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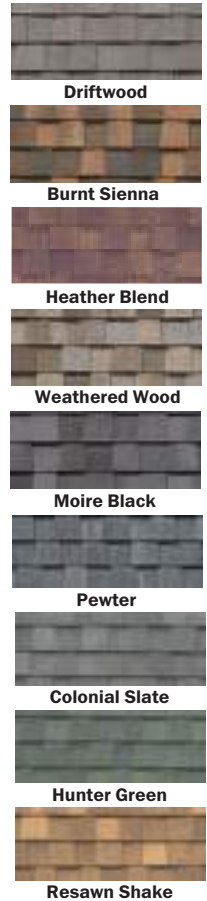
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Bessemer 4th of July

The annual Bessemer Blast is billed as “the U.P.’s biggest and best” Fourth of July celebration. The extended holiday period will include numerous events that will conclude on Thursday, July 4.

The Hometown Run/Walk and Roll will start on Saturday, June 29, at 8:30 a.m. at Bessemer City Hall, and a 3-on-3 basketball tournament will start on Sunday, June 30, at 9 a.m. on Mary Street.

Other traditional activities on various days will include live music, a polka dance, street bowling, a chalk-drawing contest, a water balloon toss, bean bag and electronic dart tournaments, and a mud run. New fun planned for this year will be line dancing, a night shirt parade, a beard and mustache contest, and a pickleball 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. downtown, followed by the Bessemer Volunteer Fire Department’s open house with free hot

dogs and soda. The main parade kicks off at 7 p.m. downtown. After also marching in the parade, Marty’s Goldnairs Drum and Bugle Corps will perform at Massie Field, followed by the “Thunder on the Mountain” fireworks display at 10 p.m.

Tickets for a 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 \$48,259. 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 list of all activities, monitor local media and visit bessemer4th.com, where a related app is available for download.



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Wakefield 4th of July

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

The 26th annual Matt Ahonen Memorial Softball Tournament will take place from June 28-30 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. Just before the parades, members of the Klassic Kruisers will cruise the streets in their classic cars. The Wakefield Historical Museum also will be open from 1 to 4 p.m.

After the parades, children's races will be held at Roger Randall Field, west of 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.

The city's Facebook page will include schedule updates.

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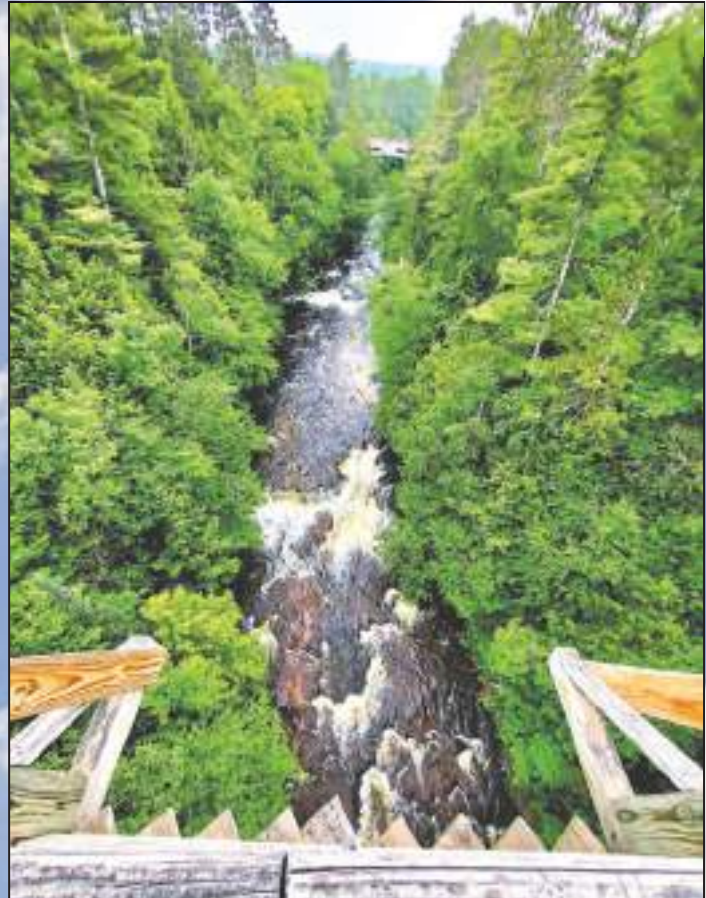
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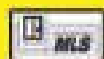
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Ramsay 4th of July

The annual Bessemer Township Fourth of July celebration will take place in Ramsay on Tuesday, July 2, with a number of traditional and new activities.

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 via a DJ from

Eclipse Entertainment. During a DJ break, Marty's Goldenaires Drum and Bugle Corps also is expected to perform about mid-evening.

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 conclu-

sion 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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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, walk/run/roll event and daily 50/50 raffles.

Look for event updates and registra-

tion forms on the Ironwood Area Chamber of Commerce website at ironwoodchamber.org and on Facebook.

For registration information for the art show, the craft/trade show, the car show or the races, call the chamber at 906-932-1122 or email chamber@ironwoodchamber.org.

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A poker run will kick off the rally on Thursday, May 23. As they tour, drivers can try their luck at drawing a winning hand at participating businesses. This year's event will include a basket raffle and additional prizes.

On Friday, May 24, the largest ATV/UTV parade in the Northwoods will take place at 7 p.m. downtown. For the first time this year, the downtown area will feature a street dance and food trucks before and after the parade. Silver Street will be closed off at 4 p.m. and Liz Mathias will perform from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Silver Street. After the parade, the West Avenue Band will perform from 8 to 10 p.m. on the Hurley Chamber stage at the corner of Silver Street and Fourth Avenue.

A great weekend of riding will wrap up with the infamous mud pit starting at noon behind the Iron Horse Saloon in downtown Hurley on Sunday, May 26.

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 27-Sunday, Aug. 11, at various locations across the county.

The Hurley Education Foundation will offer its annual open house at the Hurley K-12 School on Saturday, July 27 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 Quar-

terback Club's induction ceremony at noon in the same location.

Also on Saturday, the Iron County Heritage Days Parade — with this year's theme of "School Daze" — will be held on Silver Street at 2 p.m., followed by music and beverages downtown and food trucks from 1 to 5 p.m. The All-Class, All-School Reunion will be at the Iron County Memorial Building from 4 to 9 p.m.

Paavo Nurmi Marathon

The 54th Paavo Nurmi Marathon will be held on Saturday, Aug. 10, with preliminary events on Friday, Aug. 9, 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 in Upson early Saturday, Aug. 10. The marathon and relay will start at 7 a.m., followed by a half marathon at 8 a.m. in Gile. 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 thepaavonurmimathon.com and at the new Facebook page at The Paavo Nurmi Marathon.

Festival Italiano

Hurley will celebrate Festival Italiano on Saturday, Aug. 31, starting at 11 a.m. in the downtown area. The full day will recognize the area's rich Italian heritage with food, vendor markets and a "Kidz Zone." Milwaukee Musician Pat McCurdy will entertain at a time yet to be announced. Live music by That 90s Band will start at 7 p.m. on the downtown chamber stage.

