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Nestled between the Manistique Lakes and surrounded by miles of unspoiled forest, the Curtis area has always been a place where time slows down just enough for you to truly feel it. What began as a quiet lakeside settlement, officially established in 1905, has grown into one of the Upper Peninsula's most loved four-season destinations—yet it has never lost its small-town heart or its deep connection to the land and water that define it.

Our history is rooted in the early families, fishermen, loggers, and homesteaders who settled along these shores more than a century ago. Their hard work, grit, and strong sense of community shaped the foundation of the town we are proud of today. Over the years, Curtis and the surrounding Manistique Lakes area have become a gathering place for outdoor enthusiasts, snowmobilers, families, and travelers seeking the peace, adventure, and authenticity that only the Northwoods can offer.

Whether you're here for boating, fishing, hiking, snowmobiling, hunting, leaf-peeping, stargazing, or simply relaxing by the water, you'll find something here that brings you back to center. Our local shops, restaurants, resorts, campgrounds, and small businesses—many family-owned for generations—are proud to welcome you with that genuine U.P. hospitality you won't find anywhere else.

This Visitors Guide was created to help you make the most of your time in the Manistique Lakes area. Inside, you'll find highlights of our attractions, events, dining, lodging, trails, and the people who help make this place unforgettable. It's more than a guide—it's an invitation to explore, discover, and feel at home.

From quiet mornings on the lake to nights filled with music, bonfires, and community, we're truly glad you're here. Whether this is your first visit or your hundredth, welcome—and enjoy everything our slice of the North has to offer.

Welcome to Curtis.

Welcome to the Manistique Lakes.

Welcome to the North.

# LOCAL EVENTS

## Golf Scramble - July 4th



- 2-Man Scramble Golf Tournament
- Part of the "Biggest Little Town Parade" celebration, which also includes a parade at 12:30 PM, a Lions Club Chicken BBQ, beer tents, and fireworks.

## 4th of July Parade - July 5th

- Biggest Little Town Parade in Michigan!
- Music Vendors and Food
- Parade starts around Noon to 12:30
- Bands and Refreshments after the parade
- Fireworks at Dusk



## 3 Bridge Walk - September 7th

- Starts on Main Street from 8 a.m. to 12 noon
- A fun, non-competitive walk for the community
- Offers a 3/4-mile walk and 3.5-mile walk



## Oktoberfest - October 3rd

- Beer Tent
- Live Music



## Santa Parade - November 27th



- Celebrate the holiday season with festive events, including a visit from Santa (often via fire truck or specialized arrival) alongside downtown carolers and local businesses serving holiday treats.



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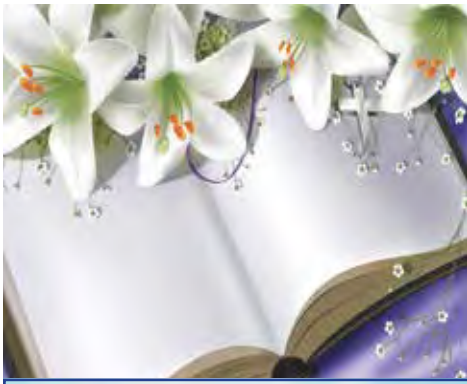
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These area churches offer visitors a warm welcome and a glimpse into the heart of this close-knit Upper Peninsula community. Rooted in generations of faith, tradition, and neighborly spirit, these congregations serve not only as places of worship, but also as gathering spaces where friendships are formed and community life flourishes.

Whether you're spending a quiet weekend at the lake, enjoying the area's year-round outdoor recreation, or exploring the charm of this small northern town, you'll find open doors and friendly faces in Curtis. From historic rural chapels to vibrant parish communities, the churches here reflect the town's heritage and its enduring values of hospitality, service, and faith.



Visitors are always welcome to join in worship, community events, or simply to experience the peaceful atmosphere that makes Curtis such a special place to call home — even if just for a while.



