

pole to the Pickerel Capital of the World for parades, carnival rides, two nights of fireworks, fishing displays and prizes for the largest pickerel caught. Come and catch it! (Algonac)

**July**

**July 1-4**  
**International Freedom Festival**

A spectacular salute to both the Canadian and American Independence Days, with power boat races, dancing, flea markets, parades and fireworks. (Detroit Riverfront)

**July 2**  
**Int. Riverfront Fireworks Extravaganza**

A team of 28 professionals works from four barges on the Detroit River, shooting magnificent displays 900 feet in the air! Part of the International Freedom Festival. (Detroit Riverfront)

**July 4**  
**Independence Day Celebration**

Celebrate Independence Day on the magnificent Lake Superior sand dunes with a parade, fireworks, children's races, chicken barbecue, and ball games. (Grand Marais)

**July 4**  
**Ypsilanti Hydroplane Regatta**

Speeding inboard hydroplanes from the U.S. and Canada try to out-do each other on Ford Lake. Trials and championships both are held on the lake; prizes awarded. (Ypsilanti)

**July 6-8**  
**Bayrama Festival**

New Baltimore holds a fun family festival on the Bay with swimming races, a swimming marathon, carnival rides, queen, large parade, baking contests, bake sale, handicraft shows, and tents with games. (New Baltimore)

**July 7-15**  
**Blue Water Festival**

Pt. Huron celebrates for a whole week with carnival rides, baton twirling contests, a children's parade, fireworks, senior citizens' day, three carnival kiddie days, youth night with live entertainment, Youth for Christ Center, and daily special events. (Port Huron)

**July 9-14**  
**Chesaning Showboat**

For a truly unique entertainment experience see the 32nd annual vaudeville-like Chesaning Showboat show. Outdoor seats are on a hill facing the river. For tickets write: Chesaning Showboat Office, Chesaning. (Showboat Park; Chesaning)

**July 12-14**  
**Wyoming Rodeo**

Whoop and holler with the 22,000 expected to attend these professional cowboy championships. Rodeo each evening at 8:00 p.m.; matinee Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Whoopeell! (Wyoming)

**July 12-15**  
**National Blueberry Festival**

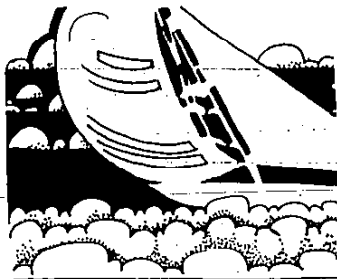
Power boat races, carnival, ox roast, baking contest, parades, chicken barbecue, kiddies day. And lots and lots of blueberries, of course. (South Haven)

**July 13-15**  
**Sugar Festival**

A down-home kind of festival in the heart of Michigan's sugar beet country. Features a parade, Sugar Queen, displays and sugar beet products. (Sebewaing)

**July 21-22**  
**Ferrous Frolics**

The site of the world's largest exhibit of miniatures and logging and mining equipment hosts a 3-day frolic, with art shows, contests, canoe races and children's entertainment. (Iron County Museum; Cassplan)



**Mid-July**  
**Sailboat Races**

Thousands of sailboat races take place on West Michigan's inland lakes and Lake Michigan in summer months. The Chicago-to-Mackinac Island and Port-Huron-to-Mackinac Island races in mid-July are especially beautiful events for watching and picture-taking.

**July 18-22**  
**Alpenfest**

Noted for its distinctive Alpine architecture, Gaylord holds a charming Alpine Festival, with lederhosen, parades, beer drinking and yodeling contests, Swiss bands, dancing and an Alpine Queen. (Gaylord)

**July 26-28**  
**Great Lakes Forestry Exposition**

A fascinating variety of forestry and lumbering displays and demonstrations of sawing, chopping, and steam-powered sawmills are held for 3 days at Mio's Sportsman's Park. (Mio)

**July 27-28**  
**26th Annual Au Sable Canoe Marathon**

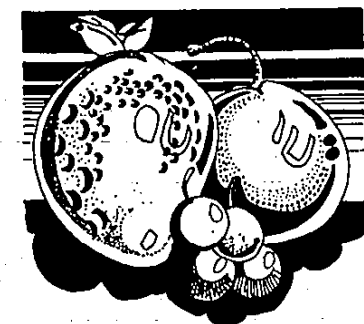
Beginning in Grayling, winning paddlers will take less than 16 hours to go 240 miles nonstop to Oscoda. Trophies for amateurs; top 10 professionals split more than \$4000.

**July 27-August 5**  
**Ionia Free Fair**

The largest free fair in the world, with the largest midway in America. Includes sulky racing, agriculture and baking displays, demolition derby, rides, animal exhibits, and a nightly grandstand show. (Ionia)

**July 28-29**  
**Art on the Rocks**

Artists are invited to display their work in a natural, picturesque setting for exhibition or sale. Open to the public, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Presque Isle Park; Marquette)



**July 9-14**  
**National Cherry Festival**

In the heart of Michigan's cherry country, this festival includes one of the nation's most outstanding high school band competitions, 3 parades, canoe and bicycle races, Cherry Queen and smorgasbord luncheon. Come out and tune in. (Traverse City)

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