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Welcome to Oscoda County

A FOUR SEASON PLAYGROUND

Looking for a place where you can find some good old-fashioned fun any time of the year? Try Oscoda County. Located just north of Michigan's Heartland and on the west side of the Sunrise Side, this "four-season playground" has something to offer everyone all year long.

Snowmobilers will find hundreds of miles of groomed trails crisscrossing the area. Oscoda County's trail system is one of the best in Northern Michigan and connects with the trail systems of counties to the east and west as well as the north and south. Many visitors spend several days on the trails, spending each night in a different community. The trails are groomed each week by a volunteer grooming organization and maps of the county's trails are readily available from local businesses.

Winter fun is not limited to snowmobiles. Cross-country skiers will find miles and miles of trails available for their sport. A good example is the Loud Creek Nordic Ski Area. Located just two miles from Mio, the ski area has several trails available ranging from easy to very difficult. A total of 12 kilometers of trails wind through the Huron National Forest, along Loud Creek, across fields and up and down hills.

The downhill skier and snow boarder will find literally dozens of challenging slopes all across northern Michigan all within a short drive from Oscoda County. Trying to be more in touch with nature?

About the time spring fever starts infecting the majority of the population, the Au Sable River Valley is putting on a new face. The buds are graduating to leaves. The famous Au Sable River is flowing full and fast carrying away the last of the winter snow. The sun warms the earth and the forest comes alive once more. Deer can be easily seen along the roadways where they devour the first of spring's new grass. Turkey hunters, trout fishermen and mushroom pickers all eagerly await their seasons. Each spring, the abundance of state and national lands make Oscoda County a popular spot with turkey hunters. Wild turkeys can be seen at any time of the day and along every road in the area. In fact, Fairview lays claim to the title, "Wild Turkey Capital of Michigan." In the early sixties, two hundred and forty wild turkeys were released here due to a combined effort between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and private citizens. The birds were raised from eggs laid by hens purchased from the State of Pennsylvania. Eventually, the large population of birds became a nuisance to area farmers. They were trapped and moved to other parts of the state.

As the snow melts and the sun starts warming up patches of the forest floor, the morel mushroom makes its appearance. This usually happens toward the end of April. The tasty little fungi turns normally sane people paranoid. They sneak around the woods looking over their shoulder to make sure they are not followed as they head for their secret picking spots.

Long before the Au Sable River became popular for canoeing, it was a mecca for the trout fisherman. A 23-mile stretch of river between Mio and the Forest Service Road 4001 in Alcona County has been designated as a National & Wild Scenic river. The portion of river between Mio and McKinley is quality fishing water. This means only flies or artificial lures may be used.

The area along the Au Sable is home to the Kirtland's Warbler, one of the rarest songbirds in the world. Oscoda, Roscommon, Crawford and Ogemaw counties represent the vast majority of the Kirtland's Warbler nesting area. This community is working with the government to protect an extremely endangered species. The U.S. Forest Service conducts tours thru the Warbler nesting area for visitors. Summer is a great time to drive the Jack Pine Viewing Tour. This auto tour will total nearly 100 miles. The East Loop of the tour was dedicated during the first Kirtland's Warbler Festival in 1994. Tour participants will drive through a variety of habitats offering a diversity of wildlife viewing opportunities, from beaver ponds to bald eagles and loon. The tour winds along the Au Sable River and throughout the Huron National Forest.

Baseball, hotdogs and apple pie certainly describe summer in the Au Sable River Valley. Tubing, canoeing, camping, biking, road and trail riding, golfing and all kinds of warm weather fun abound in the region. Tubing is starting to rival canoeing as the favorite way of enjoying the beautiful Au Sable River. Most area liveries offer both forms of transportation, along with kayaks and family size rafts. The Michigan Riding and Hiking Trail meanders through the area and is a perfect way to enjoy the beauty of the Huron National Forest in a silent setting. Quad runners and motorcycles also enjoy a share of the forest and have a trail system set aside for their exclusive use. The Fourth of July brings parades, fireworks, and barbecues to communities all over the area. Oscoda County has many quality motels and private campgrounds. The area golf courses are not only challenging but offer beautiful views.

September not only brings Labor Day, the traditional end of summer, but starts the hunting season as well. Grouse and squirrel hunters take to the woods after the 15th. The deer bow hunters start making preparations for the October 1 opening of their season.

October is also when the green forest turns into a panorama of color. A great time to drive the back and side roads. Be sure to bring a camera.

About the time the leaves quit falling, the locals are getting ready for the invasion of the blaze orange hunters. As soon as the deer season is over and snow covers the trails, the snowmobiler is back and the cycle starts over again.

To experience real down home hospitality and have a great time no matter what the season, visit Oscoda County!

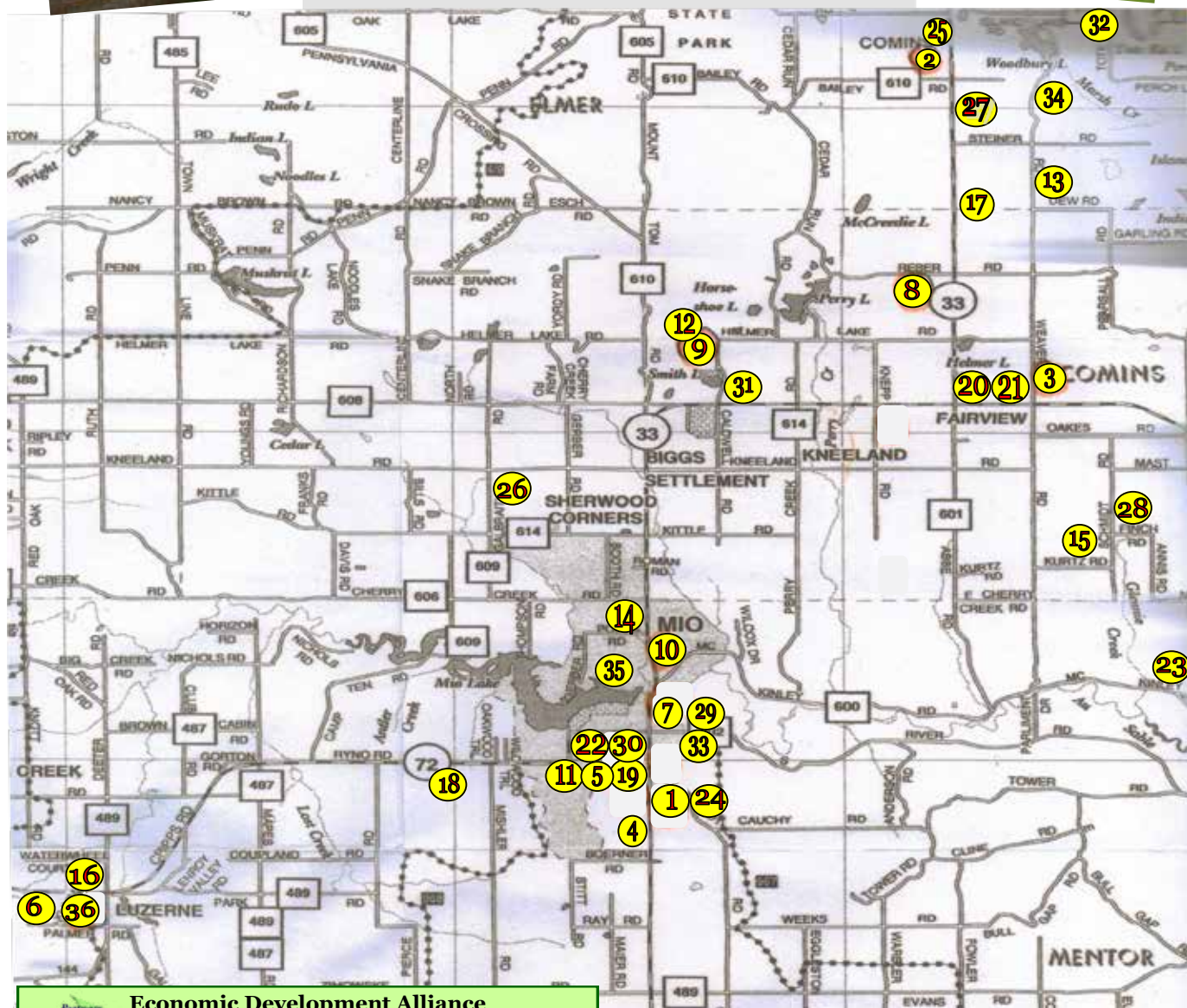


Oscoda County's Timberland Quilt Trail

A map and guide to the quilt trail.

Please use caution when you slow or stop to view the quilt blocks.

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Timberland Quilt Trail was started in early 2012. Each year we have continued to grow adding blocks during the summer months.

Many of the quilt blocks are located on private property and are marked as such. These blocks should be viewed from the adjacent public road. You are more than welcome to investigate the quilt block businesses that are open to the public.

We are indebted to the quilt block hosts for their generosity!

Our quilt blocks are numbered in the order that they were installed. Feel free to view them in any order you desire.

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-  **1. 201 S. Morenci, Mio.** The first block on the Timberland Quilt Trail is on the 100 year old Chamber of Commerce building. <http://www.oscodacountymi.org/index.html>
-  **2. 1936 Chelser Street, Comins.** A Circling Swallows block is based on a five-generation family quilt. * *Private residence.*
-  **3. 1778 N. Weaver Rd, Fairview** This restored 1947 barn features an Ohio Star block. * *Private residence.*
-  **4. 422 S. Morenci St, Mio.** Variable Star block to celebrate the 4 seasons.
-  **5. 115 West 8th St, Mio.** The Au Sable Crossroads was made exclusively for the Timberland Quilt Trail by Evelyn Larrison.
-  **6. 3962 Palmer Rd, Luzerne.** A Wedding Ring block adorns the garage of the Williams home. * *Private residence.*
-  **7. 412 Morenci, Mio.** Au Sable River Restaurant has the Fish Fry block. The restaurant is well known for their fish dinners. ausableriverrestaurant.com
-  **8. 1980 Reber Rd, Comins** Steiner Museum is the home of this Log Cabin block. They have collections of logging and pioneer items from Oscoda County.
-  **9. 1871 N Caldwell Rd, Mio** Ohio Star Variation sponsored by The Au Sable Valley Engine & Tractor Club at the Fairgrounds.
-  **10. 463 S. Mt. Tom Rd, Mio** Ohio Snowflake is a traditional Amish pattern and reflects the owners heritage.
-  **11. 115 Deyarmond St, Mio.** This block was designed for Lydia's Gate, a non-profit committed to providing temporary shelter for those in need. * *Private residence.*
-  **12. 1871 N Caldwell Rd., Mio** Summer Winds graces the stage at the Fairgrounds. Sponsored by the Nor'east'r Music & Art Festival.
-  **13. 3118 N Weaver Rd, Comins** Pampered Beef sports a Patriotic Block on their barn. They raise all natural, grass fed beef & is sold at local stores. * *Private residence.*
-  **14. 60 South M-33, Mio** North Country Realty's block is Star and Home. It reflects our beautiful north country. northcountryrealtymio.usa-mls.com
-  **15. 2899 Kurtz Rd** The Carefree Pony block, designed exclusively for Karefree Ranch. The barn was built in the 1940s. Find them on FaceBook.
-  **16. 2244 Deeter Rd, Luzerne** Bigfoot Block is at Luzerne Hardware. Bigfoot enthusiasts come here looking for signs of the elusive creature. www.luzernehardware.doitbest.com
-  **17. 3308 N Abbe Rd, Comins** The Woodworkers Shoppe hosts the Pine Tree Sampler block. Their showroom has many fine "up North" items for your home. www.woodworkersshoppe.com
-  **18. 1631 Ryno Rd, Mio** Mio Moose Lodge #1035 Mio Women of the Moose sponsored and designed this block.
-  **19. 122 Morenci, Mio.** The Whirlwind Flag block had stars added in the center and is on a building that once housed a bank.
-  **20. Now located in West Branch!** Habitat for Humanity's ReStore hosts the Heart and Home block which perfectly represents their mission.
-  **21. 2053 E Miller Rd, Fairview** An Amish Mariner's Compass at the former Fairview Dollar Store.
-  **22. 430 W. Eighth St, Mio** Oscoda County Library. Books make a perfect block for the library. Follow them on FaceBook: Oscoda County Library.
-  **23. 4749 McKinley Rd, Mio** McKinley Civic Assn. made the Fishing Bear applique which represents the wildlife and Au Sable River on their doorstep.
-  **24. 204 W. Ninth St, Mio** OC Riverfest sponsored the Northstar Mariner's Compass block on the Big Red Barn.
-  **25. 4263 First St., Comins** Comins Mennonite Church sponsored this Cathedral View. The original church which was destroyed in the 1999 tornado is remembered here.
-  **26. 850 Galbraith Rd., Mio** This barn was built over 70 years ago as a milking barn and the farm has been in the family for over 100 years. * *Private Residence.*
-  **27. 3746 N Abbe Rd, Comins.** Bertha Jane's Star was made in honor of Ruth's maternal grandmother and was named a runner-up in a quilt contest. * *Private Residence*
-  **28. 330 Schmid Rd, Fairview** Richard & Mary are authors & the owners of Quick Turtle Books and live near Turtle Creek. <https://richardrensberry.com/>
-  **29. 503 AFO Jason Wright St, Mio** "Mina Ruth's" Dollhouse hosts the Sunbonnet Sue pattern. * *Private Residence*
-  **30. 300 W 8th St, Mio** "Road to Oscoda County" was given in recognition of their support of the trail.
-  **31. 1676 Caldwell Rd, Mio** Double Aster block. Turkey Hill Farm has been in the Esch family since 1902. * *Private Residence*
-  **32. 4555 Tote Rd, Comins** Thin Blue Line made in memory of Ron Alderman, a retired Detroit policeman.
-  **33. VFW Post 4126, 1025 E 8th St, Mio** Meo Mio Stitchers made this block to honor the Veterans of Oscoda County.
-  **34. 3780 N Weaver Rd, Comins** Cedar Valley Wild Frontier Fun park is the site of this bright block. www.experiencecedarvalley.com
-  **35. 482 Mio Dr, Mio** Mike's father built a yellow canoe out of orange crates. He still has the canoe and this block celebrates that and living near the AuSable River. * *Private Residence*
-  **36. Am. Legion Post #162, Luzerne** This post was founded in the late 70's to serve the veteran's of the community. They hold many events and dinners.

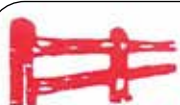


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21st Annual Mio “First Dam Canoe Challenge” Offers Fun August 27-28, 2022



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The race consists of several categories for racers to compete in.

The C-2 is a two person, the men’s and women’s C-1 is one individual per canoe. A traveling trophy is awarded to the winner and they also have a chance

to win back their sponsorship money.

We also hold races for the “Old Timers,” Junior, and Fledglings.

Aluminum canoe fun races are held for the community with prizes awarded.

While the C-2 race draws several teams who compete in major races, such as the Au Sable River Marathon, the other races draw a wide variety of race enthusiasts.

The race is always held in August, the weekend before Labor Day. It is a family orientated event with camping, fellowship and good food.

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Au Sable River Canoe Marathon Grayling to Oscoda - July 30 - 31, 2022

The Au Sable Canoe Marathon carries a reputation as one of the most challenging canoe events in the world. Over fifty of the one hundred and twenty mile course is at night. The event starts at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, the last full weekend of July, and ends in Oscoda mid-day on Sunday. The teams pass through the Mio area during a two-hour window on Sunday morning. Negotiating through stumps and deadfalls can endanger a canoe entering into the Mio Pond at 2 a.m., and the vastness of the pond at night can lead a team to be temporarily lost. Each year, over fifty teams from across North America step forward for the challenge.

Mio marks the greatest hurdle for teams hoping to finish the event. The paddlers must pass the Mio Dam within seven hours of the start to avoid disqualification. This is done in the interest of safety and prevents the entries from being spread over

too great a distance up and down the river. Marathon volunteer Wayne Koppa stated, “The Mio Pond is a challenge in daylight and more so in the middle of the night. We have seen excellent racers not make the cutoff at Mio. If you’re not in Mio by the seven hour limit, it is time to call it a night; things are not working for you.”

Crystal Filley, former marathon volunteer remarks, “The marathon has strong ties to the Mio area. The Mio Dam continues to be a huge milestone during the conduct of the event. And it goes without saying that in many sports, you would have to travel to see the best in the world, but when it comes to marathon canoeing, the best in the world can be seen right in our backyard, the Au Sable River.”

Marathon details are available at www.AuSableCanoeMarathon.org. You can watch the progress of the race on the website that is updated throughout the event.

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Camp Ten Bridge 1:55 a.m.
Mio Dam. 2:15 a.m.
McKinley Bridge. 4:00 a.m.
4001 Bridge 5:00 a.m.
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Fly Fishing On The Au Sable: Mio to Alcona

This is "The Big Water" made famous by trophy browns and rainbows and moderate (but increasing) angling pressure. Special angling regulations have been in effect for many years on the run from Mio to McKinley, a distance of about 15 river miles, and the results are impressive. Brown trout over 20 inches are not at all rare and rainbows from 14 to 18 inches are free risers whenever there is a reasonable number of mayflies available as emergers, duns, or spinners.

It is worth mentioning that I fish this stretch most often. Over the course of nearly fifty years on this water, I have rarely seen a trout over 12 inches eat an adult caddis. This is not to say that they do not eat the nymphs, they surely do, but the adult caddis seem to go about their buggy business unthreatened by trout. Perhaps the caddis adults below Mio taste bad. I think the more likely answer is that the fish are truly spoiled and lazy. An adult caddis flutters and darts and might get away. Why waste the energy? Easier prey will be along shortly. Complementing the prolific mayfly hatches are dense populations of crayfish, sculpins, darters, dace, shiners, chubs, and juvenile trout.

The Big Water is logically divided into three sections or floats. The first run is about eight miles from the boat ramp in the town of Mio to the public access at Comins Flats off McKinley Road. This is a lovely, productive

stretch of river with pools, runs, riffles, and deep holes. There are only three sites along this course that have cabins visible from the river. The rest of the view is forest, specifically the Huron National Forest. Access is generous and easy along several USFS numbered trails on both the north and south sides of the river.

Early-season angling improves when the water temperature reaches 55 degrees F. It peaks and holds constant at temperatures between 60 and 68 degrees F. The Hendrickson hatch can be spectacular on this water when the peak emergence coincides with the magic 55-degree mark. Other hatches to note are the Sulphurs, brown drakes, Isonychia, and white fly.

The next downstream section is the reach from Comins Flats to McKinley. It is about the same length in terms of river miles but the river's personality changes a bit. There are more frequent stretches of slow water and there is an attendant build-up of silt. The silt, as you know by now, harbors the *Hexagenia limbata* and this adds spice to the evening soup.

Below Comins Flats there are several very deep bend holes shaded by heavy foliage. These hold super trout that will often respond to large streamers that mimic sculpins or crayfish. The riffles, particularly where they slow and blend into a pool, hold

both rainbows and browns (and, rarely, brook trout) with a seeming predisposition to surface-feed. The best dry-fly action is during the Hendrickson, brown drake, and whitefly hatches, but Sulphurs and mahoganies in late May, and Hex during early June, can produce superb angling.

From McKinley downstream to USFS 4001, the river runs entirely through the Huron National Forest. There are no cabins or structures of any kind on this wilderness float.

The current is a bit slower and there is more silt in this reach, so the numbers of *Hexagenia limbata* mayflies increase proportionately. Usually the hatch begins about June 12 and continues through the first of July. In addition to the Hex, anglers find the Hendrickson, Sulphur, brown drake, Isonychia, and whitefly hatches rewarding. Large sculpin streamers fool big fish throughout the year, particularly at dawn or dusk, or on heavily overcast days.

Trout anglers will sometimes hook into trophy-sized smallmouth bass on streamers and, more rarely, a large walleye from one of the deep holes in this section

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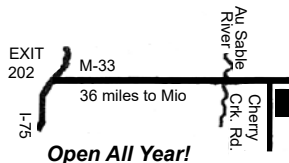
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Mahogany (<i>Paraleptophlebia adoptiva</i>)	May	16	Popcorn Caddis (<i>Nectopsyche</i>)	June, July	14-16
Hendrickson (<i>Ephemerella subvaria</i>)	late April, May	12-14	Rusty Caddis (<i>Ptilostomis</i>)	June, July	8-10
Sulphur (<i>Ephemerella invaria</i>)	late May	14	Gray Caddis (<i>Brachycentridae</i>)	May, June	14
Sulphur (<i>Ephemerella dorothea</i>)	late May-early June	16-18	Brown Caddis (<i>Pycropsyche</i>)	August, September	10-12
Gray Drake (<i>Siphonurus rapidus</i>)	late May-early June	12	STONEFLIES		
Brown Drake (<i>Ephemera simulans</i>)	early June	10	Giant Black (<i>Pteronarcys dorsata</i>)	June, July	4
Hex (<i>Hexagenia limbata</i>)	mid to late June	6	Brown Stonefly (<i>Isoperla signata</i>)	May	10
Light Cahill (<i>Stenacron</i>)	July and August	12-14	Yellow Sally (<i>Isoperla biliniata</i>)	June, July	14
Blue-Winged Olive (<i>Ephemera lata</i>)	July and August	16	<i>Super Hatches for Michigan Trout Streams</i>		
Trico (<i>Tricorythodes stygiatus</i>)	August, early September	24			
White Fly (<i>Ephoron leukon</i>)	mid August-September	14			

ADA fishing pier at Joseph Pillars Park

Recently constructed venue in Oscoda County located just north of the Au Sable River off of Pond Drive, the Joseph Pillars Park was officially dedicated and opened.

Joe Pillars has been an advocate for access to the Au Sable River for many years. He has been responsible for many of the overlooks and places to get your feet wet along the River.

During the planning stages for this new venue it was determined that not only was it possible to build a first class fishing pier, it would also be possible to make access to that pier Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. The pier has 2 access routes one that includes a series of switchbacks with less than a 6% grade for wheel chairs and another with a slighter steeper grade and a set of steps to accommodate whomever wishes to use the facility.

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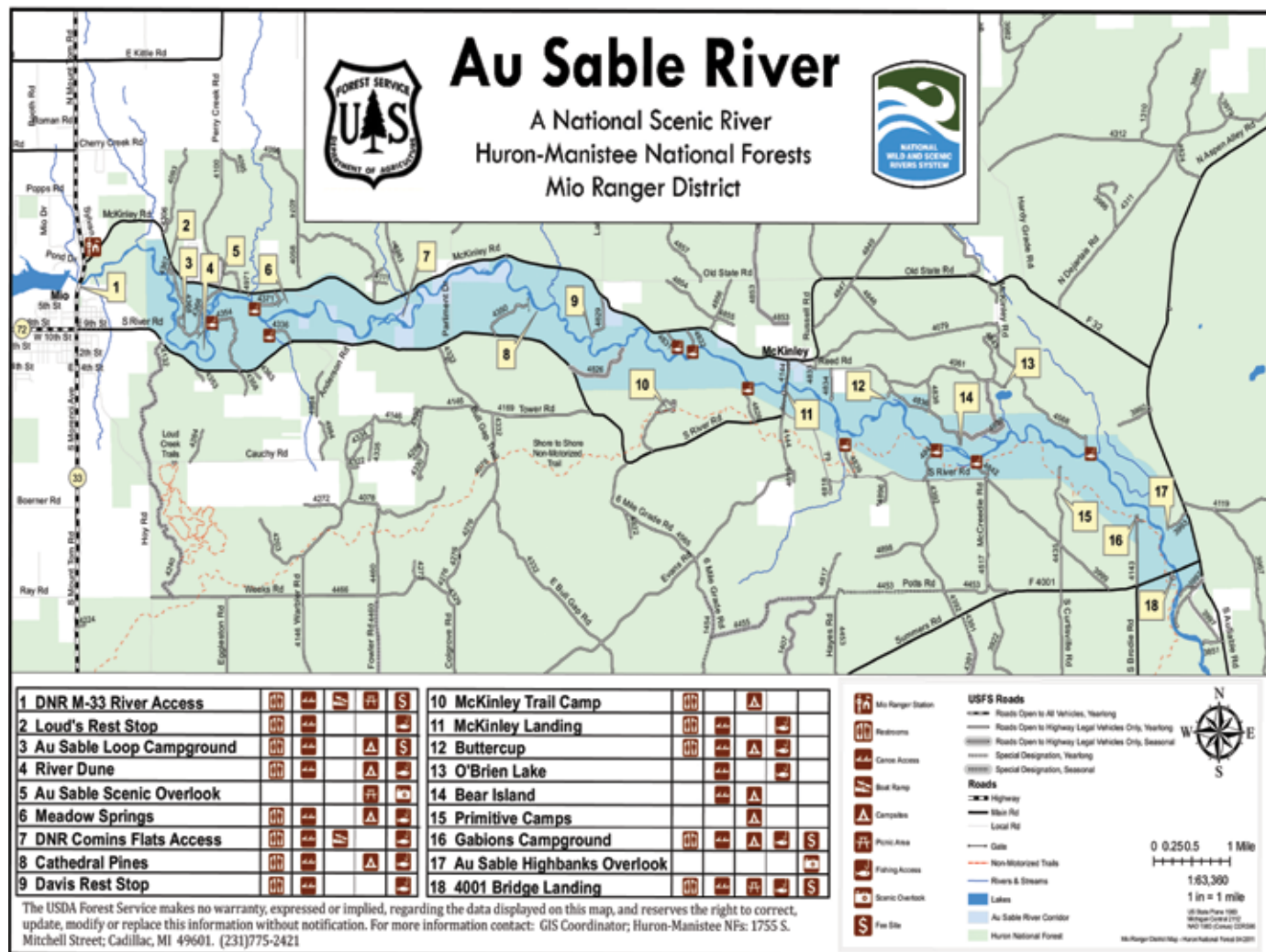
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The Au Sable National Scenic River is a 23 mile segment of the main stream of the Au Sable River in Oscoda and Alcona Counties, near the communities of Mio and McKinley. The segment begins one mile below Mio Pond and ends just below the Forest Road (4001) Bridge. The legal boundary can be seen on National Scenic River maps or available at the Mio Ranger District of the Huron National Forest.