## **Engadine Methodist Church**

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## **Lakefield Community Chapel**

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Road 98,  
McMillan MI, 49853**

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SUNDAY  
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## Grace Lutheran - Germfask MI



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## *Mass Schedule:*

Sunday Mass @ 11:00 am

Saturday Mass @ 4:00 pm (June 28 ~ August 29 only)

Wednesday Mass @ 10:30 am

Confessions are offered before Sunday Mass or by appointment only

## *Important Dates:*

July 5th - Sunday Mass @ 9:00 am

**August 9th - Sunday Mass**

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While the area was settled in 1884, the nearby, historically significant Old Post Office Museum, a five-sided structure on the Michigan Register of Historic Sites, is actually located in Grand Marais, MI, a historic, scenic village situated on the south shore of Lake Superior, serving as the eastern gateway to the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, directly north of Curtis.

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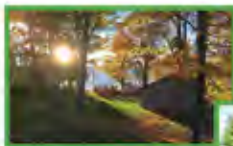
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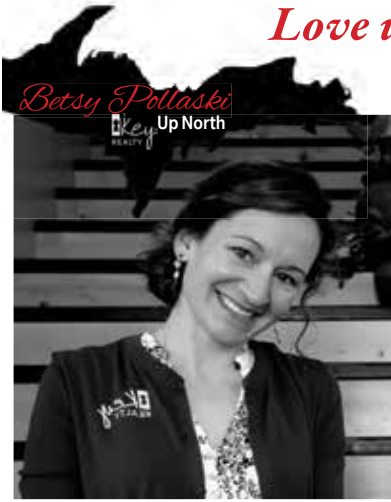
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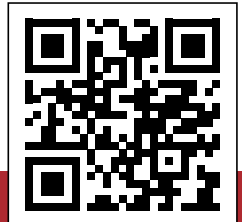
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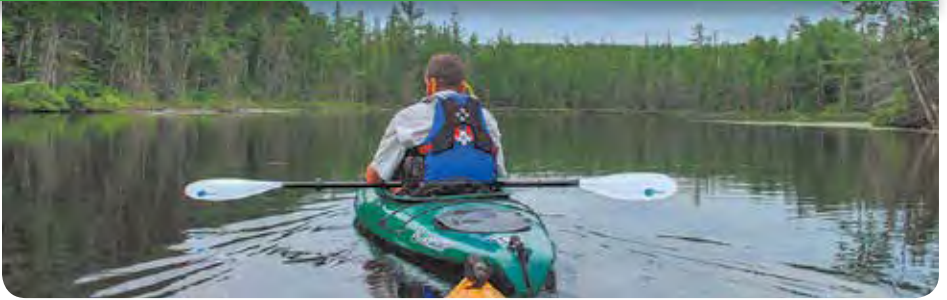
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## Beaton Lake

46 acres. Large & small mouth bass, pumpkinseed sunfish

## Big Island Lake\*

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

## Blue Joe Lake

30 acres. Small mouth bass, bluegill

## Boot Lake

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

## Byers Lake\*

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

## Clear Lake

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

## Coattail Lake\*

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

## Colwell Lake

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

## Cookson Lake

35 acres. Large mouth bass, northern pike, bluegill

## Crooked Lake

190 acres. Large mouth bass, northern pike, black crappie, bluegill, pumpkinseed sunfish

## East Lake

54 acres. Large mouth bass, pumpkinseed sunfish, yellow perch, brown bullhead

## Grassy Lake Lake

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

## Herman Lake

85 acres. Large & Small mouth bass, northern pike, bluegill, pumpkinseed sunfish

## Hutt Lake

18 acres. Large mouth bass, bluegill, yellow perch

## Indian Lake

8,400 acres. Yellow perch, walleye, northern pike, muskellunge, rock bass, small mouth bass, bluegill

## Ironjaw Lake

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

## Klondike Lake\*

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## Leg Lake

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- **Fish Clash Fishing Contest** 2nd Saturday in June
- **4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration in Curtis** Kids games to help them learn about fish
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## McKeever Lake

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

## Minera Lake

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

## Muleshoe Lake

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

## Big Murphy Lake

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

## Petes Lake

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

## Rumble Lake

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

## Sand Lake

46 acres. Large & small mouth bass, pumpkinseed sunfish

## Steuben Lake

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

## Swan Lake

30 acres. Small mouth bass, bluegill

## Three Island Lake

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

## Thunder Lake

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

## Tom's Lake

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

## Townloine Lake

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During the meal, Chef Joshua and his wife Lore personally serve and discuss each course, enhancing the culinary experience.

