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The fun kicks off on Friday, June 27 with the annual Tree of Honor Lighting Ceremony. The Hometown 10K/2-mile Run/Walk is Saturday, June 28 at 8:30 a.m. at Bessemer City Hall, and a 3-on-3 basketball tournament will start on Sunday, June 29 at 9 a.m. Other traditional activities on various days will include live music, a polka dance, kids’ games, a closest-to-the pin golf contest, a mud run and much more. Also returning this year will be a night shirt parade, a beard and mustache contest, and a pickle ball tournament.

July 4 will be jam-packed with family games and races from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at

Massie Field. The children’s parade will be at 1:30 p.m., followed by the Bessemer Volunteer Fire Department’s open house with free hot dogs and soda. The main parade will be at 7 p.m. downtown. After also marching in the parade, Marty’s Goldenaires Drum and Bugle Corps will perform at Massie Field, followed by the “Thunder on the Mountain” fireworks display at 10 p.m.

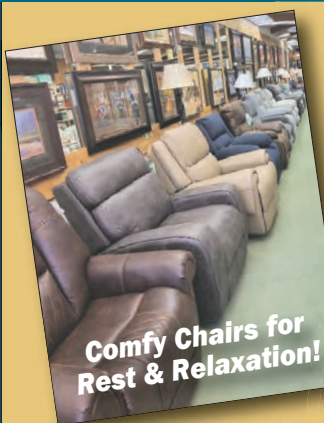
Tickets for the area’s largest 50/50 raffle will be sold throughout the celebration, with the winner to be announced at the end of the parade. Last year’s winner won \$54,573. Other gaming will include a Poker Run and a Geocache Dash, as well as bingo at Bessemer VFW Post 3673.

Most events are free and open to the public. For a full activity list, monitor local media and see [bessemer4th.com](http://bessemer4th.com) to download a related app.



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# Outdoor Fun in Wakefield

Wakefield offers a full slate of activities for the Fourth of July.

The 27th Annual Matt Ahonen Memorial Softball Tournament will take place from June 27-29 at Gabby Fields on Cemetery Road. Concessions will be available.

On July 3, a town picnic will start at 1 p.m. in Eddy Park next to Sunday Lake. Entertainment will include music, bingo and kids' games, and food and beverages will be available for sale.

At 7 p.m., the Gogebic Range Concert Band will perform in the old park pavilion. At 10 p.m., the "Lightning on the Lake" fireworks will take place over Sunday Lake.

On July 4, the children's parade will begin at 1 p.m. from the main street fire hall and will end at the old City Hall. The general parade also will start at 1 p.m. from "Cormier's Corner"

(U.S. 2 and Putnam Street) and will continue onto Sunday Lake Street.

After both parades, children's races will be held at Roger Randall Field, next to the Wakefield-Marenisco K-12 School.

Traditionally, many folks also gather at either American Legion Post 11 at 605 River St. or at Wakefield's VFW Post 9084 on U.S. 2.

Wakefield also will host the International Watercross Association on Sunday Lake on June 21-22 and a Gus Macker 3 x 3 Basketball Tournament on Sunday Lake Street/M-28 on July 26-27.

A family-friendly Sweater Weather event also will be held downtown in the fall.

Watch local news reports and the city's Facebook page for continuing updates on all events.





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# Ramsay Fourth of July

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The evening will include the annual street dance from 6 to 10 p.m. behind the township Fire Hall, which overlooks Ramsay Memorial Park on Black River. Music will be provided by the band Xtra. During a break, Marty's Goldenaires Drum and Bugle Corps also is expected to perform about mid-evening. Food vendors, face painting and a clown will be part of the fun.

The 50/50 raffle drawing will take place at about 9:30 p.m. The winner need not be present. Ticket sales will begin two weeks prior to July 2 and will end at about 8:30 p.m. at the conclusion of the Marty's performance.

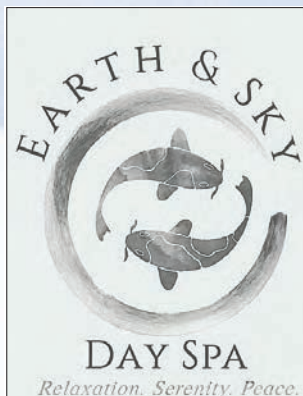
The annual fireworks, known as "Rumble Over the River," will take place after the drawing. In the event of rain, the fireworks will be rescheduled to July 5.

Watch local media and the Ramsay July 4 Facebook page for additional details.





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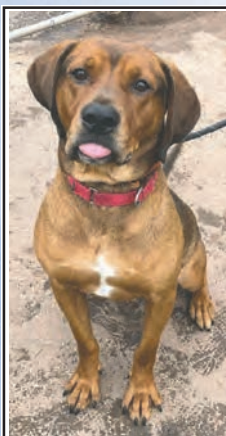
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The 4-day, midsummer, family-friendly event typically offers an annual art, craft and trade show, as well as

food and games for kids of all ages, including the "World's Largest Duck Pick."

The festival also features live music, a classic car show, a sand volleyball tournament, and a walk/run/roll event.

Look for event updates and registration forms on the Ironwood Area Cham-

ber of Commerce website at [ironwoodchamber.org](http://ironwoodchamber.org) (under "Events") and on Facebook.

You also may register for the art show, the craft/trade show, the car show or the races by calling the chamber at 906-932-1122 or by emailing [chamber@ironwoodchamber.org](mailto:chamber@ironwoodchamber.org).





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## **Memorial Day ATV/UTV Rally**

The motorized trails in Iron County are legendary, and the summer trail-riding season starts with a series of events for the 39th annual Memorial Day ATV/UTV Rally from Thursday through Sunday, May 22-25.

A county-wide poker run will kick off the rally on Thursday, May 22. As they tour, drivers can try their luck at drawing a winning hand at participating businesses.

On Friday, May 23, the largest ATV/UTV parade in the Northwoods will take place at 7 p.m. downtown. Before and after the parade, the downtown area will feature live music and food trucks.

A great weekend of riding will wrap up with the infamous mud pit starting at noon at the Iron Horse Saloon in downtown Hurley on Sunday, May 25.

## **Iron County Heritage Days Festival**

The annual Iron County Heritage Days Festival celebrates the logging and mining industry of Iron County while highlighting the area's various

ethnic heritages. It will run this year from Saturday, July 26-Saturday, Aug. 9 at various locations across the county. This year's theme is "Headlines through History."

The Hurley Education Foundation will offer its annual open house at the Hurley K-12 School on Saturday, July 26 from 8 to 10 a.m. with tours and a complimentary continental breakfast in the school commons. At 10 a.m., the foundation will hold its annual induction ceremony in the auditorium, followed by the Hurley Quarterback Club's Induction Ceremony at noon in the same location.

Also on July 26, the Iron County Heritage Days Parade will be held on Silver Street at 2 p.m. Afterward, music, food trucks and beverages will be available downtown. The annual All-Class, All-School Reunion will be at the Iron County Memorial Building from 4 to 9 p.m.

## **Paavo Nurmi Marathon**

The 55th annual Paavo Nurmi Marathon will be held on Saturday, Aug. 9 with preliminary events on Friday, Aug. 8, including a torch lighting and a twilight 5K run/walk at 6 p.m.

Participants in Wisconsin's longest

running marathon will shuttle in advance from downtown Hurley to the starting line on Saturday. The marathon and relay will start at 7 a.m., followed by a half marathon at 8 a.m. Once again, the course will be certified in May as a Boston Qualifier, after which a full map with splits, aid station locations and other details will be provided.

"The Finnish Line" will be full of fun with kids' activities, live music, food and beverages, and a vendor/craft market.

All registration details are online at the Paavo Nurmi Marathon website at [thepaavonurmimarathon.com](http://thepaavonurmimarathon.com) and at the new Facebook page at The Paavo Nurmi Marathon.

## **Festival Italiano**

Hurley will celebrate Festival Italiano on Saturday, Aug. 30 from 11 a.m. to midnight in the downtown area. The full day will recognize the area's rich Italian heritage with food, vendor markets, a "Kidz Zone" and a 50/50 raffle.

Monitor local media for developing news on all Hurley events. For more information and trail maps, call the Hurley Area Chamber of Commerce at 715-561-4334, email [hurley@hurleywi.com](mailto:hurley@hurleywi.com) or visit [hurleywi.com](http://hurleywi.com).



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The fun will include live music, a mud run, a popular pie auction, expanded tractor events, and carnival rides by S & J Enterprizes of Sherwood, Wisconsin.

Among additional fair activities will be an antique tractor show, an old-fashioned horse-pulling contest, and plenty of 4-H horse shows. A Saturday youth livestock auction will run from 6

to 8 p.m. in the pen near the cattle barns, allowing Iron County 4-Hers to display their market projects, including steers, hogs, lambs, chickens and turkeys. Fair-goers will be encouraged to bid on the homegrown animals.

The 4-H pie auction will be on Sunday at 3 p.m., with pies due to the 4-H Youth Building by 1 p.m.

The fair will have no shortage of live music. Friday and Saturday nights will feature music acts on the newly built grandstand stage, while local performers will play throughout the weekend at the pavilion.

The fair is part of the Iron County Heritage Festival, which includes many events under one umbrella in late July and August.


Overall, festival and fair events encourage former residents to return home for a weekend of memories and catching up with friends.

To get to the fair from Ironwood, take U.S. 2 west to Saxon, and then turn left at either the County B intersection or the Wisconsin 122 intersection.

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# Gogebic County Fair

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Thursday will consist mostly of registration, but the band IV Play will perform at 7:30 p.m. on the small stage.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday are expected to include repeated features such as exhibits inside of the multipurpose building and wood-carving demonstrations, daily horse events and livestock displays. A number of food vendors also will be available. At designated times, Fun-E-Business also will offer face-painting and balloon animals.

Friday will include judging, along with a youth challenge, harness racing at noon, a corn hole tournament, and live music by Flashback at 2 p.m. and Mike McGee at 5 p.m.

Saturday will feature more harness races at noon, a tractor pedal pull at 2 p.m., followed by a tractor pull on the race track, a bubble-gum-blowing contest at 3 p.m., a chili pepper-eating contest at 4 p.m., the 4-H Livestock Auction at 5:30 p.m. in the auction ring, and a mud run inside the racetrack at 7 p.m. James Peace and Family will offer live music at 2 p.m.

Sunday will include the Tired Iron Parade at noon, a 1 p.m. pie auction, and a performance by the Rice Rodeo Company of Medford, Wisconsin, at 3 p.m. on the race track. Animals will be released to owners at 6 p.m., exhibits will be released at 7 p.m., and the fairgrounds will close at 8 p.m.

For more information and complete event schedules, visit [gogebiccounty-fair.com](http://gogebiccounty-fair.com) or email [fair@gogebic.gov](mailto:fair@gogebic.gov).





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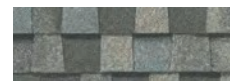
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Kayaking and paddleboarding have become popular on the lake and on several bays and streams around the lake, and some resorts offer kayak rentals.

Surrounding the 36-mile shoreline

are opportunities for hiking among waterfalls, wildlife and the Ottawa National Forest.

The weekend of June 7-8 will feature free fishing, free ORV riding (no license required) and free admission to state parks.

June 14 will feature the Lake Gogebic Fireflies lakewide yard sale.

The 40th annual Tour da Lake Bicycle Tour around Lake Gogebic will be on June 21, starting at noon ET at the Bergland Township Park. Check-in starts two hours prior.

The 47th annual Lake Gogebic Fall Walleye Tournament will take place on

Sept. 13.

Additional parks and campgrounds on Lake Gogebic include the Bergland Township Park, the Lake Gogebic County Park, Lake Gogebic State Park and Ontonagon County Park.

The Lake Gogebic area also offers many horseback or multi-use trails. See MI-TRALE.org for details.

For more information and a full list of summer events on or near the lake, visit the Lake Gogebic Area's Facebook page or the website at lakegogebicarea.com or you may email the chamber directly at info@lakegogebicarea.com.



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# Mercer, Wisconsin

Mercer, Wisconsin — known as the Loon Capital of the Northwoods — is never short of entertainment for both residents and tourists alike.

## **Mercer Open Fishing Tournament**

The Mercer Open All-Species Fishing Tournament is a reinvented version of the town's former Can-Yak Fishing Tournament. The rules meeting will be on Friday, June 27, with fishing following on Saturday and Sunday, June 28-29. All types of watercraft may be used in this catch/photo/release tournament. The event will include one division for can-yaks (canoes and kayaks) and another open to motorized boats. Watch the Mercer Chamber of Commerce website calendar for details.

## **Fourth of July**

The Fourth of July parade will begin at 11 a.m. Friday on U.S. 51, which is the main street of Mercer. Festivities will continue at Carow Park. The celebration will include music, kids' activities and plenty of food and drinks, followed by fireworks at dusk over Grand Portage Lake.

## **Backyard BBQ Cook-Off**

The Mercer Area Chamber of Commerce will host its 5th annual amateur barbecue competition, the Mercer Backyard BBQ Cook-Off, on Saturday, July 12 at Carow Park. Food categories will include ribs, pork butt and brisket. Meat will be provided for participants, with public tasting and judging set for noon.

## **Mercer Bike Fest and Loon Ride**

The Mercer Bike Fest and Loon Ride will take place on Saturday, Aug. 2. This event will replace the town's formerly held Junefest. Participants can choose between riding a route of seven, 24 or 50 miles, starting and ending at Carow Park between 8 and 9 a.m. Riders returning to Carow Park then may stay for music, food, raffles and/or a swim in the park's Grand Portage Lake. Event proceeds will support the pending expansion of the current Mercer bike trail from Carow Park along County Road J to WinMan Trails, ultimately completing a 26-mile loop of Mercer and Manitowish Waters as part of the Heart of Vilas County trail sys-

tem. To register for the Mercer Bike Fest Loon Ride ride, see [runsSignup.com](http://runsSignup.com).

## **Loon Day**

Mercer will celebrate its 45th annual Loon Day on Wednesday, Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. downtown. The event will include more than 250 arts and crafts vendors, as well as sidewalk sales, live music, raffles, and a "world-famous" loon-calling contest. A free shuttle will be available from Carow Park. The night before Loon Day, on Tuesday, Aug. 5, a street dance also will be held downtown. For more information, visit [mercerloonday.com](http://mercerloonday.com).