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, P.L. 90-542, became law on October 2, 1968. Its purpose is to preserve "certain selected rivers which, with their immediate environment, pose outstanding remarkable geologic, fish and wildlife, historic or cultural or other similar values...in a free flowing condition... for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations." After seven years of consideration, this 23 mile segment of the Au Sable was designated a National Scenic River on October 4, 1984.

The Huron National Forest has prepared a Management Plan, as directed by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, to provide guidance, specific direction and identify projects and improvements needed to manage the Au Sable for the next ten years or until revision is needed.

The Mio Ranger District has been awarded the job of administration of the Scenic River corridor. Management objectives identified are to:

1. Preserve the river's free flowing condition and its existing water quality.
2. Retain the existing natural, undeveloped appearance of the river's shoreline.
3. Protect all significant archeological, historic and scientific values within the river's corridor for future generations.
4. Provide users of the river corridor with an opportunity for a

semi-primitive experience.

5. Reduce the conflicts between different users of the river and the stress of user activity on the river's ecosystem.
6. Protect and enhance the habitat of fish and wildlife in the river corridor.

Specific projects which have been identified in the Scenic River Plan are now being implemented. Examples of projects include improvements to the McKinley and 4001 Bridge access sites, various soil erosion abatement projects along the shoreline, designation of camping sites and the installation of rest stop facilities, closure of roads not needed for the administration of use of the river, construction of fish habitat improvements in tributaries, and the installation of informational signing.

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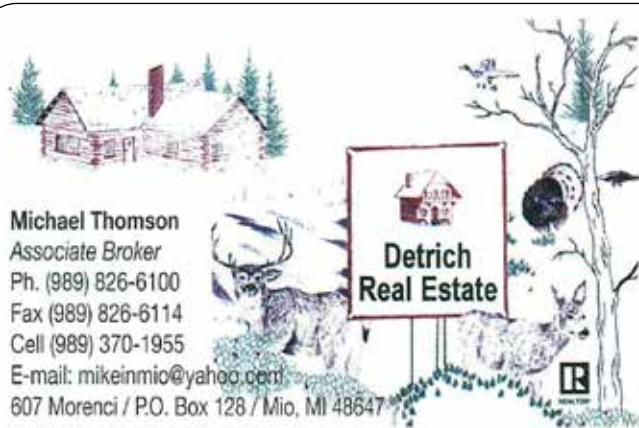
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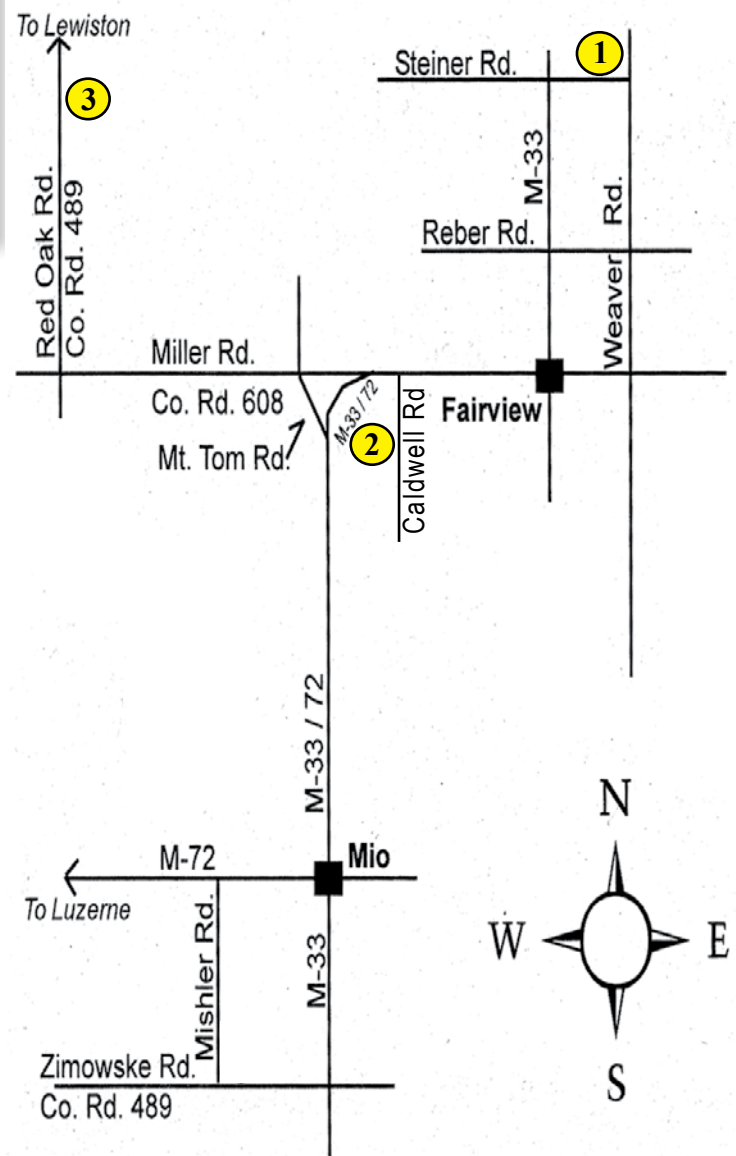
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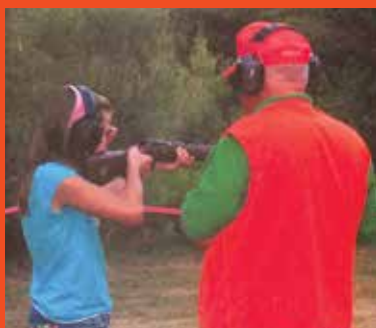
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Ruffed Grouse and Woodcock hunting in Oscoda Co. Michigan - A non resident's perspective!

Many of us come from out of state to take advantage of the vast grouse and woodcock hunting opportunities that this state and county has to offer. Way too many years ago when my hair had color and no gray, a few friends and I wanted to take a trip out of state and get the best bang for our buck in our quest to get our dogs into good grouse and woodcock populations. This type of bird hunting with bird dogs has been in my blood since an early age. I grew up in a state that had birds a plenty but that's not the case now due to loss of quality habitat and available land to hunt on. In our quest to find a good area with plenty of birds for our dogs and us to hunt required a lot of research into many states' Department of Natural Resources. Michigan and Oscoda county and surrounding areas had the best flush count. It is the best of both worlds for both local grouse and woodcock and if timed right you can connect with the northern flights of woodcock migrating south for the winter months. This area in general has plenty of accommodations with reasonable rates and beautiful scenery along with restaurants in the area competing for the best food. Many of the small businesses in this area depend on the sportsmen for their livelihood and are very accommodating to your needs. Our first hunting trip here was the best we had experienced and far exceeded our expectations. What a great adventure we had and decided to make it our annual

trip that starts our bird hunting season. Every year we experience the anticipation and the exuberance of the trip. Over the years we have come across many other nonresident hunters either hunting in the field or enjoying a meal at one of the local eateries. A few of these hunters have become my very close friends. We stay in touch throughout the year talking about our previous and upcoming annual hunting experiences. Some of the town folks as well look forward to our arrival as we have become good friends over the years, with new stories to tell and giving us the inside information on new local hunting hot spots discovered since our absence. So in conclusion to this bird hunting overview if you are a resident or nonresident Grouse and Woodcock hunter I can't imagine a better place to visit fulfilling your hunting experience. The state DNR and National and State Forests are a good source of information for grouse and woodcock habitat and hunting areas. Hope to see you there.
Sincerely
Dale M.





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Amy's Confection Connection

463 Mt. Tom Rd., Mio
(989) 390-0518

Asian Cactus Flower Shop
1526 N Abbe Rd., Fairview
(989) 848-0981

Auto Value

508 Morenci Rd., Mio
(989) 926-3800

Au Sable River Outfitters

225 6th St., Mio
(989) 826-6900

Blue Collar Clothing

200 S. Morenci Ave., Mio
(989) 826-8181

Country Corners

Bulk Food

1284 W. Kittle Rd., Mio
(989) 826-6063

Country Feed Supply

389 W. Kittle Rd., Mio
(989) 826-2305

The Dusty Rose Clothing Resale

2051 East Miller Rd., Fairview
(989) 390-9928

Fairview Berry & Flower Farm

3788 Mast Rd., Fairview
(517) 867-2162

Fairview Food Market

1508 N. Abbe Rd., Fairview
(989) 848-2820

Fairview Hardware

1511 N. Abbe Rd., Fairview
(989) 848-2700

Family Bookshelf

1510 N. Abbe Rd., Fairview
(989) 848-5400

Farmers

Kitchen & Creamery

50 W. Kittle Rd., Mio
(989) 826-8368

Highland Lumber

693 E. Kittle Rd., Mio
(989) 848-8000

Klimmek

Sales & Service

1183 Mapes Rd., Mio
(989) 826-3695

Let's Talk Auction

1491 Perry Creek Rd., Mio
(989) 848-5158

Luzerne Express

3535 Park Rd., Luzerne
(989) 826-5533

Luzerne Hardware

2244 Deeter Rd., Luzerne
(989) 826-8050

Mr. Bill's Grocery

1989 E. Miller Rd., Fairview
(989) 848-2300

Northern Power Sports

30 E. Kneeland Rd., Mio
(989) 826-3388

Northstar Storage Barns

398 S. Mt. Tom Rd., Mio
(989) 826-1000

Parmalee Trading Post

78 N. Red Oak Rd., Lewiston
(989) 826-3543

Radisovich Farms

2586 Stitt Rd., Mio
(989) 826-6530

Senseng's Repair

432 E. Kittle Rd., Mio
(989) 848-8346

Tom's Mug & Jug

2 N. Mt. Tom Rd., Mio
(989) 826-5731

Wood Haven

Log And Lumber

1284 S. Mapes, Mio
(888) 988-7463

The Bakery

22 N. Camp Ten Rd., Mio
(989) 826-6294

The Warehouse Appliances

205 W. 9th St., Mio
(989) 826-5100

The Woodworkers Shoppe

3308 N. Abbe Rd., Comins
(989) 848-5408



Asian Cactus



AuSable River Outfitters

Dining Out in Oscoda County

AuSable River Restaurant

412 Morenci Ave., Mio
(989) 826-3590

DJ's Scenic Bar & Restaurant

4700 McKinley Rd.,
McKinley

Garland Resort

4700 N Red Oak Rd.,
Lewiston
(989) 786-2211
(866) 995-0309
www.garlandusa.com

Luzerne Express

3535 Park Rd.,
Luzerne
(989) 826-5533

Ma Deeter's

2262 Deeter Rd.,
Luzerne
(989) 826-1013

McDonald's

503 N. Morenci,
Mio
(989) 826-8418



Mio Pizza Shop

421 S. Morenci, Mio
(989) 826-5746

Mio Saloon

106 Morenci Ave., Mio
(989) 826-6006



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Fairview
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The Lunchbox

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Tour De Donut: A sweet get away

Yeah! We like to hunt and fish, paddle, float and hike. But we like our Donuts. Scattered out in those trees and farm fields are some delicious confections. Donuts, bear claws, turnovers, long johns, cinnamon rolls, cupcakes, cakes cookies, croissant, Danishes, strudel, muffins, bread, pastries, and pies. And for those of you that want everyone to think you eat healthy, an assortment of homemade breads. Take the tour, indulge in a sweet getaway, make a plan follow the map and enjoy what Oscoda County bakers are whipping up. Enjoy!

1. Amy's Confection Connection

463 S. Mount Tom Rd., Mio

2. The Bakery

22 N. Camp Ten Rd., Mio

3. The Farmers

Creamery & Kitchen
50 W. Kittle Rd., Mio

4. Fairview Food Market

1508 N. Abbe Rd., Fairview



MAPLE SYRUP: THE FIRST SURE SIGN OF SPRING COMING TO OSCODA COUNTY



MICHIGAN MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCERS IN MARCH 26-27

In early March as the gloomy days of winter give way to warmer sunny days of spring, a new wave of life descends to area maple sugar bushes. It is the beginning of the maple sugaring season which will extend for up to five weeks. This is the only window of opportunity to harvest this unique natural food product. It is also the very first agricultural crop harvested of the year in Michigan.

In 2013 there were approximately seven commercial size maple syrup producers along with many other maple enthusiasts creating a sweet maple aroma. This was a very productive season with almost 9,000 gallons of Pure

Maple Syrup harvested in Oscoda County.

Modern technology has transformed the maple syrup industry. The nostalgic idea of collecting maple sap in buckets behind horses is fast disappearing. Today most commercial producers are utilizing plastic tubing which connects hundreds or even thousands of taps to one main collection point. This maple sap is then pumped or delivered to the sugar house for processing into Pure Maple Syrup. Other products produced may include maple candy, sugar, and cream. More information, maple recipes, etc., may be obtained from your local producers

or off the Michigan Maple Syrup Association website at www.mi-maplesyrup.com.

The Oscoda County area maple sugaring folks work often as family units or neighborhood enterprises. They invite you to visit their farms or sugarhouses for tours and purchases of this sweet nectar. This unique product is also available at many stores and shops within the county. And remember when you see the steam arisin' from a cupola or steam stacks on a sap house, you will know that 'spring is in the air!'

- Tim Boonstrow, Fairview Maple Farm

Little Free Library

A Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" free book exchange. In its most basic form, it's a wooden box of books where anyone may pick up a book or two, or bring a book to share. Most Little Libraries have books for all ages and some even have free items to share such as bookmarks, pencils and holiday themed items.

Anyone may contribute or take books. The more the merrier! If you take a book (or two) from a Library, you do not need to return that exact book. However, in order to keep the Little Library full of good choices for the whole neighborhood, the next time you swing by the Library bring a few books to share. Little Library book exchanges function on the honor system; everyone contributes to ensure there are always quality books inside. This way, we all win!

There are over 50,000 registered Little Free Library book exchanges in all 50 U.S. states and over 70 countries around the world. There are many unregistered Little Libraries too.

Oscoda County has four Little Free Libraries.

You can visit them at the following locations:

Comins Market, 4203 N. Abbe Rd, Comins, MI

Council on Aging, 429 N. Mt. Tom Rd, Mio, MI

Elmer Township Hall, 863 W. Kittle Rd, Mio, MI

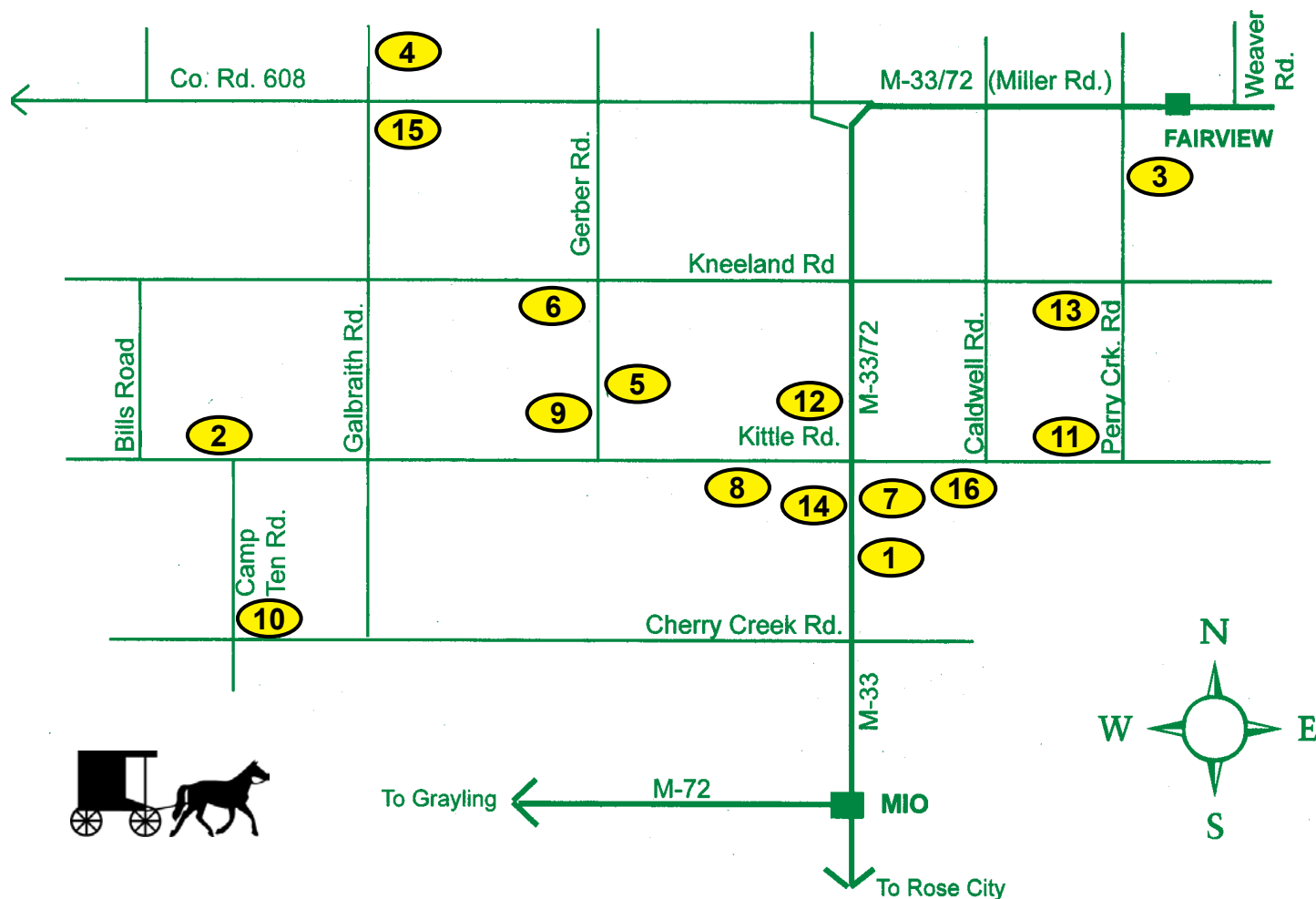
Family Fare, 305 N. Morenci Ave, Mio, MI

King's Home, 1085 E. Miller, Mio, MI



Elmer Township Hall

Amish Shopping In Oscoda County



1. **North Star Storage Barns** - 398 N. Mt. Tom Rd., on M-33/M-72 2½ miles north of Mio. (989) 826-1000
2. **Country Corners Bulk Food** - 3 miles north of Mio to Kittle Rd., and west 2½ miles. (989) 826-6063
3. **Blue Jay Valley Greenhouse** - ¼ south of M33 on Perry Creek Rd. (989) 848-7337
4. **Echo Ridge Fabrics** - 3 miles north of Mio and 2 miles west on Kittle Rd., North 3 miles on Galbraith Rd. (989) 826-1913
5. **Maple Ridge Metal** - 3 miles north of Mio, west 1 mile on Kittle Rd., then ½ miles north on Gerber Rd. (989) 826-5752
6. **Pine Grove Woodworking** - 4 miles

- north of Mio and 1½ miles west on Kneeland Rd. (989) 826-6510
7. **The Pioneer Store** - On M-33/72, 2¾ miles north of Mio. (989) 826-3580
8. **Country Feed Supply** - 3 miles north of Mio and ½ mile west on Kittle Rd. (989) 826-2305
9. **Miller Bros. Maple Products** - 3 miles north of Mio and 1 mile west on Kittle Rd, ¾ mile north on Gerber. (989) 826-5073
10. **The Bakery** - 2 miles north of Mio and 2½ miles west on Cherry Creek Rd. (989) 826-6294
11. **Highland Lumber** - E. Kittle Road 1½ miles E. of M-33 (989) 848-8000

12. **Farmers Kitchen & Creamery** - On the corner of Kittle Road and M33, 50 W. Kittle Mio MI 48647 (989) 826-8368
13. **Nature's Beauty Rustic Store** - 4 miles north of Mio, east 1½ miles on Kneeland Rd. (989) 848-2806
14. **JB Harness and Leather Shop** - 331 N. Mt. Tom Rd., Mio (989) 826-8024
15. **Sweet Success Sugarbush** - 3 miles north of Mio, west 2 miles on Kittle Rd., north 2 miles on Galbraith Rd. (989) 826-3160
16. **Sensenig's Repair** - East on Kittle Rd. 1 mile off M-33 (989) 848-8346

Skyline Event Center



Serving our Communities

Located just south of Comins on M-33, the Skyline Event Center offers a place to celebrate life, work, art, music, and special events throughout the year. The log building, surrounded by 25 acres, provides an excellent venue for indoor and outdoor activities.

Have a special event of your own? Rent the Skyline for your family or business gathering, conference, meeting, reception, party, or any other occasion, indoors or outdoors, in these beautiful surroundings.

Concerts, exhibits, community events, and educational offerings happen throughout the year.

For the latest information about concerts and other public events, follow the Skyline Event Center on Facebook, visit the website at <https://sites.google.com/view/skylineeventcenter/home>, or call (989) 848-5780.



Past events at the Skyline:

- Inside/Outside Concerts
- Art Festivals
- Clinton Township Fireworks
- Made in Michigan Market
- Clinton Township Pumpkin Fest
- Weddings, birthdays, graduations, open houses, retirements, family dinners, receptions, parties, family reunion, corporate retreat.

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Our Lady of the Woods Shrine

(Located on M-72, one block west of M-33)



Our Lady of the Woods Shrine Saint Mary Catholic Church Mio, MI 48647 • 989-826-5509 • www.olwshrine.org

A Symbol of Faith

Come experience the peace and splendor of the Our Lady of the Woods Shrine. This hidden gem is worth the trip to the small, rural town of Mio, Michigan in Oscoda County. The Shrine, located on M-72 just west of the intersection of M-33 (which are main roads traveling through Mio), is actually a composite of shrines in a single unit. It is a mountainous limestone structure honeycombed with grotto and niches to explore. This Marian Shrine has 32 Carrara marble statues and plaques that depict various scenes of the apparitions of Mary. The Shrine has for the most part retained its essential form, massing and design since its original dedication on September 4, 1955. However, a Christ the King statue, Our Lady of Czestochowa Mosaic, and a Family Grotto were added and dedicated in 1958.

Visitation at the Shrine continues to be on the increase. Many people drive by on their way through town numerous times before finally taking the time to truly experience this magnificent exhibit of faith. While visiting the Our Lady of the Woods Shrine, people frequently comment on the beauty of the Shrine and grounds. Stop and take a look!

Outdoor lawn chairs Masses are planned for Saturdays in June, July, and August.

You're welcome to stroll the grounds anytime. See the Pietain the front walk-in

grotto. Walk around to view the various depictions and enter the Holy Family walk-in grotto on the back side of the Shrine. The true beauty of the Shrine cannot be seen when driving by in a car.

Our Lady of the Woods Shrine is undergoing restoration in order to retain the shrine for future generations. The first phases of restoration involved restoration of some statues, as well as, roof waterproofing and stone removal and replacement on the back wall and front face of the Shrine. Plans for 2022 include restoration of many statues and, as funds become available, the stone platform and steps in the front.

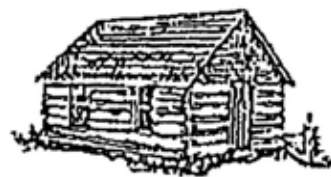
There are a variety of ways people can support the restoration project. You can Adopt-a-Statue to help preserve the statues or purchase personalized paverstones for placement around the walkway. Visit our expanding gift shop or website for more information.