Victoria George, Executive Director of Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce, praised the impact of the Inn on the local tourism scene, remarking: "The Blue Mystique Inn has quickly become a cherished addition to our community, offering both residents and visitors a distinctive lodging and dining experience while Elizabeth's dedication to providing exceptional service has truly set a new standard for hospitality in Manistique".

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



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

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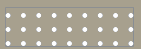
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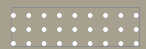


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**Marquette County**

- 59 Forty Foot Falls
- 60 Salmon Trout Falls
- 61 Eighty Foot Falls
- 62 Bull Dog Falls
- 63 Mulligan Falls
- 64 Pinnacle Falls
- 65 Alder Falls
- 66 Yellow Dog Falls
- 67 Big Pup Falls
- 68 Garlic River Falls
- 69 Dead River Falls
- 70 Carp River Falls
- 71 Black River Falls
- 72 Warner Falls

**Alger County**

- 81 Whitefish Falls
- 82 Laughing Whitefish Falls
- 83 Rock River Falls
- 84 AuTrain Falls
- 85 Scott Falls
- 86 Cole Creek Falls
- 87 Wagner Falls
- 88 Horseshoe Falls
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- 95 Sable Falls



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- 73 Schweitzer Falls
- 74 Frohling Falls

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- 75 Piers Gorge
- 76 Fumee Falls
- 77 Mill Pond Falls

**Delta County**

- 78 Rose Falls
- 79 Rapid River Falls
- 80 Haymeadow Falls

**Luce County**

- 96 Tahquamenon Falls

**Chippewa County**

- 97 Tahquamenon Falls (Lower)

**Lower Peninsula**

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Waterfalls of Michigan

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Because morels are nearly impossible to farm, they must be foraged where they grow naturally. Exactly where and why they appear is part science, part folklore and part pure luck.

Morels depend on a mix of temperature, moisture, soil conditions and tree types. Disturbed ground, burned areas and clear-cuts can also be productive. Every forager has a theory, but success usually comes down to research, patience, sharp eyes and timing.

Michigan's forests, riverbanks and rolling hills offer prime habitat. The challenge is figuring out where they're popping up this year. Two rules never change: spring is the season, and no one shares their secret spots.

As the ground thaws and temperatures rise, morel season begins. From April through May, foragers head into the woods with mesh bags, small knives and plenty of optimism.

Morels favor hardwood forests — especially around ash, elm and oak trees — and moist, well-drained soil. Riverbanks, wooded slopes and recently burned areas are good bets. Pro tip: if you're hunting early in the season, check the sunny side of a hill first.



That said, morels love to surprise. They've been found in forests, fields, roadsides and even city mulch. A spot that produced one year may be empty the next. State and county parks are a smart place to start.

Spotting a morel peeking through leaf litter never gets old. Their cone-shaped caps blend in easily, making each discovery feel like a win. When harvesting, cut the stem near ground level — don't pull — to help encourage regrowth. Carrying morels away in a net bag is recommended, as it helps spread spores for abundant future seasons.

