# Regional Tourism

# NEMCOG

HERITAGE ROUTE

Northeast Michigan Council of Governments

# Pure Michigan Byways

A collection of corridors having one or more of the following unique qualities:

> Cultural Historic Archaeological Natural Recreational

> > Scenic

HERITAGE ROUTE



....Michigan Heritage Routes – established by the Legislature in 1993

....rebranded Pure Michigan Byways in 2014

....Administered by MDOT

....Staffed by the Regional Planning Agencies

# Recreational Routes

US 23 Heritage Route 200 miles from Standish to Mackinaw City

2 M-35 Hidden Coast Highway 64 miles between Gladstone and Menominee.

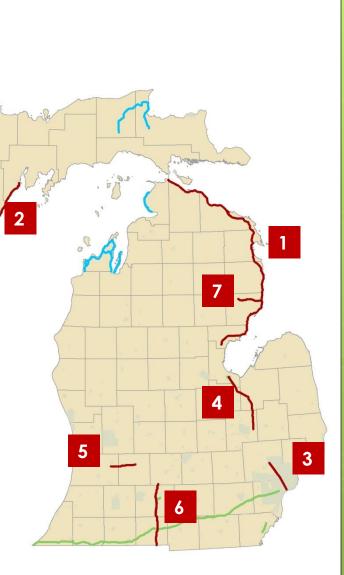
3 M-1: Woodward Ave 27 miles through Detroit Metro Area All American Road & National Scenic Byway

**4** M-15: Pathway to Family Fun 85 miles from Clarkston to Bay City

**5** M-179 Chief Noonday Trail 19 Miles (located south of Grand Rapids)

**I-69** 80 miles from Indiana border to Battle Creek area

7 River Road National Scenic Byway 20 miles along the Au Sable River



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# Scenic Routes

- M-119 Tunnel of Trees 13 miles Harbor Springs to Cross Village

### M-22/M-204/M-109 Leelanau Scenic Heritage 2 Route

64 miles around the Leelanau Peninsula

**3** M-37: Old Mission Peninsula Scenic Heritage Route

18 miles from Traverse City to the tip of the Old Mission Peninsula.

### **US 41 Copper Country Trail**

47 miles from Houghton to Copper Harbor

**5** M-123 Tahquamenon Scenic Heritage Route 62 miles loop through Paradise to Newberry

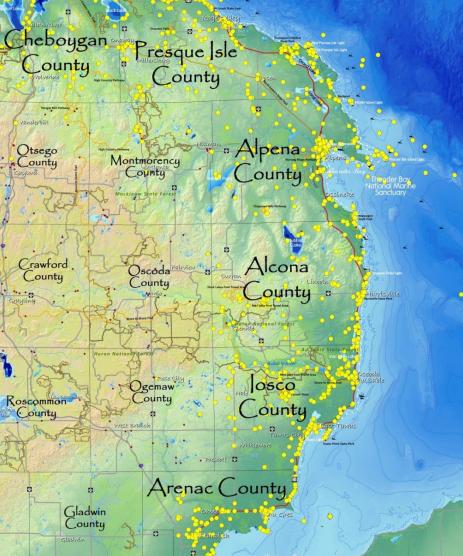
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- **US 12: Heritage Trail** 212 miles from Detroit to New Buffalo
- 2 M-125: Monroe Historic Route 7 miles within City of Monroe
- 3 M-25: Bay City Historic Route 2 Miles in Bay City
- 4 I-94 Business Route: Marshall's Territorial Road 14 blocks

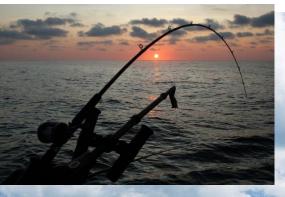


# Welcome to Heritage 23



200 Miles of Linear Corridor 366 Miles of Coastline 6 Counties 45 Municipalities 3,703 Square Miles of County-Wide Area 6,274 miles of Rivers & Streams 113,582 acres of Inland Lakes 753,000 Acres of Public Land 4,300 Square Miles of National Marine Sanctuary 200+ Shipwrecks (Yellow dots = assets mapped)













# Water

Ocqueoc Falls: universally -accessible waterfall

## Water

Water Trails: Huron Blueways Inland Waterway Thunder Bay River Au Sable River





Land Trails: Miles of hiking, biking, skiing, ORV, horse, and snowmobile trails.

# Water



The Sunrise Coast of PURE /ICHIGAN.





### Land & Wildlife

### Rockport Recreation Area



# Parks & Campgrounds



# From Sunrise to Dark Skies...





### <u>6 County Teams Representing....</u>

# PARTNERSHIPS

Cheboygan County Community Development Office Cheboygan County Commissioners **MSU** Extension Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce Mackinaw Area Historical Society Cheboygan Historical Museum PH Hoeft State Park Presque Isle Co Hist. Museum Presque Isle Co Dev Commission 40-Mile Point Light Mackinaw City Rogers City Area Chamber of Commerce Presque Isle County Library City of Rogers City Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary Alcona County Historical Society Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association City of Alpena Alpena Township Sanborn Township Senator Moolengar's Office Alpena County Commissioner's Alpena CVB Alpena DDA Target Alpena Alpena County Library Alpena Township Alcona County Road Commission Friends of Rockport Michigan Arts & Culture Northeast Friends of Negwegon Sunrise Side Wine & Hops Trail

Bicvclina Advocates Alcona County Commissioners City of Harrisville Sunrise Coastal Coalition Oscoda/AuSable Chamber Alabaster Township losco County Road Commission Tawas City Michigan Sunrise Tours Oscoda Township City of East Tawas Tawas Area Chamber Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport City of AuGres losco County Commissioners Hale Area Association Oscoda DDA Oscoda CVB AuSable Township Michigan Sea Grant Whitney Township **Baldwin Township** Standish Depot Saginaw-Chippewa Indian Tribe Modern Craft Winery Arenac County Commissioners Michigan DNR **US Forest Service** River Road Scenic Byway Besser Museum for Northeast MI

### Management Council

- Two reps from each county
- Two alternates from each county
- Michigan Sunrise Tours
- Sunrise Side Wine & Hops Trail
- MDOT
- MDNR
- US Forest Service/River Road Byway
- Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary
- Sunrise Coastal Coalition
- Saginaw-Chippewa Indian Tribe
- Michigan Sea Grant
- Michigan Arts & Culture Northeast

