**
- **1 Stick of Butter**
- **1 Egg**
- **1 Teaspoon Lemon Extract**
- **Sugar**

Preheat oven to 350°. Spray a square baking pan. Mix all ingredients until blended. Press dough into pan. Sprinkle with sugar. Bake 20-25 minutes or until edges are lightly browned.

~ Submitted by Margo Jacobs, Lake City, MI

CHOCOLATE CHIP "Z" BREAD

- **3 Cups Flour**
- **1 Teaspoon Soda**
- **1 Teaspoon Salt**
- **1/4 Teaspoons Baking Powder**
- **3 Teaspoon Cinnamon**
- **2 Cups Sugar**
- **1 Cup Oil**
- **3 Eggs**
- **1 Single Serve Cup of Applesauce**
- **2 Cups Shredded Zucchini**
- **1/2 Cup Nuts**
- **1 Bag Chocolate Chips**

Grease and flour 2 loaf pans. Sift together dry ingredients. Cream sugar, eggs, oil, applesauce. Mix in zucchini. Add dry ingredients. Stir in nuts and chocolate chips. Bake at 350° for 45-55 min.

~ Submitted by Kim Lawrence, Ortonville, MI



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A Do-It-Yourself Guide For Camper Maintenance

by Gerry Bandelow, Lake City

Besides enjoying the great outdoors, an important part of camping is being mobile. So before going mobile you will need to make sure your camper trailer is up for the trip.

Let's start with your tow vehicle and work our way back. There are two considerations with trailer weights—the tow vehicle pulling the trailer and the hitching system that connects the two. Both the tow vehicle and hitching system have weight capacities which affect safe handling of the vehicle.

Tow Vehicles & RVs

Do not exceed the GVWR of the tow vehicle. The GVWR includes the curb weight of the vehicle, payload, and hitch weight. Hitch weight is the percentage of the trailer weight that is placed on the trailer coupler of the tow vehicle.

Tow vehicles also have GAWR limits. Payload and hitch weight must be divided evenly between the axles to conform with the maximum weight limits and to avoid over steering problems. The proper tow vehicle hitch weight is approximately 10-15 percent of a trailer's gross weight to be loaded in front of the trailer axles and onto the hitching mechanism. This ensures needed stability for road handling. If your trailer does not tow properly, you may have a problem with not enough weight on the hitch.

For those of you in RVs, vehicle stability and safety can be affected by weight distribution. If, for example, rear axle weight is low, it is best to load the heaviest supplies toward the rear. Keep heaviest supplies low, to keep the center of gravity low and ensure best handling.

Hitching Systems

The **ball and coupler hitch** is used on a wide variety of tow vehicle and trailer combinations. This hitch consists simply of a ball attached to the rear of the tow vehicle and a coupler (socket) at the tip of a tongue or A-frame attached to the front of the trailer. This hitch is commonly used on camper trailers.



A **load distributing hitch** is used for heavier models such as utility trailers, boat trailers, and travel trailers. These load distributing hitches use special equipment to distribute the tongue load to all axles of the tow vehicle and trailer to help stabilize the tow vehicle (see photo this page).

Weight distribution hitches add spring bars to the hitch system that apply leverage between the tow vehicle and the trailer. This leverage transfers the load sitting on the rear of the vehicle to all the axles of the vehicle and trailer. With the trailer tongue and rear cargo load distributed between the axles, the vehicle is leveled off and performance is greatly improved. Weight distributing systems should be used any time the trailer weighs more than 50 percent of the vehicle's weight.

Trailer Lighting

Before you can legally tow your trailer on public roads, you have to have working trailer lights. In fact, this is more important than simply risking a ticket. If your trailer lights don't work, you're inviting an accident to happen. Always

check your trailer lights before you leave on any towing trip, no matter how short.

Most trailers come with lights and wiring installed for you. If your trailer's lights and wiring are missing or beyond repair, it's usually very easy to install replacements. Any reputable camping or trailer center will have kits that use standard wiring connections and standard color-coded wires.

Trailer wiring harnesses use 4 to 7 wires to control basic lighting and brake functions. The simplest connectors for the smallest trailers use 4 wires on a flat plug to control tail lights, brake lights, and turn signals. Connectors with 5, 6, and 7 wires (in order) add backup lights, electric brake control, and auxiliary power. To make trailer wiring less confusing, there's a standard color-coding for each of the 7 possible wires and their functions. The most common for camper trailers is the 7 wire connector (see photo next page).

Vehicles Without Towing Packages

If your vehicle is so equipped, setting up your trailer electronics will be easy. However, if your vehicle is not prepared for towing, you will need to install a wiring connector. With some planning and research, you can safely splice trailer wiring connectors into your vehicle's wiring system, or take your vehicle to a professional camping or trailer shop and have the wiring installed there.

If you have a truck, RV or SUV made since the mid-1990s, chances are it was made with a 4-way flat connector, a 7-way RV blade style connector, or possibly both. In general, if your trailer uses electric brakes, you should install the 7-way RV blade connection whether or not you plan to use backup lights or auxiliary power. If your trailer does not use electric brakes, chances are you'll be fine with the 4-way flat connection.

If you do need to connect all 7 wires, the best solution is to use a sealed weatherproof wiring box, available at any camping or trailer center, and bring your lighting, brake, and auxiliary wires (if any) together in the box. Then run a harness to your connector from the box. The box may be located anywhere on the trailer, but place it so that it's safe from road hazards and from weather.

As with any wiring, make sure your connections are solid and your wires are protected. If you doubt your ability to do a good job on trailer wiring, take your trailer to a professional. A rewiring job doesn't take long or cost that much.

Vehicles With Towing Packages

If your vehicle came from the factory with a towing or camping package, chances are that the factory also installed a 4-way flat or 7-way RV blade style car-side connector. The 7-way connectors are always in the vicinity of the center of your rear bumper, mounted on a tab or mounted into the bumper itself. Sometimes, 4-way flat connectors are tucked up under the rear of the vehicle. Your vehicle owner's manual should tell you how to determine if a connector is already installed.

You should talk to your dealer, read your owner's manual, and check your vehicle thoroughly before you cut or tap into any wires on your vehicle. Make sure you are absolutely certain that no provisions have been made for you before you tap into your wiring. Even the best taps weaken your wires and cut through the factory-provided wire sheath.

If you can avoid taps, you're better off. But if you have an older vehicle or one that was not designed for easy towing, you may need to tap into your existing vehicle wiring harness to install a towing connector.

Connecting to the Tail Lights

Luckily, most of the wiring you need connects to your vehicle's tail lights. The exception is the wiring for a brake controller, but if your vehicle was not made with a towing package, you should take special care before attempting to tow a trailer large enough to require brakes and a controller.

You might need to remove your vehicle's tail lights to access the wires you need, and those wires may not correspond to the trailer wiring color scheme. The best practice is to obtain a schematic drawing of your vehicle's wiring, but you can also determine the wiring plan for yourself by turning on each light (tail light, right turn signal, left turn signal, brakes) in turn and using a voltmeter to note which wires receive current.

When you have labeled your wires, you can add an additional wire to any circuit. Place your trailer connector wire in the tap, and then position the tap around your vehicle's cor-

responding wire. Use a pair of pliers to fold over the clamp and the metal blade slides over the existing and the new wire. The blade cuts the plastic insulating sheath around the wires and makes a new connection. The clamp snaps into place and holds the tap on the wire.

Run your new wire to your vehicle-side connector. As you install the taps, remember that the brake lights on your trailer are a combination of both the right and left turn signal lights. You need to tap into just three wires to install a 4-way flat connector: right and left turn signals, and one tail light wire.

