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Browse through the following pages to get all the information you need. Imagine and Discover Manistique!

Sincerely,

Joan Ecclesine

Mayor



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HAYWIRE GRADE

This historic rail trail stretches 32 miles south to north from Intake Park in Manistique to Shingleton in Schoolcraft and Alger counties, traversing the heart of the Upper Peninsula. The trail's rugged, mixed-surface path - a blend of sand, gravel, and coarse limestone - caters to a variety of enthusiasts, from snowmobilers and off-road vehicle riders to fat-tire bikers. Mile markers guide your journey through the secluded, second-growth forest.

Recognized as a Pure Michigan Designated Trail and a heritage trail, the Haywire Grade Trail runs along the old Manistique and Lake Superior Railroad and has been reclassified as a multiuse trail - the first in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and offers year-round adventure for outdoor lovers of all ages.



Photo by Michigan DNR

Trailheads:

- A sign marks the northern trailhead on the east side of M-94 just south of Shingleton. There is no parking, but spaces are available east of the Tanglewood Restaurant and Antique Shop on M-28 in Shingleton less than a quarter mile north of the trail.
- The Manistique Trailhead is located on the banks of the Indian River at Intake Park in Manistique (on Intake Park Road).
- The Jack Pine Trailhead is located at Jack Pine Lodge on M-94 (about halfway between Manistique and Shingleton).

<https://www.michigan.gov/recsearch/trails/haywire-grade-trail>

Garden Peninsula Historical Society

Museum in Garden Keeps Local History Alive



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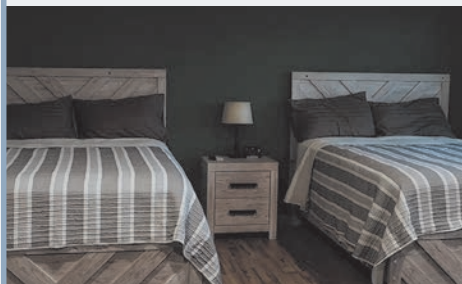
The museum of the Garden Peninsula Historical Society, located in the relocated schoolhouse in the Village of Garden, is open to visitors three days a week in the summertime.

Over the last 50 years, the society — organized on June 30, 1975 — has collected information on pioneer families and artifacts from residents in the area.

The Garden Peninsula, reaching into Lake Michigan and forming the eastern boundary of Big Bay de Noc, lies mostly in Delta County, with some in Schoolcraft. One main road, M-183 — or OO .25 Road, which becomes County Road 483 and Il Road toward the end — runs 24 miles down the peninsula from Foxy's Den at the intersection with U.S. Highway 2 in Garden Corners to Fairport at the southern tip.

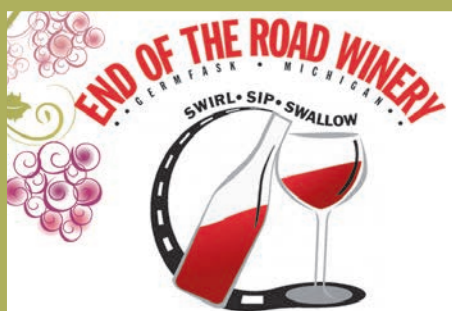
European settlers arrived in the Garden area around 1850, when the peninsula was inhabited by native people the French called the Nocquet tribe. After living first on the islands, fishermen settled Sac Bay and Fairport, and soon after, the Jackson Iron Company built a smelting plant slightly farther up the (contd. page 10)

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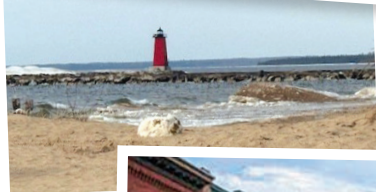
Known as the "Emerald City," Manistique is a scenic harbor town located on the northern shore of Lake Michigan in the Upper Peninsula. As the county seat of Schoolcraft County, it serves as a central hub for the region, offering a blend of historical charm and outdoor recreation. For those looking for a scenic walk, a 1.83-mile long boardwalk runs along the Lake Michigan shoreline from the marina, past the East Breakwater Light, and on, east for about a mile, offering plenty of sights.

The marina is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, and not far from the marina is Manistique's charming downtown area for shopping and dining opportunities.

Nearby Central Park provides 40-acres of recreational space. It is located on N. Maple St., next to Little Bear West Arena. This park, which features a crystal clear pond for swimming and fishing as well as other recreational opportunities, is an excellent place to spend a summer day.

The Schoolcraft County Historical Park, located in Manistique's central district, is another highlight of the community. The park boasts the city's historic water tower and a log cabin that was once home to early residents of the county.

For those who may be looking for a taste of Las Vegas, the Kewadin Casino offers a variety of on-site amenities, entertainment venues, dining options, convention facilities, and exciting Las Vegas-style gaming action, including slots and your favorite table games and is located on US-2, approximately two miles east of Manistique, and is open 24 hours, seven days a week. Free shuttle service is available by calling 906-341-5510.



FAYETTE HISTORIC STATE PARK



Fayette Historic State Park, once one of the Upper Peninsula's most productive iron-smelting operations, is a 711-acre park and living museum on the Garden Peninsula at Snail Shell Harbor in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. It features a remarkably well-preserved 19th-century company town where the Jackson Iron Company manufactured charcoal pig iron between 1867 and 1891.