## Tying us all Together



# "Wow! We look like a **Region**!"

### Outside of brochure...

#### Featured Attractions ... Presque Isle State Harbor



offering water, restrooms, showers, diesel, electricity, pump-out, gasoline, launch, fishing pier, dog run, grills, and the Portage Restaurant. The Old Presque Isle Lighthouse is a short walk up the path. The Presque

Isle Harbor Wooden Boat Show is held on the 3rd Saturday in June each year! presqueisleharborwoodenboatshow.com midnrreservations.com

### Presque Isle Lighthouses 🙃 👫 🖤 发 开



The Old Presque Isle Lighthouse was built in 1840: hand-hewn stone steps lead to the top of the tower for a panoramic view of the Lake Huron shoreline and the harbor. The New Presque Isle Lighthouse, with a tower height of 109 feet, is the tallest lighthouse on the Great Lakes with a hundred-acre New Presque park, picnic area, and museum. The light

Isle Light was first lit in 1871 and is still operational. Light



#### presqueislelighthouses.org Thompson's Harbor \*\*\*\*\*

A designated Dark Sky Preserve! Situated along 7.5 miles of Lake Huron shoreline, this undeveloped park provides a rustic retreat for hikers exploring the park's six miles of trails. Hike in late May and June to see beautiful spring wildflower blooms. The

rare dwarf lake iris may be seen in late May along the trails and on the shoreline just west of Observatory Point. Thompson's Harbor now has 2 rustic cabins. michigan.gov/thomosonsharbor

#### larbor View/Quarry View



#### At Quarry View, stand at the observation deck and overlook the world's largest open pit limestone quarry or watch the ships being loaded at nearby Harbor View, one of the few places in Michigan where observers can get such a close-up view.

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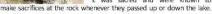


area with swimming, playground and picnic facilities. Bike into Rogers City on the Huron Sunrise Trail. michigan.gov/hoeft





This massive boulder of Engodine dolomite, measuring 20' X 8' X 6', was deposited along the shore when the last glacier receded from the Great Lakes. The Native Americans believed it was sacred and were known to



#### Glawe School

40 Mile Point

Lighthouse Park

Glawe School was built in 1885 by Christian Glawe. The one-room schoolhouse, located in 40 Mile Point Lighthouse Park, is open Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the summer. If the flag is up, the school is open!



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The 1896 lighthouse features a restored bunkhouse gift shop, the Calcite Pilothouse, picnic area, and beach. Open Memorial Day weekend through mid-October. The entrance to the park is located approximately 100 yards north of the Lighthouse Park sign on US 23. Bike from Rogers City to the lighthouse on the Huron Sunrise Trail! 40milepointlighthouse.org

#### Ocqueoc Falls **⋏**┮∦ ∦ ⊲ ≈ 🥙

The largest falls in the lower peninsula. Ocqueoc (intepreted as "crooked river or water") has two falls - the upper and lower approximately 300' apart. Ocqueoc River is one of the few rivers in Michigan that runs. from south to north. Rustic camping available at the Ocqueoc Falls State Forest Campground. Hike, ski or mountain bike the

6-mile Bicentennial Pathway, fish, or enjoy the wildlife in this beautiful park. michigan.gov/ocqueocfalls

#### 18 Black Mountain Forest Recreation Area



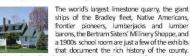
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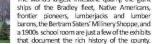


into a state-of-the-art facility. A port of entry, which makes for a great jumping off point to the North Channel, the harbor is home for 92

seasonal and 34 transient slips. An extended breakwall assures smooth dockage for boats coming in off Lake Huron. The breakwall extension has a fishing platform for anglers wishing to try their luck. Adjacent to the marina is Lakeside Park with its playground and swimming beach. Restaurants and shopping just a few blocks away. rogerscity.com

#### Presque Isle County Historical Museum





Free admission. Open Tuesday-Saturday, May - September, from 12-4 p.m. thebradleyhouse.com

#### 29 Great Lakes Lore Maritime Museum The Great Lakes Lore Maritime Museum



specializes in memories, not just artifacts. The generations of men and women who risked life itself to sail these waters are enshrined and remembered here as are their uniforms, personal possessions, navigational and other maritime tools. Step

shoreline back to Rogers City and beyond.

into four centuries of fascinating Great Lakes history. 367 N. 3rd Street. glmm.com

#### Seagull Point Park



的开发之 Seagull Point is a favorite place to watch sunsets. The park features an extensive network of nature trails, a mile of unspoiled beach, low dunes and woodlands, and a nice view of the

#### 35 Herman Vogler Conservation Area 5 (1) 7 % ~ (1) 5

#### Huron Sunrise Trail



Winding through woods with a spur to the Herman Vogler Conservation Area and north along Lake Huron from Rogers City, the Huron Sunrise Trail is one of northern Michigan's most beautiful. The all-asphalt trail ends at 40-Mile Point Light for an 8 mile ride.

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**Michigan DNR** 

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200-mile arts & culture trail



5,300 miles of trails in Northern MI upnorthtrails.org

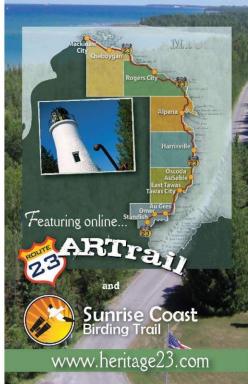
Sunrise Coast Birding Trail 145-mile birding trail sunrisecoastbirding.org