Connect your ground wire on the vehicle side to a good ground on the vehicle's body or chassis. To be highway legal, a trailer must have running lights (taillights and/or marker lights), turn signals and brake lights.

Remember with this or any camper project, don't let it become overwhelming, involve the family and keep it fun. If you have any questions or comments you can e-mail me at thehappycamperguy@yahoo.com or visit me on [Facebook](#), [The Happy Camper Guy](#). †



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M-88 South Bellaire; 231-533-8432, chainolakescamp.com.

Harvest Festival & Scarecrow Extravaganza • Sept. 25, 10 am - 4 pm
Broad Street; scarecrow costume contest, arts & crafts; 231-533-6023, info@bellairechamber.org.

Buckley

Plateau Farmers' Market • Saturdays
Thunderbird Park; 360-829-0975, buckleychamber.org.

Beer & Wine Walk • Sept. 25
Tasting, souvenir glass to take home; 360-829-0975, buckleychamber.org.

Cadillac

Cadillac Farmers' Market • Tues. & Fri., 8 am - 4:30 pm
Lake Street, north of library next to DEQ Bldg.; 231-775-6310.

Cruise In Nights • Thursdays, 6-9 pm
Culver's of Cadillac, 8645 34 Rd.; 231-510-7000.

Flea Market • Thru Sept. 12, Sat. 9 am - 5 pm; Sun. 10 am - 4 pm
Wexford Civic Center, 1320 N. Mitchell St., Octagon Bldg.; 231-779-9520.

Cadillac Festival of Races • Sept. 6, 9 am
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Ride for a Cause • Sept. 11, 8 am
Pine Grove Athletic Club; pingroveathleticclub.com.

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Downtown; family fun activities, in-store specials, dog show, car show; downtowncadillac.com.

Camp Cadillac • Sept. Schedule
10621 E 34 Rd.; 231-775-9724, campcadillac.com
– Fall Fest • Sept. 10-12
Potluck dinner, pumpkin decorating, hayrides, and trick or treating.

Johnson Center • Sept. Schedule
6087 M-115; (231) 779-1321, michigan.gov.
– Call for info on fall programs.

Central Lake

Parkside Fine Arts Festival • Sept. 11, 10 am - 4 pm
Bridge Walk Bed & Breakfast; bellairechamber.org.

Family Fun Festival • Oct. 2, 10 am - 3 pm
Chamber cabin; cake walks, apple bobbing, games, prizes for best costumes for kids and pets; 231-544-3322, clcc@torchlake.com.

Elk Rapids

Farmers' Market • Fridays Through Oct., 8 am - Noon
Elk Rapids Chamber, 305 US-31 N.; 231-264-8202; elkrapidschamber.org.

Art Beat • Oct. 2, 10 am - 6 pm
Local galleries co-host fine art & sales; elkrapidschamber.org.

Empire

Farmers' Market • Saturdays Through Sept. 25, 9 am - 1 pm
Downtown Front St., next to post office.

Evart

Michigan Reigned Cow Horse Association • Sept. 4-5
JDJ Ranch, 10418 Evergreen Rd.; michiganreignedcowhorse.com.

Evart Car Show & Race • Sept. 3-4
(231) 734-9799, evartchamberofcommerce.com.
– 5th Annual Burnout • Sept. 3, 6:30 pm, Evart Airport
– Car Show • Sept. 4, 7 am, Riverside Park
– Barnyard 400 Race • Sept. 4, 5 pm, 15 Mile & 70th Ave.

Spit & Whittle Woodcarvers • Sept. 10-12, Fairgrounds

National Caricature Carvers • Sept. 17-19, Fairgrounds

Rabbit Hound Assoc. Trials/Show • Sept. 18-19, Fairgrounds

Downtown Fall Fest Street Fair • Sept. 25

Michigan Travel Trailer Club Rally • Oct. 1-3, Fairgrounds

Houghton Lake

Craft Show • Sept. 4-5, 9 am - 5 pm
Houghton Lake High School; 989-389-4500, nccraft@yahoo.com.

End of Summer Picnic • Sept 4-6
West Houghton Lake Campground, 9371 W. Houghton Lake Dr.; 989-422-5130; westhoughtonlakecampground.com.

Pumpkin Run Car Show & Cruise • Sept. 24-26
989-366-5644, hlccc@houghtonlakechamber.org.

Interlochen

Farmers' Market • Sundays Through Sept., 9 am - 1 pm
Earth & Hearth, south of Interlochen Corners on M-137; 231-276-9105, earthnhearth.com.

Avenue of the Arts Autumn Fest • Sept. 18, 10 am - 4 pm
Arts & Crafts, Car Show; 231-276-7141, interlochenchamber@juno.com.

Lake City

Festival of The Pines • Sept. 16-19
Beverage tent, music, crafts, lumberjack & muzzle loader competitions; (231) 839-4969, lakecitymich.com.

Good Morning Lake City • Sept. 17, 7 am
Lake City EMS Bldg., 1st St.; margo.jacobs@chartercom.com.

Nature Festival Plant Sale & Workshop • Sept. 25, 10 am - 1 pm
Missaukee County Offices; 231.839.7193, missaukeecd.org.

Leelanau

Farmers' Market • Sundays through Sept. 5, 10 am - 2 pm
Parking lot across from St. Joseph St., east of Kejara's Bridge.

Barbeque 'n Blues Festival • Sept. 5, 1-9 pm
Main St.; Big DaddyFox, James Glass, "Big Dog Fedders", Doc Woodward and others, food & beverage; 231.271.9895, leelanauchamber.com.

Labor Day Bridge Walk • Sept. 6, Noon
From Early Bird Restaurant to Old Art Building.

Leelanau State Park Harvest Festival • Sept. 25
Day long event has agricultural background with vendors, educational programs, games hikes, apple press/cider making; 231-386-5422.

Leland

Leland Heritage Celebration • Sept. 18
Wood boats, classic cars, Fishtown Fest activities, historical displays; 231.271.9895, leelanauchamber.com.

LeRoy

Farmers' Market • Saturdays Through Sept., 9 am - 1 pm
LeRoy Village Park.

Manton

Old Time Jamboree • 1st Saturday of Month, 6-10 pm

Manton HS; 231-389-0042; square/round dancing.

Farmers' Market • Wednesdays Through Sept. 22, 9 am - 1 pm

Railroad Park, Downtown Manton; 231-824-3391.

Harvest Festival • Sept. 3-6

231-824-4158, Mantonmichigan.org.

Merritt

Farmers' Market • Saturdays Through Sept. 4 (or later), 11 am - 4 pm

Ben Jeffs Park; contact Keith Jenema, 231-394-1468.

Golden Agers Dance Night • Mondays, 6-9 pm

Sr. Center; 231-328-4447; dancers & musicians welcome.

Merritt Speedway • Sept. Schedule (Tentative)

4430 E. Houghton Lake Rd., 231-328-4351, merritt-speedway.com

- LM, Mod, PT All 3 classes winged up SP/FS off • Sept. 4

- SMR Night Of Destruction • Sept. 5, 4 pm; Monster Trucks / Figure 8 bus/Factory Stock Figure 8 Northern Championships

McBain

McBain Farmers Market • Fridays Through Oct., 3-6 pm

Stoney Corner Rd. & M-66; 231-825-2483.

Northport

Northport Farmers' Market • Fridays through Sept. 17, 9 am - 1 pm

Located at Depot next to marina.

