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Whether you're out a few times a season or a full-timer, you know that the Great Lakes State is one of a kind. That's why we choose it as our destination, even if we also call Michigan "home." From the Ohio border to the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula in the UP, Michigan has a variety of landscapes and activities to explore, too many to choose from in fact. And as RVers, we get to see and experience it all in a unique way. I'd even venture to say, in the best way.

This is what we focus on in our 2016 edition of *Michigan RVs and Campgrounds*. You'll notice we have a new look from years past, as well as some new features. The most prominent is the fold-out maps for each of Michigan's primary regions. Take these with you on the road; use them to find a place to stay or look to the local ads for ideas of what to do once you reach your destination. On the back of each map are all of our members listed from that particular region who are ready to serve you with that Michigan experience. In addition to the maps, you'll find several features describing ideas of what you can do and where you can go in the upcoming season, as well as some helpful tips.

This new look for our directory coincides with a fresh look on our website, www.marvac.org. There, the maps are interactive,

filterable, and mobile-friendly... accessible at your fingertips. The whole site has been revised and updated to modern standards in order to give you resources, show information, and interesting articles about what to do and see in Michigan as well as tips and insights for RV ownership.

On a special note, this year marks the Diamond Anniversary for the Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds. For 75 years, we have worked to improve the business climate for our campground, dealer, and supplier members, as well as encourage growth of the recreation vehicle and private campground industries, all of which contributes greatly to the quality and growth of Michigan tourism. Just like you, we love and are committed to the RV lifestyle – and all the doors it opens to us.



Safe travels,
Scott Dodge
MARVAC Board President



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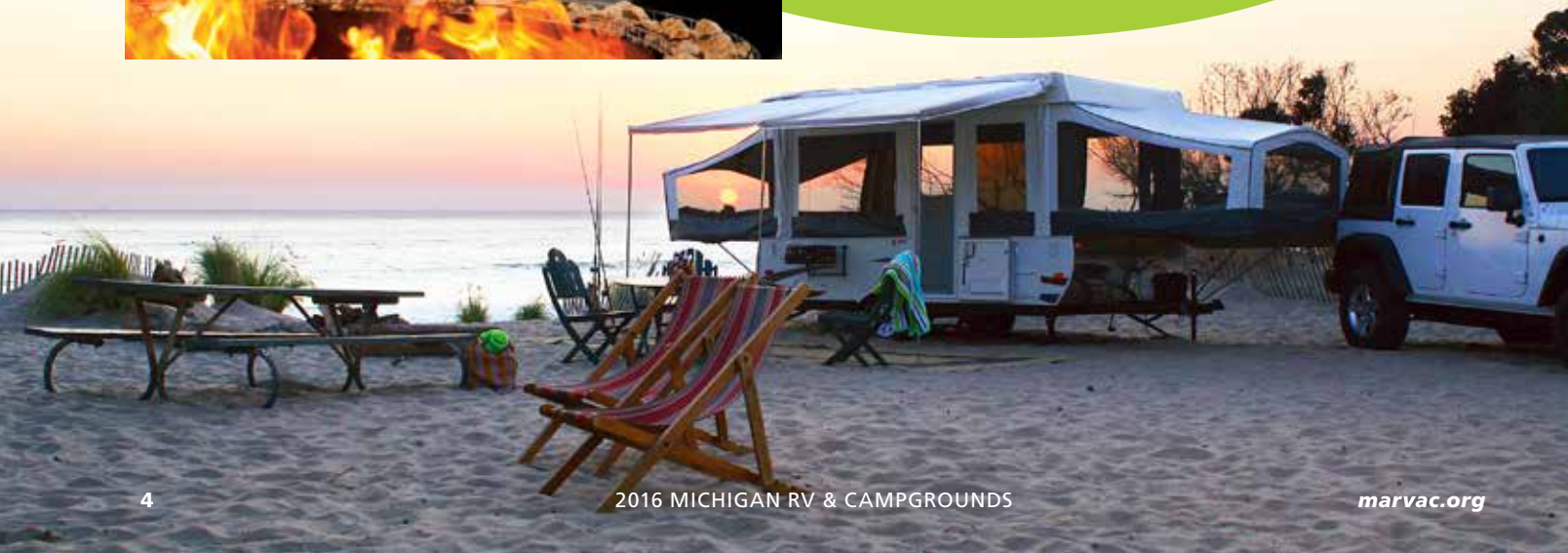
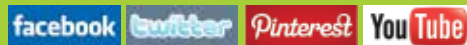
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Through legislation, education, marketing, and public awareness, MARVAC works to improve the business climate for its members and to encourage growth in the recreation vehicle and private campground industries while contributing to the quality of Michigan tourism.



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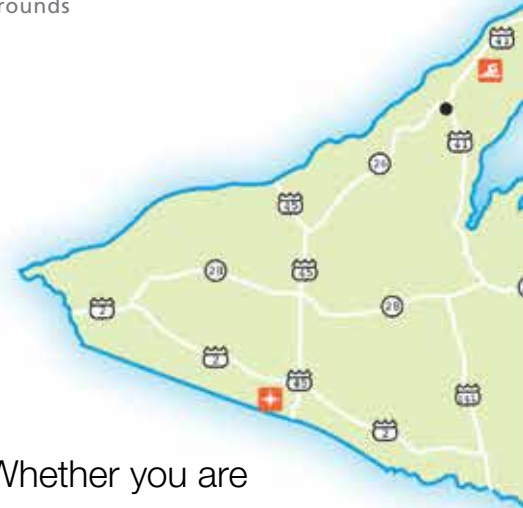
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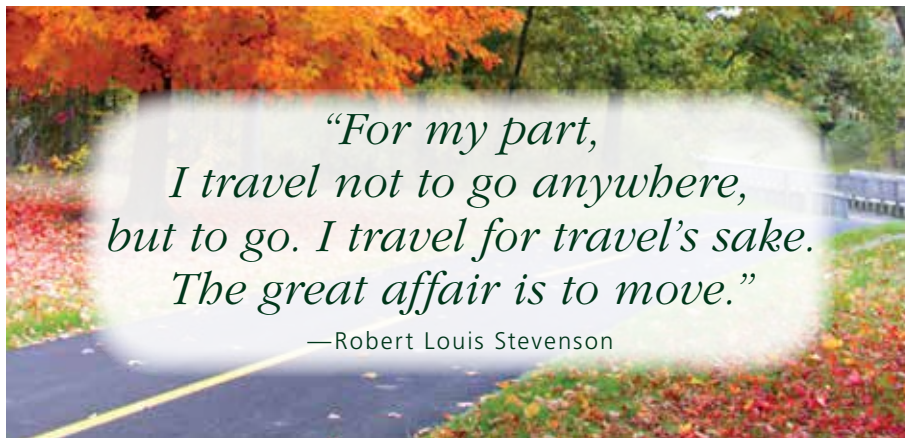
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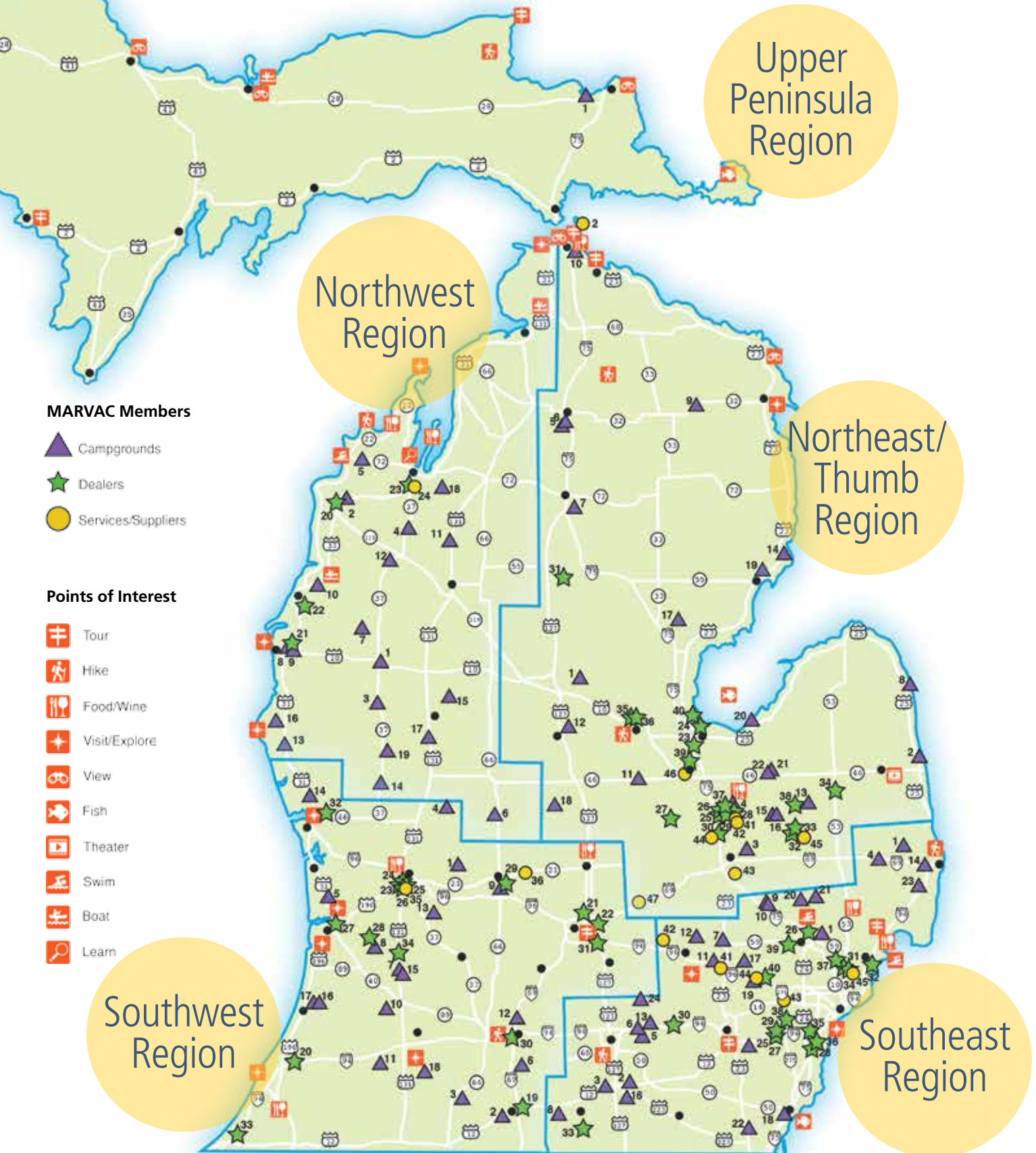
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Great Family Vacations

Vacationing in an RV is fun and affordable for families.

Here are **5** must-see places to visit in the Great Lakes State.

If you need to find a place to stay, check out MARVAC's interactive online map at www.marvac.org to find a member campground, RV park, or RV resort nearest your destination.

Michigan in and of itself is a destination, with its vast forests and miles of pristine freshwater shoreline. Families have enjoyed exploring its environmental diversity for generations, whether they're permanent residents or not. But

there are also attractions and places worth

visiting that are not of the outdoors – museums, botanical gardens, lighthouses, and more that make for an enlightening, educational, and memorable trip. As you make plans and fill up your travel card, consider visiting one or all of these Michigan destinations.

1. Southwest: Silver Lake

This gem known as the "Paradise of the Midwest" in **Oceana County** has something for everyone. A popular choice is to take an ORV or jeep – rented or your own – for a spin across the rising and falling hills. In fact, it's the only spot east of Utah where you can drive a privatized vehicle on sand dunes. Mac Woods Dune Rides is also around to give you the dune riding experience if you don't want to go yourself. If an ORV isn't your style, head to the water and enjoy some time at the beach after an invigorating dune climb. To pick up some fresh snacks to bring along on your adventures, visit Fox Barn Market & Winery, Lewis Farm Market & Petting Farm, or Rennhack Orchards Market for the latest in-season goods.

NEARBY: The Wood Shed Bike Shop has bike rentals for riding on the 22.7 mile, paved Hart-Montague Rail Trail and travels through several small towns.

2. Northeast/Thumb: Tawas City

Have an "up north" experience on the Sunrise Side of the state in the **Tawas Bay** area. A main natural attraction is Iargo Springs, a series of natural springs originating from the Au Sable River in the form of small waterfalls. The springs can only be reached by taking the boardwalk and walking down 300 stairs, and when you reach the bottom, you'll come to feel a sense of awe and peace in the presence of the falling water – not the mention the picturesque view of the Au Sable.

NEARBY: **Alpena**, a perfect day trip 65 miles to the north, is home to the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center. Go on a glass bottom boat tour and explore the displays at the Heritage Center.



3. Southeast: Detroit

When it comes to southeast Michigan, it's all about history, culture, and educational experiences. Though camping sites are null in the metro area, campgrounds are not far away in **Novi**, **Brighton**, and **Howell**. Visit The Henry Ford Museum, a celebration of our nation's transportation history and the visionaries who advanced us forward,



and Greenfield Village to step back in time and experience life of earlier generations of Americans. Kids will enjoy participating in demonstrations. You can also go on the Ford Rouge Factory Tour to get a closer glimpse at American automobile manufacturing. Other

spots to visit in and around **Detroit** that are ideal for families include the Yates Cider Mill in **Rochester Hills** for a delicious snack and a petting zoo, and the Cranbrook Institute of Science, Michigan's museum of natural history, in **Bloomfield Hills** for hands-on learning.

NEARBY: **Ann Arbor**, home of the University of Michigan, has a captivating history all its own and a die-hard culture for Michigan sports.

4. Northwest: Honor

Honor is a small village in **Benzie County** that is also home to the state's only drive-in theatre – The Cherry Bowl. Family friendly double features and old fashioned hot dog cartoons are on the big outdoor screen every night of the summer. Freshly made popcorn wafts through the air around the cars until you can't resist anymore. During the day, families can choose to take a trip on the lower or upper part of the Platte River. The lower trip is the most ideal for families



because of its gentle current. It takes about two hours and ends at Lake Michigan at a sugar sand beach. The upper trip has a faster current and features more narrow turns to navigate, more suitable for families with older children. That adventure takes three to four hours to complete.

NEARBY: Other family activities include a short hike in the Trapp Farm Nature Preserve in **Beulah** and the dune climb at the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

5. Upper Peninsula: Sault Ste. Marie

Fifty miles north of the Straits of Mackinac, the Soo Locks have been a favorite family destination since opening in 1934. Nearly 5,000 vessels go through the Locks every year, traversing the 21-foot drop between Lake Superior and Lake Huron. There are a variety of



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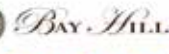


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sightseeing tours and cruises, but it may be just as well to go straight to an observation platform to watch boats and freighters pass through and see the Locks in action. They are truly an engineering marvel that provides, according to the **Sault Ste. Marie** website, "a vital shipping connection within the Great Lakes." On the Canada side of Sault Ste. Marie (make sure you have passports) is home of Spruce Haven Nature Park, which offers wildlife viewing, petting area, nature walks, and a picnic area. On the U.S. side is the Tower of History, a 210-foot tower with open air decks and glassed observation areas to see the majesty of Michigan's Upper Peninsula from a unique perch.

