

1 - Harrisville Harbor



The Harrisville Harbor was completed by the US Army Corps of Engineers in 1961. A large basin had to be created along the shoreline by dynamite, dredging, and removing large boulders. The limestone wall was constructed to create the harbor of refuge for anchorage and shelter. A fixed dock was built in 1963, floating dockage was added in 1986, and the current updated comfort station in 2006. The Harbor provides a total of 98 slips, 49 for transient and 49 for seasonal boaters. During the summer months, the Harbor Pavilion provides the backdrop for a variety of activities as well as the city's summer concert series on Wednesday nights.

2 - Widow's Watch Bed & Breakfast



Built circa 1866 by lumber baron George Colwell, the Widow's Watch B&B overlooks Harrisville Harbor. The gazebo, called a Widow's Watch, was once on the roof of the home but has been removed and presently sits on the ground to the north of the house. From this room high above, the house mistress could look out over the lake to watch the boats unloading.

3 - Harrisville Depot



Built in 1901 for the Detroit and Mackinac Railway Company, this cut stone depot was a busy place any day of the week with bustling lumber business in and around Harrisville. Daily trains arrived or departed to destinations such as Detroit or Cheboygan. As the lumber business diminished and automobile use

increased, rail travel became less and less common. The last passenger train left the station on March 31, 1951. Mail and freight service continued through the early 1960's, after which the building was used for occasional storage by the railroad. This depot is one of the few remaining in northern Michigan.

4 - Old Post Office



This former Post Office served the Harrisville area when Lake Street was the main business district. It survived major fires in 1922 and 1923. Harrisville's first woman postmaster, Ethel Colwell, and her assistant Maude Waters sorted mail in this building. The Post Office was later located on Main Street and is currently located on First Street.

5 - Alcona County Review



The Alcona County Review was established in 1877 and is the longest continuously operating business in Alcona County. The building at 111 Lake Street was constructed in 1907 and has been home to the newspaper ever since.

6 - Harbor Master's House



Built in 1913 for the Medor Family, it became known as the "Old Miller House" after the Miller Family took up residence. At different times in history, it was used as a boarding house for teachers and the County Nurse. It was also a "birthing home" - local doctors delivered babies here to women who chose not to travel to Alpena or Tawas. The house was then opened as the "Red Geranium Bed & Breakfast" in the spring of 1987. The house is currently the residence of the Harbor Master, hence it is known as the "Harbor Master's House". The large trees in the front yard are rare Japanese Lilacs which bloom with large white flowers in late June or early July.

7 - The Old Place Inn



The Old Place Inn has stood on Main Street since the 1870's surviving all of Harrisville's fires. It was built during the lumbering period as a home for Joseph Evans, Alcona County's first sheriff. After his death in 1899, the building was remodeled as the "Cottage Hotel" and managed by Mrs. Evans and her daughter. At 7:00 on a Sunday morning in March of 1934, Arthur Newberry reported serving coffee to John Dillinger. The building was remodeled again and, on July 4, 1947, was reopened as "The Harrisville Hotel". In 1973, it opened as the "El Dorado", "Harbor Lights" in 1981, and then "The Old Place Inn" in 1988. The restaurant was closed from 1991 until January 8, 1997, when it again reopened.

8 - Hollyhock Quilt Shoppe



Built in 1866 as the "Alcona House Hotel", this building has always housed a business on the first floor. Before World War II, a soda fountain occupied the building. Subsequently, an appliance store and then a furniture refinisher also occupied the space. It is one of only four buildings to survive an early Harrisville fire. The current Hollyhock Quilt Shoppe opened in May of 2004.

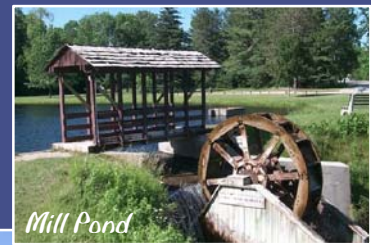
9 - Craftmaker's Cabin



Built in 1937 as an information bureau to promote tourism in Alcona County, the cabin was a WPA (Work Progress Administration) project. The purpose of the WPA was to put people to work after the Great Depression. The cabin was engineered by G.W. Scott of Hubbard Lake, and, according to locals, went up very slowly earning the builders the name "Woodpecker's Association" and the engineer as "Log-a-Day Scott". The building is owned by the City of Harrisville and leased/maintained by the Craftmaker's Cooperative which was formed in 1982. Both members and consignors have contributed their talents and wares to make the cabin a unique place to shop. It still provides information about Alcona County and is open Memorial Day through Labor Day as well as weekends through the first weekend in December.











Huron Shores Heritage Route
Alcona County
Heritage Route
Harrisville
Pedestrian & Bicycle Trail





Harrisville Heritage Route Trail

-  **Harrisville Trail:**
2.5 miles
Arrows show suggested direction
-  **Trailhead:** Trail begins across the street from the Harbor
-  **Black dash marks** are provided every 1/4 mile as measured from the trailhead across from the Harbor in the direction of the arrows.
-  **Parks**
-  **Green numbers** indicate sites of interest and are referenced on the back of the map.
-  **Rest Rooms**
-  **Drinking Water**
-  **Parking**