Sousa Concert • Sept. 4-5

Community Art Center, 104 S Wing St.; 231-386-5001, northportcac.org.

Reed City

Music at The Depot • 2nd & 4th Thursday Thru Sept. 23, 7-9 pm

Weather permitting; 231-832-5431, reedcitycrossroads.com.

Roscommon

Michigan Firemen's Memorial Festival • Sept. 16-19

Fire Training Grounds; festival in memory of fire fighters; 989-275-8546, roscommoncountyfair@yahoo.com.

Suttons Bay

Farmers' Market • Saturdays Thru Oct. 16, 9 am - 1 pm

Ice rink, corner of Lincoln & Broadway; leelanau.cc/farmersmarkets.asp.

Harvest Stompede • Sept. 18-19

Leelanau's vineyards and a wine tour of LPVA member wineries featuring wines, gourmet pastas and other culinary delights.

Traverse City

Downtown Farmers' Market • Saturdays Through Oct.

Cass & Grandview Parkway, 231- 922-2050, rob@downtowntc.com.

Indoor Farmers' Market • Saturdays Through Dec., 10 am - 2 pm

800 Cottageview Dr. (Grand Traverse Commons), thevillagetc.com.

Summer's End Paddle • Sept. 3, 6:30-9 pm

Bowers Harbor; traversebaypaddler.com.

Stargazing • Sept. 4 & Oct. 2, 9-11 pm

NMC's Rogers Observatory, 1753 Birmley, 231-995-2300, www.nmc.edu.

Schooner Festival • Sept. 10-12

Open Space Park, www.michiganschoonerfestival.org.

NHL Prospects Tournament • Sept. 11-15

Centre ICE; 231-933-7465, www.centrice.org.

Downtown Art Walk • Sept. 17, 5-9 pm

Tour of galleries, prize drawings.

Red Wings Training Camp • Sept. 18-21

Centre ICE; 231-933-7465, www.centrice.org.

Bowers Harbor By Moonlight • Sept. 24, 6:30-9 pm

Neah-ta-wanta Point, Bowers Harbor; www.traversebaypaddler.com.

Fall Festive Sale & Happy Apple Days • Oct. 2

Downtown; www.downtowntc.com.

Traverse State Park • Sept. Schedule

1132 US-31 N, 231-922-5270

- Labor Day Bridge Walk • Sept. 6, 10-11 am

- One Pot Potluck Cook Off • Sept. 11, 4:30 pm

Timber Ridge RV Resort • Oct. Schedule

4050 Hammond Rd., 231-947-2770, timberridgeresort.net.

- Autumn Microbrew Color Tour & Fall Festival • Oct. 1-2

Tustin

Tustin Daze • Sept. 3-5

Fri., golf, square dance; Sat., parade, family activities; Sun., air show.

Modelers Society Annual Fall R/C Air Show • Sept. 5, 1-4 pm

Downtown, turn south 1/2 mile to field; 231-768-4259, cornj.rchomepage.com/cams.html.

Fall Family Fun Day • Sept. 18, 10 am - 4 pm

Kettunen Center, 14901 4-H Drive; 231-829-3421, kettunencenter.org.

Williamsburg

Dressage By The Bay Fall Classic Competition • Sept. 10-12

Flintfields Horse Park; www.horsheshowsbythebay.com.



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HISTORY CORNER

All In a Row - Roosevelt's Tree Army

Remember when you were a kid and taking those family drives up north for vacation?

You tired of playing the travel games with your siblings—slug bug, find the out-of-state license plates, twenty questions. The fun of poking at your brother or sister faded and you gazed out the window watching everything speed by. Then it started. “Are we there yet? How much farther? When are we going to stop?”

Hearing the typical parental response, you were still bored and gazed through the window some more. After surveying the landscape, you started to notice something about the trees. Now you actually had an intelligent question that seemed to please your parents. “Mom—dad, who planted all those trees in a row like that?”

The answer? President Roosevelt's Tree Army, more commonly known as the Civilian Conservation Corps or “CCC.” The CCC was responsible for the Red Pine plantations you see across northern Michigan, planted mostly to help stabilize the soils and prevent erosion.

After the stock market crash in 1929 and the onslaught of the Great Depression, millions of people fell into poverty and there were no public welfare or un-

employment systems to help. A newly elected president, Franklin Roosevelt, had many goals, one of which was to put able bodied young men to work. He had a plan to enlist men in an effort to “preserve the natural resources of these United States.” His proposal was to put unemployed city men to work restoring the country to its former beauty.

Throughout the last half of the 19th century (1848-1898) lumber barons across Michigan cleared the land of trees making themselves an estimated 4 billion dollars. Over 19.5 million acres of Michigan forests were stripped and left unplanted. Roosevelt's plan was to repair the damage done to the nation's forests with a Civilian Conservation Corps made up of out-of-work young men.

“Enlistments” as they were called, lasted up to six months and you could re-enlist after that time expired. In Michigan you got started by applying at a local selection board. You had to be a single, unemployed young man in good health and willing to send \$22 of your \$30 monthly wage home to your parents or family. (Mom and dad loved this part of the story!)

In Michigan, the CCC performed a wide array of conservation projects and between 1933 and 1942 they planted over 485 million trees—the Red Pine Plantations. Other projects included constructing the fire towers you can still see scattered across



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northern Michigan. They laid miles of telephone wires, built miles of road, and fought forest fires.

The first applicants in Michigan signed up in April of 1933. Most of them were 18 - 25 years of age but there were also many World War I veterans in their 30s and 40s.

By 1933, over 270,000 men were working in over a 1,000 camps across the country. The camps were run by the Army although you were not considered a soldier.

By 1936, there were over 70 camps in Michigan and over 55,000 men had served. Eventually, nearly three million men served in the CCC.

Initially the camps were not more than tent cities but as the program took off and winter approached the first year, more permanent structures were built. The camps boasted permanent barracks, mess halls, vocational centers and medical clinics.

Early in the program the men were referred to by the locals as “wood lice” but soon they gained the respect of most Americans and became known as “Roosevelt’s Tree Army.”

The CCC camps did balance work and fun. Most camps had a “canteen” where you could buy film, candy, soda pop and 3.2 beer. The camps also had libraries, most with over 1,000 books and magazines. Some camps even published their own newspaper to help keep the men informed.

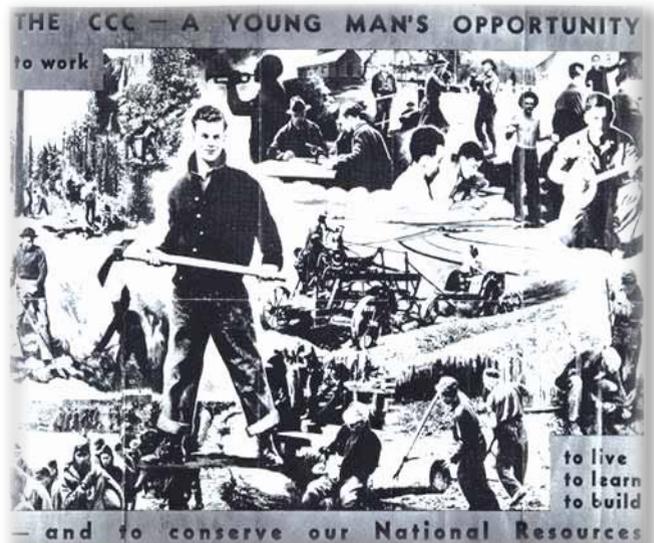
Michigan CCC men did a lot more than just plant trees—building trails, fighting fires and planting fish in our streams. They helped to



revitalize the Michigan State Park System and more importantly strengthen our economy. Total CCC expenditures in Michigan reached \$95 million and the CCC men sent over \$20 million home to their families.