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Iron County Fair

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The fun will include live music, a popular pie auction, expanded tractor events, and carnival rides by S & J Enterprises 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 start at 4:30 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 fair will have no shortage of live music. On Friday evening, Ikons of Rock will present "Leathers and Lace." On Saturday, Flashback will perform in the afternoon, and Ikons of Rock will present "Snake Oil" in the evening. Johnny Propane will perform on Sunday. There also will be live music on Friday afternoon, but the musicians had not yet been determined as of

press time.

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. For more information and directions from other sites, visit ironcountyfairwi.net.

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Gogebic County Fair

The Gogebic County Fair will be held over a long weekend, as usual, from Aug. 8-11.

However, for the first time in more than a century, this year's fair will take place at a different venue: the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center in Ironwood.

The change in location was necessitated by a fire on Sept. 26 of last year that destroyed three structures. Two other buildings were already gone as part of a planned demolition. While there is expectation of construction and repair at the fairgrounds, officials decided to host the fair elsewhere this year.

A smaller fair with a slightly reduced schedule will occur at this year's new site, but many traditional activities will happen. Thursday will consist mostly of

registration, but Tri-State Amusement Carnival will operate from 4 to 10 p.m. in the Civic Center parking lot, which also will house animals in tents.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday are expected to include some repeated features such as a variety of exhibits inside of the Civic Center, along with wood-carving demonstrations and chicken bingo. A number of food vendors also will be available. Friday's and Saturday's carnival will run from noon to 10 p.m.

Judging also will take place Friday as usual. Activities will include a youth challenge, and Flashback will perform from 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday's activities will include a tractor pedal pull, a bubble-gum blowing contest, and the 4-H Livestock Auc-

tion. Superior Horns and Blue Ice will perform from 8 to 10 p.m., preceded by James Peace and Family.

On Sunday, the carnival will run from noon to 4 p.m. That day will include a pie auction. Animals will be released to owners at 5 p.m., at which time the fair also will close.

No horse events will occur at the Civic Center grounds. Those activities will be scheduled at the Iron County Fairgrounds in Saxon, Wisconsin, where an arena is available.

No admission will be charged for this year's fair, but fair officials will appreciate donations. Tickets will be sold for the carnival rides and games.

For more information and complete event schedules, visit gogebiccounty-fair.com or email fair@gogebic.gov.



Lake Gogebic Area

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The weekend of June 8-9 will feature free fishing, free ORV riding (no license required) and free admission to state parks.

The annual Tour da Lake bicycle tour around Lake Gogebic

will start at noon EDT on June 29 at the Bergland Township Park.

The Lake Gogebic Area Chamber Fall Walleye Tournament will take place on Sept. 6 and 7.

Additional parks bordering the lake include 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. Email the chamber directly at info@lakegogebicarea.com.

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Lupine Junefest

The 18th annual Lupine Junefest on Saturday, June 8, is an opportunity for bicycle enthusiasts to tour southern Iron County and see wild lupine flowers in full bloom. Participants can choose from routes of 10, 28 or 50 miles or a “pick your distance” option. All routes start in the morning at Carow Park and use paved town roads and trail routes that run along lakes and rivers. Check-in starts at 6:30 a.m. with races starting at 8 a.m. All events conclude by 1 p.m. For registration information, go to mercercerbike.com.

Mercer Open Fishing Tournament

The Mercer Open All-Species Fishing Tournament on Friday-Sunday, June 28-30, is a reinvented version of the former Can-Yak Fishing Tournament, to allow for all types of watercraft to be used in this catch-photo-release tournament. The event, which includes

a raffle, will include one division for can-yaks (canoes and kayaks) and another open to all other vessels. The location will be at the Cleveland Clubhouse at Beaver Lodge in Mercer. Watch the Mercer Chamber of Commerce website calendar for details.

Fourth of July

The Fourth of July parade will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday on U.S. 51, which is the main street of Mercer. Festivities will continue later at Carow Park, including music, kids’ activities and plenty of food and drinks. Fireworks will occur at dusk over Grand Portage Lake.

Backyard BBQ Cook-Off

The Mercer Area Chamber of Commerce will host its fourth annual amateur barbecue competition: the Mercer Backyard BBQ Cook-Off on Saturday, July 20, 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.

Loon Day

Mercer will celebrate its 44th annual Loon Day on Wednesday, Aug. 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. downtown. The event will include more than 250 artists and crafters, as well as a flea market, sidewalk sales, live music, raffles, and a 1:30 p.m. loon-calling contest. A free shuttle will be available from Carow Park. The night before, on Tuesday, Aug. 6, a street dance will take place from 7-11 p.m. For more information, visit mercerloonday.com.

Pig and Corn Roast

The Turtle-Flambeau Flowage Association Pig and Corn Roast will be held on Sunday, Aug. 11, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Gateway Lodge in Mercer. The event menu will feature pork with “all the fixings” and sweet corn. Raffle proceeds will go toward TFFA activities. For more information, call 715-476-7878.

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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 6, 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 6.

Events were not yet announced at press time, but previous years have included any or all of the following: a morning kickball tournament, a Greenland Independence Walk/Run/Roll, cornhole tournaments, and kids' games and activities.

During the day, a kiddy parade generally combines with the main parade on Plank Road, followed by a picnic with live music in the adjacent park.

The celebration generally closes with a street dance and fireworks.

White Pine Warrior Weekend

The timing of White Pine's annual Independence Day event was not yet announced at press time, but last year it took place a few weeks after the holiday. The Carp Lake Township community-wide picnic generally is held at American Legion Nonesuch Post 462 and includes picnic food, games, raffle baskets, a 50/50 raffle and live music.

Fireworks typically take place at Mineral River Plaza. The July 4 festivities likely will be in conjunction with Warrior Weekend, which generally features a walk/run/roll event and other activities.

Copper Fest Heritage Festival

The Copper Fest Heritage Festival is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 26-27, 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 27-28, at Adventure Mountain in Greenland. Entries can be registered in advance on Friday, July 26.

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.

68th Annual Labor Day Festival

The 68th annual Ontonagon Labor Day Festival will take place on the weekend of Aug. 30-Sept. 1, just prior to the actual Monday holiday on Sept. 2.

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. EDT parade on River Street. Usually, members of Marty's Goldenaires, a parade and concert drum and bugle corps, also perform.

Concluding the festival will be a community gathering in the late afternoon and evening 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 raffle.

Ewen Log Jamboree

Scheduled for Sept. 27-28, the Ewen Log Jamboree typically heralds the logging industry with a parade, a log-rolling demonstration, food and games, hayrides, live music and lots of flannel shirts.

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Emberlight Festival



Now in its fourth year, the 2024 Emberlight Festival will offer numerous events over eight weeks from Saturday, June 29 to Saturday, Aug. 24 at various locations, primarily in Ironwood. This year's theme will be "Torch Songs and Rhapsodies."

The festival will offer main stage entertainment by global performers, along with an international film festival, four performance infusions, an interactive forum, an Art in the Park installation and a photography exhibit.

Main Stage performances will feature the Broadway Strings, a string quartet, in two 7 p.m. shows on Aug. 22 and 24 at the Hurley School Auditorium.

The first show, called "Broadway and Dvorak," will feature Broadway overtures and medleys, along with New York pianist Adam Rothenberg playing the Dvorak Piano Quintet No. 2 in A Major.