NEARBY: Just pass the Mackinac Bridge is the Mystery Spot. What's the mystery? You'll need to stop in to find out. 

Looking for more information?

Check out these websites or go to **marvac.org** for convenient links.

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Cherry Bowl Drive-In: www.cherrybowldrivein.com

Trapp Farm Nature Preserve: www.gtrlc.org/preserve/trapp-farm-nature-preserve

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore: www.sleepingbeardunes.com

NORTHEAST/THUMB

Iargo Springs: www.fs.usda.gov

Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center: <http://thunderbay.noaa.gov/maritime/glmhc.html>

Thunder Bay Shipwrecks: www.facebook.com/ThunderBayShipwrecks

SOUTHWEST

Mac Woods Dune Rides: www.macwoodsdunerides.com

Wood Shed Bike Shop: www.woodshedbikeshop.com

SOUTHEAST

Henry Ford Museum: www.thehenryford.org

Yates Cider Mill: www.yatescidermill.com

Cranbrook Institute of Science: <http://science.cranbrook.edu>

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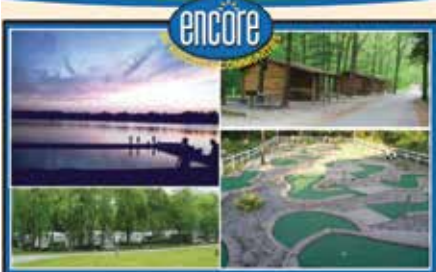
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At the first whisper – or whine – of, “Are we there yet?” offer up one of these great games to ensure a trip full of laughter and lasting memories.

To help make your summer family excursion the best one yet, MARVAC has compiled five of our favorite, family-friendly road trip games to keep the kids busy while en route to the campground. These fun, conversational games will keep the boredom at bay, allowing the whole family to enjoy the ride.

1. CELEBRITY SOUP — Taking turns, one person starts by saying the name of a famous celebrity, such as Taylor Swift. The next person will follow up by saying a celebrity whose name starts with the first letter of the last name of the previous celebrity, such as Sandra Bullock. This sequence continues until someone cannot think of a fitting celebrity.

2. WHO ARE THEY? — This is a fun story-telling game that really gets the imagination going. The group selects a random car on the road and then works together to come up with an outlandish story for the people inside. Are they a team of secret agent aliens sent on a mission from Mars to steal the secret Big Mac sauce recipe from McDonald's? Or are they a band of traveling elephant trainers looking for an iHOP? Get as creative and descriptive as you can!

3. A-Z — As a group, decide on a topic – animals, TV shows, song titles, etc. – then take turns going through the alphabet naming items within the category that start with each letter of the alphabet. For example, you decide to go with animals: ant, bear, cat, dog, eagle....

To make it more difficult, each person in the car has to say something for each letter!

4. NAME THAT SONG — Each person takes a turn playing an obscure song from his or her phone or iPod. Everyone else in the car takes a turn guessing the song title. The first person to guess correctly gets to pick the next song.

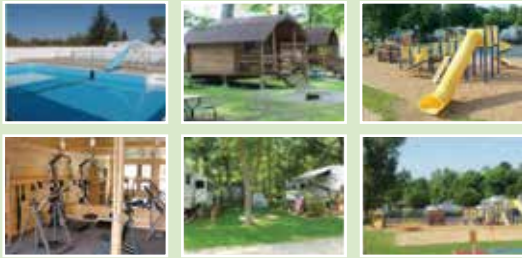
This is a fun opportunity to reminisce on old songs, share funny memories from the songs of your youth, and get a better feel for the type of music your children like. Even your children's music is better than radio static, right?

5. I'M GOING CAMPING — The first person begins by saying the phrase “I'm going camping and I'm bringing...” and then whatever item they have selected to bring is based on a specific pattern or rule, such as only items that are blue or things that start with the letter “K.” Everyone else takes turns guessing the rule or pattern by naming items that they think the camper would bring. The camper tells them if they are correct or not. The questioning continues until a person guesses the correct pattern or rule. The winner gets to plan the next camping trip.

Getting to the destination is half the fun! Whether you're all packed in a vehicle that's towing the family travel trailer or able to spread out in a Class A motorhome, offer up one of these great games to ensure a trip full of laughter and lasting memories.



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Michigan Wine & Beer Cities That Deserve a Visit

The perfect spots for campers to enjoy a glass or two of local flavor.



Within Traverse City are two wine tasting rooms: Left Foot Charley and Black Star Farms. These are within easy driving distance of local campgrounds and RV parks. There is a wine trail for the Old Mission Peninsula that visits eight

wineries. Leelanau has wine trails as well, three in fact: the Sleeping Bear Loop, the Northern Loop, and the Grand Traverse Bay Loop. Visiting the wineries will give you an opportunity to speak with the winemakers and possibly go on a tour of their vineyards and facilities.

Northeast/Thumb

The "Sunrise Side" is less traveled than other parts of the state, and it's not well-known for wine and beer... but that doesn't mean they don't exist. In fact, the area is growing considerably in those industries. Just three years ago saw the launch of the Wine & Hops Trail, which covers a generous geographical area. The trail is a combination of eleven wineries and breweries as well as local attractions such as Charity Island Lighthouse in **Au Gres** and the Alpena Shipwreck Tours in Alpena. Most of the breweries and wineries are concentrated near the towns of **Cheboygan**, **Rose City**, and **Alpena**.

Southwest

When it comes to beer, there are two reigning kings – **Grand Rapids** and **Kalamazoo**. Grand Rapids was voted "Best Beer Town" by the readers of USA Today in 2014. Many breweries are within easy walking distance of one another while some require a little more travel to reach, although not much. You've probably heard of at least one of them: Founders, ranked as one of the top breweries in the world. Grand Rapids Brewing Co. is also the Midwest's first USDA-certified organic brewery.

Northwest

When it comes to wine, there are two northern Michigan counties that will knock your socks off: Grand Traverse and Leelanau. The area is perfectly arranged at the 45th parallel, benefiting from the landscape, freshwater, breezes, and climate. With around a dozen wineries in and around **Traverse City's** Old Mission Peninsula and more than twenty on the Leelanau Peninsula in the towns of **Northport**, **Leland**, **Glen Arbor**, and **Suttons Bay**, travelers have their pick of tasting rooms and wine varieties.

RVers have another reason to make the trek to and across Michigan: local brews, wines, and spirits. Michigan has grown quite the reputation the past few years, and wineries and breweries have sprouted up across the state in rapid numbers. Many of them also offer food, sometimes a full menu, so it's possible to take the whole family. Breweries and wineries don't just offer delicious, locally crafted beverages, they offer a taste of local culture. A taste of Michigan.

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Taste of Traverse City	Traverse City
Summer Beer Festival	Ypsilanti
Mt. Pleasant Craft Beer Festival	Mt. Pleasant
Founders Fest	Grand Rapids
Lansing Beer Fest	Lansing
Ypsi-Arbor Beer Week	Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti
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Hops 'n Highlands Microbrew Festival	Harbor Springs
Weko Beach Brewers Festival	Bridgman
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Old Town Oktoberfest	Lansing
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Lansing on Tap	Diamondale
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WINTER

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Winter Beer Festival	Comstock Park
Kalamazoo Beer Week	Kalamazoo
Belgian Beer Festival	Westland
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Grand Rapids Beer Week	Grand Rapids
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KBS Week	Grand Rapids
Southern Michigan Winter Beer Festival	Jackson
Brew-Ski Festival	Harbor Springs
Rotary Craft Beer/Wine Tasting Event	Allen Park

Kalamazoo is home base for Bell's, whose popular Oberon beer is a Michigan native's favorite during the summer months. Half of K-Zoo's breweries are within easy walking distance of one another, and the surrounding areas – **Battle Creek, Allegan, Marshall, Paw Paw** – offer even more places to visit.

Wine lovers can head to the water to satisfy their palates. The Lake Michigan Shore Wine Trail boasts multiple vineyards and tasting rooms, including Lemon Creek, Tabor Hill, and Round Barn, stretching from south of Holland to the border of Indiana.



Southeast

There are so many choices for beer in southeast Michigan that it's difficult to visit them all. Downtown **Detroit** and college town **Ann Arbor** – a 45 minute drive west – have the most choices. It's easy to see how Ann Arbor, and even nearby **Ypsilanti**, could grow such a scene. After all, the University of Michigan has more than 30,000 students. Detroit, despite all its troubles, is seeing a lot of growth and seems to be on the upswing. Brewers enjoy the history and architecture of the Motor City. To see everything that's available, check out The Beer Mapping Project, which lists every type of brewing operation within the vicinity of any zip code.

Upper Peninsula

Head to **Marquette** to check out the flourishing micro-brewery scene and the picturesque Lake Superior. Chocoley River Brewery, which opened in September 2014 within The Bayou Restaurant & Bar, offers five craft brewed ales. Blackrocks Brewery offers seasonal brews, limited



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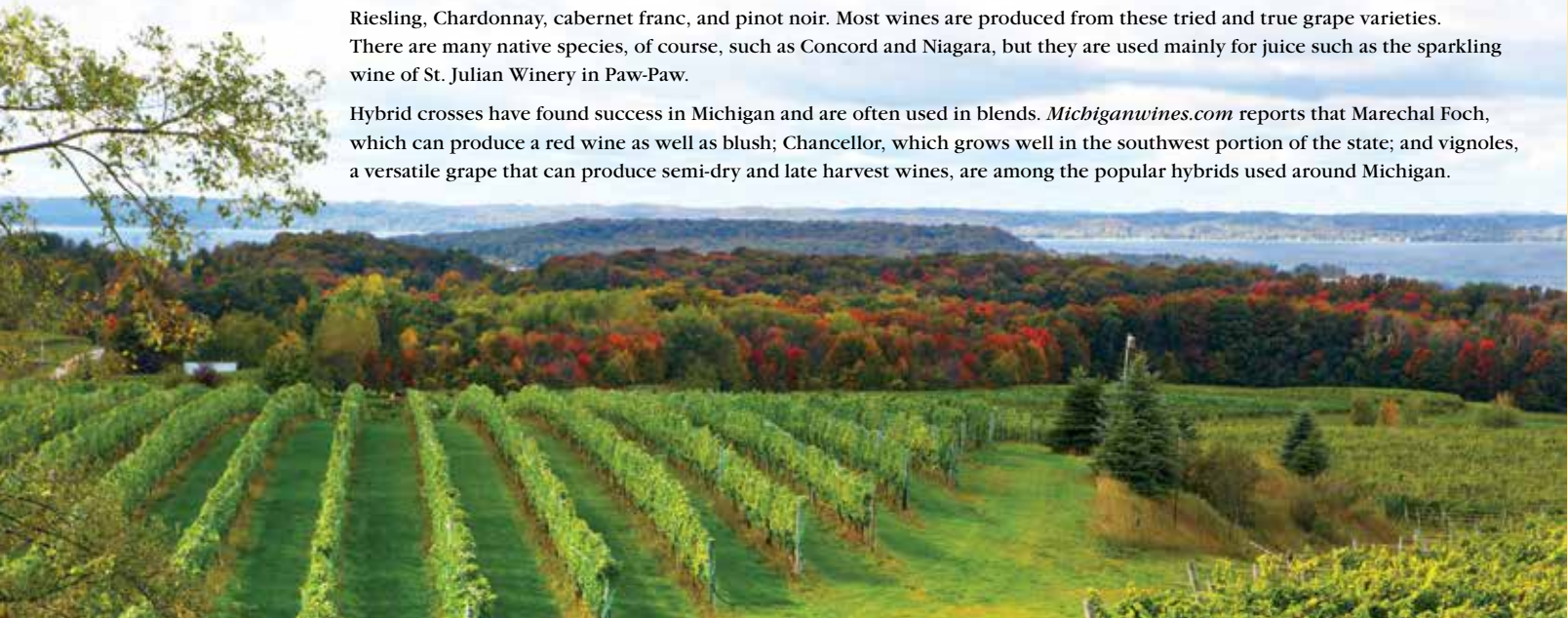
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What is Michigan known for?

WINE — According to *Michiganwines.com*, Michigan grows more than 50 different grape varieties within the European, native American, or French/American hybrid categories. These plants cover more than 15,000 acres of vineyards belonging to 117 commercial wineries. The industry continues to grow and vintners continue to expand their offerings as well as produce award-winning favorites.

With part of the state at the 45th parallel, the same as Bordeaux, France, one of the best growing regions in Europe, the northern portion of Michigan is ideal for growing many European varieties. The most popular wines you'll see from Michigan include: Riesling, Chardonnay, cabernet franc, and pinot noir. Most wines are produced from these tried and true grape varieties. There are many native species, of course, such as Concord and Niagara, but they are used mainly for juice such as the sparkling wine of St. Julian Winery in Paw-Paw.

Hybrid crosses have found success in Michigan and are often used in blends. *Michiganwines.com* reports that Marechal Foch, which can produce a red wine as well as blush; Chancellor, which grows well in the southwest portion of the state; and vignoles, a versatile grape that can produce semi-dry and late harvest wines, are among the popular hybrids used around Michigan.



brews, and a standard flight. Their 51K IPA, heavy on the hops, was rated 96/100 by *Draft Magazine*. In stores, Blackrocks products stand out from the crowd by being in cans rather than glass bottles. The Vierling on South Front is home to the Marquette Harbor Brewery. One of the first brew pubs in the state, Marquette Harbor Brewery specializes in ales and lagers, including honey wheat ale and a red ale. Another stop to make is the Ore Dock Brewing Co. on Spring Street, which opened in 2012. The brewery has already made a name for itself. Enjoy both American and Belgian style beers that run the gamut: porters, ales, IPAs, and wheat.

Beer enthusiasts flock to Marquette in September for the Annual U.P. Fall Beer Festival hosted by the Michigan Brewers Guild, a good chance for anyone to enjoy multiple brews in one place. This event usually sells out fast so it's important to get your tickets online as soon as they are available.



It goes without saying, but don't drink and drive. Enjoy the bounty Michigan has to offer in the pub, at the brewery, or in the comfort of your camper. And make sure to reference the directory in this issue or use our interactive map on the go at www.marvac.org to find a place to stay nearest your chosen destination. 

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BEER — Michigan has the sixth highest concentration of craft breweries in the United States, a total of 159. These breweries produce more than 825,000 barrels of craft beer per year.