So the next time you and your family are hitting the road for northern Michigan and your kids tire of the same old travel games, tell them to look out the window at all those rows of trees. Now you can tell them the story about the young men of the CCC in Mr. Roosevelt’s Tree Army.

Looking for a great side trip? Visit North Higgins Lake State Park, home of the **Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps Museum** (www.michigan.gov/cccmuseum). †



Campground Critter

Trumpeter Swan

Did you know that the trumpeter swan is the world's largest waterfowl? It weighs 25-35 pounds when fully grown, and when extended, their wingspan can reach nearly eight feet. The trumpeter is similar in appearance to other white swans, but their foreheads slope evenly to an all black bill.

Trumpeter swans are unique in Michigan. They normally do not breed until their fourth year. They also form strong pair bonds that can last for years. Their nests can be huge, at times reaching five feet across, and they are usually built among aquatic plants like cattails. They will often use the tops of muskrat houses for a nest base. After hatching, young trumpeters stay with the parents until the next spring when the pair begins nesting. Survival of young trumpeter swans is often high because of this extra parental attention.

Historically, trumpeter swans were most likely abundant throughout the Great Lakes region. However, with the settlement of America, the populations of trumpeters plummeted. Beginning in the late 1800s, European settlers cleared the land, draining and filling important marsh habitat, and market hunters took swans for their fine down and quills. Nearly 100 years passed before trumpeter swans were seen again in the Michigan wilds.

Today, three species of swans can be found in Michigan. The trumpeter is the largest and has an all-black



bill. The other resident swan, the mute swan, is a European import. The easiest way to distinguish the mute swan is by its orange bill. They also often have a bulbous knot at the top of their bill. The third species, the tundra swan, passes through our state on their migration routes. Shortly after ice thaws, hundreds to sometimes thousands of tundra swans can be seen resting in Great Lakes marshes.

During the 1980s, Michigan began a swan reintroduction program as part of the North American Restoration Plan. After nearly 15 years, the program can be claimed a complete success: the 2000 count of trumpeter swans in Michigan exceeded 400 swans. †

Help DNRE Find the Trumpeter

- The DNRE is asking the public to report any observations of trumpeter swans for a continent-wide census.
- Observers should submit reports at michigan.gov/wildlife under Report Wildlife Observations or by calling 517-373-1263.
- Be prepared to provide the specific location and date of observation. Information on single swans, pairs, pairs with young and flocks with three or more swans will be useful. Only observations made after August 15 should be reported.

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- Length: 45 inches
- Wingspan: 95 inches
- Large, long-necked waterbird with short legs and a short duck-like bill
- Long neck held straight up with a kink at base
- Black bill
- Culmen (upper ridge on bill) is straight
- Black of bill extends up to eye but does not encircle it
- V shaped mark on forehead between black bill and white feathering
- Black legs and feet
- Entirely white plumage
- Voice/Call: Loud, resonant, trumpet-like call

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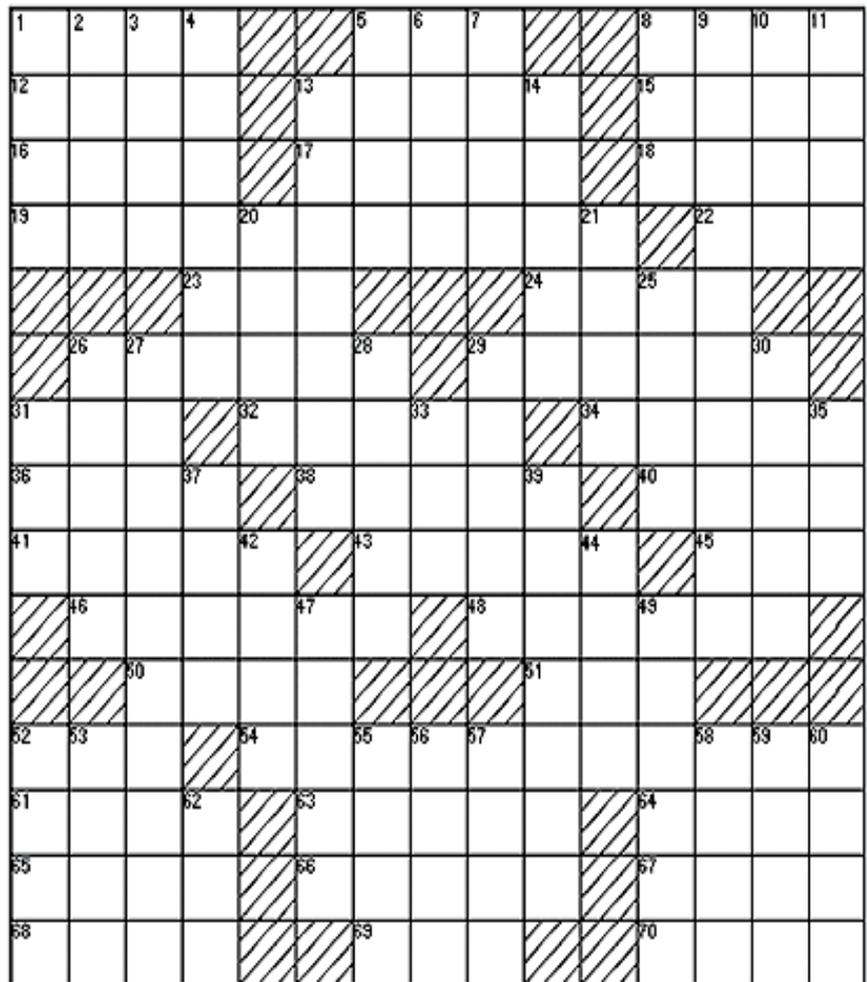
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ACROSS

1. Rabbit
5. Astonishment
8. Urban haze
12. Not closed
13. Palm cockatoo
15. Protagonist
16. Utilizer
17. Australian wild dog
18. Biblical garden
19. Youth correctional institution
22. Female deer
23. 52 in Roman numerals
24. A dog wags this
26. In great numbers
29. A lawn adjoining a house
31. Provided food
32. Small drum
34. Inquisitive
36. Burden
38. Muted green (Scottish)
40. Passion
41. King
43. Bellybutton
45. Kitten's cry
46. Unwavering
48. Found at the end of a pencil
50. Slave
51. Minimum (abbrev.)
52. Paddle
54. Wasteful
61. Winged
63. Fool
64. Russian emperor
65. Carry
66. Film
67. Home for a pet bird
68. Attention
69. Adult males
70. Seed covering

DOWN

1. 60 minutes
2. Basilica area
3. Coral ridge
4. Sign up
5. Operatic solo
6. Desire
7. Therefore
8. Third person pronoun female



9. Interfering
10. Chocolate cookie
11. Departed
13. Supreme commander of a fleet
14. Heart artery
20. Violent disturbance
21. Tall story
25. Graven image
26. Taxonomic category
27. Mixed with impurities
28. Black
29. Tomb
30. Not at any time
31. On account of
33. Egg cells
35. A type of evergreen shrub
37. Notices
39. Wood-eating ant
42. Hindu princess
44. Secular
47. Fabric for jeans
49. Stool pigeon
52. Pledge
53. Found in skin lotion
55. Ancient Biblical kingdom
56. Half of ten
57. Stab or thrust (archaic)
58. Jacob's brother
59. Pesters
60. Arduous journey
62. Crimson

Vegetation Station

Every September 17 at midnight, tree faeries—thousands of them— arrive in Northern Michigan with tiny palettes of paint and buckle down to work, painting each leaf a color according to their whims.