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Garden Peninsula Historical Society

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western side of the peninsula and named that site Fayette after company agent Fayette Brown.

Made a state park in 1959, Fayette is the site on the peninsula that rakes in the most tourists, but the historical society's museum is a destination, too.

Around 1880, a two-room schoolhouse was built at the southern end of the town of Garden, but "in the early 1900s, it became necessary to build a school east of town on Little Harbor Road," wrote Thomas Edward Jacques in 1976 in his master's thesis on the history of the Garden Peninsula.

That was the Hennessey School, named for the landowner who provided space for the school. It operated until closing in 1930.

In 1952, a new school opened in Garden,



The Garden Peninsula Historical Society Museum, housed in the building that used to serve as the Hennessey School, in the Village of Garden, at State Street and Mill Street. (Photo by R. R. Branstrom | Daily Press)

thanks to a \$150,000 donation from Catherine Bonifas upon her death in 1948.

At some point, the Hennessey schoolhouse was relocated from Little Harbor Road to the site of the school on the north side of town (contd. page 22)

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AuTrain River

The slow moving, meandering AuTrain River offers an excellent four to six hour canoe trip. The trail begins at the Forest Service boat launch in the AuTrain Lake Campground and proceeds north approximately 10 miles to Lake Superior.

Big Island Lake Wilderness

More than 20 inland lakes nestled in rolling woodlands make up the Big Island Lake area, which offers secluded canoeing, fishing, hiking and camping opportunities as well as backcountry Nordic skiing in winter. The scenic area covers 6,606 acres and is primarily roadless with limited access to three of the lakes for motorized vehicles.

Big Cedar Campground

Take a relaxing trip on the Manistique River through the southern portions of the Seney Wildlife Refuge. Located on Hwy. M-77 in Germfask.

Corner-Straits Chain of Lakes

The Corner-Straits Chain of Lakes covers 477 acres in the lovely lake country of the Hiawatha National Forest. There is no better way to enjoy the clearness of the air, the clarity of the skies and the boldness of the forests than to be canoeing, kayaking or fishing on the larger Straits or Corner Lakes or the number of smaller lakes they connect to. The chain consists of Skeels Lake, Corner Lake, Deep Lake, and Straits Lake.

The Manistique area is a year-round destination offering swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, biking, canoeing and kayaking in the milder months. In all of Michigan there is no other area that offers the canoeist and kayaker so many opportunities as Schoolcraft County. Whether you are a novice or an avid canoeist there is a body of water here for you.

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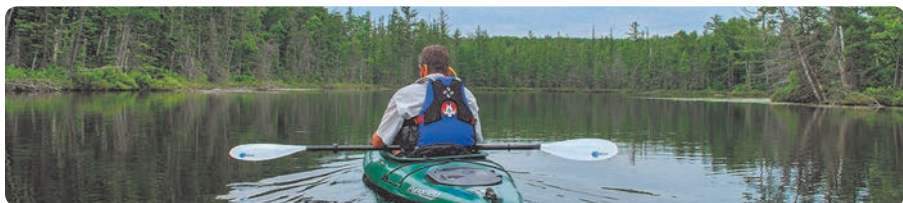
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The Indian River Canoe Trailhead at Fish Lake is approximately 36 miles northwest of Manistique, and about 15 miles south of Munising. The Indian River, from Fish Lake to Indian Lake, a total of almost 36 miles, offers excellent canoeing.

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The Boardwalk

The Manistique Boardwalk and River Walk extends 1.83 miles from the eastern city limits passing under the US-2 Bridge into the downtown district. The Boardwalk offers its users a fishing pier, access to the east breakwater light, picnic grounds, and abundant nature and wildlife to enjoy.



The boardwalk was first constructed in 1991, with several expansions and improvements taking place since.

The Manistique Boardwalk stretches along Lake Michigan's north shoreline. It's an easy, level, two-mile walk for everyone to enjoy the beautiful sunrises, sunsets, or the day. The wood and cement boardwalk features three bridges, several benches, observation and interpretation areas, and a great view of the lighthouse.

Bishop Baraga Historic Site

During his lifetime, Baraga founded many missions in northern Michigan. The original Indian Lake mission, the third of Baraga's faith, reconstructed on its original site on the east shore of Indian Lake near Manistique, MI, was built in anticipation of his first visit to the area in May of 1832.

Baraga arrived here in 1832, paddling from Cross Village with his native escorts and guides. He found the local natives already building a church; he baptized 31 of them that summer. They built a larger church in 1833.

For many years the site included an Indian burial ground with the remains of chief Ossawinamakee, one of his sons, and others. Spirit houses of various sizes and shapes over each grave survived into the 20th Century. A totem stick identified each deceased.

The chief's son Semo maintained the site before removing to Nahma, where he is buried. The chapel, built by local Chippewas,

used traditional Indian construction methods and materials such as logs and bark. The Bishop Baraga Shrine near Indian Lake includes a chapel, Indian dwellings, and buildings open to the public.

