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Welcome to
INDIAN RIVER

Parked squarely in the center of all that is fun in northern lower Michigan, Indian River is approximately 30 miles south of the Straits of Mackinac, between Burt and Mullett Lakes, not far from Lakes Michigan and Huron for boating and fishing and in the midst several state parks and vast stretches of forest land that provide areas for camping, ORV riding, snowmobiling and hunting.

In the past, people arrived by trains or steam-powered passenger boats. These days most people drive, coming off I-75 at either Exit 310 or 313. You could also fly in through either the Pellston Airport or Pratt-Campbell Field. If you wanted to, you could come by boat through the locks in Cheboygan or even walk or bike in along the recreational trail that runs from Gaylord to Mackinaw City.

There are plenty of places to stay in Indian River - either short term or long term. There are both state and private campgrounds along with a variety of motels as well as cottages and houses that can be rented for vacations. If you’re having so much fun on vacation that you decide you want to make Indian River home, something many people have done over the years, contact one of the local real estate agents.

Indian River is located in the center of the Inland Water Route, a 38-mile chain of lakes and rivers that begins in Conway and empties into Lake Huron at Cheboygan.

The diverse boating, fishing and swimming opportunities provided by the lakes and rivers on the Water Route along with nearby streams are difficult to match. You can have a fun day on the water in everything from a kayak or stand-up paddleboard on up to cabin cruiser. Pontoon boats are very popular and if winds make the lakes choppy, you can still have a great time cruising around in the rivers.

Fishing has been drawing people to Indian River for more than a century. Many of the homes along the shoreline started out as part of fishing resorts. In 2016, a state record smallmouth bass was caught in the Indian River by a fisherman casting from a dock.

Indian River is surrounded by forests and trails ideal for hunting, snowmobiling and ORV riding. With the new side-by-side vehicles, ORV riding has been booming in popularity. In recent years, Indian River has hosted fall color tours that draw hundreds of ORV riders of all ages from several states. Indian River has a snowmobile grooming club that keeps area trails in superb condition throughout the winter. There are also groomed cross country ski trails nearby.
Pat & Gary’s Party Store in Indian River hosts one of Michigan’s largest buck poles. Hundreds of hunters show up on the evening of opening day and prizes valued at several thousand dollars are awarded to successful hunters.

Indian River is also home to the Cross in the Woods, the world’s largest crucifix and one of Michigan’s top tourist destinations. Hundreds of thousands of people from throughout the world come to see the Cross each year. (See feature elsewhere in this booklet for additional information and photos.)

Burt Lake State Park is adjacent to the Cross in the Woods and offers more than 300 camp sites along with a park, beach area and boat launch ramp on Burt Lake. Camp sites were improved last fall and the boat launch is being expanded. There are also several private campgrounds in the area.

If a more primitive camping trip or spending time in a more remote location farther away from people is more your speed, Indian River is at the northern edge of the Pigeon River State Forest. The Pigeon River State Forest is home to the largest wild elk herd east of the Mississippi River. There are designated elk viewing areas within the State Forest. There are also thousands of acres of forestland for hunting, fishing, mushroom and berry picking and hiking.

If you’re a golfer, the Indian River Golf Club has a beautiful 18-hole course and within an hour’s drive there are dozens of other 9-hole and 18-hole courses.
During a 40-mile trip on Saturday and another on Sunday, racers kneeling on foam cushions in small outboard boats that are less than 15-feet long and weigh less than 200 pounds race through the rivers and lakes of the Inland Water Route.

The 2020 race will take place Aug. 8 & 9. As has been happening for more than 70 years, racers from all over the U.S. will be coming to northern Michigan to compete in a race that in boat racing circles has become legendary.

For drivers, the race has a little bit of everything. The race starts both days at DeVoe Beach in Indian River with drivers feeling their hearts race when they hear the word’s “Flag’s up.” Once the flag drops, then the adventure begins. Whether it’s racing for the turn buoy in Burt Lake, leaning into the curves of the Indian and Crooked Rivers, flying across the open water while crossing Burt Lake, feeling like you’re in a high-speed parade on water as you pass the Green Docks, the Cheboygan River railroad bridge or the Alanson swing bridge, breathing a sigh of relief upon seeing Topinabee on the way back from taking a beating on Mullett Lake, or enjoying a sense of accomplishment upon crossing the finish line there’s something going on every second of the race.