Even though everyone has their own opinion, you can expect to not be disappointed in your tasting travels. To help get started, *RateBeer.com* provided a list of 100 best beers in the world, and there were eight from Michigan. These beers include:

1. Bell's Black Note Stout
2. Bell's Expedition Stout
3. Bell's Hopslam Ale
4. Dark Horse Brewing Co.'s Bourbon Barrel Plead the 5th Imperial Stout
5. Founders Canadian Breakfast Stout
6. Founders Backwoods Bastard
7. Founders Breakfast Stout
8. Founders Kentucky Breakfast Stout

Beer Advocate also provides national rankings. Several of the ones above are highly rated and ranked in Beer Advocate's list, but the top 10 are rounded out by Kuhnenn Bourbon Barrel Fourth Dementia, Kuhnenn Brewing Company; No Rules, Perrin Brewery; and Kuhnenn Raspberry Eisbock, Kuhnenn Brewing Company. Don't limit yourself. Ask the brewers and wait staff about their favorites and recommendations. Many will have seasonal or limited edition brews as well.

On an additional note, more and more hops are being planted and grown in Michigan, which means more breweries are choosing to source that essential ingredient from their home state. The largest one is MI Local Hops in Williamsburg near Traverse City, Michigan.



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Northwest Region

When Michiganders say "Up North," they mean the Northwest region. Extending west from the dividing line of I-75, north of Grand Rapids and all the way to the Straits of Mackinac, Northwest is a bountiful, resplendent area that has beckoned travelers and settlers with its beauty and charm for decades. The region's position on both sides of the 45th parallel, along with the arrangement of the landscape and ways of the winds, makes it ideal for growing grapes, hops, apples, cherries, and other crops.

Here, you can explore quaint downtowns, go surfing on the Big Lake, speed down snowy hills, eat at local restaurants with local produce on the menu, and of course, walk the sandy beaches along the coastline and many inland lakes. It's a water community, a farming community, an artistic mecca, a wine taster's paradise. And standing guard over it all is the mighty Lake Michigan.

Northeast/Thumb Region

This region is as diverse as it is extensive. In the northern half reside the cities of Mackinaw City, Cheboygan, Tawas City, and Alpena – all of which faithfully provide travelers the peaceful experience of the "The Sunrise Side" of the state along Lake Huron. These towns, and the areas surrounding them, receive neither the traffic nor the recognition they rightfully deserve. It's a quieter area with an unpretentious, simple spirit, and the people there are helpful and willing to give you tips as to the best hikes, beaches, and fishing holes.

Traveling down the east side are the cities of Bay City, Saginaw, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, and Flint. You'll find more manufacturing enterprises than beauty, though there are plenty of attractions! If you continue east, you'll explore

the Thumb, including along Saginaw Bay and more of Lake Huron. Campgrounds abound along the coastline, as do picturesque lakeshore towns, and for good reason. This region offers excellent fishing as well as views. Travel down the water trail, explore a Bavarian village, and take in the magnificent surroundings of this Michigan region.

Southwest Region

A summer vacation hotspot for Chicago dwellers for generations, this part of Michigan offers travelers with an abundant choice of activities and mouthwatering food. From the sand dunes of Silver Lake to the Fernwood Botanical Garden to the breweries of Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo, the Southwest has enough variety for everyone. With this being an agricultural area, travelers can enjoy choosing fresh local produce at the farmer's markets, visiting u-pick farms as the fruits come into season, and tasting authentic Michigan flavor at local restaurants.

Along the Lake Michigan coast are pretty little beach towns, filled with antique shops and unique stores that have hidden gems of their own. There are hiking, biking, and snowmobiling trails for outdoor enthusiasts of all degrees of experience. If you head into the cities, you'll find well-groomed streets, lively music, and unique museums. So pack up the RV, load the family, and hit the road in Michigan's Southwest region, where beauty and fun intersect.

Upper Peninsula Region

Plan your escape to the Upper Peninsula. The region, largely unpopulated, is home to virgin forests, fast-flowing rivers, and remarkable views, some of which will require physical endurance to witness. In smaller

towns, you'll find restaurants with home cooked meals, friendly faces, and honest living. The cities themselves, Marquette and Sault Ste. Marie being the largest, are full of history and curious attractions. But you'll find other things to see in the UP that you can't find anywhere else. In fact, the region has a large number of quirky roadside attractions that only enhances the area's down to earth charisma.

Coastal lighthouses, the famous Soo Locks, chilly swims in Lake Superior, enchanting waterfalls, and gut-busting pasties are what make the UP the UP. The richness of its wilderness is what first attracted loggers and fur trappers to this region back in the 1600s, and much of what captured their attention still does so today. It can be competitive to find a spot to camp because of the region's popularity and limited number of campsites, especially in the summer and fall, so make sure to make your plans far in advance.

Southeast Region

The Southeast is an historic epicenter, both for Michigan and the United States. Home to the city of Detroit, Motown, the Motor City; birthplace of Ford, General Motors, and Chrysler and dozens of other industry giants; and the location of nationally recognized colleges and universities, the Southeast can be best described as industrious and innovative. The region can also be considered a transportation and economic gateway: the Ambassador Bridge over the Detroit River connects the U.S. with Lower Canada, and the freighters and barges seen on Lake Erie may have made the long trek through the Erie Canal.

Though the Detroit area in particular has a reputation for falling on hard times, it has shown itself to be resilient and open to change, which should only help to bring about good things in future years. Its venues draw in visitors for sporting events, musical entertainment, and industry-related shows. Nearby cities such as Ann Arbor, Jackson, Port Huron, and Monroe provide both historic and natural treasures that will captivate any traveler's fancy. And not far beyond any of the city limits, you'll find yourself once again deep in nature. That's the beauty of Michigan – its natural splendor is never too far away.



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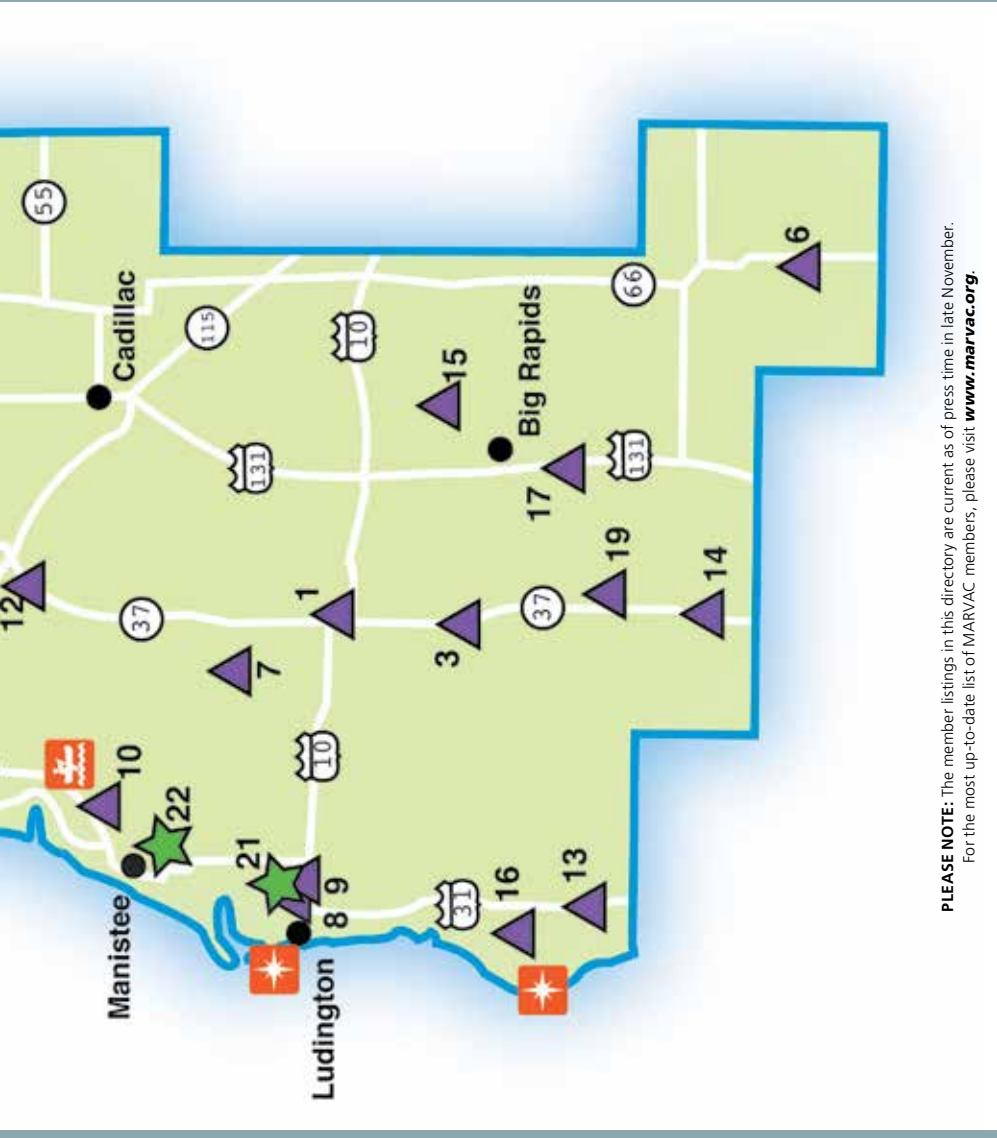



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5004 W. Otsego Lake Dr., Gaylord, MI 49735

Email: steve@bensbeavercreek.com

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Email: tbg@thunderbaygolf.com

Website: www.thunderbayresort.com

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10359 E. Farrand Road, Otisville, MI 48463

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Website: www.leisurelakefamilycampground.com

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Website: www.wesleyanwoods.org



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CAMPGROUNDS

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4424 Whites Bridge Road, Belding, MI 48809

Email: info@doublerranch.com

Website: www.doublerranch.com

COLDWATER

2. Harbor Cove RV Resort

(517) 279-COVE, Fax: 517-278-8456

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120 E. Colon Rd., Coldwater, MI 49036

harborcoveresort@yahoo.com

www.harborcoveresort.com

COLON

3. Leidy Lake Campground

(269) 432-3311

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29464 Colon Road, Colon, MI 49040

Email: leidylakecampground@yahoo.com

Website: www.leidylakecampground.com

GOWEN

4. Lincoln Pines Resort

(616) 984-2100, Fax: (616) 984-5022

Family owned and operated, just 13 miles east US-131, 26 miles north I-96. We are located on a 411 acre lake with 4 connecting lakes. We feature planned activities, large sites with full sewer/water hookups and camp store. We are open April 1 to October 15 with seasonal and daily rates.

13033 19 Mile Road NE, Gowen, MI 49326

HOLLAND

5. Drew's Country Camping

(616) 399-1886

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12850 Ransom, Holland, MI 48424

Website: www.drewscountrycamping.com

HOMER

6. Lighthouse Village

(517) 568-4343, Fax: (517) 568-4516

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1001 24 Mile Road, Homer, MI 49245

Email: chris@lighthousevillage.com

Website: www.lighthousevillage.com

HOPKINS

7. Hidden Ridge RV Resort

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2306 12th St, Hopkins, MI 49328

Email: hiddenridgerv@suncommunities.com

Website: www.hiddenridgerv.com

HOPKINS

8. Sandy Pines RV Resort

(616) 896-8315, Fax: (616) 896-7409

Sandy Pines takes pride in offering swimming in our beautiful lake or one of our five heated pools. Enjoy our 18-hole golf course, mini-golf, pickleball, hiking/fitness trails, waterslide, fitness center, adult recreation center and many playgrounds.

2745 136th Avenue, Hopkins, MI 49328

Email: camp@sandypines.com

Website: www.sandypines.com

IONIA

9. Alice Springs RV Park & Resort

(616) 527-1608, Fax: (616) 523-1057

Our park offers over 121 full hook-up RV sites, unlimited rustic sites, up to 60' in length, cable TV, WiFi available throughout the park, scheduled activities, large convenience store, fishing, swimming, horseshoes and much more. Park expansion will soon add over 300 full hook-up sites, group camp areas, cabins and park models.

5087 Alice Court, Ionia, MI 48846

Email: info@alicespringsrvpark.com

Website: www.alicespringsrvpark.com

KALAMAZOO

10. American Campgrounds, Inc.

(269) 342-2163, Fax: (269) 342-2127

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8368 West 'C' Avenue Kalamazoo, MI 49009

MARCELLUS

11. Cranberry Lake Campground

269-646-3336

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10301 Bent Street, Marcellus, MI 49067

Email: campcranberry@yahoo.com

Website: www.campcranberrylake.com

MARSHALL

12. Camp Turkeyville RV Resort

(269) 781-4293, Fax: (269) 781-1209

Nestled in the countryside in southwest Michigan with 127 deluxe sites with full hook-up. Heated splash and swimming pools. Plus, famous Turkeyville with restaurant, dinner theatre, ice cream parlour and gift shop.

18935 15 1/2 Mile Road, Marshall, MI 49068

Email: patti@turkeyville.com

Website: www.campturkeyville.com

MIDDLEVILLE

13. Indian Valley Campground and Canoe Livery

(616) 891-8579, Fax: (616) 891-9383

We have shaded sites along the Thornapple River, an indoor pool and a pond. Canoe, kayak, tube and fishing boat rental. 8200 108th Street, Middleville, MI 49333

Website: www.indianvalleycampgroundandcanoe.com

MUSKEGON

14. Duck Creek RV Resort

(231) 766-3646, Fax: (231) 766-3625

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1155 West Riley-Thompson Road, Muskegon, MI 49445

Email: info@duckcreekrvresort.com

Website: www.duckcreekrvresort.com

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15. Warner's Landing Campground

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Email: skwclar@comcast.net

Website: sites.google.com/site/warnerslandingcampground

SOUTH HAVEN

16. Sunny Brook RV Resort

(888) 499-5253, Fax: (269) 639-1213

3 miles from Lake Michigan, 1/2 mile from Kal-Haven Trail (bicycle/hiking trail). Horse riding nearby. Off I-96, Phoenix Road Exit 20, go east 2 1/2 miles, north side of road. 68300 CR 388, South Haven, MI 49090

Email: info@sunnybrookrvresort.com

Website: www.sunnybrookrvresort.com

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SOUTH HAVEN

17. Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Camp Resort

(269) 637-6153, Fax: (269) 637-7253

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Camp Resort makes a great home base for exploring the area. Our landscaped campground sits on 50 acres in South Haven, and is located 1/2 mile from the Kal-Haven Trail. Campground features include full-hookup or water/electric, various recreation areas and planned activities, pool, camp store and laundry.