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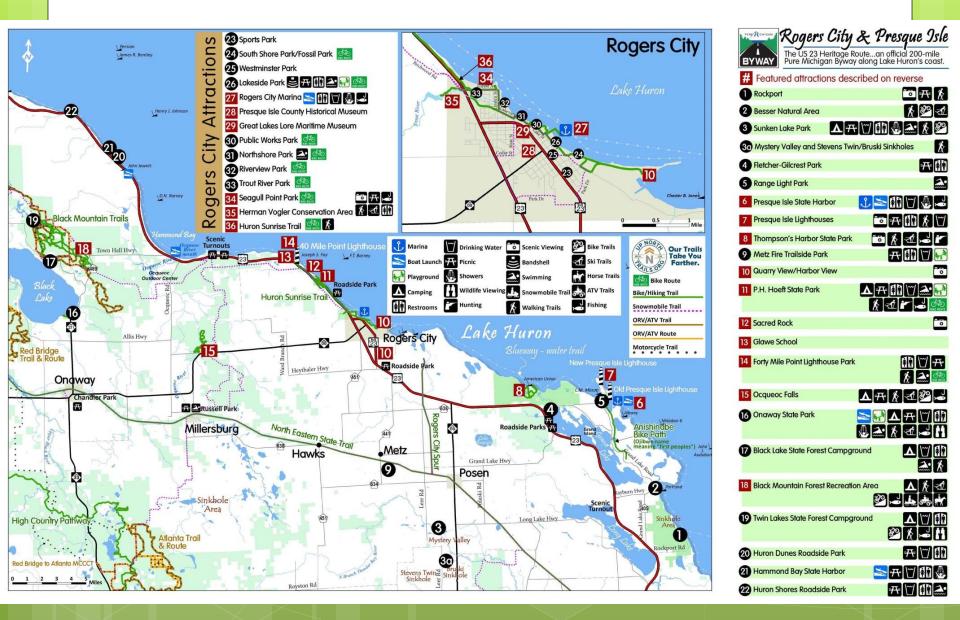


On the banks of the Trout River, this 270-acre park features picnic areas and family fishing in addition to 7 miles of hiking, biking, and ski paths that





### Inside of brochure...







Your trip begins at michigan.org

# Featured Destination....Sunrise Coast

### "Back to the Water"



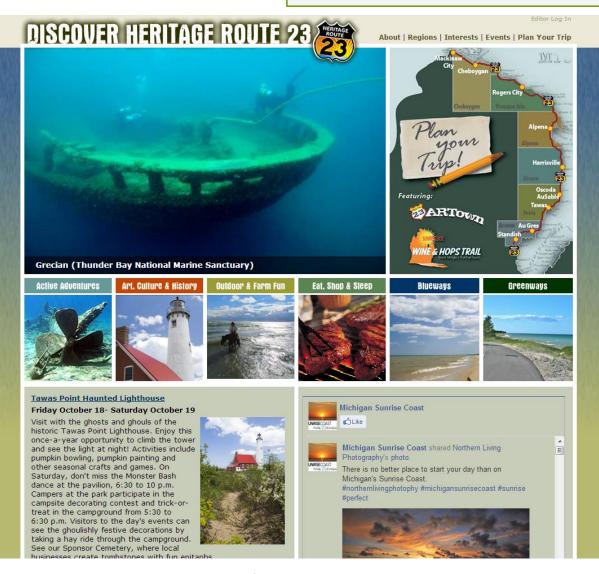
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### "Different Direction"



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### On the Web



www.heritage23.com

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## Total Attractions Appearing on Website: 2,311

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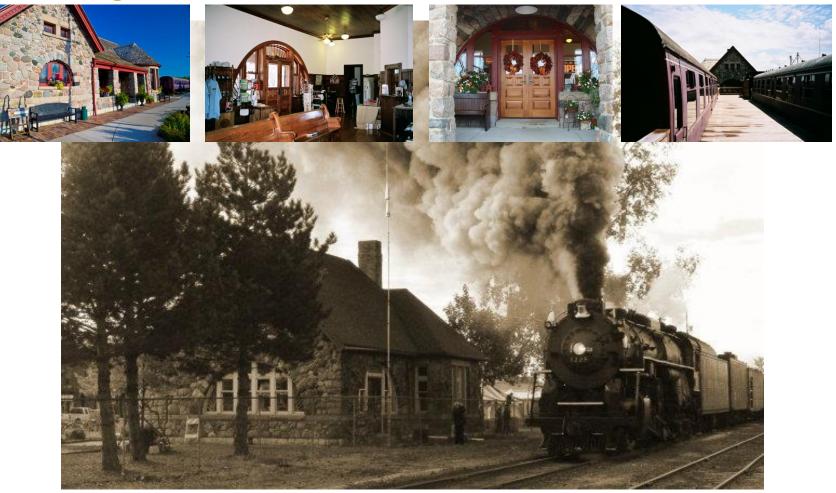
### Programs with websites embedded in US 23







Historic Depot in Standish Heritage Route Welcome Center



### titching Together Community a

AlconaQuiltTrail.com

Alcona County



How it all began: The Alcona County Quilt Trail is the first quilt trail in Michigan; other states have quilt trails in place. The project was begun in 2008 as a way for the community to share its unique history with visitors A committee was formed and construction of quilt square blocks began. Eight blocks were mounted during the summer of 2008 in the eastern half of Alcona County. Twenty more were put up in 2009 to create a trail that encompasses every township in ina Count

A big thanks to all who made the Trail possible: The fast Shore Arts Guild. Behr Process Corp for their generous donation of paint. The National Quilting Association for a grant to purchase materials The Harrisville Lady Lions. The Harrisville Lady Lons. Everyone who donated time, materials, and money to the project. Printing: Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan, Alcona County Chamber of Commerce, Harrisville Arts Council, & Coming

Donations: The Alcona County Quilt Trail Project was funded entirely by private ionations and grants. All labor was done by volunteers from the community. If you've enjoyed visiting our Quilt Trail, please consider making a donation so that we can continue to help Alcona County promote its wonderfu

resources - the land, the water, and the people who live and work here. Please send your check or money order to: The Alcona County Quilt Trail Project, 4299 M-72, Harrisville, MI 48740 1 Hollyhock Quilt Shop

101(H)06CF (Julic 3no) 301E. Mini S., downtown Harriellie 989-724-7788 Mon-Sat 10-5 hollyhodquilbhoppe@htmal.com This historic building began ife as the Akona House Hotel, circa 1866, and is one of only four original buildings in town that have survived early these. The structure has also been a physical manage with solar fonntain, an appliance tron, and a functure refinisher. Their Quilt faal book, the "Economy lock", reflects the buildings buildes halow.

#### 2 Crick Home

S01 N. State St. (US 23), Harrisville, MI 48740 DATE: Source 35(10):23), FRITTENIE, MI 48/40 This home was built in 1907, and the building that is now the garage (where their block is mounted) was originally built as a stable in 1908. Their block, the "MIII Wheel", was chosen as their property crosses the old mill pond. The state-owned waterway is a tributary that feeds into Lake Huron.

