

Michigan Heritage Routes















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TAKE THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED ...

Michigan Heritage Routes are unique corridors having outstanding natural beauty, historic buildings or resources, and capture a recreational setting that sets the mood for the recreational experience.

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

....Administered by MDOT

....Staffed by the Regional Planning Agencies through funding from MDOT









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US 23: Huron Shores 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)

6 80 miles from Indiana border to Battle Creek area

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







- M-119 Tunnel of Trees 13 miles Harbor Springs to Cross Village
- 2 M-22/M-204/M-109 Leelanau Scenic Heritage 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.
- **4 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

Historic Routes

- 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





Routes that make a difference

Byways have an impact by bringing together communities with a common feature – a unique roadway – to work together in promoting a regional destination.

Having an Impact



Pathway to a Region
Regional Tourism – large
enough to make a
difference by combining
community assets and
resources and by giving the
traveler a real destination,
but small enough to
manage.

Rebranding of the Program

The economy, social media, and changes in the way visitors search for information is prompting a reinvention of Heritage Routes into...



MDOT and Travel Michigan have begun to work together to promote the State's unique tourism corridors.

More consistent with the "America's Byways" program....



Reinventing the Program

New program name: Heritage Routes become Pure Michigan Byways Requires legislative action

New logo and signage

New websites for each byway

Partnership with Travel Michigan

New coordinating promotional materials.

Stable program funding.





Welcome to Heritage 23

PURE

Lake Huron

Your trip begins at michigan.org



200 Miles of Linear Corridor 366 Miles of Coastline 6 Counties 45 Municipalities 3,703 Square Miles of County-Wide Area 6,000 miles of Rivers & Streams 170 Square Miles of Inland Lakes 635,000 Acres of Public Land 448 Square Miles of National Marine Sanctuary 200+ Shipwrecks

It's all about Partnerships

6 County Teams Representing....

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 Moolenaar's Office **Alpena County Commissioner's** Alpena CVB Alpena DDA **Target Alpena Alpena County Library** Alpena Township **Alcona County Road Commission**

Bicycling Advocates Alcona County Commissioners City of Harrisville Sunrise Coastal Coalition Oscoda/AuSable Chamber Alabaster Township **Iosco County Road Commission Tawas City Michigan Sunrise Tours Oscoda Township City of East Tawas** Tawas Area Chamber **Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport City of AuGres Iosco 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

Friends of Rockport Michigan Arts & Culture Northeast

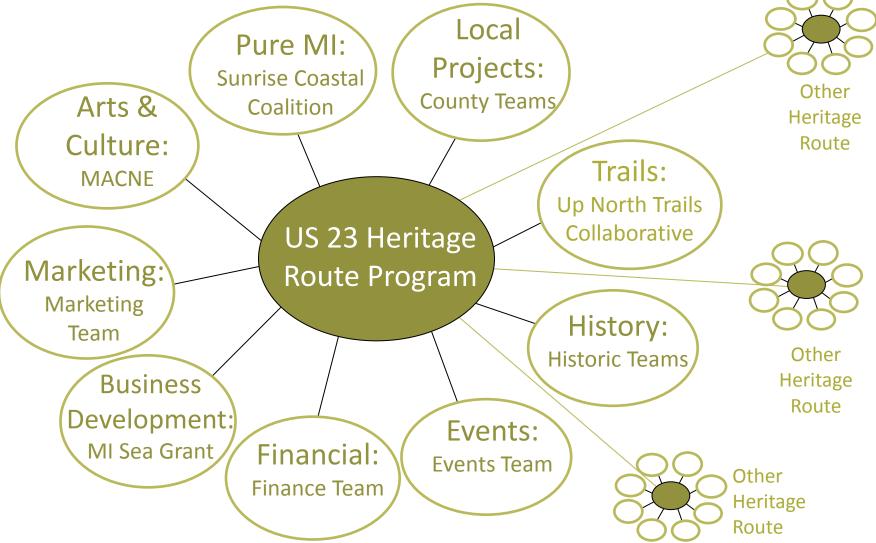
Management Council

Oversees entire program +2 reps from each county +2 alternates from each county +2 private sector tourism reps +MDOT +MDNR +US Forest Service/River Road Byway +NOAA / Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary +Sunrise Coastal Coalition +Saginaw-Chippewa Indian Tribe +Michigan Sea Grant +Michigan Arts & Culture Northeast