Tours are free. Just call ahead to schedule a tour so you can hear some of the stories that have occurred over the years. It will be worth your time whether you are Catholic or not. Driving by does not give one the opportunity to enjoy the true beauty and splendor of the Shrine. There is no fee to visit, so the only thing invested is your time. You won't regret it. Visit our webpage to find out more www.olwshrine.org.



Steiner Museum

Open: May - October
Saturday & Sunday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



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www.steinermuseum.com

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ANNUAL EVENTS:
Pancake Breakfast,
Art Show, Quilt Show,
Pioneer Christmas,
Special Tours Available



In celebration of Oscoda Counties' innumerable visual Artists, the Steiner Museum will once again be host to the Oscoda County Fine Art Show 2022. This annual event will feature artists of all ages in various mediums including, painting, photography/computer art, Rendering/illustrations, mixed media, and Sculpture/3D. It is a juried event with first, second and third place prizes to be determined by major sponsors as well as a separate people's choice award chosen by attendee's using \$1.00 fundraiser votes.

Posthumous entrants awards-honorable mention. Elementary and middle school entrants- participation awards.

Art has always been and always will be a driving force in our culture. Artists are dreamers and creators of new dimensions



Steiner Museum Fine Art Show 2022

and viewpoints. They capture beauty, joy and sometimes sadness with aesthetic communications of color, perspective and dimension. It is a valiant quest by which all artists can strive, to uplift and emotionally move those that perceive their work.

The 2022 Art Show spans three

days with the kick off beginning Friday evening, August 19. This is a meet the artist dress affair from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. with Hors D'oeuvres, beer and wine. It will include a silent auction of art pieces donated by community artists with proceeds to benefit the Steiner Museum. The cost of this special event is \$25.00/

person if paid in advance and \$30.00 at the door.

There is free general admission to the art show on Saturday and Sunday, August 20 & 21. The doors open at 10:00 a.m. both days and close at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. The artist awards will be announced during the day on Sunday.

We hope you will come out and enjoy the show. I think you will be pleasantly surprised

that art is a very vibrant and thriving local commodity. It is a chance look through the eyes of the past, present and future.

Steiner Museum is located just north of Fairview at the corner of M-33 and Reber Road.

Nor-east'r Music & Art Festival: June 10-12, 2022



On the second weekend of June, 2022, the Nor-East'r Music & Art Festival returns to the Oscoda County Fairgrounds for the 19th time annually: three straight days of eclectic music and art, food, dancing, camping, jamming, drumming, and some of the greatest parkin' lot pickin' in the state. Three stages host continuous music morning to night, ranging from blues to bluegrass, country to new age, jam bands, old-time, Celtic, folk and even a little rock. Artists offer varied original work from woodcarving to glasswork, jewelry to stone-work, basket-making, fiber art, photography, and of course, the indispensable festival tie-dye. All this and more makes Nor-East'r one of Michigan's best festival experiences.

If you're a fan of music, you will want to check out the national, regional, and Michigan acts performing on our stages. The huge main stage is the centerpiece of the grounds, surrounded by great shade trees and in close proximity to food and art vendors, campsites, and bathrooms. The

Parlor Stage is an intimate indoor venue adjoined to an eatery where you can have breakfast, lunch, or dinner, or just come to enjoy the premium live music. The Barn Stage has everything from dances to children's song writing to full bands. On Saturday and Sunday, workshops for musicians from beginner to advanced level are hosted in workshop areas around the grounds.

A juried art fair features artisans and their own original art and craftsmanship. Artists also host workshops, inviting you to come and learn how to make and create, so you can be the artist too.

The development of youth musical talent and involvement is fostered throughout the festival program, including a giveaway of guitars and other instruments for deserving young people, to help get them started. There are ongoing children's activities including song writing, open mic, workshops, and arts and crafts in the children's craft barn.

The campgrounds are picturesque and beautiful, offering both rustic and some electric hookup for RVs. Shaded sites, sunny sites, flush and vault toilets, hot showers, clean facilities and of course lots of after-hours jamming. Quiet space can also be found, but for those that don't want to miss anything, most campsites are close to all activities.

Nor-East'r is a family-friendly event much loved for its depth and diversity in musical talent and its workshops to learn directly from talented performers. The Oscoda County Fairgrounds is the perfect location for the festival — the site is very condensed, making it a favorite among those that enjoy going to the varied activities that the festival has to offer. Come and join our little world of music, art, fun, and community for a real weekend away.

We hope you'll come and play with us in June.

www.noreastrfest.org



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INDIVIDUAL & TEAM

FUNdraising EVENT



KAYAK - 1 Mile

BIKE - 11 Miles

RUN - 5K



June 11, 2022

**Hosted by Love In the Name of Christ
of Oscoda County with Local Sponsors**

- CHECK-IN, REGISTER TEAM – 8:00 a.m.
- START – 9:00 a.m.
- Starts at MIO POND, Mio, MI
- Ends at BONEY PARK, Fairview
- Medals, Doorprizes, Lunch

REGISTER BY MAY 25
\$30 per person

REGISTER AFTER MAY 25
\$40 per person

TO REGISTER : RUNSIGNUP.COM

Facebook: AuSable Valley Triathlon Email: ausablevalleytriathlon@gmail.com
Check RunSignUp & Facebook for updates or changes.

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989-826-6081

AuSable View Lodge
989-826-6156

Oscoda County Fairgrounds
989-826-1168

Knights of Columbus
989-826-3017

Skyline Event Center
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Mio Community Center
in Mio
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Fourth of July



LUZERNE
Saturday, July 2nd

Parade TBA

Krafts-on-the-Korner
Fireworks • Festivities

FAIRVIEW
Monday, July 4th

Chicken Dinner at the Fairview Family Bookshelf

MIO
Monday, July 4th

Festivities & Parade 2:00 p.m.

Annual Arts & Craft Show 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Court House Lawn

Fireworks at Dusk over Mio Pond

COMINS
Sunday, July 3rd

Clinton Twp. Family Fun Fest at Skyline Event Center,
activities, live music at 5 p.m., fireworks at dusk

Monday, July 4th

Parade 11:00 a.m. followed by free lunch at Town-
ship Hall provided by The Comins Community Church



Celebrations in Oscoda County



This Year's Fourth of July celebration in Oscoda County will be held on three different days. Saturday, July 2nd, festivities start in Luzerne, with Krafts-on-the-Korner, a parade time TBA with dinner, games, contests and fireworks at dusk.

On Sunday, July 3rd begins in Comins with Clinton Twp. Family Fun Fest with food, games and a free concert at the Skyline Event Center and complet-

ing the day with fireworks at dusk.

Monday, July 4th, Fairview will host a fund raising chicken dinner in front of The Family Bookshelf at 10:00 a.m. July 4th in Comins there will be a parade at 11:00 a.m. with a free lunch following at the Clinton Township Hall. Also on Monday, July 4th, starting at 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in downtown Mio, the annual arts and crafts show will take place on the Court House Lawn with

children's games, music and a parade at 1:00 p.m. To complete the day, there will be free fireworks taking place. For more information see www.oscodacountymi.org.

Come spend your 4th of July celebration in Oscoda County. Each year the County Volunteers work very hard to make sure that the 4th of July festivities are fun for all who stop by to enjoy them. We hope to see you there.



More than just mushrooms

It is a beautiful summer day. Let's take the family for a walk in the woods. I'll bring my compass to guide us near the trail, and you will bring your pocket knife and a paper bag. The hunt is on for Chanterelle mushrooms. The temperature rises in the mid-day sun but when you step into the forest it is easily 10 degrees cooler and each step grounds you in harmony with the forest.

Your eyes shift to focus on color and shape, scent greets your nose. The Chanterelle is a mycorrhizal species, which means it lives in association with the roots of plants - Oak and Beech trees in this case. They are always found growing from soil, unlike false Chanterelles that are found on woody debris. Use a good field to help you identify the good species vs the false look alike.

It's a bright orange yellow funnel shaped, fleshy mushroom with thick branching ridges descending down the stem instead of thin gills, with a mild scent of apricots. Chanterelles can grow in large families like ours but sometimes you will find just a cluster of two or three. You can't miss the bright golden yellow color dotting the forest floor. Known worldwide as Golden Chanterelles, they are some of the very best edible mushrooms.

The excitement of the hunt grows with each cluster found. Now, with your pocket knife cut at the base of the stem and brush off any debris or insects. Here's a tip; the less dirt that goes into your paper bag, the less time you will spend cleaning your mushrooms. Within an hours time you can fill your paper bags with a pound of Chanterelles. It's a good day.

Now back at home we have to clean our Chanterelles. We use a very soft child's toothbrush; be gentle as you brush off dirt and leaf debris. Store them in clean paper bags in the refrigerator for up to 1 week. If desired, rinse them quickly in water just before cooking. They can also be sliced and dried in a food dehydrator, then stored in glass jars. Rehydrate before use.

Need a recipe idea? We had some sea scallops in the freezer so we put those to thaw. I will saute them in butter with some onion and Chanterelles, then season with salt and pepper, minced garlic, lemon juice and parsley. A simple cream sauce with Chanterelles can be a side dish with a steak or fish filet. You can flavor a Bechamel sauce with Chanterelles and serve over pasta. Delicious with a side of green beans, a salad and a glass of fresh squeezed lemonade. Enjoy the hunt !



Mushroom Hunting

Oscoda County offers many opportunities for the mushroom hunter. Good edibles may be found spring through fall in the region's many habitats.

Northern Michigan is renowned for its morels, and the season here begins in late April or early May. Black morels are the first to appear and may be found in beech/maple woods (especially those with ash), poplar stands, old fruit orchards, near lakes and streams, in cedar swamps, in garden soil, and anywhere else this mysterious mushroom has a mind to appear. The blacks are followed about two weeks later by the white morels, which favor hardwoods. The two overlap by about a week. Blacks generally fruit abundantly for about three weeks, the whites for two or more, although the length of season may vary depending on the weather.

Toward the end of May oyster mushrooms appear, fruiting, often in large quantities, on dead poplar. They may reappear several times well into the autumn during warm, wet weather.

Summer brings large numbers of edibles, including chanterelles and king boletes (otherwise known as porcini), two of the world's most highly prized species. The golden-orange chanterelles, vase shaped and having the appearance of lilies on the forest floor, are primarily found in beech woods but may also fruit under oaks and jack pines. The king bolete is one of many boletus species to be found in the county, the most common being the scaber stalk, a type of leccinum. All boletes have

pores rather than gills.

Other common summer species are sulfur shelf (chicken of the woods), meadow mushrooms, black trumpets, puffballs, comb tooth, sweet tooth (hedgehog mushrooms), and lobster mushrooms.

Autumn brings large quantities of honey mushrooms, also known as "stumpies," a local favorite. They can often be found fruiting massively on oak stumps, usually following the first September rains. Other good edible late summer or fall species are the blewit, parasol, shaggy parasol, shaggy mane, grayling, and brick cap. Many summer species will continue to fruit in the fall during warm, wet weather.

Many nonedible species also abound, some poisonous, a few deadly, many edible but not palatable. Never eat a mushroom you have not positively identified. Use a good field guide and consult an experienced mushroom hunter for anything you are not sure about. Stick to young, fresh specimens and avoid those with insect damage. Wild mushrooms should always be thoroughly cooked before consumption. To avoid damaging the mycelia from which they fruit, cut their stalks with a knife rather than pulling them up by the roots, except for identification purposes. Fresh specimens can usually be kept in the refrigerator, with adequate airflow, for a few days. Many take well to drying or freezing. Consult a good field guide for details.





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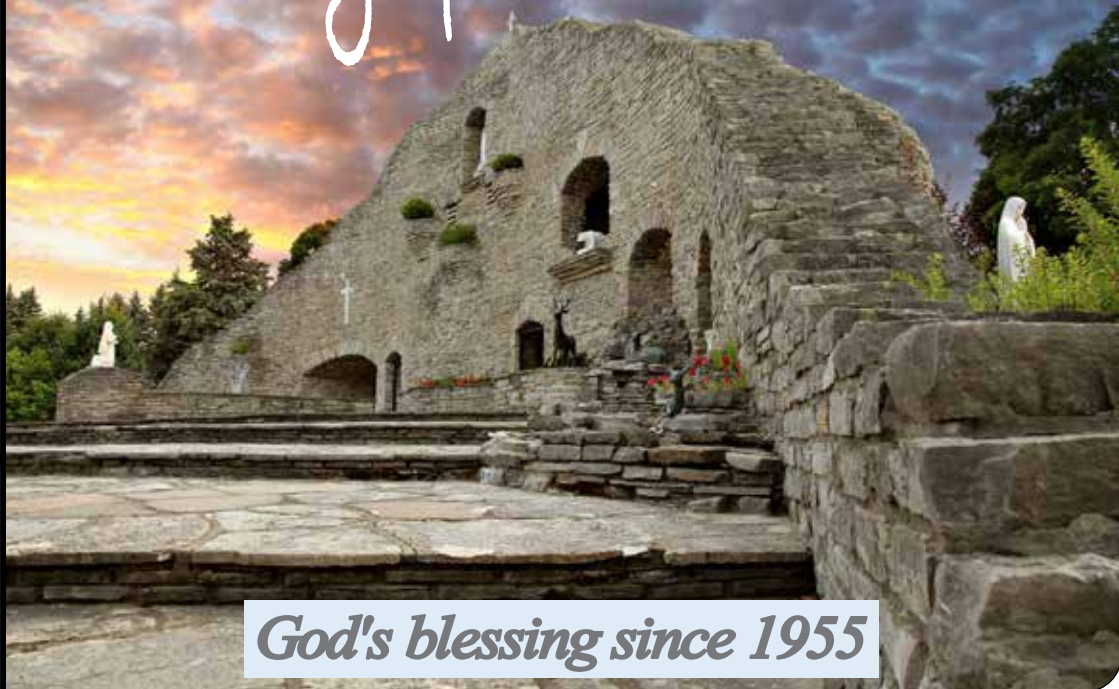
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on State Lakes.*

A Brief History of Oscoda County



Oscoda County was established March 10, 1881. Previously, it had been Comins Township attached to Alcona County, which had been formed about 1869 when it was split from Alpena County. Prior to that, the area belonged to the Indians who ceded it to the United States Government by the Treaty of Saginaw in 1819.

As originally constituted, Oscoda County consisted of three townships: Atherton, Mt. Pindus, and Comins. Since then, there have been as many as nine townships, as the population ebbed and flowed with the lumbering & railroad industries.

There are currently no incorporated cities or villages in the county, including Mio, the county seat. The former courthouse was built in 1888 at a cost of \$3,754, and is in the process of being completely rebuilt due to a fire in May of 2016.

Incredibly, a public water system existed between 1890 and 1910. The water was pumped from Wolf Creek by two hydraulic rams through a 4" wooden pipe to a reservoir on the hill south of town. A six inch wooden main, with which the customers were connected by means of east-west branches, ran from the reservoir down M-33 as far as M-72.

The Act of 1881 which established the county, also designated Union Corners, in the southwest corner of the county, as temporary county seat and directed an election to

choose a permanent location. After a couple of attempts, Mio was selected because of its central location. Even after that, several efforts were made to move the county seat to a different site, but with the erection of the courthouse in 1888, discussion ended.

How Mio got its name is not well documented. In 1881, the local newspaper spelled it Mioe. This was the family's name for Marla Deyarmond, an early settler. A visit to her house was termed "going to Aunt Mioe's." There being little else there at the time, Aunt Mioe's became synonymous with the settlement.

At one time, Fairview was located a mile and a half north of its present site; at another, it was a mile north and a mile east of where it is now. Since there wasn't much else to it, the town was wherever the post office was located.

Luzerne, settled during the early lumber days, never had a railroad, but it did have a sawmill and gristmill powered by a dam on Big Creek. This dam also stored water for running logs down Big Creek to the Au Sable River. Luzerne's zenith was reached during the 1890's when for some years it was the site of an annual agricultural fair. The fair was held on the flat land at the northwest corner of present M-72 and County Highway 489.

In the early days, McKinley - then known as Pott's Headquarters - was the hub of the

county's lumbering industry. From there, narrow gauge railroads ran north and west for many miles. Most of the rails and rolling stock for this network was floated down the Au Sable on rafts from Grayling. Even though McKinley grew to be the largest settlement in the county, with churches, stores, hotels, and other businesses, it remained somewhat isolated from larger settlements on Michigan's east coast. The only way to ship anything to or from Lake Huron was by river or ox team.

Sometime in the 1890's a narrow gauge railroad was put through from Au Sable, on the coast of Lake Huron, to Comins, a settlement in what is now Clinton Township. The presence of the railroad quickly established Comins as the new center of commerce for Oscoda County. Around it sprang up a bank, a hotel, a jail, stores, saloons, stockyards, a roundhouse, a water tank, and many dwellings. About 1912, the railroad was widened to standard gauge and connected with the Detroit & Mackinaw Railroad. Livestock and other products of the area were hauled or driven for shipment, and supplies were shipped in for distribution by team or truck to Mio and other parts of the surrounding country. As time went by, however, the railroad slowly lost its importance and became unprofitable. In 1928, the last train chugged off down the tracks taking with it Comins' importance as a shipping center.

A Brief History of the Kirtland's Warbler

Oscoda County is very fortunate to be the home to one of the rarest songbirds in the world. The Kirtland's Warbler is the largest of the Wood Warblers in Eastern North America, weighing in at half an ounce. It sings a beautiful song which can be heard over a quarter mile away. What also makes this endangered species so special is its required habitat, nesting only in the jack pine ecosystem, found in six to eight counties of the northeastern region of Michigan. The highest population of this rare bird once nested in Oscoda County, and because of this, Oscoda County is now officially named "The Kirtland's Warbler Capital of Michigan."

The name "Kirtland's Warbler" was given to the species by Spencer F. Baird of the Smithsonian Institute who in 1852 published his description and title of the new species. Originally the bird was named "Sylvicola Kirtlandii" in honor of Dr. Kirtland, a naturalist, researcher, and publisher of wildlife in Ohio and the Mississippi Valley. He was described, "a gentleman to whom, more than any one living, we are indebted to for important knowledge of the Natural History of the Mississippi Valley."

The discovery of the Kirtland's Warbler in Oscoda County took place on June 13, 1903, by E.H. Forthingham of the University of Michigan and T.G. Galer, on a fishing trip guided by James Parmalee of the Red Oak area. Shooting the Kirtland's Warbler to collect a specimen, they returned to Ann Arbor where Norman A. Wood identified the species as the rare Kirtland's Warbler.

By train, riverboat and on foot, Norman A. Wood quickly returned to Oscoda County to locate the bird. He spent six days searching in several areas before he located a bird near the Crawford/Oscoda County line (Section 31, T27N, R1E, Oscoda County) and recorded the first Kirtland's Warbler nest; two hatchlings and one egg inside. The experience is best described by Norman A. Wood in his journal.

"No bird and no nest! I watched a few minutes longer and saw the female in the low jack pines. I watched her and she seemed very uneasy. I began looking carefully on the ground, as I made my mind up it would be found there. Suddenly I saw the nest!"

Wood was quite accurate in his assumption that this warbler nests on the ground.

After the initial discovery of the nesting location, historians were unsure who actu-



ally would be credited with finding the first complete, unhatched egg set. Edward Arnold takes documented credit for his dates of June 29, 1904. Later, documentation shows Norman A. Wood who arranged to have James Parmalee collect a complete egg set on June 6, 1904. This particular egg set was credited to Norman A. Wood because James Parmalee did not have a collectors permit and Norman Wood did not want him caught. Later, due to a family illness, Norman Wood sold the complete set for \$25.00 to Frank Chapman at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

Since these initial dates, history was made here in Oscoda County several times. Two important events included the passage of the Federal Endangered Species Act in 1974 and the Michigan Endangered Species Act in 1975. These acts allowed state and federal forest lands to be managed to preserve the habitat of the Kirtland's Warbler. Management of the Jack Pine forest is the key factor in the rare bird's survival.

The endangered warbler nests only in young Jack Pine forests. These young forest conditions once were created by wildfires that would burn several thousand acres at a time. As the early settlers came to the area, fires were put out more quickly and the amount of young Jack Pine forest decreased.

With the decrease in Jack Pine habitat, Kirtland's Warbler numbers dropped dramatically.

Timber harvest and replanting on harvested areas are the main tools to recreate the young Jack Pine habitat required for the Kirtland's Warbler. At the same time it provides for other species such as rabbits, fox, bluebirds, turkeys, deer, bear, blueberries and the native Alleghany Plum, which also exist within the jack Pine ecosystem, leaving our area with opportunities in the forest industry and the tourist industry. Both complementing each other and leaving the Kirtland's Warbler the beneficiary of our success.

Surprisingly, man is not the Kirtland's Warbler enemy as with many other species. The parasitic cowbird, which lays its eggs in the Kirtland's Warbler's nest, is the biggest Warbler predator. The U.S.D.I. Fish & Wildlife Service controls the cowbird population by using large traps.

The Kirtland's Warbler is our most valuable wildlife species in Oscoda County. We would hope you enjoy studying and learning about this beautiful species while you visit our county.

The U.S.F.S. office in Mio conducts tours in May 15th through 31st each year. We urge you to go on a guided tour and to get acquainted with the Kirtland's Warbler.

Birding Oscoda County

Oscoda County is a well-known destination for birding enthusiasts hoping to add the rare Kirtland's Warbler to their life lists. This threatened songbird, which nests almost exclusively in the jack pine barrens of northeast Michigan, had by 1980, declined to less than 500 individuals. Today, however, thanks to the recovery efforts of Federal and State wildlife agencies, Kirtland's Warbler populations have rebounded to over 10 times this number. Oscoda County continues to host one of the largest breeding populations of this species, and each year hundreds of birders from around the world flock here to add the Kirtland's Warbler to their life lists. What many of these birding enthusiasts might be surprised to discover is that Oscoda County offers excellent opportunities for observing other "target" species as well, such as Ruffed Grouse, Black-billed Cuckoo, Upland Sandpiper, Olive-sided Flycatcher, and Golden-winged Warbler. The county also presents such challenges as Spruce Grouse, Black-backed Woodpecker, Red Crossbill, and even Yellow Rail, birds associated more with Michigan's Upper Peninsula but recorded here many times.

Oscoda County is seriously under-birded, and this despite the fact that the county's Kirtland's Warbler habitats have been thoroughly inventoried for decades. The reasons why are obvious: remote, underpopulated, and dominated by state and federal forestlands, most of the county's diverse habitats rarely, if ever, see a birder. With so many wild and un-birded areas to choose from, where in the county should visiting birders go? The choices are many, but several especially good locations are described below.

The AuSable River Corridor - This stretch of the fabled AuSable, from Mio Dam to Comins Flat, is a designated National Wild and Scenic River. It is also an eBird Hotspot and is easily accessed from either McKinley Road or S. Down River Road. The AuSable River and the surrounding Huron National Forest encompass many excellent birding sites, including the following:

DNR AuSable River Launch - This site is located 0.5 miles north of the stop light in Mio on the east side of M-33/72, just before the Mio Bridge. It affords easy parking and good access to the AuSable River. The Wolf Creek Trail System begins here, as does a trail that leads under the bridge and to the nearby Mio Dam. The park itself is usually good birding year-round but is at its best during the spring and fall migrations. In



summer, watch for Red-headed Woodpecker, Swainson's Thrush, and Canada Warbler, all of which have nested here in recent years.

Mio Dam - Located just to the west the Mio Bridge, the dam can be easily reached by parking at the DNR AuSable River Launch on the east side of M-33/72 and walking the trail that passes under the bridge. You'll find the swampy woods and marshes at the base of the dam quite birdy, especially in spring and early summer, and this is often a good spot to catch spring and fall migrants. Cold winters, when the AuSable is frozen over save for the fast water below the dam, often produce spectacular evening flights of Common Goldeneye, and unusual over-wintering birds here have included Wilson's Snipe, Rusty Blackbird, and Townsend's Solitaire.

Wolf Creek Trail - Parking and access to this well-marked USFS trail system can be located at either the DNR AuSable River Launch (see above) or from S. Down River Rd 2 miles east from the stop light in Mio. The trail system, which is well over 4 miles in length, parallels the AuSable River through mature pine forests and can provide good opportunities for seeing Ruffed Grouse, Pileated Woodpecker, Golden-crowned Kinglet, and

Pine Warbler, to name but a few. The best birding, however, is along the boardwalk close to where the trail begins at the DNR Boat Launch. This raised walkway traverses forest wetlands bordering the AuSable and includes a foot bridge over Wolf Creek. The birding here during spring and fall migration is excellent and provides both good numbers and high diversity of warblers, vireos, thrushes, sparrows, and other songbirds.

