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Lumber, mining days live at 4 parks

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You're on a northern Michigan trip. The day is too cool for the beach and too blustery to fish. The kids are going wild.

You're first reaction is to drive to town and shop. A better idea might be to visit one of Michigan's four educational state parks.

Don't say "educational" to the kids. Let it be their secret that they'll learn something. Just tell them they're going to see something new.

Going from south to north, let's visit:

P.J. HOFFMASTER State Park, located south of Muskegon, along the shore of Lake Michigan, is the site of the Gillette Nature Center, "Michigan's Sand Dune Interpretive Center."

Opened in 1976, it has a hall with exhibits on the information and ecology of the sand dunes of Michigan. An auditorium also features audio-visual programs on the dunes and Great Lakes.

For the kids of all ages, a classroom with hands-on type exhibits is available.

The dune climb stairway takes you to the top of one of the largest dunes in the park where you will find stunning views of the Lake Michigan shoreline.

Camping, swimming, hiking trails, and picnicking also are available in the park.

HARTWICK PINES State Park, located seven miles northeast of Grayling, off I-75, Exit 259, is the location of Michigan's white pine logging interpretive area.

Displays and exhibits show how nature produced an immense forest of pines for the loggers to cut into lumber, which built the Midwest.

Tools of the past and photographs will help you relive one of the most exciting chapters in Michigan's history. A short hike under the towering pines saved from the logger's axe will bring you to a reproduction of a yesteryear logging camp where period settings preserve a small slice of history.

Camping, hiking and picnicking also are available at the park.

FAYETTE STATE park, located south of Garden, along the shore of Big Bay De Noc on the Garden Peninsula, is a Michigan ghost town, a thriving company town of the Jackson Iron Company from 1897 to 1891.

Fayette still has 15 buildings under restoration, including the opera house, company office, hotel, doctor's home and office, and machine shop.

Stabilized structures include charcoal kilns, a furnace complex and remains of the company store and warehouse.

Learn about the town, its people and the conversion of iron ore to pig iron, the reason for Fayette's

existence, in the interpretive center overlooking the townsite.

A large model of historical Fayette is located in the center, along with other exhibits and displays. Camping, hiking, swimming and picnicking are also available.

FORT WILKINS State Park, on the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula, northeast of Copper Harbor, is Michigan's northernmost fort.

It was constructed in 1844 to bring law and order to the mining community and protect miners from the threat of Indian hostilities. Fort Wilkins was activated until 1846 when troops were withdrawn for service in the Mexican War.

The fort was regarrisoned from 1867 to 1870 to house a surplus of troops from the Great Lakes region. Over the years between 1870 and 1923, when it became a state park, the fort buildings and grounds were used as a summer resort.

The restored buildings today house exhibits depicting life at the fort during its operation in the 1840s and 1850s.

Abandoned copper mine shafts and the Copper Harbor Lighthouse, built in 1866, add to the visitor's appreciation of life on the Keweenaw Peninsula.

Camping, hiking, and a boat ride to the lighthouse are available.

Capital punishment question to appear on November ballot

More than 7,000 people were responsible for gathering enough signatures to put the question of capital punishment on the November ballot.

Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson, who lead the petition drive, lauded the group for their efforts.

"We did extremely well. We had to build an organization and we did. It was an incredible job," he said.

More than 50,000 petitions were circulating, but only "about half" were returned, he said. However they contained 389,000 signatures, 285,000 valid signatures are required to place the proposal on the ballot.

Patterson, a Republican candidate for governor, said he started the petition drive in 1979 after hearing confessions from two convicted murderers.

"They had tortured a high school student to death by stabbing her 100 times," the prosecutor said.

"WHEN I asked one of the boys why he did it, he said, 'I have never seen anyone die before and I wanted to see how it felt.' The other boy replied, 'I

wanted to kill as many people as I am old,'" Patterson said.

"That's a thrill killing. When I heard those confessions, I knew I couldn't stand on the sidelines any longer."

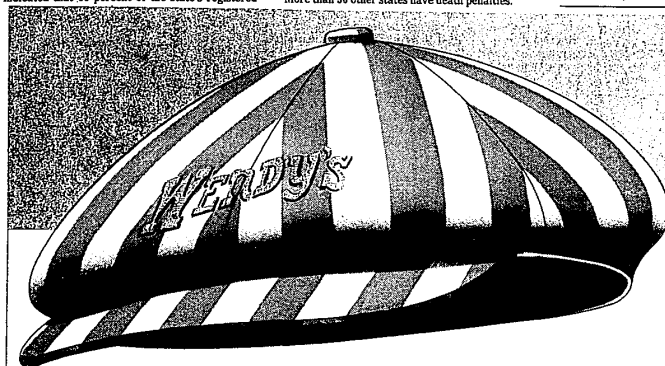
Patterson expects the proposal to pass by 70 percent of the vote. Six months ago, an opinion poll indicated that 66 percent of the state's registered

voters favored capital punishment.

"Since then, we've had three mass murders and four police officers killed in the line of duty. People are fed up with cold-blooded crimes. They're going to vent their anger by voting for the proposal."

If capital punishment is approved this fall, Michigan will be lifting a ban that dates from 1846. More than 30 other states have death penalties.

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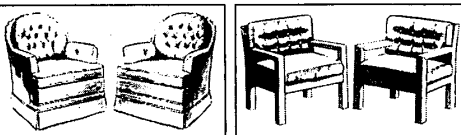
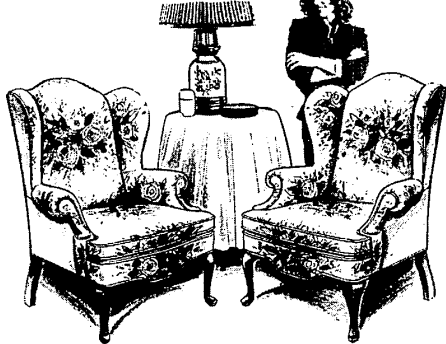


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