Fayette Historic State Park

Fayette was once one of the Upper Peninsula's most productive iron-smelting operations. Located on the Garden Peninsula at Snail Shell Harbor. When the charcoal iron market began to decline, the Jackson Iron Company closed its Fayette smelting operation in 1891.



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Haywire Grade Trail

The trail surface is a mix of sand, gravel and coarse limestone, designed for snowmobiles and ATVs, but suitable for fat-tire biking. Mile markers help you track your progress through this secluded second growth forest. You'll find a small grocery store in the tiny hamlet of Steuben, the last vestige of the many logging camps or towns that vanished after the railroad was abandoned.

Recognized as a Pure Michigan Designated Trail, the heritage trail project includes a series of 11 historical interpretive kiosks that explore the natural and cultural history of the area.

Indian Lake State Park

Indian Lake State Park, located off County Road 422, next to Palms Book



State Park / Kitch-iti-kipi, is one of the area's most popular campgrounds and inland lake recreation areas. Indian Lake is fed by Kitch-iti-kipi and offers excellent fishing and swimming.

Lakeview Memorial Park

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Palms Book is a rewarding side trip for the vacationer touring the Upper Peninsula, for here can be seen one of Michigan's alluring natural attractions - Kitch-iti-kipi, The Big Spring. Two hundred feet across, the 40-foot deep Kitch-iti-kipi is Michigan's largest freshwater

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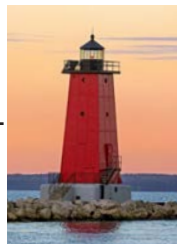
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The observation platform has a barrier-free ramp that reaches to a mid-level, and offers a long scenic vista to sedge meadow and open water habitat. The trail crosses Smith Creek, which flows through a patterned fen to Indian Lake. It overlooks the sedge meadow and open water habitat of Smith's Slough and Indian Lake. This site



has no modern facilities, so come prepared.

The Rainey Wildlife Area is named after and has a memorial site dedicated to a fallen Vietnam veteran.

Seney National Wildlife Refuge

Seney National Wildlife Refuge is managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and has over 146 million acres of lands and waters with 567 refuges in all 50 states and six territories. The Refuge lands are divided. The largest portion, 95,210 acres, is located near the town of Seney, Mich. The 55 acre, Whitefish Point Unit, can be found 10 miles north of Paradise, Mich.

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Seul Choix Pointe Lighthouse

Seul Choix Pointe Lighthouse in nearby Gulliver, was built to light the way for the increasing number of vessels carrying the iron ore that was being



shipped out of Escanaba. It is now a community park for everyone to enjoy. This light is the only active light on the shores of Lake Michigan. It has been in continuous operation since it was completed in 1895. It is 78 feet tall and has 96 stairs to the top of the tower. Pronounced Sis-Shwa which means "only choice".

Thompson State Fish Hatchery

The Thompson Fish Hatchery is located about eight miles west of Manistique on County Road 149, and is one of six hatcheries operated by the Fisheries Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and is open for tours. Most of the hatchery's annual production is cold water species planted in Upper Peninsula waters.

The hatchery was established in 1922. This facility produces Chinook salmon, steelhead and walleye for both inland and Great Lakes waters. This hatchery offers educational signage and self-guided tours, including informational videos explaining hatchery operations. The facility also offers a show pond filled with large trout, and fish viewing in outside buildings open September through May.

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Garden Peninsula Historical Society

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that now sits abandoned. The schools in Garden closed in the late '60s, when the township consolidated with Nahma, Fairbanks and Inwood to form the Big Bay de Noc School District.

On Sept. 20, 1985, ten years after the Garden Peninsula Historical Society was formed, the Hennessey schoolhouse was moved a second time — specifically for the purpose of becoming the society's museum. It was brought to a plot that had previously housed, at various points, a stagecoach stop, post office, store, barbershop and home, according to a plaque outside the museum, which also states that the property was donated to the village and the society by the Delorias. The Garden Peninsula Historical Society was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Michigan Yes 150 Sesquicentennial



Dishes once used by the settlers of the Garden Peninsula are on display in the historical society's museum. (Photo by R. R. Branstrom | Daily Press)

Program in 1986 to help with the conversion, restoration and upkeep of their museum. The museum opened in July 1987.

Today, paintings, portraits, china, and miscellany once belonging to immigrants and their descendants fill walls and cabinets of the museum — the (contd. page 28)

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Elizabeth Douglas, owner and operator of The Blue Mystique Inn, entertains in the bed and breakfast's formal dining room in this snapshot by VIBE Photography.

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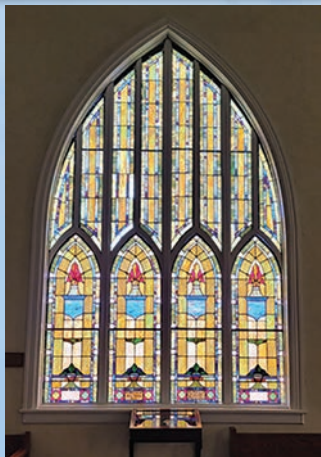
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two-room former schoolhouse. There's an exhibit dedicated to area veterans, a display of wedding dresses worn by local women of the past, and a radio that had been purchased through fundraising by Fairport teenagers who wanted dances at their township hall to have music.