USFS Trail 4366 - This U.S. Forest Service two-track parallels the AuSable River from Loud's Canoe Landing to the AuSable Overlook, a distance of approximately one mile. Both sites are well-marked and located on McKinley Road 2 and 3 miles, respectively, east of its intersection with M33/72. This trail, which can be driven or walked, offers many excellent views of the river. Famed among local birders as a good spot to search for Northern Saw-whet Owls from late winter to early summer, it's also a good place in summer to observe Tundra Swan, Ruffed Grouse, Winter Wren, Lincoln Sparrow, and Mourning, Pine, and Canada Warblers, to name but a few.

Mio Pond - This impoundment of the AuSable River, which begins at the Mio Dam and stretches nine miles upriver, is by far the largest body of water in Oscoda County. As such, it is a good place to observe migrating and nesting ducks, loons, grebes, and other water birds, and the forests and swamps that enclose nearly its entire shoreline abound with bird life. Some of the best locations are summarized below.

Camp 10 Bridge - Situated near the upper reaches of Mio Pond, Camp 10 Bridge can be reached from W. Cherry Creek or M-72 via Camp10 Road. The site is well-provided with parking areas, a boat launch, and two covered fishing piers. Bald Eagles, Trumpeter Swans, herons, ducks and other water birds are common here year round, but dozens of water bird species are pos-



sible during spring and fall migration, and even Long-tailed Ducks and Red-necked Grebes have been recorded here.

Mio Pond Scenic Overlook - Located off M-72 one mile west of the stop light in Mio, this site includes a small parking lot, a short trail to an overlook platform, and a spectacular view of Mio Pond. Birding from this platform is often excellent, but it is most productive during spring migration. At this time, hundreds of water birds, including Tundra and Trumpeter Swan, Redhead, Canvasback, N. Pintail, Gadwall, Horned Grebe, and Common Loon may be present, and the list often includes such raptors as Bald Eagle, Merlin, and even Peregrine Falcon as well.

Mio Pond State Forest Campground - This secluded site is located on the north shore of Mio Pond not far above Mio Dam. It is reached by driving north from the stoplight in Mio on M-33/72 for 2 miles until you reach Popp's Road. Turn west on Popp's, drive one mile and turn left on Gerber Road and take it until it dead ends at your destination. A hike through the campground and down the many shoreline foot paths provides good views of Mio Pond and close-ups of the woodlands that surround it. This site is located on one of the numerous marshy coves that line the pond's north shore and is a good place to search for Virginia Rail, Sora, Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, and American Bittern.

Loon and Island Lakes - These picturesque upland lakes in the south-central portion of Oscoda County are located immediately to the west of M-33 about 8 miles south of Mio and are easily accessed via Loon Lake Road. Both lakes are largely encompassed by the Huron National Forest and provided with USFS picnic areas at both Loon and Island Lakes, a USFS campground at Island Lake, another rustic campground at the northwest corner of Loon Lake, and several nature trails, one of which connects the picnic areas of the two lakes. Together, these sites supply more than enough public access for birders. The area, which is strikingly hilly with numerous kettle lakes, wetlands, and moist upland forests of oak and maple, is one of the best places in the county for locating Red-headed Woodpeckers, Yellow-throated Vireos, and Scarlet Tanagers. Other common and notable summer residents include Trumpeter Swan, Common Loon, Broad-winged and Red-shouldered Hawks, Ruffed Grouse, American Woodcock, Black-billed Cuckoo, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Wood Thrush, Veery, and Black-throated Green,

Chestnut-sided, and Mourning Warblers

The Mack Lake Area - The best access to this huge, fire-prone region of the Huron National Forest is via the Curtisville Rd., which intersects M-33 six miles south of Mio. This road is the first leg of the "Jack Pine Wildlife Auto Tour" and proceeds east through a vast area of pine forests, pine/oak scrublands, recent burn areas, and designated



Kirtland's Warbler habitat. If you decide to skip the local USFS tour and look for your own Kirtland's Warbler, confine your search to roads and two-tracks - it is illegal to enter posted KW habitat from May 01 through August 15. Remember that fire, timber harvesting, and KW management can cause habitats here to change quickly, so keep this in mind while you review the "current" list of good birding sites summarized below.

Mack Lake Loop - This loop, which begins two miles east of M-33 at the corner of Curtisville and Eggleston Rd. and proceeds north to Keeley Rd., east to Fowler, and south back to Curtisville, encloses Mack Lake, a small lakeside community of the same name, and several thousand acres of the Huron National Forest. Here you'll find a surprising variety of habitats, from pine/oak scrublands to sedge wetlands, and a great many bird species, including such tantalizing possibilities as Spruce Grouse, Yellow Rail, Black-backed Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, and Red Crossbill, all of which have been recorded here in recent years. Public access to Mack Lake itself is available at the Mack Lake USFS Campground just off Keeley Rd. The lake is long and shallow and provides good habitat for Tundra Swans, Green Herons, Wood Ducks, Bald Eagles, Alder Flycatchers, and many other birds from late spring to fall. Additionally, the roads and trails in and around the campground give good access to both the shoreline and surrounding pine forests and can be excellent in spring and fall for migrating warblers, sparrows, and other songbirds.

Keeley and Colgrove Roads - This dry, sandy upland area east of Mack Lake has been

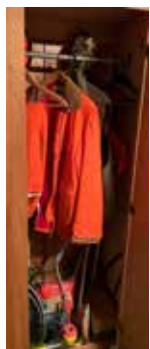
the site of several wildfires over the past few decades and, consequently, is a patchwork of open grasslands, pine/oak scrub, stands of young aspen, mature pines, and extensive (but aging) Kirtland's Warbler habitat. To reach this area, drive east on Curtisville Rd for 5 miles until you reach Colgrove Road. Turn north on Colgrove and note the posted KW habitats along the east side. In late spring and summer, it is quite easy to hear, and not too difficult to see, Kirtland's Warblers from here. Continue north on Colgrove until you reach Keeley Rd, and turn east. The best birding is here on Keeley Rd. between Colgrove and Eugene (which is often impassible due to loose sand). Kirtland's Warblers are still common here and, thanks to countless snags, not difficult to see. Nashville and Yellow-rumped Warblers are also common here, as are Upland Sandpiper, Common Nighthawk, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Vesper, Clay-colored, and Lincoln Sparrow, and Brewer's Blackbird, just to name a few. Black-backed Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, and Red Crossbill are all quite possible here as well.

Summers Road - Summers Road, which lies 9 miles down Curtisville Road in the remote southeast corner of Oscoda County, has long been famous with local birders for its summertime night birding. Barred Owls are commonly heard and seen here, while Great-horned and N. Saw-whet Owls are often encountered as well. It is best known, however, for the extraordinary numbers of Eastern Whip-poor-wills that can be heard and seen here throughout late spring and summer. As dusk sets in, the unmistakable vocalizations of this species begin, and soon whip-poor-wills can be seen flying by and even landing on the road. Once it is completely dark, drive Summers Road slowly with your windows down and note the red eyes of the singing whip-poor-wills glowing in your car's headlights.

Curtisville Road - About 10 miles east of M-33 the Curtisville Road veers right and becomes gravel. This stretch of Curtisville Road runs for a little over 2 miles to the county line and traverses a rich mix of upland hardwood forests, cedar and deciduous swamps, and old fields. Some of this area is public, but much is private so you should plan to bird from the road. This is one of the best areas in the county for finding Black-billed Cuckoo, and other specialties include Ruffed Grouse, Upland Sandpiper, Wilson's Snipe, Alder Flycatcher, Sedge Wren, Grasshopper Sparrow, Bobolink, and a rich diversity of warblers including Golden-

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Calendar of Events - 2021



FEBRUARY

19-20 Free Fishing weekend in Michigan.

25-27 Predator Roundup in Luzerne.

MARCH

26-27 Maple Syrup Weekend

APRIL

2 Trivia night 6 p.m. sponsored by the Chamber at the Community Center.

TBD Spring clean-up at Fairground.

11 Country Gardeners Club meeting at 6:30 p.m., Mio Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. For info Linda 989-889-1032.

21 Elk Country Gobblers Banquet, Comins Eagle Hall. For info call Frank 989-848-5234.

23 Auction Fundraiser Lydia's Gate. For info call 989-826-5588.

NWTF, Elk county Gobblers meet at 9 a.m. second Tues. every month (except Nov.) at Loud Township Hall on M33 in Atlanta.

MAY

Patio Grilling each Wed from 5-7 p.m. at the Mio Moose Lodge, 1631 Ryno Rd., 48636. For info call 989-826-5800.

7 Grow Show OC Fairgrounds sponsored by Conservation Soil District 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 989-826-8824.

9 Country Gardeners Club meeting & pot luck at 6 p.m. Mio Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. For info call Linda 989-889-1032.

28 Steiner Museum Opening and Pancake breakfast 8 a.m.-11 a.m. For info call 989-390-670815.

31 Memorial Day Ceremony on Mio Court House lawn.

JUNE

Classic Car Drive-In and Patio Grilling each Tues. from 5-7 p.m. Patio Grilling each Wed. from 5-7 p.m. at the Mio Moose Lodge, 1631 Ryno Rd., 48636 for info call 989-826-5800.

10-11 Red White Blue Collar Festival

10-12 Nor-Eas'r Music Festival, OC Fairgrounds.

11 Ausable Valley Triathlon-Kayak, bike run, sponsored by Love Inc. 989-848-2020 ausablevalleytriathlon@gmail.com

11-12 Free Fishing weekend

13 Country Gardeners Club meeting at 6:30 p.m. with perennial exchange, for info contact 989-889-1032.

14 Veterans Program at Steiner Museum.

24-25 AuSable Valley Engine & Tractor Show at Oscoda County Fairgrounds. For info call 989-370-5471.

24-25 Indoor Garage Sale at Our Lady of the Woods Shrine, St Marys Church for info visit olwshrine.org

JULY

Every-Classic Car Drive-In and Patio Grilling each Tues. 5-7 p.m. Patio Grilling each Wed. from 5-7 p.m. at Mio Moose Lodge, 1631 Ryno Rd. 48636 call 989-826-5800

1-2 Women of the Moose Rummage & Bake Sale

Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Mio Moose Lodge, 1631 Ryno Rd., 48636 for info call 989-826-5800.

2 Luzerne 4th of July Parade,

Fireworks at dusk.

3 Comins 4th July Celebration
-at Skyline Event Center. Live music at 5 p.m. Fireworks at dusk.

4 Fairview Chicken Dinner
downtown Fairview.

4 Comins 4th July Celebration
parade at 11 a.m. followed by community picnic.

4 Mio 4th of July Celebration Parade at 1 p.m. and fireworks at dusk over Mio Pond.

11 Country Gardeners Club
meeting at 6:30 p.m., location TBA. For info contact Linda 989-889-1032.

30-31 AuSable River Canoe Marathon Grayling to Oscoda www.ausableconomarathon.org

AUGUST

Classic Car Drive-In and Patio Grilling each Tues. from 5-7 p.m. Patio Grilling each Wed. from 5-7 p.m. at Mio Moose Lodge Ryno Rd., 48636. For info call 989-826-5800.

6-7 Relief Sale at Fairground

8 Country Gardeners Club
meeting at 6:30 p.m., location TBA. For info call Linda 989-889-1032.

12-13 Lumberjack Heritage Days at Oscoda County Fairgrounds for info call Sally 734-788-3254.

15 Outdoor Assumption Mass at Our Lady of the Woods Shrine St. Mary Church of Mio. For info visit olwshrine.org

20-21 Art Show at Steiner Museum

27-28 Annual First Dam Canoe Challenge at Mio Pond. Pro Amateur and Youth races. For info call 989-390-3889 or 989-826-3402.

SEPTEMBER

10 4th Annual Made in Michigan Market, Skyline Event Center, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For info call 231-942-0104.

10 Burgers & Brats, Elk Country Gobblers, Clinton Township

Park. For info call Frank 989-848-5234.

12 Country Gardeners Club
meeting at 6:30 p.m., location TBA. For info call Linda 989-889-1032.

17 Soup & Pie Supper, Mio Methodist Church on West M-72 Mio 5-6:30 p.m. For info call Sue 989-745-4467.

OCTOBER

8 Chilli cookoff open to the public at Mio Moose Lodge 1631 Ryno Rd. 3 p.m. drop off 4 p.m. tasting. For info call 989-826-580.

15 Fall Pumpkin Festival, Comins, sponsored by Clinton Township 12-3 p.m. Pumpkin chunking, kids games.

8-9 Quilt Show at Steiner Museum.

10 Country Gardeners Club meeting & potluck at 6 p.m., Mio Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. For info call Linda 989-889-1032.

28 Halloween Party for Lydia's Gate at Mio Moose

Lodge. For info call 989-826-5588.

NOVEMBER

5 Wine Tasting and Silent Action, Annual Event
sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. For info call 989-826-3331.

TBD Chilli Supper Mio Methodist Church on West M-72 5-6:30 p.m. For info call Char 989-826-1694.

26 Holiday Light Parade, Main Street, Mio 6 p.m. Visit Santa and Mrs. Claus for cookies and hot chocolate at the Chamber of Commerce 4-5:30 p.m. For info call 989-826-3331.

26 Small Business Saturday
Mio downtown businesses open late for your holiday shopping.

DECEMBER

1-31 Angel Memorial Tree on the Court House lawn. Fundraiser for Lydia's Gate. For info call 989-826-5588.

Christmas in Fairview, downtown Fairview shopping specials 6-9 p.m. Tree lighting 5:30-6 p.m.

Pioneers Christmas at Steiner Museum 2-4 p.m. For info call Sandy 734-788-3254.

10 Kids Lunch with Santa
for children 10 and under. 12-2 p.m. at the Mio Moose Lodge, 1631 Ryno Rd., 48636. For info call 989-826-5800.



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East Branch of Big Creek – The river valley of this delightful trout stream constitutes one of Michigan's southernmost expanses of sub-boreal spruce/fir forest. Similarly, many of bird species that occur here are also sub-boreal and more typical of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. A summary of the two locations at which this unique region may be accessed are summarized below.

Mapes Road - Four miles south of its intersection with M-72 and between Zimowski and Galloway Roads, Mapes Road passes over the East Branch of Big Creek. The valley floor here are very wet and difficult to access, so most of your birding will of necessity be from the road. The birding here, especially in spring and early summer, is excellent, and some of the notable bird species to be found include Olive-sided and Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Winter Wren, Lincoln and White-throated Sparrow, Evening Grosbeak, Purple Finch, Red Crossbill, Northern Waterthrush, and Cape May and Canada Warbler.

The Luzerne Boardwalk - This scenic mile-long stretch of the Michigan Shore-to-Shore Trail, complete with a picturesque bridge over the East Branch, is well-marked and can be reached from Galloway Road about a mile south of the village of Luzerne. A short road leads from Galloway to the parking area, and from there a trail leads

directly to the boardwalk. Common and notable spring and summer birds found here include Ruffed Grouse, Northern Goshawk, Merlin, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Blue-headed Vireo, Winter Wren, White-throated Sparrow, and at least 15 nesting species of warbler such as Magnolia, Cape May, Yellow-rumped, Blackburnian, Pine, Mourning, Canada, and Northern Waterthrush.

The Kittle/Kneeland Area – The rolling pastures and Amish farmlands that lie in the north-central part of the county, roughly between Kneeland and Kittle Roads, offers excellent summer and winter birding opportunities. However, since the land in this area is privately owned, plan to bird from the road. Start by driving north from Mio 3 miles on M-33/72 and turning left on to W. Kittle Road. From here, some of the area roads you'd be advised to tour are Gerber, Galbraith, and Bills (all north/south roads connecting with W. Kittle to W. Kneeland), and Caldwell (a north/south road connecting E. Kittle with E. Kneeland). A spring to late summer birding tour along these open country roads may produce such notable finds as Upland Sandpiper, Wilson's Snipe, Northern Harrier, American Pipit, Purple Martin, Sedge Wren, Grasshopper Sparrow, Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird, and more irregularly, Dickcissel, Western Meadowlark, and Henslow's Sparrow. Fall to winter birding can be equally productive, with good possibilities of seeing Snow and Cackling Goose, American Golden-Plover, Rough-

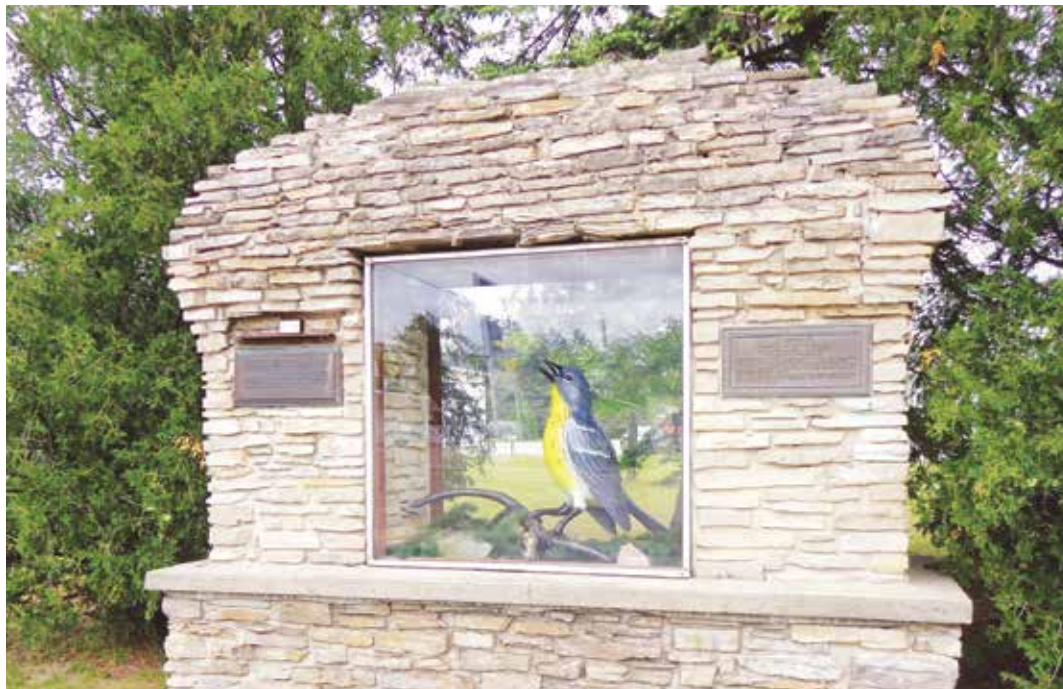
legged Hawk, Northern Shrike, Snow Bunting, Lapland Longspur, and Common Redpoll, with Snowy and Short-eared Owl, Bohemian Waxwing, Pine Grosbeak and White-winged Crossbill occasionally possible as well.

Bailey Road - A favorite with local birders, Bailey Road intersects M-33 five miles north of Fairview and just south of Comins. From here the road runs west, with the best birding along its first 2 miles. Bailey Road traverses old farms and overgrown fields, orchards, and woodlots, but since much of the land here is private, you should plan to bird from the road. In late spring and early summer, the shrubby roadsides and weedy fields often prove excellent for such hard-to-find species as Grasshopper Sparrow and Golden-winged Warbler, but it is winter birding for which Bailey Road is most noted. Ruffed Grouse and over-wintering American Robins and Cedar Waxwings often find food and shelter in the old fruit trees, and this can be one of the best places in the county for winter eruptives such as Pine Grosbeak and Bohemian Waxwings.

Written by: James C. Dawe

Mr. Dawe, retired biology teacher and long-time county resident, is a local naturalist, professional bird guide, bird artist, and past member of the Michigan Bird Records Committee. If you wish to contact Mr. Dawe for further information or to schedule a guided bird tour, feel free to contact him via his cell phone (989-390-9186) or by email (jimdaw@hotmail.com).

Kirtland's Warbler Monument



Located in Mio, on the Oscoda County Courthouse lawn, stands what could be the "World's first monument to a songbird."

This replica of a Kirtland's Warbler was built in July of 1963 by the people of Oscoda County and placed where all could see.

The stone cairn contains a four-foot high image of the endangered Kirtland's Warbler. The replica was carved from fiberglass and plastic by wildlife sculptor Leo Nelson of Kalkaska, Michigan.

Roger Tory Peterson, from the National Audubon Society, arrived in Mio to dedicate the monument during the Great Lakes Forestry Exposition.

AuSable Valley Engine & Tractor Club

18th Annual Tractor Show

June 24th & 25th (Friday and Saturday)



The AuSable Valley Engine and Tractor Club (AVETC) was established in 2004 and is a collection of individuals with an appreciation of the bygone years of country life and farming, old tractors and equipment. Currently we have almost 100 members from all over Michigan and beyond. Our members participate in many activities including Fourth of July parades around Oscoda County, the Mackinaw Bridge Tractor Crossing, the Curran Black Bear Festival and the Comins Pumpkin Festival.

The highlight of the year is our annual tractor show held the last weekend in June. Our 18th annual show will be June 24 and 25 (Friday and Saturday), 2022. Our show venue is the beautifully wooded Oscoda County Fairgrounds, located on Caldwell Road, just north of M33 between Mio and Fairview. In addition to the wide variety of antique tractors and machinery on display, there is a swap meet/flea market, craft vendors, and lots of youth activities including old-time schoolhouse classes, games, tractor rides, and prizes to win. Members host a variety of events such as a tractor parade, a barrel rolling contest, a slow tractor race, tractor pulling, and lawn/garden tractor events. Visitors can take a free ride on our people-mover to see the beautiful fairgrounds. Demonstrations and exhibits include blacksmithing, threshing and processing of grain, sawmill, shingle mill, crate making, tractor dynamometer, small hit and miss engines, farm diorama, and many others. There's something for everyone to enjoy! Food is available throughout the two day show. There is no charge to display tractors or other equipment - even for non-club members - and set up is free for the swap meet/flea market. Fairground camping during the show is available for a nominal fee on beautifully wooded lots (some with electricity).

AVETC members also participate in various community service activities. Each spring, we clean up the fairgrounds where we hold our annual show. On the fairgrounds, we constructed and maintain a sawmill and restored the Grandview Country (One Room) School House. Our club sponsored The Ohio Star Variation quilt block design



(as part of the Timberland Quilt Trail) which hangs on the O.E. Kauffman Building at the Fairgrounds. A week-end plow event is planned for each spring and fall - call for details and dates.

Our club meets monthly at the Clinton Township Hall in Comins at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from January to October. We end our year with a Fall Harvest Dinner in November. New members are always welcome. Members don't have to own a tractor; they only need to have an interest in the preservation of antique

tractors, implements, and gas engines, and their important role in our agricultural heritage. Annual dues are currently \$10.00 per year.

For more information or questions about our club, please feel free to call the members listed below, or email ausablevalleytractors@gmail.com, or "like" us on facebook.

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For more information about our services, volunteer opportunities or donation needs, please call (989) 826-5588.

Oscoda County Council on Aging

What is the Oscoda County Council on Aging or the Mio Senior Center? We are a private non-profit organization that provides services to help keep seniors in their home as long as possible. We provide in-Home Services and Meals on Wheels. We also have a Respite program to give caregivers a much deserved break. Our services are offered for a donation only, there is no charge.

The Center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. We serve a congregate meal at our Mio center Monday through Friday at Noon. The suggested donation of \$3 for seniors 60 and older and anyone under 60 is welcome to join, but they must pay \$6.50. There are monthly menus available at the center if you wish to pick one up and see what we are cookin' up! We have free computer access for seniors and we have a wide variety of books, puzzles and coloring activities. The staff at the Senior Center is always happy to see people use the facility and we welcome any ideas

to get people to utilize the site! We have a Medicare/Medicaid counselor on hand to help with any questions or problems Medicare beneficiaries may have. We have many pamphlets and informational publications for nutritional and financial wellbeing. If you have a question please ask the staff, if we don't know the answer we will help you find someone who does! Every month we host a food distribution for seniors 60 and older. Every three months (February, May, August, and November) we host another food distribution that is open to anyone regardless of age. We also have a small loan closet for anyone in need of crutches, canes, walkers, wheel chairs, toilet risers, etc. The loan closet is also free and open to anyone.

We have clean bathrooms and we keep it warm in the winter and cool in the summer. We strive to make our center a welcome place for anyone. If you would like more information please feel free to contact the Center at 989-826-3025.



Mio Moose

The Moose is an international fraternal organization, and is dedicated to caring for the young and old, bringing communities closer together and celebrating life.

The Mio Moose Lodge #1035 chartered in 1979 and the Women of the Moose #68 (WOTM) chartered in 1982. Effective May 1, 2021, both men and women can be members of the Moose Lodge.

We support Mooseheart, a children's campus west of Chicago, IL and Moosehaven, a senior complex in Jacksonville, FL. The Mio Moose members have also committed to sharing their time, talents and treasures with local charitable works such as Adopt-A-Highway, Neighborhood Watch, and the Nor-East'r. We are consistently participating in fund-raising efforts for such local organizations as the local fire and EMS departments, His Love, Inc., Hospice of Helping Hands, Luzerne Fireworks, Lydia's Gate, Mio Lions Club, Northern MI Children's Assessment Center, River House Inc., Tabs for Tots, Timberland Quilt Trail, Tri-County Fire Prevention, Tommy Moose presented to Oscoda County EMS, Prosecuting Attorney, and the Sheriffs Department, as well as adopting a number of families in need during the holiday seasons and hosting a Children's Christmas Party for those 10 years old and younger.

