



Lumber camp cook posed with his helpers. The cook holds a horn, used to summon the men to dinner.

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From time immemorial the great forests of the Grand Traverse region have played a major role in its history. For the Indians the forests were a prime source of food and shelter. The lumbermen capitalized on

their value as timber (and nearly destroyed them in the process). And today thousands of people come to use them for hiking, hunting and camping and just plain communing with nature.

Other thousands are attracted to them in the early autumn when the foliage bursts into a riot of dazzling color.

For the white man it all began back in

1837, when Capt. Harry Boardman, a well-to-do Illinois farmer, arrived at the foot of Grand Traverse Bay in his little sloop, "Lady of the Lake." He and his son and a few workmen proceeded to build a rube sawmill on Asylum Creek (than called Mill Creek) near the point where it enters the Boardman River on the west side of Tra-

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Time healed the ravaged forest lands

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