

THE OLD DAM INN

Newaygo, Michigan

QUEST HANDBOOK

A Compendium
of useful information
to enhance your stay

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INTRODUCTION AND CHECK-IN

Welcome! We are pleased and honored that you have chosen The Old Dam Inn for your vacation destination. Our goal is for you to have a really great visit and we will do our best to make that happen.

Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. or after. Please call us at 231.519.0111 about an hour before you expect to arrive so that we can meet you at The Old Dam Inn to give you the keys and a short tour of the place. If you need to be in the area well ahead of check-in we suggest you spend some time in the City of Newaygo and visit the businesses described in this guide.

Whether you intend to just kick-back and take it easy, or engage in a zillion activities, we want to ensure that you have the necessary information and tools for a successful visit.

This Guest Handbook is a work in progress. With each group of guests we learn more about why people choose the Newaygo area and the kinds of things they expect from a vacation destination. We plan to issue revised editions of this guide from time-to-time to reflect our increased knowledge and experience.

Your input is important! We encourage you to let us know about things we have missed, because some of the questions you think are obvious may not have been obvious to us.

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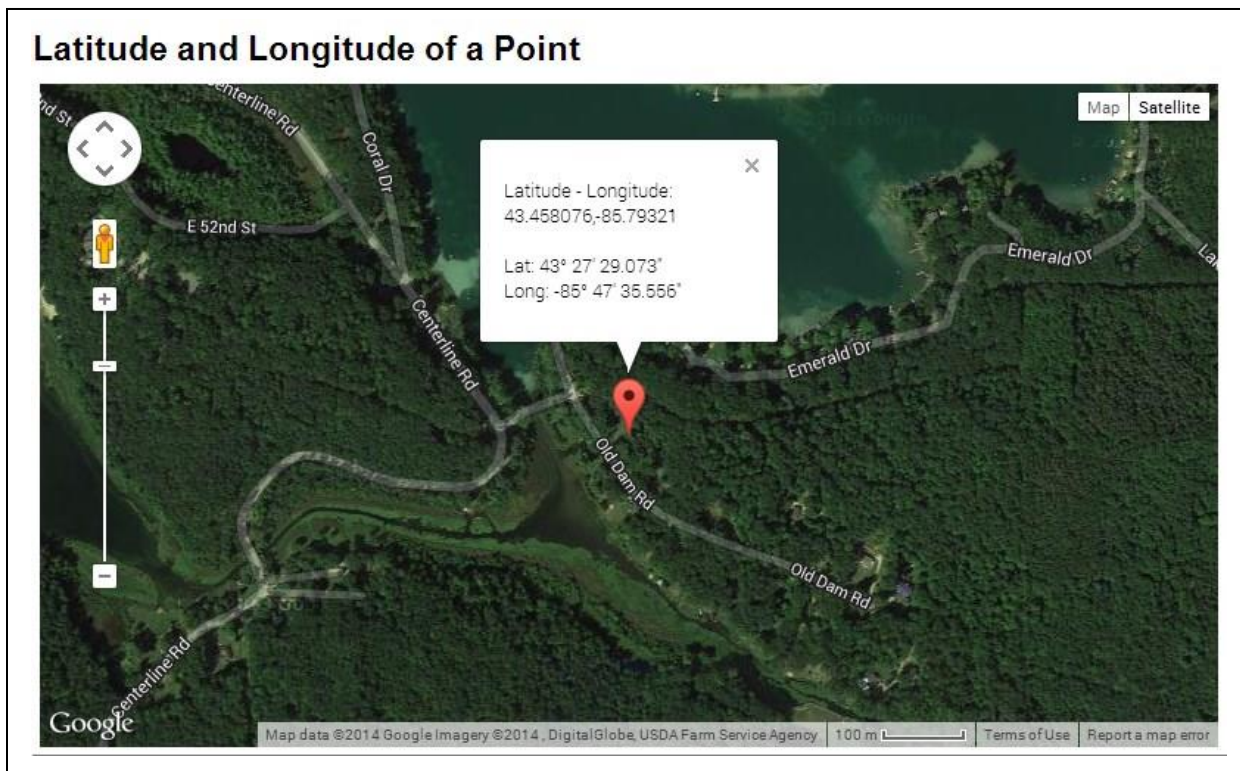
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WHAT THE HECK IS A NEWAYGO?

First, the basics: The Old Dam Inn is in the Michigan county named “Newaygo” and in a township called “Brooks” and it is just a few miles north of a city that is also called Newaygo. The exact coordinates of The Inn are shown below:



There is some debate about the origin of the word Newaygo, but the most commonly accepted explanation is that it comes from the Native American Chief Nuwagon, a signatory of the [Treaty of Saginaw](#) in 1819. Others think it comes from the phrase “new way to go.”

About 1,900 people live in the City of Newaygo, which sits on the shores of the Muskegon River <https://www.newaygocity.org>. And in Brooks Township <http://www.brookstownship.org/>, which kind of straddles the east side of the city on the north and south, there are about 3,900 people. Newaygo County has about 48,000 people <http://www.countyofnewaygo.com/>, so you can tell that we are in an area with a lot of space - only about 56 people per square mile.

The Newaygo area is also home to many Amish families that manage farms and other local businesses like sawmills, grocery stores and tack shops. If you travel to the west of The Old Dam Inn, toward the City of Fremont (Baby Food Capital of the World and head-quarters of the Gerber Baby Food Company), you will likely see horse-drawn Amish buggies and carts along the way. Please be respectful of these good neighbors and slow down when passing them in your “horseless” carriages.

HISTORY OF THE OLD DAM INN

The Old Dam Inn dates back to about 1915, a little after the white pine logging and the cement businesses ceased production. As with many areas of Michigan, pine lumbering in Newaygo was a main source of building materials for the big cities, including Chicago. Emerald Lake, which abuts The Inn, was a major source of “marl,” a natural material used in the manufacture of Portland cement. For more information than you ever wanted to know about marl, see this 1905 State of Michigan report: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/Vol_VIII_Part3_Aopt_309825_7.pdf

Old Dam Road itself was once a railroad track on which a locomotive called the “Mud Hen” transported the marl from the lake to the City of Newaygo, where the Portland Cement factory sat on the Muskegon River. When you cross the Muskegon River bridge just north of the City of Newaygo you will see a chute on the west side of the bridge where water is spewing out – this is the Penoyer Creek’s discharge into the river and is the site of the former cement factory.

The forested parcel on the Emerald Lake side of The Inn is the site of the former Parkwood Hotel, which housed the workers that mined the marl for the Portland Cement Company. If you walk along Emerald Lake Drive from The Inn you can still see the old front steps to the hotel on your right. In the “Newt’s Nook” bedroom there is a photograph on the wall showing the old Penoyer Creek/Emerald Lake bridge and the people that were staying at the hotel over 100 years ago.

Penoyer Creek is named after the Penoyer brothers, from Chicago, who bought a great deal of land in this area in the 1830’s (for about \$1.25 per acre) and then set-up a sawmill on the creek near the Muskegon River..

The Penoyer Creek is connected to four lakes (Emerald and Sylvan to the east and Pickerel and Kimball to the west). Where The Inn is located is known as the “Penoyer Creek Channel.” This waterway leads to the Muskegon River and the City of Newaygo. During the lumbering era the creek was tried as a route to feed logs down to the river, but with little success. At the downstream edge of The Inn’s property line there is still a “dead-head” log sitting in the shallow water as evidence.

For many decades and before it became a vacation rental in 2013, The Old Dam Inn was the residence of the Black Family. Richard “Dick” Black was the patriarch of the family and was a noted outdoorsman, aviator, journalist and photographer. He was a partner of Mort Neff, the well-known host the “Michigan Outdoors” TV show that was broadcast in the Detroit area for decades (<http://owaa.org/owaa-legends/michigans-great-white-father-mort-neff/>), with an average weekly audience of at least 2.5 million viewers. Dick Black was also a personal friend of author Ernest Hemingway and is reported to have once saved Hemingway’s life. The Living Room/Map Room features many of the maps that belonged to him, as well as the propeller from his airplane and the film camera that he used for aerial cinematography.

The earliest part of The Old Dam Inn is located near where the Dining Room meets the Kitchen. The original log beams supporting this part of the house are still in place in the basement. There was an addition built sometime between 1930 and 1940, followed by another addition in the middle 1990’s. At that time the entire interior was gutted and new plumbing, electrical, insulation and drywall was installed.

TECHNOLOGY AND IMPROVEMENTS

Starting in 2009 and working for four years, we replaced all flooring, fixtures, roofing, appliances, mechanical/electrical systems and much more. The Inn features a high-capacity tankless hot water system for endless hot water. This same system feeds the heating system (called a “hydronic furnace”) for safe and quiet comfort. To the greatest extent possible, we have attempted to use high-efficiency lighting (LED and CFL) throughout the house.

Water and Sewer: The Inn is served by a 130 foot deep drinking water well and is connected to a community sewer treatment system that serves about 500 homes around the Chain of Lakes. Please make sure to avoid putting anything down the toilets except water, human waste and toilet paper/tissue. Other items will clog the grinder pump! If this happens you will hear a shrill alarm sound coming from outside the kitchen where the pump control panel is located. There will also be a red light flashing. You can silence the alarm by toggling the switch underneath the control box. Then you should call us at 231.519.0111 or 231.519.1813 so we can contact the sewer authority. If you cannot reach us you can call the sewer authority directly at 231.652.2848. Until the repair crew arrives you should try not to use any water since it might overflow the pump tank. This problem has not occurred for several years and is usually caused by putting non-grindable materials down the toilet (paper towels, sanitary napkins, or wipes).

Internet: The Old Dam Inn is connected to Spectrum Communications and wireless coverage is provided throughout the house and the grounds. You may even be able to get a connection while out in a kayak if you don’t stray too far. The wireless connection is called “OldDamInn5278” and the password/keyword is “timetorelax”.

Telephone: We don’t have any landline telephone service. Verizon cellular coverage here seems to be adequate.

Television: We provide limited Cable TV service that includes some local channels that cover live events such news or sporting events. There are seven televisions that are connected to the Internet for streaming programming and several of these also have limited Cable TV. There are three DVD players (Crow’s Nest, Lava Lounge and Raptor’s Roost) and over 300 DVD movies available. You may also be able to connect your smart devices to these TV’s to view services that you subscribe to.