Situated in the village almost halfway down the lush, green and serene peninsula, the historical society and its museum paint a scene of a charming community. There's information about local families, items that indicate they lived ordinary, peaceful lives.

A bitter time is immortalized in newsprint behind frames: a multi-page, color-printed article from the Grand Rapids Press with the headline "Big Bay Goodbye" discusses the moment when commercial fishermen of Big Bay de Noc sold their boats and equipment after a state decree settled a



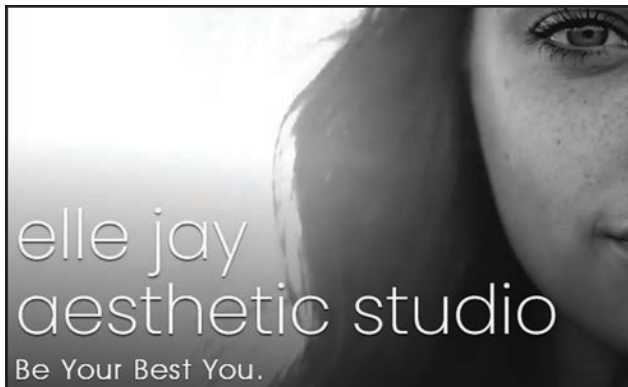
Dishes once used by the settlers of the Garden Peninsula are on display in the historical society's museum. (Photo by R. R. Branstrom | Daily Press)

debate.

Though the founders of the historical society are no longer around, current active member Brenda Tibbetts said:

"Without their help, this wouldn't have happened at all. They were all so grateful for the pioneer families that came in. They thought that there had

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With five guest rooms each sleeping two to four people, the Lake Effect Inn offers a homey getaway in Curtis. (Courtesy photo)

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Lake Effect Inn is a prime vacation stay for people looking for a cozy home base while visiting the Upper Peninsula.

The first part of the house that now serves as the bed and breakfast was built in 1960. The second story was added in 2002, according to real estate information on Zillow.

Today, the destination, which has a view of South Manistique Lake, has five rentable rooms. In the heart of downtown Curtis, Lake Effect Inn strives to provide its guests with a taste of small-town U.P. life in comfort.

Stielstra, who purchased the bed and breakfast from Mary Gowan and has operated it since July 2025, said that there wasn't much she needed to do to bring the home to the state it's currently in.

During winters in the Upper Peninsula, "lake effect snow affects daily life ... more than any other weather" (contd. page 42)

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to be some kind of recognition for all their hard work in the area.”

At present, the museum — located at the intersection of State Street and Mill Street, just across the street from the Post Office in Garden — is open Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

Just a couple years ago, the museum was open more, but finding volunteers with the time to keep it open proves tricky.

They haven’t let it go to seed, though — the twice-relocated building is still in good shape. It received new windows not long ago and a fresh coat of paint on its interior walls this year.

The society meets once per month, usually on the first Monday, from June through September. They host an honoree dinner in September; the public may submit to



Portraits of former local residents who served in the U.S. military, some with brief biographies, occupy a display on the western wall of the Garden Peninsula Historical Society Museum. (Photo by R. R. Branstrom | Daily Press)

be honored names of current or former residents of the Garden Peninsula who have lived for 80 years or more.

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Fox River Pathway

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Big Bass Lake

293 acres. Large mouth bass, northern pike, bluegill, yellow perch

*Big Island Lake**

130 acres. Large mouth bass, northern pike, muskellunge, bluegill.

Blue Joe Lake

30 acres. Small mouth bass, bluegill.

Boot Lake

121 acres. Walley, northern pike, large mouth bass, bluegill

*Byers Lake**

149 acres. Northern pike, large mouth bass, bluegill, brown bullhead.

Big Murphy Lake

53 acres. Northern pike, large mouth bass, pumpkinseed sunfish, brown bullhead.

Clear Lake

109 acres. Large mouth bass, small mouth bass, yellow perch.

*Coattail Lake**

53 acres. Northern pike, large mouth bass, pumpkinseed sunfish, brown bullhead.

Colwell Lake

153 acres. Large mouth bass, northern pike, black crappie, bluegill.

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Swan Lake

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Three Island Lake

121 acres. Walley, northern pike, large mouth bass, bluegill

AREA FISHING

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Tom's Lake

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Townloine Lake

53 acres. Northern pike, large mouth bass, pumpkinseed sunfish, brown bullhead.

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The Blue Mystique Inn

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Elizabeth Douglas, as Owner/Operator/Concierge, personally oversees every detail of the Inn:

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The Inn is open year-round, so Winter travelers can also appreciate the historic home's warm cozy retreat, fresh pristine rooms, fireplaces, down comforters, and overall charm.



Elizabeth Douglas, owner and operator of The Blue Mystique Inn, expressed her gratitude for the community's support. "Our first summer tourist season exceeded expectations, and we're thrilled to have returning guests," she said. "The community's enthusiasm has been instrumental in our success." (Photo by Jennifer Lampin Photography LLC)

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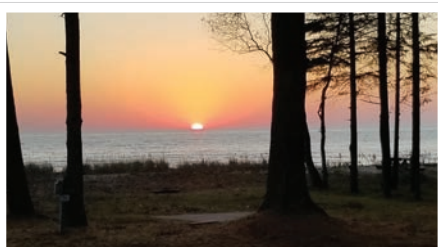
Woodstar Beach Campground, located at 1786 S Little Harbor Road, in Thompson, just south of Manistique, will open to guests May 22 to Oct. 11th. Featuring a quarter-mile worth of Lake Michigan water frontage, campsites are located directly on the beach in a sandy, serene, wooded and clean environment.