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Alcona Township Black River Park Lasted south of the Intersection of Lakeshore Dr. and Black River Rd. This park is a popular recreation acte of locals and wishos alike. Their Quilt Tail block signifies the annual "Black River Bridge Wall" which takes place n Labor Day every year - significantly somer than the larger up-north one!

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#### ☆ Quilt Trail Panel

the trailhead at the Harbor.

5.5 mi Turn left on Poor Farm Rd. Travel south. Traffic can appear unexpectedly along this

2.6 mi Turn left onto Walker Rd. Travel east to US

0.9 mi Turn right onto US23 back to Harrisville.

 Airport is located on the south side of the road near the intersection with Mill Creek Rd.

Turn left onto Church Street. Methodist Church (Historical Marker 5) on the southwest corner of US 23 and Church

Street, Turn left onto Lake Street back to

section.

0.3 mi

Discover Heritage Route 23.... your Pathway to the Sunrise Coast!

Always wear an approved helmet.

Ride with traffic.

Use hand signals.

Be mindful of other traffic.

Wear appropriate clothing.

#### Use lights at night.

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# Alabaster Trail & Arboretum

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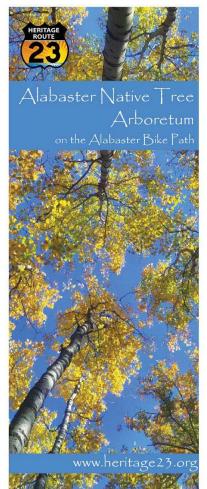




### PURE MICHIGAN

200 miles of spectacular scenic views of Lake Huron and an astounding array of large public forest and recreational properties await travelers on the Huron Shores Heritage Route. Beginning in Standish and winding up the Lake Huron coastline, the Huron Shores Heritage Route offers some of the most extensive and significant recreational, ecological, historical and cultural sites in Michigan's Lower Feninsula. The northern Lake Huron shoreline boasts water, forests, wetlands, lighthouses, parks, trails, museums, small towns, culture, attractions, golf, dining, and many other hidden treasures. And the adventures aren't just on the coast...connecting to the

Heritage Route in Oscoda is the River Road National Scenic Byway...which winds along the mighty Au Sable River through the Huron National Forest. Coastal and inland discoveries await...discover US 23....your pathway to the Sunrise Coast!



Logo and tree identification signs appear on trail

Tree identification will be interactive online



# Greenways and Blueways





Enhanced US 23 website by providing interactive trail maps

### Water Trails Name Difficulty Miles Water Access Points Waypoints Nearby Points of Interest

Land Trails Name Uses allowed Difficulty Points Miles Trailhead of Interest Terrain Camping Restrooms Water Grooming method (skiing) Nearby Points of Interest

Funded by a Coastal Zone Management Grant



Made In Michigan Places We Won't Forget

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### Exposure

A rich lumbering history, legacy of spirit and miles of Lake Huron's unspoiled coastal beauty await those traveling U.S. Heritage Route 23.

# the sunrise side

BY CINDY CRAIN NEWMAN PHOTOGRAPHY BY JEFF GARLAND

ake Huron is so accessible. There are good public beaches in Au Gres, Tawas, and Oscoda and all the way up to the bridge – wonderful pull-outs where people can go and just enjoy," observed Mike Hayes, president/CEO of the Midland Center for the Arts in Midland, who owns a second home south of Oscoda on Lake Huron.

The former state representative and current member of the State Transportation Commission added that while there's also no shortage of quaint hamlets to explore, the unspoiled, pristine lands along U.S. 23 are what attract him most.

"My wife and I don't want to be around a whole bunch of citics and resorts when we're relaxing," he shared. "We'd rather be in a less-developed, peaceful area where we can swim and bird and enjoy the beauty of every different sesson."

Not to mention the most spectacular sunrises.





### Exposure

# Car Cruises

In 2011, cars in the Back to the Bricks Michigan Mitten Tour and the Old 27 Ride Home Cruise-In displayed US 23 logo stickers.





Exposure



Training

# Dockhand Hospitality Training



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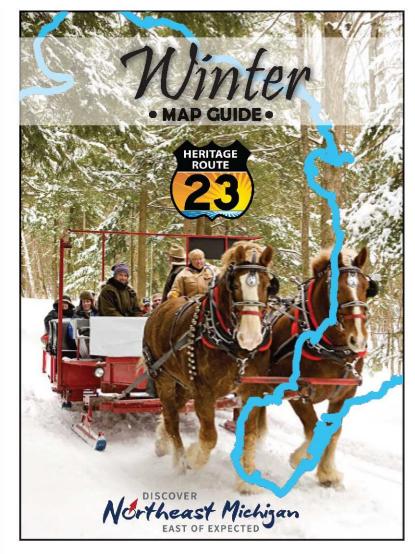
To provide training to dockhands resulting in professional and consistent staffing to marinas along the Sunrise Coast.

Training provided by the US Power Squadron

# US 23 Heritage Route **Video Documentaries** Over 208,000 views on You Tube. https://www.youtube.com/user/us23heritageroute Silence **Shipwreck Alley** The Spirit of Ocqueoc Falls **Historic Mill Creek Tuttle Marsh** (IIIIIII)

## Winter Promotion...

- Video: "Silence"
- Map Guide
- Winter tour on web



### US 23 Heritage Route

## Our latest documentary "Silence" was nominated for an Emmy Award for Best Commercial Campaign



### The short-film promoted winter tourism in the region.

### Interpretive Maps



This trail highlights the remarkable habitat along Michigan's Sunrise Coast from the AuSable River to the Mackinac Bridge.

