

... Stores are filled

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If its not your usual practice to grab a handful of breadcrumbs to take on a shopping expedition, you won't have to wish you did when the urge strikes to feed the ducks. Most all of the shops sell paper bags of corn for 25 cents. This is always fun for the kids who delight in the close proximity of the fearless feathered ones.

To complete your visit, enjoy the scenic river views from Schelde's Restaurant providing fine dining in an informal setting on the river's edge. Children enjoy their free balloons afterwards, and parents appreciate the crayons and coloring books to keep wigglers occupied while waiting.

A new and exciting addition to the shopping of the region is the Tower Gallery of Shops at Grand Traverse Resort Village in Acme. In addition to the ten specialty shops that have opened there since June 1986, two new men's shops, combined in one store, are scheduled to open this spring. Streamside will feature the well-known Orvis line of men's clothing, and J. Michaels will carry a line of cruise and polowear for men.

Gallery shops now open include Bartling's, a classic women's apparel and accessories store; Encore, women's casualwear and Esprit sportswear being featured; Oops!, emphasizing West Coast and European designer fashions as well as shoes, boots and accessories; The Village Wine Shoppe of Traverse Bay, carrying imported, domestic and regional wines and gourmet foods; and Photoes, a film and

camera shop that offers one-hour developing, videotaping, VCR and movie rental.

Also the Country Goose, featuring country-style gifts; Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, carrying a selection of gourmet chocolates; The Bear, a Jack Nicklaus sportswear shop; Grand Traverse T-Shirt Co., an imprinting sportswear shop; and the Grand Traverse Gift Shop, stocking a selection of sundries, gift and newstand items.

Designated for opening in the near future is Gallery Interiors, a complete interior design service and home furnishings shop. Passageways Travel, familiar to Traverse City travelers, also is expected to open soon in the Gallery.

With nine restaurants and lounges, including the resort's stellar, top-of-the-tower Trillium Restaurant - reached by two glass-enclosed exterior elevators - shoppers have every reason to sample the fine variety of cuisine before calling it a day.

While major shopping centers cater to consumers spring shopping needs, the region also is comprised of lovely villages and out-of-the-ordinary cottage industries displaying many locally made art and craft handiworks, as well as retail stores. A blossom time drive to Leelanau County would be a perfect time to browse through shops in Suttons Bay, Leland and Northport.

The nooks and crannies of the Grand Traverse region have many surprises just waiting to be discovered by shoppers on a spring day's adventure.



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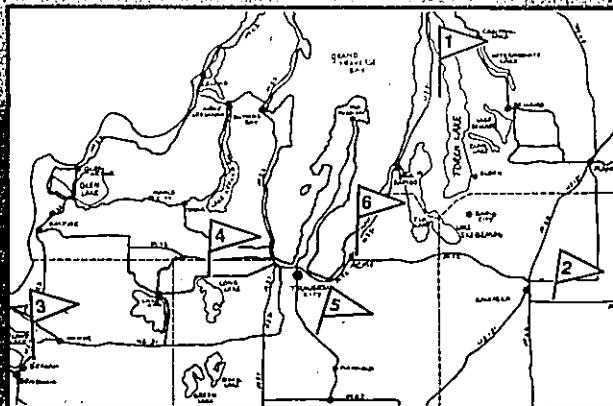
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