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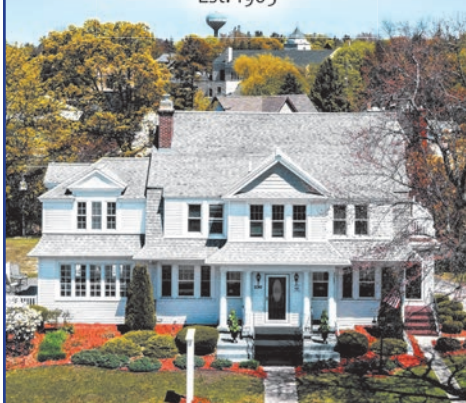
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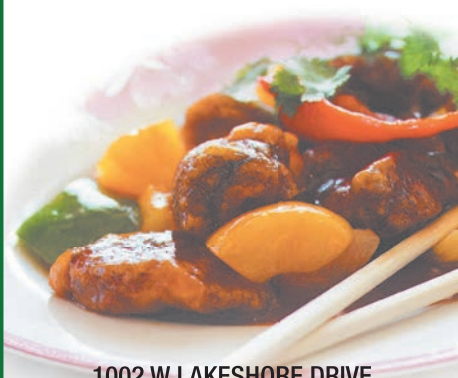
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Two large public rooms downstairs are available to guests of the Lake Effect Inn – a dining area and lounge. (Courtesy image)

phenomena. It drives our economy and often drives us crazy as we shovel, plow, and shovel some more,” states the Lake Effect Inn website. “Thankfully, summer always returns,” and visitors experience a whole new set of possibilities with each season.

The small town of Curtis is very walkable, which people take delight in during the warmer months. The Erickson Center for the Arts hosts events, and music in the park occurs regularly in the summertime. In the winter, many of guests at the inn book packages that include dog sledding. Stielstra provides snowshoes and ice cleats for guests to borrow, which come in handy for day trips to places like Eben Ice Caves.

In the summer and autumn, Lake Effect Inn provides a central stop for people hitting destinations like Kitch-iti-iki, Seney Wildlife Refuge, Pictured Rocks, Tahquamenon Falls and more. Locally, the lakes around Curtis offer kayaking and paddleboarding.

At the inn itself, five rooms may be rented individually, or (contd. page 45)

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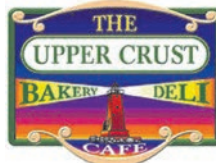
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Located on Portage Creek near where it feeds into South Manistique Lake, Gordon's Resort offers rental cabins to visitors year-round. This April marks 80 years of family ownership.

Current owner Sally Gibbons now operates the Curtis business whose three cabins with multiple bedrooms and amenities make great vacation destinations or stopping points for many.

Before her father, Frank Gordon, bought the place in 1946, it was "Waterbury's Resort," named for the previous owners.

The Curtis vacation spot evolved; Gordon and then the next generation did some remodeling.



An interior of one of the cabins at Gordon's Resort is shown. Tongue-and-groove pine cover the walls, and the decor is chosen with "warm and cozy details that echo the Upper Peninsula." (Courtesy photo)

Gordon was a teacher, Gibbons explained, so at first the resort was only open in the summers. Visitors liked to fish, swim, and waterski while staying at Gordon's Resort.

"(My father) took two (contd. page 48)



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History of Manistique's TAP21 tied to the Local Area's Past

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Since December of 2016, TAP21 in Manistique has been serving exclusively Michigan craft brews from the lines fed through a striking back bar, a Brunswick-Balke-Collender that dates to 1883.

The history of the saloon is tied to that of the town. In the early 1870s, Abijah Weston and A.J. Fox of New York State purchased the Chicago Lumbering Company, whose assets included river rights and a small timber and sawmill at Manistique. At the time, the settlement only had the sawmill, two slips at the mouth of the river, a handful of homes, a boarding house and a store.

Weston and Fox rapidly built up the Chicago Lumbering Company and expanded the town of Manistique, improved and grew the sawmill and erected new homes. Chicago was rebuilding after the great fire, and demand for production of building materials was high. Weston formed a second timber company with mills on the west side of the Manistique River and named it the Weston Lumber Company.

Between the Chicago and Weston companies, both of which had the same officers and stockholders, the two companies owned almost the entire town. They were famously opposed to alcohol and aimed to keep Manistique dry. To that end, *(cont'd. page 53)*



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the entire inn may be booked for a large party.

Mornings at Lake Effect Inn feature a “deluxe continental breakfast” that includes local baked goods and locally-made breakfast pasties, which Stielstra said people love. All the sleeping quarters are on the second floor. The rooms sleep two to four people.

The bedrooms do not have televisions, and each of the five is a little different — though they all have multiple window views and local fine art photography on the walls. Two suites have private bathrooms, while three other private rooms share a bathroom.