If you feel a little challenged by this idea, we could drop back to the more acclaimed scientific reason for why the trees turn colors this time of year.

Three factors influence autumn leaf color—leaf pigments, length of night, and weather, but not quite in the way we think. The timing of color change and leaf fall are primarily regulated by the calendar, that is, the increasing length of night time. None of the other environmental influences—temperature, rainfall, food supply, and so on—are as unvarying as the steadily increasing length of night during autumn. As days grow shorter, and nights grow longer and cooler, biochemical processes in the leaf begin to paint the landscape with nature's autumn palette.

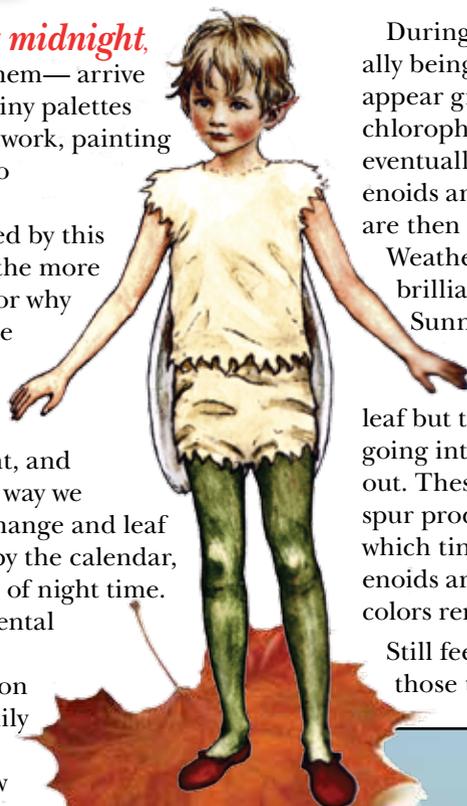
Colors need pigments and there are three primary pigments present in leaves:

Chlorophyll, which gives leaves their basic green color. It is necessary for photosynthesis, the chemical reaction that enables plants to use sunlight to manufacture sugars for their food. Trees in the temperate zones store these sugars for their winter dormant period.

Carotenoids, which produce yellow, orange, and brown colors in such things as corn, carrots, and daffodils, as well as rutabagas, buttercups, and bananas.

Anthocyanins, which give color to such familiar things as cranberries, red apples, concord grapes, blueberries, cherries, strawberries, and plums. They are water soluble and appear in the watery liquid of leaf cells.

Both chlorophyll and carotenoids are present in leaf cells throughout the growing season and most anthocyanins are produced in the autumn, in response to bright light and excess plant sugars within leaf cells.



During the growing season, chlorophyll is continually being produced and broken down and leaves appear green. As night length increases in the autumn, chlorophyll production slows down and then stops and eventually all the chlorophyll is destroyed. The carotenoids and anthocyanins that are present in the leaf are then unmasked and show their colors.

Weather is also an important ingredient in how brilliant the leaves are in any particular autumn.

Sunny days and cool, crisp—but not freezing—nights seems to bring about the most spectacular color displays. Sugar is produced in the leaf but the cool nights and the gradual closing of veins going into the leaf prevent these sugars from moving out. These conditions—lots of sugar and lots of light—spur production of the brilliant anthocyanin pigments, which tint reds, purples, and crimson. Because carotenoids are always present in leaves, the yellow and gold colors remain fairly constant from year to year.

Still feel a little challenged? You can always rely on those tree faeries. †

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got rocks?

by Kevin Gauthier

Unakite is pink granite

containing inclusions (sometimes streaks) of light green epidote. The pink portions of the granite are typically feldspar or pink quartz. Because of the green and red appearance, Unakite has been nick named the “Christmas Rock” by many rock collecting enthusiasts. The rock is mined in the New England states as an inexpensive gem stone, however some of the best Unakite in the world can be found throughout the Great Lakes.



granite with vivid green epidote running through it. It is an awesome site to see after a rain when the sun comes out. Some of the most beautiful and plentiful Unakite I have ever found came from Batchawana Bay.

The best Unakite is determined by more vivid color and crisper contrast between the colors. Another characteristic is the uniqueness of the shape of the lines running through the rock. To expose the very best in the stone can be simply a matter of which direction the stone is cut. Some of Michigan’s Unakite has been unique enough to set in karat gold jewelry (see photo).

The main source of Unakite found in Michigan comes from a 10-15 mile stretch of mountains near Montreal River Canada. Here, as one drives north toward Lake Superior Provincial Park, the road cuts through mountainous areas of beautiful pink



Like most of Michigan’s gems stones there is no “one source” or “best” location to hunt Michigan Unakite. The glaciers came and receded many times over, from Minnesota beyond Illinois, as far east as Niagara Falls and down into Pennsylvania. Billions of tons of rocks were mixed up, transported, and randomly redistributed again and again. The beauty of it all is Michigan is smack dab in the middle, giving Northern Michigan the best rock hunting and the most varieties in the world.

Think of rock hunting as a treasure to be discovered, whether it is in a lake, gravel pit, your backyard, road site cut, or a recent construction site with newly exposed rocks. My professional advice is find a rocky area and go huntin’! †



Small Town Boon • Wexford County

Boon Township is located in the Manistee National Forest off M-115 between Cadillac and Mesick. The township is 36 square miles, a perfect cruise for your color tour.

The community of Boon, about 40 acres with a population of 100 is where you'll find Boon Grocery, rich in history, friendly service and 19 flavors of specialty cheeses.

Whether your tour is all about the color—or if you need cheese to go with your side trip to the winery—you won't want to miss this small town stop.

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562 Haskins, Boon, MI 49618

How often do you see a conductor park his train in front of the grocery store so he can go in and get his lunch?



“I guess that’s just part of a normal day around here,” said Sara Ward, owner of Boon Grocery.

The small town of Boon, located between Cadillac and Mesick off M-115 is a must cruise on your color tour. Surrounded by the Huron-Manistee Forest, the smooth roads with rolling hills allow even the driver to enjoy the scenery and appreciate the lack of busyness.

Boon has a township hall and fire department as well as post office, Baptist church and two cemeteries. But the main gig is Boon Grocery.

A sign on the front door thanks you for wearing shoes and a shirt for service, so no one lacks manners in this small town. And after 27 years of proprietorship, Sara and her husband Dave provide their customers with everything you can imagine organized in 1300 square feet.

“When you’re 12 miles from Cadillac and 14 from Mesick, you need to be versatile,” Sara said as



Brandee Mercer, Sara Ward & Dick Lucas.

she looked around her shelves. “I sold my spatula in the last couple of days, probably to a camper.”

Only one spatula. And Sara will make sure her inventory is stocked before the weeks out. Meijer’s inventory has nothing on Sara’s system.

“We’re used for ‘last minute’ or ‘I forgot’ items,” Sara explained. “It’s all about convenience, and I don’t see anything on the shelf that doesn’t sell.”

Besides convenience, there are the other specialties that bring people to Boon Grocery:

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Only one spatula, but 19 flavors of cheese! The Colby is aged right there in “Beautiful Downtown Boon,” and locals as well as out-of-towners know about the cheese.

“Ted, a local customer, will ask for one

pound of the sharp Colby – and he means exactly one pound. And another regular customer from Cadillac will ask for \$4.37 worth,” Sara laughed. “On a good day, we get it within .02 ounces or 2 cents.”