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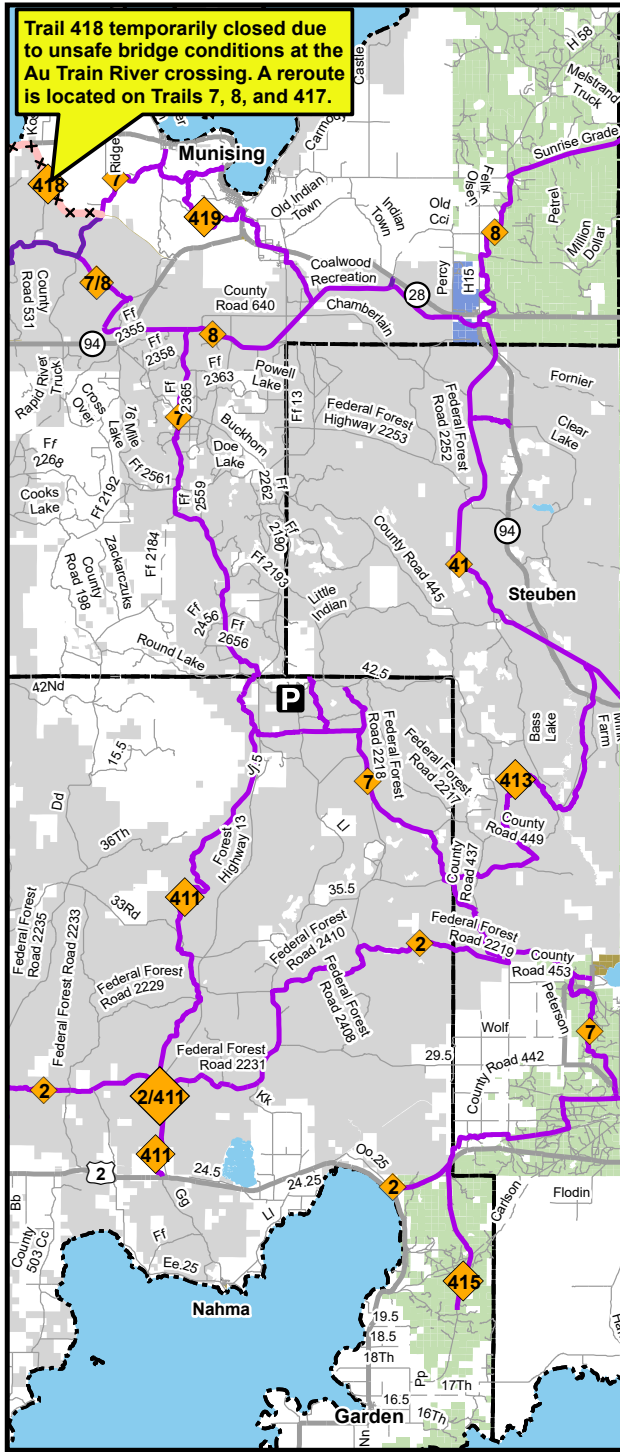
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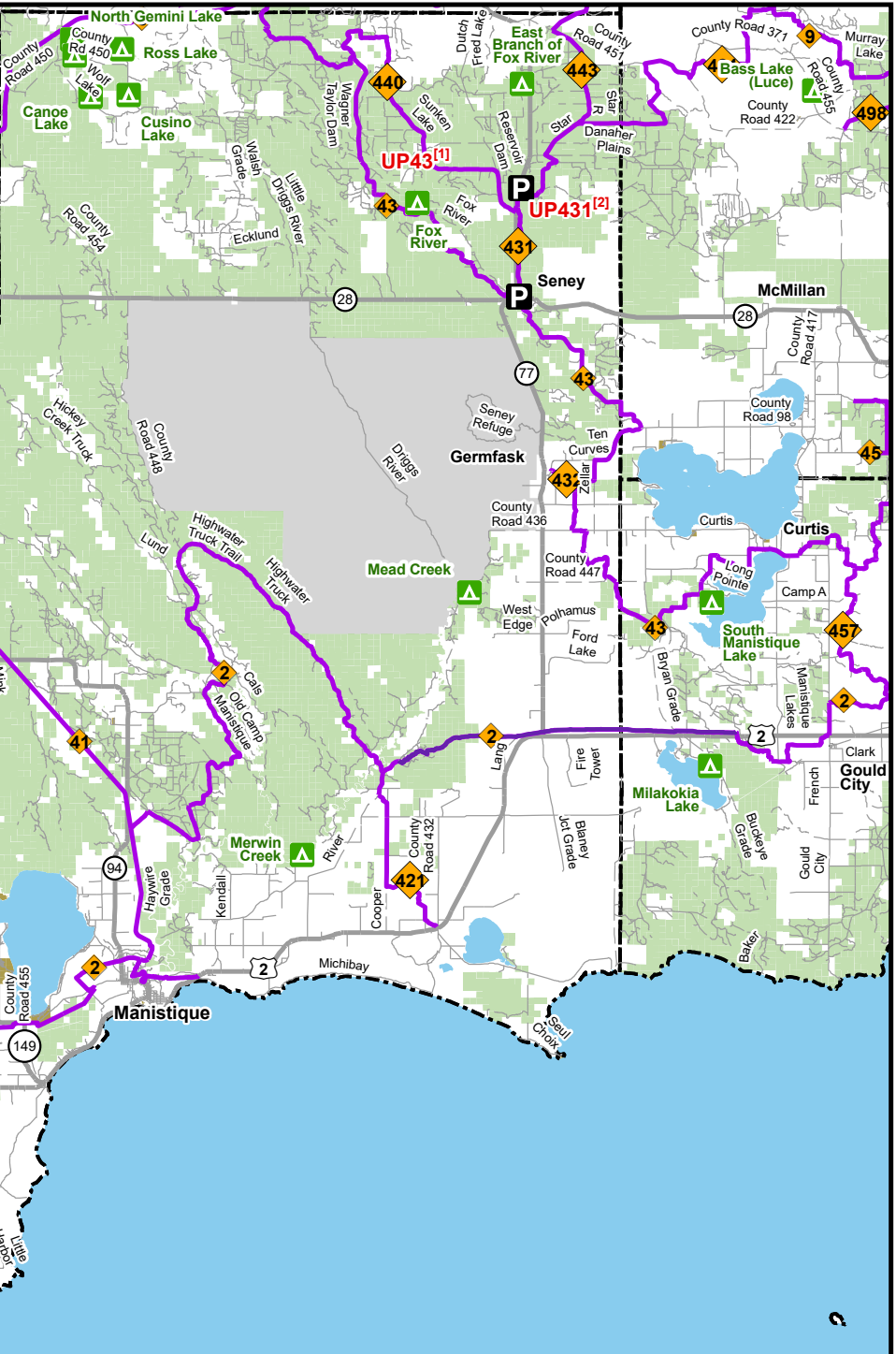
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# MUELLER TOWNSHIP PARK