## **Pig and Corn Roast**

The Turtle-Flambeau Flowage Association Pig and Corn Roast will be held on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 3 to 7 p.m. The event menu will feature pork with "all the fixings" and sweet corn. Raffle proceeds will go toward TFFA activities.

For event updates, see the Mercer Chamber of Commerce website at [mercerc.com](http://mercerc.com) or call the office at 715-476-2389 or email [info@mercerc.com](mailto:info@mercerc.com).



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# Ontonagon County

## **Bruce Crossing Fourth of July**

The largest Independence Day celebration in Ontonagon County will be held on Saturday, July 5 in Bruce Crossing. Activities were not yet confirmed at press time, but the event typically includes a parade, followed by live music, food and games, at the Stannard Township Park pavilion. Fireworks will end the day.

## **Greenland Fourth of July**

Greenland's Fourth of July Celebration will be held this year on Saturday, July 5.

At noon, a kiddy parade will combine with the main parade on Plank Road, followed by a picnic with live music in the adjacent park.

Other events planned are a fun run and tournaments for kickball and corn hole; a closest-to-pin golf game; and kids' games and activities, including a bounce house.

A street dance, with music by Spun, along with fireworks, will close the celebration.

## **White Pine Warrior Weekend**

White Pine's annual Independence Day will run in conjunction with the 15th annual Warrior Weekend, from July 25-27. Warrior Weekend generally features a Saturday morning walk/run/roll.

The band L&E Jamboree will perform on Friday from 8 p.m. to midnight at the American Legion Nonesuch Post

462, and a DJ will offer music there on Saturday night. Other Warrior or July 4 activities were still being planned as of press time.

## **Copper Fest Heritage Festival**

The Copper Fest Heritage Festival is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 25-26 in Ontonagon. The event celebrates the region's history of mining, logging and fishing.

This year's schedule was not yet set at press time, but past celebrations have included a trail ride to mining sites, a timber show, a boat parade, craft and food vendors, bonfires on the beach, and fireworks over Lake Superior.

## **Ontonagon County Fair**

The Ontonagon County Fair will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 26-27, at Adventure Mountain in Greenland. Entries can be registered in advance on Friday, July 25.

The event traditionally includes exhibitions of arts and crafts, baked goods and preserves, photography, and educational projects. In addition, 4-H youth display and sell their animals and demonstrate horse-riding skills.

One popular competition is cattle sorting, and a show of antique engines also is typical.

The same site also features a September fall festival with food and music, craft activities, a petting zoo, a pie-eating contest, and apple cider-pressing.

## **69th Annual Labor Day Festival**

The 69th annual Ontonagon Labor Day Festival will take place on the weekend of Aug. 29-31, just prior to the actual Monday holiday on Sept. 1.

Festivities are expected to begin on Friday evening with a community picnic at the Ontonagon Marina Park. Saturday will feature Maxwell Street Day in the downtown area, including sidewalk sales, live music, a Laborfest Car Show, kids' games, a kiddy parade and food vendors.

Sunday will start in the morning with a VFW pancake breakfast and the Ed Hansen Memorial Day Run, Walk & Roll.

The afternoon will feature a lively 2 p.m. parade on River Street. Usually, members of Marty's Goldenaires, a parade and concert corps, also perform.

Concluding the festival will be a community gathering in the Ontonagon Village Community Center. It will include live music and dancing, kids' games, plenty of food, and various raffles including the 50/50 Labor Day Fest Raffle.

## **Ewen Log Jamboree**

Scheduled for Sept. 26 and 27, the Ewen Log Jamboree typically heralds the logging industry with a parade, a log-rolling demonstration, food and games, hayrides and live music.

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### BLUFF VALLEY PARK

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### BOBCAT LAKE

Marenisco Township  
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Campground 3 miles southeast of Marenisco is managed by Ottawa National Forest and offers 11 campsites, picnic tables, water, toilets and boat ramp. Day use area offers sandy beach, picnic tables, toilets and changing house.

### BURNED DAM

Watersmeet Township  
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Campground 9 miles east of Watersmeet is managed by Ottawa National Forest and is a short walk from Mex-i-mine Falls. No services.

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### ETHNIC COMMONS PARK

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### HENRY LAKE

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### HIAWATHA PARK

Burma Road  
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## IMP LAKE

Watersmeet Township  
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Campground 6 miles south-east of Watersmeet is managed by Ottawa National Forest and offers 11 campsites, picnic tables, water, toilets and boat ramp.

## IRON KING DOG PARK

Corner of Ayer/Bonnie Streets  
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## LOST LAKE

Ironwood Township  
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## MARENISCO MEMORIAL PARK

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## MARION LAKE

Watersmeet Township  
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## MCDONALD LAKE COUNTY PARK

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## MOOSEHEAD LAKE

Marenisco Township  
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Campground 10 miles south-east of Marenisco is managed by Ottawa National Forest and offers 13 campsites, picnic area, water, toilets and boat ramp.

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## Mountain biking in the Northwoods

Many area trails also offer options for mountain biking enthusiasts. To see if a park or trail listed here has these options, reach out to the numbers provided. Not all trail systems allow bikes.

**SYLVANIA WILDERNESS AND RECREATION AREA**  
Watersmeet Township  
906-358-4404

The Sylvania Wilderness encompasses 18,327 acres of primitive lands and is part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Visitors can camp in 50 designated campsites. Opportunities include canoeing, fishing, hiking and wildlife viewing.

## Ontonagon County

**BERGLAND TOWNSHIP PARK**  
M-26  
906-575-3522

Located on the north end of Lake Gogebic, Bergland Township Park offers 28 camping sites, as well as a beach, picnic area, ballfield and tennis courts.

**COURTNEY LAKE**  
Bohemia Township  
906-884-2085

Campground 22 miles southeast of Ontonagon is managed by Ottawa National Forest and offers 21 campsites, picnic tables, water, toilets, boat ramp and beach.

**ONTONAGON COUNTY PARK**  
M-64  
906-884-4255

Located on the west side of Lake Gogebic, the park offers a campground, beach, pavilion and boat launch.

**ONTONAGON TOWNSHIP PARK**  
Lakeshore Drive  
Ontonagon  
906-884-2305

Located on Lake Superior, this 12-acre shoreline site includes a beach, picnic area and camping.

**PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK**  
Silver City  
800-447-2757

The Union Bay campground offers 100 campsites near Lake Superior. There are restrooms and a playground, as well as a nearby boat launch. There are an additional 50 campsites at the Presque Isle campground near the mouth of the

Presque Isle River. The park also offers a variety of cabins, yurts and campsites in the park.

**STANNARD TOWNSHIP PARK**  
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**MERCER CAROW PARK**  
County J  
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Located on Grand Portage Lake, features a picnic area with tables, pavilion, restrooms, ballfields, playground and swimming beach.

**POTATO RIVER FALLS**  
Falls Road  
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**SHAY'S MILL DAM**  
Fisher Lake Road  
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**TURTLE-FLAMBEAU FLOWAGE**  
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# State/National Parks

## Ottawa National Forest

One of the western U.P.'s biggest gems is the Ottawa National Forest, which consists of nearly one million acres of land, including endless trails among old-growth trees, abundant wildlife, 500 named lakes, and 2,000 miles of rivers and streams with multiple waterfalls.

The region is revered by outdoor enthusiasts who wish to spend a day canoeing, kayaking or just strolling in the woods, enjoying the beautiful views among elevations ranging from 600 feet to 1,800 feet. Other folks commit to extended periods of fishing, hunting and/or camping out in the wild. Also open for OHV use are more than 2,300 miles of Forest Service road and trail.

About a dozen ONF campgrounds exist in the U.P.'s two westernmost counties. Most notable in Gogebic County are the Sylvania Wilderness and the Black River Harbor Recreational Area, which has access to Lake Superior. But Gogebic also features the following additional ONF campgrounds: Bobcat Lake, Henry Lake, Moosehead Lake, Pomeroy Lake, Burned Dam, Imp Lake, Marion Lake and Robbins Pond. Ontonagon County also has two ONF campgrounds at Courtney Lake and Bob Lake.

Most campgrounds open by the Friday before Memorial Day and close after Labor Day. A small number may remain open into the fall leaf season. Camping in the Ottawa is almost always on a first-come, first-served basis. ONF campgrounds offer various camping experiences, with most sites requiring a nightly fee.

More information, including links to campgrounds and dispersed camping, is available at [fs.usda.gov/ottawa](http://fs.usda.gov/ottawa).

### Ottawa Visitor Center

The Ottawa Visitor Center in Watersmeet is the hub for recreational activities in the Ottawa National Forest. The site is located east of the intersection at U.S. 2 and U.S. 45.

The center features a wealth of information, including area maps and wildlife displays. It also offers environmental education programs and a gift shop. Access to several nature trails is available from the visitor center location. The center and trails are fully accessible.

Last year's summer hours at the center were Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To verify hours or to get more information, call 906-932-1330 or 906-358-4724.



## Lake Gogebic State Park

Lake Gogebic State Park covers 360 acres and nearly a mile of lake frontage on the west shore of the largest inland lake in the Upper Peninsula.

Located on M-64 between U.S. 2 and M-28, the park offers a campground swimming beach, boat launch, picnic area, playground and hiking trail.

About 30 campsites are located directly on the lake front and the rest are nestled among the trees not more than 100 yards from the lake. For camping reservations, visit [mdnr-reservations.com](http://mdnr-reservations.com).

Located on the edge of an extensive

upland area set in the heart of the Ottawa National Forest, Lake Gogebic State Park is an ideal point from which to explore the western Upper Peninsula. Many points of interest are within easy reach of the park. Bond Falls and Agate Falls are to the east, the beautiful falls and rapids of the Black River and Presque Isle River are to the northeast, and the magnificent Porcupine Mountains and Lake Superior are to the north.

The park is located at N. 9995 M-64 in Marenisco Township. For more information, call 906-842-3341 or visit [michigan.gov/dnr](http://michigan.gov/dnr).

### Black River Harbor

As part of the Ottawa National Forest, Black River Harbor does not disappoint when it comes to communing with nature. The site offers not only a bevy of trees, but also a suspension bridge that connects a grassy picnic area with a broad, long, sandy beach along Lake Superior.

Black River Harbor is less than a half-hour drive north from either Bessemer or Ironwood. In 1992, County Road 513 was designated a National Scenic Byway from the intersection with County Road 204 (Airport Road) north to the harbor, providing drivers with a curvy byway through occasional canopies of trees along the final 11 miles.

Along with a campground, a series of waterfalls on the Black River are just east of the road, with a number of places to park and trails to walk to the falls.

William A. Burt, a land surveyor, completed a survey of what is now the Black River Recreation Area in 1848.





## Sylvania Wilderness Area

The Sylvania Wilderness and Recreational Area, located directly west of Watersmeet, is part of the Ottawa National Forest and the National Wilderness Preservation System. It was established in 1987.

Renowned for its beauty, the area boasts 18,327 acres of camping, fishing, hiking and canoeing, including 34 named

lakes — many with sandy beaches.

A number of lakes are above 17,000 feet in elevation and are fed by springs and local runoff, making them exceptionally clear. These lakes are also fragile, so fishing regulations have been established, including catch-and-release restrictions for bass.

Old-growth forests contain large pines, sugar maples, eastern hemlocks and yellow birch, many 300-400 years old. The area also features many endangered plants and animals native to this region, such as orchids, bald eagles, loons and osprey.

The Sylvania Wilderness offers 50 designated campsites. Clark Lake Campground offers

drive-up campsites with a nearby picnic area, drinkable water, restrooms and a boat launch. Electric wheelchairs are allowed, but other motorized vehicles are prohibited to preserve the area's character.

A permit is required for all campers within the Sylvania Wilderness Area. For more information, call 906-932-1330.

## Porcupine Mountains State Park

Many visitors to this region regard the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park as a must-see destination. It is Michigan's largest state park, offering 60,000 acres, with much of it covered in tall pine and maple hemlock.

The park is split between two counties, with about 11,000 acres in Gogebic County and 49,000 acres in Ontonagon County.

The Gogebic County portion

is accessible via N. County Road 519 in Wakefield Township. This section is known as the park's Presque Isle Unit, which includes stunning waterfalls on the Presque Isle River, along with adjacent woods that are largely free of brush.

A lookout area on the Ontonagon side of the park offers a spectacular view of Lake of the Clouds and old-growth forest as far as the eye can see. This area includes the modern Union

Bay Campground, which is also on Lake Superior. Cabins and yurts are also available. A group called Friends of the Porkies offers educational classes at its Folk School.

The park's visitor center is near the junction of South Boundary Road and Highway M-107 in Ontonagon County. It offers maps, as well as a 100-seat auditorium and an exhibit hall with wildlife displays and regional history on lumber camps

and copper mines. Call 906-885-5275 for seasonal hours.

The park has more than 90 miles of trails, including 23 miles of the North Country Trail, which is part of a national system.

Overall, the park offers ample opportunities for hiking, biking, camping, fishing, hunting and just hanging out.

For more information, call 906-884-2047, email [info@porcupinemountains.com](mailto:info@porcupinemountains.com), or visit [porcupineup.com](http://porcupineup.com).

## Turtle-Flambeau Flowage

The Turtle-Flambeau Flowage Scenic Wilderness Waters Area is a nature lover's vacation destination. It offers 16 lakes, 195 islands and tens of thousands of acres of water and land, according to the Department of Natural Resources in Wisconsin.

The WDNR, which describes the area as "wild and rugged," offers 66 remote campsites that are accessible only by water. Additional camping is available

via Iron County and private enterprise. The meandering shoreline of more than 200 miles includes six boat ramps.

The TFF is the result of a 1926 dam that was constructed to create a reservoir in southern Iron County.

Land surrounding the water includes five trails totaling nearly 250 miles that are ideal for hiking, biking and hunting in warmer seasons and snowshoeing and cross country ski-

ing in winter. The Hidden Rivers Nature Trail is wheelchair-friendly.

The region is known for its abundant wildlife, including eagles, deer, bear, timber wolves and moose.

The flowage has a number of underwater stumps and driftwood that make for an excellent fishing environment. Muskies more than 50 pounds have been caught in this region, but the area is best known for its

abundant walleye population. There are also smallmouth and largemouth bass, crappie, perch and bluegill.

Located between Mercer and Park Falls, Wisconsin, the flowage can be reached from County FF off U.S. 51.

