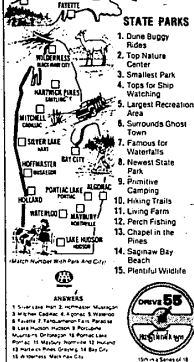


# Ghost town to seaway, state parks have it all

## MICHIGAN QUIZ



Stroll through a ghost town. Meditate in a forest chapel. Bounce along a Lake Michigan beach in a peppy dune buggy. Camp in the wilderness, climb a mountain, or see a chick hatch at one of Michigan's 84 state parks, suggests the Automobile Club of Michigan.

Thousands of acres of public park lands await visitors. An annual state park permit costs \$10 and allows limitless entry to all 84 facilities.

**OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS** who prefer developed areas can see wildlife at Waterloo, the largest of the state's recreation areas. It's in Jackson County. In Oakland County, high hills offer magnificent views to hikers at Pontiac Lake Recreation Area, west of Pontiac.

Farm animals can be fed and petted at Maybury State Park near Northville in western Wayne County. The Living Farm gives visitors an up-close look at turkeys, hatching chicks, dairy cows, sheep and pigs. Growing fields of vegetables, oats, hay and herbs also are on the site.

IN FAYETTE State Park, a hotel, opera house and a few shops and houses stand as remnants of the Upper Peninsula iron industry which thrived a century ago.

The ghost town of Fayette was once inhabited by 1,000 people. Today the only occupants are visitors who learn through exhibits in restored buildings about the town designed by iron industry executive Fayette Brown.

Foot trails wind among towering white and Norway virgin pine trees which once covered Michigan's north-east region.

Amid the park's quiet, scenic 9,221-acre forestland, a trail passes by the Chapel in the Pines, a memorial to Donald A. Johnson, the first president of Kiwanis International.

WIND-BLOWN sand is continually moving inland on eastern edges of Silver Lake, Hoffmaster and other state

parks along Lake Michigan's shore. Dune buggy rides are permitted only at Silver Lake, near Hart.

At Hoffmaster, near Muskegon, visitors can learn about dune ecology at Gillette Nature Center, one of the state's finest.

Photographers and students of nature will find wildlife and scenic natural wonders in Michigan state parks.

Flying squirrel, mink, beavers, black bear and a few red foxes are among the animals living in Wilderness State Park near Mackinaw City. This summer, bald eagles were spotted soaring through the 7,514-acre facility which also is plentiful wildflowers and rare plants.

Porcupine Mountains State Park, Mi-

chigan's largest, is one of the Midwest's few remaining large wilderness areas. Four rustic cabins are located along 85 miles of foot trails which lead to spectacular over-looks and mountain-top vistas.

The park's 58,332-acres, on the northwest coast of the Upper Peninsula near Ontonagon, are rugged. Steep grades and streams offer a challenge to primitive campers.

SOME 35,000 acres of unspoiled terrain are protected in Tahquamenon Falls State Park, in the eastern UP near Paradise. At the heart of the park, the 200-foot wide Tahquamenon River plunges 40 feet, forming one of the largest waterfalls east of the Mississippi.

Four miles downstream, the smaller Lower Falls is a series of rapids and cascades.

**THE CHANCE** to lure a variety of fish attracts visitors to state parks.

Anglers in Holland State Park's Lake Macatawa go after perch. The 500-acre man-made lake at Lenawee County's Lake Hudson Recreation Area, the state's newest park, is stocked with panfish, including bluegill, sunfish, bass and pike.

Fishing for pickerel is allowed along Algonac State Park's frontage on the St. Clair river. But the park is best known as a haven for shipwreckers who can see freighters and ore carriers as they pass close to shore.

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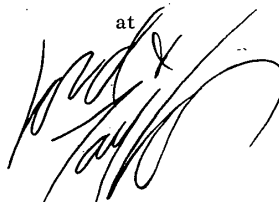
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## MSU boosts student aid

Although Congress is slashing federal spending for student aid, Michigan State University will provide aid packages totaling \$60 million this year — up from \$45 million during the 1980-81 school year.

William Kenney, associate director of financial aids at MSU, reports that while legislation on federal student aid funds is still pending in Washington, the majority of student who qualified for aid last year will qualify this year.

"The general outlook here is good," Kenney says.

He estimates that MSU will process aid for 60 percent of students enrolled at MSU during 1981-82 — about 27,000 of MSU's 45,000 students.

"ALLOCATIONS for some loans and grants have been clipped," Kenney explains, "but it appears that the overall aid totals will be equal to or more than last year's totals."

"The only thing that can hurt is the bite of inflation, but we expect to be able to accommodate everyone whose application came in on time."

Students can get help shouldering their school bills through four basic sources: grants, scholarships, loans and jobs — or a combination of these sources. The funds come from private donors, the federal government, the state and MSU.

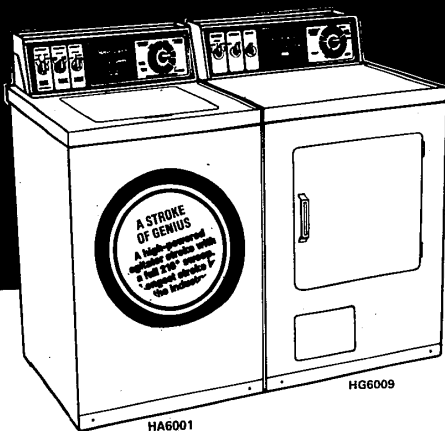
The largest single source of aid at MSU is the "guaranteed student loan," which is subsidized by the federal government. This law provides a maximum of \$2,500 in a single year and a repayment plan beginning nine months after graduation, including, in most cases, 7 percent simple interest.

As of Jan. 1, 1981, the interest rate for those who had not previously applied or have no outstanding balance rose to 9 percent.

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