And if locally aged Colby isn’t enough to tempt you, how about Wild Morel & Leek Jack, Buffalo Wings or Wild Horseradish Cheddar? You may need to try them all to decide and that’s no problem. Samples are always on the counter along with a friendly suggestion from Sara if you just can’t decide.

As busy as busy can get in a small town, Sara said late September and October bring in the color tourists and morel hunters will be there in May. They also provide for the outdoors men and women with fishing and hunting licenses.

“And if the snowmobiling is good, winter will be one of our busiest seasons,” Sara said. The White Pine Trail, a 92-mile converted rail bed that runs like a snowy highway from Cadillac to almost Grand Rapids, has easy loops through the countryside. And one of the most popular routes takes you through the pines right to Boon Grocery.

Sara and Dave provide sledders with more reasons to stop than just the store. They’ll keep a roaring trail side bonfire going on the weekends in a beautiful 6-foot fire pit and even lend long forks for roasting hot dogs and marshmallows.

Today, the town of Boon’s draw is no doubt the scenery and the store. But like many small towns

in northern Michigan, it once was what Sara called a “huge town with three saloons for entertaining the logging mill community.” There was also a pickle factory, charcoal kiln and later one of the log mills turned into a butter bowl factory.

Boon Mill, Circa 1890



You will see a couple of the old buildings still standing just down the road from the store, and you can take a little Boon history with you from one of Sara’s hand-made old picture cards. (She’s still looking for a butter bowl so if you find one, please call!)

So is your atlas dog-eared yet? Make sure Boon is part of your color tour and we’re sure you’ll make it one of your regular small town stops. †

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Camper's Choice ~ South Higgins Lake State Park

What happens when eight girls decide to take their annual weekend to the campground?

"Sounds like a ticket to me," laughed Joe Hall, administrator at South Higgins Lake State Park.

Thankfully, no bail money was needed and the only ticket was for the girls to have a great time. Tammy Wood and her husband Scott towed their 30-foot fifth wheel to one the best lake side lots in the campground. Scott helped with set-up, then headed home to let the girls have their fun. (What a guy!)



The amenities at Higgins include beautiful wooded sites with electricity, fire rings and a picnic table. The modern bath houses are large, clean and the water stays hot. The lake may be the biggest draw, especially this summer. With a large

swimming area and sandy beach, the day was set with a bathing suit and towel.

And no matter where girls go, girls will be girls. Getting their hair done around the campfire and shopping—who needs a mall when nature's treasures of pine cones and rocks are just waiting to be picked?

Eating was of course nothing short of gourmet. Girl's like



- their meat, too, so there was grillin' and taco salad.
- And did someone say chocolate? Every girl had her own set of s'more supplies to last for a week.

- Not everyone was a true camper before this trip but by the end, hand wipes were used a little less frequently and sand in the shoes wasn't irritating. Make-up and fashion were not a priority. Laughing, drinking and being with your girl friends in the outdoors—it doesn't get any better than that. †



**South Higgins Lake State Park • (989) 821-6374
106 State Park Drive • Roscommon, MI 48653**

Higgins Lake is truly a rare gem and deserving of the title of "the 6th most beautiful lake in the world."

The park contains almost one mile of shoreline around the large spring-fed body of water known for its clarity. It was first opened as a campground in 1927 with 15 campsites. In 2002, the park marked its 75th anniversary with the dedication of three new toilet/shower facilities, new electrical systems and water upgrades. As the second largest campground in a state park, the park's 400 modern camp sites are situated in a hardwood-shaded area.

The concessions at the park store feature the only menu of freshly prepared food on the beach. The building itself has a history from 1935 when it was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (see *History Corner*, page 16).

The park also rents pontoon boats as well as outfitted fishing boats, kayaks, paddle boats, and canoes.



UNPUZZLER

Sudoku (Page 9)

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Crossword (Page 19)

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The Northern Waters

It's not waterskiing or parasailing —there are no boats involved—and it's not sailboarding. It's closer to wakeboarding with a large high-tech kite.

If that sounds quaint, prepare to have your mind blown when you see kiteboarders leap 30 feet into the air, land in a high-velocity splash and continue swimming across the bay (lake or ocean) as fast as a water skier. In fact, some kiteboarders can go fast enough on smooth water to remove their board and ski on their feet.

Keegan and Matt Myers (aka “The Broneah Brothers”) would be happy to teach you how to experience one of the world's most exciting aquatic sports. And no, you don't have to go to Maui to enjoy it—although Broneah offers some amazing kiteboarding “camps” around the world. There are enough great kiteboarding areas in northern Michigan to keep you busy for several lifetimes.

“The northern Michigan lakes and the Bay make for some of the finest kiteboarding areas in the world,” says Keegan Myers.

And they should know. The two brothers have sought perfect wind conditions at every accessible kiteboarding site along state road M-22. In fact, M-22 became their mantra and

evolved into their logo and a hugely successful business, offering M-22 brand clothing and other specialty items from tea to wine.

This is aside from their kiteboarding businesses, Broneah Kiteboarding, both in Traverse City. Broneah is a combination of the words “brother” and “Neahtawanta,” the spot on Old Mission Peninsula where they grew up.

The Myers brothers also have a sharp sense of environmental preservation. From day one, M-22 has donated a portion of their gross sales (a commitment held even if the company makes no profit) to the Leelanau Conservancy. Their business practices are as “green” as possible, believing in recycling, buying American made and local products, and using electronic documents over paper.

Aside from selling the equipment needed to kiteboard (with some great package deals), the broth-

ers offer a two-day instructional crash course that can transform beginners and advanced riders into confident kiteboarders. Three weekend sessions are offered through September. Equipment is provided for beginners.

Or you might want to look into something a little more exotic. How about three days of instruction in Patagonia or the Caribbean? Perfect for a winter getaway! Oh, and if you're sticking closer



to home this winter, why not learn how to snow kiteboard. One-day classes start in February!

Kiteboarding is also more portable than other “board” sports. Kiteboards are shorter than windsurfing boards and the kite itself folds down to a package that can be put in the trunk of your car. The boards are short, so roof racks are not required. In fact, all you need is your gear and a little wind.

Keegan is happy to report that kiteboarding is not just for the young. “We have a lot of professional business people in their 30s and 40s who have become adept at kiteboarding.”

If you get the itch to learn how to fly across a lake powered solely by the wind, you won’t find more experienced professionals in the world of kiteboarding or instructors who want you to succeed. These guys are committed to the sport they love and provide the training and incentive to “Go for it!”

For more information see www.broneah.com. Their site is filled with photos, tips, equipment, and lesson schedules. You can also reach them at 231-392-2212 or write 207 Grandview Parkway, Suite 105, Traverse City. ✦



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Antrim County

COUNTY

Barnes Park Campground • 231-599-2712
1298 Barnes Park Rd., Eastport, MI 49627

Directions: junction US-31 & M-88, west, approx. 3/4 mile.
Facilities: tents & RVs/62, electric, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, wheelchair accessible, beach, Wi-Fi.

Craven Park • Bellaire

Facilities: rustic/20, electric/30, toilets, showers, boat launch.

Thurston Park • Village of Central Lake

Facilities: electric/36, toilets, showers, beach, boat launch.

Wooden Shoe Park • Banks Township

Directions: East of Ellsworth at Rushton and Pleasant Hill roads.
Facilities: rustic/15, electric/40, toilets, showers, beach, boat launch.

STATE

Graves Crossing Forest Campground • 989-732-3541

Directions: 10 miles north of Mancelona via US-131 and M-66.
Facilities: tents & small trailers/10 sites.