For more information, contact the Mercer Ranger Station at 715-476-2240, or visit [mercerc.com](http://mercerc.com) or [turtleflambeau-flowage.com](http://turtleflambeau-flowage.com) or WDNR websites.



# Local Parks

## Little Girl's Point

Little Girl's Point County Park is on the shores of Lake Superior, about 18 miles north of Ironwood on Lake Road.

Camping, swimming, fishing, rock-hounding, boating and sightseeing are all ways to enjoy the beauty and grandeur of this site. On most days, the Porcupine Mountains are visible to the east and the Apostle Islands are visible to the northwest. Within park boundaries, the mouth of Oman's Creek offers boating access.

The site includes a lodge established in 1951 by the Gogebic County Cooperative Extension. It has hosted many social events, including weddings, receptions, family reunions, class reunions and youth camps. The facility can sleep up to 40 overnight guests and provides a large kitchen and dining hall with a cut stone, wood-burning

fireplace. There is space outdoors adequate for several tents or campers, along with a campfire area and a beautiful view of the lake, as well as access to the beach.

Little Girl's Point Campground also features breathtaking views of Lake Superior, as well as two pavilions, grills, picnic tables, walking trails and updated playground equipment. There are 29 electric (30-amp power) and two nonelectric campsites available for nightly or monthly reservations.

Little Girl's Point County Park was established as a recreational facility by Gogebic County in 1920. The Gogebic County Forestry and Parks Department maintains the park, which is typically open from about mid-May to the fall. For registration information, call 906-663-4428.



## Lake Gogebic County Park

The Lake Gogebic County Park is on M-64 in Marenisco, with direct access to the lake and 53 electric (30-amp) campsites.

The campground offers seasonal sites that can be occupied from mid-May to the end of September. There are a number of sites also available for nightly or monthly camping

reservations.

Lake Gogebic County Park offers a pavilion with picnic tables, playground equipment and on-site boating access. It also provides sewage waste service for a minimal fee.

The park's dock provides a convenient

way for campers to fish. There also are several restaurants along the lakeshore for locals and visitors to enjoy.

For more information, call the Gogebic County Forestry and Parks Commission office at 906-663-4428 or see the website at [gogebicforestryandparks.com](http://gogebicforestryandparks.com).

## Ontonagon Township Park

The 76-acre Ontonagon Township Park is located on the shore of Lake Superior. The park is within walking distance of downtown Ontonagon by way of a paved path.

The park is one of only a few that allows bonfires on the beach, where campers can

roast meals or marshmallows. Gorgeous sunsets and sunrises also abound.

Eighty campsites are available, along with two rental buildings for larger gatherings, a shower house, modern bathrooms, a playground, basketball hoops and a disc golf area. Each campsite has a fire pit, pic-

nic table, water and power. Firewood bundles and ice are available.

An additional advantage of this location is that it is only about 17 miles away from Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park. More information can be found at [ontonagontownshippark.com](http://ontonagontownshippark.com).

## The Gile Flowage and Gile Park

The Gile Flowage in Wisconsin is known for both its beauty and its fishing.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the 3,138-acre lake has a maximum depth of 25 feet and offers four public boat landings.

The WDNR reports that northern pike,

panfish and smallmouth bass are available amidst large musky and an abundance of walleye.

Landings in Gile and on County C offer ample space for parking boat trailers and also facilitate fishing along the 26-mile shore. The Gile Park landing is in Gile, which is of-

ficially part of the city of Montreal.

Along with other streams, the west fork of the Montreal River feeds the flowage, which is controlled by Xcel Energy. Back in the 1940s, the Lake Superior District Power Company filled the flowage by creating a dam.



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The Black River's final descent toward Lake Superior provides five spectacular waterfalls to visit.

**Directions:** Head north about 3 miles along Powderhorn Road off of U.S. 2 near Bessemer. Take a left onto Black River Road and follow it for more than 10 miles. Waterfalls are on the right.

### **GREAT CONGLOMERATE FALLS**

46.6325 - 90.055

This 20-foot waterfall is the first coming from town toward Black River Harbor. The three-quarter mile walk is the farthest of the five. It is named for the large piece of

conglomerate rock that divides the two segments.

### **POTAWATOMI FALLS**

46.6375 - 90.05139

These falls feature a 30-foot drop.

### **GORGE FALLS**

46.64028 - 90.05028

This 24-foot waterfall is downstream from the Potawatomi Falls and accessible from the same parking area. The name was inspired by a deep, narrow gorge above/below the falls.

### **SANDSTONE FALLS**

46.65 - 90.047

Sandstone Falls are the smallest of these waterfalls.

### **RAINBOW FALLS**

46.65889 - 90.04361

Perhaps the most impressive of the five, the 30-foot Rainbow Falls can be viewed from both sides of the river.

A half-mile hike from the Rainbow parking area leads to the observation deck.

The best view is from the east side of the river, which can be accessed from Black River Harbor. Walk across the bridge, and note the sign before the beach. The mile-long trail is mostly flat after initially climbing a steep riverbank.

Be careful as there is no guardrail.

## Presque Isle River area

### **PRESQUE ISLE RIVER WATERFALLS**

**Directions:** From Wakefield, travel east along M-28 to County Road 519. Follow that road north until you pass South Boundary Road, heading into the park and to a trail to visit the falls. This is part of the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park.

### **MANABEZHO FALLS**

46.70778 - 89.971677

This is the largest at 25

feet, and it's also the last named waterfall before the Presque Isle River enters Lake Superior.

The falls can be seen from both sides of the river. There also is a pedestrian bridge downriver from here that offers a view of the pot-holes the river has carved.

### **MANIDO FALLS**

46.705 - 89.97056

This 10-foot waterfall is just upstream from Man-

abezho Falls. Both can be viewed from either side of the river.

### **NAWADAHA FALLS**

46.699 - 89.974

This is a low (15 feet), wide waterfall further upstream. It is near South Boundary Road and also can be accessed from the wilder, more primitive east side of the river, as can all three.



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## Border Area

### INTERSTATE FALLS

46.472506 - 90.199832

**Directions:** Take U.S. 2 for .6 miles from Hurley to Center Drive, where there is a sign marking the property. Turning north at the sign, follow the road straight east — do not take any side roads. Continue for .3 miles and park in the large parking area on the left. Follow the trail to the north to visit Interstate Falls.

These are close to Ironwood and Hurley and offer a fantastic view.

### SAXON FALLS

46.5327 - 90.3827

**Directions:** Drive west on U.S. 2 from Ironwood for about 10.5 miles, entering Wisconsin. Make a right turn onto County B and follow 2.4 miles, then continue on Saxon Falls Road for another 1/2 mile.

These 110-foot falls are located on the Montreal River. The gorge below the falls is one of the deepest in the Midwest. This waterfall is a strange one to access as it's near a power plant.

### SUPERIOR FALLS

46.564818 - 90.415244

**Directions:** Take Wisconsin 122, turning north off of U.S. 2, near Saxon. Stay on 122 for 4.2 miles, crossing the Wisconsin-Michigan border. Continue another one-half mile, and then turn left on a gravel road marked by Xcel Energy.

At 90 feet high, the falls are fed by the Montreal River near Lake Superior. There is a spectacular view from near the parking area and they can be seen at river level, but it involves a steep hike.

## Iron County waterfalls

### KIMBALL FALLS

46.485907 - 90.263706

**Directions:** Take U.S. 2 west of Hurley, turn south on Park Road and west on Town Park Drive.

These gently cascading rapids on the west branch of the Montreal River skirt the Kimball Town Park, which offers picnic and play areas and a nature trail.

north — don't take that. Continue on the gravel road for a mile, turn south and follow Island Lake Road for 3 miles. Turn right, go about 1.3 miles and follow the rustic path signs.

The 20-foot high falls are along the west branch of the Montreal River, south of Hurley, and are also known as the Montreal Falls.

### POTATO RIVER FALLS

46.461142 - 90.53032

**Directions:** Take U.S. 2 to Wisconsin 169 and turn south. Continue for 2.8 miles through Gurney, and then turn right on Potato River Falls Road. Travel 1.5 miles until you can't drive any farther. Rustic picnic campsites are available. The falls are a monstrous 90 feet high, located on the Potato River in Gurney.

### WREN FALLS

46.39781 - 90.50755

**Directions:** Located along the Tyler Forks River, Wren Falls is 30 feet high. Take U.S. 2 15 miles west of Hurley, and turn left on Wisconsin 169. Travel about 5.7 miles, and then turn left on Vogues Road and stay on it for about 3.5 miles. At the hairpin turn, take the center road across for 1.5 miles. From there, hike up the hill to a primitive campsite on the north side of the falls.

### FOSTER FALLS

46.4225 - 90.4587

**Directions:** Head north from Upson on Wisconsin 122 for five miles. Turn west on Sullivan Road for three miles.

### UPSON FALLS

46.371214 - 90.412041

**Directions:** From Upson, travel west on Wisconsin 77, and then turn right on Park Road. Signs will guide you to Upson Town Park, where you can view the 18-foot high falls.

### SPRING CAMP FALLS

46.347726 - 90.23942

**Directions:** From Hurley, take U.S. 51 south for 4.7 miles and turn right onto County C. Follow that for 1.5 miles. The road turns sharply

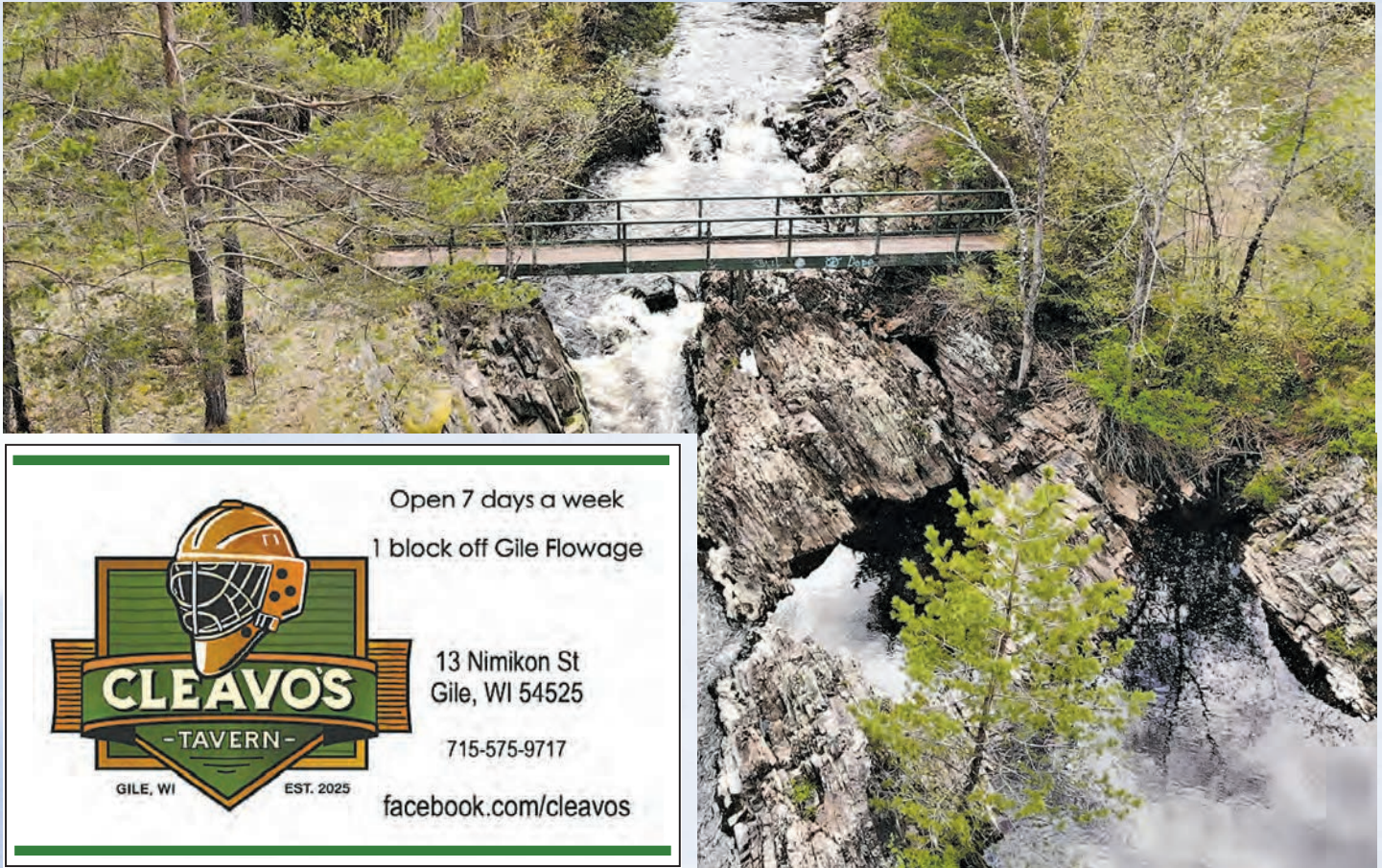
### LAKE OF THE FALLS

46.150491 - 90.151973

**Directions:** Travel northwest from Mercer on U.S. 51 for 1.4 miles, and



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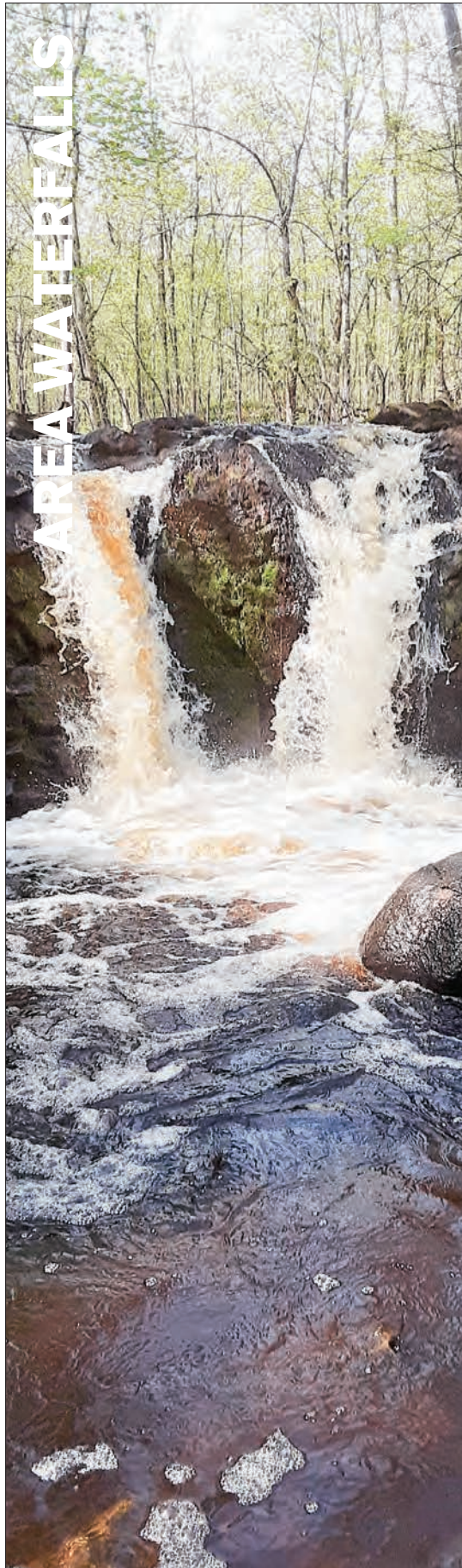
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**ROOT BEER FALLS**

then turn west on County FF and proceed for about five miles to the picnic area on the left. Lake of the Falls is 10 feet high and on the Turtle River.

