



The Greenbush Route



A Huron Shores Heritage Route Bike Tour

Total Trip: 11 mile and 17 mile loops



Overview Map of Alcona Bike Tours

T H Trailhead
Harrisville Harbor on Lake Street



Travel the "Greenbush Route" .. 5 Historical Marker: United Methodist Church

0.3 mi From the trailhead, turn south (left) on Lake Street to Church St. Right on Church St to US 23. United Methodist Church (Historic Marker 5) on SW corner of Church & US 23.

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 classes 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 1924.

7.3 mi Turn left (south) on US 23. Craftmaker's Cabin (Historic Marker 6) on SW corner of US 23 & M-72. Continue on US 23 to Huron Cedar Rd.

6 Historical Marker: Craftmaker's Cabin

The cabin was built as a WPA project in 1936 to house the new Resort Bureau Headquarters and Information Bureau. The rustic log structure, 22' x 32' in size, was built of Norway pine logs, one foot in diameter, was erected without chinking, and with irregular hewed ends similar to lumber camp buildings in Alcona in the 1890s. Inside, the staircase has a large curved log for a handrail, steps of flattened logs, and a massive stone fireplace with a log mantel. The Craftmakers' Cabin was one of 125,110 buildings built or repaired during the WPA's eight year history. After several seasons it was closed. Later, the Chamber of Commerce reopened the cabin, hoping to encourage tourism. In 1982 it became an outlet for homemade arts and crafts.

3.0 mi Turn right (west) on Huron Cedar Road, then right (north) on Cedar Lake Dr, then right again on Cedar Lake Rd. Steer near Quilt Panel at left (west) on north side of Campbell St (one block from Cedar Lake Rd). Back on Cedar Lake Rd, continue to F-30.

5.8 mi OPTIONAL MARTELL RD LOOP: Continue south on US 23 to Martell Rd. Right (west) on Martell Rd to Cedar Lake Dr, right on Cedar Lake Dr, right on Cedar Lake Rd to F-30.

3 Historical Marker: 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.

4.8 mi At intersection of F-30 and Cedar Lake Rd, turn right on F-30 to US 23. Then turn left (north) on US 23 to Main Street in Harrisville.

0.4 mi Turn right on Main St. Old Place Inn and Hollyhock Quilt Shoppe (Historic Markers 3 & 4) on left. Turn left on Lake St to trailhead at the Harbor.

4 Historical Marker: 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.

★ Quilt Trail Panel

Before You Ride

- Water is only available at trailhead. Bring your own water on the trip.
- Cell phone reception varies and does not exist along some route segments.
- County roads have gravel shoulder. US 23 has paved shoulder.
- Be predictable and operate like a vehicle.
- Always wear an approved helmet.
- Ride with traffic.
- Use hand signals.
- Be mindful of other traffic.
- Wear appropriate clothing.
- Use lights at night.

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