Ongoing activities, geared for both its members and guests, include various events during the year such as darts, euchre, golf, horseshoes, pool, shuffleboard, a variety of Wii games, dinners, parties as well as providing a well maintained RV parking area with electric and water hookups and fire rings and play ground equipment.

In addition, from May through August, the traveling horseshoe league plays each Wednesday evening at the Lodge, and Patio Grilling is available from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. From June through August the Classic Car Drive-in is each Tuesday evening, and Patio Grilling is available from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Annual special events include the Rummage & Bake Sale the Friday & Saturday of the 4th of July weekend. And the 2nd Saturday of December is the Children's Lunch with Santa for children 10 years old and younger.

Being part of any wholesome, family-oriented fraternal organization is fulfilling...but It's GREAT being a Mio Moose member!!!

Mio Moose Lodge, 1631 Ryno Rd, Luzerne, MI 48636, (989) 826-5800, P.O. Box 35, Mio, MI 48647 Facebook: Mio Moose Lodge #1035. Any questions, please contact CarolLynn 810-441-4241 or vannet60fa@hotmail.com

Mio Moose Calendar of events: Open daily at 2 p.m. SPORTS EVENTS

Jan-April:

Sunday - 2 p.m. - Darts
Monday - 6 p.m. 9-Ball Pool
Wednesday - 1 p.m. - Euchre
Thursday - 6 p.m. - Pool
Friday - 2 p.m. - Shuffleboard
Friday 2 p.m. - Shuffleboard
Saturday - 5-8 p.m. - Tom's Sliders

May-October:

Wednesday - 2 p.m. - Euchre
Thursday - 6 p.m. - Pool
Friday - 10 a.m. - Golf
Friday - 2 p.m. - Shuffleboard
Saturday - 5-8 p.m. - Tom's Sliders



“Promoting Thriving Families”

His Love Family Resources is a baby pantry and parenting resource center located at 203 S. Morenci in Mio and is open from 10-5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Those experiencing a planned or unplanned pregnancy (free pregnancy tests are available) and all parents are welcome. The baby pantry is stocked with diapers, children's clothing (newborn – 5 toddler) as well as maternity clothing, gently used baby furniture and other things for infants and young children. There is no cost for the material resources or parenting classes but an “Earn While You Learn” program allows each participant to learn valuable parenting skills while “earning” the Mommy Money or Daddy Dough to use for pantry items. We welcome anyone looking for parenting information to access our resource library and those who want to learn more or are court – ordered to take parenting classes to participate as well.

His Love Family Resources offers other programs as well including a Parent Encouragement Group, Birth of a Family, and Sexual Integrity events.

The resource center is a 501(c)(3) organization staffed primarily by volunteers and gladly accepts donations of baby and toddler clothing, baby furniture and baby items in good condition. They are always in need of diapers and wipes. If you would like to donate pantry items or make a financial donation you can call 989-826-5817.

His Love Family Resources is a faith-based non-profit family resource center and baby pantry dedicated to preserving and affirming the sanctity of human life, and building strong families.



55th Annual Northern Michigan Relief Sale



The year 2022 marks the 55th time people of Northern Michigan will come together to hold the Northern Michigan Relief Sale (NMRS). This event has grown from a small gathering held at the Comins Township Hall to a two day affair held at the beautiful grounds of the Oscoda County Fairgrounds. Attendance has grown over the years, with current annual attendees counting at about 1,500 people.

This year's dates are Friday, August 5th and Saturday, August 6th. Churches and individuals from throughout Northern Michigan partner to put on the event, which is one of over 40 such sales held in North America each year, for the benefit of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC).

MCC uses the funds raised for providing assistance to needy people around the world. They do this by providing resources for clean water, education, health care, agricultural development, and emergency supplies. This happens mostly in underdeveloped areas of the world, but there are also several projects in North America. Over the years of the NMRS, approximately \$3,250,000 has been raised for the MCC projects. This gives the people of our region the opportunity to connect with and make a difference in the lives of suffering people all over the world. Last year's 54th event, coming after 2020 when the in-person event was not held, raised over \$170,000.

Many parts of the 2022 NMRS are still in the planning stage as this is written, but we expect to have most of the regular features starting Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. This includes Homemade Baked Goods, Used Books, Kids Activities, Garage Sale and Fresh Produce. On Friday, Music plays over the fairgrounds as the visitors partake of a variety of foods and tour the booths open for viewing and buying.

At 4:30 p.m. more shops open either for browsing or sales. Quilts are on display through the evening so you can get a good up close look at them before you bid on Saturday. Another highlight is the Color Challenge. Quilters started with the same five fabrics, then designed and stitched an amazing array of projects. Viewers may vote on their favorite and a People's Choice ribbon is awarded. All entries are auctioned off with the quilts on Saturday. The Fun Run begins at 7:00 p.m. with several participant categories. 7:00 p.m. also marks the beginning of the Gospel

Music Concert, with this year's performers being "The Walking Roots Band".

Saturday, the big day, starts at 6:00 a.m. with a Whole Hog Sausage and Pancake Breakfast. Shops open at 7:30 a.m. The General Auction which begins at 9:30 a.m. includes local crafts, donated items from practical to antique, and usually a new furniture item from Gascho Furniture of Pigeon, MI. The Quilt Auction takes over at 11:00 a.m. with hand and machine stitched quilts, many of heirloom quality, plus comforters, afghans, and wall hangings. Both auctions will take turns throughout the day. Area auctioneers alternate throughout the auctions as well.

Blessing Bids are a unique part of this sale. Bids are taken to meet specific needs or projects around the world. Bidders generously give with nothing received but a feeling of blessing someone else in the world in great need. Items bid on could include wells, water purification, housing, education, health supplies, emergency food, or school, relief, and hygiene kits.

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Updates and additional information are available on the website www.relief-sale.org. As the sale date draws near photos and descriptions are posted there. The Oscoda County Fairgrounds is located on Caldwell Road, 5 miles north of Mio or 3 miles west of Fairview off M-33.

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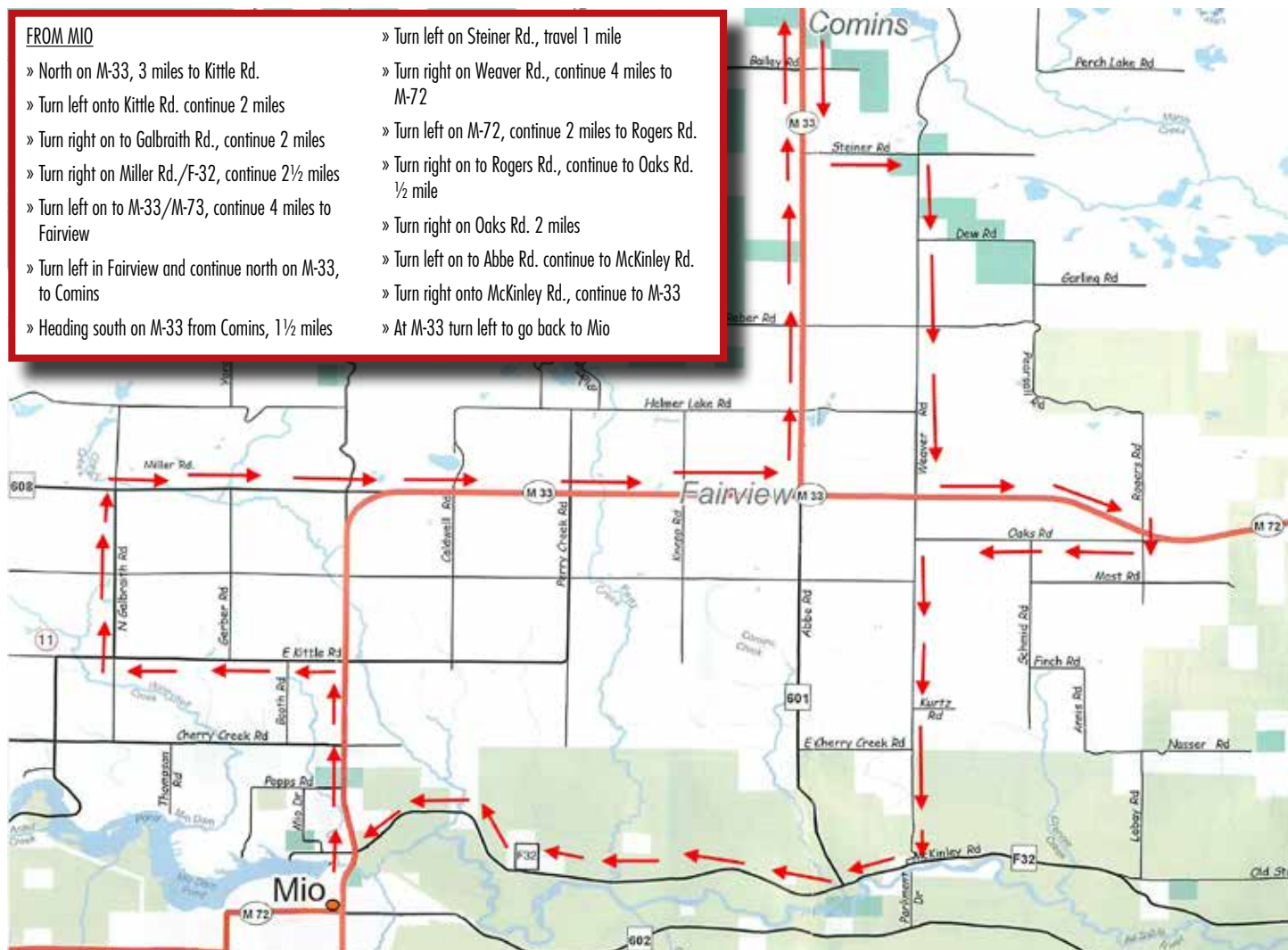
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- » Heading south on M-33 from Comins, 1½ miles

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- » Turn right on to Rogers Rd., continue to Oaks Rd. ½ mile
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normal shopping experience, not to mention that great find at a bargain price. On any given Saturday you will see the parking lot filled at Lets Talk Auction on the corner of M-33 and Perry Creek Road, go to the auction find out how fun it can be. Maybe you like a little slower pace shopping experience, just north of Fairview in Comins you'll find the Carrie James Antiques wannabees and more, well know by the locals for great buys, the deals are ever changing, and the

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3474 W. Park Rd., Luzerne
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Bible School 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Luzerne Baptist Church

3642 M-72, Luzerne
(989) 826-8888
Sunday Worship
11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Living Water Lutheran Church (L.C.M.S.)

207 Fourth Street, Mio
(989) 826-1688
Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

Mio Baptist Church

357 S. Mt. Tom, Mio
(989) 390-1674 or 826-3944
Sunday Worship
11:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.,
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

Mio Seventh Day Adventist Church

1845 S. Mt. Tom, Mio
(989) 826-3855
Sabbath Bible Study 10:00 a.m.,
Worship Service
Saturday 11:30 a.m.,
Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Mio United Methodist Church

1101 W. 8th Street, Mio
(989) 826-5598
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

New Hope Assembly of God

520 W. 8th St. (M-72), Mio
(989) 826-3898
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.,
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.,
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.,
Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.

St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church

M-72 West, Mio
(989) 826-3993
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study Thursday 10:00 a.m.

St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

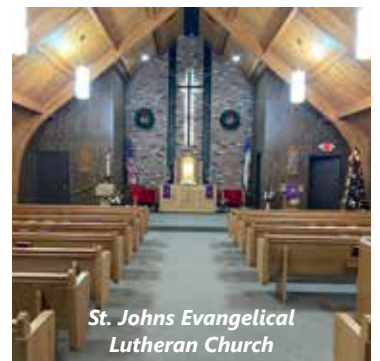
75 N. Mt. Tom Rd., Mio
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TriPoint Church of God

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Youth Wednesday 7:00 a.m.



St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church

Autumn Wine Tasting & Silent Auction

Annual Event The first Saturday of November



This year will be the 21st Annual Event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce for Oscoda County at Mio Community Center. More than 26 wines are sampled from Michigan wineries in the Rose City, Alpena and Traverse City areas. The event is held in a

semi-formal atmosphere with Hors D'oeuvres provided by The Au Sable River Restaurant.

While sampling the various selections of wines, participants can view the auction items donated by local businesses and place bids. A 50/50 cash drawing also takes place to

benefit Oscoda County's Fireworks display on the 4th of July, along with door prizes.

For more information, tickets, location and time of the event contact the Chamber of Commerce at 989-826-3331.

Oscoda County Lumberjack Heritage Days

August 12 & 13, 2022 at Oscoda County Fairgrounds

Logging and the timber industry are a large part of Oscoda County. With the modernization of the trade, the art of being a true Lumberjack has almost vanished. The logging expo competition gives you a taste of the skills of being a lumberjack.

This is a fun filled weekend of the entire family, with horse rides, 3 different inflatable rides, wagon rides, music, food, animals, exhibits, a bike rodeo, crafters, games, vendors, yard sale, and much more.

Camping is available for the weekend. For further information call Sandy Gehringer – Handrich 734-788-3254, Logging Competition.



Cowboy Church, People Mover, Cornhole Tournament, Bonfire & Music, Horse Chiropractor & Blacksmith, Frustration Buster (car smash), Water balloon toss and Wrestling by Imperial Wrestling Entertainment.

School house will be open!

Lumberjack Competition: Classes are \$5 each up to \$40. Prizes will be awarded to the top four competitors.

Classes are: Amateur Stock Chainsaw, Open Class Chainsaw, Women's Stock Chainsaw, Underhand Chop, Bowsaw, Jack-N-Jill Crosscut, Axe Throw, 2-Man Crosscut, 3-Cube Chainsaw Stock Appearing, 5-Cube Chainsaw Pipe Class, and Water Boil.

Contact Info (Fair Assocpres)
Sandy Gehringer - Handrich
734-788-3254.

Clubs and Organizations of Oscoda County



Luzerne American Legion Post #162

Our general membership meetings are the second Thursday of every month. Call 989-826-5950.



Comins Eagles #3544 Aeires and Auxiliary

Contact information
989-848-5475.



Fairview/Comins Lions Club

Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Lions Den. For more information they can be contacted at P.O. Box 31, Fairview Michigan 48621 or call 989-464-9525.



Knights of Columbus

Council meetings are held on the first Monday of each Month, and Assembly meets fourth Monday of each month contact number 989-826-3017.



Mio Lions Club

The Mio Lions Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you would like more information about the club, they can be contacted at P.O. Box 17, Mio, Michigan 48647 or call 989-826-5371.



Mio Masonic Lodge 596

Mio Masonic Lodge 596, meets the first Wednesday of each month with a dinner at 6 p.m. and lodge at 7:30 p.m. For further information contact 989-826-5712.



Mio Moose Lodge #1035 and Chapter #68

Call 989-826-6081.



Oscoda County Shriners Club

The Shriners meet the fourth Tuesday of every month at Lost Creek Sky Ranch 6 p.m. Social - 7 p.m. Business Meeting. Contact Glenn Guilds 989-685-2981.



VFW Post 4126

Monthly meetings take place the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. contact number 989-826-1253 or 826-3456

Oscoda Cemeteries

Union Corners Gravesites Big Creek Township, Oscoda County

Union Corners Gravesites are located in Section 28 of Big Creek Township, Union Corners Road south of Valley Road/County Road 488, Mio

Rich Gravesite
Big Creek Township,
Oscoda County

Rich Gravesite is located in Section 27 of Big Creek Township, Rich Road south of Valley Road, Mio.

Kittle Cemetery
Elmer Township, Oscoda County

Kittle Cemetery is located on Kittle Road/County Road 614, Mio

Hughes Graves Big Creek Township, Oscoda County

Hughes Graves are located in Big Creek Township, Oscoda Co. Mentor Twp Cemetery (Mio Cemetery)
East 8th St. (S. River Rd) - Mio

Clinton Twp Cemetery
(Comins Cemetery)
West Boiling Springs Rd. - Comins

Comins Twp Cemetery
(Fairview Cemetery)
N Abbe Road - Fairview MI

Davis Cemetery
¼ mile west of McKinley Rd & Abbe Rd intersection

Luzerne Cemetery
W M-72 - Luzerne



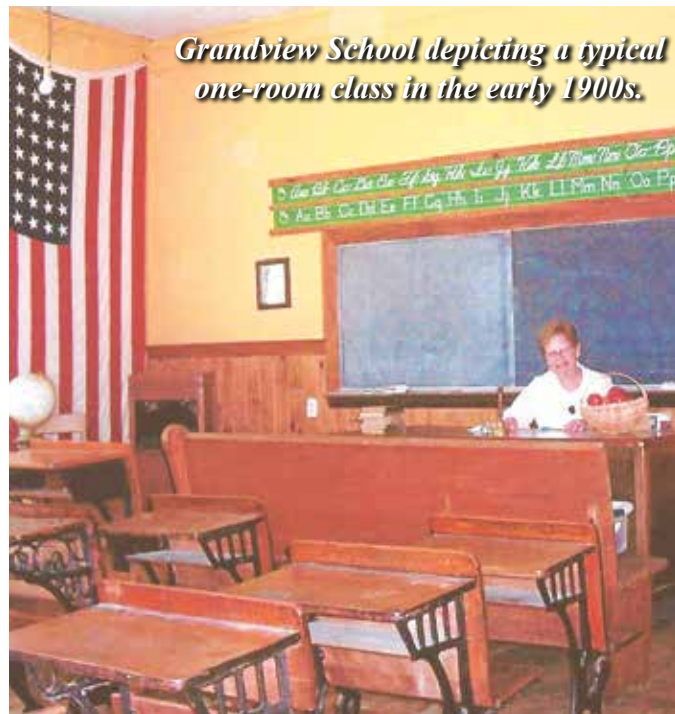
GRANDVIEW SCHOOL Oscoda County Fairgrounds



The Grandview School was originally located on the corner of Oaks Rd. and Rogers Rd. From 1907 until 1926 it was used as a one-room school for grades one through eight. In 1927 the building was moved into Fairview where it was used for the third and fourth grades. In 1935 it was converted to shop class and continued until 1953. The building was

left unused for storage until 1991 when it was moved to the Oscoda County Fairgrounds.

In 2009 the Au Sable Valley Engine and Tractor Club started a full restoration. At the present time it is restored to what a typical one-room school would have been like in the early 1900s.



Grandview School depicting a typical one-room class in the early 1900s.

Upon visiting a person will find old teaching materials, information on past teachers and students that have been part of this school's history.

The school will be open at most fair-ground activities or upon special request.

Fairview

History

After lumber companies cleared much of the timber of Oscoda County from 1870-1899, a land agent began contacting Amish and Mennonites in Ohio and Indiana in 1899, promoting the area as favorable to farming. Farming wasn't easy, but the many Amish and Mennonites who settled in the Fairview and Comins areas grew accustomed to life here and stayed. Residents with Mennonite heritage still make up much of Fairview's population, and the spirit of sharing and helping neighbors that prevailed in the early days still exist today, as does the lumber industry.

Today's travelers driving through the small town of Fairview, where M-33 and M-72 intersect, will notice a sign advising them they are entering the design-



nated "Wild Turkey Capital of Michigan," famous for the flocks that roam the area.

Nearby Attractions:

Northern Michigan Relief Sale, the First weekend in August at the Fairgrounds, auction of hand-made quilts, much more. Proceeds fund worldwide relief efforts. Skyline Event Center, many summer events. Visit

their Facebook *Skyline Event Center* for updated information. Steiner Museum, pioneer and logging industry artifacts. Au Sable River, Comins Flats, approx. 3 miles south of Fairview, is a common canoe stopping point.

Fairview Shopping

The Family Bookshelf, unique gifts from around the world; **Fairview Food Market**, with roots to 1904, excellent meat department; **Fairview**

Hardware, all your hardware and wood stove needs, and a knowledgeable staff.

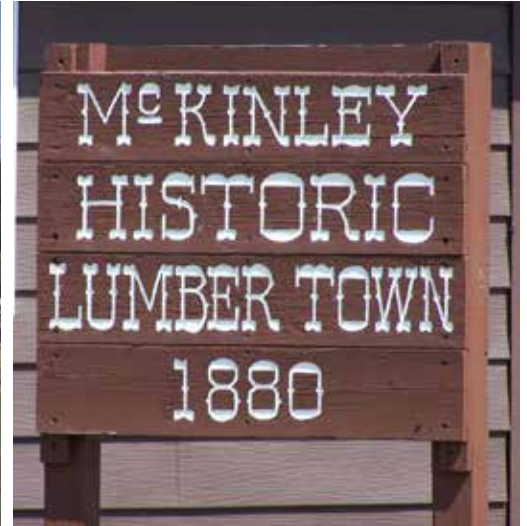
Fairview Services

Wellspring Luther Services, a 90 acre campus in Fairview, skilled nursing facility (rated among the top in nation), apartments and condos.

McKinley

Historic logging town McKinley, once called Potts, was a bustling town during the 1800's logging boom in Michigan and was considered the largest in Oscoda County. Now you will find a great out-of-the-way village of mainly log cabins. McKinley is an ORV trail head for the county and a favorite snowmobile stop on the trails in the winter. The Au Sable River is on the south side with a canoe landing and the McKinley Bridge. Just up from the river is the Scenic River Wood

Restaurant and Bar, a true up north establishment always friendly and the food is always good. McKinley also hosts a Motel, Store and Civic Center. Look at McKinley on a map and you will see an island in the middle of the Huron National Forest and all the hunting, fishing, hiking and riding it has to offer. In the fall and summer McKinley Road winds its way from Mio to McKinley on the north side of the Au Sable River and is a gorgeous drive and a favorite among motorcycle enthusiasts.



Greenwood Township Park

Constructed in 2002, Greenwood Township Hall plays host to the small park and a beautiful nature walk trail with formal flower gardens that include a gazebo. The trail and flower gardens are built and maintained by a group of dedicated volunteers from our community and is open to the public. The walk includes stops along the way with education on trees and plants native to our area.

Greenwood Township area located in the northwest corner of Oscoda County offers a great escape from the city with several of the finest golf courses in the state at Garland Resort. Located in the heart of the township, Garland Resort offers the best in overnight and vacation accommodations, food and entertainment and offers several different courses for the beginner to the most avid of golfers.

The many lakes in the area offer the best in fishing and water sports. Whether you are looking for the quiet of a bed and breakfast or a stay at one of the lodges on the lakes, camping or just quiet walks in the woods, Greenwood Township is a great destination. The winters offer some of the finest snowmobile riding, snow shoeing and ice fishing as well. Heading south on Co. Rd. 489 you will find the village of Red Oak and the Au Sable River.





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Luzerne

The community of Luzerne was started in 1881 when Major Myron B. Hagaman and his family moved here from Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. Luzerne boasts the 'Big Creek' trout streams, great for fly-fishing with Branch's of the stream system crossing the roads on the east, west and north sides of town. North of town where Deeter Road meets the Au Sable River, you will find Big Creek Township Park, you can throw your tube in the river, camp or picnic at this great location on the river.

To the west and south of Luzerne are square miles of the Huron National Forest, great for hunting and hiking. There are maintained trails for snowmobiling and ORV'ing. The Michigan Shore to Shore horse trail is just south of Luzerne. The snowmobile trail

come right into downtown Luzerne at Ma Deeter's Restaurant and Bar. Luzerne also is an ORV trailhead on the ORV trail system.

Need to pick some things up for your Oscoda County adventure? The Luzerne Hardware, is more than just hardware and the Luzerne Express has groceries, an express restaurant and campground, they have you covered. Feel like getting out and enjoying nature, the weather and woods? Take a hike on the Luzerne Boardwalk, part of the shore to shore riding trail. It offers hikers a unique way to see the woods and wildlife and is located just south of town on Gal-lowsay Road. In downtown Luzerne you will find Constock Park, a great place for the kids to play, picnic or host a family gathering. No matter what activity you enjoy, Luzerne has got you covered!