#### **ROUSE FALLS**

46.370681 - 90.479515

**Directions:** Head west from Upson 2.5 miles on Wisconsin 77, and then turn right on Casey Sag Road for 1 mile. Hike .75 mile on the rustic trail.

#### **SHAY'S DAM FALLS**

46.236429 - 89.994581

**Directions:** Travel east from Mercer on County J, and then turn north on Beaver Lodge Circle and continue 3.6

miles to Fisher Lake Road. Turn east and go 1.2 miles. Watch for the sign.

The falls are 15 feet high.

#### **GILE FALLS**

46.43074 - 90.22715

**Directions:** Turn south off Wisconsin 77 onto Kokogan Street and then right onto Mellon Street.

#### **LITTLE BALSAM FALLS**

46.361397 - 90.495962

**Directions:** This is about 1 mile north of Wisconsin 77 and less than a half-mile south of the confluence of Erickson Creek and Tyler Forks River. There is a foot path to the falls.

## **Other area waterfalls**

### **ONTONAGON COUNTY**

#### **O KUN DE KUN FALLS**

46.651498 - 89.15161

**Directions:** Take U.S. 45 north of Bruce Crossing for 8 miles. Parking lot is on the right. There is a 1.3-mile trail to the falls. Located on the Baltimore River, these 25-feet high falls are worth the long hike. One of the few plunge falls in Michigan, daredevils actually can go behind the falls in the summer but must be careful.

#### **AGATE FALLS**

46.48083-89.09083

**Directions:** Take M-28 east of Bruce Crossing for 6.5 miles. There's a park on the south side of the highway. These 30-feet high falls are part of the middle branch of the Ontonagon River and considered among Michigan's most beautiful. There is an observation deck, but the view is better from below the falls, requiring a difficult walk down a fisherman's trail.

#### **BOND FALLS**

46.40889 - 89.13278

**Directions:** Take U.S. 45 south of Bruce Crossing and head east on Bond Falls Road. The easily accessible 50-foot falls are 100 feet wide and fed by the middle branch of the Ontonagon River and Bond Flowage.

### **GOGEBIC COUNTY**

#### **GABBRO (BAKERS) FALLS**

46.50222 - 89.9921

**Directions:** Head north on Blackjack Road from U.S. 2 for about 1.6 miles, and then turn left after a wooden covered bridge. Stay left for about 1/2 mile. The 40-foot falls are to the east on the Black River, near Ramsay.

#### **ROOT BEER FALLS**

46.490568 - 89.927622

**Directions:** Take M-28 out of Wakefield and turn left onto Wertenan Road. Park near the bridge that crosses the creek. The eight-foot high falls are on Planter Creek.

#### **SUNDAY LAKE FALLS**

46.29236 - 89.55907

**Directions:** This waterfall is off M-28 just east of Wakefield.

#### **YONDOTA FALLS**

46.4302 - 89.68408

**Directions:** From Bessemer, travel east on U.S. 2 approximately 19 miles to County Road 523, and then turn left onto 523 and continue roughly 3¼ miles to Yondota Falls, which is a series of falls. The trailhead is on the north side of the Presque Isle River Bridge.

#### **KAKABIKA FALLS**

46.20267 - 89.27119

**Directions:** Heading east on U.S. 2 from Marenisco, turn north onto County Road 527. Just before the road crosses the West Branch of the Ontonagon River, there is a turnoff and sign to the left. An easy trail leads to a series of S turns as the river drops.

#### **POWDERHORN FALLS**

46.30364 - 90.04913

**Directions:** Turn north onto Powderhorn Road off U.S. 2 before getting to Bessemer. Just before the road curves hard to the left, there is a parking spot on the right. It's a short hike to the top of an outcropping. Climbing down requires further caution. These are part of Powder Mill Creek as it makes its way to the Black River.



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# Non-motorized Trails

There are plenty of both motorized and non-motorized recreational opportunities in the Northwoods of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula, including a number of hiking and biking trails in the area, some supported in part by each state's Department of Natural Resources. Maps and more information on the Wisconsin trails can be found at [ironcountyoutdoors.org/iron-county-trails](http://ironcountyoutdoors.org/iron-county-trails). More information on the Michigan trails can be found at [travelironwood.com](http://travelironwood.com); [fs.usda.gov/ottawa](http://fs.usda.gov/ottawa); the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' website for the Porcupine Mountains, [porcupineup.com](http://porcupineup.com); and [copperpeak.net](http://copperpeak.net).

## Wisconsin

**BIG ISLAND TRAIL:** Located in the Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area, this 8.8-mile trail system begins at the bridge to Big Island and can be accessed by going roughly 3.6 miles south on Popko Circle West of County FF before turning on a woods road heading west toward Big Island. A grass parking area for a couple of vehicles is located roughly 100 yards before the bridge. The trail is open to hiking and hunting, but not biking, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

**CARY PARK TRAIL:** This .75-mile trail rings Cary Park in the city of Hurley and runs along Wisconsin 77 toward the city's nearby downtown, where users can take city streets to connect to the Hurley trailhead between Second Avenue and the Montreal River.

**CORRIGAN'S LOOKOUT TRAIL:** Located between the communities of Saxon and Upson, this short .25-mile trail takes visitors from the parking area off Wisconsin 122 to one of northern Iron County's best scenic overlooks.

**DEADHORSE TRAIL:** This 4.6-mile trail in the Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area can be accessed off Popko Circle West, roughly two miles south of County FF. Located in a special management unit for ruffed grouse, seven interpretive signs are located on the trail to provide information on how property owners can manage land for grouse. The trail is open to hiking and hunting, but not biking, according to the WDNR.

**FROG LAKE AND PINES TRAIL:** Located in the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest, this .17-mile trail is open to hiking year-round, according to the WDNR, but as a volunteer trail only and without designated trail or amenities. It can be accessed off Wisconsin 47,



south of Mercer. Biking is not permitted.

**HIDDEN RIVERS TRAIL:** One of several trails in the Turtle Flambeau Scenic Waters Area, this approximately 2-mile trail is located on Fisherman's Landing Road. The trail has a gravel base and has interpretive signs explaining the history of the flowage and management of the property. The trail is open to hiking and hunting, but not biking, according to the WDNR.

**HURLEY SCHOOL FOREST TRAIL:** This 0.6 mile-trail runs through the Hurley School Forest, north of where Knight Road cuts across the Gile Flowage.

**INTERSTATE FALLS TRAIL:** A

short 0.3-mile trail leads from the parking at the trailhead, through the town of Kimball's property, to the 18-foot waterfall on the Montreal River. The trailhead can be accessed near the U.S. 2-U.S. 51 intersection just outside of Hurley.

**ISLAND LAKE HEMLOCKS STATE NATURE AREA TRAIL:** Island Lake Hemlocks, near Island Lake Road in the town of Knight, features one of the oldest and most intact old-growth hemlock-hardwood stands in northern Wisconsin, according to the WDNR. The state nature area features .56 miles of trails and is open to hiking year-round, according to the WDNR, but as a volunteer trail only and without designated trail or amenities. Biking is not allowed.

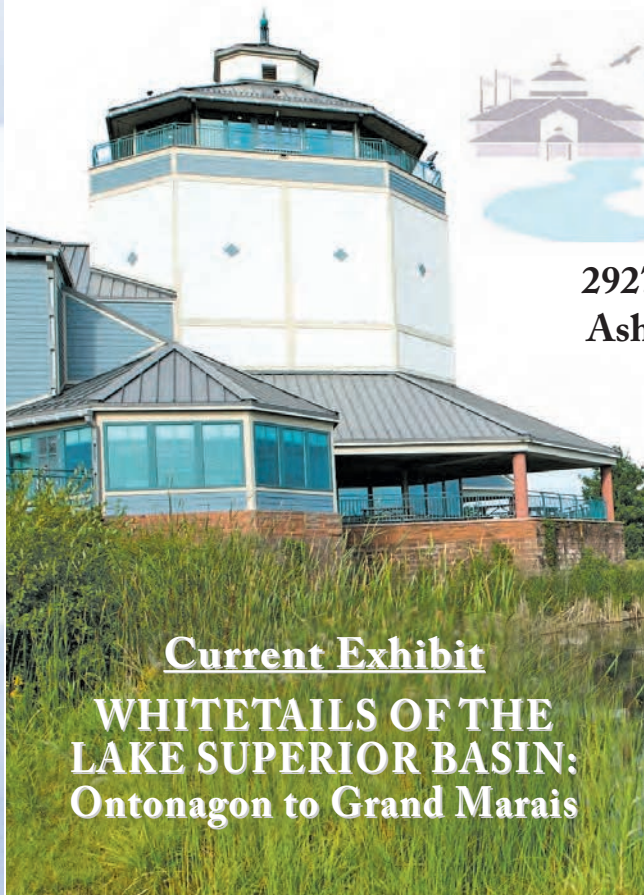
**KIMBALL TOWN PARK TRAIL:** A short 0.27-mile trail runs through the Kimball Town Park at Kimball Falls on the west fork of the Montreal River. The trail can be accessed from U.S. 2 by taking Park Road south to Town Park Road and parking at the road's end and walking across the bridge.

**LEARNING ADVENTURE TRAIL:** Located near the Hurley K-12 School, this 1.78-mile trail includes three different trails.

**LIPP LAKE TRAIL:** This half-mile trail loops around Lipp Lake in the Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area. Just off Popko Circle West, the trail goes through old growth white pine forests. The trail is open to hiking and hunting, but not biking, according to the WDNR.



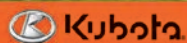
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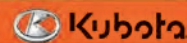
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## North Country Trail

The North Country National Scenic Trail stretches more than 4,800 miles from North Dakota to Vermont and is the longest trail in the National Trail System. It also includes this tri-county region along its route.

Marked by blue blazes along its path, the North Country Trail offers an excellent route to explore forests and waterfalls within Gogebic and Ontonagon counties and in Iron County, Wisconsin.

The roughly 40 miles of trail in Iron County are a mix of on-road and off-road hiking between Copper Falls State Park in Ashland County and the Michigan border near Superior Falls. The North Country Trail's website describes this section, which includes waterfalls and the Penokee Mountain Range, as moderately difficult. Many rocky outcrops along the way provide impressive views.

Once in Michigan, the trail follows Lake and Airport roads to Black River Road before going off-road near Copper Peak. The trail runs north to Black River Harbor before crossing the river and heading east toward M-64 and the Porcupine Mountains. "The area consists of mostly mature forest with diverse flora and fauna, a mixed terrain of old logging roads, narrow paths and elevation changes," states the website, which recommends "areas of particular beauty" as Black River Harbor and the Presque Isle River area of Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park.

The section of the trail in the Western Upper Peninsula is rated as difficult, although this could vary, depending on where people are hiking along the 192 miles between the state border and the Marquette/Baraga county line.

Staff and volunteers of the North Country Trail Association have helped to conceive and construct the trail, as well as to sign and maintain it. The full scale in this state stretches 550 miles across the U.P. and another 600 miles through the Lower Peninsula. For more information on this all-season experience, see [northcountrytrail.org](http://northcountrytrail.org).

**LITTLE TURTLE TRAIL:** Part of the MECCA Trail System, the 5.2 miles of mowed trail in the Little Turtle Waterfowl Management Area is at the end of Joe's Shack Road. The trail is open to hiking and hunting, but not biking, according to the WDNR.

**MECCA SKI TRAILS:** Known mostly as a winter recreation site, the club that maintains the trails has taken steps to expand the site into a year-round destination. Although roughly nine of the 13 miles of trail initially were accessible — mostly through the Little Turtle Flowage trailhead off Joe's Shack Road — a boardwalk project now opens virtually all the trails, 12 of the 13 miles, to year-round use. The boardwalk also makes it easier for users to utilize both the Joe's Shack Road trailhead and the club's chalet trailheads on Fierick Road.

**MERCER BIKE TRAIL:** This 7.8-mile trail travels through Mercer southeast into Vilas County, where it becomes part of the 52-mile Heart of Vilas County Bike Trail system that winds through lakes, rivers and forests to connect Mercer with Manitowish Waters, Boulder Junction, Sayner and St. Germain.

**MERCER RANGER STATION NATURE TRAIL:** This .6-mile trail loops around the Mercer Ranger Station of U.S. 51 in the northern part of town. The trail is open year-round for hiking, according to the WDNR, but biking is not permitted.

**MERCER SCHOOL FOREST TRAIL:** Just east of town off Martha Lake Road, this .8-mile trail runs through Mercer School Forest.

**MONTREAL SKI TRAILS:** Although the 5.34 miles of trails in the city of Montreal and town of Pence aren't necessarily designed for non-winter use, they are open to non-motorized users year-round. A connector trail exists from Pence to the Uller Trail near Upson, but easements for that section are limited to winter use only.

**POTATO RIVER FALLS:** This .34-mile trail, including many steps and stairs, allows visitors to explore both the Upper and Lower Potato River Falls from the parking area at the end of Potato River Falls Road. There are 131 steps to the Upper Falls and 204 steps to the Lower. To access the falls, visitors should take Wisconsin 169 south through the town of Gurney to Potato River Falls Road.

