

## 1 Alabaster Bike Path & Arboretum



This 4-mile pathway and arboretum winds its way from the southern edge of Tawas City through wooded areas and along the Lake Huron shores. The trail curves in and out of the woods and has a state-of-the-art wooden guard rail that keeps users safe from road traffic. The trail starts at Alabaster Road and goes to Townline Road. The Alabaster

pathway connects to a Tawas pathway that runs through the entire Tawas Bay area and out to Tawas Point State Park.

## 2 Tawas Point State Park & Lighthouse



A nature lover's paradise! The park sits on a point that juts out into Lake Huron. Sandy beaches run along both the bayside and lakeside of the point. For hikers, an interpretive trail runs from the campground to the tip of the park's sandy crescent. Because of its location it attracts a large variety of waterfowl and shorebirds. A birding festival occurs the 3rd weekend in May. The site is also home to a large monarch butterfly population.



**Campground:** There are 193 modern sites, 4 cabins, and a yurt with a shallow, child-friendly swimming beach. There is also a pet-friendly beach, horseshoe pits and a volleyball area.

**Day-Use:** The day use area has a mile of sandy beach on Lake Huron with picnic tables and grills. There is a beach concession that offers great food and drinks. A catch and release fishing pond is also available.

**Tawas Point Lighthouse:** Located within Tawas Point State Park, the lighthouse has been in service since 1876. At night, the keeper's house and tower are illuminated with exterior lights. Tours are available during the summer months.

**Directions:** From East Tawas, take US 23 north one mile to Tawas Beach Road. Turn right and proceed 2.5 miles. A DNR entry fee/permit is required.

[michigan.gov/dnr](http://michigan.gov/dnr)

## 3 East Tawas City Park Campground



Long one of Michigan's most popular family campgrounds, the East Tawas City Park features 178 available campsites with full hookup including Cable TV. The park Day-Use area features a 36' octagonal gazebo, 2 sets of horseshoe pits, a "Mystery Ship" themed play structure, picnic tables and grills for your enjoyment. The gazebo is also available for private rental. The campground and Day-Use area also feature 1,600' of groomed, sandy beach that is open to the public for no charge. An easy access to fishing is off the State Pier.

[easttawascitypark.com](http://easttawascitypark.com)

## 4 Northeast MI Regional Farm Market



Operated Wednesdays at AuSable Shoreline Park in Oscoda and Saturdays at Gateway Park in Tawas City. This market runs rain or shine from Memorial Day until October. Great vendors offer heirloom veggies, organically grown greens, cheeses, berries, honey products, prepared foods, pastries, eggs, potted herbs, soaps and skin care, large bouquets, plants, and much more. Shake the hand that feeds you!

[getitfresh.org](http://getitfresh.org)

## 5 Tuttle Marsh



Wonderful bird-watching opportunities abound in this 5,000 acre wetland complex. Of special interest are the Osprey nesting platforms. Herons, Bitterns, plus many other wetland bird, insect, mammal, reptile, amphibian and plant species make this marsh their home. During the spring and fall migratory seasons, it is a stopover for several types of waterfowl. Tuttle Marsh is a favorite destination during the annual mid-May Tawas Point Birding Festival. Location: From Oscoda, take Old U.S. 23 approximately five miles to Tuttle Marsh Rd, then turn left into the entrance road. From Tawas, travel north on Wilbur Rd to Sherman Rd, turn right on May Rd, right on Brooks Rd, left on Swan Creek Rd, left on Davison and follow to Tuttle Marsh Rd.

[ausablevalleyaudubon.com](http://ausablevalleyaudubon.com)

## 6 Lumberman's Monument



This huge bronze memorial to Michigan's lumbering era sits on a high bluff overlooking the sparkling waters of the AuSable River. Erected in 1932, interpretive signs and exhibits tell the story of moving logs from forests to the mills. Children enjoy climbing the log jam and using the crosscut saw. Hike the 260 steps down to the edge of the river to board the Wanigan, a replica of the floating cook shacks that followed the river log-drives. Location: Intersection of River Road and Monument Road. [byways.org](http://byways.org) [fs.usda.gov](http://fs.usda.gov)

## 7 Huron National Forest & River Road National Scenic Byway



From US 23 in downtown Oscoda, travel west on the River Road National Scenic Byway into the Huron National Forest. This route travels along the high banks of the AuSable River valley where visitors may enjoy panoramic views of the river and the natural beauty of the Huron National