03403 64th Street, South Haven, MI 49090-7308

Email: info@southhavenfamilycg.com

Website: www.southhavenfamilycg.com

THREE RIVERS

18. Klines Resort

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22260 Klines Resort Road, Three Rivers, MI 49093

Email: klinesresort@hotmail.com

Website: www.klinesresort.com

 DEALERS

COLDWATER

19. Haylett Auto & R.V.

(517) 278-5196, Fax: (517) 278-5512

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891 East Chicago, Coldwater, MI 49036

Email: jknapp@haylettrv.com

Website: www.haylettrv.com

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6542 Ryno Road, Coloma, MI 49038

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12909 Old US Hwy 27, Dewitt, MI 48820

Website: www.pricerightdewitt.com

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22. Gillette's Interstate RV

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7210 East Saginaw Highway, East Lansing, MI 48823

Email: sales@gillettesinterstaterv.com

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GRAND RAPIDS

23. American RV Sales & Service

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201 76th St. SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49548

Email: info@americanrv.com

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GRAND RAPIDS

24. Midway RV Center

(616) 534-9641, Fax: (616) 534-6869

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5590 South Division, Grand Rapids, MI 49548

Email: sales@midwayrv.com

Website: www.midwayrv.com

GRAND RAPIDS

25. Terry Town Travel Center, Inc.

(616) 455-5590, Fax: (616) 455-1004

Dealer for Bighorn, Brookstone, Carbon, Cardinal, Catalina, Cedar Creek, Chaparral, Charleston, Cougar, Cruiser, Cyclone, DX3, Eagle, Entegra, Evergreen, Forest River Motorized, Jay Feather, Jay Flight, Jayco Motorized, Landmark, Lifestyle, Octane, Phoenix, Pinnacle, Puma, Raptor, Rockwood, Rushmore, Salem, Sandpiper, Seismic, Sunset Trail, Trilogy, Whitehawk, Wildcat, Zinger. 1 mile E of US-131.

7145/7303 S. Division Ave., Grand Rapids, MI 49548

Email: sales@terrytownrv.com

Website: www.terrytownrv.com

GRAND RAPIDS

26. Veurinks' RV Center

(616) 281-5111

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7144 South Division, Grand Rapids, MI 49548

Email: rvsales@veurinksrv.com

Website: www.veurinksrv.com

HOLLAND

27. Holland Motor Homes

(800) 221-7197, Fax: (616) 396-1391

We are a dealer for Dynamax and Renegade motorhomes, Explorer and Villagio by Renegade, Leisure Travel Vans and Excel fifth wheels.

670 East 16th Street, Holland, MI 49423

Email: sales@holland-motorhomes.com

Website: www.holland-motorhomes.com

HOPKINS

28. Vacationland Sales

(616) 896-8371, Fax: (616) 896-8921

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2746 136th Avenue, Hopkins, MI 49328

Email: vacationland@sbcglobal.net

Website: www.vacationlandsales.com

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29. Caswell RV

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260 S. Dexter (M-66), Ionia, MI 48846

Email: casrvco@hotmail.com

Website: www.caswellrv.com

MARSHALL

30. Marshall RV, Inc.

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14805 W. Michigan, Marshall, MI 49068

Email: ken@marshallrv.com

Website: www.marshallrv.com

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1211 N. Cedar, Mason, MI 48854

Email: kitsmiller@aol.com

Website: www.kitsmillerrv.com

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32. Muskegon RV

(231) 767-9000, Fax: (231) 767-9080

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Open Monday and Thursday 9 am-7 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9 am-5 pm; Saturday 9 am-3 pm. Service and parts open Monday-Friday 8 am-5 pm; Saturday (parts only) 9 am-3 pm. 3555 Apple Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49442

Email: tim@muskegonrv.com

Website: www.muskegonrv.com

THREE OAKS

33. Chikaming Cabins Management Corp.

(269) 469-3894, Fax: (269) 469-3344

A dealer of cedar clad park model cabins in private campground. Rentals are available.

7650 Warren Woods, Three Oaks, MI 49128

Email: info@lakesidecabinsresort.com

Website: www.lakesidecabinsresort.com

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476 Reno Dr., Wayland, MI 49348

Website: www.generalrv.com

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35. Richfield Trailer Supply-Grand Rapids

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7245 S. Division, Grand Rapids, MI 49548

Email: grandrapids@richfieldtrailer.com

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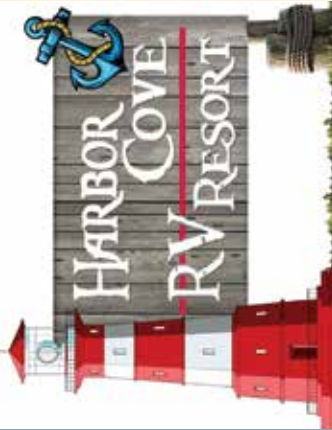
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1. Hike and walk through history by visiting the **Historic Bridge Park** in Battle Creek.
2. Take a magical ride at the **Silver Beach Carousel** in St. Joseph near one of the top 10 family beaches according to Parents magazine, Lake Michigan's Silver Beach.
3. Peruse the **antique shops** in Saugatuck.
4. Go on a free guided tour of the **state capital building** in Lansing.
5. People of all ages can discover the wonders of air travel with a visit to the **Air Zoo museum**, Portage.
6. Go on a walking **brewery tour** in Grand Rapids, the "Beer City USA."
7. Stop in at **Uncle John's Cider Mill**. St. John's, to taste test wine and hard cider, pick up some baked goods and seasonal fruit, maybe even a donut or two.
8. Visit the state's only free planetarium on the campus of Muskegon Community College, the **Carr-Fles Planetarium**, or attend a free open house at the observatory.
9. Experience Holland's Dutch heritage with a visit to **Windmill Island Gardens**, home of the 250-year-old working windmill De Zwaan.
10. Pick up some fresh, local food at the red barn at **Stover's Farm**, Berrien Springs, or pick some of your own.



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capacity. Each sleeve is 30' X 58' with a ten foot wide gravel dock, trees, a picnic table and a fire pit. Each site comes with water, electric and cable hookups at no additional cost. On-site facility with restrooms, showers, laundry and vending machines.
11386 W. Lakeshore Dr., Brimley, MI 49715
Website: www.4baymills.com

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1193 Franks Street, Mackinac Island, MI 49757

Email: mike.shockleyproductions@gmail.com

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April 1-3, 2016

Grand Traverse County Civic Center
1213 W. Civic Center Drive
Traverse City, Michigan 49684

The 39th Annual Flint Camper & RV Show

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Dort Federal Credit Union Event Center
3501 Lapeer Road
Flint, Michigan 48503

The MARVAC Battle Creek Camper & RV Show

February 25-28, 2016

Kellogg Arena
1 McCamly Street
Battle Creek, Michigan 49017

The 50th Annual Detroit Camper & RV Show

February 10-14, 2016

Suburban Collection Showplace
46100 Grand River Avenue
Novi, Michigan 48374

The 27th Annual Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show

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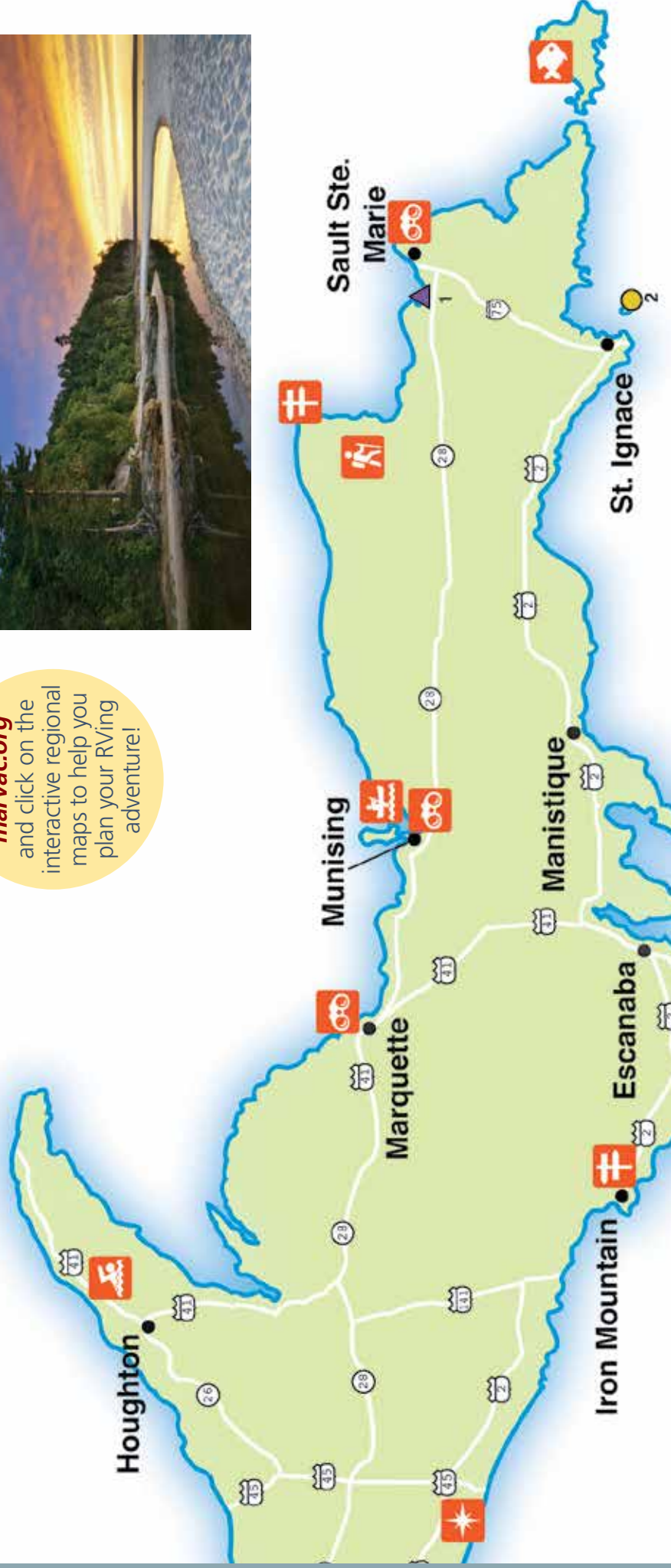
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1. Visit the **Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum**, Whitefish Point, for an exclusive look at the perils of maritime transport in the Great Lakes.
2. Canoe or kayak along the **Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore** to see Chapel Rock, Miner's Castle.
3. Hike the four-mile River Trail in Tahquamenon Falls State Park, which includes stops at the upper and lower **Tahquamenon Falls**.
4. Watch the boats and freights make their way through the **Soo Locks**, Sault Ste. Marie.
5. Ride the underground train, complete with hard hats and yellow jackets, at the **Iron Mountain Mine and Museum**, Vulcan.
6. Enjoy the peace and beauty of the **waterfalls** around Munising.
7. **Fish or hunt** at Drummond Island.
8. **Search for agate** at beaches in the Keeweenaw Peninsula.
9. Be brave and head to the Black Rocks in **Presque Isle Park** in Marquette to jump off the cliffs into Lake Superior, or simply enjoy the view.
10. Explore the vastness, beauty, and wildlife of **Sylvania Wilderness's** 34 lakes and old growth forests near Watersmeet.

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1. Ruby Family Campground (810) 324-2766

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7700 Imlay City Road, Avoca, MI 48006
Website: www.ruby-campground.com

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Email: info@juniperhills.com
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Email: contact@mispeedway.com
Website: www.mispeedway.com

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3864 Breen Rd., Emmett, MI 48022
Website: www.emmettkoa.com

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6. Holiday RV Campground (517) 522-5846, Fax: (517) 522-6084

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9625 Knight Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240
Email: browder7288@aol.com
Website: www.holidayrvcampground.com

HARTLAND

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2975 Old US 23, Hartland, MI 48353

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4111 West Hallett Road, Hillsdale, MI 49242

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Website: www.gatewayparkcampground.com

HOLLY

9. Groveland Oaks County Park (248) 634-9811

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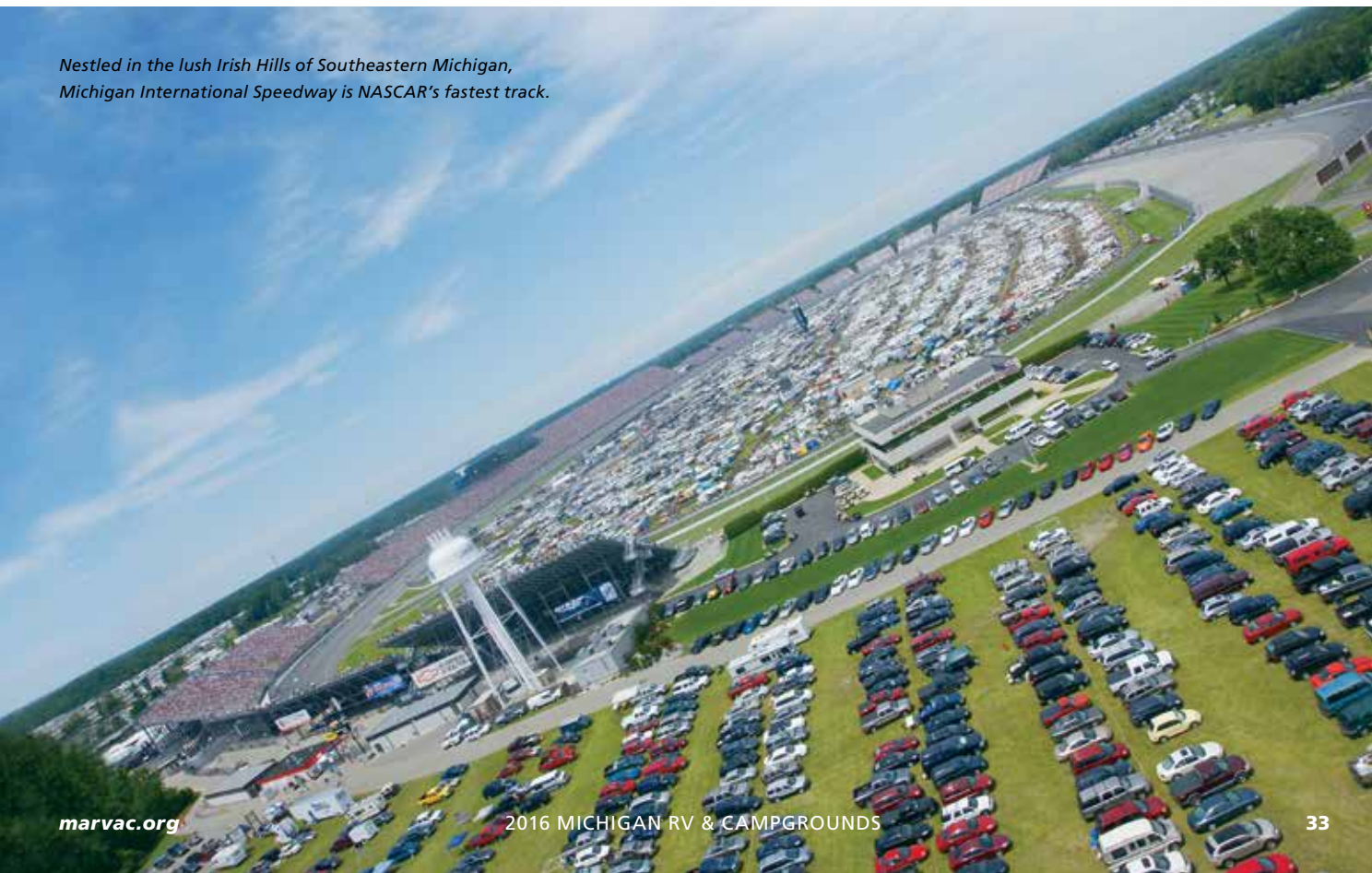
14555 Dixie Highway, Holly, MI 48442