**SAXON FALLS TRAIL:** People can follow the short, .1-mile wooded hiking trail to the east of the parking area off Saxon Falls Road to reach the overlook location that offers views of Saxon Falls and a deep gorge below the falls. People can take County B to get to Saxon Falls Road.

**SCHOMBERG PARK SNOWSHOE TRAIL:** Although primarily a snowshoe trail, Schomberg Park, located on U.S. 51 in Oma, features two loops for a combined 1.7 miles of trails. The swampy terrain could be a bit of a challenge during non-winter months, and users should explore at their own risk.

**ULLER TRAIL:** Another trail system that is more known as a winter destination, the Uller Trail offers 11 miles of trails through remote rolling and hilly terrain. Trailheads are located in Pence on Wisconsin 77, Hoyt Road about 1 mile north of Wisconsin 77, in Iron Belt on North Road and at Weber Lake. As with the Montreal Trails, the Uller Trail isn't necessarily maintained for heavy summer use, and users are cautioned to use both at their own risk and respect the trail by minimizing their impact. Summer access between the Uller Trail and the trails in Montreal is limited as the connector trail is restricted to winter use only.

**WHITECAP MOUNTAIN TRAILS:** A pair of trails across Whitecap Mountain Resort near the town of Upson combine for a total of 1.5 miles of bike trails.

**WILSON HILLS TRAIL:** Two segments between Wilson Lake and the Bonies Mound Area of the Turtle Flambeau Flowage combine to form this 5.5-mile of maintained trail. The trail can be accessed from several points along a woods road off Wilson Lake Road East. It's open to hiking and hunting, but not biking, according to the WDNR.

**WINMAN TRAILS:** Located in Winchester, Wisconsin, WinMan Trails offers non-winter users more than 14 miles of single-track mountain bike trails that range from beginner to expert in difficulty level. The four-season trail system travels over rolling hills and through pines and hardwood forests. More than 16 miles of trails also exist for hikers and runners.

## Michigan

**BLUFF VALLEY PARK TRAILS:** Users can take the trails at Bluff Valley Park, located on North Moore Street in Bessemer, up to the several overlooks providing views of the city and surrounding area.

**COPPER PEAK TRAILS:** Known mostly for its ski jump, Copper Peak in Ironwood Township also offers mountain bikers and trail runners a great opportunity to use those skills. The ride is not a "technical" trail system, according to Copper Peak's website, but the 600 feet of elevation gain over the 5.5 miles of trails makes for a fun, challenging and exciting adventure. Trail users can start at the base of the ski jump landing hill and descend down to the beautiful Black River. They then can take winding trails up a 600-vertical foot ascent to the top of the ski jump, where a beautiful 360-degree view awaits them, along with the massive ski jump structure. After resting, the trip back down to the base offers dozens of bermed corners and other fun "play" features for those on bikes.

**MICHIGAN VISITORS CENTER/RIVERSIDE TRAILS:** Starting at either the Pure Michigan Welcome Center on U.S. 2 or the Riverside Cemetery in Ironwood, this trail offers three loops of hiking and biking trails through the Riverside Cemetery and along the Montreal River.



# Welcome to Ashland



**Ashland** (pop. 8,083) is on the south shore of Chequamegon Bay on U.S. 2 and offers a mix of historic charm and modern convenience. The city, promoted as the “Heart of Chequamegon Bay, Where You’ll Find Yourself Next to the Water,” offers waterfront activities like hiking, biking, boating, kayaking, canoeing, four-season fishing and camping.

## WHAT TO SEE & DO

**Downtown Ashland** is home to an impressive array of nearly two dozen murals depicting the history of a city that’s more than 150 years old. Ashland has been named **Historic Mural Capital of Wisconsin**, a title that draws many people to see the artwork painted on the exterior of brownstone buildings in an eight-block historic downtown

business district. During the summer, ride the Trolley and get a glimpse of the murals on your own mural tour. (You can find a self-guided tour link at [visitashland.com](http://visitashland.com).) The works, which often feature the faces of real residents from the present and the past, were done by local artists Susan Prentice-Martinsen and Kelly Meredith.

Ashland’s historic district features beautiful architecture, including its City Hall, Ashland County Courthouse and Masonic Temple. Historic Main Street is lined with locally owned and operated stores and restaurants. This district is home to more than 30 retailers on Main Street alone. The **Soo Line Depot** near **Central Railyard Park** has been beautifully renovated. Soo Line locomotive #950, a work-horse in Ashland ore dock operations until 1954, was dedicated as a display by the city in 1957. A playground in Central Railyard Park entertains car-crazy kids and the park hosts summer baseball games and state tournaments.

**Ashland Historical Society Museum** on Main Street West features history exhibits, a large collection of historic photographs, research resources, and a gift shop.

The 121-slip, full-service **Ashland Marina**, at the foot of Ellis Avenue North, reflects the beauty of Chequamegon Bay. It has annual dockage, moorings, transient slips, and full fuel and pump outs. Ashland is a four-season fishing destination, known to be one of the best smallmouth bass fisheries around.

**The Band Shell** on the waterfront at **Memorial Park** has open-air concerts in summer and is great for picnics. **Howard Pearson Plaza Park** has movies in the park in the summer. **Ashland Area Farmers Market**, located on historic Chapple Avenue, offers a variety of fresh produce (June to mid-October).

A bus service, **Bay Area Rural Transit**, serves all of Chequamegon Bay from Odanah to Ashland to Red Cliff. Ashland’s **JFK Memorial Airport** has the state’s only full-service log cabin-style terminal. BART Bus and the Ashland Chamber sponsor Mural Trolley Tours offered on Mondays and Saturdays, from the end of June through the Mural Fest in September.



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**MINERS MEMORIAL HERITAGE PARK TRAILS:** Located in the city of Ironwood, what used to be a mining operation within the city limits is now home to a mix of motorized and non-motorized trails. Offering a unique attraction for residents and tourists alike, the non-motorized trails can be used for hiking and biking, running and walking, while providing safe corridors between many locations within the city of Ironwood and the opportunity for regional trail connections.

**MT. ZION TRAIL:** Located on the campus of Gogebic Community College and owned and operated by the college; a short, but challenging, roughly half-mile walking and biking trail takes users up the hill to the summit that provides views overlooking much of Ironwood Township and Copper Peak in the distance.

**NORRIE PARK TRAILS:** Built as one of the area's Civilian Conservation Corps camps during the Great Depression, Norrie Park today offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities, including hiking and biking trails and a Montreal River walk. The park entrance is off Norrie Park Road, south of Ironwood.

**OTTAWA NATIONAL FOREST TRAILS:** Hiking trails on the Ottawa National Forest offer something for everyone. More than 196 miles of hiking and backpacking trails vary widely in character, providing everything from short, easy walks to waterfalls, historic sites or other points of interest to multi-day backpacking trips across the forest. The forest

also provides a wide variety of mountain biking opportunities, ranging from well-maintained and signed loops to more challenging cross-country travel. Besides wilderness and specifically designated hiker-only trails (including the North Country National Scenic Trail), the entire forest is open to mountain bikes. This includes closed, gated and blocked roads unless the road is specifically closed to bicycles. Many of the designated mountain bike trails are also open to other uses, including, motor vehicle travel, ATVs, ORVs, snowmobiles, hikers and horses. Users are asked to take care and share the trail.

**PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK TRAILS:** The state park offers 90 miles of hiking trails throughout its wilderness, including portions of the North Country National Scenic Trail and the statewide Iron Belle Trail. The park also offers a mix of on-road and off-road biking options, including the 107th Engineers Memorial Highway and M-64 along the south shore of Lake Superior and more than 20 miles of mountain bike trails, with loops ranging from 1.5 to 10.5 miles. Bike rentals are also available from late May through mid-October at the Porcupine Mountain Outpost near the Union Bay Campground.

**POWERS ROAD TRAIL:** A multi-use trail that is open to all forms of travel, the Powers Road trails system that cuts across the back of Little Girl's Point in Ironwood Township provides some of the most

scenic views in the region as the trail winds back and forth through vast stretches of Gogebic County forest land and over some of the highest elevations in the area. Because portions of the trail may be difficult for some users, connection loops take users around these areas. The system also includes the Bald Mountain interpretive trail, which takes users, by way of an old two-track, to the top of Bald Mountain.

**SPLIT ROCK TRAILS:** Alltrails.com describes the Split Rock Trail Loop as a .9-mile lightly trafficked loop trail located near Wakefield that offers the chance to see wildlife and is good for all skill levels. The trail is primarily used for hiking and nature trips. Access trails by following Putnam Street to Castile Road.

**SUNDAY LAKE LOOP TRAIL:** This trail, made up of a mix of paved trail, sidewalk and boardwalk, provides an almost 3-mile loop around Sunday Lake in Wakefield.

**WOLF MOUNTAIN TRAIL:** The Wolf Mountain Hiking Trail, east of Wakefield, is a roughly .7-mile lightly trafficked trail rated moderate to difficult that provides access to a diverse display of spring wildflowers and rock outcrop plants. The trail is short but quite steep. It starts at the end of Forest Road 9300, and heads upward through tall sugar maple and oak trees. Many types of flowers are on either side of the trail. At about .3 miles, a lookout provides a wide view to the west, looking over the forest canopy below. The trail ducks back into the

woods and emerges at a second west-facing lookout. About three-tenths of a mile further, the trail ends at a summit, with exposed rock under pine trees making an inviting rest or picnic spot. To reach Wolf Mountain, follow Forest Road 9300 north from U.S. 2 for 3.1 miles, crossing a creek and two utility corridors, to where this native surface road ends in a turnaround loop. The trailhead is at the end of the loop and is marked with a small brown sign depicting a hiker.

**WOLVERINE SKI TRAILS/BIG POWDERHORN TRAILS:** With approximately 15 miles of ski trails, including several loops for classic striding and skate skiing, 8.7 miles of marked snowshoe trails and 4.3 miles of snow bike trails, Wolverine Trails is another local trail system known mostly for its winter offerings, but it also offers biking, trail running and hiking opportunities during warmer months.

## Multi-state

**NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL:** The North Country National Scenic Trail runs more than 4,600 miles between North Dakota and Vermont, including parts of Michigan's Gogebic and Ontonagon counties and Wisconsin's Iron County.

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# Iron Belle Trail

The Iron Belle Trail system is an ongoing and exciting development in the area and across the state of Michigan. It is a set of two trails that are planned to run throughout the Upper and Lower Peninsulas, from Ironwood to Belle Isle Park in Detroit. It is considered to be the longest state-designated trail system in the nation.

One trail is for hiking and the other for biking and other non-motorized use. The two scenic trails wind within the beautiful North-

woods landscape along rivers and other natural landmarks.

Locally, the Michigan Western Gateway Trail Authority has been instrumental in building a paved trail for biking from Ironwood to Ramsay, mostly along a former railroad grade. The paved trail crosses many bridges and reaches into Hurley on the western end. To the east of Ramsay, U.S. 2 comprises much of the biking route across the U.P., with the different cities along the way

each having their own trails off of the highway.

The North Country Trail — which travels along the Black River in northern Gogebic County and over to the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park — has been designated as part of the Iron Belle Hiking Trail.

The trail's website includes trail maps and predicts that the entire route, when finished, will stretch 2,000 miles. It is 71% complete.

## MI-TRALE

### The Michigan Trails and Recreational Alliance

The Michigan Trails and Recreational Alliance of Land and the Environment offers a variety of trails in the Ottawa National Forest of the western Upper Peninsula.

More often known by the acronym of MI-TRALE, the volunteer alliance has more than 550 miles of ATV, side-by-side, equine and multi-use trails. Hikers can use the multi-use trails. Fifteen water trails also are available.

The group's website, MI-TRALE.org, has a wealth of information about each type

of trail, including photos and maps. It also has information on seasonal preparation, trail signs, trail etiquette, geocaching, and news information such as trail status reports. There is also a calendar, as well as a list of 2025 trail events such as picnic rides, historic rides, waterfall rides, and a senior color ride.

Safety advice includes explanations about emergency locator signage, first aid tips, and general security guidance regarding each type of trail. In general, MI-TRALE advises trail users to

be mindful of weather, use properly maintained equipment, dress appropriately, stay on designated routes, travel in groups, and report plans to other friends or family.

Trail users also are asked to yield to uphill travelers and to hikers, bikers and horses. Carry a current map, GPS and a cell phone, and leave trails — which are mapped and signed — clean.

The website has information on how to order an updated "Michigan UP Trails" map app, as well as an updated paper map.



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# Golf Courses

Golfing the courses on the Gogebic Range is an excellent way to spend a summer day.

The Gogebic Country Club in Ironwood (906-932-2525) offers 18 holes on a mostly flat layout, with plenty of interesting holes that offer a variety of options.

Perhaps the signature hole is the dogleg par 4 No. 14, guarded by deep bunkers on both sides. A steeply sloped green adds to the challenge. The long par 5 finishing hole, with a green that can be viewed from the clubhouse, is another favorite.

At the Eagle Bluff Golf Course in Hurley (715-561-3552), the sloped

greens are a challenge, and the back nine can be brutal under windy conditions. Still, there are plenty of short holes that present birdie opportunities following accurate drives.

The toughest hole is the par 4 No. 11, which doglegs right. It takes a healthy drive to get a look at the green, and keeping the ball in play off the tee can be tough. Five is a good score on the 420-yard hole.

Northern Waters Casino's Lac Vieux Desert Golf Course (906-358-0303) in Watersmeet offers 18 holes with blue grass fairways right next to the casino. The back nine is as challenging as any course in the area.

The Ontonagon Golf Club (906-884-4130) in Ontonagon is a 9-hole regulation length golf course that promotes its layout as one that "will reward good shots and provide a fun golf outing for everyone."

Tahoe Lynx Golf Course in Mercer (715-476-0050) offers nine holes in a wooded setting. During the season, it also offers several fundraiser scrambles.

Other nearby Wisconsin courses include the Chequamegon Bay Golf Club in Ashland, the Gateway Golf Club in Land O'Lakes, the Mellen Country Club in Highbridge, and the Trout Lake Golf Club in Arbor Vitae.



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# Copper Peak

The Adventure Ride at Copper Peak in Ironwood is a popular area attraction that provides panoramic views from the top of a soon-to-be-reactivated ski jump.

The jump was used for international ski competitions from 1970 until it was closed in 1994. Available on Sundays, the Adventure Ride allows visitors to rise 800 feet via a chair-lift to an observation deck. Visitors also then have the option to continue up an additional eight stories to the very top.