Forest. The US Forest Service offers primitive campsites along the riverbanks and on islands of the AuSable River. Full-service camping is available along the Foote Pond reservoir at Oscoda Township's Old Orchard Park Campground. The Huron National Forest and AuSable River valley offer opportunities for fishing, canoeing, swimming, birding, hunting, snowmobiling, and Michigan's "Capital of Cross Country Skiing" at Corsair Park. [www.byways.org](http://www.byways.org) [http://fs.usda.gov](http://http://fs.usda.gov) [forestcamping.com](http://forestcamping.com) [www.oldorchardparkcampground.com](http://www.oldorchardparkcampground.com)

## 8 AuSable River Queen



A double-decker, authentic paddle wheel patriotically painted in Red, White and Blue! Two-hour excursions offer a view of wildlife and beautiful scenery and you can relax as the captain narrates this area's colorful history. It is a popular fall color destination, requiring reservations for weekend trips. The AuSable River Queen is accessible with a heated lower deck, snack bar, and onboard restroom facilities. It accommodates tour bus groups and can be reserved for wedding receptions or special occasions. [ausableriverqueen.com](http://ausableriverqueen.com)

## 9 Oscoda Area Beaches



Public parks and resorts along Oscoda's Lake Huron shoreline include uncommon stretches of "Sugar Sand" swimming beaches. Oscoda Township Beach Park is located at the east end of River Road. This park features a 300 hundred foot observation and fishing pier, playground equipment, skateboard ramps and obstacles, water spray park, basketball court and public restrooms. Free concerts are offered at the "Community Bandshell" at 7 pm Thursday evenings during the summer. Three miles north of downtown are the Huron Sunrise Park and the MDOT Rest Area. These two parks provide public access to one mile of undeveloped Lake Huron beach and shoreline. Oscoda public parks are open from sunrise to 10 pm. [oscoda.com](http://oscoda.com) [oscodachamber.com](http://oscodachamber.com)

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## 10 AuSable Shoreline Park



The site has everything a water lover could want. The park has a beautiful sandy beach, harbor, boat launch, and marine facilities. There are fully handicapped accessible features including a birding platform, boardwalk and picnic facilities just south of the AuSable River Bridge.

Check out our video series featuring...

*Tuttle Marsh*



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## Tourism Information

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### Oscoda-AuSable Chamber of Commerce

[oscodachamber.com](http://oscodachamber.com) 4440 North US 23  
1-800-235-4625 Oscoda, Michigan 48750

### Oscoda Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

[oscoda.com](http://oscoda.com) PO Box 572  
1-877-8-OSCODA Oscoda, Michigan 48750

### Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce

[tawas.com](http://tawas.com) 228 Newman Street, East Tawas, MI 48730  
1-800-55-TAWAS 989-362-8643

### Tawas Bay Tourist & Convention Bureau

[tawasbay.com](http://tawasbay.com) PO Box 10  
1-877-TO-TAWAS Tawas City, MI 48764

### Up North Trails

5,300 miles of trails in Northern MI!  
[upnorthtrails.org](http://upnorthtrails.org)

### Michigan DNR

[michigan.gov/dnr](http://michigan.gov/dnr)

### National Scenic Byways

[byways.org](http://byways.org)

### Huron National Forest

[fs.fed.us](http://fs.fed.us)

### National Forest

Campground Guide  
[forestcamping.com](http://forestcamping.com)

### Sunrise Coast Birding Trail

145-mile birding trail  
[sunrisecoastbirding.org](http://sunrisecoastbirding.org)

### ARTrail

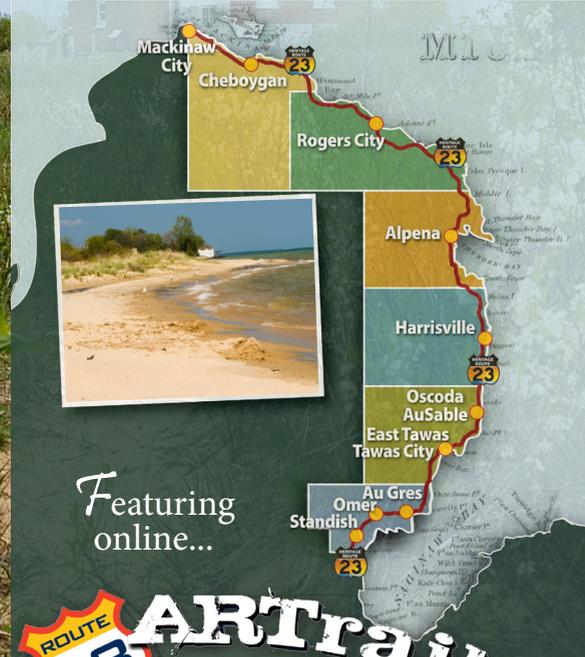
200-mile arts & culture trail  
[artownmichigan.org](http://artownmichigan.org)

