

Take a 'Walk-in-the-Water' at Oakwoods Metropark

By Lem Mesoe
outdoors writer

You've heard of hiking trails, bike trails, ORV trails and horse trails. How about a canoe trail?

There's one not far from here on the lower Huron River. It's in Oakwoods Metropark, near Flat Rock in southern Wayne County.

Naturalist Bob Wittershelm calls the one-mile trail a one-of-a-kind in southeastern Michigan. "Walk-in-the-Water Trail" winds around several islands near the park's nature center, from which you may launch your canoe.

Oakwoods, one of the 11 Huron-Clinton Metroparks, doesn't provide canoes, but you can rent them at nearby liveries. To follow the trail on your own, there is a series of floats, each containing an interpretive message about the river environment. The Huron, even in its lower reaches, has an abundance of wildlife although it's not far from 1-275.

IF YOU'RE the sociable sort, try the "Lazy River Canoe Float" from Willow Metropark to Oakwoods this weekend. Wittershelm will lead the flotilla down the river beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday, July 5. He plans a two-hour trip.

outdoors

Pack your own canoe but plan to take the shuttle service to get back to your car at Willow. To register, call the Oakwoods nature center at 697-8181. As usual, the program is free, but you'll need a vehicle entry permit.

This canoeist took the jaunt last year in early spring and can assure you it's a good jaunt. The crowd was sociable with a good age range, which is a dis-

tinct contrast to your typical group outing.

MICHIGAN'S least-known road is the North Country Trail, which winds through 800 miles of the northern lower peninsula. It's part of a 3,200-mile national trail.

The reason it's so little known is

probably that no one makes money from it.

Backpackers aren't your biggest spenders, at least not when they get to the north country. If there were souvenir shops, ice cream stands and motels with heated pools along the way, the trail would become known overnight.

State Sen. Joe Mack, whose great cause is Cleveland Cliffs mining company, once said he would just as soon keep backpackers out of the upper peninsula because "they bring a \$10 bill and one set of underwear and in two weeks don't change either."

A nonprofit group is seeking to protect, publicize and improve the trail.

It's called the North Country Trail Association (NCTA), and its state leader is Virginia Wunsch, Box 311, White Cloud, MI, 49349. There really is a White Cloud, up around Muskegonway. She says it's the midpoint of the entire trail.

She says there's a need for trail building tools, trained leaders to supervise volunteer trail building, literature to explain the trail to the public and just general tender loving care.

Anyway, if you send the NCTA a buck and a self-addressed stamped envelope, they promise to send a trails bulletin called "How to Pack Your Backpack." And it will no doubt get you on their mailing list.

IP perry

Drug Stores

66 STORES
TO SERVE YOU
CALL
(313)334-1300
FOR THE ONE
NEAREST YOU

PERRY SUPER COUPON

8-PACK COCA COLA or TAB 1/2 LITER SIZE

\$1.89 PLUS DEPOSIT

NOT AVAILABLE AT ELMWOOD PARK PLAZA
Limit 2-8 Packs-Good thru July 5, 1981

PERRY SUPER COUPON

NABISCO SNACK CRACKERS TRISCUIT, WHEAT THINS or SOCIABLES

79¢ EACH

NOT AVAILABLE AT ELMWOOD PARK PLAZA
Limit 2-Good thru July 5, 1981

PERRY SUPER COUPON

"SNACK SIZE" MILKY WAY, 1-LB. SNICKERS, 1-LB. 3 MUSKETEERS, 1-LB. MARS, 13 oz.

\$1.63 EACH

NOT AVAILABLE AT ELMWOOD PARK PLAZA
Limit 2-Good thru July 5, 1981

PERRY SUPER COUPON

20-COUNT TRASH CAN LINERS

99¢

Limit 2-Good thru July 5, 1981

PERRY SUPER COUPON

51 COUNT FOAM CUPS

39¢

7 oz. SIZE
Limit 2-Good thru July 5, 1981

PERRY SUPER COUPON

EXTRA-STRENGTH TYLENOL

\$3.66

100 COUNT CAPSULES

DISCOUNTS FOR SUMMER SAVINGS!

OCEAN SPRAY

- Cranberry Juice
- Cranapple Juice
- Cran-Grape Juice

89¢ 32 oz.

COTTONELLE BATHROOM TISSUE 4 ROLL PACK

99¢ LIMIT 2

CRUNCH 'N MUNCH 5 oz. TOFFEE POPCORN WITH PEANUTS

69¢

72" x 27" AIR MATTRESS

\$1.49

52-INCH 2-RING POOL

\$3.97

JUMBO INFLATABLE RIDE 'EM PALS

- TEDDY TURTLE
- FRESHY FRODO
- KENNY CROCODILE

\$4.97 EACH

MARSH ALLEN 18" PORTABLE BARBECUE GRILL

\$6.95

Lightweight model ideal for taking on a summer outing. Tubular steel legs simply slip into place. No tools needed.

CAST IRON DOUBLE HIBACHI

\$6.99

BEE 1/2 GALLON PICNIC JUG

\$1.99

GILMOUR OSCILLATING SPRINKLER

\$3.99

HAMPSHIRE "FLEXI-POOL" BACKYARD POOL

5 FOOT DIAMETER, 12 INCHES DEEP

\$9.96

"FLEXI-POOL" 6 FT. X 15 IN.

\$12.96

RIGID SIDE 8 FT. X 8 IN.

\$19.97

VIDAL SASSOON

- 12 oz. SHAMPOO
- 12 oz. FINISHING RINSE
- 4 oz. RE-MOISTURIZING CONDITIONER

\$2.39 EACH

RED COAT PRESCRIPTION SERVICE...

LOWER PRICES TOO!

Ask for Your Ferry Redcoat.

Motorcraft 10W-40 MOTOR OIL

79¢ LIMIT 6

Available in Cases of 24... **\$19.99**

20-INCH 2-SPEED BOX FAN

\$22.97

2000 FLUSHES TOILET BOWL CLEANER

99¢

dial DIAL BATH SOAP

39¢ 5 oz.

PERRY Drug Stores TWIN PACK ICE CUBE TRAYS

99¢

PERRY Drug Stores PLASTIC ICE CUBE BIN

79¢

FLICK BIC lighter FREE!

TWIN PACK 99¢

Get a FREE Bic Lighter from Bic. See Package For Details.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED A DRUG STORE FOR...AND MORE!

classified ads

644-1070
Oakland County
581-0800
Wayne County
852-2222
Rochester/Avon