The Aurora Room, Waterfall Room,

and Lake Room have images from Shawn Malone of Lake Superior Photo in Marquette. The Winter Room and Rock Room have images from Nova Mackently of Night Flight Images, based in Paradise.

Downstairs, two large common room areas are available for guests to relax in and mingle with others if they choose. A wooden deck outdoors is partially surrounded by trees and faces the lake on the other side.

Steilstra also lives on the property, though the residence and entrance are separate and private.

To learn more about Lake Effect Inn, readers may call 906-748-0513 or visit lakeeffectinn.com.



At Lake Effect Inn in Curtis, the “Lake Room” (shown) The Lake Room includes a queen bed and a twin trundle bed. A private bathroom with walk-in shower is attached. (Courtesy photo)



Outdoor seating at Lake Effect Inn. (Courtesy photo)



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Gordon's Resort

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of the cabins and made them into a motel with a couple sleeping units in between ... and he put in plumbing," Gibbons said with a chuckle. Gordon transformed the old-fashioned cabins from rustic into homey — They used to advertise that you could "keep house" at a resort cabin, since there were indoor bathrooms and amenities. Such luxury wasn't common when camping in the '50s, especially in the U.P.

Gordon also started a fish hatchery in the 1960s to boost the population in the local inland lakes. Gibbons believes the DNR later took it over.

In addition, Gordon installed a dam on Portage Creek to help raise the water level in South Manistique Lakes so that boats could get in and out more easily. Today, fishing remains a popular sport for guests of Gordon's Resort, with people targeting walleye, pike and panfish. As the place is open year-round, ice fishing is very popular, and a lot of snowmobilers come through in the winter, too.

No matter the time of year, Curtis is a "cute destination right in the middle of nowhere," as Gibbons put it. On and around the tiny town's main street are stores, gift shops, post office, bank, library, bait shops and restaurants.

Curtis itself becomes a destination during certain events, like the Fourth of July, weekly music in the park, and the winter carnival that happens each February.

The resort property once owned by Frank Gordon was divided up amongst his children. The portion Sally Gibbons maintains is a consistently-operating business that offers three rental cabins — two of which her husband built.

The older cabin has three bedrooms, while the two newer ones — erected about 25 to 30 years ago — have two bedrooms. All have full kitchens; outdoors, each features a deck.



Cabins 1 and 2 at Gordon's Resort in Curtis are two-bedroom, fully-furnished vacation homes with full kitchens and centrally located in the mid-eastern Upper Peninsula. (Courtesy photo)

Each rental cabin contains the following amenities: "a full-size fridge, stove/oven, microwave, tub-shower, satellite TV, gas grill, coffee maker, and mostly queen-sized beds. Each cabin comes with a large living area, deck along with beautiful views of South Manistique Lake and Portage Creek," reads a listing for Gordon's Resort on Pure Michigan.

During the summers, guests tend to rent for a week at a time, while winter visitors more often come for a long weekend, Gibbons shared.

In the near future, Gibbons intends to make minor improvements as needed at Gordon's Resort and keep providing a cozy destination for getaways in the central U.P.