The awe-inspiring, unobstructed vista overlooks the south shore of Lake Superior, including Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, which is 25 miles northeast in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan; 40 miles northwest past the Apostle Islands and northeast Wisconsin; and north across Lake Superior to Isle Royale and to northern Minnesota and Canada.

The Adventure Ride typically opens on Memorial Day weekend and closes in mid-October. Check the Copper Peak website and social media for details.

The Copper Peak Trails Fest will be on Sept. 6. It includes mountain bike



rides, an Enduro Race, a trail run, a kids' adventure race, live music and food trucks. The Red Bull 400, an international event billed as "the steepest 400-meter race in the world," already occurred on May 10.

The Board of Directors of Copper Peak also now is striving to rebuild the site with the goal of it becoming, once again, an international site for ski jumping.

Copper Peak is 10 miles north of Bessemer via Black River Road (County Road 513). The address is at N. 13870 Copper Peak Road and includes on-site mountain bike trails and a gift shop.

Copper Peak is a registered Michigan Historic site and a member of the Western Upper Peninsula Heritage Network. For more information, visit [copperpeak.net](http://copperpeak.net).

## Saxon Harbor



Saxon Harbor is located on Lake Superior's Oronto Bay in Wisconsin. The location includes a marina and a campground that were rebuilt after a devastating 2016 storm.

The new marina features 81 seasonal slips, plus transient slips, with water and power also available to boaters. Launches for boats and kayaks are available.

The campground is expected to open for the season in May, with 31 RV sites and five walk-in tent sites noted for reservation. Restrooms, showers and a dump station also are available.

Campground and marina reservations can be made at [ironcountyforest.org](http://ironcountyforest.org).

For more information, call the Iron County Forestry and Parks Department at 715-561-2697.





# Area Museums

## Gogebic County

**Ironwood's Old Depot Museum** is at the site of the former Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Depot, built in 1893. It features iron mining displays and railroad memorabilia, as well as artifacts from Ironwood's past and the Ironwood Historical Society Research Center. The building is downtown between North Lowell and North Suffolk streets and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. See [ironwoodchamber.org](http://ironwoodchamber.org) or call the Ironwood Chamber of Commerce, which is also housed there, at 906-932-1122.

**The Ironwood Memorial Building** houses many historical displays, including a statue of a World War I doughboy; stained glass windows showing the Battle of Argonne; and numerous bronze tablets listing locals who served during the Civil War, Spanish-American War, and World War I. The building is at the corner of East McLeod Avenue and South Marquette Street. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.

to 3:30 p.m. See [cityofironwood.org](http://cityofironwood.org) or call 906-932-5050.

**The Bessemer Area Heritage Center** has a collection of logging and mining artifacts, as well as other memorabilia. The center is at 403 S. Sophie St. in Bessemer and is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend from 1 to 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays with extended hours on holidays. See the museum's extensive website and Facebook page.

**The Wakefield Historical Society Museum** boasts a classroom display, general store, mining exhibits, and other artifacts dating back to 1884. The building is at 306 Sunday Lake St. and will be open Mondays through Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m. (and by appointment), from May 26 until at least Labor Day. Call 906-224-1045.

**The Marenisco Historical Society Museum** is housed in a former Presbyterian church. It includes memorabilia on American Legion Post 523, the former Marenisco K-12 School, a 1956 train wreck, former industry and more.

The museum is at the corner of Curtis and Main streets, around the corner from the Marenisco Township Hall. It will be open on Tuesdays from noon to 4 p.m. (and by appointment). More information is available at 906-392-0165 or 715-650-2466.

**The Erwin Township Historical Society** opened its museum in 2023. The structure is the former East End School, which was moved to 8970 VanBuskirk Road before undergoing extensive renovation. The museum contains many artifacts from the history of the township, and the museum grounds also include a history trail and a sauna. For more information, visit the Erwin Township Historical Society's Facebook page.

## Ontonagon County

**Editor's Note:** All hours listed for Ontonagon County are on Eastern Daylight Time.

**The Ontonagon County Historical Society Museum** houses mining, log-



ging, farming and marine artifacts. The museum is open from spring until mid-October at 422 River St. in Ontonagon. Hours will be seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition, self-guided tours of The Ontonagon Light, a lighthouse listed in the National Register of Historic Places, may be done any day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit [ontonagonmuseum.org](http://ontonagonmuseum.org) or call 906-884-6165.

**Old Victoria** has scheduled a Craft Fair for Sunday, Aug. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This site consists of four restored log homes that were once used as company houses by former copper miners of Victoria Mine. Fully appointed buildings aim to give a true sense of life at the turn of the 20th Century. The location is at 25401 Victoria Dam Road in Rockland. See the related Facebook page or call 906-886-2617 for summer hours.

**Rockland Township Historical Museum** features the history of the township's people, copper mines, businesses, and first telephone system in the state of Michigan. Its collections include photographs, newspapers, documents, and artifacts relating to mining, farming, military, schools and household goods. See the website at [ontonagonmuseum.org](http://ontonagonmuseum.org).

## Iron County

**The Iron County Historical Society Museum** has three floors and mul-



tipple theme rooms, including a weaving room, as well as local artifacts on iron mining, railroads, the lumber industry, area veterans, etc. Summer hours from April to October are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (closed on holidays) at the former Iron County Courthouse at 202 Iron St. in Hurley. See the museum's Facebook page or call 715-561-2244.

**Little Finland**, which is the National Finnish American Festival Cultural Center, includes two authentic log homes of Finnish immigrants, as well as a sauna, gift shop, pavilion and the Taipele Trail. Little Finland is at 5750 U.S. 2, just west of U.S. 51 S., and is

open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from May to December. See [littlefinland.org](http://littlefinland.org) or call 715-561-4360.

**The Mercer Historical Society's Depot Museum** is a repurposed railroad station that showcases items from Mercer's history, including old photographs and maps, tools used by early settlers, and archived newspapers. The property also includes three historical buildings: an old jail, barber shop and a one-room schoolhouse. The address is 5278 N. Lakeview Ave. in Mercer. Call the museum at 715-476-2714 or check its Facebook page for a posting of this season's hours.







The 19th Porcupine Mountains Music Festival will be presented by the Friends of the Porkies on Aug. 22-23 at the Winter Sports Complex within Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park in Ontonagon.

The two-day event will feature three stages and multiple genres, including regional and national artists. The gates will open at 11:30 p.m. ET on both Friday and Saturday, and the music will end at about 9:30 p.m. A children's activity tent will operate during designated hours.

The outdoor Peace Hill stage is the festival's main stage, facing a sloped hill used for skiing in the winter. The hill suggests an organic amphitheater upon which people can lounge on the grass. An additional chalet stage inside will feature other musical performances and a workshop. The festival's third stage in the busking barn will offer seasoned performers and amateurs in an intimate, acoustic setting.

Headlining Friday night will be Scythian, a Washington, D.C., band named for Ukrainian nomads. The band is being promoted as offering "Celtic, Eastern European and Appalachian traditions" that combine into

a "barn-dance, rock concert experience." Buckwheat Zydeco Jr. and the Legendary Iis Sont Partis Band, from Lafayette, Louisiana, will be Saturday night's headliner, echoing the talent of legendary zydeco musician Stanley "Buckwheat" Dural Sr.

Other performers include the Slambovian Circus of Dreams, Charlie Parr, Miss Tess, Jeffrey Foucault, Ivy Ford, Caleb Caudle, Giz-zae, The Bootstrap Boys, Erik Koskinen, and Damn Tall Buildings. The musicians hail from New York, Brooklyn, Chicago, Nashville, Minnesota, North Carolina and Michigan, and will bring a wide range of repertoire, including rock, folk, blues, reggae, country and Americana.

Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available at the chalet throughout the festival. Persons attending also may bring their own food and beverages (including alcoholic ones), along with blankets and lawn chairs.

Additional details and ticket sales are available on the festival website, [porkies-festival.org](http://porkies-festival.org).

Along with local sponsors, the festival is supported in part by an award from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.





# Emberlight Festival

The Emberlight Festival will celebrate its fifth anniversary this year by offering numerous events over eight weeks from Saturday, June 28 to Saturday, Aug. 23 at various locations, primarily in Ironwood. This year's theme will be "Cadences of Connections."

"Emberlight Festival 2025 invites audiences to embrace the connections that shape us — between past and present, artist and audience, individual and community," states the festival's website. "Whether through a photograph that captures a fleeting moment, a melody that stirs the soul, a story that challenges perspectives, or a film that sparks conversation, these artistic experiences remind us that we are all part of a larger, shared rhythm."

The festival will offer main stage entertainment by global performers, along with an international film festival, performance infusions, several photography events, and an outdoor installation of "The 7th Fire" in conjunction with the Beaumier Heritage Center in Marquette.

Main Stage performances will feature Adam Rothenberg and the Broadway Strings, a string quartet, in two 7 p.m. shows on Aug. 21 and 23 at the Hurley School Auditorium.

The first show, called "Rhapsody in Blue: From New York to Hollywood," will feature George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," along with other classical tunes and Hollywood film scores from

movies such as "Chicago," "Schindler's List," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Mamma Mia" and others. The second show will feature "The Five Bs," playing off of the festival's fifth anniversary and featuring the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, Leonard Bernstein, Johannes Brahms, Ludwig van Beethoven and Jason Robert Brown.

A major component of the festival will be Art in the Park, which will consist of 17 art installations created by local and regional artists within the Miners Memorial Heritage Park in Ironwood. Art in the Park will kick off the festival with a noon opening ceremony on June 28 and will continue to run through to the festival's end date of Aug. 23.

Another continuing feature of the festival will be a series of Performance Infusions, also at MMHP. Each of the infusions will begin at 1 p.m. on three Saturdays. The sessions will include "A House Made of Wool" on July 5, "Close to Polish Heart" on July 12 and "Shakespearean Salad" on July 26. So as to increase accessibility, the Hurley School's Booster Club will provide golf cart rides along the trail to the site. Attendees are asked to bring their own chairs as seating is limited. In case of inclement weather, infusions will be relocated to Theatre North.

"Emberlight Photographers" returns to the Historic Ironwood Depot, allowing an opportunity for the festival's pho-

tographers to display their talent. Several other photography events also will be offered, including workshops for the public and a presentation called "Click \* Capture \* Create," hosted by Ken Wiele on July 30 at 7 p.m. at Theatre North.

Additional art shows and tours, as well as an art market, will be offered via The Downtown Art Place and Range Art Association.

New this season, "Art on Film" consists of three 7 p.m. films offered at Theatre North: "Fantasia 2000" on July 12, "The Best Worst Things That Ever Could Have Happened" on July 26, and "Waitress — The Musical" on Aug 2.

New York director Colton Pometta will lead Emberlight's International Film Festival with four 7 p.m. screenings on Aug. 15, 16, 20 and 22 in the Ember Club at Ironwood's Theatre North. The event will feature short films selected from more than 800 submissions from around the world.

Many Emberlight events are free, including Art in the Park, Performance Infusions and several photography events. Information on season ticket options and individual tickets, as well as free student admission, for the Emberlight Festival is available at [emberlight.org](http://emberlight.org). For continuing details, monitor local media and see the Emberlight website, which has a color-coded, graphic calendar of all activities.



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## Watersmeet

Watersmeet lives up to its name by offering 302 lakes and 241 miles of trout streams. According to the Watersmeet Chamber of Commerce, the Cisco Chain alone has 15 lakes. The Lac Vieux Desert Lake, shared by Wisconsin, also has 4,200 acres of boundary waters and welcomes both Michigan and Wisconsin fishing licenses.

The origin of Watersmeet's name, according to the chamber, comes from three rivers that flow from the region in different directions — the Ontonagon River flows north into Lake Superior, the Wisconsin River flows south into the Mississippi River, and the Paint River flows east into Lake Michigan; hence, this is the place "where the waters meet."

All that water makes for a fisherman's paradise, with species including walleye, northern pike, cisco, trout, small- and large-mouth bass, panfish (such as bluegill, perch and crappie), silver

musky, and state- and world-record tiger musky. May 15 is the fishing opener for northern pike and walleye. Catch-and-keep season for bass opens May 24. Free fishing without a license may be done on June 7-8. State parks, as well as state boating access sites, may be entered with no recreation pass on those days.

The region's trees rival water in abundance. The Ottawa National Forest features more than 1 million acres and 10 national forest campgrounds. As part of that forest, the Sylvania Wilderness Area is run by the U.S. Forest Service. The Sylvania area boasts about 18,000 acres of "virgin forest," and portages connect many of its lakes. Its recreation area has a 48-unit campground, a pavilion with showers, boat landings, and a beach and picnic area.

For more information on camping, fishing, hunting, kayaking, hiking, biking, fall color tours, waterfalls, interpretive programs,

and ATV trails, visit the Ottawa Visitor Center at U.S. 2 and U.S. 45 or call 906-358-4724.

Finally, the Michigan Trails and Recreation Alliance of Land and the Environment manages and maintains more than 500 miles of recreational trails in the Western U.P. The state will offer two free weekends on June 7-8 and Aug. 16-17, when ORV riders can use trails for free with no need of an ORV license or trail permit. For details and more trail information, visit [mi-trale.org](http://mi-trale.org) or the group's Facebook page. MI-TRALE also offers a free Smartphone app called "Michigan UP Trails" with regularly updated information on trails and trail businesses.

Watersmeet also typically offers Fourth of July activities. Watch local media reports for details.

For more information on Watersmeet, call the chamber at 906-358-9961 or check its website at [www.watersmeet.org](http://www.watersmeet.org).





# Calendar of Events

## May 15

Northern Pike and Walleye season begins for Upper Peninsula Great Lakes, inland waters and St. Mary's River.

## May 16-17

White Deer Triathlon check-in Friday from 5 to 8:30 p.m. with a pasta buffet from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday gear drop-off from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. with the race starting at 9 a.m. All events in Boulder Junction. See [boulderjct.org](http://boulderjct.org).

## May 16-18

Ontonagon Lake Trout Classic Tournament, Greig's Taxidermy, [greigstackleshop.com](http://greigstackleshop.com); 906-884-2770.

## May 17

Anthony Shore's Elvis Tribute, Historic Ironwood Theatre, 7 p.m., [ironwoodtheatre.net](http://ironwoodtheatre.net).