## PARK TO BE EXPANDED IN MUELLER TOWNSHIP

By R. R. Branstrom

GULLIVER — Schoolcraft County's Mueller Township is looking forward to the development of a multi-use outdoor recreation park that should be completed this year.

On Quarry Road in Gulliver, a park currently hosts a small playground for younger children. But after being issued a Michigan Spark Grant a couple years ago, the township has been working on plans to develop the site into something more akin to a sports complex.

Administered by the Council for Michigan Foundations (CMF) in partnership with the Michigan



Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Michigan Spark Grants were designed to help local communities create, renovate and redevelop public recreation opportunities for residents and visitors in the aftermath of the COVID pandemic.

The state granted \$380,000 towards the Mueller Township Park Renovation. *(contd. page 43)*



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# MUELLER TOWNSHIP PARK CONTINUED



In the central Upper Peninsula on the northern shore of Lake Michigan, Mueller Township is rife with lands ideal for outdoor recreation, and the new development aims to take advantage of that opportunity.

Beginning in spring 2026, the township aims to put in multi-purpose courts for tennis, pickleball and basketball at the premises; develop a walking trail

with activity centers along it; install a playground for larger children; erect new bathrooms; and install a bike repair station.

Bicycling is a popular activity in the Upper Peninsula in the summer, and the park in Gulliver is not too far from the famed Iron Belle Trail, which is a system that covers over 2,000 miles. In Schoolcraft County, it runs along U.S. Highway 2.