### Heritage 23 Projects





#### **Official Sunrise Coast Birding Trail Hotspots** 10. Negwegon State Park 1. Shareline Park - Au Sable River Mout DDP & \* 23 ellent birding site for the spring and fal D.H. Heaft State Deal **間P共煮\$本** 2. Piety Hill Riverwalls 11. Partridge Point P & 🗱 PL finte Deale **助P**开发\$率 nd water-filled in places. Partridge Point & excellent for birds of secies, and, at three during migration, is tearning with birds. Bio fanh Wrens, Sona, Vinginia Raili, and Biue-gray Criatcatchen ne . Riverbank Pari 12. Algeng Wildlife Sanctuary (including Duck & Island 10P&X P&\*XA shrults offer feed ⑪P开系家 4. Eagle Run 15. Labe Besser dDP &

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This site is best in the winter, when open water is limited to outflow from the Ninth Street Dam ineeps this section of Th River from freezing most years. Diving ducks, including all wasel Road \*CKD Prairie \*

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**BIRDING TRAIL** 











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6. Westgate Overla Located off M-d5 - over

7. Loon Lake Park Lavated off M-oS (south of Hale). A boardwalk leads to Mud Lake.



Mackinaw City



# Heritage Coast Sailing & Rowing



A boat called the "Heritage 23" was designed by a boat builder in Scotland and will be built by volunteers to participate in regatta events along the route. Formed to encourage rowing and sailing and to preserve historic boat designs.

# From Sunrise to Dark Skies...





Legislative Tour

# US 23 Legislative Tour











Legislative Tour

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Legislative Tour

# And a good time was had by all...



Exposure

# Merchandising



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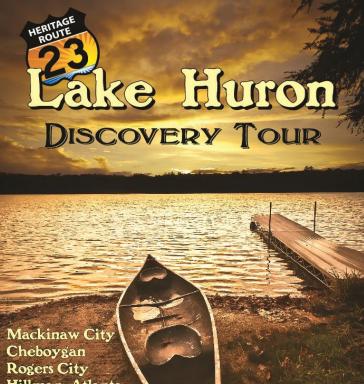
# Tourism Trade Show Booth



Partnerships

# Michigan Arts & Culture Northeast





Mackinaw City Cheboygan Rogers City Hillman Atlanta Alpena Harrisville Lincoln Greenbush Oscoda AuSable Tawases AuGres Omer Standish

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OCTOBER 9TH-12TH, 2015

### 200-mile Event

- Communities & businesses were invited to plan community events and specials.
- All were given a web log in to upload their event.
- Over \$40,000 in donations were collected to advertise.
- Over 100 events appeared on the website.
  - A true example of community collaboration to promote a region.

- 29 partner organizations were engaged.
- Over 100 events were planned.
- 3 billboards.
- Detroit Free Press mailer (10,000).
- Michigan Radio ads 3 runs.
- WCMU radio.
- 100 "Discover Me" signs were sold.
- 5,000 racks cards were distributed.
- 3 ads in Lighthouse Digest.
- 100 full sized posters were printed and distributed.
- 3 ads in Women to Women Magazine.
- Article in Michigan History magazine.
- Ad in Michigan Art Guide.
- Series of articles in Alpena News.
- True North Radio Promo (20 spots donated by Lafarge).
- Promos on WATZ.
- Promos and interview on HITS FM.
- Promos and interview on WXFT.
- 2 articles in The Guide.

#### Partners...

- Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan
- Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Resort
- City of Alpena
- Besser Foundation
- Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan
- Women to Women Michigan Magazine
- Northeast Michigan Council of Governments
- CMU Public Broadcasting (WCMU)
- Lafarge Corporation
- Alpena News
- Truly Your Design of Oscoda
- WATZ Alpena
- Ted Fines, Artist Harrisville
- Carroll Broadcasting/HITS FM Tawas Bay
- WXTF Radio Harrisville
- Thunder Bay Arts Council & Gallery
- Michigan Arts and Culture Northeast (MACNE)
   ARTown, Michigan
- Sunrise Artist of Michigan Guide for Art Lovers
- Lighthouse Digest
- Michigan History Magazine
- Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan
- Develop losco
- Under the Radar Michigan
- Alpena CVB
- Real Estate One (Alpena Postcard)
- JJs Restaurant and Steak House
- Cliff Anschuetz Chevrolet
- Allegra Model Printing (100 posters)
- Tawas Chamber

Examples of events....

- Art scavenger hunt
- History scavenger hunt
- Art exhibits
- Live performances
- Hot air balloon rides
- 200-mile geocaching trail
- Film premier "The Teacher & the Student"
- Festivals
- Trolley color tours
- Glass bottom boat tours
- Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival events
- Author Judith Guest discussion of new book.
- Wine tasting
- Dark Sky presentations
- Aerial color tours
- Tours of the historic Elowsky Mill
- Many other special events and tours

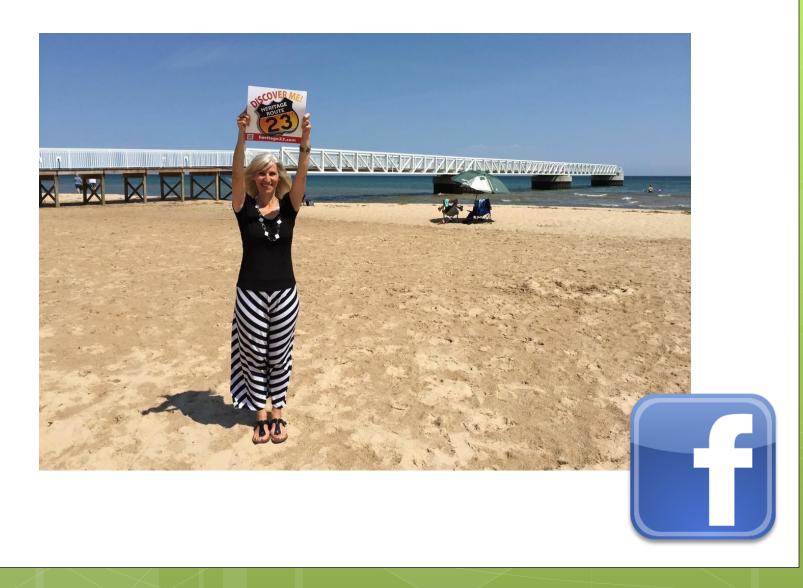
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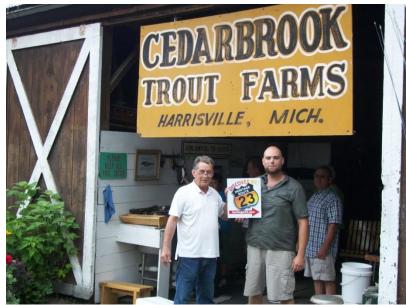






















#### 2016 Discovery Tour



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#### THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES.