Air Conditioning/Fans: A new central air conditioning system was installed in 2018. It usually does not get very hot here in Northern Michigan and with such a shady location you may not need air conditioning. There are ceiling fans in six of the eight bedrooms and two ceiling fans in the kitchen. There are also three portable fans that you may place anywhere in the house, plus a gigantic industrial fan in the Game Room/Garage.

Lighting: Some of the LED lights at The Old Dam Inn are controlled remotely through the Internet. They are programmed to turn-on at dusk and turn-off at dawn. If you don’t want them on during these times just switch them off.

MAIN FLOOR – ROOM DETAILS

The Dining Room Porch: This is where you probably first came in to the house. It's a great place to enjoy a thunderstorm or to temporarily stow your stuff. It has seating for nine and electrical outlets for you to power-up your electronics. In the teak potting bench are tons of extra kitchen gadgets and silverware.

The Dining Room: There are two dining tables set-up to begin with, including twelve chairs. Then there is gate-leg table in the corner that you can open up, as well as twelve folding chairs hidden in the closet of the "Newt's Nook" bedroom adjacent to the Map Room (the "Living Room") and in the Garage/Game Room. Altogether, you can accommodate at least 20 people for dinner. On the walls you will see a selection of fish prints from the 1903 edition of the New York State Fish and Game Commission Annual Report. Also on the wall are three lighted sconces. These have a switch on the back that changes them from a steady light to a flickering light - kind of like a flame. One of the Innkeepers likes the flickering mode and the other one does not. You can guess which one likes which mode. More importantly, in the upper half of the large wooden cabinet in the corner, there are many things that you may find useful. These include a variety of board games, as well as brochures and information about the Newaygo area. Also, there are pushpins that you are welcome to place on the various maps in the Map Room to let us know where you are from.

The Map Room (Living Room): Innkeeper Heather wanted one room covered in maps. Innkeeper Kurt was skeptical, but it seems that this was a good idea after all since so many people have reacted positively. There are a wide variety of map categories, focusing mainly on Michigan, but including other states and Canadian provinces. Here you will find standard geographical maps, as well as nautical, aeronautical, historical and federal forest maps. Many date from the 1950's and 1960's and were part of the previous owner's collection. The Map Room has ample seating for at least ten people and offers quiet areas for reading, playing chess, or just relaxing.

The Front Porch: This is your classic "time to relax" spot. Lounge in a large and breezy comfort zone while you sip a cool drink, read a book, or just lazily watch the boaters pass by. Check-out the vintage backgammon or Skittles games, or immerse yourself in the 1950's "Viewmaster" slide viewer. Feel free to open the windows for "screen-free" access to the great outdoors.

The Kitchen: Since everyone tends to spend most of their time in the kitchen this is where we devoted a lot of our attention. The Old Dam Inn is a big place for big gatherings and we knew that it deserved a serious kitchen. Starting with an eight-foot commercial stainless steel sink, we added two five burner stoves with ovens and broilers, two full-sized refrigerators with freezers and two dishwashers. Diamond plate accents abound in this large facility that is sure to satisfy your inner chef's imagination. A generous supply of appliances and utensils are provided to make sure you have all you need to cook-up a storm for the whole crew. The coffee station is also designed to accommodate large groups. It has a commercial "Bunn" coffee maker (we supply regular and de-caf coffee, tea, creamer and sugar), a microwave and the recycling bins. While the chefs are at work in the kitchen the rest of the family can enjoy streaming TV and/or a fun game of vintage Japanese Pachinko.

The Kitchen Bathroom: Right next to the coffee station in the kitchen is the bathroom that is for common use and for the "Sunrise" and "Sunset" bedrooms. It's a full bath with a shower and is easily accessible from the outside patio and fire pit area. Since it tends to get used a great deal you should not be surprised that during warm and humid periods the toilet tank will sweat a bit and cause water to drip along its sides. Placing a towel under the tank will help.

Newt's Nook Bedroom: This bedroom suite, located on the first floor of The Inn next to the Map Room, is the most historic of all the bedrooms. When we first started the restoration process we realized that the eight bedrooms were going to be difficult to keep track of so we decided to name each one of them and give them themes. Newt's Nook is named in honor of a well-known local poet, author and quirky character whose real name was Earnest Jack Sharpe. Newygo Newt wrote many poems and stories that were popular in this area back in the 1950's and even until today. He was also good friend of the former owner of The Inn, Dick Black. Here you will see several examples of Newt's work, as well as a fine collection of postcards from Michigan showing some rather unbelievably large fish – the ones that “got away.” You can also see a picture of the Old Dam Bridge from about 1910, when the old Parkwood Hotel was still in operation. Newt's Nook features a water view, a vintage full-sized brass bed, a private full bath, a flat screen TV, a closet and a writing desk.

Sunrise Bedroom: The Sunrise and Sunset bedrooms are located adjacent to the Kitchen and they share the Kitchen Bathroom, which is described above. Sunrise features a fishing theme, with a full-sized bed, desk, dresser and closet. It has a very nice view of the woods and the deer trails that are frequented by our hooved neighbors.

Sunset Bedroom: Sunset features a view of the water and has a fishing/water skiing theme. It has a full-sized bed, desk, dresser and closet. There is also a washer and dryer in the closet. The Sunrise and Sunset bedrooms are located across the hall from the Kitchen coffee station and Kitchen bathroom, near the exit to the patio and fire pit.

SECOND FLOOR – ROOM DETAILS

Children's Play Area: If you head up the old staircase (there are two staircases) from the Map Room you will see that we have made the landing into a cozy place for kids to read or play with an assortment of wooden educational toys. Adult supervision is highly encouraged!

The Crow's Nest Bedroom: Just beyond the Children's Play Area is a bedroom suite with a bonus room and a half bath that we call the Crow's Nest. It features the best view of the water and you might even see a few crows out on the front lawn from time-to-time. There are two single beds, a small futon couch, a rocking chair and a smart TV with a DVD player.

Raptor's Roost Bedroom: This is the largest of the eight bedrooms at The Old Dam Inn and it features a king-size bed, full-size futon and flat screen TV, plus over 300 DVD movies. It also has a private full bath with tub and shower. You will have a bird's eye view of the woods from here, plus there is a microwave for popcorn and TV snacks.

The Inner Sanctum Bedroom: This snug interior bedroom is based on a retro-science fiction theme and is painted in crazy green. It has a full-size brass bed and fantastic artwork on the wall, depicting what the future of transportation would look like from the perspective of designers and engineers living in the 1930's to the 1960's.

The Lava Lounge Bedroom: Just past the Inner Sanctum lies the Lava Lounge, which features an assortment of lava lamps, a 42 inch flat screen TV, two small futons (they unfold for a queen size bed, or two singles), funky lighting and a deep red interior. You can use the Lava Lounge as a TV viewing room as well as for sleeping.

Whitetail Point Bedroom: Deer mounts are prominent in this large bedroom, which features a king-size brass bed and antique dresser, plus a desk and three chairs. With views of the water and the woods, this bedroom is the best place to watch the Whitetail deer that often travel through our yard. From this bedroom you can reach the kitchen via the second staircase, which also has several more deer mounts.

Whitetail Landing Bathroom: Just outside of the Lava Lounge and Whitetail Point is another full bath with a shower and a water view.

EMERGENCY SERVICES/FOR YOUR SAFETY

If you have an emergency - **DIAL 911**. Tell the dispatcher that your address is 5278 Old Dam Road, in Brooks Township, Newaygo County.

The Old Dam Inn is served by Michigan State Police Post No. 62 (non-emergency telephone 231-873-2121), Newaygo County Sheriff (non-emergency telephone 231-689-7303), the Newaygo County Fire Department and Life EMS Ambulance Services.

The nearest full service emergency hospital is about 10 miles west of The Old Dam Inn (Gerber Memorial, 212 S. Sullivan Ave., Fremont, 231-924-3300). There is a walk-in clinic for non-emergency services located about 4 miles south of The Old Dam Inn, near the Leppinks Food Center (Spectrum Health/Convenient Care Clinic, 211 W. Pine Lake Dr., Newaygo, 231-652-1631, closed Saturday and Sunday).

Smoke alarms are installed per local building codes. Fire extinguishers are located in the Kitchen, the Garage/Game Room and in the Inner Sanctum Bedroom closet. Fire escape ladders are located in the Crow's Nest Bedroom and in the dresser drawer of Whitetail Point Bedroom. In case of a fire, you may use these ladders to exit these two bedrooms by opening the windows and pushing out the screens for access. For your safety while on the water, we provide 20 personal flotation devices (life preservers), which are located in the Garage/Game Room. There is a first aid kit in the top drawer of the left-hand side storage cabinet in the kitchen.

GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY

The Inn is a little more secluded than most of the homes in the area, but please avoid going onto other people's properties even when they appear vacant and inviting. It is also important to remember that everyone appreciates their peace and quiet, especially late at night. We ask that you refrain from loud activities or amplified sounds/music between midnight and 7:00 a.m. We do not allow hunting or target shooting of any kind. In addition, due to forest fire concerns no aerial fireworks are allowed (over three feet in the air) on the premises.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

RIGHT HERE: Any season of the year is the perfect time to enjoy the outdoors at The Old Dam Inn. With several acres of land and over 300 feet of water frontage, you will have plenty of room to stretch out and enjoy your stay in a private setting. We provide two paddleboats that can each seat two adults and two children, plus a two-person kayak and a three person rowboat (and life preservers for 20 people).

You may also bring your own small boats or jet skis and launch them right from The Inn and then travel to any of the four interconnected lakes that are part of the Chain of Lakes system. Larger watercraft (Ski boats or Pontoons) may be launched at the public access site on Pickerel Lake, about a mile south of The Inn. Many other local lakes and rivers offer additional public access opportunities. For additional details about boating opportunities, click [HERE](#).

While on land, feel free to use our volleyball court, badminton, bocce, cornhole and croquet, or bring your own games. There is also a fire ring near the patio, with complimentary firewood. The patio has two large umbrella/picnic tables that seat ten people each and two more umbrella tables that seat four each, plus another umbrella table in the Arboretum near the water. There are also two charcoal grills (bring charcoal and lighter fluid) and a 36 inch flat top gas griddle – great for preparing big breakfasts.