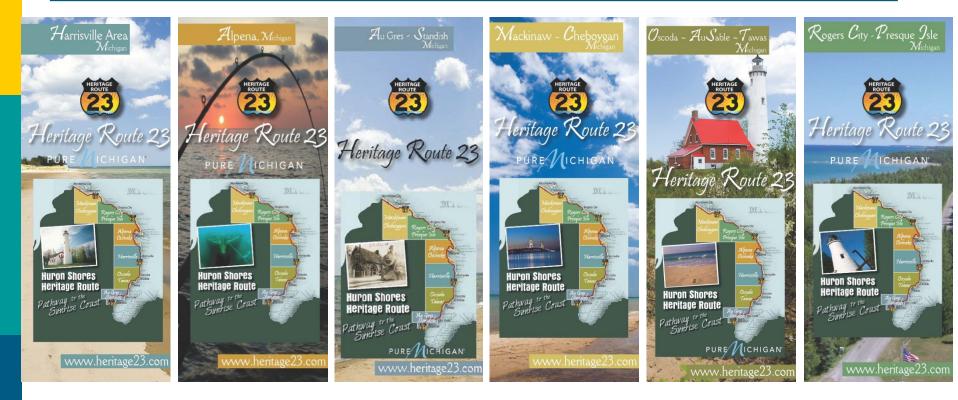
6 County Teams + 1 Mgmt Council + 1 NEMCOG Staff = over 90 people!

Program Structure

Groups working together to promote the Sunrise Coast region...



Tying Us All Together



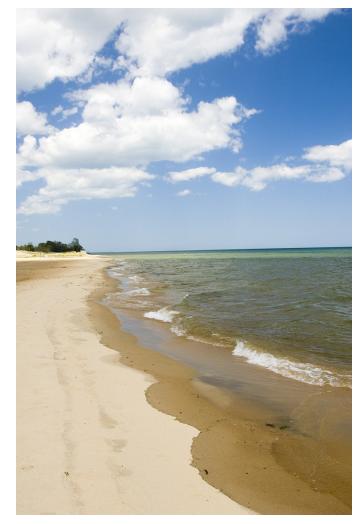
Sometimes, all you have to do is show them...

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

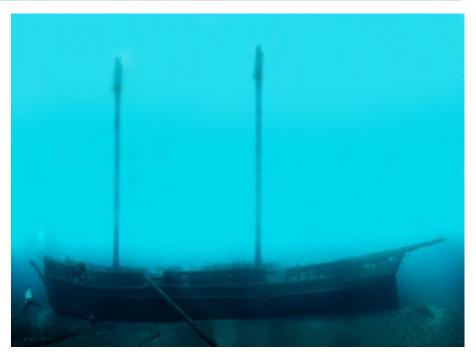
Featured Destination....Sunrise Coast

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Back to the Water Summer Campaign



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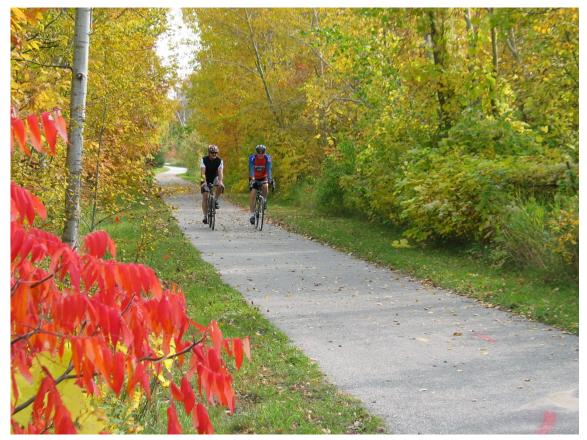