Dear Friends of Northeast Michigan,

Did you feel the energy in Northeast Michigan last October? Back by popular demand, the **2nd Annual Lake Huron Discovery Tour** along the US 23 Heritage Route and adjacent communities is scheduled for **October 7–10, 2016**.

How can you make sure your community, business, organization or cause takes full advantage of this statewide promotion of our region?

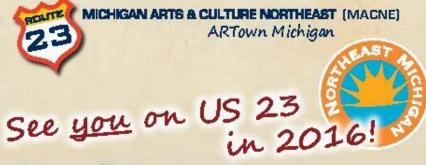
- Add your events and destination points to the <u>www.us23heritageroute.org</u> website. (Events should be posted by May 30 to take full advantage of prime tourist seasons.)
- Create events, exhibits, excursions or special offers to engage arts, culture, history and outdoor recreational enthusiasts.
- Post photos and local highlights on the Lake Huron
  Discovery Tour, Sunrise Coast and US23 Heritage
  Route Facebook pages. Our social media went viral
  last year, reaching hundreds of thousands of viewers!
- Let your city, township and county officials and local media know that you want your community to have a strong presence in this year's promotional efforts!



#### THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS ONLY.

The success of the Lake Huron Discovery Tour depends on you. Last year's passionate team of volunteers made a lot happen. Let's accelerate that momentum this year for an even greater regional event. Your support makes all the difference... Please Join Us!

~ Lake Huron Discovery Tour Committee



For more information and a full list of sponsors, please visit our website: www.us23heritageroute.org

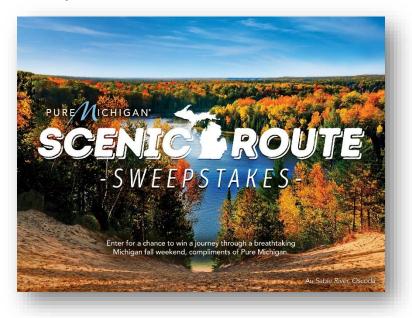
# Under the radar

Partnership
 campaign
 purchased



# Pure Michigan

 Scenic Route Sweepstakes – grand prize: 3day trip up Heritage Route 23 on Lake Huron Discovery Tour weekend





# Pure Michigan

- Georama live webcast featured location: Tawas Bay
- Occurred in September 2016 prior to the Discovery Tour
- Helped to promote that event by interviewing committee members
- Featured Under the Radar's Tom Daldin



Everybody Needs a Team of Local Champions



# Awards for US 23:

# 2011 "Trailblazer Award"

from the National Association of Development Organizations Awarded to **4 projects across the U.S**. that demonstrate:

Innovation, Unique Partnerships, Strategic Use of Resources, An Impact on the Region

# 2017 "Governor's Award for Innovative Tourism Collaboration"

Awarded to NEMCOG, Michigan Arts & Culture Northeast, Besser Museum, Mitten Women Productions, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary

NADO

2017 Emmy Nomination for Best Commercial Campaign "Silence"

# There's more to see on 23!



### Thanks for listening to our Sunrise Coast story......

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A multi-regional trails collaboration in Northern Michigan



# Northern Michigan's Greatest Asset



Over 5,300 miles of trails!

The Up North Trails Collaborative aims to promote <u>all</u> trails together under one program... Michigan wants to be the trail state ....well, we're on top of that.



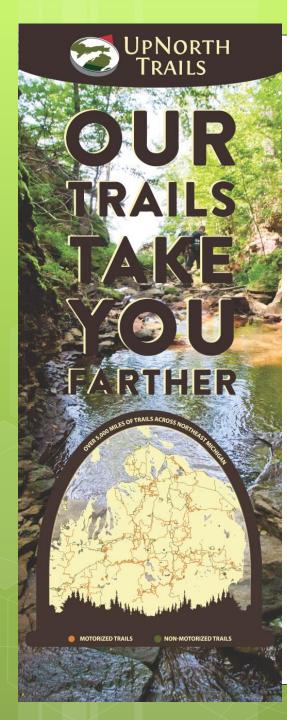
# Power in Numbers!

Partners from across Northern Michigan have banded together to form a collaborative to improve Northern Michigan's economy through trail marketing. Here is our growing list of who's participated in the discussions....

Aloha Township/MTA Atlanta Area Tourism Council Briley Township Briley Township Planning/Parks & Rec Brown Trout Burt Lake Trail Burt Lake Trail Committee Cheboygan Chamber of Commerce Cheboygan County Cheboygan County EDC Cheboygan County Road Commission Cheboygan State Park City of Alpena City of East Tawas City of Grayling Corsair Trail Council Corwith Township Crawford County Trails Committee Department of Environmental Quality DNR Emmet County **EUP Regional Planning and Development** Council Gaylord Area Chamber and Tourism Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Grayling Visitor's Bureau

Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association Great Lakes ORV Happi-Trails ORV Higgins Lake Roscommon Chamber of Commerce Houghton Lake Chamber Houghton Lake Area Tourism Indian River and Tipp of the Mitt Snowmobile Groomina Council Indian River Chamber of Commerce LIAA (Land Information Access Association) Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Mackinaw Area Chamber of Commerce Mackinaw City MDOT Meyerson Consulting and DNRE Michigan Mountain Biking Association Michigan Municipal League Michigan Snowmobile Association Michigan Trail Maps.com Michigan Trail Riders Michigan Trails and Greenways **MSU** Extension MSUE 4-H Youth Development Mud Brother ATV Club North Central Michigan College

North Country Trail Association - H.S. Chapter Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Northwest Michigan Council of Governments (NWMCOG) Otsego County Economic Alliance Otsego County/Corwith Township Presque Isle County Development Commission Pure Michigan Roscommon Co EDC St Helen Chamber St Helen Snowpackers TART Trails TDA - Topinabee Development Association Thunder Bay Resort Thunder Bay Trails Association Top of Michigan Trails Council Troll 4-Wheelers Two-Trackers Four Wheel Drive Club United Four Wheel Drive Association US 23 Heritage Route **USDA - Forest Service** WATCH (also Lake to Lake Charlevoix Trail) West Branch Area Chamber of Commerce West Michigan Trails Magazine