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E-mail: ocparks@oakgov.com

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Email: Hollykoa@acampfire.com

Website: koafunpark.com

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320 S. Hughes Road, Howell, MI 48843

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Website: www.taylorsbeachcampground.com

JACKSON

13. Greenwood Acres Family Campground

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2401 Hilton Road, Jackson, MI 49201

Email: office@greenwoodacrescampground.com

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14. Port Huron KOA

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5151 Lapeer Road, Kimball, MI 48074

Email: phkoa@aol.com

Website: koa.com/campgrounds/port-huron

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15. Addison Oaks County Park
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1480 West Romeo Road, Leonard, MI 48367

Website: www.destinationoakland.com

E-mail: ocparks@oakgov.com

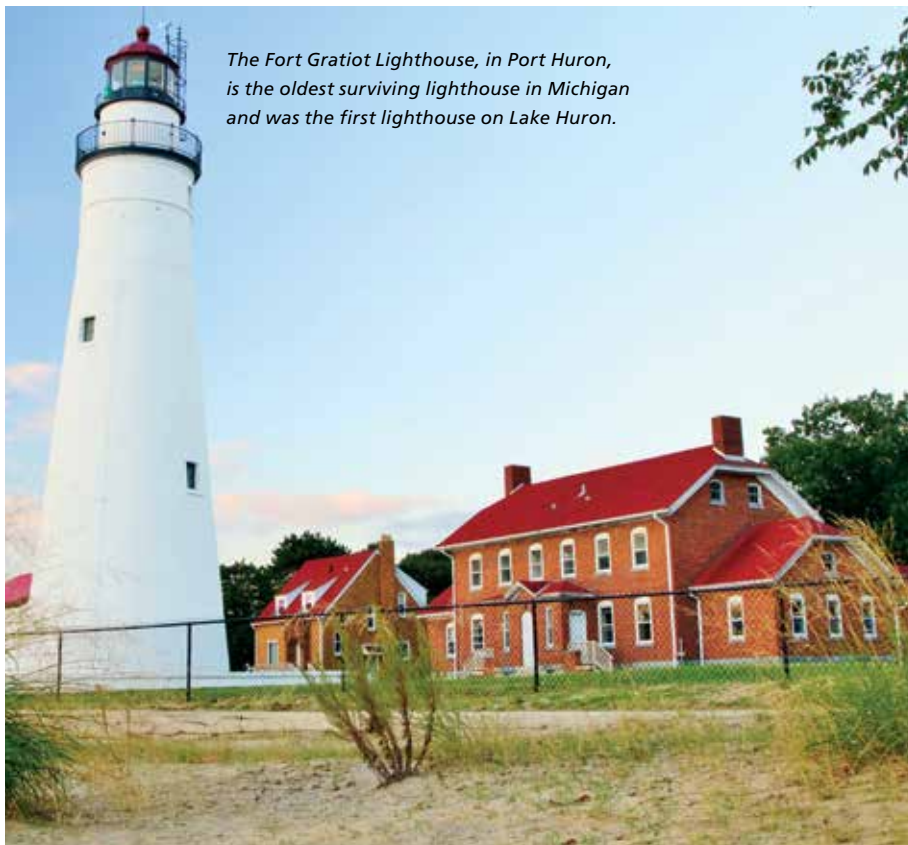
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14931 Laplance Road, Monroe, MI 48161

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1140 South Ortonville Road (M-15), Ortonville, MI 48462

Email: clearwatercampground1140@yahoo.com

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2. Take a stroll along **Detroit's Riverfront**.
3. **Fish for walleye** in the western basin of Lake Erie out of Monroe.
4. Be adventurous on the zip line, climbing tour, or high ropes course at the **Howell Conference**

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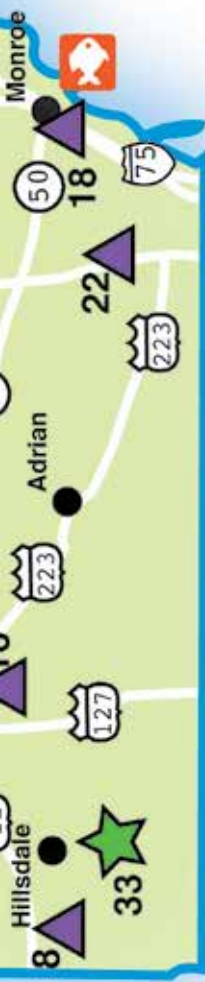


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5. Walk or bike the **Falling Waters Trail** from Jackson to Concord, a 10-mile trip.
6. Climb to the top of **Fort Gratiot Lighthouse** in Port Huron for a scenic view of Lake Huron and the St. Clair River.
7. Tour the facilities at **Morley Candy**, home of Sanders Candy, in Clinton Township to observe how these delicious treats are made before giving them a try.
8. Picnic at the **Bald Mountain Recreation Area**, which also has several lakes, streams, a beach, and shooting range.
9. Have some good old fashioned fun at **Westview Orchards & Adventure Farm**, Washington Township, including a petting farm and a winery.
10. Swim at **Lake St. Clair Metropark** in Harrison Township, either in the lake or in the Olympic size pool with waterslide.



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DNR Advises Caution to Prevent Spread of Oak Wilt Disease

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For most people, April 15 is the annual tax-filing deadline. For people like Roger Mech – and other forest health professionals – April 15 also marks the beginning of the yearly window when oak wilt can be transmitted from diseased to healthy red oak trees.

According to Mech, forest health monitoring program manager for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Forest Resources Division, oak wilt is a serious disease of oak trees. It mainly affects red oaks, including northern red oak, black oak and pin oak. Red oaks often die within a few weeks after becoming infected. White oaks are more resistant; therefore, the disease progresses more slowly. "The normal time-tested advice is to prevent oak wilt by not pruning or otherwise 'injuring' oaks from April 15 to July 15," Mech said.

He added that the spread of oak wilt occurs during this time of year as beetles move spores from fungal fruiting structures on the trees killed last year by oak wilt to wounds on healthy oaks. As warmer weather melts away snow and ice, the beetles that move oak wilt become active.

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"Unfortunately, many learn not to prune or otherwise wound trees from mid-April to mid-July only after they lose their oaks to oak wilt," he said.

A common question the DNR is hearing this year is, "Can we push the April 15 day back a week or two because of the cold winter?"

Mech says that isn't an option.

"It doesn't matter how cold it was this winter," he said. "It only takes a few 50-degree or warmer days for both the beetles and fungus to become active. We have already had warmer weather in many parts of the state."

Although oak wilt hasn't been detected in every Michigan county, Mech said the need for vigilance is present statewide.

Spring is a popular time for people to move firewood to vacation properties and other locations. During this April-to-July period, Mech said that it's vital not to move wood from oak wilt-killed trees. These trees are often cut into firewood and moved, sometimes many miles from their original locations. Any wounding of oaks in this new location can result in new oak wilt infections as beetles move spores from the diseased firewood to fresh wounds on otherwise healthy trees.

"With the transport of firewood and other tree-related activities, you have to assume the risk is present, whether you live in metro Detroit or in the Upper Peninsula," Mech said.

The DNR recommends that anyone who suspects they have oak wilt-tainted firewood should cover it with a plastic tarp all the way to the ground, leaving no openings. This keeps the beetles away and generates heat inside the tarp,

helping to destroy the fungus. Once the bark loosens on the firewood, the disease can no longer be spread.

New oak wilt sites have been traced to spring and early summer wounding from tree-climbing spikes, rights-of-way pruning, nailing signs on trees and accidental tree-barking (a wound created when bark is removed via impact from equipment, falling trees and other causes). If an oak is wounded during this critical time, the DNR advises residents to cover the wound immediately with either a tree-wound paint or a latex paint to help keep beetles away.

Once an oak is infected, the fungus moves to neighboring red oaks through root grafts. Oaks within approximately 100 feet of each other – depending on the size of the trees – have connected or grafted root systems. Left untreated, oak wilt will continue to move from tree to tree, progressively killing more red oak over an increasingly larger area.

As more trees die from oak wilt, more spores are produced which contribute to the overland spread of oak wilt.

To minimize the risk of oak wilt infection caused by logging damage, the DNR prohibits cutting of red oak trees on state land between April 15 and July 15. This helps protect red oak trees left after thinning from damage that could lead to infection.

The DNR recommends private forest landowners exercise caution during this period and, whenever possible, delay harvesting activity in oak forests until after July 15 to reduce the risk of oak wilt.

To report a suspected oak wilt site, e-mail DNR-FRD-Forest-Health@michigan.gov or call 517-284-5895.

To learn more about oak wilt and other forest health issues in Michigan, go to www.michigan.gov/foresthealth.

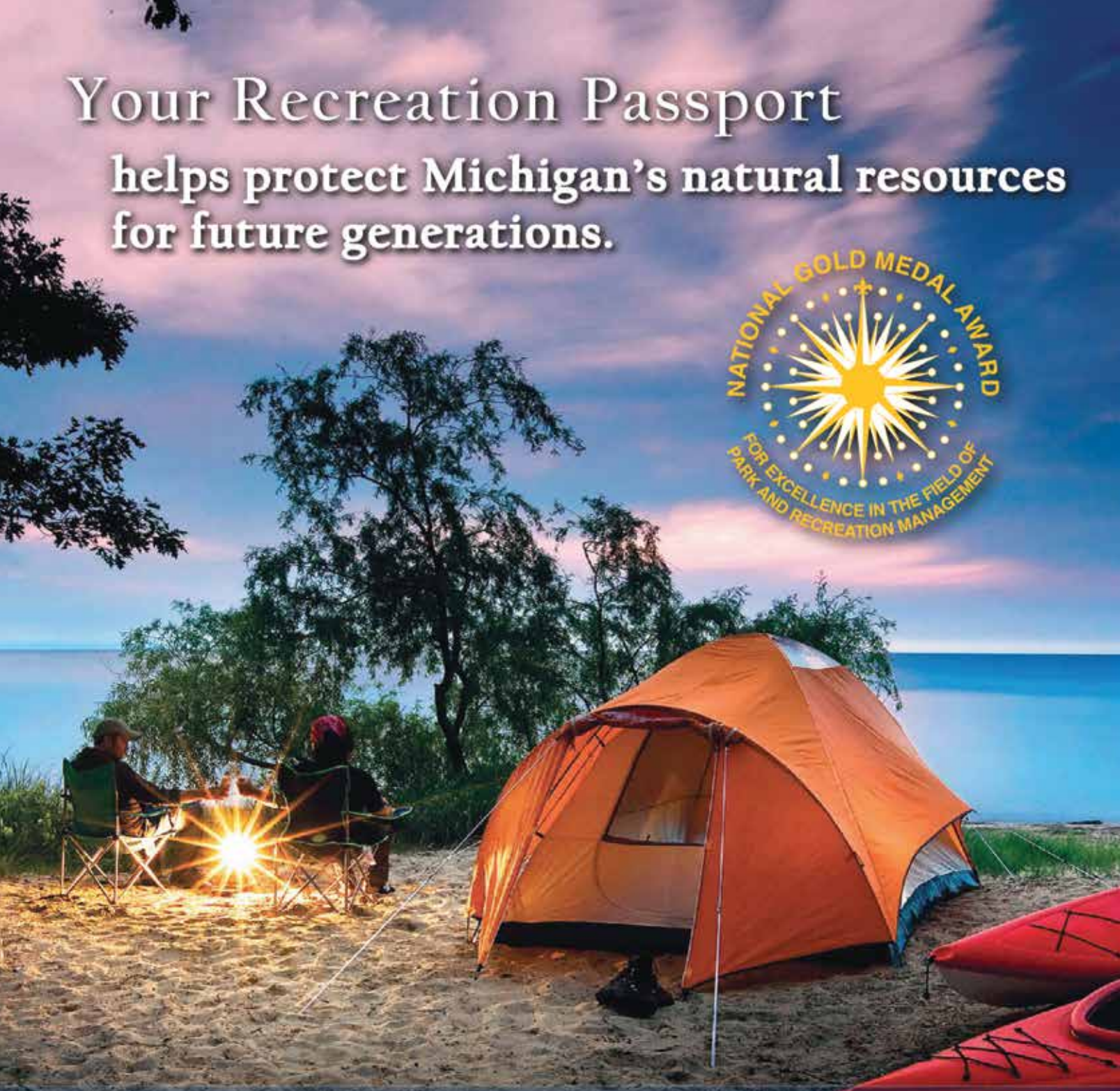
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What You Need to Know

- Oak wilt is a fungal disease that kills trees by blocking the tree's vascular system. It mainly affects red oak species as white oak species are more resistant.
- Primary symptoms include wilting from the top down and dropping leaves that are green or green and brown.
- Don't move or distribute firewood, especially from oaks that died "all of a sudden."
- Don't prune oak trees from April 25-July 15 to help prevent beetle – and spore – transmission.

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10 TIPS for Camping with Your Dog

Make the camping experience with your canine enjoyable for all.

A vacation isn't complete for many campers without a four-legged family member along. In fact, it's known that many people get into camping because they then have the ability and flexibility to take their pets with them on their adventures. According to the 2014 American Camper Report presented by the Coleman Company and the Outdoor Foundation, 31-35 percent of campers of all age groups went camping with their pets, with dogs the most popular type of pet.

Whether you're a first-timer or a veteran, it's important to remember a few important things that will help keep your dog safe and healthy, a joy to have along on the ride, and a good neighbor around other campers. Here are 10 tips for camping with your dog.

Safety and Health

- 1. Do** make sure your dog's vaccines are up to date and all necessary medications are on hand. This is especially important for flea and tick prevention. According to an article by *michiganradio.com*, Michigan is in the midst of a tick boom, with ticks being in areas they weren't a few years ago and worse in the typical areas. This makes your dog more at risk to tick bites and Lyme's disease, so make sure your dog takes preventative medicine.
- 2. Do** bring water and food bowls. They can be the ones from home or you can purchase lightweight, travel-friendly ones that can be packed up easily for side trips and activities.
- 3. Do** teach your dog *recall* and *leave-it* commands until he is reliable. This takes more planning ahead and training, before your dog is at a campground and needs to put his training to use. A recall command – such as *come* or *here* or *back* – is important for your dog to know because it helps prevent him from running into

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a road, running after a wild animal, or wandering over to the next site. The *leave-it* command is also essential for safety. It tells your dog to ignore a certain object, such as animal scat or roadkill.