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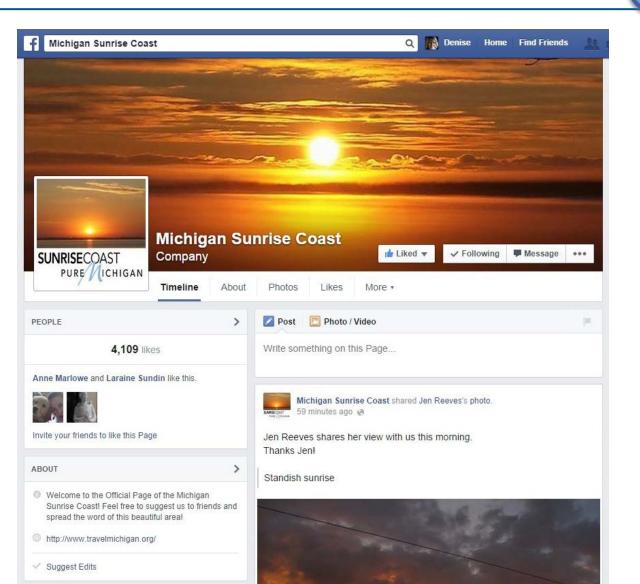
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Fall Campaign

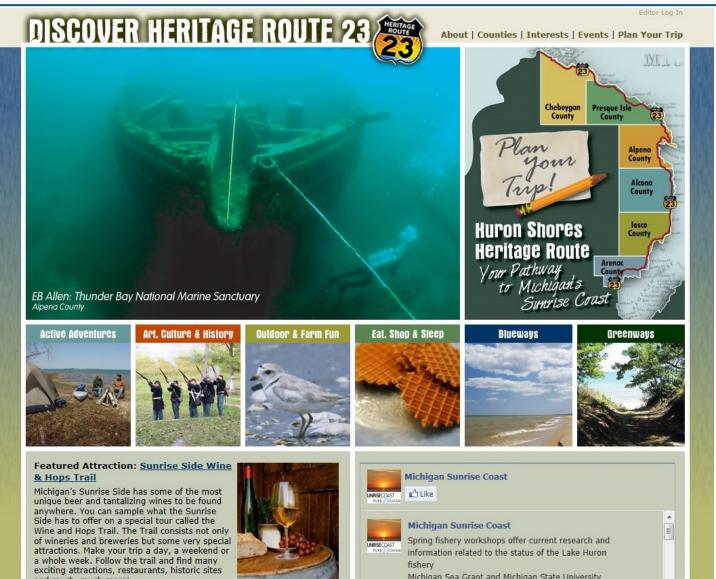


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Social Media



Heritage 23 on the Web



Asset Inventory

Total Attractions Mapped: 2,209 Total Attractions Appearing on Website: 1,541



Asset Categories:

Active Adventures Art, Culture & History Outdoor & Farm Fun Eat, Shop & Sleep Greenways Blueways

Asset Inventory Marathon

Our attraction and activity categories...

	Access to River, Lake or Stream		Bowling	*	Native American	Â	Snowshoeing		Antique Shopping	1	Visitor Center
-	Agriculture		Boating	72	Natural Area or Preserve		Wildlife Watching	쪫	Arts & Crafts	W	Waterfall
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	Auto	2	Kayaking	0	Natural Spring	26	Biking	2	Gift Shopping	ш	Wildlife Viewing Area
	Beach		Sailing	55	ORV Trail	-17	Cross-Country Skiing	Y	Grocery Shopping	* 9	Winery or Brewery
2	Birding Sites	R.	Scuba Diving		Other	i.	Dog Sledding	ĩΤ	Hard Goods Shopping		Worship
12	Boat Launch		<u>Go-Karts</u>	**		d'	Horseback Riding	~	Outfitter	n	Water Feature Viewing
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	Culture	8	Petting Zoos	Ø	Resort	30					
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24	Emergency	1	Swimming	1	Shipwreck	m	Native American Cultural Event	12-24	Hotel	÷ę	Local Wine or Hops Tasting
	Food		Improved Camping			•	Recurring Cultural Event	6	Motel		
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1	Historic Site	➔	Birding	1	Snowmobile Trail	-	Shipwreck Tour		Transportation Depot		
	Historic Trail	5	Earthcaching			ন	Aviation Viewing	-	Hay or Sleigh Riding		
-			Fossil Collecting	A	Sports Facility	đ	Convenience Dining	1	<u>U-Pick Farms</u>		
	Land Formation	5	Geocaching	* *	State or National Forest	5	Dining	2	Animal Viewing		
Ĩ	Lighthouse	'拔	Hiking	Ŕı	Tour	1	Clinic	4.4	Geology		
Ŀ	Maritime		Hunting		Trail		Hospital		Insect Viewing		
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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