Mio

Mio, Michigan is Oscoda County's largest village and the county seat. On the courthouse lawn you can visit Veterans Memorial and the Kirtland's Warbler Monument. Be sure to visit the Mio Pizza Shop where you can take a picture with the long time world famous Pink Elephant. Au Sable River, in north Mio, is one of the most sought out angling and canoeing areas in the world. Along the Au Sable you can see the Mio Hydro-electric Plant, generating green energy for the area for the last 100 years. Joe Pillars Park, on the north side of the river, has an ADA accessible fishing pier; there you will find a picnic area and a canoe entry point. Two canoe liveries bordering the park are available for those who want to rent. Another popular attraction in

Mio is the Our Lady of the Woods Shrine, a Catholic shrine dedicated to Mary which was built over 50 years ago and is located a block and a half west of M-33 on M-72. The shrine has several grottos and many beautiful scenes. You will find beautiful scenic overlooks for the Mio backwaters down further on M-72. Just east of Mio on 8th St. find the Big Cedar Tree, the largest white cedar tree in Michigan, which is measured at more than 153 inches in diameter and said to be more than 390 years old. Back in town on Main Street you will find an assortment of shops, businesses, restaurants and bars that will help top off that great time you will have in Oscoda County.

Comins

The village of Comins derives its name from Coolidge Comins of Bangor Maine, one of the first pioneers to settle in Oscoda County.

Comins established in 1884, had the advantage of then being the last railroad in Oscoda County, and quickly became superior, distributing livestock and supplies to the rest of the County by team or truck. Their decline began when the development of M-33 began and the last train arrived in July of 1927, thus ending the railroad era in Oscoda County.

From 1927 to the present Comins has seen more difficult times and has been totally dependent on the traffic of M-33 for its livelihood.

On July 3, 1999 the village of Comins was devastated by a tornado. The church, town hall, fire hall. Ball stadium and several out buildings, along with a lot of homes and most of the trees were destroyed.

In Comins is The Woodworkers Shoppe, the nation's leader in quality log siding, knotty pine paneling and log home product. The post office provides the locals and visitors with a postal service.

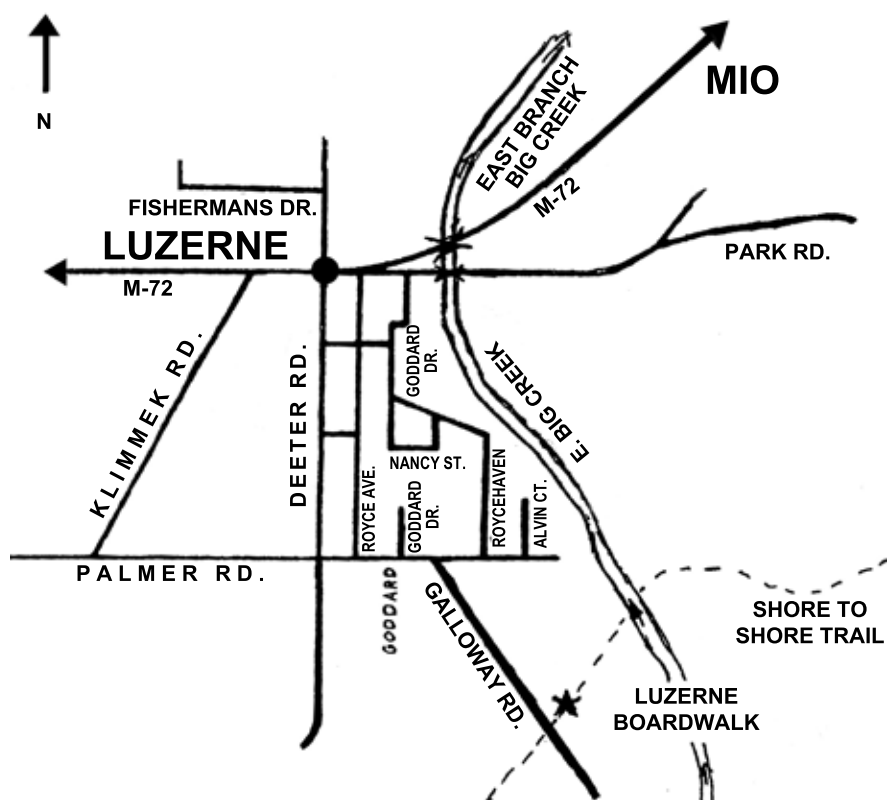
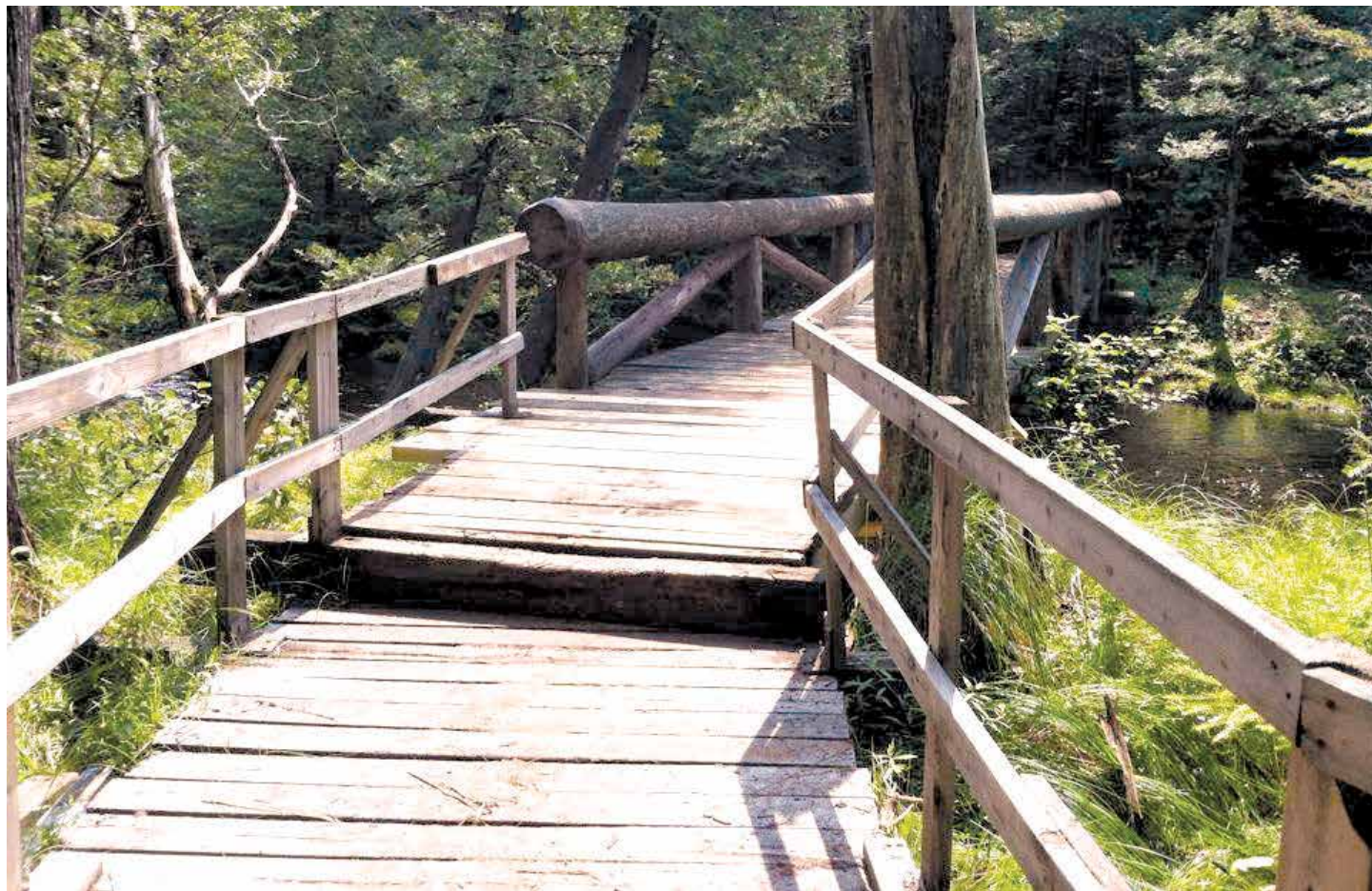
The township Park has a picnic area, ball diamond, children's play area, The Cedar run Golf Club with 18 holes and club house along with a driving range, club rentals, added last year is the Frontier Fun Park, with rides, and a camp ground offer activities for the area.

Comins Caboose, A Glimpse of the Past

Located in Comins on north M-33 is the caboose, a Grand Trunk model. Once owned by Stephen Linsenmeyers of Monroe, Michigan, the caboose has been donated to local interests and arrived to the Comins area on October 8, 1985. Curious eyes can inspect the caboose and hear the faint echo of, "All aboard!!!"



Luzerne Boardwalk



Luzerne Boardwalk winds through an old growth cedar swamp along the bottomlands of the East Branch of Big Creek, just south of the village of Luzerne. With towering cedars overhead and water underneath, the sturdy boardwalk (constructed and used by horseback riders) offers a unique and beautiful hike. An extensive network of hiking/horse trails extends beyond the one-half mile boardwalk, but the boardwalk itself is not a loop trail. A tornado crossed this area in 1997 and uprooted some large white pine and cedar trees. These dead snags and downed timber attract woodpeckers and chickadees and provide cover for a variety of wildlife species including bears and bobcats.

Directions

From the M-72 traffic light in Luzerne, drive south on Deeter Road for 1/2 mile to Palmer Road. Turn left (east) and proceed 1/4 mile to Galloway Road. Turn right (south) and drive 3/8 mile to Forest Road 3023. Turn left onto this two-track and drive until it ends at the Luzerne Boardwalk parking area.

Ownership: U.S. Forest Service,
Mio District Ranger Station, (989) 826-3252.

Snowmobile Permit and Safety Tips

Trail permits are required to operate snowmobiles in the state of Michigan. More than 300 Snowmobile Association agents, statewide are selling pre-printed snowmobile permits.

In addition to registration of a snowmobile in Michigan or from another state or province, a person who desires to operate a snowmobile in this state needs to purchase a snowmobile trail permit sticker. The snowmobile trail permit sticker is valid for 1 year which begins October 1 and ends September 30 of the following year.

Snowmobile trail permits are available at the following:

Online at the DNR E-License Web site- mailed to you within 7-10 days. OR Through the Michigan Snowmobile Association. OR From DNR Operations Service Centers. OR DNR Hunting and Fishing License Vendors

Snowmobiles are exempt from the Trail Permit Sticker if they are:

Operated exclusively on lands owned or under the control of the owner, used entirely in a safety education program conducted by a certified snowmobile safety instructor, exclusively operated in a special event of limited duration which is conducted according to a prearranged schedule under a permit from the governmental unit having proper jurisdiction or a snowmobile used solely for transportation on the frozen surface of public waters for the purpose of ice fishing.

Display of Trail Permit Sticker:

The trail permit sticker needs to be permanently affixed to the forward half of the snowmobile directly above or below the headlight.

Safe Riding Hints

- Always keep your machine in top mechanical condition.
- Always wear insulated boots and clothing including a helmet and gloves.
- Never ride alone. Always go with a friend on another snowmobile.
- Avoid, when possible, crossing frozen bodies of water.
- Never operate in single file when crossing a frozen body of water.
- Always be alert to avoid fences and low-strung wires.
- Never operate on a street or highway.
- Always check the weather before you go.
- Leave a travel plan.

The above only touches on a few things regarding snowmobiling please visit the DNR website for additional information.

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/SnowmobileRegs_268169_7.pdf



Oscoda County

120 Miles of Snowmobile Trails

The AuSable Valley Snow Groomers, Inc. is a board of 13 women and men volunteers and has been doing the grooming in the county since 1978. We have 120 miles of snowmobile trail that we maintain from trimming of trees and brush to the grooming aspect part of it. The trails go through the Huron Manistee National Forest, MDNR land and private property as well. So, please respect the land and stay on the groomed trails. The grooming equipment that we have is two 2005 Tucker Terra Sno-Cat's and a 2015 New Holland Tractor. The drags we use are Arrowhead 8' 6" Drags made in Wisconsin. We do ask while visiting our beautiful county to stop and shop locally. There are a lot of mom and pop businesses

that depend on snowmobilers to make it through the winter season. We proudly support the Michigan Snowmobile Association because without them we wouldn't have the trail system that you the rider have and enjoy. You can find us on Facebook for trail reports and updates (AuSable Valley Snow Groomers, Mio) or on the MSA trail report section (www.msasnow.org), if you don't want to do any of that you can email ausablevalleysnowgroomers@gmail.com and we will try to get back with you in a couple of hours. And as always we can use volunteers for the trimming time which we do in the fall. Enjoy the snow when we can ride!!

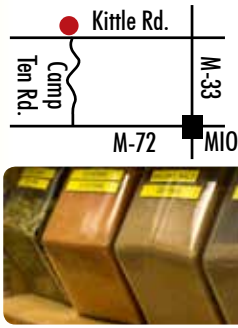


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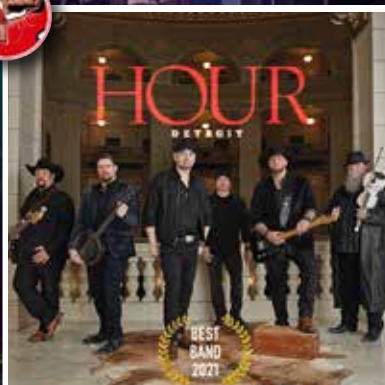
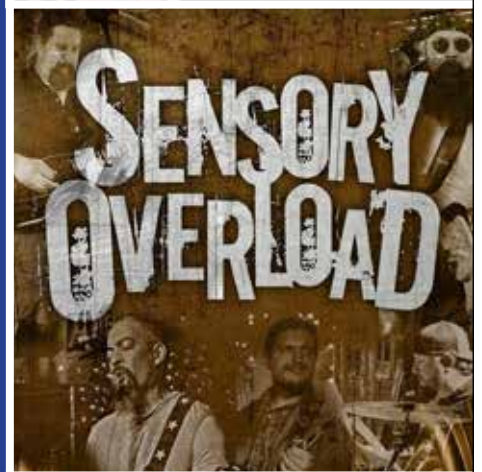
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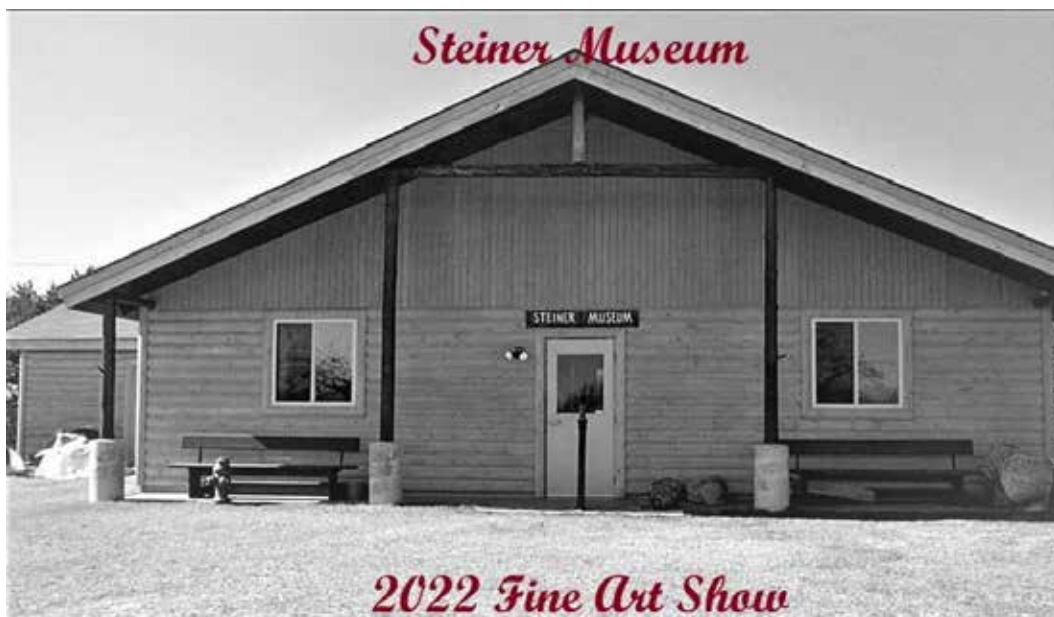
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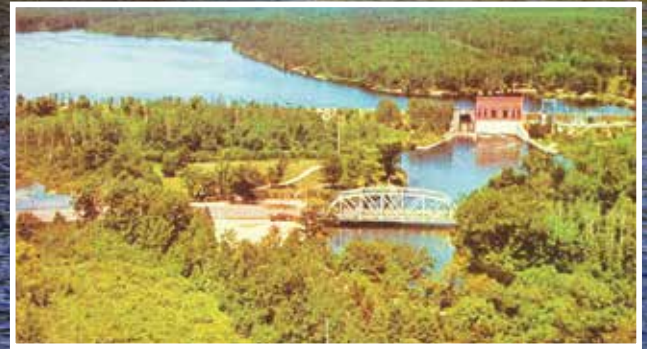
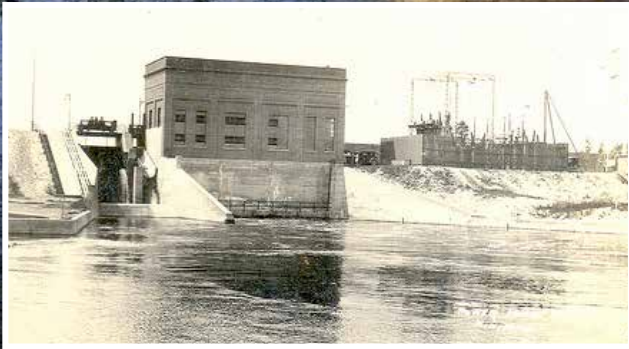
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Mio Dam: A Michigan Treasure



Named after the nearby city, Mio Dam was the first hydroelectric plant to use a conduit or under-sluice spillway. William W. Teft, past Consumers Energy civil engineer and vice president, invented and patented the conduit.

Hydropower pioneers Edward Loud and William A. Foote built Mio and five other Au Sable River dams still operating today.

Just the Facts about Mio Dam

The 4,900-kilowatt hydro facility began operating in 1916. The spillway used conduits built into the foundation under the dam's powerhouse.

A model of 20th century ingenuity, the dam continues to operate using the same turbines and generators installed more than a century ago.

It's the first dam that participants portage during the AuSable Ca-

noe River Marathon in late July.

Mio Dam was named a Michigan Historic Site in 2005 and was inducted into the Hydro Hall of Fame in 2017.

The 23-mile stretch between Mio Dam and Alcona Pond was designated a National Wild and Scenic River in 1984.

Two turbines were transported by rail using several local lumbering railroads to Luzerne and then loaded onto horse-drawn sleighs during winter months.

The watershed provides habitat for bald eagles and Kirtland's warblers and affords opportunities to hike, camp, fish, paddle, picnic and birdwatch.

Sand on river bottom and embankments is like sand in an hourglass. To tighten the embankment, interlocking pieces of steel sheeting pilings and reinforced con-

crete were used on the core wall. Wood pilings supported the powerhouse.

Mio Dam is one of 13 hydroelectric generating facilities Consumers Energy owns and operates. The facilities generate clean, renewable energy on five Michigan rivers and are a vital component of our Clean Energy Plan for Michigan.

To learn more about Mio Dam and our hydroelectric facilities, visit ConsumersEnergy.com/hydro.

For more about our Clean Energy Plan and how you can be a force of change, visit ConsumersEnergy.com/change.

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The Farmers Creamery

Located on the corner of M-33 and Kittle Road north of Mio, The Farmers Creamery and Farmers Kitchen Opened in January of 2020. Organized as a way for the local Amish farmers to provide a natural, farm to table dairy, meats and baked goods to the public. The Creamery makes and produces Milk, Ice Cream, butter, Yogurt and Cheese. Creamery tours are available. The Farmers Kitchen located in the creamery is a Bakery-Deli-Store. The Kitchen serves Breakfast sandwiches and made to order Deli Sandwiches, the bakery serves up a variety of fresh baked goods from donuts to bread. You can also purchase local farm raised grass fed beef and products from the creamery and much more. Stop by 50 W Kittle Road Mio Mi, Hours of operation are Creamery Monday thru Friday 7am to 5 pm. Farmers Kitchen and store open Monday thru Friday 6:30 am to 5:30 pm, Saturday 7am to 4 pm. Sorry not open on Sunday.



Off-Road Vehicle Huron-Manistee National Forests

Off-Road Vehicle Regulations

- National Forest system roads are closed unless posted open.
- Driving an ORV off National Forest system roads or posted ORV trails is prohibited.
- Driving motorized vehicles on National Forest system roads or trails that are posted closed or have been barricaded or obliterated is prohibited.
- Driving an ATV greater than 50 inches in width on a National Forest system ORV trails is prohibited.
- Driving an ORV on snowmobile-only trails between December 1st and March 31st is prohibited

ORV: any motorized vehicle capable of cross-country travel on land or water of National Forest.

ATV: a 3 or 4 wheeled vehicle designated for off-road use that has low-pressure (balloon-type) tires, with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator, powered by an engine from 50cc to 500cc displacement on the National Forests.

Road: a transportation facility which is drivable by 50 inch or wider four-wheeled vehicles with two-wheel drives.

Trail: a path or way of varying width which is used by and maintained for hikers, horse riders, snow travelers, bicyclists, or motorized vehicles and is designated for non-motorized travel or drivable only by motorized vehicles less than 50 inches wide.

ALL ORV'S operating on the National Forest system lands must:

1. Have current vehicle titles from the Michigan Secretary of State -
(Note: not required on non-resident ORV's used in Michigan).
2. Have a current State of Michigan ORV sticker permanently attached to the vehicle - (Note: required on resident AND non-resident ORV's used in Michigan).
3. Have a valid operators' license or learning permit as required by State Law.
4. Operators and passengers must wear a U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) approved crash helmet AND protective eyewear or goggles EXCEPT when the ORV is equipped with



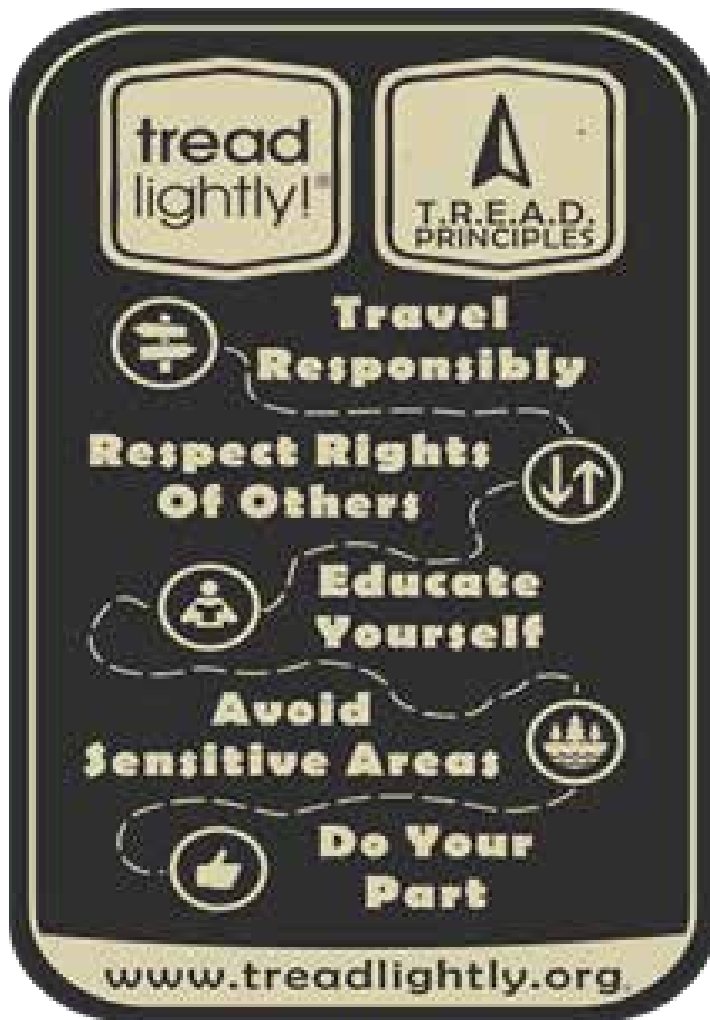
an approved roof AND the operator and passengers are wearing properly adjusted and fastened safety belts.

5. Have a braking system in good working condition operated by hand or foot. Have a throttle system designed to automatically and immediately return the engine speed to idle when pressure is released.
6. Have a U.S. Forest Service (USFS) approved spark arrester and muffler, in good working condition and in constant operation, meeting applicable federal and state sound level standards.
7. Have designed, manufactured accommodations for seating for each passenger.
8. If operated during the hours of ½

hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise must also have and display all of the following: (a) a lighted headlight, (b) a lighted taillight, (c) a brake light (brighter than the taillight).

9. Not be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs while operating an ORV.
10. Drive in a safe and responsible manner so as not to endanger any persons or property.
11. Responsibility of user to acquire a current motor vehicle use map.

U.S. Forest Service officers are authorized to enforce ORV regulation. Violations carry a maximum fine of \$500 or 6 months imprisonment or both, under authority of 16 USC 551.