SWIMMING: We don't recommend swimming right at The Inn because it is not sandy. There are no public beaches on our four lakes, but you may swim "in" the lakes themselves after reaching them by boat. There are several shallow, sandy areas within the four lakes (refer to the lake contour maps at the end of this guide for information). **NOTE:** All shorelines are on private property so please do not go on to the shore to hike, picnic, dock boats, etc. There are public beaches with swimming, playgrounds, parking and ice cream parlors in the cities of Newaygo and Fremont (3 and 8 miles from The Inn). Links to these two cities are shown in the Parks, Pathways and Festivals section on the next page. For additional information about swimming, click [HERE](#)

HIKING/WALKING: About a quarter mile down Centerline Road from The Old Dam Inn is the entrance to the scenic "Wetland Trail" managed by the folks at Camp Newaygo <https://campnewaygo.org/facilities/the-wetland-trail/>. This trail includes a 1.25 mile boardwalk through a sphagnum bog and it is open to the public all year. Just a couple of miles to the north is the trailhead for the North Country Trail - the longest national scenic trail in the U.S. at 4,600 miles, <http://northcountrytrail.org/wmi/>. For a more leisurely outing, just take a walk around Emerald Lake and/or Sylvan Lake. There is a single lane, 10 MPH road that completely encircles these lakes, giving you beautiful water views all the way. There is a map in the Dining Room with more details on this route.

FISHING/HUNTING: The Chain of Lakes that are connected to The Inn offer great fishing, with Large-mouth Bass, Northern Pike, Perch and pan fish in good numbers. Detailed contour maps of the Chain of Lakes, as well as many other nearby lakes are available on-line at the <https://www.olddaminn.com/> website and in the Appendices of this handbook. You may also catch a few small ones right from our docks and the nearby bridge between Emerald Lake and the Penoyer Creek Channel.

Three miles to the south, the Mighty Muskegon River has some of the finest fishing in the country, with Brown and Rainbow Trout, as well as Chinook and Coho Salmon. Fishing charters can be found by doing an Internet search with the words "muskegon river fishing." Eight miles to our north you can also fish the popular White River.

Newaygo County offers great opportunities for hunters as well, with thousands of acres of public land just minutes away. Parsley's Sport Shop in Newaygo carries all the gear and supplies you need for the river or lakes <https://parsleyssportshop.com/>. Canoes, kayaks, tubes and rafts can be rented for Muskegon River fun from Wisner's, which is 3 miles away in downtown Newaygo www.wisnercanoes.com/.

STARRY, STARRY NIGHTS: Yes, it's pretty dark out here at night and that gives you a great view of the universe so bring a telescope and your charts for a night of star gazing. Also, near the City of Fremont, the Stephen F. Wessling Observatory offers many interesting programs and activities www.sfwobservatory.org/.

GOLF: Over a dozen golf courses are located within about 30 minutes of The Inn. Here are more details: www.golflink.com/golf-courses/city.aspx?dest=Newaygo+MI. There are Disc Golf courses in Newaygo, https://www.discgolfscene.com/courses/Big_Bend_Park and Fremont - https://www.discgolfscene.com/courses/Branstrom_Park

PARKS, PATHWAYS AND FESTIVALS: The cities of Newaygo and Fremont have many beautiful parks and pathways just a short drive from The Inn. These quaint towns are also the hosts to a variety of seasonal festivals and farmer's markets. Check-out these websites for details: Newaygo - www.newaygocity.org/index.php/en/area-attractions. Fremont - <https://fremontcommerce.com/>

WINTER: During the winter months you can ride your snowmobiles directly from The Inn to the groomed trails that stretch over 140 miles to the north. More details can be found here <http://www.fishweb.com/recreation/snowmobile/trails/swl.html>. Ice skating is available three miles to the south in the City of Newaygo and a toboggan run is located two miles north at the Newaygo County Sports Park.

For a great guide to outdoor activities in the Newaygo area click on this link: www.michigansgreatoutdoors.org/

WHAT TO DO "IN" THE INN

Even if you're not enjoying the great outdoors, there is still plenty to keep you busy and entertained inside. We have provided a wide variety of books throughout The Inn and family oriented games are located in the large cabinet in the Dining Room.

On the Front Porch you will find a backgammon board, a classic Skittles game (spinning top maze) and a vintage Viewmaster slide viewer. There are two chess sets available – one in the Map Room and the other on the Front Porch.

The kid's play area upstairs will provide hours of entertainment for the little ones. Here there are many wooden educational toys available, as well as children's books. It's a great place for parents to interact with their small children in safe, supervised play.

Out in the Garage/Game Room (accessed via the Kitchen) is a nine-foot professional billiard table, a foosball table, an electronic golf game, two flat screen TV's and a gaming table that you are welcome to use when outside temperatures permit. The Garage/Game Room is also arranged so that you can provide buffet service for outdoor dining events. All of the life preservers and boat paddles are stored here, along with the outdoor games.

The Japanese Pachinko machine (pinball) in the Kitchen is always a popular activity. And with two large covered porches you can even enjoy a rainstorm! Each bedroom has a journal for you to write about your experiences and you can share your favorite recipes in the recipe book in the Kitchen.

SHOPPING FOR PROVISIONS

A full range of shops with essential provisions are within a few miles of The Old Dam Inn. Here is a list that you may find useful:

Leppinks Food Center (4.2 miles south): Open 7 days, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

<https://www.leppinksfoodcenters.com/stores/leppinks-food-centers-newaygo>

Jerkies Jerky Factory (3.3 miles south): <https://www.facebook.com/NewaygoJerkies/>

Midway Party Store & Gas Station (4 miles north): www.facebook.com/midwaypartystore

Family Farm and Home (4.2 miles south): <https://www.familyfarmandhome.com/>

Save-a-Lot grocery store (4.7 miles south): <http://stores.save-a-lot.com/newaygo-mi>

Family Farm & Home – agricultural stuff and more (4.7 miles south):

www.familyfarmandhome.com/locations

Cronk Ace Hardware in Newaygo (8126 Mason Drive, 4 miles south):

<http://www.acehardware.com/mystore/storeLocator.jsp?fldAddress=49337&fldRadius=30#49337|30>

Walmart Supercenter in Fremont (9.6 miles west):

<http://www.walmart.com/store/1791>

DINING OUT

In and around the City of Newaygo are many restaurants, from family dining to night-time entertainment to fast food establishments. Several of these serve adult beverages. Here is a list of our favorites:

Sportsman's Bar & Grill (3.3 miles south): <https://www.sportsmansnewaygo.com/>

River Stop Café (3.3 miles south): <http://www.theriverstopcafe.com/>

Tiny's Tasty Treats (3.1 miles south): www.facebook.com/pages/Tinys-Tasty-Treats/100529286674688

Newaygo Brewing Company (3.2 miles south): <http://www.newaygobrewing.com>

Jimmy's Roadhouse (4.2 miles south): <https://jimmysroadhouse.com/>

City Limits Restaurant (4 mile south): <https://www.facebook.com/citylimitsnewaygomi/>

Just south of the City of Newaygo are many other places to eat, including McDonalds, Burger King, Wendy's, Taco Bell/KFC, Little Caesar's Pizza, Subway and Galaxy Pizzeria. Several gas stations/party stores are also located in this area.

WHAT-NOTS

Beyond the food stores and restaurants, the Newaygo area is home to many quaint shops that cater to a wide variety of interests. These are some of our favorites:

Velocity Adventure Gear (3.3 miles south): <https://velocitynewaygo.com/>

Downtown Threads (3.3 miles south): <https://downtownthreadz.com/>

Sui Generis Home Furniture (3.1 miles south): <https://suigenerishome.com/>

Log Carpenter (furniture – 3.5 miles south): <https://logcarpenter.webs.com/>

The New Ewe (Yarn and quilt shop – 3.4 miles south): www.newewe.com/

37 North Outdoor Store (3.2 miles south): <https://the37north.com/>

WITHIN AN HOUR'S DRIVE

The "Shrine of the Pines" rustic furniture museum is a fascinating place that is only 39 minutes north of The Old Dam Inn in Baldwin <https://www.theshrineofthepines.com/>

Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary in Baldwin, only 25 minutes north of The Old Dam Inn <https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/regions/eastern/LodaLake/index.shtml>

Lake Michigan (The "Big Lake") is an easy one hour drive to the west from The Old Dam Inn. In the cities of Muskegon, Montague and Whitehall you will find many dining and shopping opportunities, as well as beaches, fishing charters and lighthouses (www.lighthousefriends.com/lake_mi.html).

Michigan's Adventure Water Amusement Park is near Muskegon and only 42 minutes away (www.miadventure.com/).

The City of Grand Rapids is just 53 minutes away and offers great museums, the "Art Prize" festival and a multitude of dining experiences (<http://www.experiencegr.com/>).

Also be sure to check-out the amazing Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park (www.meijergardens.org/) and the John Ball Zoo (www.johnballzoosociety.org/), both of which are about one hour from The Old Dam Inn, in Grand Rapids.

UPON YOUR DEPARTURE

Here are some guidelines that we encourage you to follow as you prepare to leave The Old Dam Inn on your departure day:

- ✓ Check-out time is 11:00 a.m., unless a later time has been approved in advance. We need to get The Inn ready for our next guests and it takes time to do it right!
- ✓ Make sure you gather all your personal belongings and don't leave any important stuff behind. Check under beds and couches and in drawers and cabinets.
- ✓ **You do not need to strip the beds. By leaving the bedding in place it helps us keep track of which ones go with each room.**
- ✓ Leave used towels on the bathroom floor or in the showers/tubs.
- ✓ **Wipe-up any noticeable spills on the floors and countertops.**
- ✓ Place dirty dishes in the dishwashers and start loads before leaving.
- ✓ Place bags of trash in the large container behind the garage.
- ✓ Place bags of recycling and loose recyclables inside of the garage.
- ✓ Turn-off the lights and **unplug the coffee maker!**
- ✓ Leave exterior door keys on the rack on the Dining Room cabinet.
- ✓ Please sign our guest book if you have not already done so.
- ✓ Close exterior doors - you may leave them locked or un-locked.
- ✓ Have a safe trip back home, or wherever you are headed!

THANKS AND ENJOY YOUR STAY AT THE OLD DAM INN!