Other Projects for the Traveler

Historic Depot in Standish



Heritage Route Welcome Center

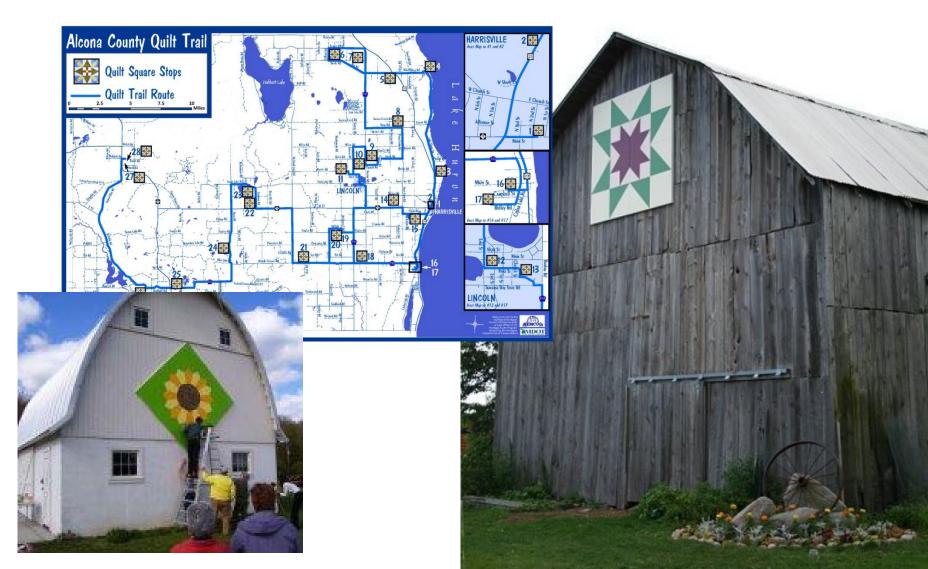








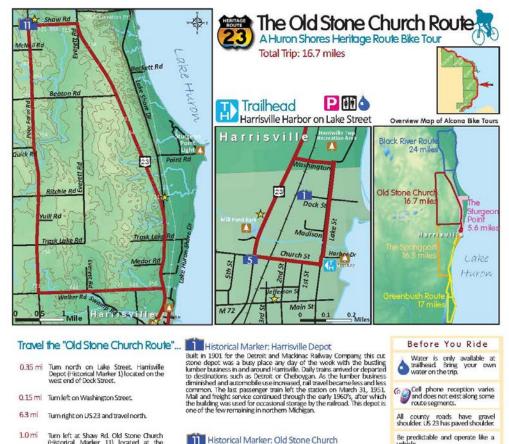
Alcona County Quilt Trail



Tours



7 Bike Tours



in 1880 the Township of Alcona had 187 houses, 4 schools, 2 Churches, a in the set of the set offices. Presbyterians living there built their own white frame church, the First Presbyterian Church of Alcona. In 1886, the

Church building was moved two miles west to the present site in Haynes

Township. In June 1924, sparks from a roof fire at a neighboring farmhouse set the church ablaze. Many of the interior features were

saved, but the building was totally destroyed. Volunteers rebuilt the church with stones found on surrounding farmland. It was reopened on

June 6, 1934. In 1969, the church became the present

The first Sunday School and Church in Alcona County was Methodist.

with Rev. Joseph P. Merchant walking the Huron Shore, from settlement. to settlement, from Tawas to Alpena. He settled in Harrisville with his

family in 1861. He formed membership dasses that met in a house with no chimney and two small slide windows on the bank at the foot of what

became Church Street. When the town built a new schoolhouse on the

Court House Square, that building was used by the Methodists. The present church, was built in 1867. Membership included such early family

names as Conklin, Colwell, LaChapelle, Rutson and Van Buskirk. By 1899, the congregation numbered 140. The stained glass windows date from

5 Historical Marker: United Methodist Church

nondenominational community church.

- Turn left at Shaw Rd. Old Stone Church (Historical Marker 11) located at the corner of Shaw Rd and Poor Farm Rd.
- 5.5 mi Turn left on Poor Farm Rd. Travel south. Traffic can appear unexpectedly along this section.
- 2.6 mi Turn left onto Walker Rd. Travel east to US 23. Airport is located on the south side of the road near the intersection with Mill Creek Rd.
- 0.9 mi Turn right onto US23 back to Harrisville.
 - 0.3 mi 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 the trailhead at the Harbor.

