

1 Alabaster Non-Motorized Pathway



This 4-mile pathway 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 another 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.



Campgrounds: There are 195 modern sites with a shallow swimming beach. Very child-friendly! There are also horseshoe pits, a volleyball area, and a ball diamond.

Picnicking: A picnic area is available for day-use.

Tawas Point Lighthouse: Now 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.

Location: 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.

For more information, please contact the Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce at 800-558-2927.

3 East Tawas City Park Campground



Located on the Bay, it is conveniently adjacent to the downtown business district and the East Tawas Harbor of Refuge. With 174 modern sites with full hook-ups and 1,600 feet of white sandy beach, it makes a perfect vacation site. An easy access to fishing is off the State Pier. A paved bicycle/pedestrian pathway connects the campground to the rest of the city. Information: etcp@charterinternet.com or please call 989-362-5562.

4 AuSable Valley Audubon Trails



There are wonderful bird watching opportunities all along several marked hiking trails which include large eagle populations. The largest area is the Tuttle Marsh National Wildlife Area, a 400-acre impoundment surrounded by hundreds of acres of wetlands. Water birds abound. Herons, bitterns and many shore birds make this marsh their home. During the spring and fall migratory seasons, it is a stopping point for several types of ducks and geese. Tuttle Marsh is part of the AuSable Valley Audubon Trails with several marked hiking trails. Location: From Oscoda, take US 23 (AuSable Road) to Tuttle Marsh Road. For more information, go to www.ausablevalleyaudubon.com.

5 Huron National Forest



From US 23 in downtown Oscoda, travel west on the River Road National Scenic Byway which serves as the east-west route 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. More information may be obtained at:

www.byways.org
www.forestcamping.com
www.oldorchardparkcampground.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. For those willing to hike the 260 steps down to the edge of the river, they can board the Wanigan, a replica of the floating cook shacks that followed the river log-drives. Location: Intersection of River Road and Monument Road. Further information is available at www.byways.org and <http://fs.usda.gov/hmnf>.

7 Northeast Regional Farm Market



Operated Wednesdays at AuSable's Shoreline Park in Oscoda and Saturdays at the Episcopal Church's parking lot in East Tawas. This market runs from Memorial Day until the end of produce season. Flowers, breads, and prepared foods are for sale as well as a wide variety of locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables. Shake the hand that feeds you! www.getitfresh.org

8 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 is a fully handicapped accessible birding platform just south of the AuSable River Bridge.

9 Oscoda Area Beaches



Public parks and resorts along Oscoda's Lake Huron shoreline include uncommon stretches of "Sugar Sand" swimming beaches. Oscoda Beach Park is located at the east end of River Road. This park includes restrooms, playground equipment and skating ramps. 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. Further information can be found at www.oscodachamber.com.

Second Homes



Iosco County has long been the lifetime vacation destination for owners of lakefront cottages and hunting camps. Within this region it is still possible to obtain lakefront and forested property at a relatively affordable price. For anyone considering buying a vacation home, discovering Iosco County can be particularly exciting. Nowhere can you find better beaches, scenic forests, and sparkling rivers than in Iosco County. For more information, contact the Northeast Michigan Board of Realtors at www.prohomesellers.com.

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 1-800-55-TAWAS Tawas City, MI 48764


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National Scenic Byways
www.byways.org

US National Forest Campground Guide
www.forestcamping.com

Huron National Forest
<http://fs.usda.gov/hmnf>

Michigan Department of Natural Resources & Environment
www.michigan.gov/dnr

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- River Road National Scenic Byway
- Paved Multi-Use Trail
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- Footpath
- Snowmobile Trail
- Paved Roads
- Unpaved Roads
- Huron National Forest
- State Forest

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| Marina | Fishing |
| Boat Launch | Walking Trails |
| Recreation Area | Bike Trails |
| Camping | Ski Trails |
| Restrooms | Snowmobile Trailhead |
| Drinking Water | RV Park |
| Picnic | Scenic Viewing |
| Showers | Wildlife Area |
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