Pinney Bridge State Forest Campground • 989-732-3541

Directions: 5.5 miles NW of Alba via 620 & Cascade Rd.
Facilities: tents/15 sites.

PRIVATE

Chain O' Lakes Campground • 231-533-8432
7231 South M-88 Hwy., Bellaire, MI 49615

Directions: Routes 88 between Mancelona & Bellaire.
Facilities: tents, RVs, cabins, electric, water, sanitation station, toilets, showers, reservations, pool, store, laundry, Wi-Fi, rec. room.

Honcho Rest Campground • 231-264-8548
8988 Cairn Hwy., Elk Rapids, MI 49629

Facilities: 95, electric, water; cabins/2; toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, beach, Wi-Fi.

Wieland's Whistling Pines • 231-544-6348
7143 Rushton Road, Ellsworth, MI 49729

Facilities: 14 sites.

Grand Traverse County

TOWNSHIP

Whitewater Township Park • 231-267-5091
9500 Park Rd., PO Box 159, Williamsburg, MI 49690

Facilities: Electric/53, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, beach, boat launch.

STATE

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

Directions: 10 miles SE of Traverse City via Garfield Rd., Potter Rd., 4 Mile Rd. & North Arbutus Lake Rd.
Facilities: rustic/30, boat launch.

Interlochen State Park • 231-276-9511
M-137, Interlochen, MI 49643

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

Lake Dubonnet State Camp • 231-922-5280

Directions: 4 miles NW of Interlochen via M-137, US-31 & Wildwood Rd.
Facilities: rustic/50, boat launch.

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

Directions: 4.5 miles NW of Interlochen via M-137, US-31 & Wildwood Rd.
Facilities: rustic/200 people, reservations.

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

Directions: 12 miles SW of Williamsburg via Williamsburg Rd., Supply Rd. & Brown Bridge Rd.
Facilities: rustic/30, boat launch.

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

Directions: 12 miles SW of Williamsburg via Williamsburg Rd., Supply Rd. & Brown Bridge Rd.
Facilities: rustic/200 people, reservations.

Traverse City State Park • 231-922-5270

1132 US-31 North, Traverse City, MI 49686
Directions: US-31 between 3 & 4 Mile Roads
Facilities: tents & RVs/343, cabins/2, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, beach.

PRIVATE

Holiday Park & Campground • 231-943-4410
4860 US-31 South, Traverse City, MI 49684

Facilities: RVs, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, beach, boat launch, store, laundry, Wi-Fi.

KOA Traverse City Camping & Cabins • (800) 249-3203
9700 M-37, Buckley, MI 49620

Directions: 3 miles N. of Buckley or 15 miles S. of Traverse City on M-37.
Facilities: tents & RVs/119, cabins/9, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, wheelchair accessible, pool, store, laundry, rec room, Wi-Fi.

Ranch Rudolf • 231-947-9529

6841 Brown Bridge Rd., Traverse City, MI 49686

Facilities: tents, RVs/25, electric, water, sanitation station, toilets, showers, reservations, pool, store, laundry. **SEE AD PAGE 2**

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

4050 Hammond Rd., Traverse City, MI 49686

Facilities: RVs, cabins, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, pool, store, laundry, Wi-Fi, rec. room.

Traverse Bay RV Resort • (231) 938-5800

5555 M-72 East, Williamsburg, MI 49690

Facilities: RVs, electric, water, sanitation station, toilets, showers, reservations, pool, laundry, Wi-Fi, rec. room.

Lake County

STATE

Bray Creek State Forest Campground • 231-775-9727

Directions: 1.5 miles northeast of Baldwin via M-37, north of St. Merriville Rd. & 40th St.

Facilities: rustic/9, boat launch.

Carrieville State Forest Campground • 231-775-9727

Directions: 3 miles west of Luther via Old M-63 & Kings Hwy.

Facilities: rustic/31 sites.

Leverentz Lake State Forest Campground

Directions: 2 miles East of Baldwin via US-10 & Forest Dr.

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

Lincoln Bridge Rustic Campground • 231-775-9727

Directions: 7 miles north of Luther via State & 10 Mile Roads

Facilities: rustic/9 sites.

Silver Creek Rustic Campground • 231-775-9727

Directions: 5.5 miles north of Luther via State Rd.

Facilities: rustic/26 sites.

PRIVATE

Irons RV Park & Campground • 231-266-2070

4623 West 10½ Mile Rd., Irons, MI 49644

Directions: M-37 north, left on 10 Mile Rd.; 10 Mile turns into 10 1/2 Mile; 5 miles from M-37 & 10 Mile Rd.

Facilities: tent & RV/33, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, wheelchair accessible, store, laundry, Wi-Fi.

Leelanau County

STATE

Leelanau State Park • 231-386-5422

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

Directions: 9 miles north of Northport, follow road to park.

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

PRIVATE

Lake Leelanau RV Park • 231-256-7236

3101 Lakeshore Dr., Leelanau, MI 49653

Facilities: rustic & RVs/196, electricity, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, beach, boat launch, Wi-Fi.

Wild Cherry RV Resort • 231-271-5550

8563 E. Horn Rd. • Lake Leelanau, MI 49653

Directions: M-22 north to Suttons Bay, M-204 west towards Lake Leelanau; approx. 2 miles from Suttons Bay, Horn Road north.

Facilities: tents & RVs, electric, water, sanitation, reservations, club house.

Missaukee County

CITY

Maple Grove • 231-839-4429

Directions: 4 blocks from Lake Missaukee, east end of Union St.

Facilities: 32, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation, reservations.

COUNTY

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

PO Box 800, Lake City, MI 49651

Directions: 16 miles east of Lake City on M-55, Muskegon River.

Facilities: rustic/17 sites. **SEE AD PAGE 8**

Crooked Lake Park • 231-839-4945

PO Box 800, Lake City, MI 49651

Directions: South edge of Crooked Lake near Jennings.

Facilities: 37, electric/15, toilets, shower, sanitation station, reservations, beach, boat launch. **SEE AD PAGE 8**

Missaukee Lake Park • 231-839-4945

PO Box 800, Lake City, MI 49651

Directions: north shore of Lake Missaukee.

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

SEE AD PAGE 8

STATE

Goose Lake • 231-775-9727

Directions: 2.5 miles from Lake City, south of M-42, Al Moses Rd.

Facilities: rustic/54, boat launch.

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

Directions: 5.5 miles north of Arlene via M-42 & Lucas Rd.

Facilities: rustic/16, 108 people, reservations.

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

Directions: Lake City, M-42 north to Randall Rd., west 1/2 mile to Almoses Rd., north 1/4 mile to Goose Lake Rd., west 1.5 miles, Green Rd., north to camp.

Facilities: rustic/20, boat launch.

Reedsburg Dam • 989-275-4622

Directions: 5 miles NW of Houghton Lake via M-55 & Co. Rd. 300.

Facilities: rustic/38, boat launch.



MISSAUKEE COUNTY – STATE *(Continued)*

Spring Lake State Forest Campground • 231-775-9727

Directions: 1.5 miles southwest of Fife Lake via US-131.

Facilities: rustic/32, boat launch.

PRIVATE

Rustic Rafters • 231-229-4433

9446 N. Nelson Rd., Moorestown, MI 49651

Facilities: tents & RVs/17 sites; 5 log cabins; electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations. **SEE AD PAGE 2**

White Birch Canoe Trips & Campground • 231-328-4547

5569 S. Paradise Rd., Falmouth, MI 49632

Directions: 4 miles W. of Houghton Lake on M-55 to Jeff Rd., turn S.