🙀 Quilt Trail Panel

Discover Heritage Route 23 your Pathway to the Sunnise Coast! www.heritage23.org

Always wear an approved helmet.

Ride with traffic.

Use hand signals.

Bernindful of other traffic.

Wear appropriate clothing.

Use lights at night.

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Alabaster Trail & Arboretum

Trees of the Alabaster Native Tree Arboretum

American Beech American Elm Ash Autumn Olive **Balsam Fir** Basswood / Linden **Big Tooth Aspen** Black Cherry Box Elder Common Apple Cottonwood E.White Cedar/Arborvitae Green Ash Hop-hornbeam Larch / Tamarack Northern Pin Oak Oak Oak hybrid

Quaking Aspen Red Maple Red Oak Red Pine Scotch Pine Serviceberry Sugar Maple White Ash White (Paper) Birch White Pine Fagus grandifolia Ulmus americana Fraxinus sp. Elaeagnus umbellata Abies balsamea Tilia americana Populus arandidentata Prunus serotina Acer negundo Malus pumila Populus deltoides Thuja occidentalis Fraxinus pennsylvanica Ostrya virginiana Larix laricina Quercus ellipsoidalis Quercus ellipsoidalis Quercus ellipsoidalisXrubra Populus tremuloides Acer rubrum Quercus rubra Pinus resinosa Pinus sylvestris Amelanchier sp. Acer saccharum Fraxinus americana Betula papyrifera Pinus strobus

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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 Peninsula. 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 AuSable 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



Stories of the Sunrise Coast

Documentary Production and Written Stories



Stories focus on...