**Roads recently opened
are open to all OHV's
while trails remain
restricted to 50" or less.**

OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Obtain Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM)

Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System roads, trails, and in areas on National Forest Systems lands carries as great a responsibility as operating that vehicle in a city or other developed setting.

Read and understand your motor vehicle use map (MVUM) in its entirety. Road, trail, and area users must comply with this map, as well as all Federal, State and local laws and regulations. Compliance with these rules is the responsibility of the user.

If you have questions contact the Huron-Manistee National Forest for clarification.

Mio Ranger District
107 McKinley Road
Mio, MI 48647
989-826-3252 - TTY: 989-826-3252



Enjoy Oscoda County on Horseback



Luzerne Trail Camp

The Hiking and Horse Trail is a Shore-to-Shore marked trail, from Lake Huron at Oscoda to Lake Michigan at Empire.

There are many trails surrounding these two camps. You will see deer, wild turkeys, and other smaller animals while walking or riding through our beautiful forest as you climb hills and cross rivers.

These trails and camps are maintained and cared for by the DNR, USFS and Michigan Trail Riders Association.

To find the Luzerne Camp from Mio go west on M-72, 8 miles to Luzerne, then south on County Road 490, 2 miles; continue south on Forest Road 4541, one mile to the camp.

McKinley Trail Camp

This large trail camp is one of several campgrounds on the Shore-to-Shore trail. Used primarily by horseback riders, the camp is available throughout the year for hunting, backpacking and general camping. The campground can easily accommodate large groups.

From Mio, take County Road 602 east nine miles to the McKinley Trail Camp access road (Forest Service Road 4004). Turn north and travel one mile to the camp.

U.S. Forest Service, Mio Ranger District, 107 McKinley Rd., Mio, MI 48647 or call 989-826-3252.

Midland to Mackinac Pathway

A trail which crosses through Oscoda County is the Midland to Mackinac Pathway. This trail runs in a north/south direction near the Oscoda County/Crawford County line.

The Midland to Mackinac Pathway was originally set up by the Boy Scouts of America to simulate the original Mackinaw Pathway, which was a migratory route used by the Chippewa Indians. The pathway weaves through a variety of forest types and land forms. It offers a vast number of scenic and recreational opportunities. Camping is allowed on National Forest land; however, no developed campgrounds occur near this segment of the pathway.

Access to the pathway is available via a parking area north of M-72

at the ORV trail head on Forest Road 4027 (ORV trail) just east of where the pathway crosses M-72. The parking area is approximately 14 mile west on M-72 or about 16 miles east of Grayling on M-72.

The pathway is marked with blue paint. The pathway does not have marked return loops. If a shorter hike is desired, the user must map his/her own return or come back on the same trail.

At this time, there are no fees required for the use of the pathway. No garbage facilities are provided along the trail, so visitors are asked to please pack out what they pack in.

The Midland to Mackinac Pathway is open year around for hiking and/or snowshoeing. **See information for contact and maps.**



Michigan Trail Riders Association, Inc.

The Michigan Trail Riders Association was created in 1963 with the enthusiasm of a few horseback riders who wanted to enjoy the outdoors here in Michigan. With much cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Forest Service and lots of hard work, the Michigan Shore-to-Shore Riding and Hiking Trail was created. Now the association has celebrated 50 years of existence and 50 years of riding Shore-to-Shore.

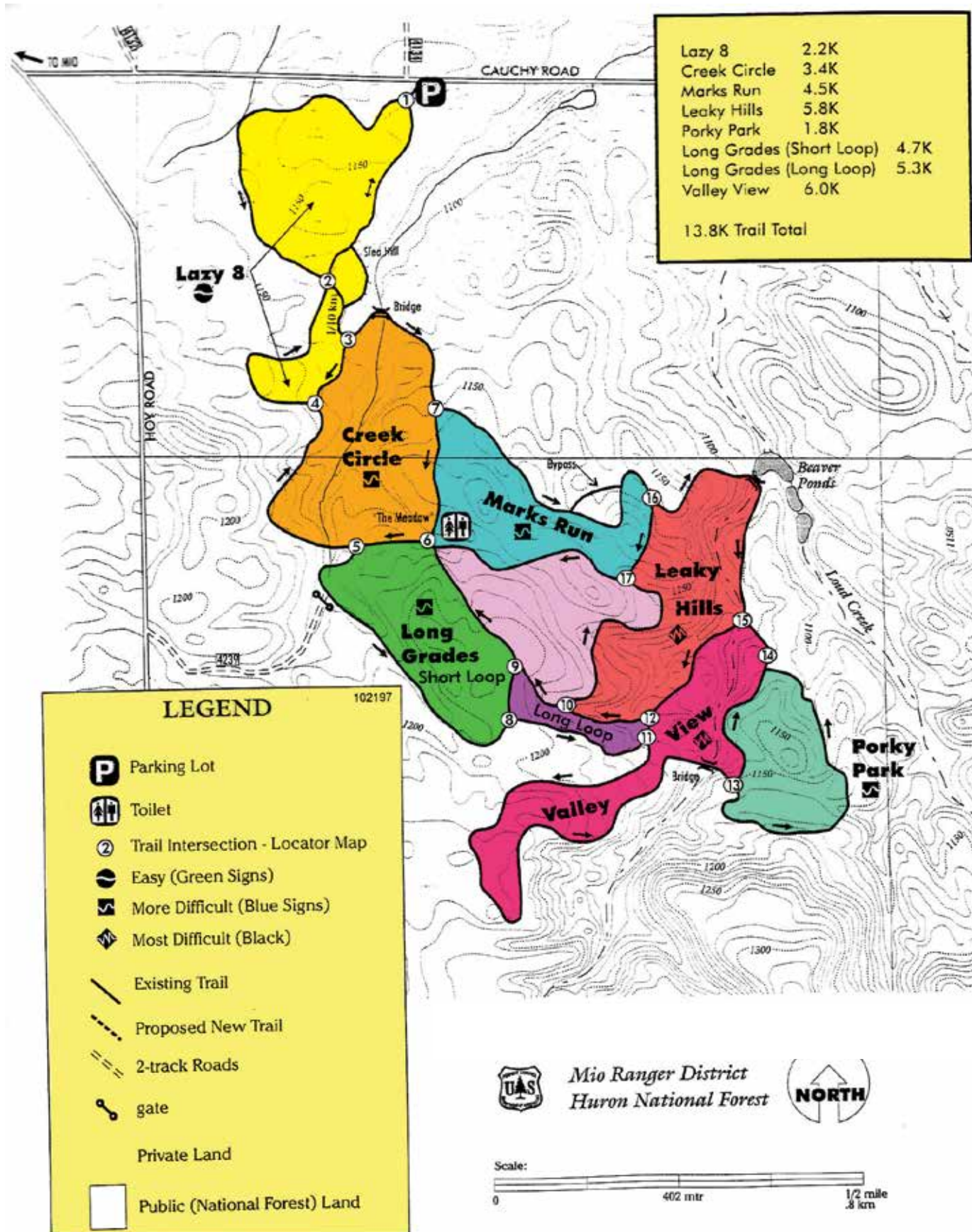
The Michigan Shore-to-Shore Riding and Hiking trail is one of the "jewels" of upper Michigan and Oscoda County in particular. This trail runs from Oscoda on Lake Huron to Empire on Lake Michigan following the lovely AuSable River in Oscoda County. The North/South spurs run from Cadillac to Mackinaw City. With over 2500 members, the Michigan Trail Riders Association clears, marks and maintains the trail and its associated trail camps. The camps of Luzerne and McKinley, which are within Oscoda County, are especially enjoyed because of their pristine atmospheres, the trail running along this section is almost all single-

track with many picturesque vistas over the AuSable River Valley.

The Michigan Shore-to-Shore Riding and Hiking Trail is open to all horseback riders and hikers. Maps of -the entire trail can be purchased from the Michigan Trail Riders Assoc, Inc. at P.O. Box 72, Ovid, MI 48866 for \$10 per set. Membership in the MTRA, which costs \$35 as a "newbie" and \$25 for renewals, includes a set of maps and the opportunity to be a part of five (5) trail rides a year on the Shore-to-Shore Trail. Membership also includes four newsletters per year (February, April, August & December) and an annual meeting in March. If you are interested, please call 989-723-1425 or go online to the www.mtra.org website. Be sure to check out the "Forum Page" for calendars, newsletters and other good information. Our Facebook page is also available with lots of pictures of the rides each year.

Contact: Michigan Trail Riders Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 72, Ovid, MI 48866
989-723-1425

LOUD CREEK CROSS COUNTY SKIING - HIKING TRAILS





Wolf Creek Hiking and Cross Country Ski Trail

In 2012 the Wolf Creek Trail system was re-established in the Huron-Manistee National Forests.

This newly designated 4.8 mile non-motorized trail system provides day-use opportunities within the Au Sable River corridor suitable for walking, biking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. The trail loop system provides users with a semi-primitive experience. Trail users will enjoy views of the river throughout their walk and from time to time be able to watch a variety of wildlife or observe a diversity of plants in a natural woodland setting. Signs have been placed along the trail for users comfort and to complement the historical, educational and interpretive values found next to the Au Sable River.

The Wolf Creek Trail System is located adjacent to the Town of Mio. It has two access points. The first is located approximately 0.5 mile north of the stop light in Mio at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources parking lot and canoe puttin. The second public access point is 2.0 miles east of the stop light on County Road 602. This second access point and parking lot should be used for winter sport activities.

Jack Pine Wildlife Viewing Tour

Drive the Jack Pine Wildlife Viewing Tour. This 58-mile self-guided tour will take you through the scenic Au Sable River Valley and the unique Jack Pine ecosystem – home of the endangered Kirtland's Warbler, one of the rarest birds in the world. The auto tour not only takes you through areas inhabited by the Kirtland's Warbler, but also through a variety of wildlife habitats providing opportunities to see, hear, photograph and learn about many kinds of wildlife, from white-tailed deer and bald eagles to bluebirds and beaver.

Located near the town of Mio, the informative and beautiful tour consists of

a series of eleven wildlife viewing sites along state and country highways. Interpretive signs at each site describe the natural features of the area including the wildlife that you are likely to see there.

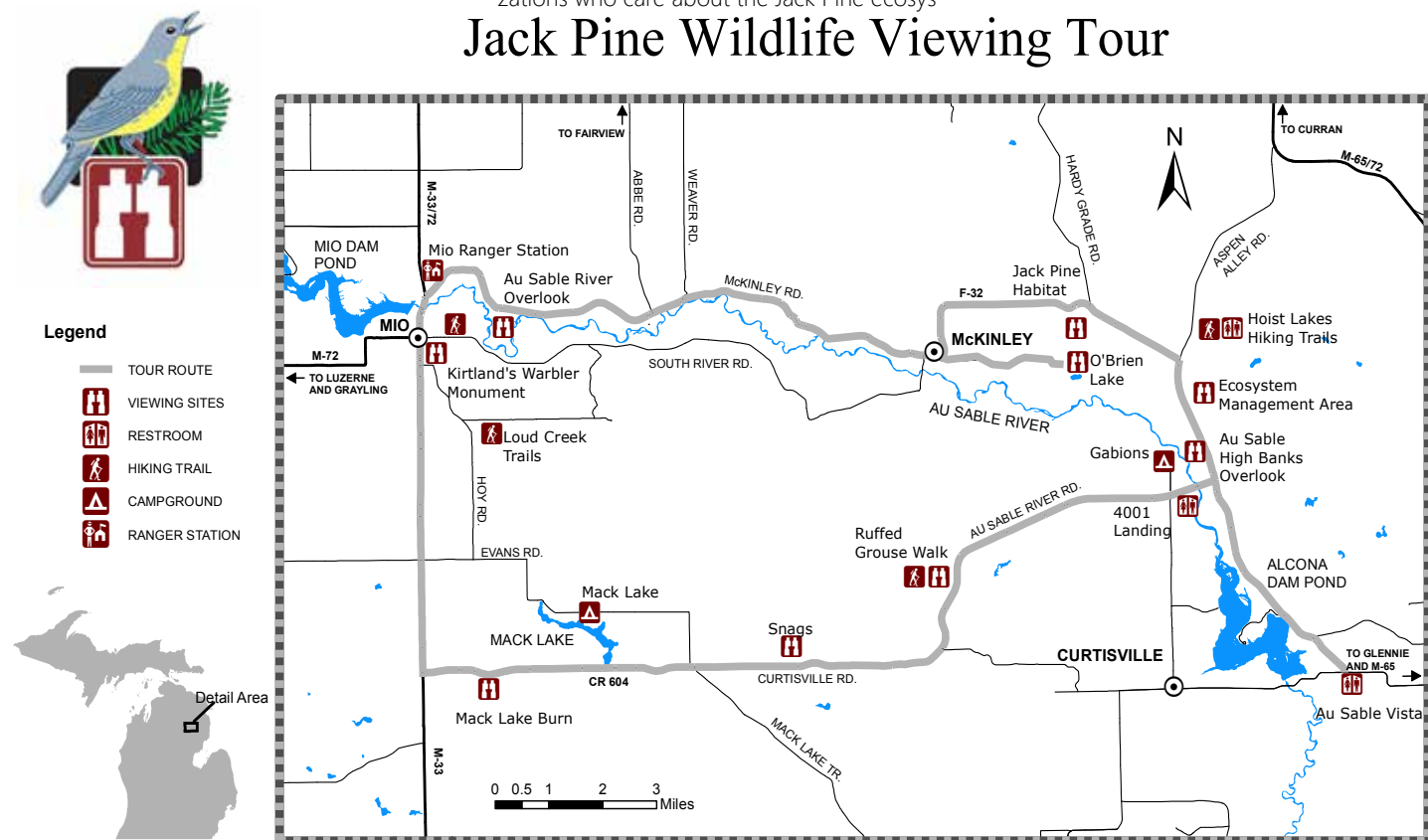
Although you can start at any point along the tour route, we recommend starting in Mio and heading south on M-33. Tour maps and self-guiding brochures are available at the Chamber of Commerce for Oscoda County and U.S.F.S. offices in Mio.

The auto tour is supported through a unique partnership of concerned people and organizations who care about the Jack Pine ecosys-

tem, the Kirtland's Warbler, the Au Sable River and the human communities in the area.

Partners include the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, U.S.F.S., U.S.D.A. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Chamber of Commerce for Oscoda County, the Oscoda County Road Commission, Alcona County Road Commission, Michigan Department of Transportation, Michigan Department of Corrections, The Ruffed Grouse Society, Weyerhaeuser Foundation, ABTCO, Consumers Energy, Wildlife Forever, MichCon, and the Eastern National Forest Interpretive Association.

Jack Pine Wildlife Viewing Tour



WILDLIFE VIEWING TIPS

Although there are no guarantees that you will see lots of wildlife while driving this tour, there are some things you can do to greatly increase your chances of being successful:

- Drive the tour in the early morning or evening—wildlife are much more active then.
- Be patient—don't expect to see everything in the first five minutes you're there.
- Use binoculars, spotting scopes, and cameras.
- Bring along field guides to help you identify what you see.
- Stay back a safe distance from wildlife—the goal is to observe nature without changing animal behavior.
- Respect the rights of oth-

ers—don't spook wildlife being viewed by someone else.

- Leave the site better than you found it—pick up litter.
 - Be prepared for insects—bring along bug spray or a head net.
1. Au Sable River Loop Overlook
Bald eagles and various kinds of waterfowl are commonly viewed here. This scenic overlook offers the perfect place to end the

Jack Pine Wildlife Viewing Tour.

2. Wild Turkey Viewing Side Trip
The side trip noted on this map will take you north to Fairview, "Wild Turkey Capital of Michigan." The agricultural areas you'll see along Abbe and Weaver Roads are especially attractive to wild turkeys and, because the areas are more open, spotting turkeys is easier.

3. **Clearcut—New Warbler Habitat** This 202-acre area was cut in 1995 and replanted in 1997. The informational signs at this site explain how “picky” Kirtland’s warblers are.

4. **O’Brien Lake—Picture-Post-card Lake** A handicapped-accessible boardwalk down to the lake’s edge is the perfect spot for fishing and wildlife watching. To get to O’Brien Lake, turn south in McKinley at the watchable wildlife binocular sign, then follow the O’Brien Lake signs.

5. **Hoist Lakes Hiking Trails** Over 20 miles of hiking and cross-country ski trails wind their way through forests and along small lakes and marshes in this semi-primitive “foot travel only” area. A brochure with a detailed trail map is available at U.S. Forest Service offices.

6. **Ecosystem Management Area — Creating Habitat for the Kirtland’s Warbler** The areas surrounding this site were

managed through commercial timber harvesting and replanting to maintain the jack pine ecosystem. The area across the highway was cut in 1991 and planted in 1992. The area to the east of the parking area was cut in 1993, planted in 1995, and was first occupied by warblers in 2001.

7. **Au Sable High Banks Overlook — A Ribbon of Life for Wildlife** From this overlook you get a breathtaking view of the Au Sable River. A variety of fish and other wildlife depend on the river and the plants along its banks. NOTE: Please stay on marked pathways and stairs to help prevent further erosion on the steep river bank.

8. **Au Sable Valley Scenic Vista** Get an eagle’s eye view of the beautiful Au Sable River Valley and Alcona Dam Pond. Eagles nest along the pond and river.

9. **Ruffed Grouse Walk** Like the Kirtland’s warbler, the ruffed grouse needs young, dense,

forest habitat to survive. Forest management practices like clearcutting can greatly benefit these stately birds. To learn more about grouse and their habitat, pick up a self-guided trail brochure at this site and take the Ruffed Grouse Walk. This 3,330 ft. trail is handicapped-accessible.

10. **Snags—There’s Life in Dead Trees** When the trees at this site were cut to make pulp for paper products, trees that were already dead were left standing. The informational signs at this site explain why dead trees are important to wildlife and what you can do to help.

11. **Mack Lake Burn—The Mack Lake burn** was created by a forest fire in 1980 that spread over 25,000 acres and tragically, burned numerous homes and buildings. However, the burn area (shaded area on map) provided important habitat to help boost the

Kirtland’s warbler population in the early 1990s.

12. **Kirtland’s Warbler Monument (Downtown Mio)** Dedicated by Roger Tory Peterson in 1963, this three foot tall replica of a male Kirtland’s warbler is encased in glass and surrounded by stone. It stands as a memorial to the people that have endeavored to save these highly endangered birds.

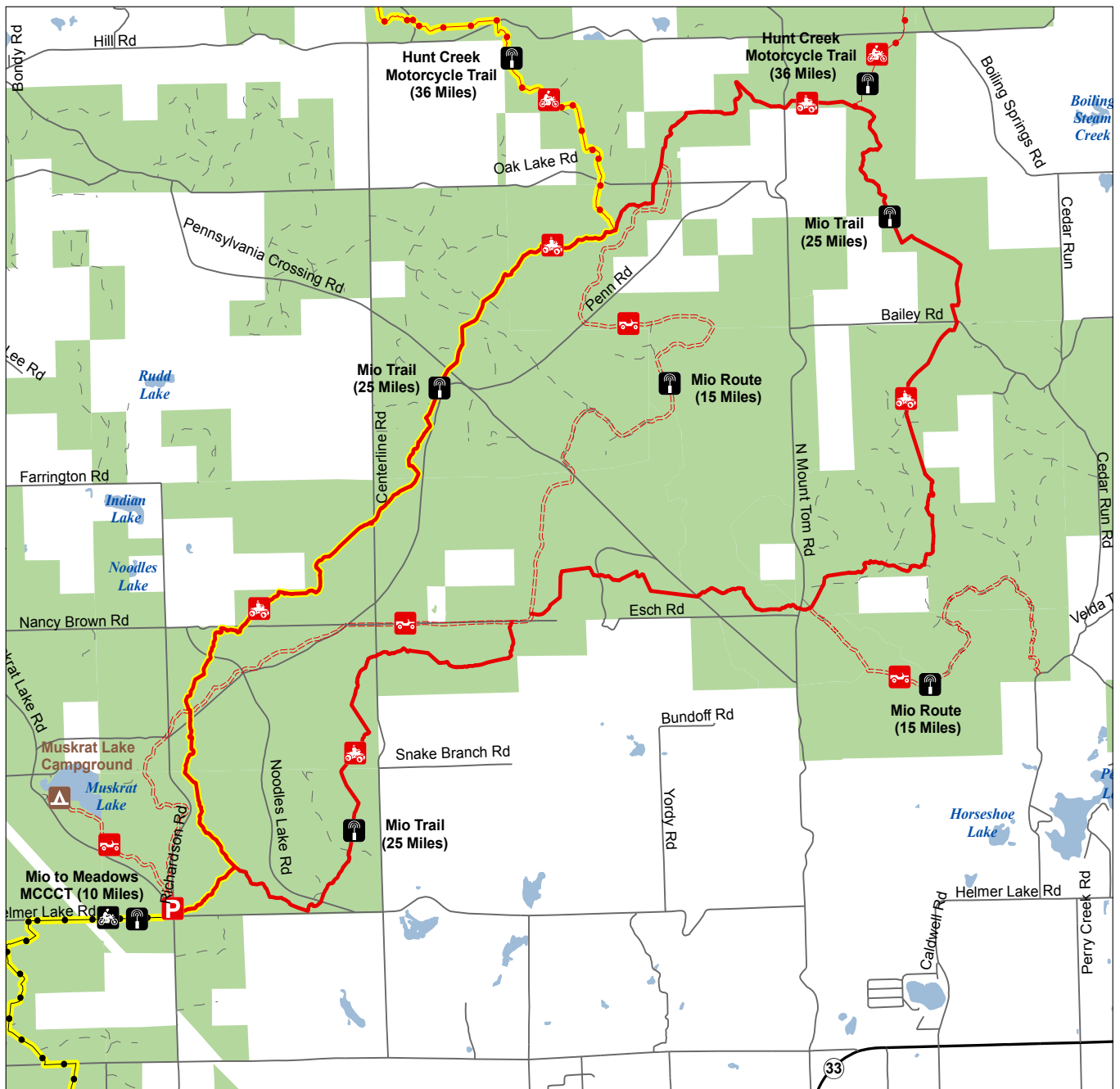
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ORV Trail and Route

Oscoda County, Michigan

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- ORV Route – ORV's of all sizes including off-road motorcycles. (DNR license (ORV sticker) required unless licensed by the Secretary of State)
- Motorcycle Trail – Motorcycles only. (DNR license (ORV sticker) required)
- Motorcycle Trail – Motorcycles only. (Secretary of State license required)
- Michigan Cross Country Cycle Trail (MCCCT)

Advisory: Trails and Routes have two-way traffic.

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- Link to download GPS file
- Trailhead Parking
- State Forest Campground
- Highway
- Paved or Gravel Road
- Poor Dirt Road
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- County Boundaries

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For the location of the Hunt Creek Loop and Mio Trail and also Bull Gap Trail. Visit the DNR website

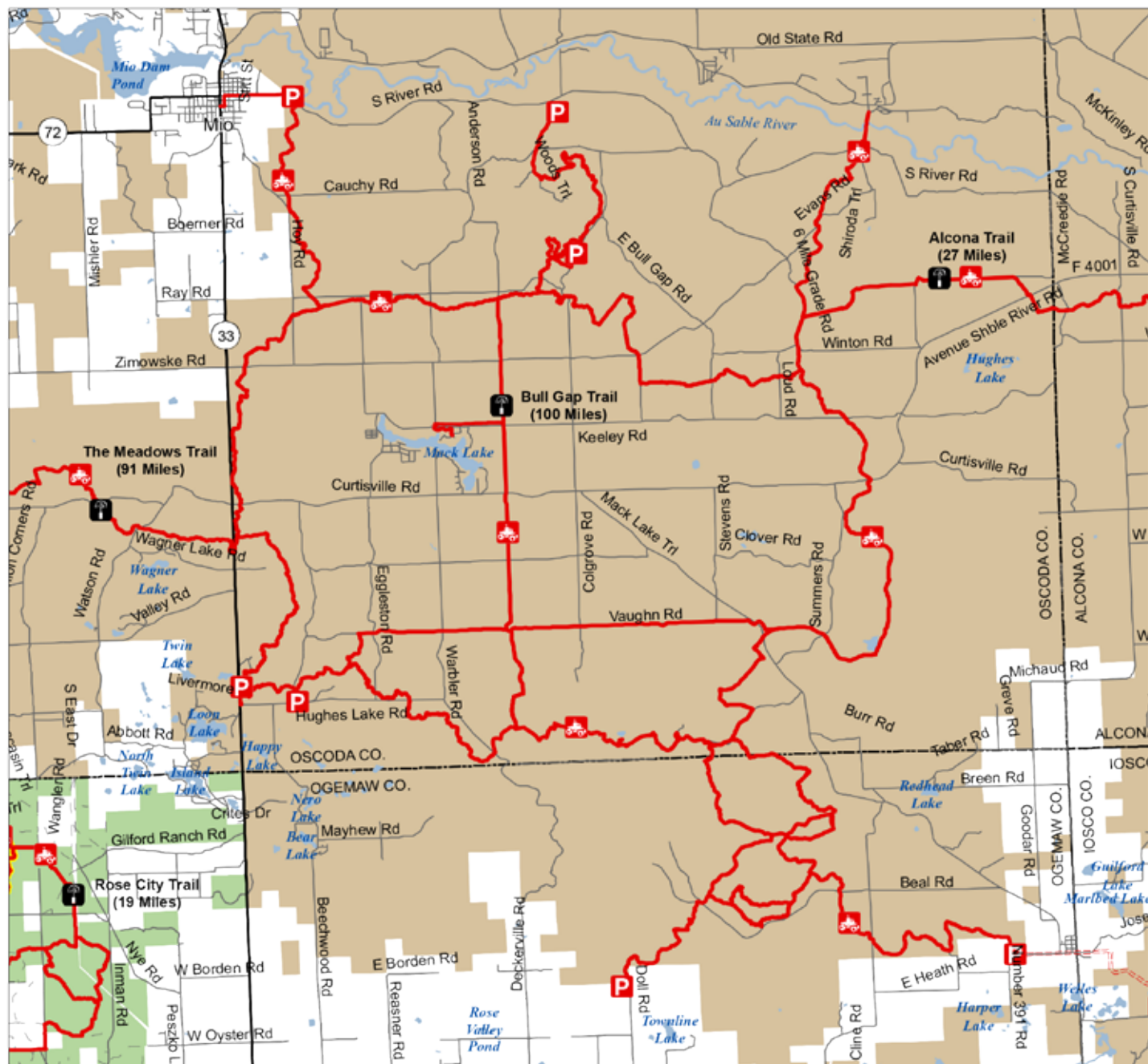
Mack Lake ORV Trail System

Bull Gap Trail

Oscoda & Ogemaw Counties, Michigan

Pick up your free Motor Vehicle
Use Map from Ranger's Station
at McKinley Road.

