

# Eastern UP

## Land of many surprises

The Eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan offers a traveler's sampler of surprises, lighthouses, fishing villages, historic old forts, locks with ocean-going vessels, sandy beaches and island ferries.

For fall touring, Chippewa, Mackinac and Luce counties boast several hundred miles of picturesque shoreline on three of the Great Lakes: Superior, Huron and Michigan.

Islands interrupt the horizon. Some are served by ferries from the mainland. Others are remote, making it necessary to take a boat to explore their secret paths.

Drummond Island off DeTour is the largest island in Lake Huron. The 135-square mile forested island is circled by a road system which provides access to many of its 40 inland lakes and streams. The island is known for its excellent fishing and hunting.

The 36-island chain of the Les Cheneaux offers excellent fishing and restful solitude. Tourists may elect to linger in the charming villages of Cedarville and Hessel, and explore the countryside for fall mushrooms.

End-of-the-road surprises await travelers on the scenic drives such as the village of DeTour, or the sudden expanse of blue water waiting at the Walaka River Bridge at Brimley. The lighthouse at Whitefish Point north of Paradise stands to catch the first of winter's breezes.

At Deer Park, a high ridge rises above Superior to capture the waters of Muskegon Lake where there is a state park with full camping facilities. The U.P. is a camper's paradise with private campgrounds, state parks, and state and national forest campsites located in choice spots.

Inland surprises include the villages of Curtis and Helmer, located on the Manistique chain of lakes, and Hulbert



A walk in the woods is just of the many pleasures offered in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

with an aura of yesteryear.

Popular attractions worth repeating include Tahquamenon Falls, the Soo Locks at Sault Ste. Marie and Mackinac Island where automobiles are banned and horse-and-buggy, and bicycles are the mode of transportation.

While some attractions are closed at this season, others remain open until

late October. At Mackinac Island, the Grand Hotel closes its season with a Halloween Masque Ball weekend beginning on Oct. 31.

For comprehensive information on the Upper Peninsula, including the free 94-page Official Travel Guide, contact UPTRA at Box 400, Iron Mountain, MI 49801. Telephone 906-774-5400.

## Bob Evans holds farm festival

Piles of golden wheat in a wagon are hand-threshed into grain for making loaves of bread. A whirling gristmill grinds fresh cornmeal in a barn nearby while ripe apples being pressed for cider send a pungent aroma into the crisp autumn air.

Painting a picture of old-time farm life, these are just a few of the sights, sounds and smells that invite you to return to an earlier time at the Bob Evans Farm Festival, the weekend of Oct. 12-14. Located along Route 35 in the rolling hills of southeastern Ohio, the 1,100-acre Bob Evans Farm has hosted the festival for 14 years.

Early America is represented by 125 artisans who transform raw materials into finished products. For the three-day weekend, craftspersons set up shop, decorating with stalks of golden corn, pumpkins and other fall fare, as well as the tools, instruments and wares of a different era.

In one of several exhibit areas visitors

can watch as colorful fragments of cloth are woven together to form a uniquely patterned quilt. Seated nearby at a small spinning wheel, the spinner moves the treadle by foot, spinning fibre into long, even thread.

Visitors can wonder through more extensive outdoor displays such as the steam-powered sawmill, cornmeal grinding mill and horse-drawn sorghum mill. With the only power provided by a horse, ripe sorghum stalks are squeezed into juice. Reaching a vat by a thin drain, the sorghum is then boiled with equipment such as the early settlers used.

Although autumn was a time of frenzied activity for early Americans, as they busily prepared for the long cold months ahead, there was still fun to be had, especially during the fall harvest festival. Some of the old-time country contests relived during the Bob Evans Farm Festival are hog calling, cow

chip throwing, tobacco spitting, corn shelling and championship horseshoe pitching.

Gentle sounds of fiddles, mandolins, banjos and other country instruments create a lighthearted mood at the festival. Continuous country and bluegrass performances from two outdoor stages will feature Colorado Country Music Hall of Fame inductee David Kirschner, "The Banjo Man From Turkey Creek," Elmer Bird, the Pee Wee Pickers, one of America's youngest professional bluegrass groups and a variety of other entertainers.

A \$2 per-car admission fee is the only charge for a daylong visit to the farm festival. Campers may spend the weekend and enjoy evening bonfires for a \$10 fee which includes admission. For more information or a free brochure, write or call the Bob Evans Farm, Box 330, Rio Grande, Ohio 45874, 614-245-5305.



Skiers will be able to get tips from the experts and shop for equipment at the Nordic Ski Weekend at Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City.

## Grand Traverse Resort plans nordic ski event

A nordic ski weekend, which offers competition, information and entertainment for both the serious and recreation-oriented skier will be held Nov. 2-4 at Grand Traverse Resort Village near Traverse City.

This third annual event was designed to increase the public's awareness and enjoyment of cross-country skiing, the fastest growing winter sport in the nation.

The competitive side of the weekend serves as a training retreat for skiers planning to enter races such as the Feb. 9 North American Vasa which is headquartered at Grand Traverse Resort Village.

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Nordic Ski Fair which features representatives from area ski shops, ski clubs, the Vasa and White Pine Stampede race. Skiers will be on hand to give speeches and direct clinics on marathon training, waxing and proper clothing and equipment.

THE FAIR'S atmosphere will be enhanced by clowns, a ski apparel show and horse-drawn wagons leaving periodically to give hayrides around the 850-acre resort property.

Participants in the weekend's competitions may take part individually or as a team of four men and two women. Events include running races, rollerski races and wallyball (volleyball on a racquetball court) tournament. Entry fee is \$10 per person for the weekend. The winning team receives a stay in a condominium at Grand Traverse Resort Village during the North American Vasa.

Grand Traverse Resort Village is a four-season resort located six miles east of Traverse City. The resort's five nordic skiing trails, including the longest night-lit trail in the Midwest, wind through forestland and across a gently sloping terrain. Grand Traverse is located in the heart of six major downhill skiing areas.

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