History Culture

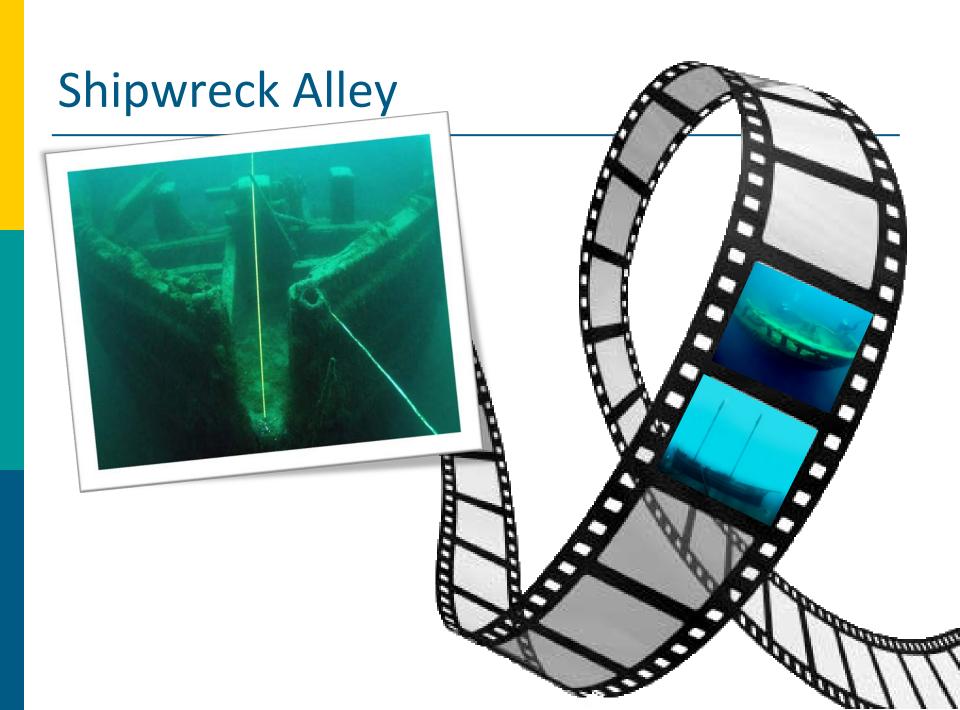
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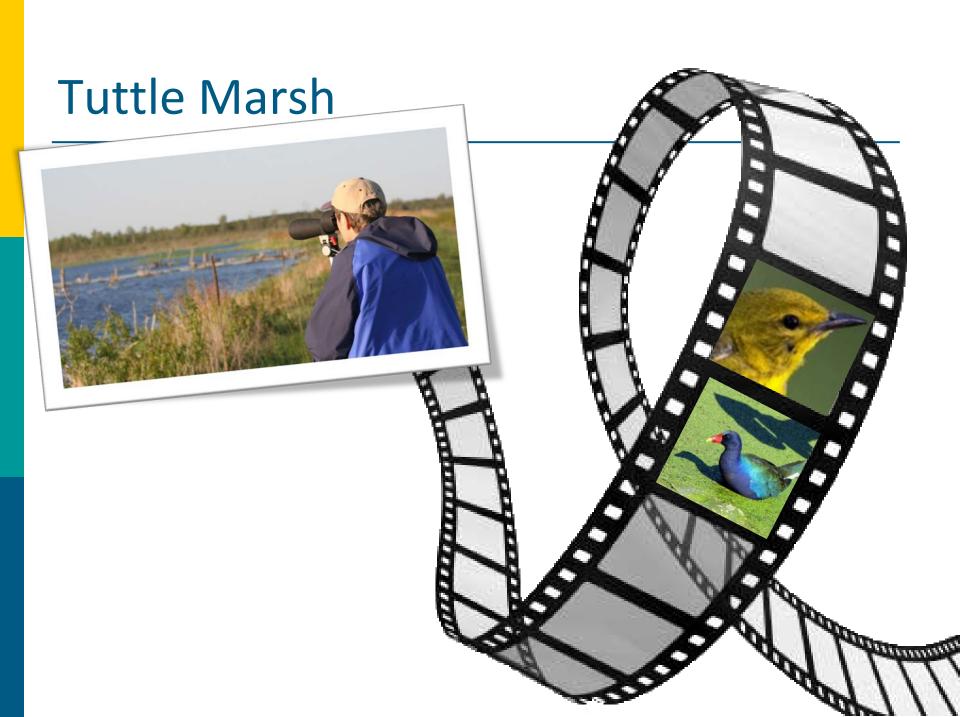
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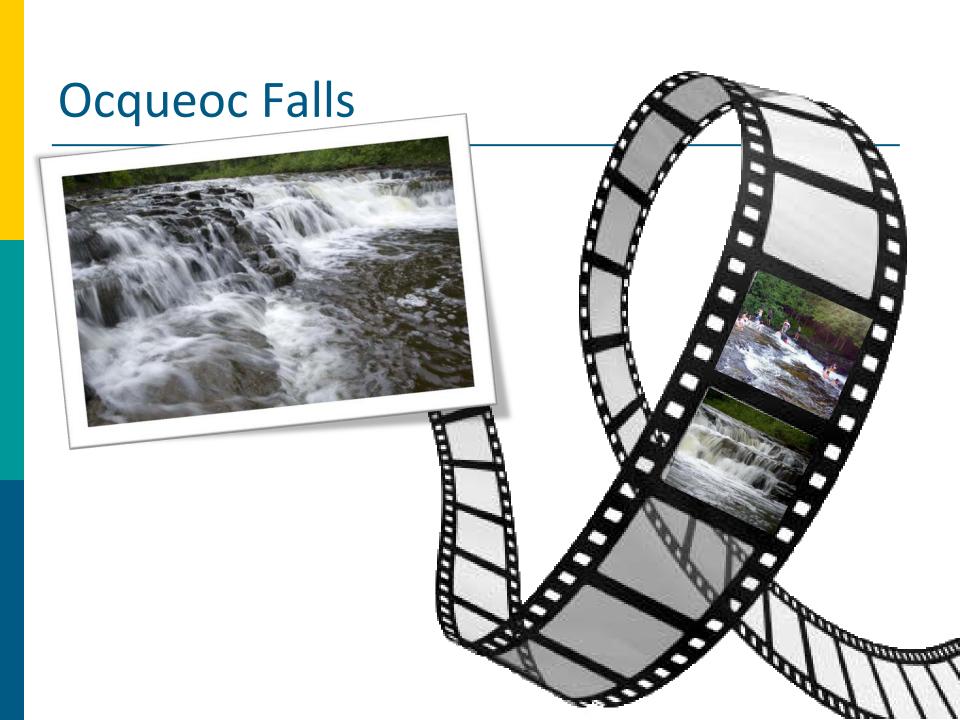