4. Do bring a crate or kennel. Your dog should have a comfortable



spot to call his own. A crate or kennel is useful when traveling to your destination, since he won't be moving about the vehicle and possibly distracting the driver (you know your dog best so do this at your discretion), or during a weather-related event he might find frightening such as a thunderstorm. When you're heading to an activity and need to leave your dog behind, a crate or kennel might be the safest option in which to contain him; just make sure it's not in a hot space and that the dog has plenty of water.

Along for the Ride

5. Do make sure your dog's ID tag is up to date with contact information. The contact number should be the most direct way of reaching you, and since you're a voyager on the road, it should be your cell phone number. Some metal tags and links have a propensity to bend or fall off, losing that valuable information. Consider as an alternative a dog collar with the name and contact number embroidered on the collar itself.

6. Do your homework about the area you're planning to visit to explore dog-friendly places and activities. You wouldn't want to leave your dog behind in the RV the whole time, so take him along whenever possible. For hiking for instance, *Bringfido.com* lists all dog-friendly trails, beaches, parks, and more in Michigan. Most activities require dogs to be on leashes.

7. Do bring copies of veterinary records. If you have an emergency when you're away from home and need to visit a vet, having your records on hand will help them better understand and treat your dog.

Being a Good Neighbor

8. Do follow campground rules. Some will have more stringent rules than others. Following the rules ensures a positive experience with a particular campground so that you'll be able to visit again in the future. These rules are also in place to help keep your dog – and other travelers – safe.

9. Do clean up after your dog. Bring enough baggies or even a scooper to take care of your dog's business. This keeps the campground or RV park clean, for feet and for the eyes.

10. Do keep your dog contained to your campsite. Campers are generally a friendly bunch, but you still want to keep your dog confined to your designated area. If you can't trust your dog to stick around, or listen to your commands, then tether him to a long lead so that the boundaries stay in place. Get to know your neighbors and how comfortable they are around dogs or whether they have dogs of their own. 

Day Trip Checklist for the Dog

If you're planning an activity away from the RV that involves taking along the dog, then pack these items. Some items will be duplicated with multiple dogs.

- ✓ Leash
- ✓ Portable water dish
- ✓ Food (if out for an extended period of time)
- ✓ Dog boots (if your dog is used to them and you're going over rough terrain)
- ✓ First Aid kit
- ✓ Drinking water
- ✓ Plastic pick up bags

Extended Trip Checklist for the Dog

If your RV is your home or you're away from home for an extended period of time, then you'll need additional accessories and items on hand if you also have a dog along for the trip. These items include:

- ✓ Copies of veterinary records, including vaccinations
- ✓ Heartworm and flea prevention
- ✓ Medications
- ✓ Crate or kennel
- ✓ Dog pad
- ✓ Nail clippers
- ✓ Hairbrush
- ✓ Water and food bowls
- ✓ Toys
- ✓ ID tags, up to date
- ✓ Picture of your dog
- ✓ Extra leash
- ✓ Cleaning solution
- ✓ Tie-out or X-Pen
- ✓ Furniture slipcovers (if your dog is allowed on the furniture)
- ✓ Spot cleaner
- ✓ Shampoo

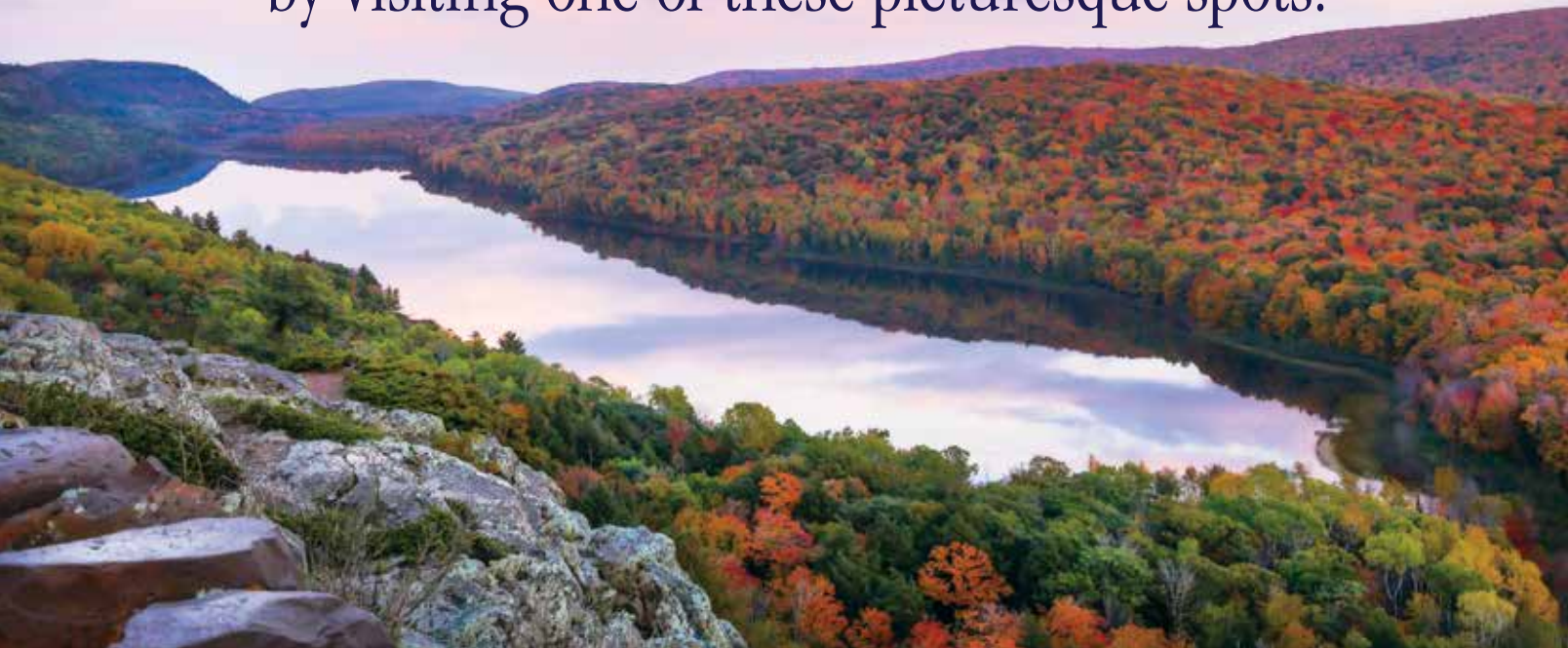
Three Quick Tips for Dog-Proofing Your RV

- 1.** Consider putting a thin sheet of plexi-glass on the inside of the front door to protect the screen from your dog's nails. This way, the door can be open and a breeze can still come through the top half.
- 2.** Use a crate or baby gate to cordon off your dog from some areas of the RV while you're away. A crate can be quite comforting to a dog, it's "cave," so it might be the best option for while you're not around or during travel.
- 3.** Remove temptations such as leaving food on the counter, the bathroom door open, or the garbage can full. In fact, choose a garbage bin with a top that can lock – and stay locked.



Views Worth the Hike

Plan your fall getaway now by visiting one of these picturesque spots.



You could say that Michigan is the belle of the ball in the autumn. The crisp air, the scent of dirt and crumbling leaves, the contrast of a blue sky against a landscape of red, orange, and yellow. It's a popular time of year for campers to visit and go on color tours. Even Michiganders hit the road for a day or two to experience Nature's beauty. Though the colors can be appreciated by taking a drive around or even from your campsite, it's worth it to put on the hiking shoes, grab the backpack, and head out on the trail to get a more encompassing look. Here are five favorite trails of various difficulties that give hikers a view of spectacular fall vistas – and memories – for which Michigan is known.

Upper Peninsula: Escarpment Trail

WEBSITE: www.uptrails.org/michigan-trail-report/ontonagon-county-michigan-trail-report/porcupine-mountains-escarpment-michigan-trail.html

Since the colors arrive sooner in the Upper Peninsula, this trail is the first on our list. One of the most scenic routes in the UP, Escarpment Trail within Porcupine Mountains State Park, is an eight-mile, out-and-back trail that offers hikers stunning, vast views of Lake of the Clouds. Moderately difficult with minimal elevation gain, this is one of the more popular trails for visitors – and for good reason. There isn't a better spot to see the Lake of the Clouds surrounded by miles of bright colored trees. Bring lunch along, and don't forget the camera!

DIFFICULTY: Moderate

LENGTH OF HIKE: 8 miles

BEST COLOR: Mid-September-Early October

Make your fall color plans as soon as possible, and make sure to reference the MARVAC campground directory in this issue or online at **www.marvac.org** to find a place to stay nearest your chosen destination.

Union Bay



A map showing the study area. A road labeled "BISSONETTE RD" runs horizontally. A dashed line indicates a boundary or road. A road labeled "Oscoda 14 Miles" with an arrow pointing left is shown. The study area is indicated by a shaded region.





as observation decks. A popular place to stop is large Springs, where dams constructed by early loggers still stand and create waterfalls from the natural, clear springs.

DIFFICULTY: Easy-Moderate

LENGTH OF HIKE: Up to 7 miles

BEST COLOR: Late September-Early October

Northwest: Avalanche Preserve Recreation Area

WEBSITE: www.michigantrailmaps.com/member-profile/3/13/

Three hundred acres of woodland just south of **Boyne City** in northern Michigan offer

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DIFFICULTY: Moderate-Challenging

LENGTH OF HIKE: 2-4.2 miles

BEST COLOR: Late September-Early October

Northeast/Thumb: Highbanks Trail

WEBSITE: www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/hmnnf/recarea/?recid=18818

Fifteen minutes from **Oscoda** in the Huron National Forest, this easy to walk trail can be anywhere from four to seven miles, depending on how keen you are. It's a point-to-point route, so unless you have a vehicle at the other end, you'll need to backtrack. The scenery is outstanding, the panoramas of the Au Sable River breathtaking, and the high points on the bluffs are mostly level so even children can enjoy the time on the trail. There are monuments along the way of historic interest as well



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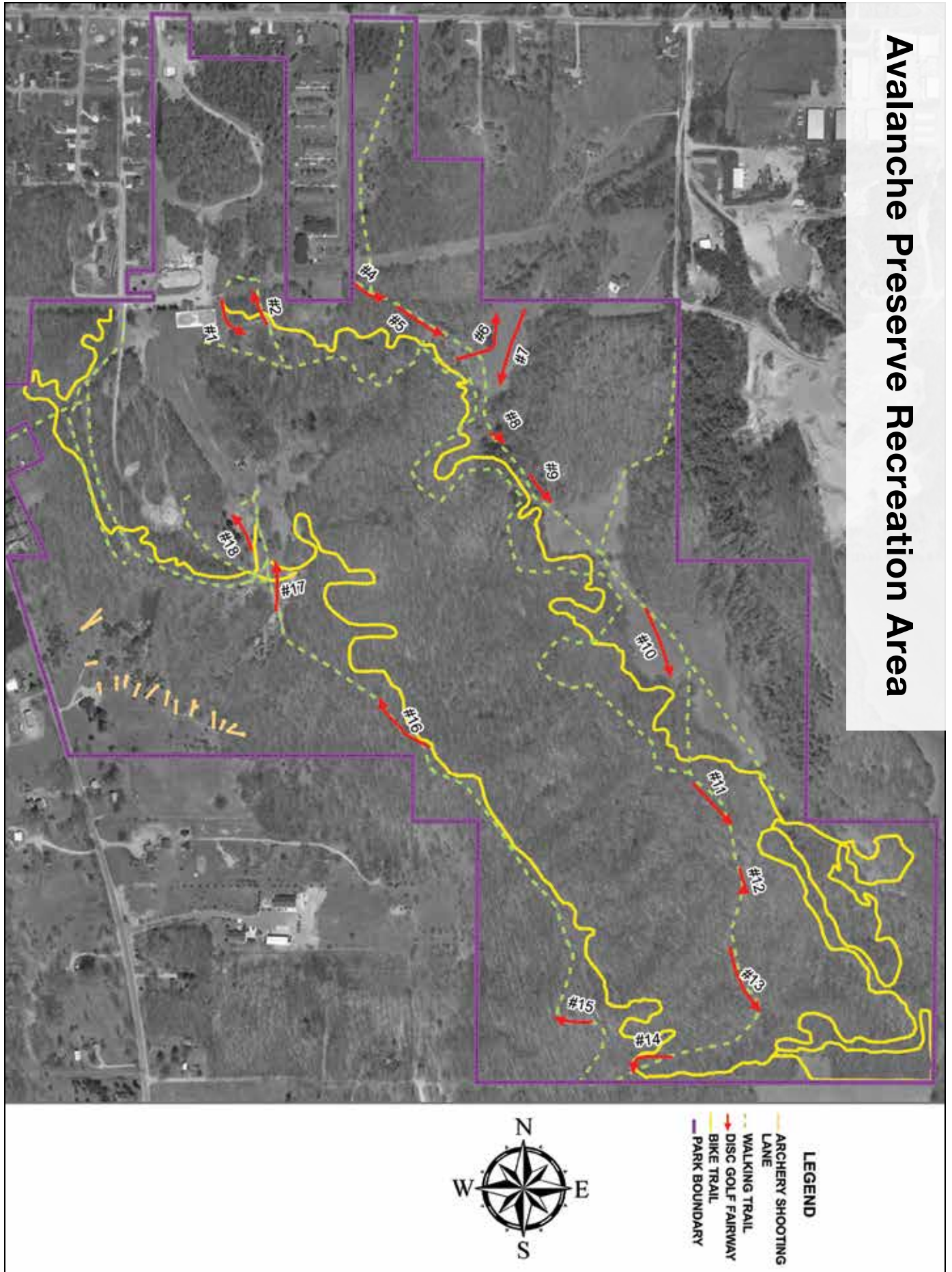
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Day Hike Gear Checklist

The weight of the gear doesn't all have to be on mom or dad. Get kids involved and responsible for certain items that they can carry in their own day pack or fanny pack. Make sure everyone is wearing the layers they need to be comfortable throughout the length of the hike and the weather.

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| • Map or guide book | • Hat | • Diapers |
| • Compass | • Money | • Extra clothes |
| • Pocket knife | • Snacks (granola bars, trail mix, cereal bars) | • Wipes |
| • Flashlight or headlamp | • Gloves (if it's cool) | • Hat |
| • Whistle | • Binoculars | • Bottles |
| • Water bottles | • Extra socks (for everyone) | • Formula |
| • Small First Aid Kit | • Camera | • Pacifier |
| • Insect repellent | • Cell phone (charged the night before) | • Sanitation wipes |
| • Benadryl | | |
| • Sunglasses | | |



Southeast: Bald Mountain Recreation Area

WEBSITE: www.michigan.org/property/bald-mountain-recreation-area/

Thirty-nine miles north of the heart of **Detroit** is the Bald Mountain Recreation Area comprising of more than 4,000 acres of fields, forests, and lakes. According to *Michigan Trail Maps.com*, the best hiking can be found in the North Unit, where there are eight miles of trail. There are several loops to choose from, but the 3.6-mile Orange Loop – also

known as Graham Lakes Trail – offers hikers the most scenic overlooks of the area's lakes, ponds, and wetlands. With orange, red, and yellow trees reflecting on the surface of the water, it's a scene any artist would appreciate capturing. Other trails in the North Unit include the White Loop and the Blue Loop; the 4.8-mile Red Loop is in the South Unit.