Saturday’s race begins in Indian River and travels through the Indian River into Mullett Lake through the Cheboygan River to Cheboygan and then back again. Sunday’s race crosses Burt Lake, goes into the Crooked River, through Crooked Lake to Conway, then back to Indian River, through the Indian River into Mullett Lake and back to the finish line.

The pit area is at DeVoe Beach and spectators are welcome to come in and meet the drivers. In recent years there has been a growing number of young drivers, both male and female. Veteran racers often help new racers get into racing. There are multiple classes of boats for adult racers and there’s also a junior class in which young racers get their start in racing on an abbreviated course. In recent years, the race has typically drawn about 100 boats.

The race is organized by the Top O' Michigan Outboard Racing Club. Law enforcement agencies, emergency responders and volunteers in patrol boats assist in making the race a safe and fun event. In 2019, the Top O’ Michigan Racing Club worked with people from Grand Lake in Presque Isle County to establish a new race, the Fireside 500. That race will celebrate its second year in 2020, not quite the 70-plus years of the Top O’ Michigan race, but a good start.
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ABOVE THE ORDINARY
W.W. Fairbairn & Sons in Alanson is celebrating their 125th anniversary in 2020. The business was founded by Walter Wayne Fairbairn in 1895, a time when things were just a bit different in northern Michigan.

It was the height of the lumbering era and Walter had a manually operated grinding stone and sharpened axes and saw blades for the lumbering camps. He also had a heavy-duty sewing machine he used to repair the lumberjacks’ boots. More than a century later, the grinding stone and sewing machine remain on display as a reminder of the business’ roots.

From axes, saws and boots the business expanded into hardware and plumbing. Walter was the first master plumber north of Grand Rapids. In those days, a person could travel either by roads or by rivers and lakes. The main difference was that sometimes the lakes were smooth. Consequently, Walter would often load his plumbing tools and supplies into a boat and travel by water to either install or maintain the plumbing systems in cottages and homes that were being built around the area lakes.

W.W. Fairbairn & Sons started out and remains a family-owned and operated business, now in its fifth generation. Walter Wayne, the original W.W. Fairbairn was the first generation. Clifford and Morley Fairbairn were the second generation. Tom and Wayne Fairbairn were the third generation. Tom Fairbairn Jr. is the fourth generation and Samantha Fairbairn is the fifth generation.

Over 125 years a lot of things changed, but some things remain the same. W.W. Fairbairn & Sons has always been in downtown Alanson in the big building on the corner and the cornerstone of the business has always been service and taking care of people.

The hardware store is a traditional hardware store. If you’re working on a project, be it home repair, cooking, canning, gardening or even feeding the birds and need a tool, a part or supplies you can go into Fairbairns’ and they help you find what you need to get done what you need to get done. The plumbing and heating branch of the business expanded into the building immediately north of the hardware store in 2017. Service is also the foundation of that part of the operation.

“We’ve been fortunate. We really have,” Tom says. “It’s our customer base. We’ve been here to serve our customers and that’s what we’re here for now. Our trump card is service, whether its out front in the store for people who come in here and say, ‘Can you help me with this?’ or when we’re taking care of somebody’s cottage on Crooked Lake or repairing a furnace.”

Being a fifth generation family-owned business in its 125th year is a blessing and tribute to hard work and being able to adapt that the present day Fairbairns appreciate and look forward to celebrating.

“I don’t think there are a lot of businesses, if any at all, in northern Michigan that can say they’re fifth generation, family-owned and still in the same location,” Samantha said. “It’s definitely a big legacy to live up to.”

Various plans are in the works to celebrate the 125th anniversary year. In addition to having anniversary stickers and decals, Samantha said they want to have a celebration party in July in downtown Alanson.
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According to Kathy Ginop, who has chaired the barbecue for more than 20 years, the event started when some of the ladies from the Burt Lake Christian Church decided to have a Thursday dinner because at that time a lot of the resorters had cooks and Thursday was cooks day off. The dinner has grown into an annual event that in recent years has served more than 1,000 chickens to people who come from throughout the region.

The dinner is co-sponsored by the Burt Lake Christian Church and the Burt Lake Community Club. The Community Club is located next door to the church on M-68 in Burt Lake. The chicken is cooked in barbecue pits next to the Club building. Other food is cooked inside the building and dinners are served both in the building or as take-out orders.