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By R. R. Branstrom

Seney National Wildlife Refuge is a place of excitement and wonder where wildlife comes first, and people are encouraged to explore and learn about the natural world. Located in the eastern Upper Peninsula and including some of the Lake Superior State Forest, it is known for the vistas and wildlife of its forests and wetlands.

Established in 1935 as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife, Seney is part of the larger National Wildlife Refuge System that offers the public scenic environments in which to unplug from the stresses of daily life and reconnect with natural surroundings. At Seney National Wildlife Refuge — a meeting place between wetlands, waters and forests — visitors can drive, walk, bicycle or

paddle through habitats that offer opportunities to encounter a variety of migratory birds and other native wildlife.

About 80 miles to the northeast, on the coast of Lake Superior, is the Whitefish Point Unit of the Seney National Wildlife Refuge. The location is renowned for its concentrations of birds funneling through the point during migration; it's the northernmost point of the Upper Peninsula and is just about 15 miles from Canada across a narrow point of the lake to form the mouth of Whitefish Bay. The Whitefish Point Unit has an elevated boardwalk which takes visitors through cobblestone deposits and stunted jack pines out to the tip of the point. The boardwalk and other trails are popular with birders and are open year-round to nature enthusiasts, photographers, hikers and runners.

Due to ongoing improvement projects at Seney refuge, made possible through the Great American Outdoors Act, the Pine Ridge Nature Trail and the Show Pool Access Area remain partially closed in 2026. Despite these closures, there are still plenty of wildlife-related recreational opportunities available.



# SENY WILDLIFE REFUGE



*The Seney National Wildlife Refuge and its Whitefish Point Unit are nestled in the eastern portion of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. These tracts of land are a birders paradise with abundant populations of trumpeter swans, common loons, osprey, bald eagles and hundreds of other bird species. Stop by and enjoy your public lands.*

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/seney>

The temporary visitor center and office, located at 1986 Manistique River Road/County Road 436 — about six miles south of the Refuge Entrance Road — is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays between May 15 and Oct. 20.

Access wildlife observation opportunities in a variety of ways,

- Driving: Watch for wildlife along the 7-mile Marshland Wildlife Drive or 8.5-mile Fishing Loop. Both drives start at the end of the Refuge Entrance Road off M77. These roads are narrow and winding, not appropriate for large vehicles.

- Hiking: Unless otherwise stated, all the refuge roads and backcountry are open to hiking. Hiking trails can be found at the Temporary Visitor Center and the Northern Hardwoods access area. The trails at the visitor center are relatively short — a quarter-mile field loop and a one-mile forested loop with glimpses of the river. The Northern Hardwoods Access Area has a larger system of trails. Portions of the Pine Ridge Nature Trail are accessible from the Show Pool access area, but expect temporary closures due to on-going construction projects.

- Biking: Unless otherwise stated, all of the refuge roads are open to bicycling. Bicycles are not allowed on hiking trails or off-road. The Northern Hardwoods access area is a good starting location. Cyclists should make sure to have a map.

- Fishing: People may fish along the shore of the Fishing Loop, C3 Pool, or rivers. Check the fishing brochure to learn about specific dates and regulations.

- Hunting: Hunting on the refuge is a more traditional experience focusing predominately on upland species. Check the hunting brochure to learn about huntable species, open areas, and regulations.

- Paddling: The Manistique River flows through the southeast corner of the refuge, providing canoeists and kayakers a four-hour float amid pine and deciduous forests, with no houses to disrupt the natural scenery. Note: Boats and other floatation devices are not allowed on refuge pools.





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# GORDON'S RESORT

## A year-round U.P. destination



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

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

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

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

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

"We're a really good spot for people who want to take a day trip to Tahquamenon Falls or Soo Locks or Fayette ghost town. You know, we're right kind of in the middle of all that,"

Gibbons said. "So you can fish, you can come home, build bonfire and have your cabin. And if you want to go somewhere during the day for a field trip, then there's lots of things to do and see within an hour or two drive."

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

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

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



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

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

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