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THE OLD DAM INN

AMENITIES – Updated March 17, 2024

EXTERIOR: 3 acres/300 feet water frontage

DINING ROOM – Seats 20+, 2 highchairs

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

Two ranges – 10 burners, 2 ovens
Two refrigerator/freezers
Two automatic dishwashers/soap
36 inch Flat Top Griddle (outside)
8 foot commercial stainless sink
Stainless steel counter tops/shelving
Dish soaps/scrubbers/dish towels
Two ceiling fans, two vent hoods
Dinner Plates/Trays – service for 25+
Flatware – service for 25+
Bowls – service for 20
Serving bowls/platters/measuring cups
4 Cutting boards, 20 Steak knives
20 Coffee/Tea cups, beer pitchers
Large variety of cutlery and kitchen tools
Cloth and paper napkins/Paper towels
Wine glasses and beverage dispensers
Pyrex Baking Dishes – 3
Pots/Saucepans - 5
Skillets: small to large – 3
Mixing bowls/colanders
Microwave, 2 Four-slot toasters
7 Quart Crock Pot/2 Cheese graters
Power blender/hand blender
Pizza pans/grids/cookie sheets
Commercial Bunn coffeemaker
Regular/De-caf coffee/Tea/Sugar/Creamer
Coffee filters/Trash bags/Foil/Plastic wrap
First Aid Kit, Scissors
Flashlights, lighters, matches

SPICES/CONDIMENTS

Salt/pepper sets - 5
Chili pepper seeds
Chili powder
Cinnamon-Sugar Mix
Italian spice blend, Dill
Olive Oil/Light Oil

Balsamic and Cider Vinegars

INTERIOR – 3,200 square feet living space

Central heat and air conditioning. Whole house standby generator. Two large covered porches with water views.

BEDROOMS – 8 (Six with ceiling fans)

King size beds – 2, Full size beds – 4
Full size futons – 2, Single size futons - 3
Single beds – 2, Portable cots – 5
Three portable fans, one microwave

BATHS – 5 (2 downstairs/3 upstairs)

Full with bathtub/shower – 2 (Private)
Full with shower – 2 (Common)
Half bath – 1 (1 Private), Step stools (5)

LINENS/PAPER/CLEANING SUPPLIES

Bed and Bath Linens – 20-25 complete sets
Paper towels, tissues, toilet paper
Washer/Dryer with Soap and Dryer Sheets
Liquid hand soap, bar soap, disinfectants

OUTDOOR FEATURES - Boat to four lakes

5 minute walk to Camp Newaygo/Trails
36 inch Propane Flat Top Griddle
Parking for 20+ vehicles
Fish from our docks, the bridge or the lakes
Two charcoal grills, Fire pit and wood
3 - Four seat umbrella tables
15+ lawn chairs, 2 - Ten seat picnic tables
2 Paddle boats, One-seat kayak
Two kayaks, row boat, baby/toddler swing
Volleyball, Bocce Ball, Cornhole, Badminton
Kid's pop-up tents/tunnels, inflatable pool

COMMUNICATIONS/ENTERTAINMENT

High Speed WIFI inside and outside
Seven TV's - Internet streaming capable
Three DVD players, 300+ DVD movies
Playing cards, Backgammon, Chess + more
Pachinko in kitchen (Japanese pinball)

Game Room: 9 foot billiard table, foosball,
poker table, tandem mountain bike

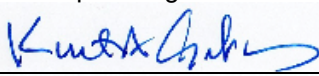
20 life preservers (floatation devices)

VACATION HOME RENTAL AGREEMENT

This Vacation Home Rental Agreement (the "Agreement") is made by and between Kurt Giberson ("Innkeeper") and _____ ("Guest") as of the last date on the signature page of this Agreement. For good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Property: The property (The Old Dam Inn) is located at: 5278 Old Dam Road, Newaygo, Michigan 49337.
- 2. Maximum Occupancy: The maximum number of guests is limited to 20 persons (or up to 25 with payment of an additional \$25/person/night).
- 3. Term of the Lease. The lease begins at 4:00 p.m. on _____ (the "Check-in Date") and ends at 11:00 a.m. on _____ (the "Check-out Date").
- 4. House Rules: Guest agrees to abide by The Old Dam Inn "House Rules" at all times and shall cause all other guests on the property to abide by such rules.
- 5. Access: Guest shall allow Innkeeper access to the property for purposes of repair and inspection. Innkeeper shall exercise this right of access in a reasonable manner and with advance notice to Guest, except in emergencies.
- 6. Rental Rate and Payments: An Initial Deposit of \$____ (refer to quotation) is due within three (3) business days of approval by Innkeeper of the reservation request. Payment of the Final Deposit of \$____ (refer to quotation) is due twenty-nine (29) days prior to the Check-in Date. Payments may be made via credit card through a booking agency (these sites may charge additional fees) or by check made payable to: Kurt Giberson, 5319 Old Dam Road, Newaygo, Michigan 49337.
- 7. Pets: The Old Dam Inn does not allow pets. Service animals are permitted with advance approval of Innkeeper.
- 8. Refundable Loss/Damage Deposit: For non-agency type bookings Guest shall deposit with Innkeeper a "Refundable Loss/Damage Deposit" of \$500.00. After Check-out and inspection by Innkeeper of the premises, all or part of the Refundable Loss/Damage Deposit shall be returned to Guest, depending upon the losses/damages found. Return of the Refundable Loss/Damage Deposit, if any, shall be made by Innkeeper within 15 days of Check-out and shall include a written report describing any deductions.
- 9. Cancellation Policy: If Guest cancels this reservation thirty (30) days or more prior to Check-in date, Innkeeper shall issue a refund of one hundred percent (100%) of any deposits made by Guest prior to the date of cancellation. For cancellation by Guest issued fifteen to twenty-nine (15 to 29) days prior to Check-in, Innkeeper shall issue a refund of fifty percent (50%) of any deposits made by Guest prior to the date of cancellation. Any cancellation by Guest occurring within fourteen (14) days of Check-in shall result in forfeiture of all deposits made. If, at any time, Innkeeper chooses to cancel the reservation, any and all deposits made by Guest shall be returned in full. Cancellations shall be made in writing, for which electronic notices may suffice.

The parties hereby agree to the terms of this Vacation Home Rental Agreement, as evidenced by the signatures set forth below and/or as evidenced by payment of rental fees by Guest to Innkeeper.

Innkeeper's Signature:


Guest's Signature:

Printed Name: Kurt A. Giberson

Printed Name: _____

Date: March 17, 2024

Date: _____ Phone: _____

Phone # (during stay): 231.519.0111

Home Address: _____

City, State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO STAY AT THE OLD DAM INN!

HOUSE RULES (2/07/2021)

1. **SMOKING/VAPING POLICY:** No smoking or vaping is allowed within the premises, in the garage, or on the covered side porch. Smoking/Vaping is allowed outside, at least ten feet from any entrance. All cigar and cigarette butts or ends are to be collected and disposed of properly in the covered containers provided outside. Smoking/Vaping inside the premises may lead to complete forfeiture of the Damage Deposit.
2. **GUEST CAPACITY:** Maximum overnight capacity in The Old Dam Inn is 25 persons.
3. **LIABILITY:** Innkeeper shall not be responsible for any accidents, injuries or illness of Guests or others that may occur while on the premises or while using any of its facilities, nor for the loss of personal belongings or valuables of Guests or others.
4. **PROPER USE:** Guests shall be responsible for keeping the property and furnishings in good order and shall promptly report to Innkeeper any damage. Appliances shall only be used for their intended purposes. Outdoor fires shall be properly attended and kept within designated areas (fire pit and grills). No fireworks or firearms may be ignited or discharged and no target shooting or hunting is allowed on the premises.
5. **PETS:** No pets are allowed within or on the premises (service animals are permitted).
6. **HOUSEKEEPING:** All housekeeping during each reservation period shall be the responsibility of Guests. Innkeeper will provide sets of bed linens and towels for up to 25 persons and such items are only for use inside.
7. **WATER AND SEWER:** The premises are served by an on-site water well and a municipal sewer system. Guests shall ensure that all persons using the premises abide by the rules of the Chain of Lakes Sewer System (posted in baths). If inappropriate items have been flushed that clog the sewer's grinder pump system, Guests may be charged for repair services of up to \$125.00, which shall be deducted from the damage deposit.
8. **NATURE:** The Old Dam Inn is located in a lake district that is heavily wooded. Many wild animals live here and we request that our Guests refrain from causing them harm. This includes the swans that regularly nest in the Penoyer Creek Channel. No wildlife may be removed without proper licensing from the Michigan DNR.
9. **GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY:** The Old Dam Inn is more secluded than most of the homes on the Chain of Lakes, but you will frequently encounter neighbors in their boats, on golf carts, riding bicycles and walking. Sounds carry extremely well over the water so please bear this in mind. Between midnight and 7:00 a.m. we request that you refrain from using any amplified sound devices or making other loud noises.
10. **COMMON SENSE:** If a topic is not covered above by these Rules, please use good common sense. Thank you!