The second show will feature a performance of Ralph Vaughan Williams' "On Wenlock Edge," and will combine the talents of the string quartet with Rothenberg and Miles Mykkanen, a local native who is an international tenor. That night also will include "greatest hits" from Broadway and opera.

Mykkanen also will offer a separate 7 p.m. cabaret-style show, offered twice on Aug. 15 and 17, called "If Ever I Would

Leave You," at Theatre North.

In addition, he will offer what he calls "Tenor Talks" on three different subjects at the Hurley School auditorium. On July 9, 10 and 11 at 6 p.m., respective topics at the interactive, open forums will be "Opera and Showbiz," "Making the Music" and "All About Artistry."

New York Director Colton Pometta will lead Emberlight's International Film Festival with three nights of screenings between Aug. 16-21 at Ironwood's Theatre North. The event will feature films selected from hundreds of submissions from around the world.

A major component of the festival will be Art in the Park, which will consist of 21 large-scale expressions of art within the Miners Memorial Heritage Park. Art in the Park will kick off the festival with a noon opening ceremony on June 29 and will continue to run through to the festival's end date of Aug. 24.

A continuing component of the festival will be Performance Infusions, also at MMHP. Each of the infusions will begin at 1 p.m. on four Saturdays. The first will be on June 29 and will feature the Bizhiki Culture and Dance Company, led by Dylan Bizhikiins Jennings of Bad River, Wisconsin. The company combines traditional Ojibwe singing, dancing and storytelling.

Other infusions will include “Logging Legends and Lores” on July 6, “Whittling in the Woods” on July 13 and “Fantastic Folk Instruments” on July 27.

Featured artists at this year’s festival will be 11 photographers who volunteer their talent for Emberlight. Their work will be displayed in an exhibit called “The Art of Photography” at the Historic Ironwood Depot from July 17-Aug. 24.

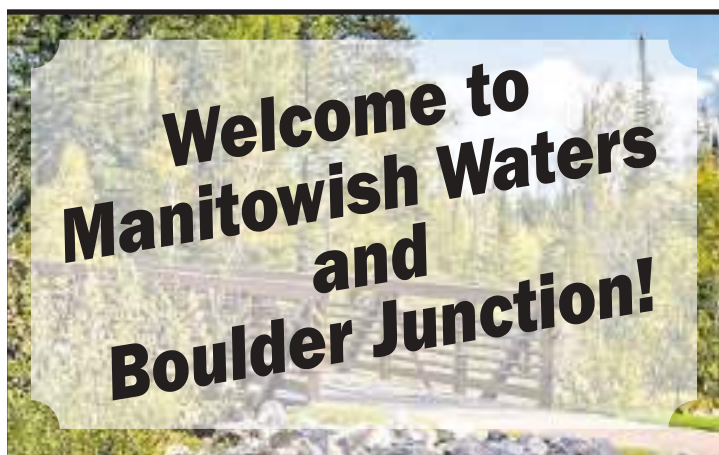
This year’s festival will include a new element called the Ember Club, which involves a slight transformation of the existing Theatre North layout. The first two rows of seats will be removed from the theatre and replaced with tables and cushioned armchairs, where VIP attendees will be eligible for table

service, including premium beverages and snacks. The theatre also will continue to offer 130 regular seats.

A raffle that began with Emberlight’s launch party on April 13 will end in a 7 p.m. show on Aug. 23, when the “Embys” — or awards for the Film Festival and Art in the Park — will be announced at Theatre North. Thousands of dollars are at stake for both the prizes and the raffle.

Many Emberlight events are free, including Art in the Park, Performance Infusions, Tenor Talks, and the photography exhibit.

For more information and details on seasonal and individual tickets for the Emberlight Festival, visit emberlight.org.



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Porkies Music Festival



The 18th Porcupine Mountains Music Festival will be presented by the Friends of the Porkies on Aug. 23-24 at the Winter Sports Complex within Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park in Silver City.

The 2-day event will feature three stages and multiple genres, including regional, national and international artists. The gates will open at 11:30 p.m. EDT each day, and the music will end at about 10 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 serves as an amphitheater upon which people can lounge on the grass. An additional chalet stage inside will feature other musical performances and a workshop. In addition, the festival's third stage in the busking barn will offer seasoned performers and amateurs in an intimate, acoustic setting.

Classically educated musician Joyann Parker of Minneapolis will kick off the festival on Friday with music said to cover

anything from rhythm and blues to New Orleans jazz to Latin flair. The Brevet, an alternative rock band from California, will be Friday night's headliner, and Miko Marks — originally from Flint — will headline on Saturday night. Marks is known to blend a variety of genres, including southern rock, blues, country and soul.

Also performing throughout the festival will be a long list of other musicians, ranging from England to Canada and from Idaho to Virginia, and bringing a wide range of repertoire, including folk and bluegrass.

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

Additional details and ticket sales are available on the festival website, porkiesfestival.org.

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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.

Also part of the package are a campground and trails of various levels that reward hikers with several platforms offering views of various waterfalls. A significant portion of the trail system is part of the North Country Trail.

According to the ONF, which manages the site, the harbor itself is the only one within the National Forest System. It includes a charming boardwalk along the Black River, which flows out into the lake. There is a day-use fee.

Not surprisingly, boating is a popular pastime in the area, and the harbor management aims to accommodate almost any craft. Boat fuel and snacks are available from a concessionaire, and there is no launching fee at what is considered one of the few public access points to the lake.

The picnic area includes multiple grills and tables, as well as a historic pavilion built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The campground has 40 campsites, with 23 of them reserved and 17 "first-come, first-served."

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 drive through occasional canopies of trees along the final 11 miles. There is a series of waterfalls on the Black River 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. His work shows a wagon road going south from the mouth of the Black River to Chippewa Hill, which is the location of the Copper Peak Ski Flying Hill.

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The site includes a lodge established in 1951 by the Gogebic County Co-operative 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 about the lodge or campground, call 906-663-4428.

Marenisco is managed by Ottawa National Forest and offers 11 campsites, picnic tables, water, toilets, boat landing and fishing pier.



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 dock at the park provides a convenient way for campers to fish. There also are several restaurants along the lake shore for locals and visitors to enjoy.

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North Country Trail

The North Country National Scenic Trail stretches more than 4,600 miles from North Dakota to Vermont and is the longest trail in the National Trail System. It also includes the tri-county region along its route.

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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 Penoque 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," said 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.

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 Watersmeet Township
 906-358-4724

Campground 4 miles southeast of Watersmeet is managed by Ottawa National

Forest and offers 39 campsites, picnic tables, water, toilets and boat ramp.

MCDONALD LAKE COUNTY PARK
 McDonald Dam Road
 Erwin Township
 906-663-4428

Rustic campground features three sites for tents, picnic tables.

MEMORY LANE ROADSIDE PARK
 U.S. 2
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 906-663-4311

Located on east end of town on U.S. 2. Dedicated in 1949, the park honors those who served their country. Includes picnic area and restrooms.

MI-TRALE

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.

MI-TRALE.org, the group's website, 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 2024 trail events such as picnic rides, historic rides, water-

fall 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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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. Some locations can accommodate camping units from 45-60 feet in length.