DIFFICULTY: Moderate

LENGTH OF HIKE: Up to 4.8 miles

BEST COLOR: Early to Mid October

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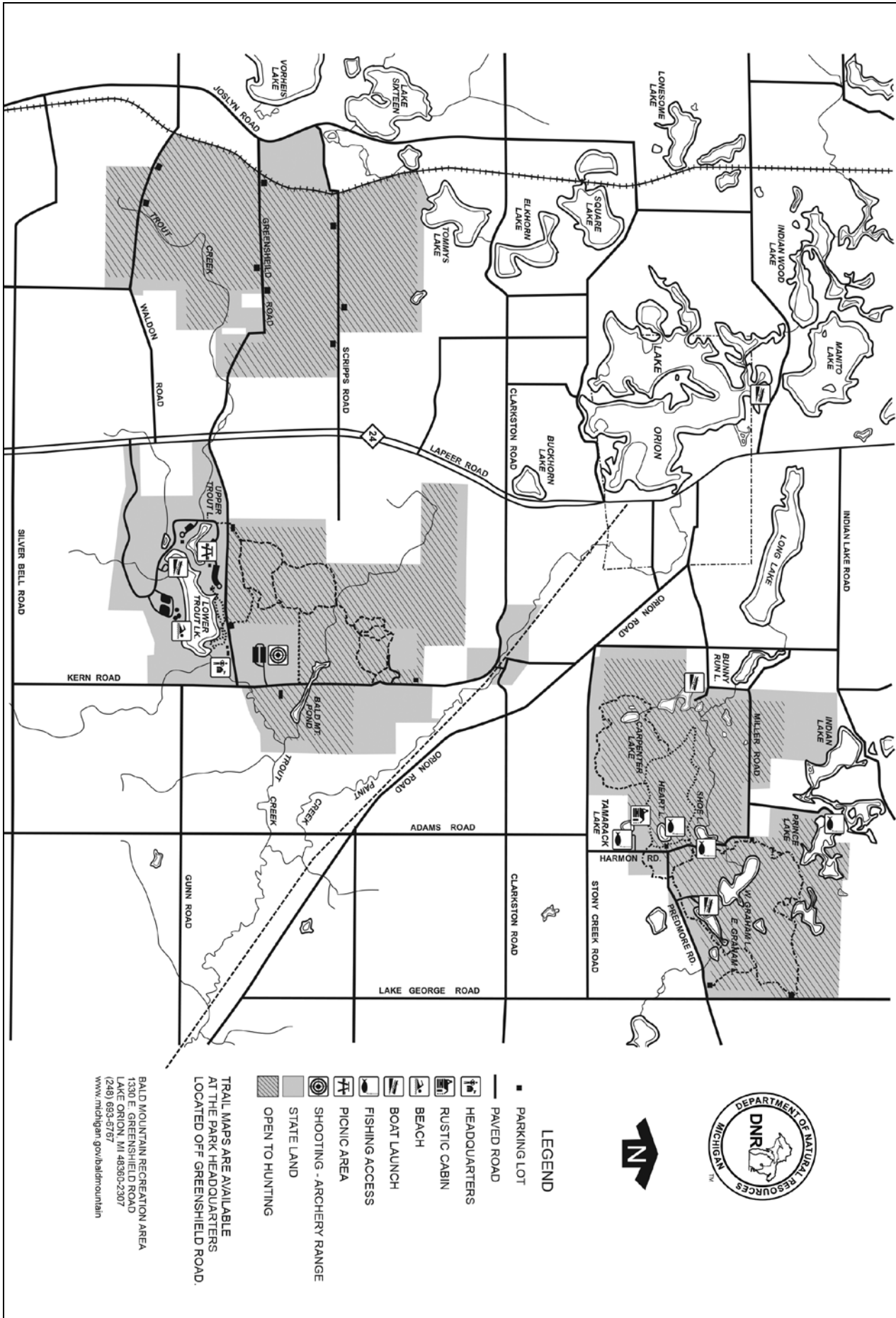
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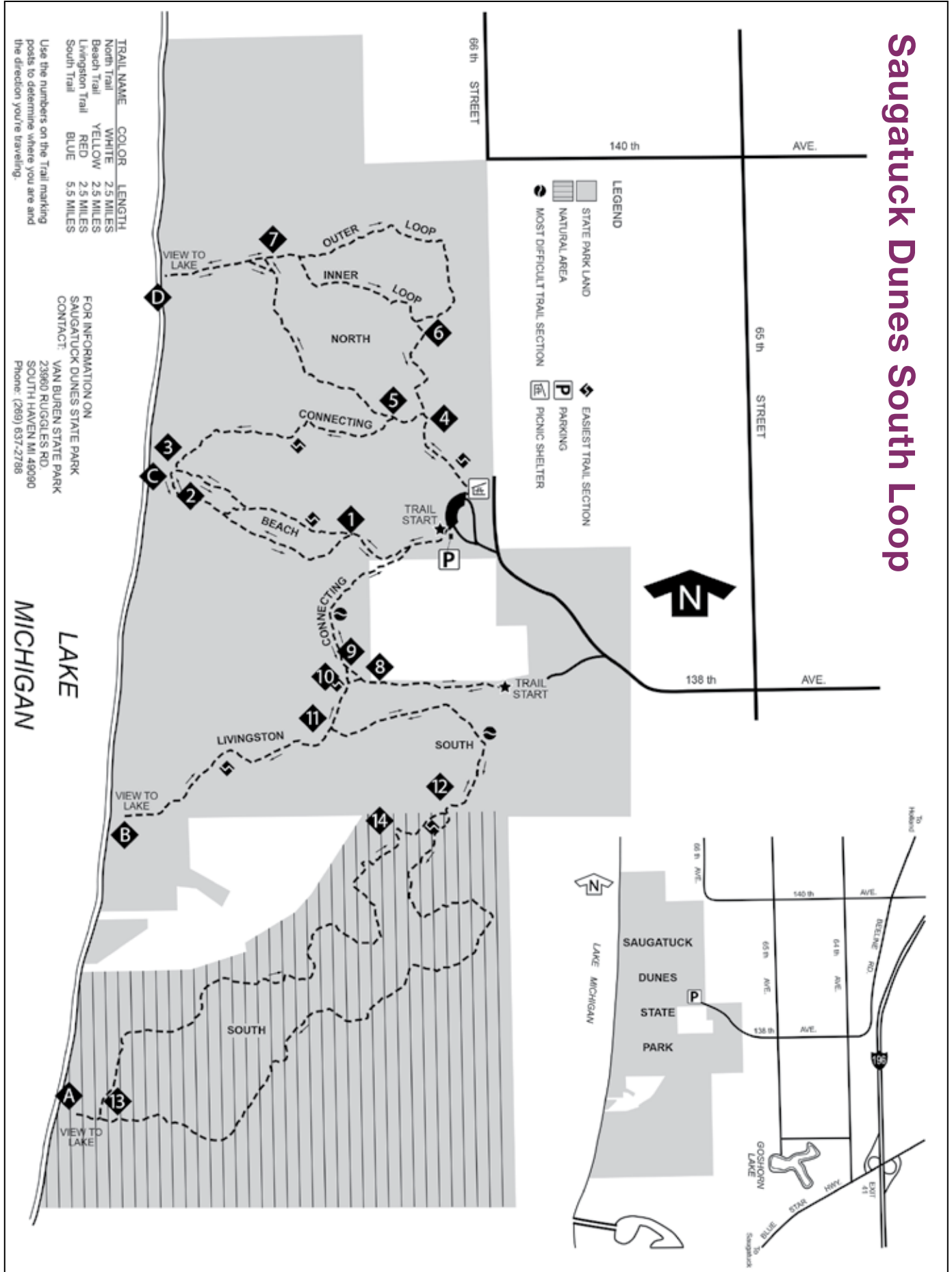
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Bald Mountain Recreation Area



Saugatuck Dunes South Loop



Southwest: Saugatuck Dunes South Loop

WEBSITE: www.michigandnr.com/publications/pdfs/RecreationCamping/saugatuck_dunes_map.pdf

South of **Grand Rapids**, this 4.26-mile loop traverses through mature northern woods. On a sunny day, it'll feel like you're walking beneath a fiery sun catcher. Parts of the trail require some uphill walking, and other parts are sandy so it's a good workout for your muscles though not strenuous. You'll quickly be rewarded with a scenic view of Lake Michigan. Stop and have a picnic at the beach, even though it is fall, and enjoy the crisp sound of the waves lapping on the shore.

DIFFICULTY: Easy-Moderate

LENGTH OF HIKE: Up to 7 miles

BEST COLOR: Late September-Early October



In addition to hiking to higher elevations to view the fall colors, campers can enjoy fall festivals and shows around the state that celebrate the beauty and bounty of the season. Make your fall color plans as soon as possible, and make sure to reference the MARVAC campground directory in this issue or online at www.marvac.org to find a place to stay nearest your chosen destination. 



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Tips for Hiking with Children

Hiking is an activity the whole family can enjoy, and with hundreds of trails to choose from, ranging from very easy to expert, families can challenge one another as the children grow and can handle longer or more advanced hikes. In the process, you see new places, connect with nature, and get some physical exercise.

1. GO EARLY. Kids are typically early risers and they wake up with plenty of energy, so put that energy to use by getting on the trails. Organize everything the night before so that you don't forget anything. Bring snacks for the time on the trail and a picnic lunch if you won't be back to the campsite before noon. Getting out early in the summer also usually provides more comfortable temperatures and the chance for some down time back at the RV or at the beach during the hottest part of the day.

2. CHOOSE A TRAIL YOUR YOUNGEST CHILD CAN HANDLE. This can be bothersome for older kids who want to hike longer or higher.

Save those types of hikes for other times such as taking the older kids out specially, or save them for down the road. The exception is very young children, age one month to two years old, who can comfortably and safely be transported around in a front or back carrier.

3. PLAN STOPS. Consider choosing a trail with plenty of stops along the way such as waterfalls, rock formations, and overlooks to give your kids a chance to take a break from the walk, have a snack, and maybe learn a little history. Make sure all younger kids use the rest room a couple times before the hike begins -- there may not be anywhere along the hike to stop.

4. BRING SUNSCREEN AND BUG REPELLANT. Michigan has seen heavy mosquito and tick populations the past couple years, along with increased incidence of diseases those bugs carry. Older kids can spray themselves with bug spray on their arms, legs, neck, and face, while you'll need to spray the clothing of younger children so that it doesn't get on their hands -- and into their mouths -- directly. Sunscreen and hats will help keep your kids from sunburn, which takes all the fun out of the days that follow. The face is especially important to cover.

5. TAKE YOUR TIME. Don't rush through the hike. Let your kids experience being outside, taking a look at flowers and leaves, and wondering if any animals live in that log. Younger children, ages three to six, tend to take their time anyway. Don't hurry them along. Encourage older kids to interact with their younger siblings by helping them explore. And by all means, take lots of photos! Digital photos can be uploaded to a photo website such as Shutterfly or Snapfish and arranged in a hardcover photobook, a wonderful keepsake of memories.



RV Insurance Q & A

Understand what you need and what to ask when purchasing RV insurance

When it comes time to purchase a recreation vehicle, whether it's your first rig or your eighth, a motorhome or a towable, it's important to take the time to properly evaluate your insurance coverage options. Protecting a home on wheels, as expected, is not as cut and dry as most insurance policies you're likely accustomed to.

Compiled below is a list of frequently asked questions that should help you navigate the winding roads of the RV insurance world.

Q: What are my coverage options?

A. In most instances, you will be required to have, at a minimum, liability insurance – especially if you are renting – in case you are responsible for any damage or harm caused to other people or vehicles. Additionally, if you are financing your unit, most lenders will require that you have collision coverage for any damages received.

With that being said, you have two options in which you can file for coverage: add it onto your existing auto insurance or get separate RV insurance. If you add your RV to your existing plan, you will receive the same coverage benefits you had before. However, since your RV is more extravagant than your everyday car or truck, adding it onto your existing auto plan will make you exempt from coverage that would be unique to a motorhome or towable.

Most policies will cover anything permanently mounted to your rig, but you would be wise to apply contents coverage to your policy – especially if you're deciding to add your unit onto your auto, as most auto and home policies do not extend coverage to destroyed or stolen personal items that were in your RV.

Comprehensive coverage will protect you if any damages occur from just about anything, including collision, fire, flood, theft, vandalism, hail, etc. This is especially important in a state like Michigan, where weather can be unpredictable.

Full Replacement Cost or Total Loss Replacement Coverage is great to have for that worst case scenario disaster. This will ensure you are reimbursed for a like-kind and quality RV if your current rig is totaled. Many auto insurance plans will only reimburse you for the actual cash value of your vehicle at the time of the incident, taking depreciation into account. Chances are, you'd also have to pay a large portion out of pocket to replace your coach or towable.

Additionally, with Full Replacement Cost coverage, Gap Insurance will not be a factor. Gap Insurance is great for auto policies because if your car is totaled, a covered total loss, and you happen to owe more on it than it is worth, it prevents you from having to pay the difference – insurance companies will not pay you more than what your car is worth. But with Full Replacement Cost coverage, more specific for RVs, if you paid \$100,000 for your RV, you will receive \$100,000 to replace it.

Are you in need of repairs, service, or parts? Check out MARVAC's interactive online map at www.marvac.org to find a member dealer, servicer, or supplier nearest you.

Q: What are some additional coverage features?

A: Here are eight items to consider:

- **Diminishing deductible:** Your deductible will reduce each consecutive claim-free year.
- **Awning coverage:** These attachments need frequent replacement. With this protection your insurance company will replace your awning for its actual value.
- **Storage:** This will reduce the cost of your premium while your rig is in storage.
- **Single deductible:** If you have a towable, single deductible will require you to only pay one deductible if both your RV and your towing vehicle are damaged.
- **Vacation liability:** If you are using your RV as a vacation home and someone is injured while at your campsite, this liability coverage will come into play.
- **24-hour emergency roadside assistance:** If your coach or tow vehicle breaks down and you need a lift, this add-on will cover the cost of the tow.
- **Emergency expense coverage:** This will reimburse you for food, lodging, and travel expenses if your RV is inhabitable.
- **Pet injury coverage:** Insures your four-legged family members in case of injury.

Q: What if damage occurs while parked at a resort?

A: Nobody intends to incur damage. The greatest example of this is our aforementioned unpredictable weather; it is hard to prepare for a storm. In most instances, while parked at a resort or campground, if a *live* tree falls on your rig – damages caused that are not due to negligence – then as the RV owner, you will be liable. However, if a *dead* limb falls that the campground failed to remove prior, then the campground's insurance will be applied.