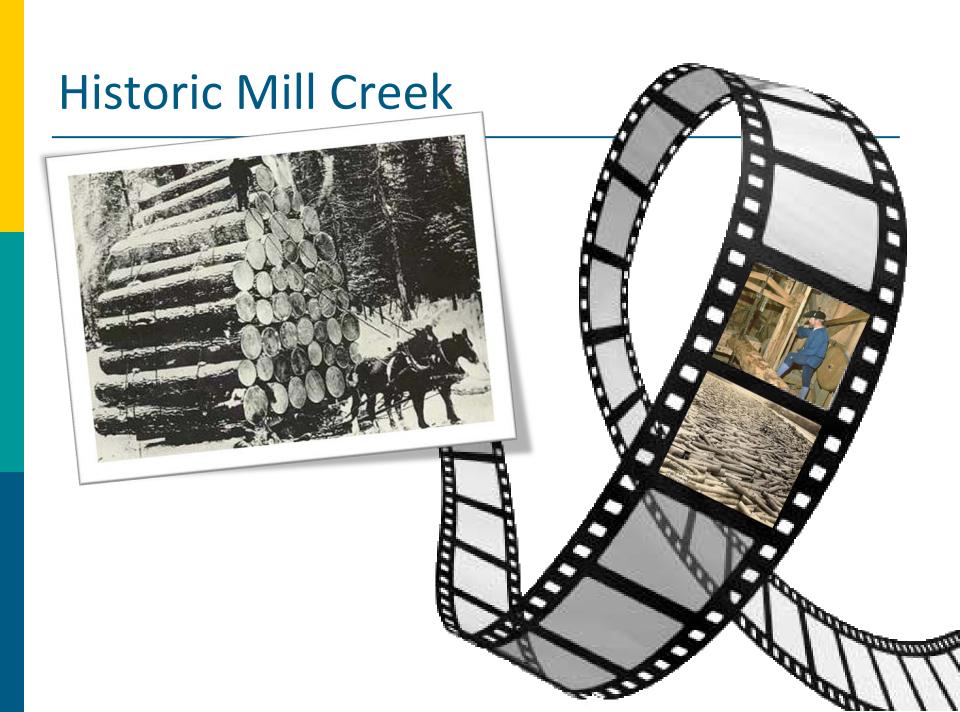
Produced by **Emmy-Award** Winning **Filmmakers**

Available at www.heritage23.com and via QR Codes on print materials and site signage.









Stories of the Sunrise Coast Interpretive Materials

Maps will be created in the following style:



Print materials on their way in 2015: (all maps are large format) **Regional Map** 6 County Maps **Historic Tour Map Biking/Hiking Map Ecotourism Map Cultural Sites Map** Route Atlas/Guidebook

Heritage Coast Sailing & Rowing

Volunteer-Driven Effort within the US 23 Program

Purpose:

To encourage rowing and sailing and to preserve historic boat designs.

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.



Dockhand Hospitality Training

Another Volunteer-Driven Effort within the US 23 Program



Purpose:

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

Training provided by the US Power Squadron

Tours

VIP Tour: July 12-13, 2012 & July 18-19, 2013

Organized by Senator John Moolenaar Attendees: State Department Heads including MDOT, DNR, DEQ,

Agriculture, and MEDC. Also Senators & Representatives whose districts intersect with the Sunrise Coast.



Partners in Promotion... Sunrise Side Wine & Hops Trail



Partners in Promotion: ARTrail



Tourism Trade Show Booth



Pure Michigan Dream Job held June13, 2014: Ford Field in Detroit

US 23: 2011 "Trailblazer Award" Winner

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



Working together to market "Up North"