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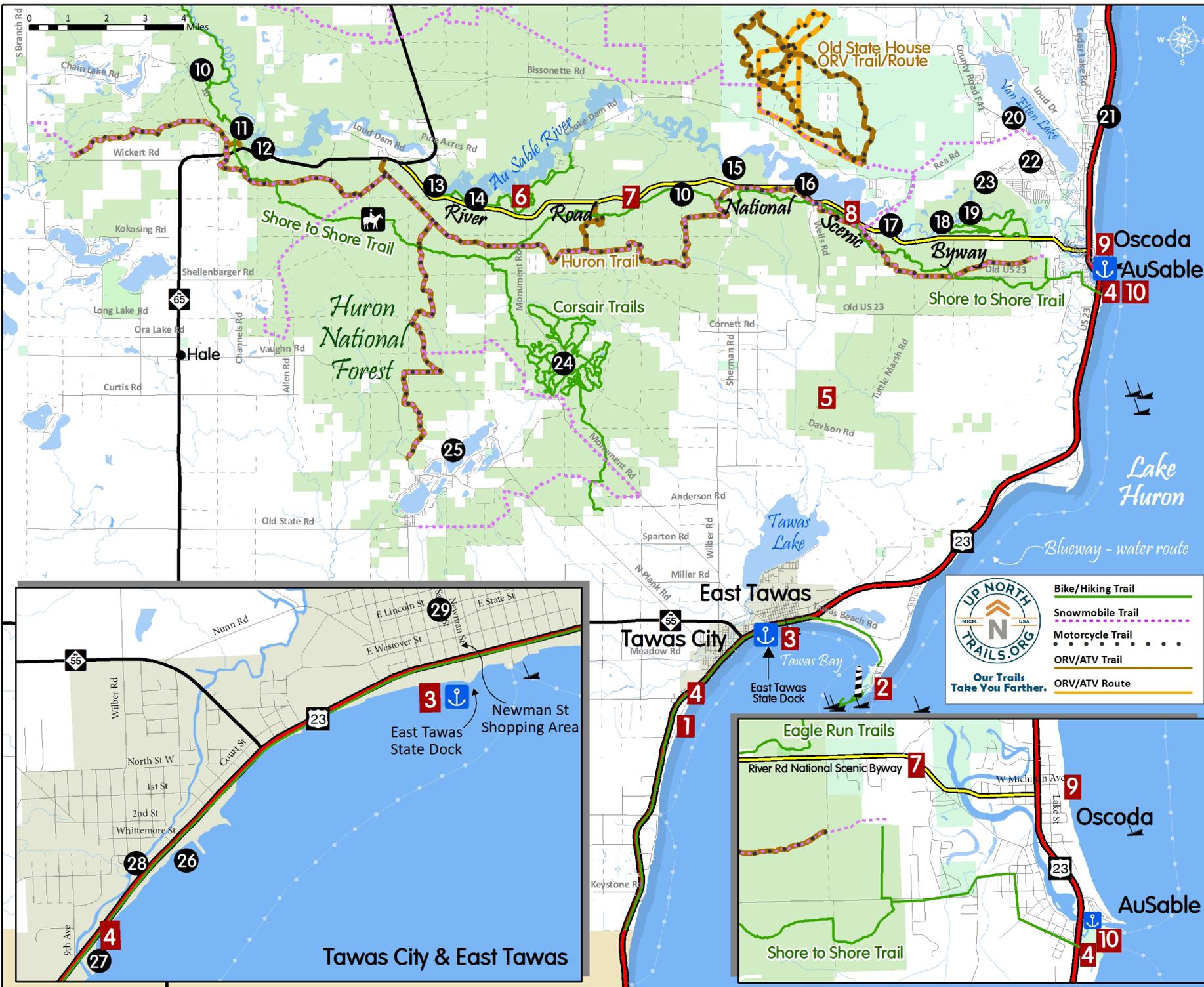


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The US 23 Heritage Route...an official 200-mile Pure Michigan Byway along Lake Huron's coast.

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**KEY** US 23 Heritage Route River Road National Scenic Byway

Marina	Drinking Water	Mountain Biking
Boat Launch	Picnic	Bike Trails
Playground	Showers	Snowmobile Trail
Camping	Wildlife Viewing	Walking Trails
Restrooms	Hunting	Ski Trails
Swimming	Concessions	Horse Trails
Bandshell	Fishing	ATV Trails
Scenic Views	Kayak/Canoe Launch	

**Our Trails Take You Farther.**

- Bike/Hiking Trail
- Snowmobile Trail
- Motorcycle Trail
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- ORV/ATV Route