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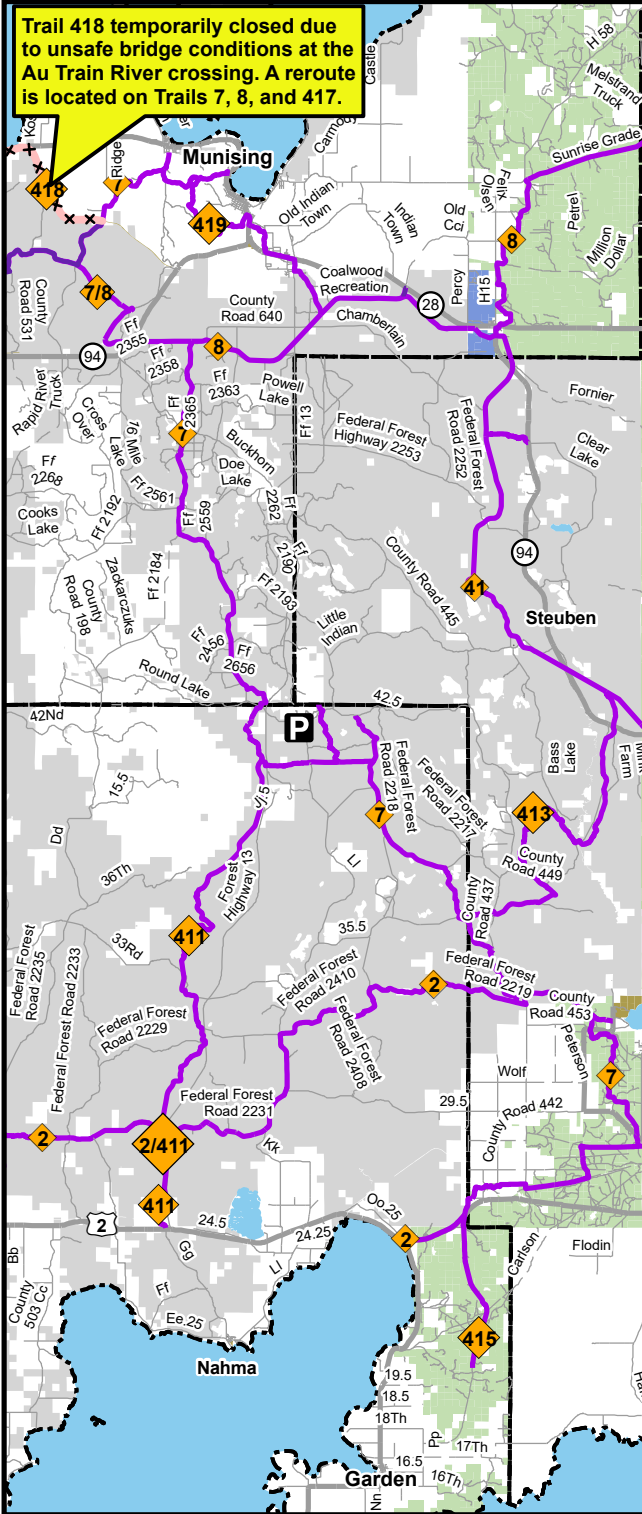
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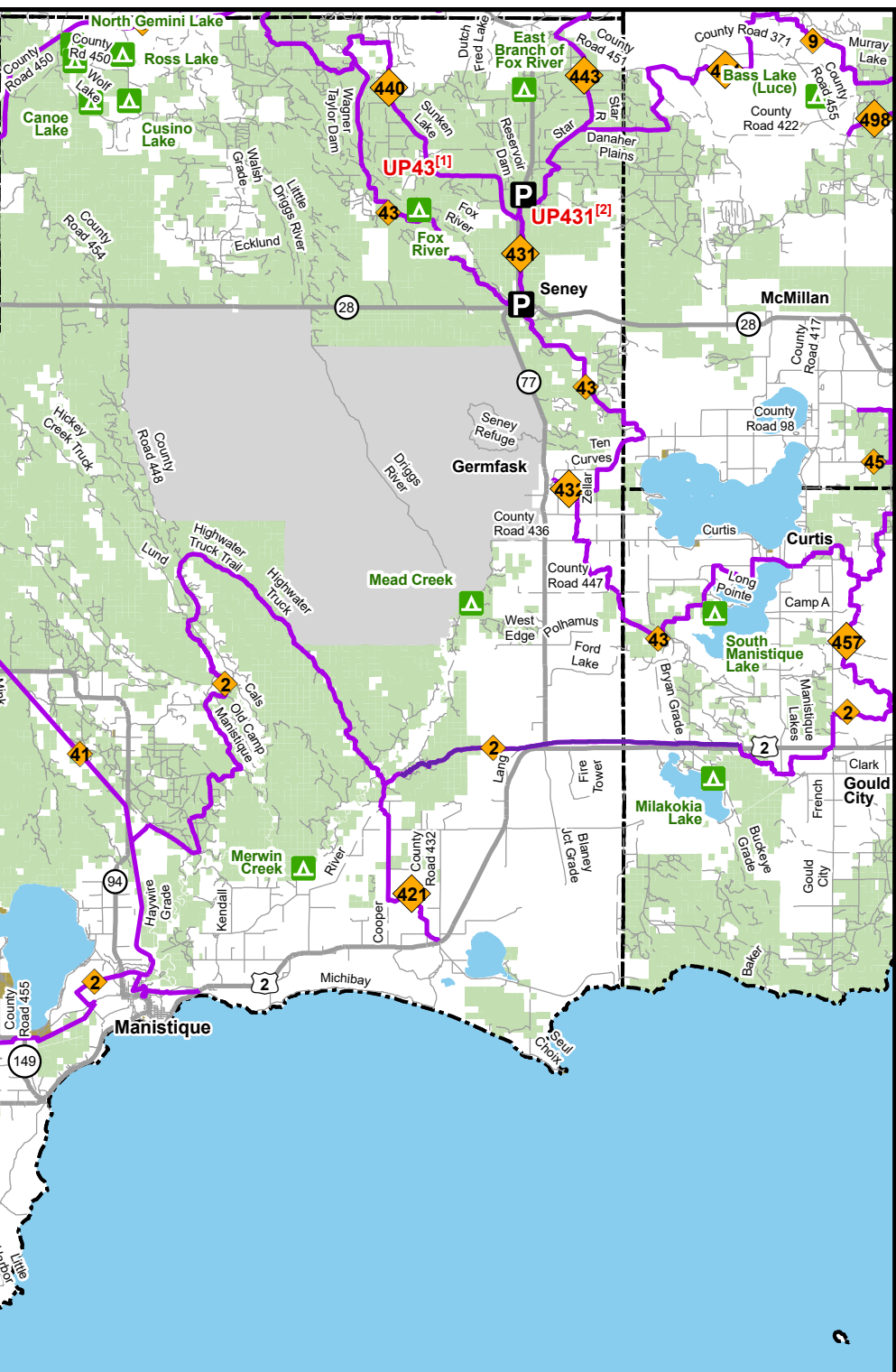
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TAP21

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properties leased or sold by the lumber companies came with a clause that “the premises could not manufacture, store or sell intoxicating liquors,” according to a Schoolcraft County Historical Society article by Vonciel LeDuc.