Most campsites are located on streams or lakes and so facilitate fishing. Moreover, most managed campgrounds also include picnic tables, tent pads, fire grates and toilet facilities. The Ottawa's most developed campsites are at Clark Lake and Black River Harbor, which include paved access, pressurized water systems, flush toilets and other amenities.

Camping in developed campsites may not exceed 14 days without moving to another campground or dispersed site for 24 hours or more. At dispersed campsites,



campers are required — after 16 days — to pack up and relocate to another site at least five miles away.

East of this region, in Iron and Houghton counties, the ONF offers the McCormick Wilderness Area and the

Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness, as well as additional campgrounds.

The ONF also manages the J.W. Toumey Nursery in Watersmeet and the Nesbit Lake Organization Camp in Iron County. Both provide ample educational opportunities for folks of all ages.

More information, including links to campgrounds and dispersed camping, is available at fs.usda.gov/ottawa or 906-932-1330.

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.

MINERS MEMORIAL PARK

Ayer Street
Ironwood
906-932-5050

Various trailheads including one along Ayer Street at Lorensen Baseball Field. Wooded trails for walking and mountain biking.

MOOSEHEAD LAKE

Marenisco Township
906-932-1330

Campground 10 miles southeast of Marenisco is managed by Ottawa Na-

tional Forest and offers 13 campsites, picnic area, water, toilets and boat ramp.

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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. Old-growth forests contain large pines, and the area also features many endangered plants and animals native to this region.

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.

For more adventurous campers, the wilderness contains a multitude of campsites woven through the various hiking trails. The designated areas have a fire ring and a wilderness latrine provided at each site.

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



POCKET PARK

Aurora & Suffolk Streets
Ironwood
906-932-5050

Located on the corner of Aurora and Suffolk streets in downtown Ironwood includes flower gardens and park benches.

POMEROY LAKE

Marenisco Township
906-932-1330

Campground 8 miles southeast of Marenisco is managed by Ottawa National Forest and offers 17 campsites, picnic tables, water, toilets and boat ramp.

RAMSAY MEMORIAL PARK

Bessemer Township
906-667-0333

Nestled along the Black River just south of the Keystone Bridge, the park features picnic area, pavilion and playground.

ROBBINS POND

Watersmeet Township
906-358-4724

Campground 10 miles north of Watersmeet is managed by Ottawa National Forest offers three campsites. No services.

SUNDAY LAKE PARK AND CAMPGROUND

Sunday Lake
Wakefield
906-229-5131

Wakefield's Eddy Park has two pavil-

ions, playground, beach and a campground that is open from Memorial Day weekend through the end of September.

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. Visitors enjoy endless canoeing, fishing, hiking and wildlife viewing opportunities.

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 beach, picnic area, ball field 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 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, picnic 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.

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.

The campground offers 105 sites with modern restrooms, electrical services and a sanitation station. There are 22 more rustic sites available without electric service. For camping reservations, visit mdnr-reservations.com.

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sive 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.

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Porcupine Mountains State Park

Many visitors to this region regard the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park as a must-see destination. Several hundred thousand of them travel each year to relish what is considered one of the last, vast wilderness areas in the Midwest. In fact, 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 bridge links the picnic area and the rustic campground to a Lake Superior beach.

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. Another feature of this region is the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness Ski Area, with a chalet, rental shop and cafeteria to accommodate snow sports in winter and the Porkies Music Festival in summer. 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. Members of Michigan's Department of Natural Resources also provide regular guided journeys in all seasons.

For more information, call 906-884-2047, email info@porcupinemountains.com, or visit porcupineup.com.

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 strip of land shore includes 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.

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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 skiing in winter. The five trails are Big Island Trail, Deadhorse Trail, Little Turtle Trail, Wilson Hills Trail and the wheelchair-friendly Hidden Rivers Nature Trail.



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 mercercc.com or turtle-flambeauflowage.com or WDNR websites.

MERCER CAROW PARK

County J
Mercer
715-476-2403

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Falls Road off Wisconsin 169
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County A
Saxon
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U.S. 51 between Mercer and Hurley.
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SHAY'S MILL DAM

Fisher Lake Road
Mercer

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Downtown Ironwood

Ironwood's new Downtown City Square was completed in 2022 on the corner of Lowell and Aurora streets. This site of many formal and informal summer gatherings includes a small stage, a fireplace, a splash pad, benches and picnic tables, and a car-charging station.

Aurora Street also offers two other smaller areas of repose — the Pocket Park, filled with flowers, on the corner of Suffolk Streets, and the Art Park, which features colorful murals, across from the Historic Ironwood Theatre.

The Historic Ironwood Depot Park is between Lowell and Suffolk streets, behind the 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 park hosts the annual Festival Ironwood each July.

Depot Park also offers a pavilion, playground, sand volleyball court and Kuitunen Fountain. The Iron Belle Trail (non-motorized) and ATV trail run through the park, as well.

A few blocks south of downtown is Hiawatha Park, which features a 52-foot fiberglass statue of a North American Native American chief. It is on Burma Road, which is contiguous with Suffolk Street. Along the way on Suffolk Street from downtown to the park 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 the Upper Peninsula and northern Wisconsin.

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

Also downtown is the Ironwood Carnegie Library at 235 E. Aurora St.

Just a couple blocks away is the Memorial Building, located at the corner of McLeod Avenue and Marquette Street. It is the home to city offices, a small museum of Ironwood history and the American Legion Post 5.

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.





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) offers 18 holes with blue grass fairways right next to the casino in Watersmeet. The back nine is as challenging as any course in the area.

Tahoe Lynx near Mercer (715-476-0050), offers nine holes in a wooded setting.

Skye Golf Club (715-561-2227) includes nine holes built into the ski runs and trails of Whitecap Mountain with views of Iron County, Lake Superior and Weber Lake. As of deadline for this publication it was closed for the season.

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

Gile Flowage

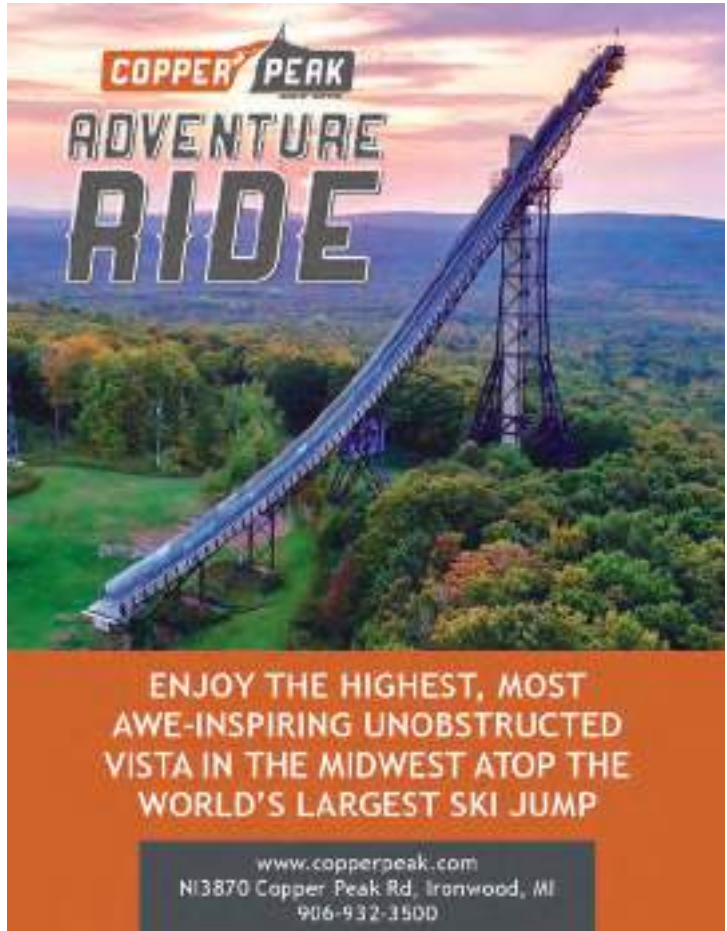
The Gile Flowage in Wisconsin is known for both its beauty and its fishing.