LAKE CONTOUR MAPS AND RIVER INFORMATION

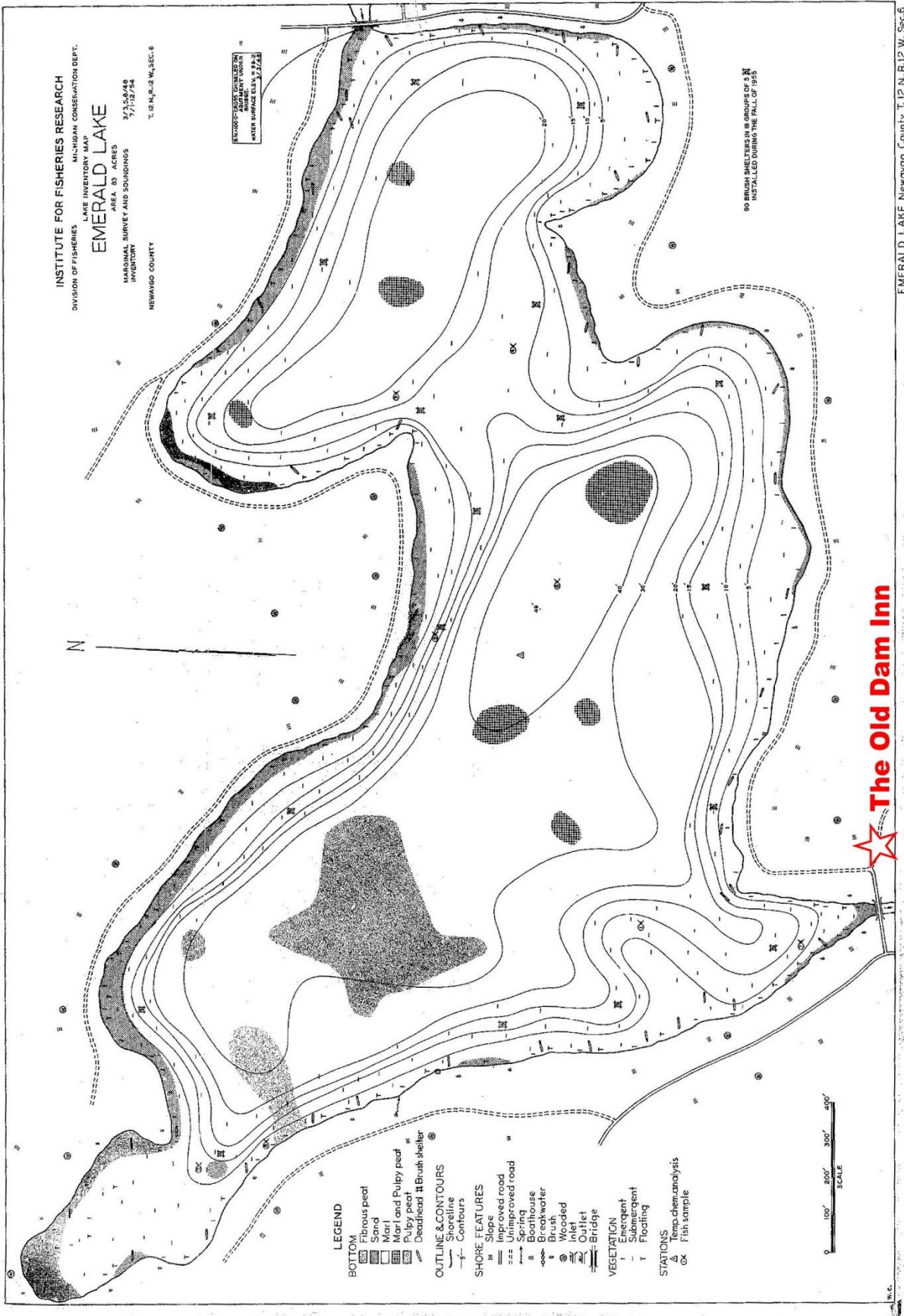
In Newaygo County there are 234 lakes, 356 miles of rivers and streams and over 100,000 acres of national forest. Contour Maps for several of those water bodies that are closest to The Old Dam Inn are shown on the following pages. The first four lakes, Emerald, Sylvan, Pickerel and Kimball are directly accessible by boat from The Inn.

Contour maps start on the next page...

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 LAKE INVENTORY MAP
EMERALD LAKE
 AREA 83 ACRES
 ORIGINAL SURVEY AND SOUNDINGS
 9/7/6, 8/48
 7/13/74
 INVENTORY
 NEWAGO COUNTY
 T. 12 N., R. 12 W., SEC. 6

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY
 ADJUSTMENT UNDER
 NATIONAL TIDE GAUGE
 WATER SURFACE ELEV. 5.82

90 BRUSH SHELFERS IN GROUP OF 354
 INSTALLLED DURING THE FALL OF 1974

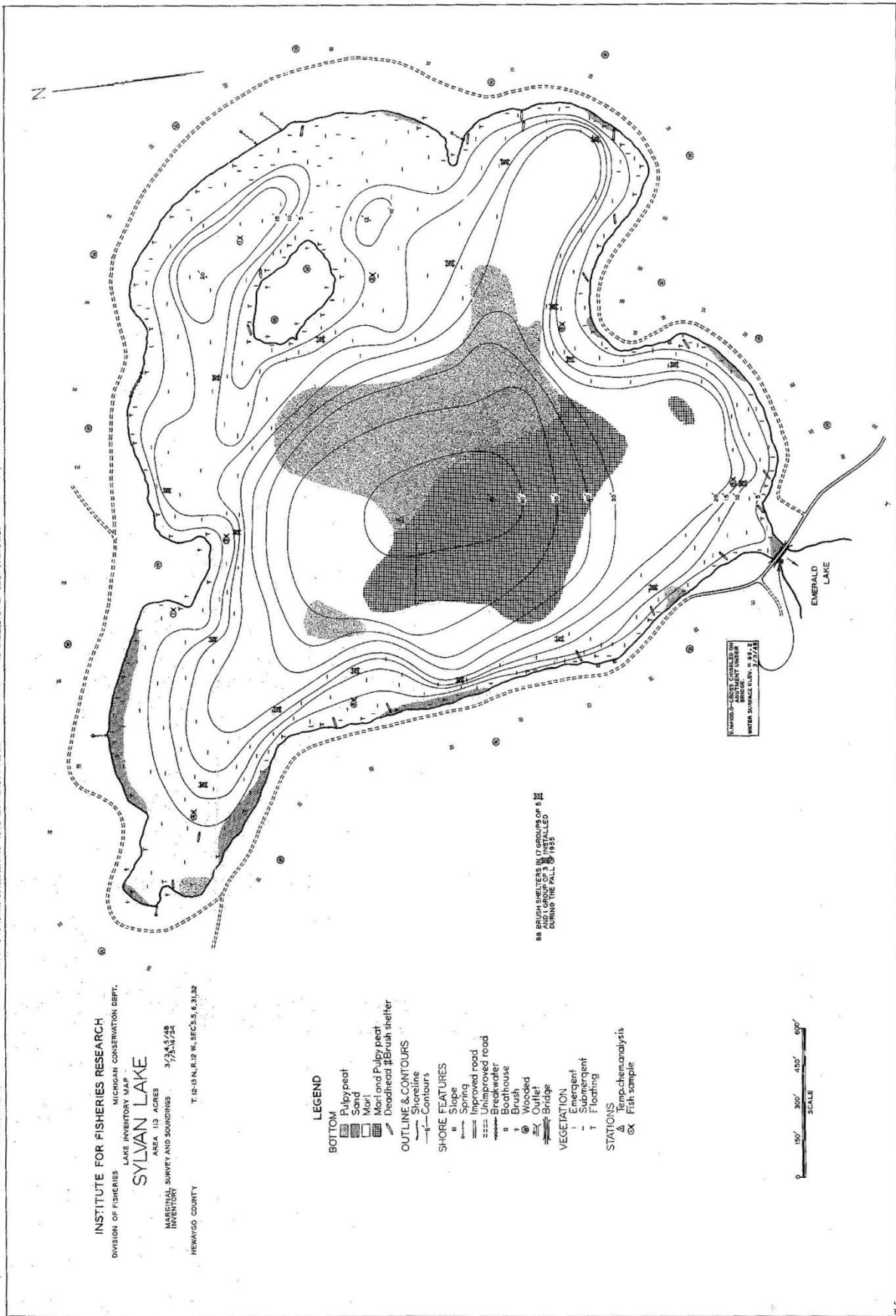


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- BOTTOM**
- Fibrous peat
 - Sand
 - Marl
 - Marl and Pulp peat
 - Pulp peat
 - Decadhead # Brush shelter
- OUTLINE & CONTOURS**
- Shoreline
 - Contours
- SHORE FEATURES**
- Slope
 - Improved road
 - Unimproved road
 - Spring
 - Boathouse
 - Breakwater
 - Brush
 - Wooded
 - Outlet
 - Bridge
- VEGETATION**
- Incipient
 - Shrubland
 - Floating
- STATIONS**
- Temp. diem. analysis
 - Fish sample