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Updated 4/23/2012



Things to do in Oscoda County

10) Tube the Au Sable River

Float down the real lazy river

9) Visit Steiner Museum

Two miles north of Fairview on highway M-33

8) Kids Free Fishing Day

February 15th & 16th,
June 13th & 14th at Pond Drive

7) Picture with the Pink Elephant

Morenci St. at the Mio Pizza Shop

6) Visit the Sherman tank

at the American Legion in Luzerne
You will also find a troop transport at the Mio VFW

5) Visit a Train Caboose in Comins

4) Kids squirrel hunt competition

Annually part of the Luzerne predator hunt

3) Kids games & Fireworks at the 4th of July

3 days of festivities at Mio, Luzerne and Comins

2) Visit Coopers Ville - Wild West Town

Fire Tower Road Lewiston

The Number one Kids thing to do

1) Wild Frontier Fun Park - carnival rides

Weaver Rd. Comins



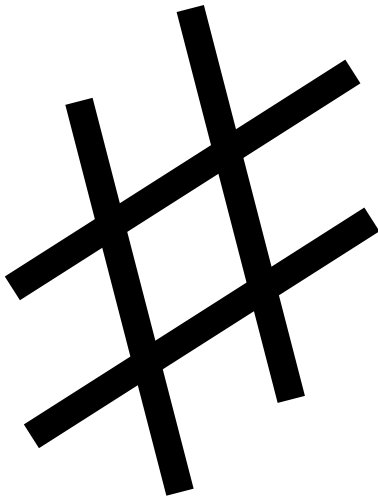
Holiday Light Parade

First Saturday after Thanksgiving Yearly

A Holiday Light Parade with a Christmas theme is the main highlight of Mio's Northern Holiday. The beautifully lit and decorated floats and organization's entrants are a sight that everyone enjoys. The streets are lined with happy faces as the children watch for Santa riding on his specially designed float. Prior to the parade at 6 p.m., Santa sits on his throne from 3-5 p.m. and listens intently to the children regarding their Christmas list. While helpers serve refreshments, parents are encouraged to either have their child's picture taken or may take your own photos.

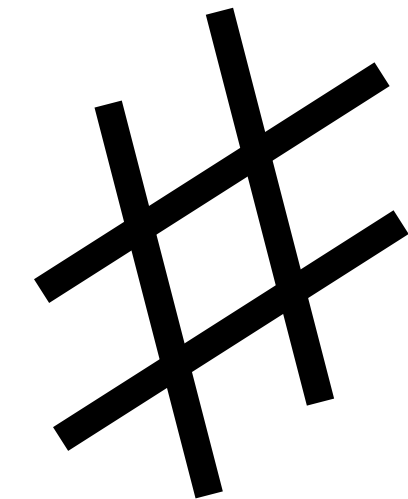
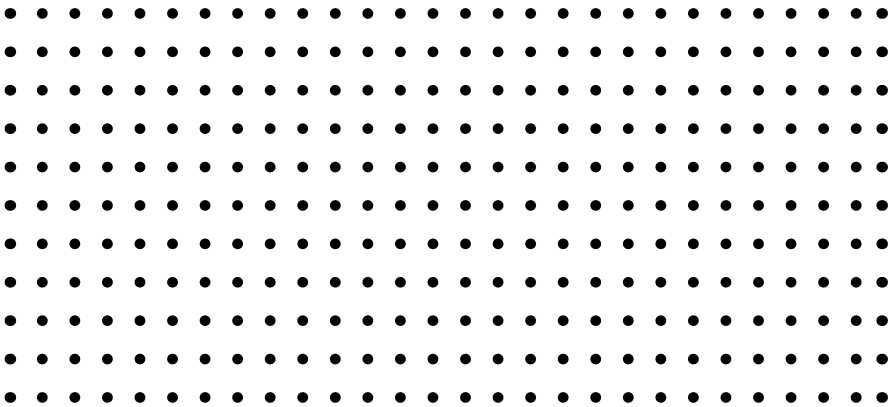
This event is always held the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day – this year the date will be November 26th – and will be a great beginning to the holiday season. For more information contact the Chamber office at (989) 826-3331.



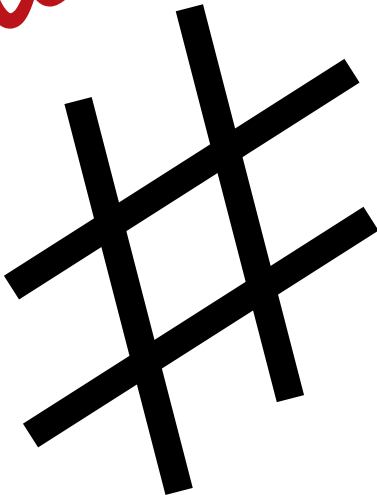


Dot
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Dot

Choose which of the two players goes first. Players take turns drawing a pencil line between two dots in any row or column. When a player draws a line that completes a box, he/she writes their initials inside the box and then must draw another line. If this line completes another box, player writes their initials inside that box and takes another turn. If a player completes a box they must take another turn. After all the boxes are filled, players count initials. Player with their initials in the most boxes is the WINNER.



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Cedar Valley "Wild Frontier" Fun Park

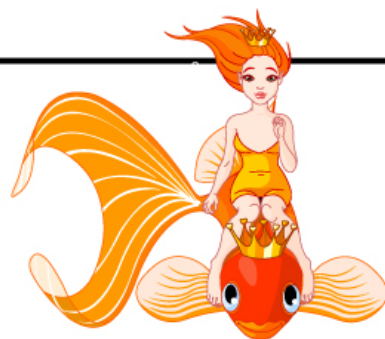
Second Largest Amusement Park in Michigan

Located at 3780 N. Weaver Rd., Comins - 989.848.2799

Cedar Valley's "Wild Frontier" Fun Park was completed in the summer of 2015. We offer carnival rides and batting cages with hard ball and soft ball. Vintage carnival rides have been carefully restored and offer a wonderful family adventure in a beautiful wooded setting. Putt-putt golf is another activity enjoyed by all ages. Our 19-hole course has fun and challenging obstacles and the Wild Frontier theme adds to the fun. A local artist carved the many sculptures with a chainsaw.



Secret Backyard Frontier!



In every human being's back yard, lives a bush. And in that bush lies a secret passageway to the Land of _____.

(Adjective; Fish)

You must seek out your secret pathway, and go there! In this land, _____

(mythical creatures)

gather to create the _____ of

(adjective-est)

potions. These potions will make you

_____, _____, _____, and

(adjective)

(adjective)

(color)

even give you the ability to _____.

(verb; noun)

Here, you can also learn how to cook

_____ in a _____ cauldron made out

(noun)

(color)

of _____. You'll be the most

(adjective; clothing)

magical, _____ kid on _____.

(adjective)

(planet)



Oscoda Winter Fun

Let it snow let it show let it snow let it snow. Get out there enjoy the crisp clean air, hear the crunch in your steps, the colder temperatures are inviting you to enjoy Oscoda County in the Winter. There are so many things to do, that you can enjoy with your family and friends. One is the Loud Creek Cross Country Ski trails. Always a favorite, different loops offer their own challenges and levels of fun, you will feel

like the only person on earth in the serenity of the woods gliding down the groomed paths ways. Or go Ice skating and join a game of pickup hockey at the Ice Rink at Boney Park in Fairview, lighted for nighttime use, it has boards like a professional ice rink and the ice is conditioned with a Zamboni. How great is that ! The ice rink is open in the winter free of charge. North of Fairview on M-33 in the village of Comins

you will find the sledding hill, it's a local secret of the kids. Grab that saucer or sled and get on out there, any given day you will see kids having fun sliding across the white snow and screaming from the adrenaline of the speed. All Great fun in Oscoda County. Of course everybody knows about the great Ice fishing on various inland lakes, the excitement of snowmobiling on the many groomed snowmobile trails in the

county and the fun times you can have rabbit hunting. When your out there, stop look around, the views and the scenery are total different, you can see farther and notice things you haven't seen before. It truly is one of the best seasons of the year. And when you go in to get warmed up, you'll have that warm smile and all the memories of the winter fun in Oscoda County.



The Ice Rinks at Boney Park

1386 Maple Dr, Fairview, MI

Located on the South east side of Fairview in Boney Park, on the south side of the baseball field. There are 2 rinks, one is designated for skating and the 2nd rink has boards and is designated for hockey A warming hut is open 24/7 for getting ready to skate or just to get out of the cold.

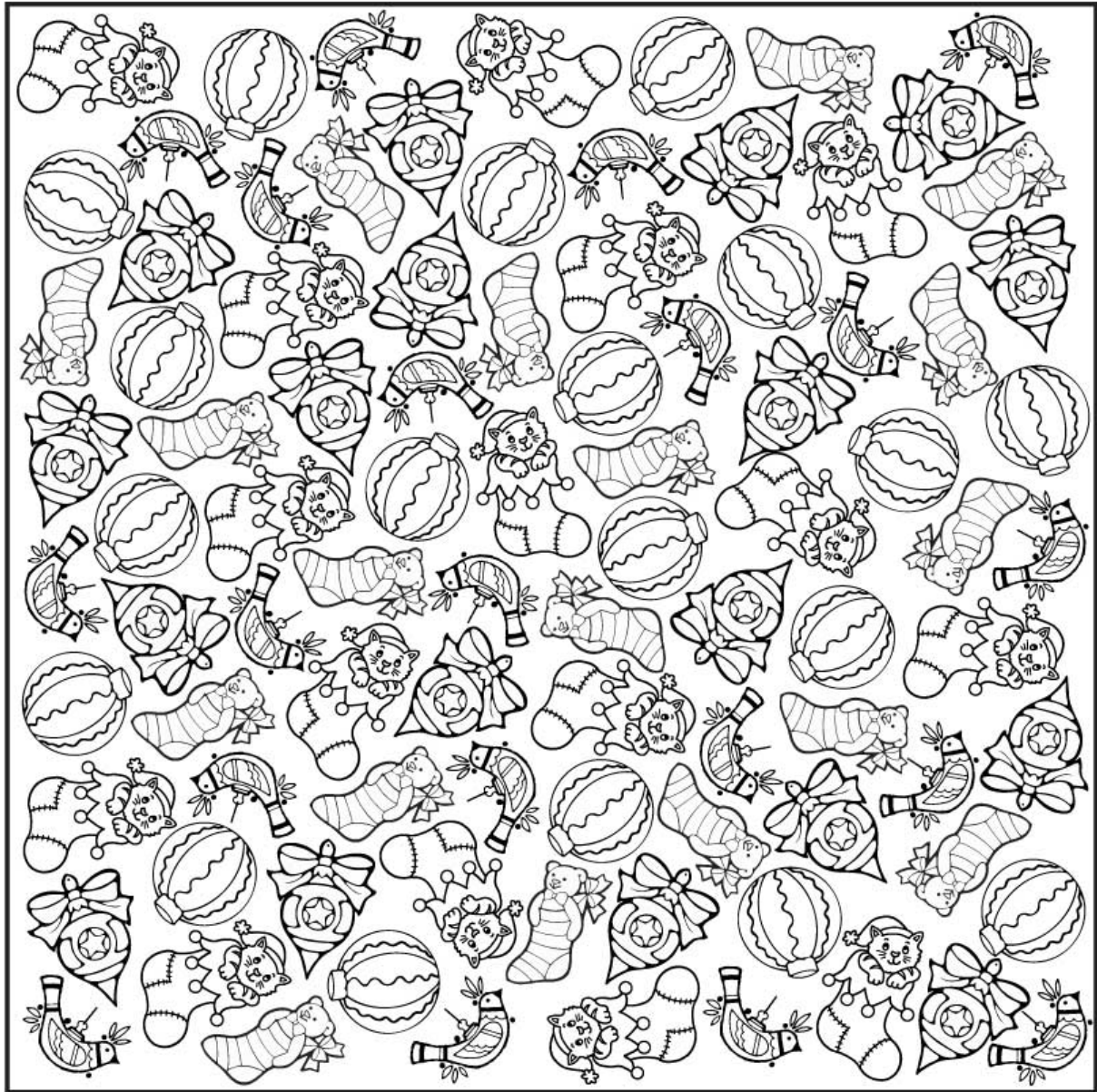
Hockey games usually occur on weekends between 6 PM and 10 PM.

Anyone is welcome as there are multiple skill levels with friendly competition. The rink is available for use 24/7 as long as ice conditions are favorable. There is a light switch located on the east side of the Zamboni/Equipment garage. Also on that side are hockey pucks in a PVC pipe available for use. We ask that these be returned.

The rink is operated with the help of donations and needed for future projects to improve the rink accessories. Any donation can be made to "Boney Park Ice Rink" at the Comins Twp. building, at the drop box on the front door.



Hard Christmas I-Spy!





This is one of the largest native white cedars on the Michigan mainland, according to the Big Tree Committee of the Northern Michigan Botanical Society. It has a girth of 153 ½ inches and a diameter of 47.8 inches. It has a total height to top of foliage of 43 feet.

Sometime in the rather distant past, the ravages of time and weather have removed a large portion of the original crown at a point approximately 29

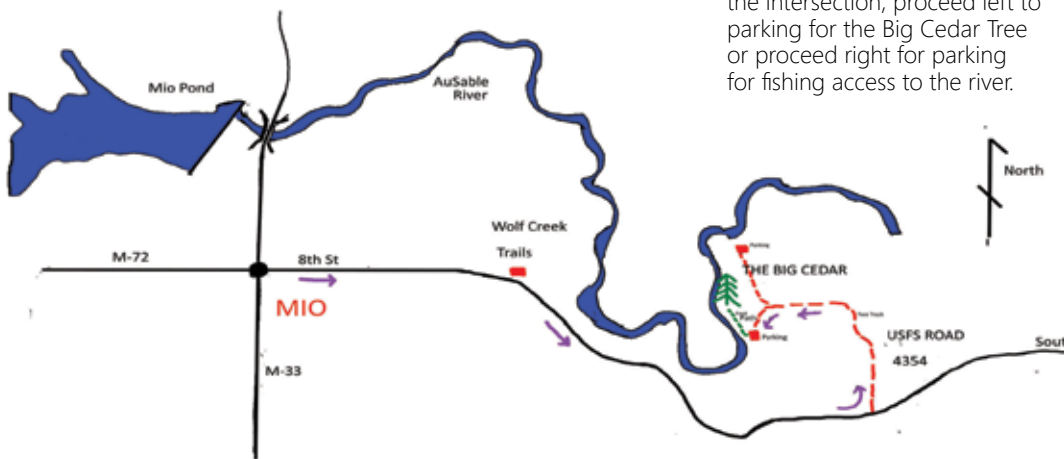
Big Cedar Tree

feet above the ground where the diameter at the point of break measures 26 inches.

Efforts to determine the age of this huge tree have met with only limited success; however it can be assumed to exceed 350 years and was therefore only a seedling or a small sapling when the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. The rather isolated location of this specimen on a small semi-island area within a few feet of the Au

Sable River, has afforded protection from the numerous forest fires that over-ran adjacent lands during the early 1900's. It is also highly probable that its defective condition caused the early loggers to pass it by in favor of sounder trees.

The tree is located on U.S. Forest Service lands. Travel 2.5 mile east of the traffic light in Mio on Country Road 602 to Forest Road 4354. Travel north on FR 4354 approximately 1.5 miles to the intersection, proceed left to parking for the Big Cedar Tree or proceed right for parking for fishing access to the river.



Join The Chamber!

Successful business owners understand the importance of Membership in the Chamber of Commerce.

Everyone knows if you want information about any area, you contact the Chamber of Commerce to get that information. The Chamber offers a value to you as a business owner, when individuals or businesses want information they call the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber then gives out the contact information for its members.

Anything and everything that we know with regard to Oscoda County gets promoted out of our office, by phone, visits to the office or by the internet via our website and Facebook page. Whether it is a Chamber of Commerce for Oscoda County sponsored event or not, the Chamber is a central clearinghouse for information. We try continually to increase our knowledge of Oscoda County and use that knowledge to inform visitors that come each year.

Member Benefits include:

- Promotion of your business
- Oscoda County Shop Local Advertising
- Business Referrals
- Use of the Chamber Bulk Mail Permit
- Internet Advertising
- Discounted Health Insurance
- Business insurance discounts
- One stop location for area information
- Oscoda County Visitors Guide ad discount

We bring more visitors to the area to increase local business with:

- Oscoda County Visitors Guide
- Chamber of Commerce website
- Facebook page
- Luzerne Call of the Wild Predator Hunt
- Fall Wine Tasting
- 4th of July Parades, Craft Show & Fireworks

**Support Your Community while
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Government

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311 S. Morenci Ave, Mio, MI 48647

Animal Control
989-745-1910

Family Division
989-826-1115

Building Dept
989-826-1164

Housing Dept/EDC
989-826-1123

Clerk
989-826-1110

Probate Court
989-826-1159

Commissioners
989-826-1130

Prosecuting Attorney
989-826-1120

Court Administrator
989-826-1107

Register of Deeds
989-826-1116

District Court
989-826-1106

Sheriff
989-826-3214

EMS
989-826-1131

Treasurer
989-826-1113

Equalization
989-826-1103

Veteran's Affairs
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Friend of the Court
989-826-3548

Area Schools

Mio AuSable High School
Mio
Grades 9-12

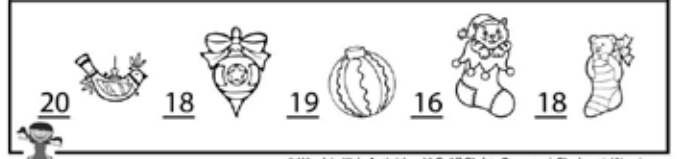
Mio Au Sable Middle School
Mio
Grades 6-8

Mio Au Sable Elementary School
Mio
Grades PK, K-5

Fairview Area Schools
Fairview
Alternative
Grades PK, K-12



Hard Christmas I-Spy!



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Area Services

Abstract - Title

Bell Title

300 S. Deyarmond - Mio
989-826-1920

Oscoda County Abstract

377 S. Mt. Tom Rd. - Mio
989-826-5832

Automotive

Auto Value

508 S. Morenci - Mio
989-826-3800

Banks

Northland Federal Credit Union

208 Morenci St. - Mio
989-826-1401

Building

D & D Renovations

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Concrete - Excavating

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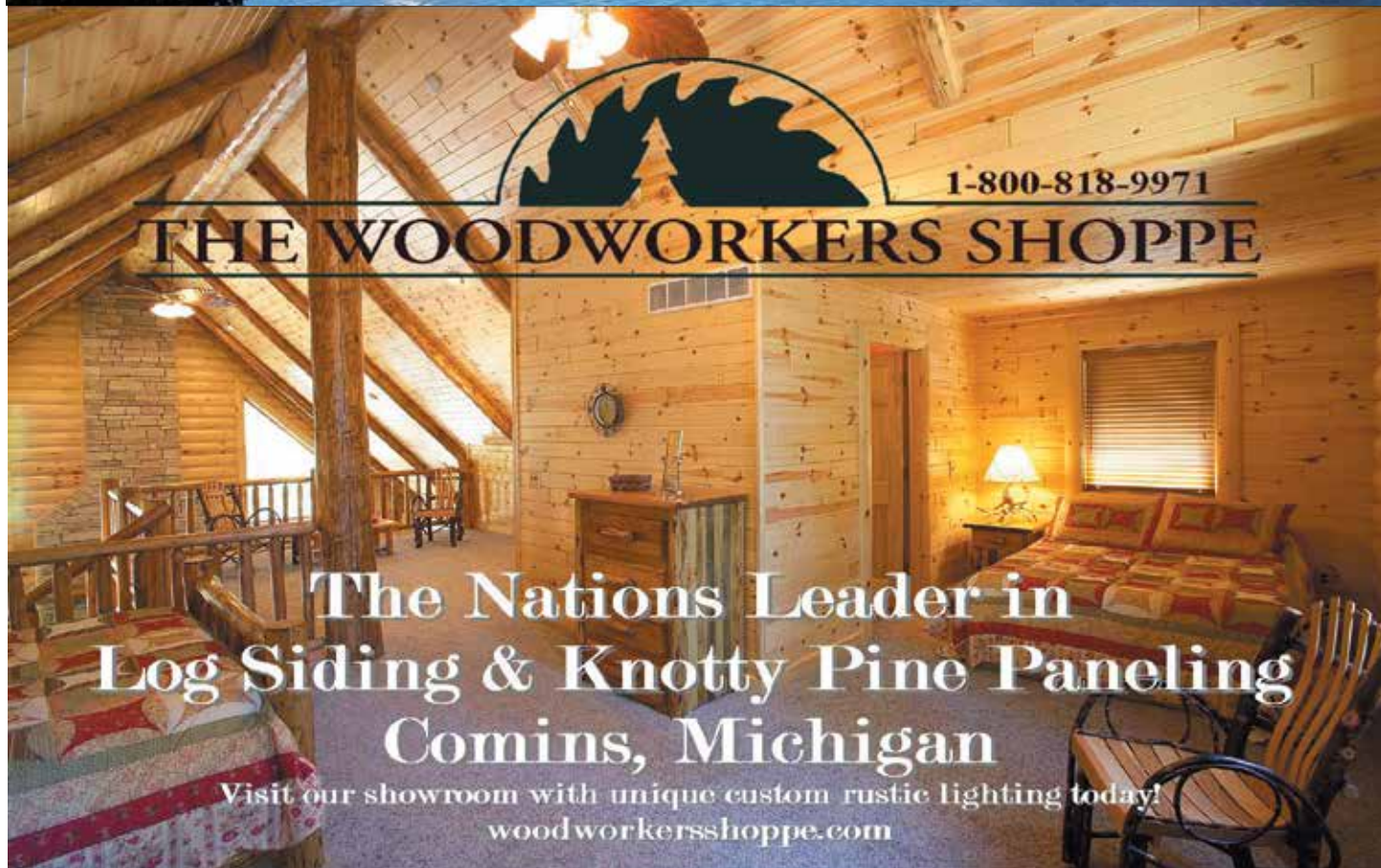
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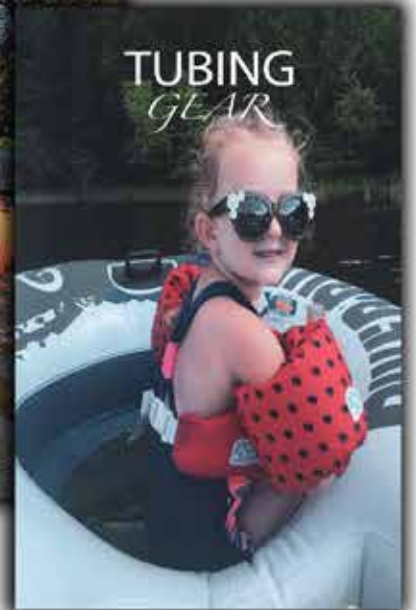
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