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 officially 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.

Winter fishing has become as popular on the flowage as summer angling, and tents spring up on the ice during cold winter months.



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Iron Belle Trail

The Iron Belle Trail system is an ongoing and exciting new 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 Northwoods landscape along rivers and other natural landmarks.

Locally, the Western Gateway Trail Authority has been instrumental in building a paved trail from Ironwood to Ramsay, mostly along a former railroad grade. The paved trail crosses many bridges and reaches into Hurley on the western end. Organizers hope to extend the trail farther east into

Wakefield.

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.

U.S. 2 comprises much of the biking route across the U.P.

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

The expansion — with help from Michigan's Department of Natural Resources — is expected to continue for years.

Locally, there also is a potential for connection with the Northern Highlands Regional Non-motorized Trail, which begins in Mercer, Wisconsin, and other regional trail systems.



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.

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 North-western 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 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 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 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 is in 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. For more information, visit the Erwin Township Historical Society's Facebook page.

Ontonagon County

The Ontonagon County Historical Society Museum houses mining, logging, 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. EDT. 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. EDT. Visit ontonagonmuseum.org or call 906-884-6165.

Old Victoria 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 annual Craft Fair is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT. The location is at 25401 Victoria Dam Road in Rockland. See the related Facebook page or call 906-886-2617.

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 ontonagonmuseum.org.

Iron County

The Iron County Historical Society Museum has three floors and multiple themed rooms, including an active weaving room, as well as local artifacts on iron mining, railroads, the lumber industry and area veterans. 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 in Kimball, just west of U.S. 51, and is open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from May to December. See 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.

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RAINBOW FALLS

The many rivers in the area form an abundance of waterfalls. Use extreme caution on riverbanks and respect the power of the water. Officials from area chambers of commerce, the Ottawa National Forest and Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park can provide maps and more information.

Waterfalls

Black River National Forest Scenic Byway

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

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

GREAT CONGLOMERATE FALLS

46.6325 - 90.055

This 20-foot waterfall is the first coming from town towards Black River Harbor. The 3/4 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

The 24-foot fall is downstream from Potawatomi Falls and are reached from the same parking area. They are named for the deep, narrow gorge above and below the falls.



GORGE FALLS

SANDSTONE FALLS

46.65 - 90.047

The smallest of the five 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 there is a sign before the beach. The mile-long trail is mostly flat after initially climbing the riverbank. Be careful, there is no guardrail.

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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

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 is a pedes-

trian bridge downriver from here that offers a view of the potholes the river has carved.

MANIDO FALLS

46.705 - 89.97056
This 10-foot waterfall is just upstream from Manabezho 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 can also be accessed from the wilder, more primitive east side of the river, as can all three.

Border area

INTERSTATE FALLS

46.472506 - 90.199832
Taking 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 road straight east — do not take any side roads. Continue for .3 miles and park at 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

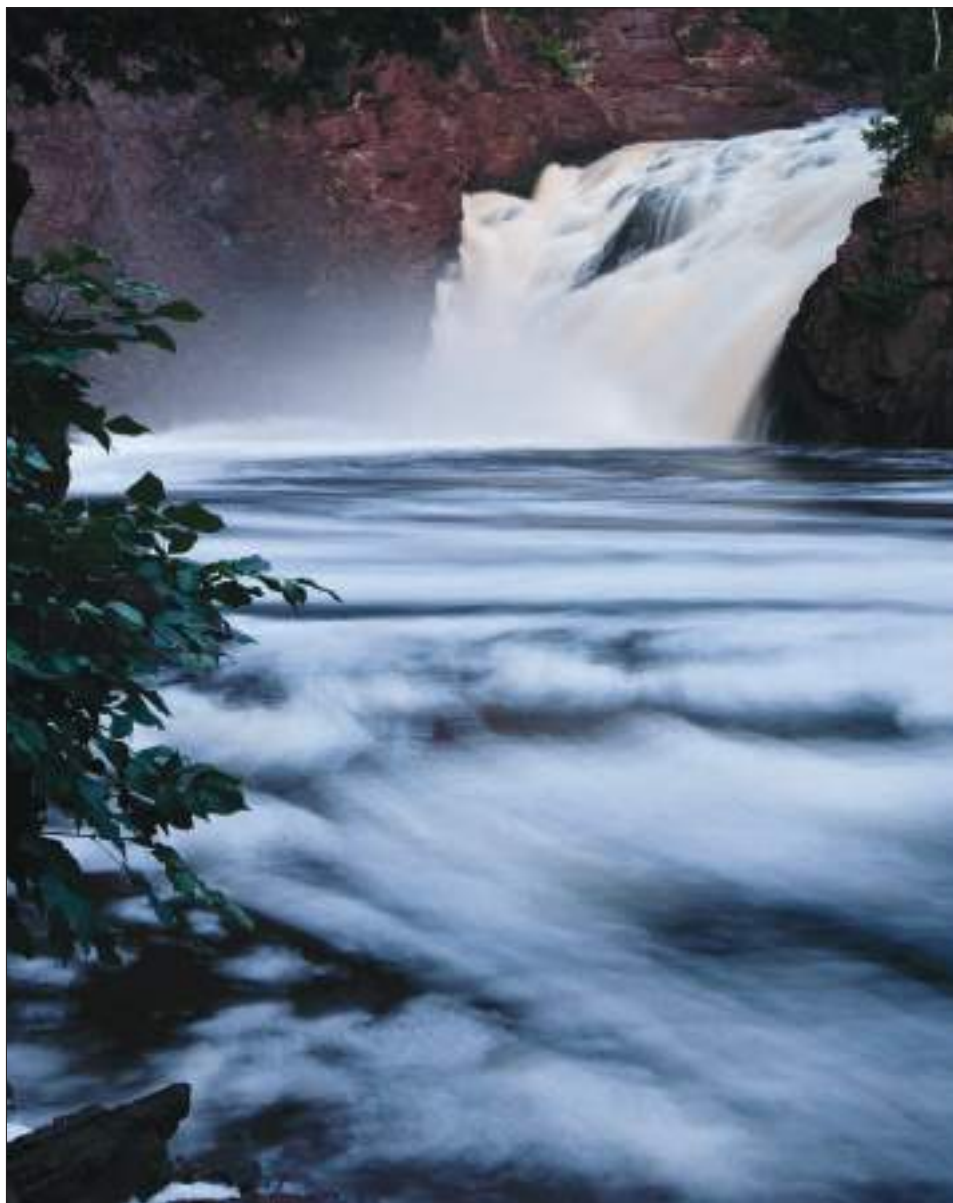
46.5327 - 90.3827
Drive west on U.S. 2 from Ironwood for about 10.5 miles, entering Wisconsin. Make a right turn onto County B and follow 2.4 miles, then continue on Saxon Falls Road for another 1/2 mile.