The Old Dam Inn

EMERALD LAKE Newago County T. 12 N., R. 12 W., Sec. 6



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 LAKE INVENTORY MAP
SYLVAN LAKE
 AREA 113 ACRES 3/23, 4/15/48
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 T. 12, 13, N. 12, W. SECS. 5, 6, 31, 32
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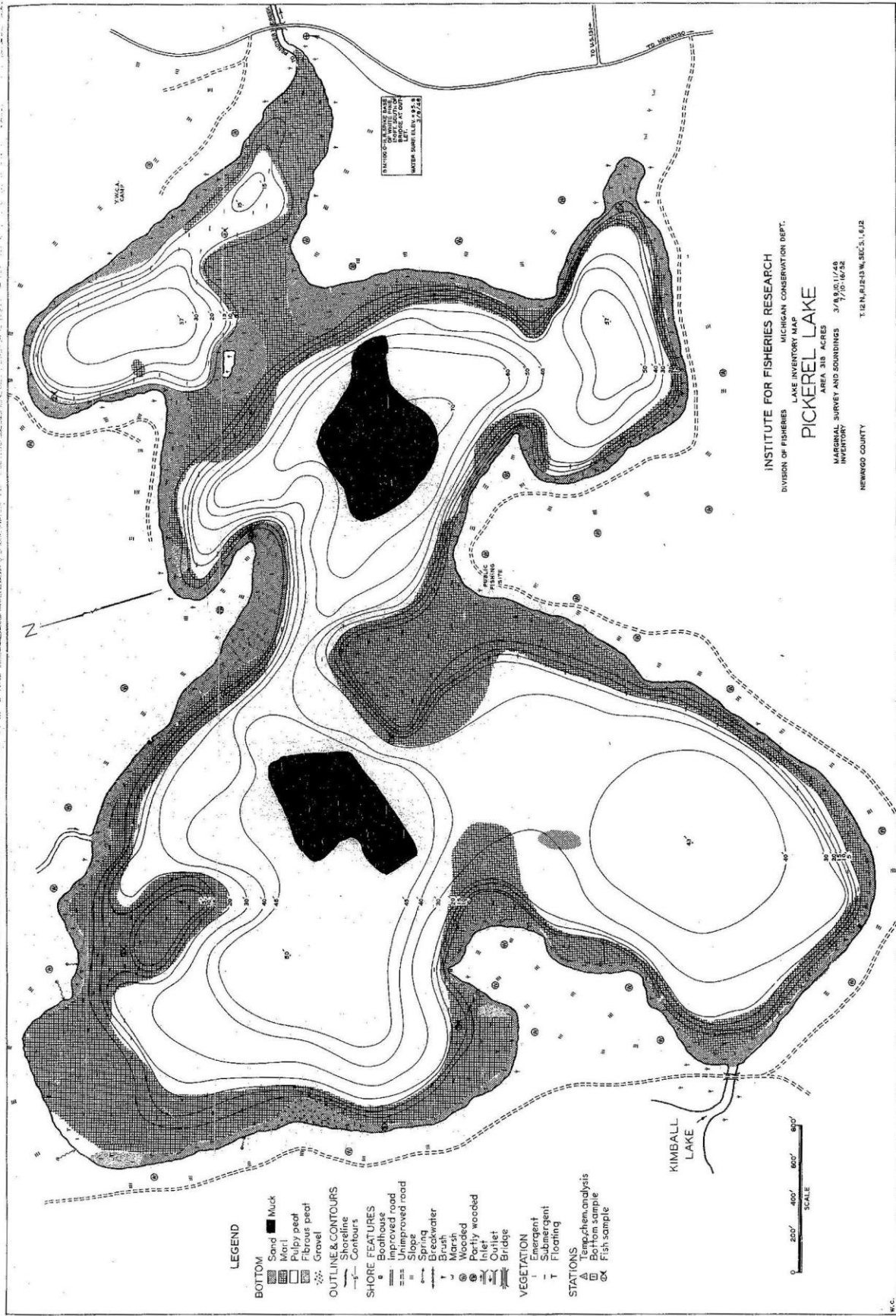
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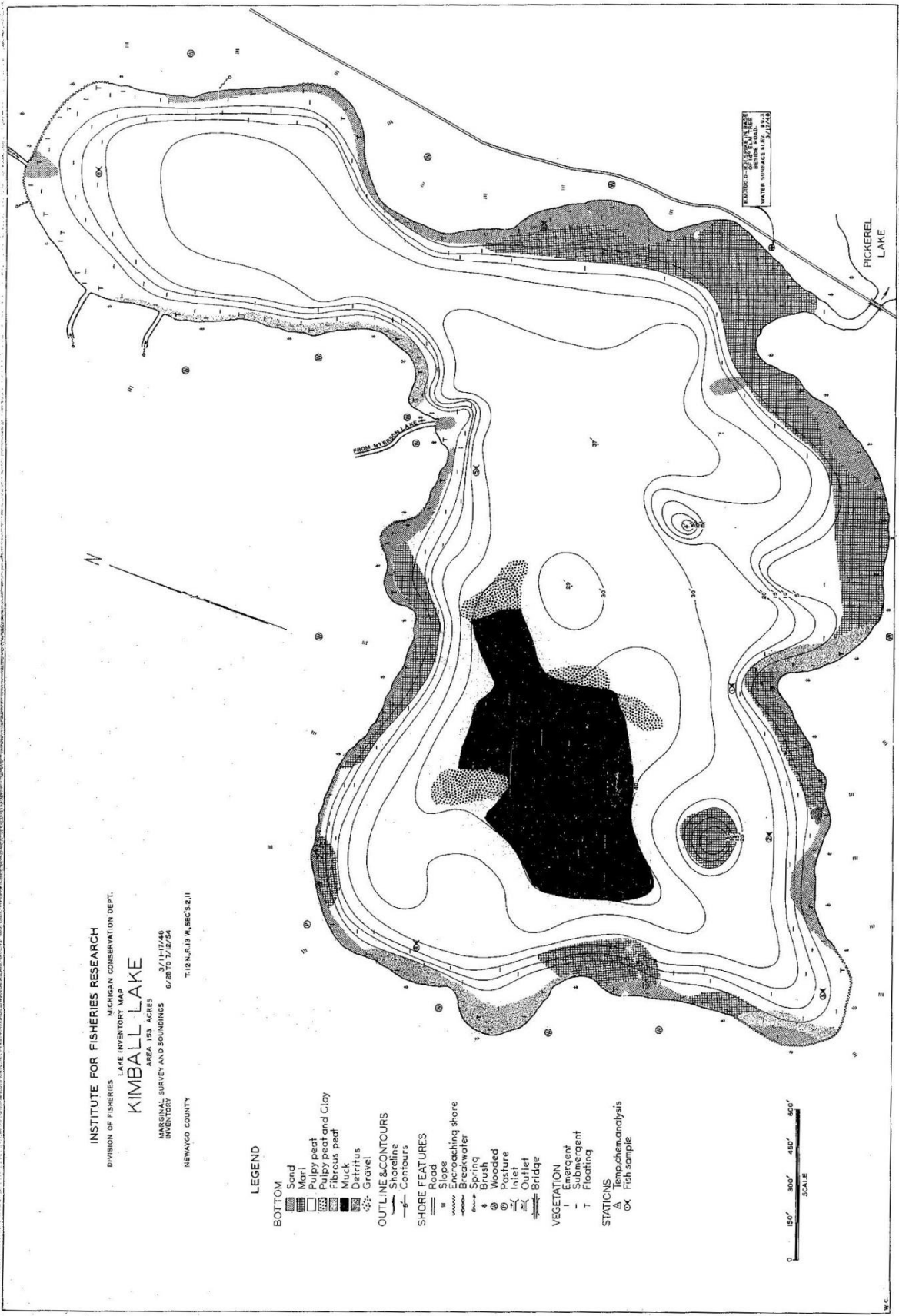
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SYLVAN LAKE, Newaygo County, T. 12, 13, N., R. 12, W., Sec's. 5, 6, 31, 32



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 DIVISION OF FISHERIES LAKE INVENTORY MAPS
KIMBALL LAKE
 AREA 193 ACRES
 INVESTIGATION SURVEY AND SOUNDINGS
 5/17/54
 6/28/57, 7/12/54
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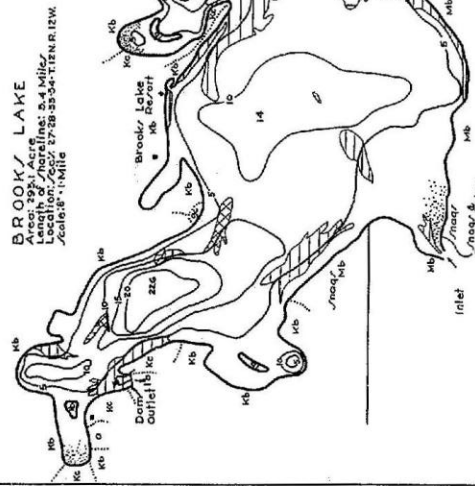
KIMBALL LAKE Newaygo County T. 18 N., R. 13 W., Secs. 2, 11

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 - Marl
 - Pulp peat
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 - Fibrous peat
 - Muck
 - Detritus
 - Gravel
- OUTLINE & CONTOURS**
- Shoreline
 - Contours
- SHORE FEATURES**
- Road
 - Slope
 - Washing shore
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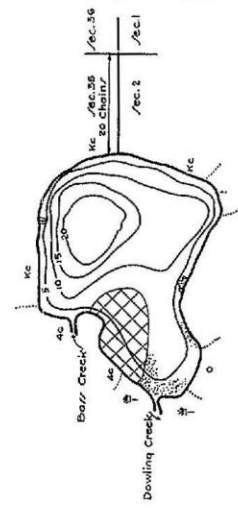
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LAKE AND STREAM SURVEY
BROOKS LAKE - LODA LAKE
Manistee National Forest
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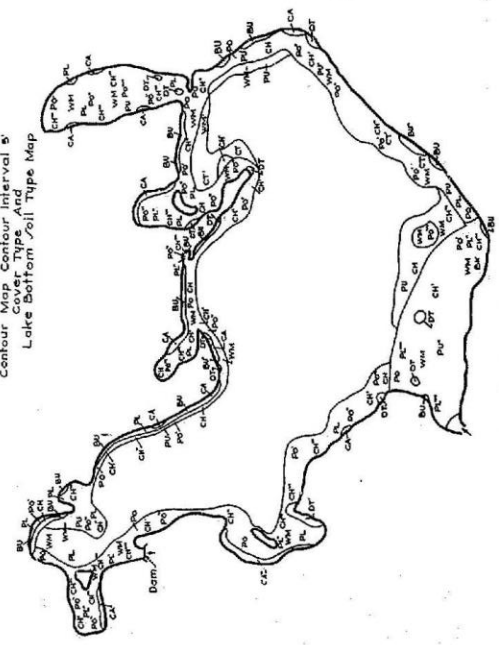


BROOKS LAKE
Area: 199.1 Acres
Perch: 2.4 Miles
Location: Sec. 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, T18N, R12W
Scale: 1" = 1 Mile

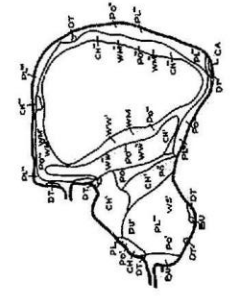
LODA LAKE
Area: 15.6 Acres
Perch: .48 Miles
Location: Sec. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, T18N, R12W
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Contour Map Contour Interval 5'
Cover Type And
Lake Bottom Soil Type Map



