

Plan Extensive Improvements For Pictured Rocks

Rising stark from the water and surrounded by legend, Michigan's imposing, inspiring Pictured Rocks and Grand Sable Dunes are in the process of being further developed by the National Park Service.

To both preserve its wilderness flavor and yet make it still more accessible to tourists, Congress declared the 35-mile strip from Munising to Grand Marais the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

A parkway with scenic overlooks and from 15 to 18 access points to Lake Superior are in the development plans. Trails and campsites will be added and extensive recreational facilities will be developed at each end of the parkway.

The Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore is divided into an inner zone of 39,000 acres and a lakeshore zone of 29,000 acres. The areas vary in width

from one-half mile to 2 1/2 miles.

Most noted are the Pictured Rocks, since they can be seen easily from Lake Superior. The explorers and voyagers brought back the first tales of the cliffs that rise sharply from the water.

A road from Munising leads to a good viewpoint, but for those who prefer the water route, tour boats make regularly scheduled three-hour trips throughout the summer months from Munising.

THE FIRST formation to come into sight is lofty Miner's Castle with its twin turrets looking like a medieval bastion. Legend says the French Jesuit, Pere Marquette, held services there for Indians of the region. Nearby Stately Falls lives up to its name and there's the Battling Rock, Chapel Rock, Indian Drum Cave where the

waves pound like a tom-tom, and the Colored Caves which were feared by the Indians. They believed blood was responsible for the scarlet tint of the cave's walls and that it was a place of torture and execution.

The Grand Portal was one of the most spectacular formations with an arch covering five

acres, but time and the relentless pounding of the sea collapsed the arch in 1906. It illustrates that, despite the Pictured Rocks' timelessness, they are ever-changing.

While a spectacular attraction in themselves, the Pictured Rocks aren't nature's only flourish, according to the

Michigan Tourist Council. The constantly shifting Grand Sable Dunes and quiet beaches at the edge of the National Lakeshore are a tourist delight, particularly for youngsters. But, generally, that's as far as most tourists went from the land side—Miner's Castle at the western end, the dunes from the

east. Since there were no roads, or poor dirt roads at best, relatively few ventured into the pungent pine, hemlock and balsam forests that make up the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore's inner zone. They may have missed Chapel Falls, Mosquito Falls, Spray Falls and Miner's Falls, some

of the most scenic of the upper peninsula's more than 150 waterfalls. The Land Of Hiawatha has remained unspoiled and the National Park Service, with the cooperation of local governments, intends to keep it that way. At the same time the Park Service will further open

it up so that Americans can enjoy what it describes as "unique and spectacular scenery unmatched elsewhere on the Great Lakes." For free literature on Michigan vacation attractions, write to the Michigan Tourist Council, Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing, Michigan 48926.



HARRY GARDNER, who has relatives and friends in Observerland, celebrated his 100th birthday Thursday in the "Killingbeck Nursing Home, 38410 Cherry Hill Rd., Westland. Among the dozens of persons who helped him mark the special occasion were a niece he hasn't seen in nearly 50 years, and patients in the nursing home. Gardner spent 65 years of his life in the Wayne-Bellefonte-Romulus communities. He has been in the nursing home since Feb. 1967. He has three sons, Irving of Howell, Clark of Fayette, Ohio, and Chris of Dearborn; four daughters, Mrs. Harold (Eva) Malloy of Wayne, Mrs. Ada Clerk of Romulus, Winnie Pawlowski of Bellefonte, Gen Kerbaw of Blissfield; 16 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.



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