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
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 1/2 mile, 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.



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Iron County Waterfalls

KIMBALL FALLS

46.485907 - 90.263706

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. The park offers picnic and play areas, as well as a nature trail.

POTATO RIVER FALLS

46.461142 - 90.53032

Take U.S. 2 to Wisconsin 169 and turn south. Continue for 2.8 miles through Gurney, 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.



FOSTER FALLS

46.4225 - 90.4587

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

SPRING CAMP FALLS

46.347726 - 90.23942

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 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.

WREN FALLS

46.39781 - 90.50755

Located along the Tyler Forks River, Wren Falls are 30 feet high. Take U.S. 2 15 miles west of Hurley and turn left on Wisconsin 169. Travel about 5.7 miles and turn left on Vogues Road. Stay on there 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.

UPSON FALLS

46.371214 - 90.412041

From Upson, travel west on Wisconsin 77, then take a right on Park Road. The signs will guide you to the Upson Town Park where you can view the 18-foot high falls.

LAKE OF THE FALLS

46.150491 - 90.151973

Travel northwest from Mercer on U.S. 51 for 1.4 miles, turn west on County FF and proceed to the picnic area about five miles. It's on the left.

It is 10 feet high and on the Turtle River.

ROUSE FALLS

46.370681 - 90.479515

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

SHAY'S DAM FALLS

46.236429 - 89.994581

Travel east from Mercer on County J, turn north on Beaver Lodge Circle, go 3.6 miles to Fisher Lake Road, turn east and go 1.2 miles. Watch for the sign.

These are 15 feet high.

GILE FALLS

46.43074 - 90.22715

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

LITTLE BALSAM FALLS

46.361397 - 90.495962

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.

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Other area waterfalls

Ontonagon County

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46.651498 - 89.15161

Take U.S. 45 north of Bruce Crossing for 8 miles. Parking lot is on the right. It is a 1.3-mile hike on an improved trail.

Located on the Baltimore River, these 25-foot high falls are worth the long hike. One of the only few plunge falls in Michigan, daredevils can actually go behind the falls in the summer but must be careful.

AGATE FALLS

46.48083-89.09083

Take M-28 east of Bruce Crossing for 6.5 miles. There's a park on the south side of the highway.

These 30-foot high falls are part of the middle branch of the Ontonagon River and considered among the most beautiful in Michigan. There is an observation deck, but the view is better from below the falls, which requires a difficult walk down a fisherman's trail.

BOND FALLS

46.40889 - 89.13278

Take U.S. 45 south of Bruce Crossing and head east on Bond Falls Road.

The 50-foot falls are fed by the middle branch of the Ontonagon River and Bond Flowage. Bond Falls are more than 100 feet wide. These are very easy to access.



Gogebic County

GABBRO (BAKERS) FALLS

46.50222 - 89.9921

Head north on Blackjack Road from U.S. 2 for about 1.6 miles, then take a left after a wooden covered bridge. Stay left for about 1/2 mile and find the falls to the east.

The 40-foot high falls are located on the Black River near Ramsay.

ROOT BEER FALLS

46.490568 - 89.927622

Take M-28 out of Wakefield and turn left onto Wertanen 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

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

YONDOTA FALLS

46.4302 - 89.68408

From Bessemer, travel east on U.S. 2 approximately 19 miles to County Road 523, turn left onto 523 and travel approximately 3 ¼ miles to Yondota Falls. The trailhead is on the north side of the Presque Isle River Bridge.

It is a series of falls.

KAKABIKA FALLS

46.20267 - 89.27119

Heading east on U.S. 2 from

ROOT BEER FALLS

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.

It's an easy trail that leads to a series of S turns as the river drops.

POWDERHORN FALLS

46.30364 - 90.04913

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 further requires caution. These are part of Powder Mill Creek as it makes its way to the Black River.

Copper Peak

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

The jump was used for international ski competitions from 1970 until it was closed in 1994. 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 Memorial Day weekend and closes in mid-October.

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.

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Non-motorized trails

There are plenty of both motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities in the Northwoods of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula, including a number of hiking and biking trails in the area. Maps and more information on the Wisconsin trails can be found at ironcountyoutdoors.org/iron-county-trails. More information on the Michigan trails can be found at travelironwood.com, fs.usda.gov/ottawa, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' website for the Porcupine Mountains, porcupineup.com, and 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 from 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 towards 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: 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: 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: This 0.6 mile-trail runs through the Hurley School Forest north of where Knight Road cuts across the Gile Flowage.

INTERSTATE FALLS: 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 SNA: 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. Located 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.

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 are accessible — mostly through the Little Turtle Flowage trailhead off Joe's Shack Road — the club plans to complete a boardwalk project in partnership with the Iron County Forestry Department to open virtually all the trails, 12 of the 13 miles, to year-round use. The project would also make 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: Located east of town off Martha Lake Road, this .8-mile trail runs through the 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. Although there is a connector trail from Pence to the Uller Trail near Upton, the easements for that section are limited to winter use only.

POTATO RIVER FALLS: This .34-mile trail, including the 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 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: 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 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 the 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 encouraged to both use at their own risk and respect the trail by minimizing the impact of their use. 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: 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: 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: Located in Winchester, Wisconsin, WinMan Trails offers non-winter users over 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. There is also more than 16 miles of trails for hikers and runners.

Michigan

BLUFF VALLEY PARK: Users can take the trails at Bluff Valley Park, located on North Moore Street in Besse-



mer, up to the several overlooks providing views of the city and surrounding area.

COPPER PEAK: Known mostly for its ski jump, Copper Peak in Ironwood Township also offers mountain bikers and trail runners a great experience to those of all abilities. 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. Beginning at the base of the ski jump landing hill and descending down to the beautiful Black River to enjoy the river scenery, users then take winding trails up a 600-vertical foot ascent to the top of the ski jump to a beautiful 360-degree view and the massive ski jump structure. After resting up, 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 Wel-

come 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.

MINERS MEMORIAL HERITAGE

PARK: 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 activities including 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: 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: 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: 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, so users are asked to be careful and share the trail.

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PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK: 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 over 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: A multiple-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 more difficult for some users, connection loops bring users around these areas. The system also includes the Bald Mountain interpretive trail that brings users, by way of an old two track, to the top of Bald Mountain.

SPLIT ROCK: 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. The trails can be accessed by following Putnam Street on to Castile Road.

SUNDAY LAKE LOOP: 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: 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. On either side of the trail many types of flowers can be seen. At about .3 miles, a lookout is reached, with 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 the 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 through parts of both Gogebic and Ontonagon counties in Michigan and Iron County in Wisconsin.