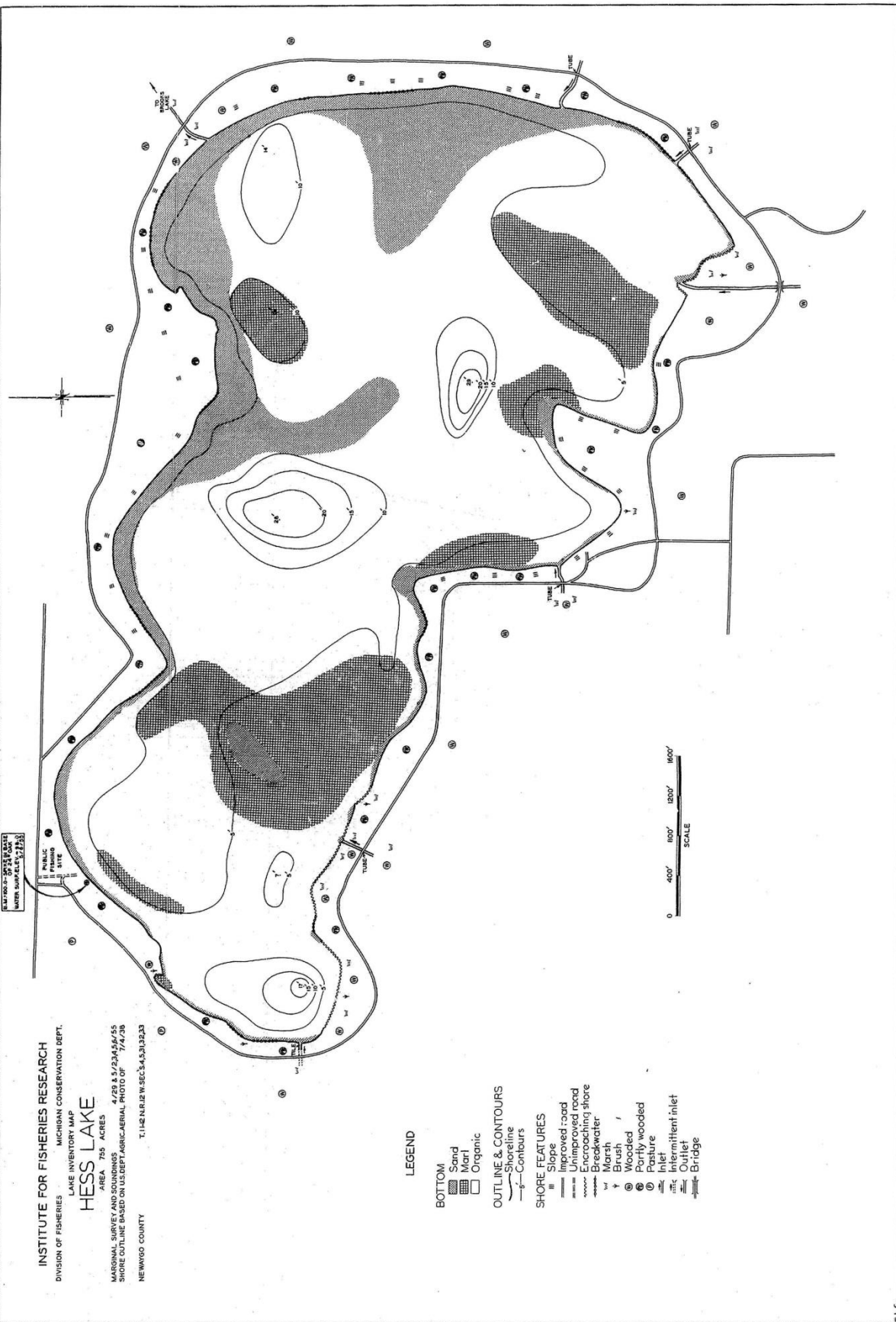
Aquatic Vegetation Map



Aquatic Vegetation Map

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BROOKS LAKE, LODA LAKE, NEWAYGO COUNTY



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 LAKE INVENTORY MAP
HESS LAKE
 AREA: 725 ACRES
 MARGINAL SURVEY AND SHORELINE PHOTO OF 7/4/39
 SHORE OUTLINE BASED ON U.S. DEPT. AGRICULTURAL PHOTO OF 7/4/39
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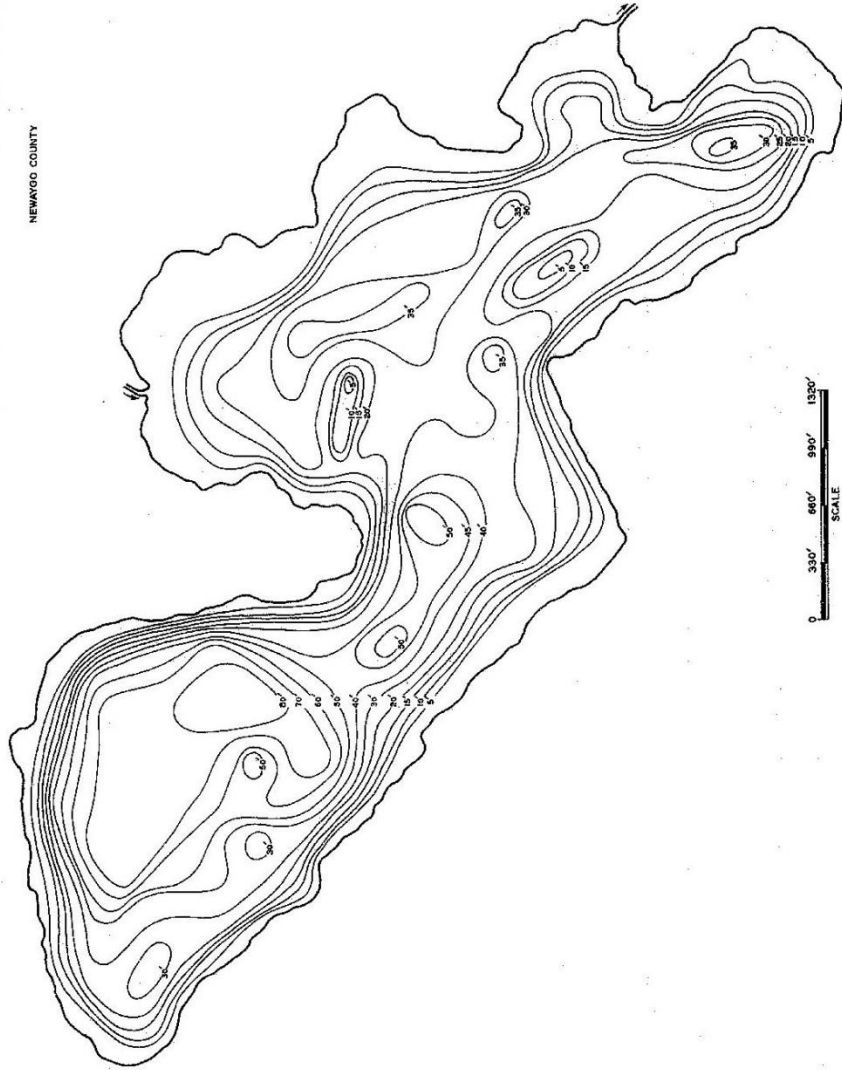
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- Shoreline
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- SHORE FEATURES**
- Steep road
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 - Encroaching shore
 - Breakwater
 - Marsh
 - Brush
 - Wooded
 - Partly wooded
 - Pasture
 - Permit inlet
 - Outlet
 - Bridge



M.S. 100-2-27-38 PLAN NORTH-SOUTH-SECTION 7, 12, 13

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LAKE INVENTORY MAP
RYERSON LAKE
1,068.2 ACRES
NATIONAL SURVEY AND SOUNDINGS BY U.S.F.S.-1941

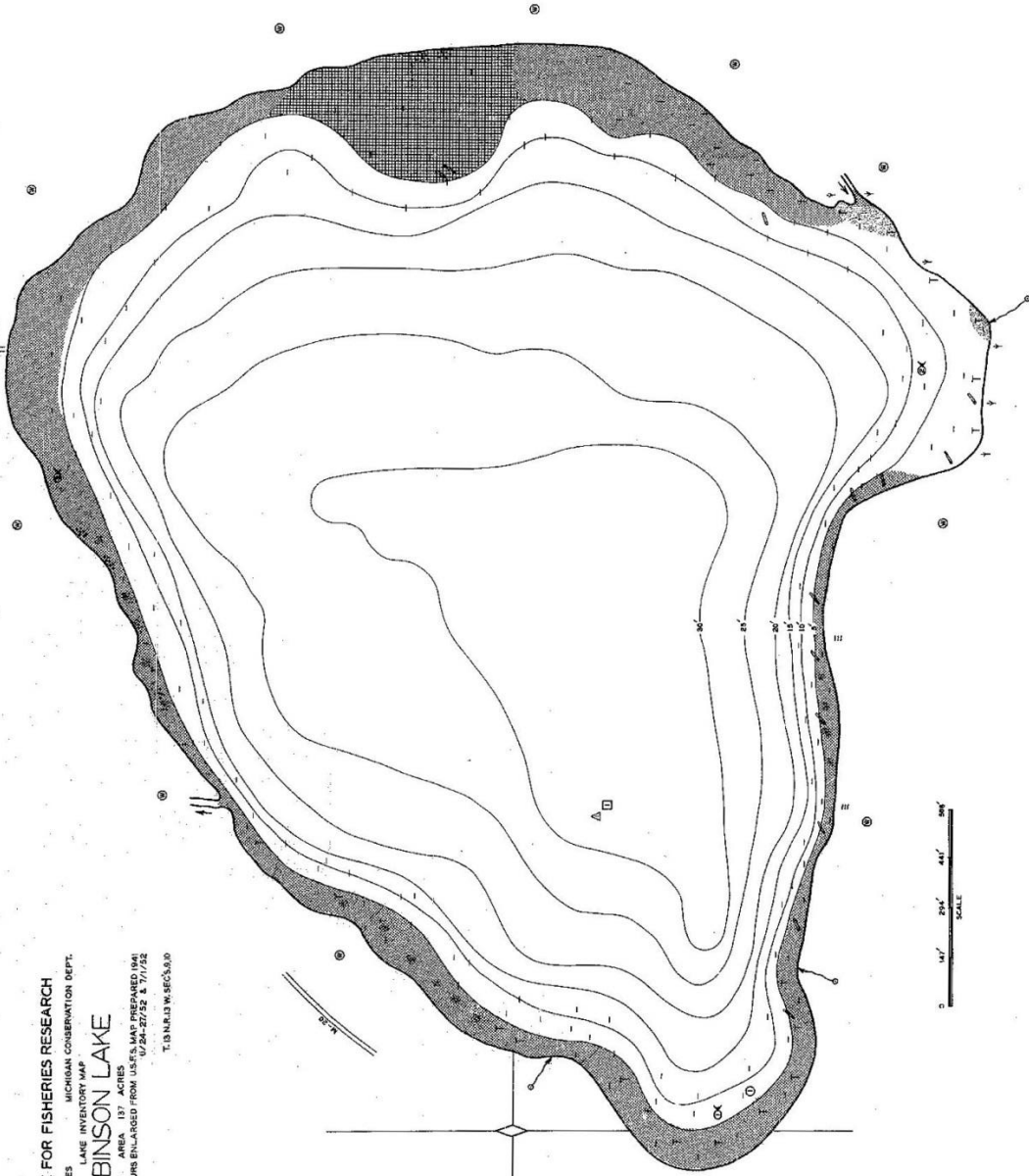
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RYERSON LAKE Newaygo Co. T.13N.R.13W. SECS.27,28,33,34