Ashland, Wisconsin, House-to-House Garage Sale. [visitashland.com](http://visitashland.com).

White Deer Triathlon after party 6 to 8 p.m., Boulder Junction, [Boulderjct.org](http://Boulderjct.org).

AJ's Lake Gogebic Walleye Tournament, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lake Gogebic, Bergland.

## May 22-24

Chequamegon Bay Birding and Nature Festival, Ashland, Wis. See [birdandnaturefest.com](http://birdandnaturefest.com).

## May 22-25

Annual Memorial Day ATV/UTV Rally, Iron County, Wisconsin, with poker run, ATV parade, mud pit run; [hurleywi.com](http://hurleywi.com) or 715-561-4334.

## May 23-24

Find Your North Music Festival in Downtown Ironwood: weekend of live music and performances in Ironwood's downtown park.





## May 23-25

Boulder Junction Town-wide Garage Sales, [boulderjct.org](http://boulderjct.org).

Ride the Keeweenaw enduro bike races, [copperharbortrails.org](http://copperharbortrails.org).

WinMan Trails Summer Kick-Off weekend of events, with live music, food stands and more, Boulder Junction, [boulderjct.org](http://boulderjct.org).

## May 24

Opening of Michigan's bass fishing season.

## May 24-25

Back 9 Endurance Race, Keeweenaw Mountain Lodge, 14252 U.S. 41, Copper Harbor, Michigan.

## June

Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park Interpretive Activities begin, [mi.gov/porkies](http://mi.gov/porkies), 906-885-5275.

## June 6

Kinky Boots, Historic Ironwood Theatre film, 7 p.m., [ironwoodtheatre.net](http://ironwoodtheatre.net).

Downtown Ironwood First Friday Summer Concert Series Pride Weekend featuring live music by "Joy Scout" at Ironwood's Downtown City Square from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. and live music in the Pocket Park from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Food trucks and many businesses open late. See [travelironwood.com/events](http://travelironwood.com/events).

## June 6-7

2024 Pride U.P. festivities, celebration in Ironwood and surrounding areas. See [felivelife.org](http://felivelife.org).

## June 6-8

Copper Harbor Trails "Big Boy" Clinic; learn to become a better mountain biker, [copperharbortrails.org](http://copperharbortrails.org).

## June 7

Hurley citywide garage sale, 9 a.m. start. [hurleywi.com](http://hurleywi.com) or 715-561-4334. Registration due June 5.

## June 7-8

Michigan's "Free Three Weekend": Free Fishing, with no fishing license required. Free ORV Weekend, with no license required. Free admission to state parks and recreation areas.

Annual MI-TRALE S.P.O.R.T. ride, [mitrale.com](http://mitrale.com).

Wisconsin's "Free Fun Weekend": No registration needed for ATV trails, no fishing license required, and free admission to state parks and forests.

## June 11

Boulder Junction Block Party, fishing seminars start at 4 p.m., shrimp boil at 5 p.m., car show and live music at 6 p.m., held every Wednesday, [boulderjct.org](http://boulderjct.org).



## June 14

Apostle Islands Inline Marathon, [apostleislandsinline.com](http://apostleislandsinline.com).

Lake Gogebic Fireflies All-Lake Garage Sale, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

## June 14-Labor Day

"Old Victoria" open, Rockland, Michigan.

## June 17

Gogebic Range Concert Band, 7 p.m., Longyear Park, Ironwood.

## June 20

Porcupine Mountain Folk School Summer Solstice Celebration, featuring Finnish dancing program, bonfire, music and refreshments, [porkies.org](http://porkies.org).

## June 21

Tour Da Lake Bicycle tour, Lake Gogebic.

Mercer, Wis., Town-wide Rummage Sale.

## June 27-July 4

Bessemer 4th of July celebration, including music, pork picnic dinner, mud run, pig roast, treasure hunt, 3 x 3 basketball tournament, chicken dinner, parade, fireworks, concert.

## June 27-29

Matt Ahonen Memorial Softball Tournament, Gabby Fields, Wakefield.

## June 28

Bessemer Hometown Run (10K and 2-mile), Bessemer, 8:30 a.m.

2025 Mercer Open All-Species Fishing Tournament, features the Can-Yak and Open divisions, [merceroopen.com](http://merceroopen.com) for full details.

Charlie Parr at Ontonagon Theater of Performing Arts, 7 p.m., [ontonagontheater.org](http://ontonagontheater.org).

## June 28-Aug.23

Emberlight Festival, features films and shows such as an international film festival, performance infusions, a "Ca-

dences of Connection" photography series, and fine art exhibits. For more information about ticketing and events, visit [emberlight.org](http://emberlight.org).

## June 29

Presque Isle Days, [PresqueIsle.com](http://PresqueIsle.com). Bessemer 3 x 3 basketball tournament, 9 a.m.

Log Cabin Day at Old Victoria, Rockland.

## July 2

Bessemer Township 4th of July celebration, Ramsay Memorial Park. Street dance, 6 to 10 p.m. Fireworks at dusk.

Summer Family Play Day, Discovery Center, Manitowish Waters: Enjoy healthy outdoor activities and play for the whole family, [discoverycenter.net](http://discoverycenter.net), 715-543-2085.

## July 3

Wakefield July 4 activities include a noon. picnic in Eddy Park next to Sunday Lake, with music, bingo, kids' games, food and beverages for sale, and "Lightning on the Lake" fireworks at 10 p.m. over Sunday Lake.

Gogebic Range Concert Band, 7 p.m., Eddy Park, Wakefield.

## July 4

Ashland 4th of July: Parade at 11 a.m. on Main Street, Fire run at 9:30 p.m., then fireworks, [visitashland.com](http://visitashland.com).

Mercer 4th of July Celebration, morning fun run, 11 a.m. parade, and fun at with the park until dusk, games, food, live music and fireworks.

Star-Spangled Jubilee, Boulder Junction: Parade down Main Street at noon, 715-385-2400 or [boulderjct.org](http://boulderjct.org).

Wakefield 4th of July parades at 1 p.m.: Children's parade and general parade downtown. Kids' games after the parades at Roger Randall Field west of school.

Bessemer 4th of July: Children's parade at 1:30 p.m., grand parade at 7 p.m., and "Thunder on the Mountain" fireworks at Massie Field at 10 p.m.





## Downtown Ironwood

Ironwood's Downtown City Square, completed in 2022, is on the corner of Lowell and Aurora streets. This site of many formal and informal summer gatherings includes a small amphitheater, an outdoor fireplace, a splash pad, outdoor seating, and a car-charging station.

Aurora Street, which is the main downtown street, also offers the following two other, smaller areas of repose: 1. the Pocket Park, filled with flowers, on the corner of Suffolk and Aurora streets; and 2. the Art Park, which features colorful murals, across from the Historic Ironwood Theatre.

The Historic Ironwood Depot Park is on Lowell Street, behind the U.S. Post Office. It includes a former Chicago and North Western Railroad Depot that now houses the Ironwood Chamber of Commerce and a museum run by the Ironwood Area Historical Society. The Iron Belle Trail also runs through this park, which is the site of each year's Festival Ironwood.

Depot Park also offers a pavilion, playground, sand volleyball court and the Kuitunen Fountain.

A few blocks south of downtown is Hiawatha Park, which features a newly restored 52-foot fiberglass statue of a North American Indian chief. The park also now features a playground. The location is on Burma Road, which is contiguous with Suffolk Street. On the way there is a skateboard park.

Downtown Ironwood also offers the public a look back into history with two murals honoring the miners who worked on the Gogebic-Iron Range in northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula.

One mural is on the 100 block of East McLeod Avenue, and the other mural is on the 100 block of South Lowell Street, across from the City Square.

Public parking is available downtown at the corner of McLeod and Suffolk streets and on the 200 block of East Ayer Street. For more information, visit [ironwoodchamber.org](http://ironwoodchamber.org).

### July 5

Downtown Ironwood's First Friday Summer Concert Series featuring live music by "On the Lash" at Ironwood's Downtown City Square from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and live music in the Pocket Park from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Food trucks and many businesses open late. See [travelironwood.com/events](http://travelironwood.com/events).

Greenland Fourth of July Festival, with a noon parade, plus games, food, fireworks, live music and fireworks.

Bruce Crossing Fourth of July celebration, with parade, food, games, music, fireworks. Stannard Township Park, Bruce Crossing.

### July 12

Mercer Backyard BBQ Cook-Off, Carow Park, Mercer. Amateur barbecue competition featuring ribs, pork butt and brisket. [Mercercc.com](http://Mercercc.com).

### June 12-15

Houghton Bridgefest, with helicopter rides, live music, fireworks, parade, water activities, car show and more. See [bridgifestfun.com](http://bridgifestfun.com).

### July 13

Copper Falls State Park: "A Musical Tribute to History of Mining in the North,"

6 to 8 p.m., Copper Falls State Park, Mellen, [travelashlandcounty.com](http://travelashlandcounty.com).

### July 16-19

Festival Ironwood, located on the grounds of the Old Depot Museum in beautiful Downtown Ironwood. Festival Ironwood is a mid-summer celebration, featuring a variety of fun activities and entertainment.

### July 18-19

Ashland Bay Days Festival, Ashland, [ashlandbaydays.com](http://ashlandbaydays.com).

### July 19

Bay Days races, 1 mile, 5k, and 10k fun run, Ashland, [ashlandbaydays.com](http://ashlandbaydays.com).

Gogebic Range Concert Band, 12:15 p.m., Festival Ironwood, Depot Park, Ironwood.

### July 25-26

Ontonagon CopperFest, Ontonagon; boat parade, bonfires, timber show, crafts, car show, games.

### July 25-27

Ontonagon County Fair: Exhibits, stock car races, horse show, kids' games, antique tractor show, concessions, arts and animal exhibitions.

Northwoods Art Tour, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day, [northwoodsarttour.com](http://northwoodsarttour.com).

Copper Harbor Trails Women's Weekend Clinic, Women's mountain biking clinic: Learn how to improve your mountain biking skills. [copperharbortrails.org](http://copperharbortrails.org).

### July 26

Penokee Mountain Bike Classic Road Race: an opportunity to bicycle through the Penokee Range, Mellen, [mellenwi.com](http://mellenwi.com).

Hurley Education Foundation honors ceremony, Hurley K-12 School, 10 a.m.

Hurley Quarterback Club Hall of Fame induction, Hurley K-12 School, noon.

Iron County Heritage Parade, Hurley, 2 p.m.

All-Class, All-School Reunion, Iron County Memorial Building, 4 to 9 p.m.

### July 26-27

Gus Macker 3 x 3 Basketball Tournament, Wakefield.

### July 26-Aug. 9

Iron County Heritage Days, Iron County, featuring festivals, events and more. Parade on July 26 at 2 p.m.

### July 31-Aug. 3

Iron County Fair, Iron County Fairgrounds, Saxon; antique tractor show, rides, mud run, livestock auction, horse pulling contest and music.





## Aug 1

Downtown Ironwood First Friday Summer Concert Series featuring live music at Ironwood's Downtown City Square from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and live music in the Pocket Park from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Food trucks and many businesses open late. See [travelironwood.com/events](http://travelironwood.com/events).

## Aug. 2

Mercer Bike Fest: Bike one of the three trail routes at 7, 24, or 50 miles long, starting at Carow Park in Mercer. Donations to the event go toward the ICORE Trail Expansion Project. Rides will start at 8 a.m. See [ironcountyoutdoors.org](http://ironcountyoutdoors.org).

## Aug. 6

Mercer Annual Loon Day: More than 250 artists and crafters, flea market, sidewalk sales, live music, entertainment and loon calling contest. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., [mercerloonday.com](http://mercerloonday.com).

## Aug. 7-10

Gogebic County Fair at the county fairgrounds, Ironwood. Food and fun with harness racing, grandstand concerts, mud run, rodeo and exhibits. See [gogebiccountyfair.com](http://gogebiccountyfair.com).

## Aug. 8-9

Musky Capital of the World Fishing

Tournament, Boulder Junction: Fishing from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday and from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, awards at 6 p.m. [boulderjct.org](http://boulderjct.org).

Paavo Nurmi Marathon features full marathon and half-marathon, as well as relay teams (5 persons). Friday expo and packet pick-up with Twilight 5k run/walk at 6 p.m. in Hurley. Saturday Marathon and relay start at 7 a.m., Paavo half marathon starts at 8 a.m. See [thepaavonurmimarathon.com](http://thepaavonurmimarathon.com).

## Aug. 8-10

Boulder Junction Musky Jamboree, Boulder Junction. Features fun run, "learn to fish" workshop, car show, street party and more. [Boulderjct.com](http://Boulderjct.com).

## Aug. 12

Gogebic Range Concert Band, 7 p.m., Longyear Park, Ironwood.

## Aug. 14-17

Ashland County Fair, Marengo, Wis. [Ashlandcofair.com](http://Ashlandcofair.com).

## Aug. 16

31st Annual Pancake Breakfast at Camp Jörn YMCA, [campjornymca.org](http://campjornymca.org).

## Aug. 16-17

Michigan Free ORV Weekend, no license required.

## Aug. 17

Old Victoria Craft Fair, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT. Handmade crafts, home cooked food, old-fashioned kids' games at 1:30 p.m. Rockland, Michigan.

## Aug. 21

Ashland Chamber Field Day golf outing, [visitashland.com](http://visitashland.com).

## Aug 21-23

Range Art Association 71st annual Art Show, Ironwood. [rangeart.org](http://rangeart.org).

## Aug. 22-23

Porcupine Mountains Music Festival, ski chalet area, Porcupine Mountains State Wilderness Park, Silver City, [porkiesfestival.org](http://porkiesfestival.org).

## Aug. 29-31

Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Copper Harbor Trails Fest: Races, drinks, music, food and fun. Features mountain bike races of various kinds, [copperharbortrails.org](http://copperharbortrails.org).

## Aug 29 — Sept. 1

Ontonagon Labor Festival: Sunday street parade and community gathering at the Ontonagon Village Community center with food, games, music, auction and raffle. Other events throughout.





## Aug 30

Festival Italiano from 11 a.m. to midnight: Games, food, dance and vendors in downtown Hurley.

## Sept. 2

Gogebic Range Concert Band, 6:30 p.m., Longyear Park, Ironwood.

## Sept. 5

Downtown Ironwood First Friday Summer Concert Series featuring live music by "Erik Koskinen" at Ironwood's Downtown City Square from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and live music in the Pocket Park from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Food trucks and many businesses open late. See details at [travelironwood.com/events](http://travelironwood.com/events).