Facilities: tents & RVs, electric, water, sanitation station, toilets, showers, reservations, store, rec. room.

Osceola County

CITY

City of Evert Riverside Park • 231-734-5901

315 South River St., Evert, MI 49631

Directions: From US-10/Main St., traffic light in Evert, south 3 blocks to 9th St., east to Riverside Park.

Facilities: tents & RVs/14, electric, water, sanitation station, toilets, showers, reservations, boat launch.

Rambadt Memorial Park • 231-832-2245

227 E. Lincoln Ave., Reed City, MI 49677

Facilities: tents & RVs/13, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation.

COUNTY

Crittenden Park • 231-734-2588

3641 S. 50th Ave., Sears, MI 49679

Directions: East of Evert on US-10 to 50th Ave., south 2 miles.

Facilities: rustic/20, RVs/70, electric, water; toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, wheelchair accessible, beach, boat launch, store, rec. room.

Rose Lake Park • 231-768-4923

17726 Youth Dr. • LeRoy, MI 49655

Directions: east of Tustin & LeRoy off US-131 on Rose Lake.

Facilities: rustic & RVs/160, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation, reservations, wheelchair accessible, beach, boat launch, store, rec. room.

STATE

Sunrise Lake • (231) 775-9727

Directions: 6 miles east of LeRoy via Sunrise Lk. & 15 Mile Roads.

Facilities: rustic/17, boat launch.

PRIVATE

Blodgett Landing • 231-832-4410

605 East Third St., Hersey, MI 49639

Facilities: tents & RVs.

Cadillac Woods • 231-825-2012

23163 M-115, Tustin, MI 49688

Directions: M-115, 6 miles SE of US-131, 8 miles SE of Cadillac.

Facilities: tents & RVs/50, cabins/6, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, pool, laundry, store, rec. room.

Old Log Resort • 231-743-2775

12062 M-115, Marion, MI 49665

Directions: M-115, Muskegon River, between Clare & Cadillac.

Facilities: tents & RVs/20, cabins/8, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, wheelchair accessible, store.

River Country Campground • 231-734-3808

6281 River Rd., Evert, MI 49631

Directions: US-10 Evert, north 1 block east of light; 1 1/2 miles on River Rd. to "Y," right 2 miles

Facilities: tents & RVs/125, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, boat launch/canoes, store, laundry, rec. room. **SEE AD PAGE 2**

Roscommon County (West)

STATE

Houghton Lake • 989-275-4622

Directions: 6 miles NW of Houghton Lake Heights via West Shore Dr.

Facilities: tents & RVs/50, toilets.

North Higgins Lake/East • 989-821-6125

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

Facilities: tents & RVs/82, electric, toilets, showers, reservations, wheelchair accessible.

North Higgins Lake/West • 989-821-6125

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

Facilities: tents & RVs/92, cabin, electric, toilets, showers, reservations, wheelchair accessible.

South Higgins Lake • 989-821-6374

106 State Park Dr., Roscommon, MI 48653

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

PRIVATE

Great Circle Campground • 989-821-9486

5370 W. Marl Lake Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653

Facilities: tent & RVs, cabins, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, store, laundry.

Houghton Lake Travel Park • 989-422-3931

370 Cloverleaf Lane, Houghton Lake, MI 48629

Directions: 1 block east of US-127 & M-55.

Facilities: tent & RVs/85, cabins/3, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, pool, store, laundry, Wi-Fi, rec. room.

**KOA Higgins Lake/Roscommon • (800) 562-3351
3800 W. Federal Hwy., Roscommon, MI 48653**

Directions: From I-75 take exit 244 then W. 1.1 miles. From US-127 take exit 206 then E. 5 miles.

Facilities: tents & RVs/72, cabins/12, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, wheelchair accessible, store, laundry, rec room, Wi-Fi.

**West Houghton Lake Camp • 989-422-5130
9371 Houghton Lake Dr., Houghton Lake, MI 48629**

Directions: 1 mile east of US-127 & M-55, 1/2 mile north on Houghton Lake Dr.

Facilities: tents & RVs/128, cabin, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, store, laundry, Wi-Fi, rec room.

**Wooded Acres Family Camp • 989-422-3413
997 Federal Ave., Houghton Lake, MI 48629**

Directions: exit US-127 at M-55 east, 2nd light (Loxley Rd.), 1½ miles.

Facilities: tents & RVs/84, cabins/3, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, pool, store, laundry, Wi-Fi, rec room.

Wexford County

CITY

**Lake Billings RV Park & Camp • 231-824-6454
232 E. Elmore St., Manton, MI 49663**

Facilities: tents & RVs/48, electric, water, toilets, showers, sanitation station, reservations, beach, boat launch.

STATE

Baxter Bridge Campground • 231-775-9727

Directions: 12 miles northwest of Manton via M-42 & 31 Rd.

Facilities: rustic/25, boat launch.

Long Lake/Wexford • 23-775-9727

Directions: 8 miles northeast of Cadillac via US-131 to Long Lk. Rd.

Facilities: rustic/16, boat launch.

**Mitchell State Park • 231-775-7911
6093 E. M-115, Cadillac, MI 49601**

Directions: between Lake Mitchell & Lake Cadillac, west on M-115.

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

Old US-131 Campground • 231-775-9727

Directions: 7 miles north of Manton via US-131 & Old US-131.

Facilities: rustic/25, boat launch.

FEDERAL

Hemlock Campground • 231-723-2211

Directions: from Cadillac, west on M-55 for 1.3 miles, right, north on S. Mitchell Lake Dr. 1.4 miles.

Facilities: rustic/19.

Peterson Bridge • 231-723-2211

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

Directions: off M-37, 1.5 miles north of Wellston.

Facilities: rustic/30, boat launch.

PRIVATE

Birchwood Resort & Camp • 231-775-9101

6545 E. M-115, Cadillac, MI 49601

Directions: 2.3 miles west of US-131.

Facilities: RVs/33, cabins/6, electric, water, toilets, showers, reservations, wheelchair accessible, Wi-Fi.

Camp Cadillac • 231-775-9724

10621 E. 34 Rd. (Boon Rd.), Cadillac, MI 49601

Directions: US-131, Exit 183, east 1 mile.

Facilities: tents & RVs/115, cabins, electric, water, toilets, showers, reservations, pool, store, laundry, Wi-Fi. **SEE AD PAGE 25**

Cedar Creek Camp/Liberty Park • 231-824-9318

9696 12 ¾ Rd., Manton, MI 49663

Facilities: tents & RVs, cabins, electric, toilets, reservations, store.

Chippewa Landing/Oak Grove Camp • 231-313-0832

10420 Chippewa Landing, Manton, MI 49663

Directions: 15 miles N of Cadillac, 30 miles S of Traverse off US-131.

Facilities: tents & RVs/40, electric, water, sanitation station, toilets, showers, reservations, beach, boat launch, store.

Coolwater on the Pine • 231-862-3481

9424 W. 48 1/2 Rd., Wellston, MI 49689

Directions: 2 miles south of M-55 & 2 miles east of M-37.

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10330 E. M-42, Manton, MI 49663

Directions: US-131, exit 191, east 1/2 mile on M-42.

Facilities: tents & RVs/30, electric, water, reservations.

Twin Oaks Campground & Cabins • 877-442-3102

233 Moss Road, Wellston, MI 49689

Directions: 4 miles east of Wellston, north on Moss Rd. off Hwy. 55, 4 miles west of Hwy. 37.

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