

New County Marina Gives Access To Coho

If you've read with interest about the coho fishing going on off the north end of Bob-Lo Island, you'll be just as glad to know that there's an improved and expanded public marina nearby.

It's the Elizabeth Park marina at Trenton, and it's operated by the parks division of the Wayne County Road Commission.

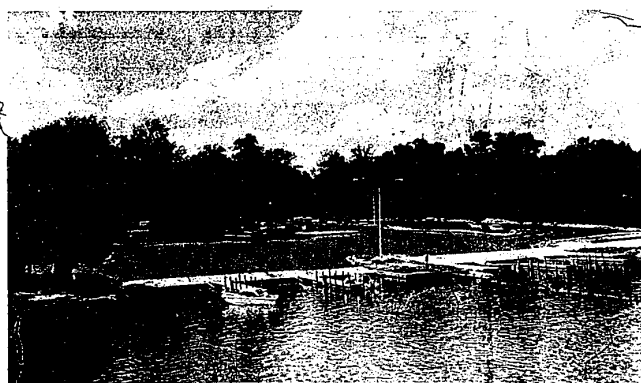
It boasts \$154,000 in improvements. And if you're curious about the money, 90 per cent comes from the license fees paid by owners of motorcraft to the state, and 10 per cent from the county general fund.

JIM WRIGHT of the parks division says five different improvements have been made:

- Launching ramps have been expanded. Formerly the ramps could handle nine (crowded) boats at a time. Now they can handle 15 at a time, and there are floating docks.
- Parking is expanded and improved. Previously, the lot was gravel and could handle 100 cars. Now it's paved, with curbs, and can handle 300-plus.
- In place of the old box toilets, there's a modern comfort station.
- There is street lighting now that goes on automatically at dusk. There was none previously.
- Where there used to be marsh, there is now a picnic area (boaters only) with stoves, nice landscaping, good drainage and on the edge of a woods.

THE MARINA is open 24 hours a day, to both fishermen and pleasure craft, and boats up to 25 feet can be accommodated.

To get there, take US 24 south, turn left on West Road; turn south on Jefferson; turn left again on the Grosse Ile Parkway; before you get to the Grosse Ile bridge, turn north into Elizabeth Park.



THE MARINA at Elizabeth Park has been expanded and the parking lot paved and enlarged.

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The workshop fee of \$8 per person and \$15 for couples includes breakfast and lunch. Registration can be made by calling the college's community services office.

Sessions will cover radio procedures and navigation, pilot meteorology, beginning your IFR rating, constructing your own aircraft, obtaining the most efficiency from the aircraft, flying for fun, advance IFR procedures and wives apprenticeship pilot class.

The difference between a state park and a state recreation area is that a park is more fully developed in terms of the facilities that picnicers like.

Proud Lake State Recreation Area, north of 196 and five miles north of Wixom, is getting more like a state park, at least around the picnic area there.

The Dept. of Natural Resources last year put in a beach area on an artificial lagoon off the Huron River, and this week it announced that it has allocated \$160,000 for a new beach building and

improved parking lot. Work will begin after July 1.

Further north, DNR has allocated \$1.5 million for development at the newly acquired 1,400 acre Seven Lakes State Park between Fenton and Holly.

The money will go for beaches, concession and toilet buildings, headquarters and office building, parking lots and paving of two miles of entrance road.

It's good to know that not all our tax, park fee and boat fee money is going to Great Lakes salmon.

CRAPPIES are one of the first fish to start hitting in the spring, and reports are coming in.

A hot spot seems to be the old Milford power dam pond, and another is Union Lake. Not much in the way of bluegill fishing is reported yet because the water is still cold and they haven't moved into the shallows to spawn yet.

Proud Lake, recently restocked with trout, is yielding an occasional big boy in the shallows.

Dateline Outdoors

By LEM MESEE
Outdoors Writer



Suckers are running in the Huron River below the Milford power dam as well as in Swartz Creek, the Shiawassee River and Sashabaw Creek.

Some reassurance from the DNR: "Smelt dippers needn't be alarmed when discovering 'grubs' or 'worms' in smelt. These parasites are quite common in fish and present no damage to humans. Normal cleaning and cooking destroys the critters."

NOW IS A good time to see spring coming alive along the nature trails at Kensington Metropolitan Park, on the west shore of Kent Lake near Milford.

The half-mile Tamarack Trail takes you through a bog and several ecological communities along its border; Aspen Trail, at 1 1/2 miles, is rich in bird life; Deer Run Trail, 1 1/2 miles, has wildflowers, woodlands, a bog and a glacial ridge; and Wildwing Trail, two miles, has many chances for observing waterbirds.

By the way, you usually see geese in flocks, but this is the time of year when you can see the Canada honkers pair off and build nests in remote marshes, not only at Kent Lake but many other Oakland County lakes and the Huron River. Once their eggs are laid, they'll be nasty if you get too close, so respect their family lives.

I'M A MICHIGAN history nut, and I've long contended that Chief Pontiac was a

EPA Survey Sought

WASHINGTON
Michigan may lose more than \$200 million in federal matching funds unless the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officially releases a 1971 survey of projected state needs for sewage treatment plants, charged U.S. Rep. William S. Broomfield (R-Royal Oak), whose district includes Southfield.

The Federal Water Pollution Control Bill allocates \$11 billion to state and local governments for the next two fiscal years for water quality control. The money will be divided among states on the basis of need, said Broomfield.

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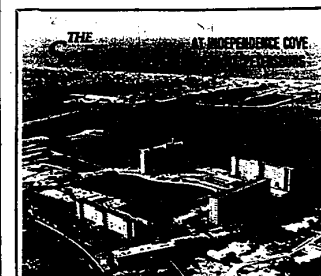
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