A man named Dan Heffron bought the only property not owned by the lumber companies and built multiple structures, LeDuc wrote. One was a saloon.

Seeing the tavern’s success, other entrepreneurs followed suit. One was Nels Johnson, a Swedish immigrant who began working as a lumberjack for the Chicago Lumbering Company in the early 1880s.

The original 24-by-14-foot mahogany back bar and stamped tin ceiling that made up the ornate interior of the saloon that opened over 130 years ago are also still on display today in what is now TAP21.

Owner Tiffany Gault said that it’s common for people to stop in their tracks in the entryway in awe when they see the bar.

It operated as the Ekberg Tavern until 1960. From that point, it became the Harbor Bar, and did business with that name under a handful of proprietors, including Robert and Aspasia Walters, who ran it between 1962 and 1981, and Robert “Joe” and Mary Kay Wood.

At some point in time, the saloon was connected to the adjoining premises to the north, a restaurant, and operated as a combination bar and grill.

The place ended up closing down in the mid-aughts. Gault said that it had been shut for about eight years when the sale price dropped to something that appealed to her.

It was November of 2015 that the idea to put in an offer on the historic bar struck Gault, who was working as a staff accountant at M Bank at the time. Her business plan was completed by January; in July, approval came in for the liquor license transfer; and in August of 2016, the sale of the property was finalized.

“It didn’t have the tap lines before,” she said. “We installed a glycol chiller, and we’ve got trunk lines making sure that the beer is pushed up at 32 degrees so we yield the most out of every keg.”

To offer food service, they installed a kitchen in the northwest portion of the building; to accommodate it, the restrooms were relocated.

In cozy alcoves with wooden tables and benches, yellowed wallpaper was removed, and the walls painted. The saloon got new flooring, and the bartop – one

single piece of wood – was refinished with a clear epoxy.

Though Gault’s refurbished establishment didn’t start serving food until June 2017, it opened as TAP21 in December of 2016 – to immediate success.

After TAP21 began serving food, business took off even more. Now, booming patronage means that the place employs close to 40 people in the summer, the peak season.

As far as food, the menu offers appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches, pizza, tacos, seafood, pasta, steak, and a kid’s menu.

Gault said that TAP21’s prime rib tacos are a favorite of many, and that Friday fish fries and Saturday prime rib nights are very popular, too.

A proclaimed ketchup (contd. page 63)



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May 1-3	Ladies Weekend @Downtown Manistique
May 23	RRN Giant Garage Sale 9am-3pm @Schoolcraft County Fairgrounds
May 28	Evening of Piano featuring Doc Woodward 7pm @The Pine Performance Center
June 6	Niiwin Noodin Powwow Grand Entry 1pm @Manistique Powwow Grounds
June 12	Charity Golf Tournament 10am Check-In @Indian Lake Golf Course
June 12-13	Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre 7pm @Erickson Center For The Arts
June 18- Aug 28	Summer Concert Series (Wednesdays) 6pm @Manistique Central Park Band Shell
June 20	Woof, Wag & Wine 12 - 4:30pm @215 Oak Street, Manistique
June 30	Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic 7pm @The Pine Performance Center
July 3	4th of July Kiddie Parade - 6pm Starting Lineup 5:30pm @Downtown Manistique
July 4	Independence Day Parade - 12:30pm Starting Lineup 11:30am @Downtown Manistique
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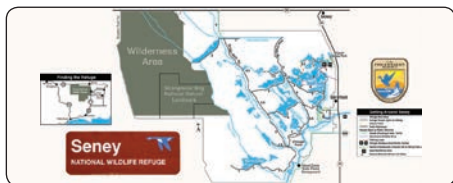
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- Biking: Unless otherwise stated, all of the refuge roads are open to bicycling. Bicycles are not allowed on hiking trails or off-road. The Northern Hardwoods access area is a good starting location. Cyclists should make sure to have a map.

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TAP21

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lover, Gault said that TAP21's bacon onion jam is so good she doesn't use ketchup on the TAP burger, a specialty that also comes with housemade beer cheese.

TAP21 hosts themed parties, karaoke, and DJ nights, usually in the summer. Occasionally, the establishment is rented out for private parties. Right now, the bar is decorated for St. Patrick's Day, and a karaoke night is planned for Saturday the 15th.

Even this time of year, when minimal traffic is seen in a lot of the U.P., business at TAP21 is decent.

"I'm just really happy and really proud that we are doing well," said Gault, "because it's the dead of winter, and this is when we're supposed to be slow."

One thing customers can look forward to is the opening of a second floor at

TAP21. The second story used to house four apartments, but it's been undergoing a remodel and is well on its way to becoming another bar. Having found an old sign with beer prices from 1981, Gault said she's considering calling the upper level the "Harbor Bar" unofficially.

The idea at present is to let the top floor be a more casual and recreational space with limited food options – perhaps just pizza and sandwiches, rather than the full menu offered downstairs – and to install a golf simulator.

The capacity of the ground floor is 77; upstairs it will be 71.

TAP21 opens at 11 a.m. daily. In the winter, the place stops serving food at 9 p.m.; in the summer, food stops at 10 p.m. Bar closing time depends on business.



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