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 LAKE INVENTORY MAP
ROBINSON LAKE
 AREA 137 ACRES
 OUTLINE AND CONTOURS ENLARGED FROM U.S.G.S. MAP PREPARED 1/17/52
 INVENTORY 1/17/54-2/7/55 & 7/1/55
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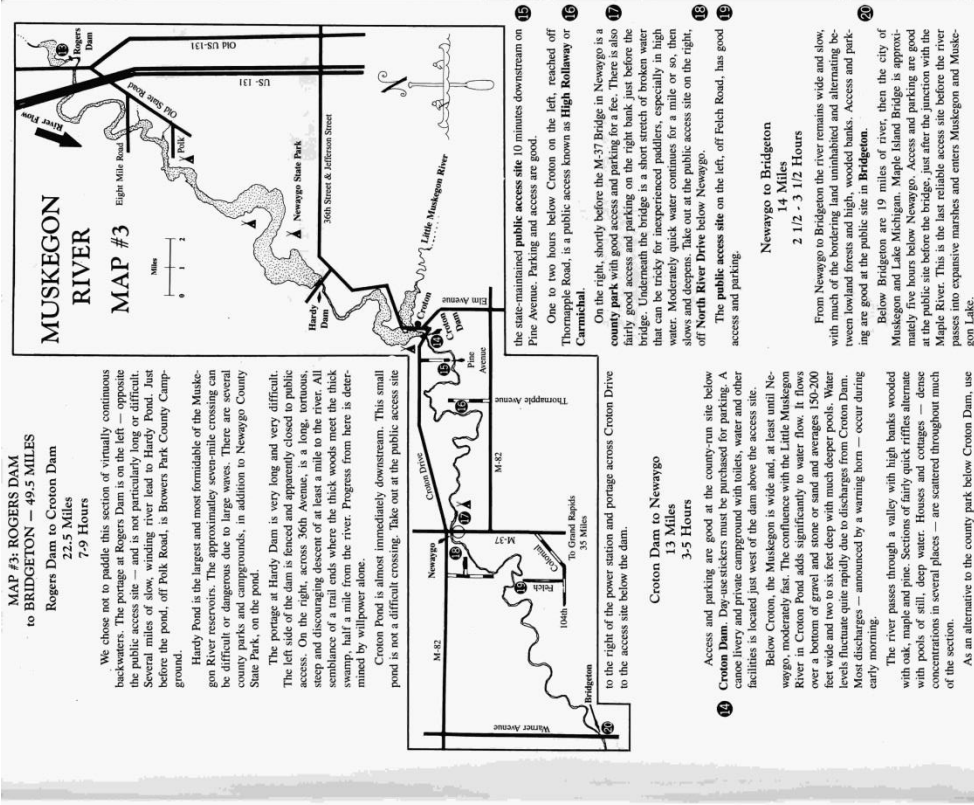
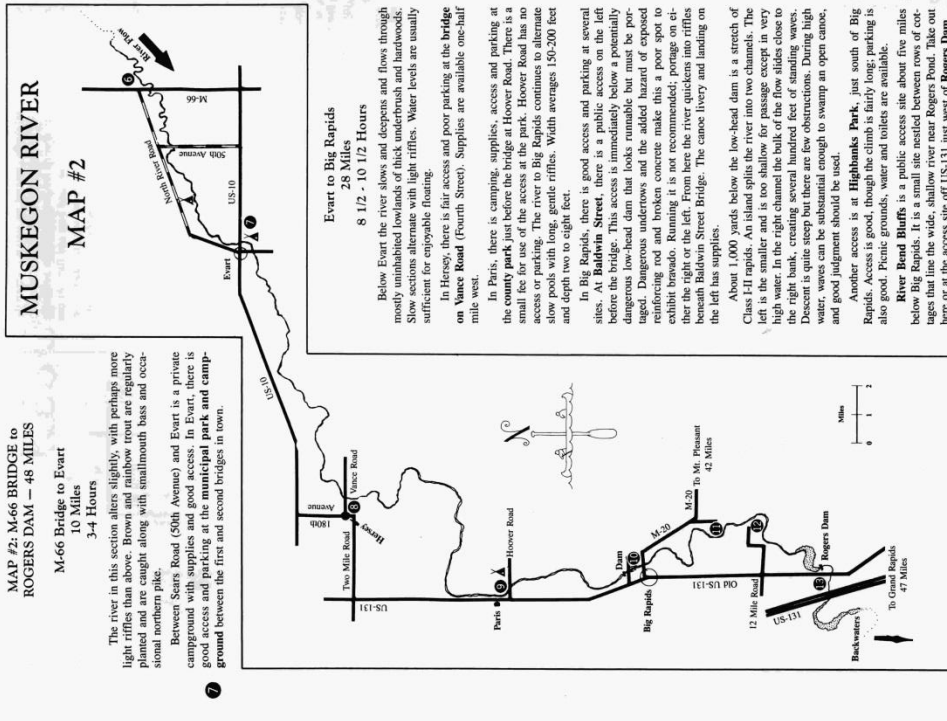


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ROBINSON LAKE Newaygo County T.13 N.R.13 W. Sec's.9,10



WHITE RIVER



Countries: Oceana, Muskegon
Start/End: Hesperia to BR-31 Bridge in Whitehall
Miles: 32.5
Gradient: Hesperia to Pines Point Campground — 11.7 ft/mile
 Other sections — 2.5 ft/mile
Portages: None
Rapids/Falls: None
Campgrounds: Several
Canoe Livery: Several
Skill Required: I

Because it is between two well-known and popular rivers — the Muskegon, to the south, and the Pere Marquette, to the north — the White River tends to be overlooked by canoeists and fishermen alike. A definite lack of accessibility makes it less appealing than its famous neighbors, but, on the other hand, quiet and solitude on this Wild-Scenic designated Natural River may make it more appealing. A relatively small river, it divides conveniently into upper and lower sections, each with a distinct personality. The upper reaches, from Hesperia to Pines Point Campground, are generally shallow and rocky with many riffles, while the lower section tends to be slower and deeper and have sand bottom. Except during spring and other periods of high water (when the upper river, especially, may be rather challenging), the entire river is suitable for beginning paddlers and families with small children. Although much of the river passes through state-forest land, access can be a problem, with many of the better sites privately owned or restricted to canoe-livery customers. It may be necessary to acquire permission to obtain access in certain sections. Several public and private campgrounds make overnight trips possible.

Fishing is primarily for smallmouth bass in the upper river; bass and northern pike are found in the lower section. Spring and fall runs of steelhead and salmon are reported to be heavy, though fishing pressure is light. An extended season from April 1 to December 31 is currently in effect for the entire river to Hesperia Dam.

Hesperia Dam to Pines Point U.S.E.S. Campground
 8.5 Miles
 3-4 Hours

Above Hesperia the river is too shallow and choked with obstacles for enjoyable paddling. Below the dam, low water is common in summer, and some shallow riffles may require walking through. Parking and access are good at **Hesperia Dam** and at Vida Weaver Park, a short distance downstream.

The river throughout the upper section averages 40-60 feet wide and six inches to three feet deep. Gravel and rock bottom, with many shallow riffles, predominates. Current is moderate to fairly quick. Frequent sharp bends, some quite tricky, require basic maneuvering skills. Terrain is low hills and upland hardwood and pine forests. Most bordering land is private with cabins frequent.

Taylor Road Bridge access is controlled by a canoe livery and should not be used without permission. A small store at the bridge has supplies. Fairly quick descent and rock and gravel bottom make the river to here a challenging spring trip and is not recommended for beginners at that time.

Podunk Road access is controlled by a canoe livery and is not for public use.

Pines Point Campground is a U.S. Forest Service Campground with good access and parking, picnic grounds and primitive camping facilities.

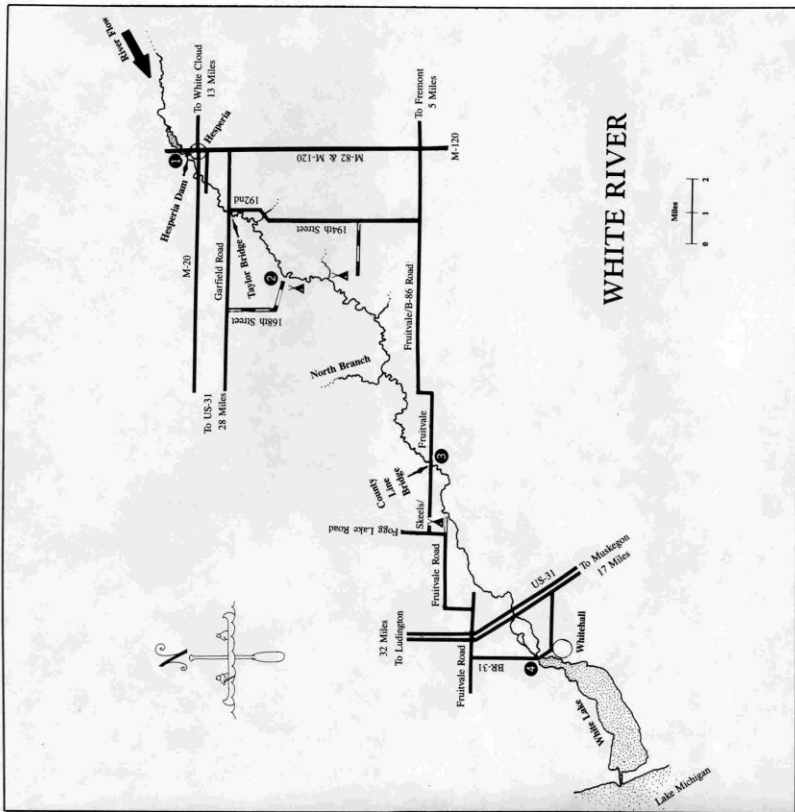
Pines Point Campground to County Line Bridge
 14 Miles
 5-7 Hours

Below Pines Point the river tends to widen and deepen, although not far below the campground, there is a one-mile stretch that can be very low in summer. Bottom changes to predominantly sand. Most of this section flows through the Manistee National Forest, but much of the bordering land is low and swampy, making good campsites infrequent. Abundant wildlife and a sense of seclusion are the main appeal of the lower White. Three to four hours below Pines Point, there is a private campground with supplies and secluded primitive sites.

There are access sites used by canoe liveries at Cisco Rollaway and, one hour further, at Twin Rollaway. However, the roads to them are obscure and difficult to find, and low, steep banks make access difficult.

The North Branch of the White joins the mainstream in this section, adding significant amounts of water. Several minor tributaries are often discolorated, and the White from here downstream tends to be murkier than above.

Access at **County Line Bridge** (Skeels Road) is fair with limited roadside parking. Take out on the left.



County Line Bridge (Skeels Road) to BR-31 in Whitehall
 10 Miles
 5-6 Hours

From County Line Bridge the river remains slow and deep. Width is 60-70 feet, and depth is three to six feet with deeper holes. There is mostly private land with occasional scattered cabins in this area of lowland forests and marshes.

One-half hour below County Line Bridge, the river spreads through extensive marshlands, with channels branching in many

directions. Stay to the right and follow the widest, deepest route.

One hour below County Line Bridge is a private campground with all facilities and some supplies. Most of the remaining river is slow and murky and passes through marshlands. About two hours below County Line Bridge is a private canoe landing that should be used only with permission. Shortly below the landing, the river enters a delta area of wide marshes.

There is no access at the US-31 Bridge, but BR-31 Bridge in Whitehall just before White Lake has a public access site with good access and parking and nearby supplies.