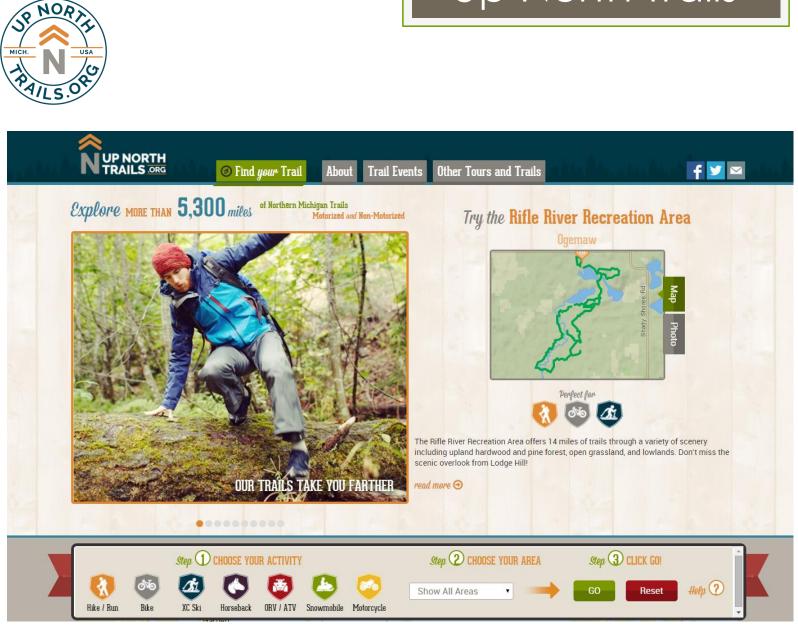


# Website

Trail user groups identified what they wanted to see on a one-stop-shop website for trails in Northern Michigan.

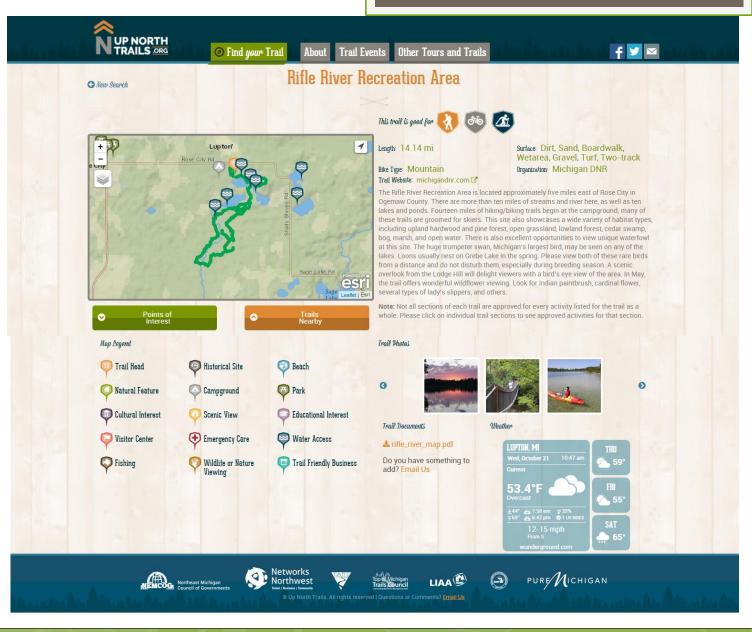
Website launched in July 2014.

www.upnorthtrails.com









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# Trail Towns: Pilot Project

### **Pilot Communities:**

- 1. Alpena
- 2. Mackinaw City
- 3. Topinabee
- 4. Grayling
- 5. Atlanta

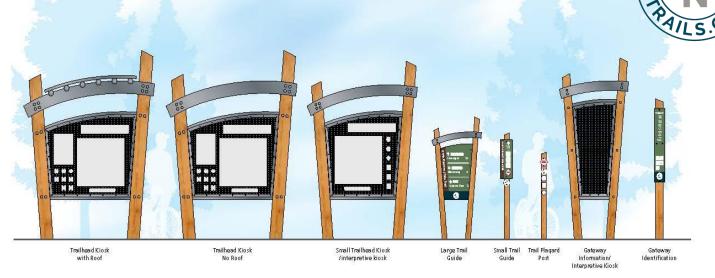
Trail Town Master Plat Capturing Trail-Based Tourism City of Alpena