IRON BELLE: The local section of the statewide non-motorized trail running between Ironwood and Belle Isle in Detroit continues to be developed with the completion of a section between Bessemer and Ramsay. The trail also extends across the Montreal River to Hurley

Calendar of Events

May 3

Downtown Ironwood First Friday, features Miners Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and group trail ride, "Biketown" movie at the Historic Ironwood Theatre, Live music and cookout in the Pocket Park from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., and many businesses open late.

May 4

Star Wars: A New Hope, Historic Ironwood Theatre, ironwoodtheatre.net.

May 10

Ironwood Carnegie Library spring book sale early bird shopping, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Ironwood Memorial Building.

Eric Hopper at Ontonagon Theater of Performing Arts, 7 p.m., ontonagontheater.org

May 11

Ironwood Carnegie Library spring book sale, 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Ironwood Memorial Building.

Accent! Spring Concert, Historic Ironwood Theatre, 7 p.m.

May 15

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

Superior Riders, bike rides, 6:30 p.m., starts at Cold Iron Brewing in Ironwood.

May 17

Lake Trout Classic in Ontonagon, ontonagoni.org

May 17-19

Ontonagon Lake Trout Classic Tournament, Greig's Taxidermy, greigstackleshop.com 906-884-2770.

May 18

Ashland, Wisconsin, House to House Garage Sale. visitashland.com

The Gambler Returns: The Ultimate Kenny Rogers Tribute, Historic Ironwood Theatre, 7 p.m.



White Deer Warm-UP, 5k and 10k fun run, races start at 10 a.m., "Hops and Shops" event follows at 2 p.m., visit area businesses in Boulder Junction, Boulderjct.org

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

May 22

Superior Riders, bike rides, 10 a.m., starts at Ironwood Depot Park.

May 23

Find Your North Music Festival, Historic Ironwood Theatre, 5 p.m.

May 23-25

Chequamegon Bay Birding and Nature Festival, Ashland, Wis., birdandnaturefest.com

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

May 23-26

Annual Memorial Day ATV/UTV Rally, Iron County, Wis., poker run, ATV parade, mud pit run; hurleywi.com or 715-561-4334.

May 24-26

Ride the Keeweenaw enduro bike races, copperharbortrails.org

Boulder Junction Town Wide Garage Sales, boulderjct.org

May 25

Houghton's Locavore Festival, local food and art vendors, live music. visitkeeweenaw.com

Opening of bass fishing season, Michigan.

May 25-26

Back 9 Endurance Race, Keeweenaw Mountain Lodge, 14252 US Highway 41

Copper Harbor, MI 49918.

May 29

Superior Riders, bike rides, 6:30 p.m., starts at Pit Stop in Bessemer.

May 31-June 2

Ironwood Citywide Rummage Sale.

June

Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park Interpretive Activities begin, mi.gov/porkies, 906-885-5275.

June 1-2

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

June 5

Superior Riders, bike rides, 10 a.m., starts at Ironwood Depot Park.

June 7

Won't You Be My Neighbor, Historic Ironwood Theatre, 7 p.m.

Downtown Ironwood First Friday Summer Concert Series Pride Weekend featuring live music by "Wildered" at the 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, many businesses open late, more details found on travelironwood.com/events.

June 7-9

Copper Harbor Trails "Big Boy" Clinic, learn to become a better mountain biker, copperharbortrails.org

2024 Pride U.P. festivities, celebration in Ironwood, MI and surrounding areas, felivelife.org

June 8

Lupine Junefest, Carow Park, Mercer, bike tour, live music and food. Packet pickup Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mercer Chamber, and 2 to 4 p.m. at Carow Park. Registration until 8 a.m., group start at 8 a.m. from Carow Park for Road rides, 8:10 a.m. for Mercer Bike Trail ride.

Hurley city wide garage sale, 9 a.m. start. hurleywi.com or 715-561-4334. Registration due by June 5.

Lake Gogebic Fireflies All-Lake Garage Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Contact: 906-842-3638.

June 8-9

Michigan Free Fishing Weekend, no fishing license required.

Michigan Free ORV Weekend, no license required.

Annual MITrale S.P.O.R.T. ride, mitrale.com

June 10 - 11

Ontonagon Golf Club Senior Men's Individual, Ontonagon, UPGA.org

'Where the waters meet'

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 25. Free fishing without a license may be done on June 8-9. 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 8-9 and Aug. 17-18, 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 or the group's Facebook page. MITRALE 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 visit watersmeet.org.

June 11

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

June 12

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

Superior Riders, bike rides, 6:30 p.m., starts at Joanie's Side Kicks in Iron Belt, Wisconsin.

June 12-Sept. 1

"Old Victoria" open, Rockland, Michigan.

June 15

Apostle Islands Inline Marathon, apostleislandsinline.com

Mercer, Wis., Town-wide Rummage Sale.

June 19

Superior Riders, bike rides 10 a.m., starts at Ironwood Depot Park.

June 20

Porcupine Mountain Folk School Summer Solstice Celebration, featuring Finnish dancing program, bonfire, music & refreshments, porkies.org.

June 22

The Color Purple, Historic Ironwood Theatre, 7 p.m.

June 23

Log Cabin Day at Old Victoria, Rockland.

June 26

Superior Riders, bike rides, 6:30 p.m., starts in Ramsay, tentative date.

June 28-30

2024 Mercer Open All-Species Fishing Tournament, features the Can-Yak and Open divisions, merceropen.com for full details.

Matt Ahonen Memorial Softball Tournament, Gabby Fields, Wakefield.

June 29

Tour Da Lake Bicycle tour, Lake Gogebic.

Bessemer Hometown Run (10K and 2-mile), Bessemer, 8:30 am

June 29-July 4

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

June 29-Aug. 2

Emberlight Festival, features films and shows such as an international film festival, performance infusions, a "Behind the Curtains" series, and fine art exhibits. For more information about ticketing and events, visit emberlight.org.

June 30

Presque Isle Days, PresqueIsle.com
Bessemer 3-on-3 basketball tournament, 9 a.m.

July 2

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

July 3

Wakefield Town Picnic and Fireworks, Eddy Park next to Sunday Lake, Wakefield, noon, music, bingo and kid games, food and beverages for sale, "Lightning on the Lake" fireworks at 10 p.m. over Sunday Lake.

Gogebic Range Concert Band, 7 p.m. at Wakefield Town Picnic.

Summer Family Play Day, Discovery Center, Manitowish Waters, enjoy healthy outdoor activities and play for the whole family, discoverycenter.net, 715-543-2085.

Superior Riders, bike rides, 10 a.m., starts at Ironwood Depot Park.

July 4

Ashland 4th of July celebration, parade at 11 a.m. on Main Street, Fire run at 9:30 p.m., fireworks to follow, visitashland.com

Star Spangled Jubilee, Boulder Junction, parade down Main Street beginning at noon, 715-385-2400 or boulderjct.org.



Wakefield 4th of July Parades, 1 p.m., Children's parade starts at main street fire hall and ends at the Old City Hall, general parade starts at the corner of U.S. 2 and Putnam Avenue. Children's games after the parades at Roger Randall Field west of school.

Bessemer Fourth of July — Children's parade at 1:30 p.m., Grand parade, 7 p.m., "Thunder on the Mountain" fireworks at Massie Field, 10 p.m.

Gogebic Range Concert Band, 7 p.m. at Bessemer parade.