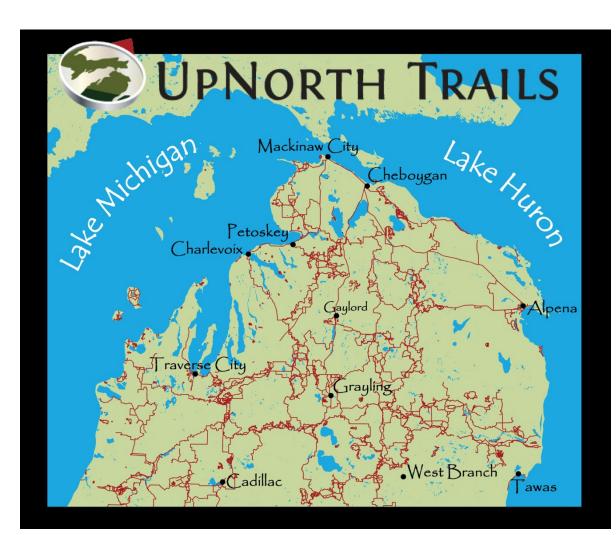
A multi-regional trail promotion collaboration in Northern Michigan

Up North Trails



ORV Riders: "Do you have any idea what you have here?"

Northern Michigan's Greatest Asset



Northern Michigan has thousands of miles of trails which are some of the best trails in the US.

These trails are relatively unknown in other parts of the country.

Lack of promotion means we aren't capturing the \$\$\$...

Up North Trails Collaborative

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

Department of Natural Resources

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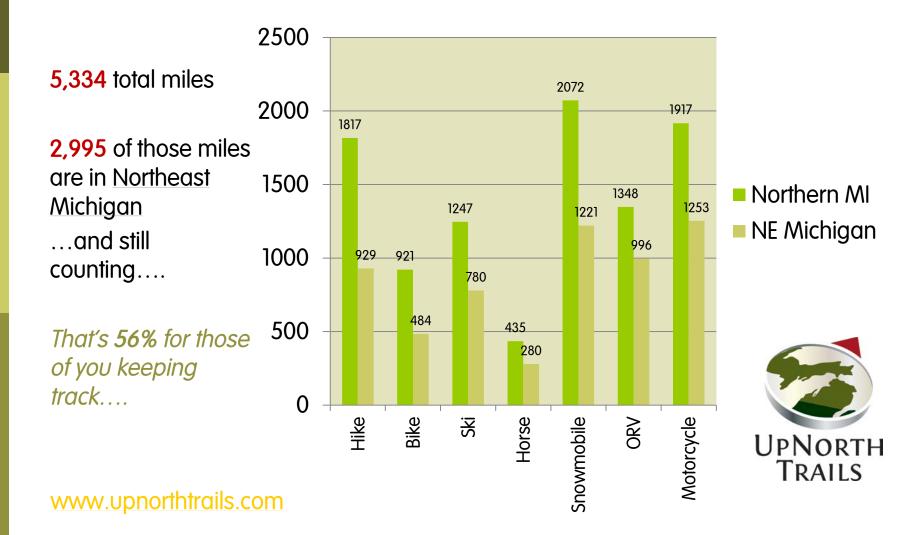
EUP Regional Planning and Development Council Gaylord Area Chamber and Tourism Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Grayling Visitor's Bureau

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 Grooming Council Indian River Chamber of Commerce LIAA (Land Information Access Association) Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Little Traverse Conservancy Mackinaw Area Chamber of Commerce Mackinaw City MDOT Meyerson Consulting Michigan Department of Transportation Michigan Economic Development Corporation Michigan Mountain Biking Association Michigan Municipal League Michigan Snowmobile Association Michigan Trail Maps.com Michiaan 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 FDC 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 WATCH (also Lake to Lake Charlevoix Trail) West Branch Area Chamber of Commerce West Michigan Trails Magazine

Michigan wants to be the trail statewell, we're on top of that.

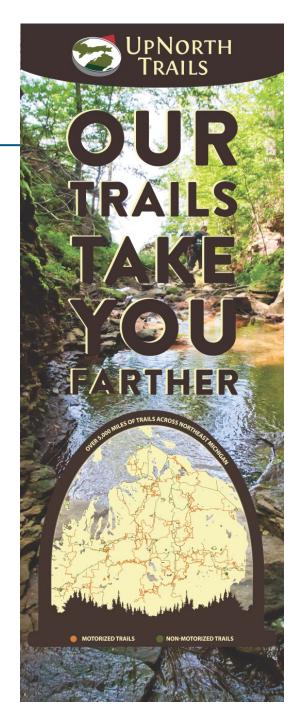


Website

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

Website launched in July 2014

www.upnorthtrails.com



Trail Towns

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



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COMMUNITY GATEWAYS



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