

# DNR has the plans

## State is blazing new trails

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Hike often grows when they read a new job has been created in government. But in this case, there's more to it. Jim Wicks has the new title of "trail coordinator" in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. His job is to think about cross-country skiers, snowmobilers, equestrians, hikers, off-road vehicle enthusiasts and the horses set. DNR is moving in the right direction on this score. Traditionally, parks authorities

have thought in terms of compact parks, where people would get out of their cars and never wander more than 100 feet away.

Wicks and recreation planner Marvon Watson will spend a lot of time away from Lansing, plotting progress on trails under development, making contacts with federal agencies, trail user groups and the like.

Ultimately, they will come up with a trail plan for the state's comprehensive recreation plan.

THIS REMINDS me of the time my esteemed colleague and sometime ghost writer, "Gormie" Abail, stumbled across something called the Michigan Hiking and Hiding Trail across the top of the lower peninsula.

It runs some 200 miles from Empire on Lake Michigan to East Tawas on Lake Huron. Hikers and hiders could travel through wilderness and camp for days. Her stories about it read like de-Torquerville's description of the Michigan frontier in the 1830s.

Yet hardly anybody knew about it. It was incredibly difficult to find information, maps, starting points and anything else about the Michigan Hiking and Hiding Trail.

The Michigan Hiding Association turned out to know most about it. Co-founders haven't spread the word yet, but the finest hike facility anybody ever saw is going to turn out to be the new Mary Urban State Park south of Eight Mile and west of Northville. The old roads that connected the former TB sanatoriums are still in good shape, and the state is paving new bike trails. But no one in DNR is really taking the hint—yet. At least not the way the Huron-Clinton Metroparks people spread the word about their facilities.

IN ENGLAND, a hikers association has been successful in springing up hundreds of miles of countryside to foot travel by the simple expedient of getting farmers to

allow footpaths on unplanted land along hedgerows.

A hiker, you see, doesn't need vast acreage and expensive facilities to enjoy himself. A hiker just needs a few feet of right-of-way.

The countryside of Germany and Austria is laced with footpaths, improved with canals or wood chips. Many cross or are adjacent to private property. Thousands of people of all ages hike for miles on the weekends.

So Michigan at last is getting into the happy trails business in an organized way and so that folks can more easily find out about things. Good luck, Jim Wicks.

EARLY RISERS on Sunday, Dec. 3 enjoy the fresh air and get the juices flowing on guided nature hikes at three Huron-Clinton metroparks.

Hikers can meet at 9 a.m. in the nature center buildings of either Stony Creek Metropark, near Rochester; Kensington Metropark, near Milford; and Oakwoods Metropark, near Flat Rock.

Dress warmly, and wear comfortable, sturdy hiking shoes.

KENSINGTON'S nature center will have a special 1 1/2 hour program on honeybees at 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. It will cover the life of the bee and basic beekeeping. There will be a chance to observe an indoor beehive.

The program is free but is limited to 30 persons, so you must register in advance by calling 665-1561 (Milford).

## Advice for sportsmen

### Take a map

The six German warblers had their head in a debate after spending half an hour spudding through six inches of ice only to discover his fishing hole was in three inches of water.

The skipper cursed softly, then hummed after his pleasure boat ran aground on rocks along the Lake Huron shoreline.

The deck leader worried about spending the night in the woods after coming to the realization he was hopelessly lost.

These hapless souls had one thing in common. All three were in trouble for the same reason. They took off without a map.

No one should venture into our woods or onto our waters without a proper map unless he is thoroughly familiar with the area, advises Ken Lowe of the Michigan United Colonization Club, the state's largest distributor of maps.

All of people in this state have spared themselves a lot of grief simply because they were equipped with maps and knew where they were and how to get from one point to another in safety. Detailed maps are available for almost every form of outdoor recreation, and every hunter, fisherman or outdoor enthusiast, camper or hiker should equip himself with a map for his purposes. Lowe said. MUCC, a nonprofit citizens group working in behalf of sportsmen and other outdoor recreation

ists, has become a clearing house for maps and charts in Michigan. The organization uses the proceeds from map sales to help underwrite its programs for conservation and environmental protection.

The group's maps include bound sets of maps of each of Michigan's 83 counties, inland lakes maps, official government topographic maps and Great Lakes nautical charts.

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Taking the affirmative side will be representatives from the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, including Arthur Fleming, commission chairman. The Commission has spent two years working on a school busing and desegregation report that was issued last August.

The report panel will be given by representatives from the state's largest anti-busing group, the National Association of Neighborhood School (NANS). They include: Sam Mills, chairman of the board of Education; Fred Groves, chair of Maryland; Herbert Walgren, professor of urban education research, University of Illinois; Charles and Leo Gracia, professors of educational law, University of Texas; and author of "Desaster by Decision."

NANS claims that the Civil Rights Commission report has ignored evidence that would indicate busing has failed; that busing has caused droves of white people to flee the central cities and that scores of nationally standardized tests of students remaining in inner city schools have dropped markedly.

The one-hour confrontation will be moderated by Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) news anchorman and commentator Jim Lehrer.

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