## Sept. 6

Mural Fest and Car Show in downtown Ashland. See [visitaashland.com](http://visitaashland.com)

Copper Peak Trails Fest: XC mountain bike races, Enduro race, trail run, kids' race, live music, food trucks and more. See [copperpeaktrails.org](http://copperpeaktrails.org).

## Sept. 12-13

Lake Gogebic Area Chamber Fall Walleye Tournament.

## Sept. 13

Colorama Arts and Crafts Fair at Boul-

der Junction Community Center: Arts and crafts show and farmers' market, 715-385-2400 or [boulderjct.org](http://boulderjct.org).

## Sept. 20

Copper Falls Fall Festival, Copper Falls State Park, Mellen, [travelashland-county.com](http://travelashland-county.com).

## Sept. 21-Oct. 12

Chair Lift Color Tours, Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park, run through Oct. 12, weather permitting, from noon to 6 p.m. each day. [mi.gov/porkies](http://mi.gov/porkies)

## Sept. 24

MI-TRALE Senior Citizen Color Tour, Watersmeet, [mi-trale.org](http://mi-trale.org).

## Sept. 26-27

Log Jamboree in Ewen: Parade, log-rolling, food and games. More information available at the Ewen Civic Association Facebook page.

Red Clay Classic, ABC Raceway, Ashland, [abraceway.com](http://abraceway.com).

## Sept. 26-28

Bessemer Pumpkinfest, tractor pull, ventriloquist performance on Sophie Street, and a large arts and craft fair in the A.D. Johnston High School gym. [Cityofbessemer.org](http://cityofbessemer.org)

## Sept. 27

Gogebic Range Concert Band: Mid-day performance, Pumpkinfest, Bessemer City Hall.

## Oct. 3

Downtown Ironwood's First Friday "Plaidurday," featuring a drone photo, live music by "Dig Deep" at Ironwood's Downtown City Square. Food trucks and many businesses open late. For details, see [travelironwood.com/events](http://travelironwood.com/events).

## Oct. 9

Mercer Pumpkin Run ATV/UTV Rally:, Four-day poker run, parade, ATV pull, pumpkin party, cash prizes and raffle, [mercerpumpkinrunrally.com](http://mercerpumpkinrunrally.com).

## Oct. 11

Tamarack Health and WhistleStop Marathon/Half-Marathon: 8:30 a.m. start in Iron River, Wisconsin with the finish in Ashland. [whistlestopmarathon.com](http://whistlestopmarathon.com).

## Oct. 10-12

Northwoods Art Tour: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day, [northwoodsarttour.com](http://northwoodsarttour.com).

## Oct. 25

Copper Falls candlelight hike, 6 to 8 p.m., Copper Falls State Park, Mellen, [travelashlandcounty.com](http://travelashlandcounty.com).

## About the events calendar

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# Places of Worship

## MICHIGAN

### IRONWOOD

**Apostolic Lutheran.** 326 W. Aurora. Sunday, 10:45 a.m. worship; Wednesday, Bible Study, 7 p.m.

**Assembly of God.** 2100 E. Cloverland Drive. Worship, 10 a.m.

**Immanuel Lutheran (Missouri).** Little Girl's Point, Sunday worship, 2 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

**Jehovah's Witnesses.** 1112 Superior. Sunday, public talk, 9:30 a.m., Watchtower study, 10:30 a.m.

**Lighthouse Faith Center.** 301 E. Aurora; Sunday worship, 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 6:30 p.m.

**Our Lady of Peace Catholic.** 108 S. Marquette. Saturday confession, 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.; Mass, 4 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 8 and 11 a.m.

**St. John Lutheran (ELCA).** E. 5071 Airport Road, Ironwood Township. Service on third Sunday of the month at 9 a.m.

**St. Paul Lutheran (ELCA).** 111 S. Curry. Worship with Holy Communion, 10 a.m., followed by fellowship at 11 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Coffee Talk at 11 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month.

**St. Simon Eastern Orthodox.** 226 E. Harding. Sunday liturgy at 10 a.m. 906-932-0674.

**Salem Lutheran (ELCA).** 333 E. Aurora. Services first and third Sundays of the month at 9 a.m.

**Transfiguration, Episcopal.** 336 E. Aurora. Sunday, 11 a.m., first Sunday of the month

**Trinity Lutheran (Missouri).** E. 5104 Margaret. Sunday worship at 9 a.m.

**Wesley United Methodist.** 500 E.

McLeod. Sunday, service, 10 a.m. wesleyumcironwood.org.

**Woodland Church (Converge Baptist).** N. 10234 Curry. Thursday Bible study, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10 a.m.; fellowship to follow. 906-932-1102 or woodlandcc.org.

**Zion Lutheran (ELCA).** 100 W. Midland. Saturday praise worship, 5 p.m.; Sunday services, second and fourth Sundays of the month at 9 a.m.

### BERGLAND

**Calvary Baptist (Fundamental).** Sunday, 11 a.m.; Wednesday prayer service, 7 p.m.

**St. Ann Catholic.** Sunday Mass, 11 a.m.

**Trinity Lutheran (Missouri).** Sunday service, 9 a.m.; Bible study, Tuesday, 6 p.m. 906-575-3976.

**United Methodist.** Sunday, 11 a.m. Communion first Sunday.

### BESSEMER

**Christ Community Church of SDA.** 507 E. Cinnabar. Saturday, 11 a.m., Sabbath school, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**Our Redeemer Lutheran (Missouri).** E. 8223 Sanders Road. Sunday, worship, 10:30 a.m.; Bible studies, Wednesday, 6:30 pm.

**St. Sebastian Catholic.** Saturday Mass, 4 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 8:30 a.m.

**Sharon Lutheran (ELCA).** Sunday worship, 8:30 a.m. with fellowship following.

### BRUCE CROSSING

**Apostolic Lutheran.** Sunday School, noon, worship, 1 p.m.; Communion second Sunday.

**Bruce Crossing Bible.** Sunday service, 11 a.m. EDT; adult Sunday school, 10 a.m.

**Bethany Lutheran (Wisconsin).** Sunday worship service, 5 p.m.; Bible class, 6:45 p.m.

### COVINGTON

**Bethany Lutheran.** Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

**Trinity Lutheran (Missouri).** M-28. Sunday worship, 9 a.m.

### EWEN

**First Lutheran (ELCA).** First, second and fourth Sunday worship at 10 a.m. Fellowship following worship. Part of New Evangelical Parish. 906-988-2594.

**Sacred Heart Catholic.** Mass 4 p.m. Saturday.

**United Methodist.** Sunday worship, 9:30 a.m. Communion, first Sunday.

### GREENLAND

**United Methodist.** Sunday worship, 11:30 a.m.

**Greenland Seventh-day Adventist.** 31369 N. Firesteel. Saturday church service, 10 a.m.; Sabbath Study, 9 a.m.

### MARENISCO

**St. Catherine's Catholic.** Sunday Mass, 1 p.m.

### MASS CITY

**St. Paul's Lutheran.** Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Weekly Communion.

### ONTONAGON

**Assembly of God.** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, youth group and adult Bible study, 6:30 p.m.

**Holy Family Catholic.** Michigan Avenue and Pine Street. Daily Masses: Monday, 9 a.m.; Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.; confessions Saturday, 11 a.m., and half an hour before each Mass.

**Redeemer Free Lutheran.** Sunday worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p.m.



**St. Paul Lutheran (Missouri).** 107 E. River St. Sunday worship, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, Bible study, 10 a.m. and church school, 3:30-5 p.m.

**Siloa Lutheran (ELCA).** Sunday worship, 9 a.m.; church school, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. 906-884-2655.

**United Methodist.** Sunday, 9 a.m.

#### PAYNESVILLE

**Our Saviour Lutheran (ELCA).** Worship on third and fifth Sundays at 10 a.m. Part of New Evangelical Parish. 906-988-2594.

#### RAMSAY

**Cornerstone Christian.** Sunday worship, 9:30 a.m., children's church, following worship; Youth Group on Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

**Grace Open Fellowship.** 9 a.m., worship, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, Bible study and prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.

#### ROCKLAND

**St. Mary's Catholic.** Saturday: confessions, 5:30 p.m.; Mass on the first and third Saturdays, 6 p.m.

**St. Paul United Methodist.** Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

#### TROUT CREEK

**Assembly of God.** Sunday worship, 10 a.m.; Sunday school, 9 a.m.

**Trinity Lutheran (ELCA).** Rotating every third Sunday, 11 a.m. Part of New Evangelical Parish. 906-988-2594.

**United Presbyterian.** Sunday worship, 11 a.m.; communion, first Sunday of the month.

#### WAINOLA

**Lutheran.** Saturday, 5 p.m. Communion, first and third Saturdays.

#### WAKEFIELD

**All Saints Lutheran (ELCA).** Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

**Calvary Baptist.** Sunday school, 10 a.m., Sunday worship, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Wednesday, prayer and praise, 6:30 p.m.

**Immaculate Conception Catholic.** Saturday Mass, 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m.

**United Methodist.** Sunday service, 12:30 p.m.

#### WATERSMEET

**Immaculate Conception Catholic.** Saturday Mass, 4 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.

**Watersmeet Bible Church.** Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.; Bible study, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

#### WHITE PINE

**Community United Methodist.** Sunday, worship, 11 a.m. whitepinemicommunityumc.org.

**St. Jude Catholic.** Sunday mass, 6 p.m. on second and fourth Sundays.

## WISCONSIN

#### HURLEY

**First Presbyterian.** Sunday, 9:30 a.m. worship, Sunday school and nursery.

**Havenwood Baptist.** 501 Copper. Prayer, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; services, 11 a.m.; evening service, 6 p.m.

**Range Community Bible.** Worship, 10 a.m. Sunday.

**St. Mary's Catholic.** Saturday Mass, 4 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 7 and 11 a.m.; Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 8 a.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.

**St. Paul's Lutheran (Wisconsin).** Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; Thursday adult Bible class, 4 p.m.

#### KIMBALL

**Good Shepherd Community Apostolic Lutheran.** Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Bible study 10 a.m. Communion first Sunday.

#### LAC DU FLAMBEAU

**Bible Baptist.** Sunday, 10 a.m.

**St. Anthony's Catholic.** Saturday Mass, 4 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.

#### LAND O' LAKES

**Hope Lutheran (Missouri).** 1764 U.S. 45, just north of County B. Divine service, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.; Bible study, 8:15 a.m. on Sundays.

**Land O' Lakes Bible.** 5937 U.S. 45. Sunday school 9 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10 a.m.; Thursday Bible study 6 p.m. 715-547-3183.

#### MANITOWISH WATERS

**Community Church (Presbyterian).** Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

**Episcopal.** Saturday: Episcopal Eucharist, 5 p.m. at Community Presbyterian Church, U.S. 51.

**Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic.** Masses: Sunday, 8 a.m.; Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 8:30 a.m.; Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

#### MELLEN

**Congregational United Church of Christ.** Sunday, 10 a.m. worship.

**Holy Rosary Catholic.** Tuesday, 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9 a.m.

**Immanuel Lutheran (Missouri).** Sunday service, 9 a.m.; Bible study and Sunday School to immediately follow service.

#### MERCER

**Community Church of Nazarene.** Sunday worship, 10 a.m.

**Faith Lutheran (Missouri).** Saturday worship, 6 p.m.

**St. Isaac Jogues Catholic.** Masses: Sunday, 11 a.m.; Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.

**United Methodist.** Worship in person or via Zoom, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. For a virtual invitation, call Martha at 715-776-3993 or email her at pierponm@hotmail.com.

**Zion Lutheran (Wisconsin).** Sunday, 9 a.m.; Bible class, 4:45 pm Tuesday.

#### PRESQUE ISLE

**Bethel Lutheran (Missouri).** Sunday, 11 a.m.

**St. Rita's Catholic.** Friday mass; 9 a.m.; Saturday, confessions, 3:30 p.m.; Mass, 4 p.m.; Sunday Mass (summers only), 9 a.m.

#### SAXON

**St. Ann's Catholic.** Sunday Mass, 8:45 a.m.

#### WINCHESTER

**Living Hope.** Sunday, 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, Bible study, 7 p.m.

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### Salem & Zion Lutheran Churches

**Salem - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 9am**  
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333 E. Aurora St., Ironwood, MI


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*Praise Service Saturday at 5pm*  
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**Monday thru Saturday**

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## Downtown Bodega Mission Statement



Father and sons owned and operated market. A fun store located in downtown Ironwood. Specializing in market goods, sundries, local and world art, music, collectables, gifts, authentic and original decor, incense, Turkish coffees, treats, and drinks. Snacks and practical goods for downtown customers.

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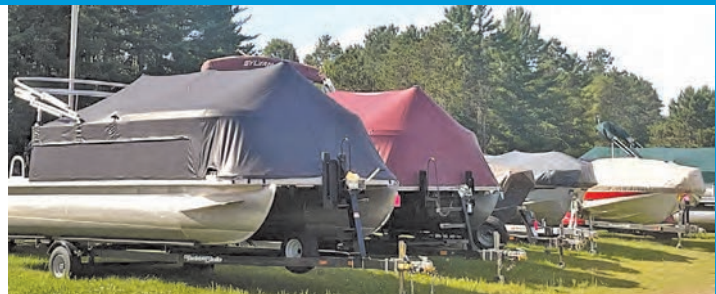
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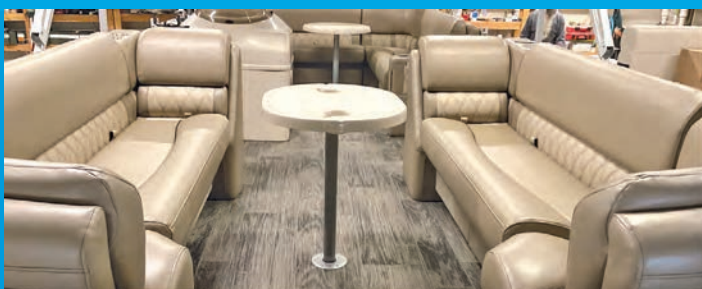


## MARINE UPHOLSTERY

– Full Interiors –  
Repair & Revinyl Boat & Pontoon  
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## PORCH & DOCK LIFT CURTAIN, AWNINGS & POWER SHADES

– Custom Porch & Dock Curtains –  
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