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

July 5

Downtown Ironwood First Friday Summer Concert Series featuring live music by "David Paul Martin" 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. Farmers Market, food trucks, many businesses open late, more details found on travelironwood.com/events

July 6

The Patriot, Historic Ironwood Theatre, 7 p.m.

Greenland 4th of July Festival, parade, games, food, fireworks, dance; Greenland.

Bruce Crossing 4th of July celebration, parade, food, games, music, fireworks, Stannard Township Park, Bruce Crossing.

July 10

Superior Riders, bike rides, 6:30 p.m., starts at Cold Iron Brewing in Ironwood.

July 13

Bluffett - Tribute to Jimmy Buffet, Historic Ironwood Theatre, 7 p.m.

July 17

Superior Riders, bike rides, 6:30 p.m., starts at Festival Ironwood.

July 17-20

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 19-20

Mercer Backyard BBQ Cook-Off, Carow Park, Mercer, Wisconsin, amateur barbecue competition featuring ribs, pork butt and brisket. Mercercc.com.

July 19-20

Ashland Bay Days Festival, Ashland, ashlandbaydays.com

July 20

Bay Days races, 1 mile, 5k, and 10k fun run, Ashland, ashlandbaydays.com

Gogebic Range Concert Band, at Festival Ironwood.

July 26-27

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

July 26-28

Copper Harbor Trails Women's Weekend Clinic, Women's mountain biking clinic, learn how to improve your mountain biking skills. copperharbortrails.org

Northwoods Art Tour, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day, northwoodsarttour.com.

Gus Macker 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, Wakefield.

July 27

Penokee Mountain Bike Classic Road Race, bicycling through the Penokee Range, Mellen, 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, 12 p.m.

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

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

July 27-28

Ontonagon County Fair; Exhibits, Stock car races, Horse show, Kids games, Antique tractor show, concessions, arts and animal exhibitions.

July 27-Aug 11

Iron County Heritage Days, Iron County, featuring festivals, events and more. Parade on July 27, at 2 p.m.

July 31

Superior Riders, bike rides, 10 a.m., Ironwood Depot Park.

Aug. 1-4

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

Aug. 2

Downtown Ironwood First Friday Summer Concert Series featuring live music by "Saltydog" 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.. Farmers Market, food trucks, many businesses open late, more details found on travelironwood.com/events

Aug. 3

Friends of Camp Jorn Annual Poker Run, campjornymca.org

Aug. 3-4

Range Art Studio Tour, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rangeart.com

Aug. 6

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

Aug. 7

Mercer Annual Loon Day, over 250 artists and crafters, flea market, sidewalk sales, live music, entertainment and loon calling contest. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., mercerloonday.com.

Superior Riders, bike rides, 6:30 p.m., starts at Don & GGs in Ironwood.

Aug. 8-11

Gogebic County Fair, Pat O'Donnell Civic Center, Ironwood. gogebiccountyfair.com.

Aug. 9-10

Musky Capital of the World Fishing Tournament, Boulder Junction, fishing from noon to 6 p.m. Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, awards at 6 p.m. Saturday, boulderjct.org

Paavo Nurmi Marathon, features full marathon and half-marathon, as well as relay teams (5 person). Friday expo and packet pick-up with Twilight 5k run/walk at 6 p.m. in Ironwood. Saturday Marathon and relay start at 7 a.m., Paavo half marathon start at 8 a.m. For more information visit thepaavonurmi-marathon.com.



Aug. 9-11

Boulder Junction Musky Jamboree, Boulder Junction. Features fun run, learn to fish workshop, car show, street party and more. Boulderjct.com

Aug. 14

Superior Riders, bike rides, 10 a.m., starts at Ironwood Depot Park.

Aug. 15

Ashland Chamber Field Day golf outing, visitashland.com

Aug. 15-18

Ashland County Fair, Marengo, Wis. Ashlandcofair.com

Aug. 17

Afro Dead, Historic Ironwood Theatre, 7 p.m.

Aug. 17-18

Michigan Free ORV Weekend, no license required.

Aug. 18

30th Annual Pancake Breakfast at Camp Jorn YMCA, campjornymca.org
Old Victoria Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Rockland, Mi.

Aug. 20

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

Aug. 21

Superior Riders, bike rides, 6 p.m., starts at Ironwood Depot Park.

Aug 22-24

Range Art Association 70th annual Art Show, Ironwood. rangeart.org

Aug. 23-24

Porcupine Mountains Music Festival, ski chalet area, Porcupine Mountains State Wilderness Park, Silver City, porkiesfestival.org.

Aug. 28

Superior Riders, bike rides, 10 a.m., starts at Ironwood Depot Park.

Aug. 30-Sept 1

Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Copper Harbor Trails Fest, races, drinks, music, food and fun. Features mountain bike races of various kinds, copperharbortrails.org

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

Aug 31

Festivale Italiano, games, food, dance, downtown Hurley.

Sept. 1

Ontonagon Labor Day Parade, Ontonagon.

Sept. 4

Superior Riders, bike rides, 6 p.m., starts at Rigoni's Bar in Ironwood.

Sept. 6

Downtown Ironwood First Friday Summer Concert Series featuring live music by "Afrozep" 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.. Farmers Market, food trucks, many businesses open late, more details found on travelironwood.com/events

Sept. 6-7

Lake Gogebic Area Chamber Fall Walleye Tournament.

Sept. 7

Mural Fest and Car Show in downtown Ashland, visitashland.com

Sept. 11

Superior Riders, bike rides, 10 a.m., starts at Ironwood Depot Park.

Sept. 21

Colorama Arts and Crafts Fair, Boulder Junction Community Center, arts and crafts show and farmers market from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Colorama Dinner by Boulder Junction Lions club held in evening, 715-385-2400 or boulderjct.org

Copper Falls Fall Festival and Art In the Park, Copper Falls State Park, Mellen, travelashlandcounty.com

Sept. 26

MI-TRALE Senior Citizen Color Tour, Watersmeet, mi-trale.org.

Sept. 27-28

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

Sept. 27-29

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

Sept. 28

Gogebic Range Concert Band, at Bessemer Pumpkinfest.

Oct. 5

Andy Beningo, comedian, Historic Ironwood Theatre, 7 p.m

Oct. 10-13

Mercer Pumpkin Run ATV/UTV Rally, four day poker run, parade, atv pull, pumpkin party, cash prizes and raffle, mercerpumpkinrunrally.com

Oct. 19

Copper Falls candlelight hike, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Copper Falls State Park, Mellen, travelashlandcounty.com

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). E5071 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, 10 a.m. 906-932-0674.

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

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

Trinity Lutheran (Missouri). E5104 Margaret. Sunday worship, 9 a.m.

Wesley United Methodist. 500 E. McLeod. Sunday, service, 10 a.m. wesleyumcironwood.org.

Woodland Church (Converge Baptist). N10234 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, 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, 9 a.m.; Bible study, Tuesday, 6 p.m. a.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). E8223 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 10 a.m. EDT; adult Sunday school to follow.

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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., 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, 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.; afternoon service, 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.

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Range Community Bible. Worship, 10 a.m.

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, 5 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. Call Martha at 715-776-3993 or email pierponm@hotmail.com for virtual invitation.

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.;

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