# Trail Town Plans completed.

# Up North Trail signage has been designed for use by trail towns across the region.

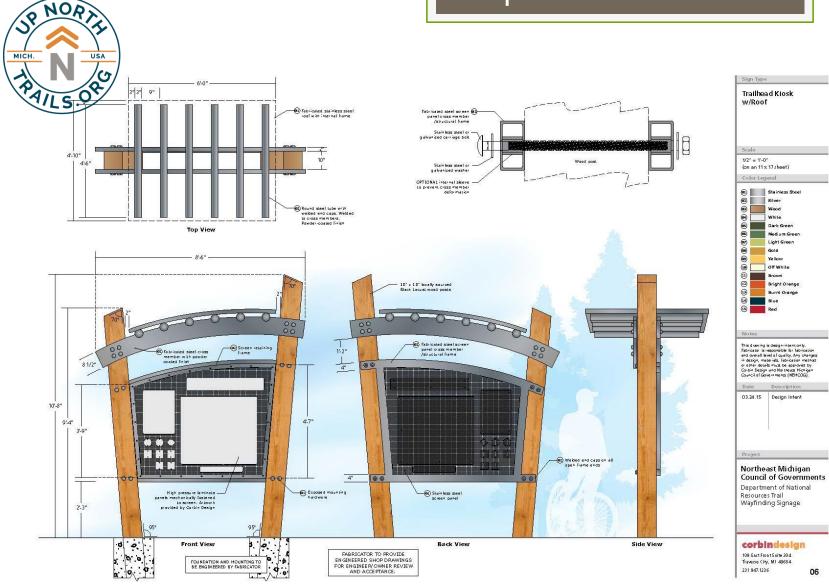


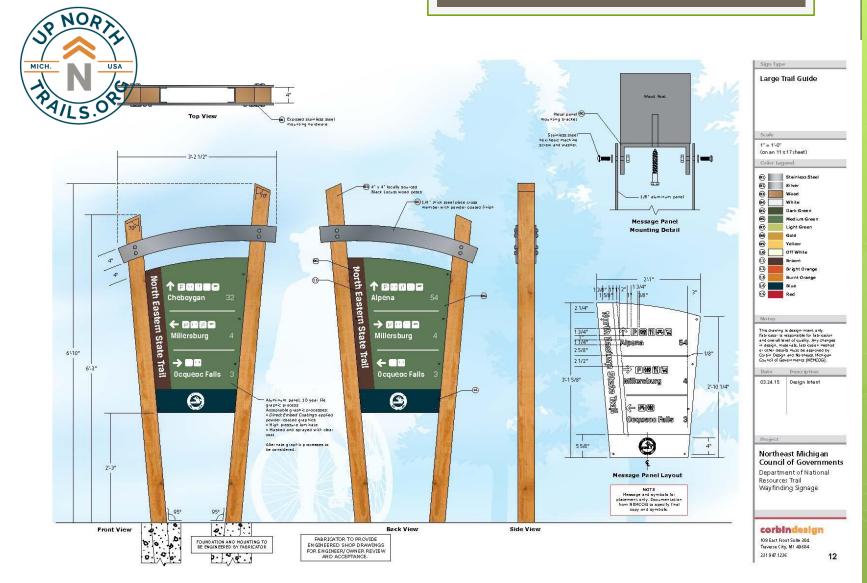
#### **Partners:** Top of Michigan Trails Council NEMCOG DNR

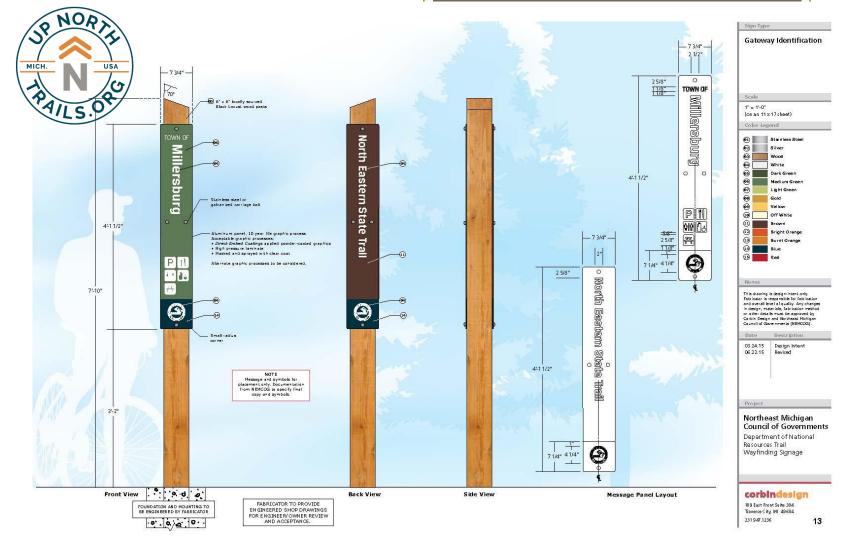
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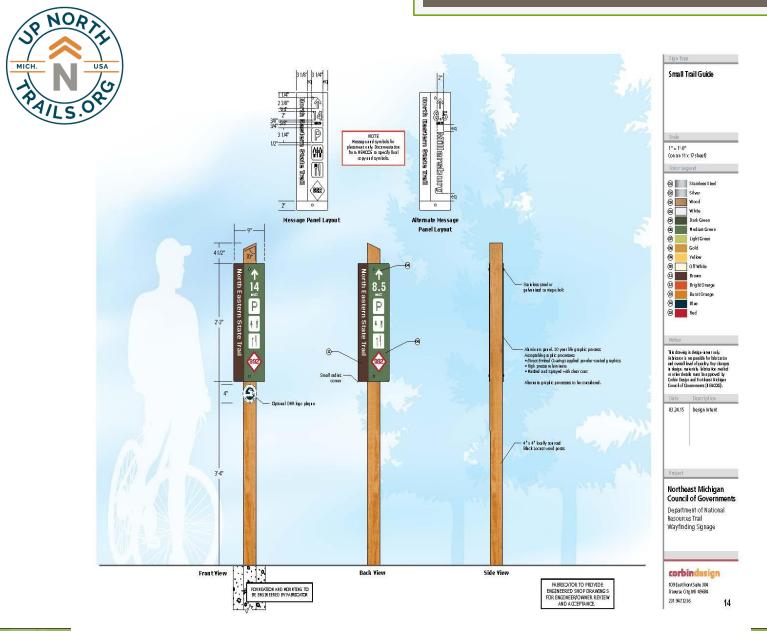
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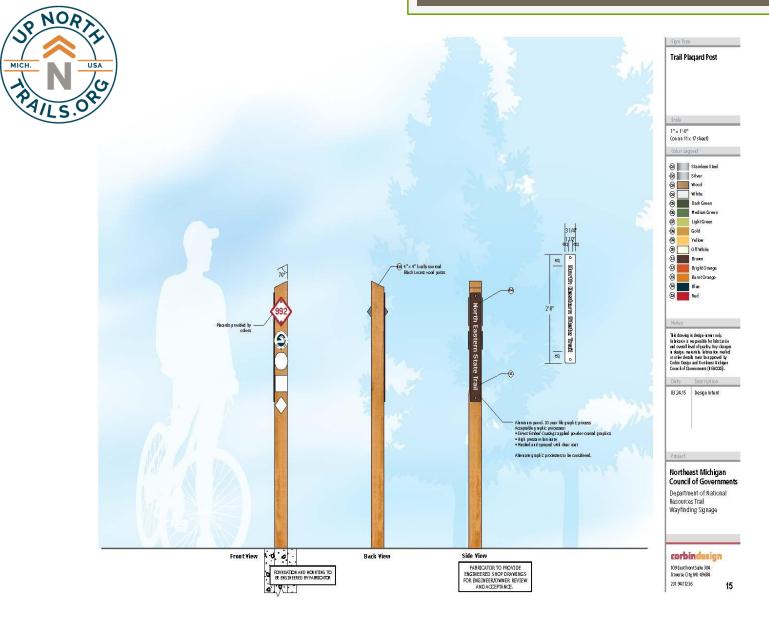
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Up North Trails: Winner of a 2017 Governor's Award for Innovative Tourism Collaboration





Thank you!

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