Q: What about when my RV is in storage?

A: Assuming your policy has not lapsed or been dropped, your coverage will remain the same.

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Q: What if I am a full-timer?

A: If your rig is your primary residence, you will need to insure it with primary-residence protection, very similar to a homeowner's policy. This protection would be necessary in the case of an incident and you were temporarily unable to stay in your RV.

Q: How much am I likely to pay?

A: This question is tricky to answer, as all premiums are subject to differ based on your individual policy and provider. The make and model of your unit will also greatly impact the price. Your best bet is to shop around. There are about 10-12 carriers who specialize in RV insurance, many of which offer free quotes. Chances are unlikely that you purchased your very first motorhome or towable without taking the time to weigh the options, so use your honed skills of perusing to find the policy that works best for you.

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Whether you already own or you're looking to invest, be sure to thoughtfully consider all of your options. Contact your insurance provider and determine if you have the right coverage for your lifestyle and rig, or request a quote to compare against other – even your current – policies. It's important to be safe and protect yourself, your family, and your investment against any and all liabilities you could potentially face on the road. 

Common Insurance Claims

A home on wheels is highly susceptible to numerous kinds of insurance claims – far different than what a normal home or auto policy can cover. It is important that you are aware of the most common RV insurance claims and how to avoid them. RVers are most likely to file claims related to (in no specific order) tire failures, damage due to low overhangs, animal infestations, and damage done to the body of the RV or towable.

1. TIRE FAILURES: The tires that get our RVs from Point A to Point B and beyond are essential for us to enjoy our RV lifestyle – and essential for our safety on the road. They're expensive, but they're a necessary part of our RV to monitor and replace as necessary. A tire failure en route can be a frightening, even life-threatening experience.

Always maintain appropriate air pressure to help extend the life of your tires and make them less likely to suffer damage, poor handling, irregular wear, or decreased fuel economy. And be sure to protect your tires from the elements when you can, as ultraviolet light, snow, rain, and other environmental factors can prematurely age your tires.

Be aware of how much loaded weight rests on each axle and wheel position, and try to have equal distribution, which may require moving around cargo or payload. Too much weight can overload what your tires can handle, leading to an accident.

And lastly, keep apprised of mileage and age. The average length of time RV tires stay in service is five to seven years, but it also depends on how the tires were used in that time.

2. DAMAGED ROOF OR AIR CONDITIONING UNITS DUE TO LOW OVERHANGS AND BRIDGES:

One of the most important things to know about your RV or towable is its height, which should be recorded in your owner's manual. Be cautious of low clearances and be sure to take into account any aftermarket add-ons, such as a satellite receiver.

A great resource to have handy is a road atlas, available in almost all rest stops, which lists all of the low clearance bridges by state – more advanced additions are available for purchase on sites such as Amazon and eBay. You can also consider installing a low clearance database onto your GPS or one of the many trip planning apps on the market to help avoid these obstacles easily because they are already taken into account on your route.

3. ANIMAL INFESTATIONS: This is especially prevalent when rigs are placed in storage during the winter months. With little to no human interference, your rig can serve as the perfect winter retreat for critters trying to escape the cold.

Be proactive; place mothballs, peppermint oil, and dryer sheets in or near corners, drawers, and other small openings to help deter mice and other rodents from nesting. Additionally, be sure to store food properly, keep windows and doors shut, power cords off the ground, and all trash removed. And if all of these preventative measures ultimately fail, try catching the little guys with traps or poison (but be sure to remove these before pets or children roam the rig). If you can't get rid of the varmints yourself, you may need to consider calling an exterminator.

4. BODY DAMAGE TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE RIG:

Even the most experienced RVer can have trouble maneuvering a coach or towable. They are often bulky, hard to see around, and not as navigable as our traditional car or tow vehicle.

Avoid backing into objects by purchasing rear backup or side panel cameras – if your rig is not already equipped and especially if you're traveling alone. If you have a family on board, helpful campground neighbors, or office workers, have them step out and direct you into the lot. Be aware of your unit's width and turn radius as well, this will help you avoid any incidents while turning a corner.



MARVAC's Top Social Media Discussions

As part of our continued effort to be the resource for RV owners who travel in Michigan and call Michigan home, we've started making articles available on a regular basis related to RV ownership, choice, and maintenance.

These articles are on our website, www.marvac.org, but they are also accessible through our social media channels.

Below are a couple articles we've made available so far that have been popular with our followers and visitors.

It's Time to Winterize the RV: Tips for Closing Up Shop

<http://marvac.org/rv-winterize-how-to-tips.html>

The days of October are getting shorter and cooler, and Jack Frost may or may not have already made his first annual appearance. (In Michigan, that's a pretty safe bet.) Many RV campgrounds have closed for the season, while others have discounted late season rates and even winter camping availability. But if you're a seasonal camper, the time has come to pack away the RV.

Drain the Water and Dry the Water Lines

Water from the fresh water holding tank, black holding tank, and gray holding tanks should be flushed. Some RVs come with a built-in system, or you may need to clean them out with a wand. Don't drain the water heater until after you've added antifreeze. Once you've drained the tanks, open all the faucets in the RV, turn on the shower, and even flush the toilet a few times to make sure the water is all out. Next, blow

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air through the water lines to force out any remaining water. Place caps on drains and close all faucets.

Add Antifreeze to the Plumbing System

If you have an RV with its own indoor plumbing system, then you'll need to add antifreeze. You can do this by using a water conversion kit or from the outside with a hand pump. Try to bypass your water heater, if you can, to save from using too many gallons of antifreeze. Turn on the water pump to pressurize the system. Move to the closest faucet and open the hot then cold valves until antifreeze appears. Repeat for all faucets, and then flush the toilet until it appears. Turn off

the water pump and open a faucet to release pressure. Pour a little antifreeze down each drain and into the toilet. Flush the toilet so that it gets into the holding tank. Consult your owner's manual for any other components in your RV that may require winterization, such as a washing machine.



Clean

Take everything out of the refrigerator and clean it thoroughly while you're at it. You don't want some old food or leftover sticky drink lying around for months and attracting pests. The same goes for cupboards and drawers.

Cover Vents and Holes

This includes the exhaust pipe, roof vents, fan vents, the vents around appliances, and wider spaces such as around doors. For some

areas, all you need to do is simply taking a sheet of plastic and placing it over the opening and securing it with tape (that won't ruin your RV's interior surfaces) or securing it beneath an existing cover; however, you need to remember to remove these temporary covers when the RV comes out of storage.

Rodent and Pest Prevention

Your RV is going to be sitting unattended for several months, making it the perfect winter retreat for small furry creatures. Rodents can cause damage to your electrical wiring and chew up curtains, seat cushions, and even the floor. Taking care of covering vents and holes as described in #4 will help, but you may need to get under your RV to look for small holes, about the size of a penny, and fill them with aluminum or brass wool. Inside, you can think about putting out moth balls (there is disparity over whether this actually works) or setting traps, but your RV might not smell the best when you open it back up in the spring – peppermint oil may also provide a solution and give your RV a nice scent. The spring is when you'll need to worry most about insect infestation, including bees, ants, and spiders. You can place out bait strips and traps at the most accessible places. Cleaning your RV well and tightly sealing it up will help with preventing insects as well.



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Fill or Remove the Propane Tanks

Containers should be topped off before being stored to help better withstand the weather. Shut off the supply and cover the tanks. Removable tanks can be taken off, covered, and stored in an area outside your RV. It's important to note that pests – especially spiders – are drawn to the scent of propane odorizer. Take away that temptation to help avoid their presence in your RV.

Battery Power

Fully charge a 12-volt battery prior to storage, and top off the water levels. If the climate is too cold (think Pellston), then remove it and store it in a warmer, dry place. Disconnect all cables and flip off the RV's main break panel. Unplug all electrical appliances, alarms, and detectors. If you have a generator, look to the manual for detailed instructions.



Long Live the Tires

Another one of our articles gives details about how to extend the life of your tires. Part of this life is spent in storage, and the tires still age even though they're not in use. If you have one, use your RV's leveling system to offer additional support. You can also consider using outside jacks or blocks. If the RV is accessible, move the RV once or twice over the winter to help distribute the weight over the tire's surface.

Engine Maintenance

Top off the gasoline or diesel tanks and add a fuel stabilizer, which can be found at pretty much any automotive or RV supply store. Top off the radiator with antifreeze. Check the windshield wiper, brake fluid, and oil levels throughout the winter if you can, and top off as necessary.



Cover Your RV

If your RV is going to be left outside, exposed to the elements, or even if it's being stored in an old barn, think about covering it. You can use a tarp to ward off dust and grime and snow, but a more breathable material is more preferred. It will help keep mold and mildew at bay because moisture will be less likely to get trapped beneath the cover.

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It's important to winterize your RV properly as well as employ some preventative measures. Don't take the easy way when it comes to winterizing your RV. Doing things properly in the fall will help ensure that it's in good operating condition and ready to travel when the season comes around again.

Five Must-Haves for Your RV

<http://marvac.org/rv-five-must-have-products.html>

Whether full-timers, weekend wanderers, or something in-between, we all enjoy the small luxuries and comforts provided by the traditional homes we've left behind. And just because we're on four wheels doesn't mean we need to abandon amenities we're accustomed to having around.

With these five new additions to your coach, you'll find the full-time lifestyle that much more tangible – if you haven't converted already!

1. Shower Head: Unfortunately, many RV showers leave much to be desired – either they have little to no water pressure, or they use too much water, causing you to either run out of hot water or constantly refill your grey tank. But thanks to Oxygensis, that slow trickle can be a thing of the past! These RV shower heads are water efficient and clog-free, guaranteed. Using the power of oxygen, this shower head lends users a spa-quality experience, without the water waste.

2. Screened-in Awning: Many RVers agree that one of the best parts of the lifestyle is getting to experience the great outdoors; however, summers in Michigan can often be soured by an infestation of hungry mosquitos and other airborne pests. A wise investment may be a screened-in awning. Although some can be pricey, a bug-free sanctuary may be worth the investment. Plus, they help block your rig from getting too much direct sunlight, at least on that side.

3. Laundry Pod: This award-winning product allows for people to keep their clothes clean without effort, electricity, and minimal water usage. The Laundry Pod works similar to a salad spinner – after you've added the necessary amount of water and detergent you simply spin the handle for about two minutes and viola, your clothes are clean! According to *storebound.com*, "Conventional washers use a lot of power and up to 50 gallons of water with each load. The Laundry POD uses less than five gallons of water." This makes it perfect for use on the road when water supply is limited.

4. Wi-Fi: RVers love to escape into nature – smart phones in hand. If you find yourself parked in a campground that doesn't offer free Wi-Fi, this may be the solution to your woes. Depending on how frequently you need access to the web – if you work from your RV, are a social media fiend, or if you just need access every now and then to check the local forecast – a wireless Internet hotspot is your ticket. Most services offer a daily or monthly prepaid data plan that can fit any web-user's lifestyle.

5. Hide-a-Key: Ever get locked out of your house and have a moment of panic before you remember the hidden key under the doormat? Well, the Hitch Safe is the same premise. Although chances are unlikely that you'll lock yourself out of the RV, this may be something to consider for people who leave their rigs in the same lot for a season. If you're coming and going or a friend wants to use the RV for the weekend, the Hitch Safe allows you to safely stash a spare key on the outside of your rig. Hitchesafe.com states that "To access your keys you simply release the rubber dust cover (made to look like any normal Hitch Cover), enter in your personal four-number dial combination, which then releases the drawer and allows access to your keys, cards or more...."

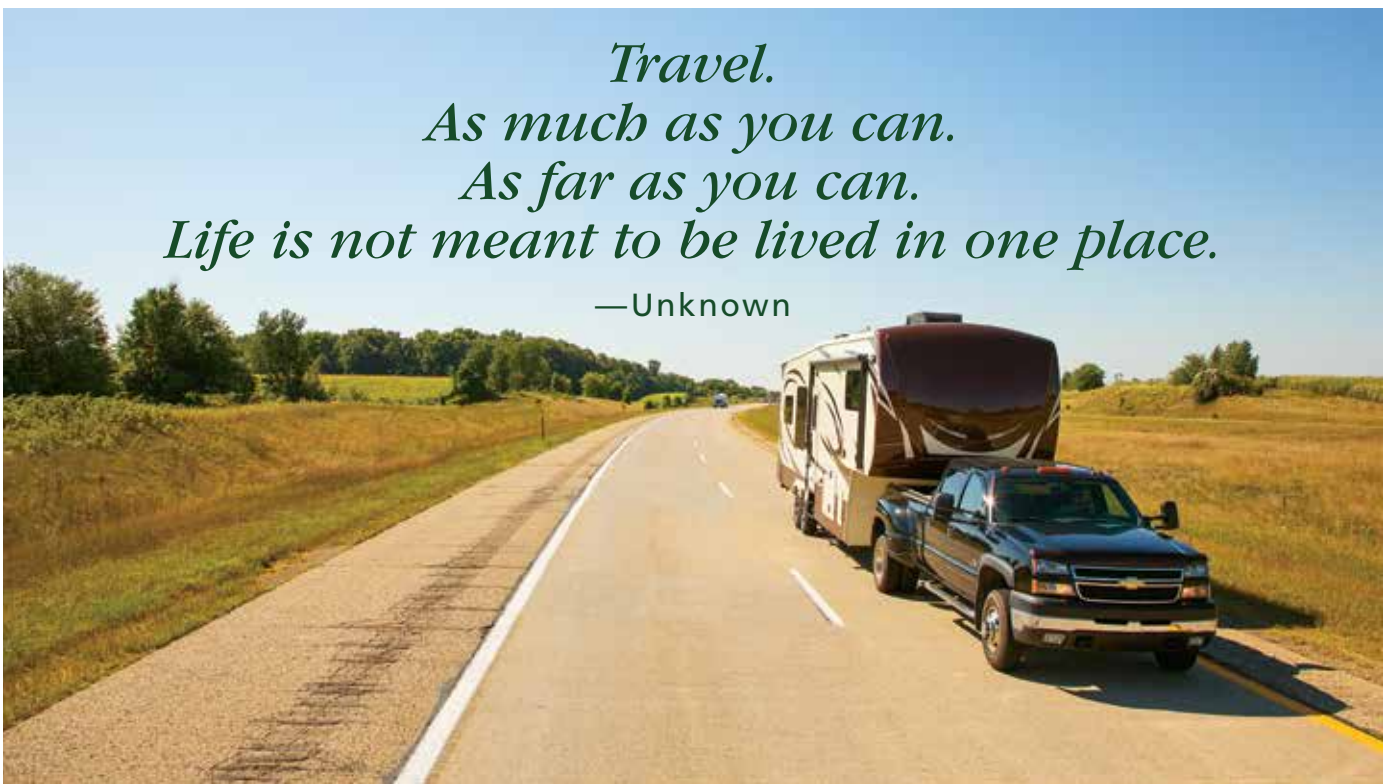
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