While barbecued chicken began and remains as the cornerstone of the meal, other menu items have evolved over the years. In the early years corn was cooked in hot sand with fire on top of the corn and sand. When it came time to pull the corn from the sand, men walked out on large planks and raked off the fire so the corn could be retrieved.

Ginop says it was quite a thing to see, but it was slow and when more and more people started showing up for the dinner, it was necessary for organizers to come up with a faster way to cook corn. Big pans were built to hold the sand and corn and that allowed the fire to be built beneath the corn. The fire had to be started the night before in order to get the sand hot enough. Eventually, the sand was abandoned and these days the corn is steamed.

Ginop’s father, Pastor Dale McAlvey, who was pastor of the Burt Lake Christian Church for more than 30 years came up with the recipe that is currently used for the chicken back in the 1960s. The chicken is barbecued over a hardwood fire that is started well before dawn on the day of the barbecue.

Biscuits are also homemade, using a recipe Betty McDonald had. McDonald’s daughter, Shirley Wixon, has carried on the biscuit making tradition. Wixon’s husband Skip has been making potatoes and gravy for many years.

As the dinner celebrates its 100th year there are families that have four to five generations of members that have helped with the dinner. Ginop says she started waiting tables at the dinner when she was in junior high. “My grand-children are now waiting tables. There are families that were involved in the first dinners so I’m sure there would be a fifth generation at least.”

Pastor Glenn McIntyre, who has been pastor of the church for the past several years, says that funds raised from the event keep the community club building going and are also important to the church.

The willingness of people to help makes the dinner possible. “We could never do it with just our own church people,” McIntyre said. “Other people in the Burt Lake area help. It’s a lot of work, but people look forward to it every year!”

Ginop said she can’t believe that the people who started the dinner thought that it would go this long or grow into something that feeds so many people.
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On Thursday evening there will also be a Beach Bash at DeVoe Beach with sandcastle building contests, Hula Hoop contests, sack races and a variety of children's activities.

During the day on Friday, there will be a craft fair downtown that will include crafters from throughout Michigan as well as Kids' Zone activities. In the evening, the Rods 'n Rides Car Club leads a car cruise and there will also be Family Fun Night at Marina Park featuring a Rubber Duck Race on the Little Sturgeon River and an ice cream social.

Saturday’s events begin first thing in the morning with the Indian River Kiwanis Club’s 5k foot race. The craft show continues on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in conjunction with a car show.

On both Friday and Saturday evening there is entertainment in the entertainment tent at Marina Park.

Sunday’s major event is the 13th annual Kayak and Bike Biathlon. The race begins at DeVoe Beach, where 80 to 100 competitors run to kayaks waiting at the shoreline, jump in and start paddling. As the kayakers paddle into the Indian River, it creates a colorful spectacle. The kayak portion of the race travels along the Indian River to just past the bridge on Straits Highway. The kayakers then turn and come back to DeVoe Beach where they hop on bikes for a ride of approximately 11 miles. The bicycling portion of the race goes over to the North Central Trail, north to Topinabee and then back to the finish line between Marina Park and the Chamber of Commerce building.
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Sturgeon For Tomorrow will be hosting the Black Lake Sturgeon Shivaree Jan. 31 – Feb. 1. Activities will be in the entertainment tent on Black Lake in front of the former Black Lake Hotel. The Shivaree coincides with the opening of the Black Lake Sturgeon season on Feb. 1. The event includes entertainment, an ice fishing contest, poker run, horseshoe tournament and raffle.

The Black Lake Shivaree began in 1961. After a run of more than 40 years, the Shivaree wasn’t held for a few years, but in 2013 was resurrected by the Sturgeon For Tomorrow group. The mid-winter celebration on ice was part of the area’s heritage that people didn’t want to lose. The event typically draws a crowd of more than 2,000 people. Centerpiece of the event is the sturgeon that are caught and brought in and also sturgeon research and population enhancement efforts that take place throughout the year.

Sturgeon protection/research

In northern Michigan lakes where there are a lot of big fish the biggest of them all are the sturgeon. Black Lake, Black River and the other lakes and rivers of the Inland Water Route are home to sturgeon growing to more than six-feet in length and weights of more than 100 pounds.

For nearly two decades the combined efforts of citizens groups, DNR and Tribal officials, university researchers and volunteers have not only protected the northern Michigan sturgeon population, but have included sturgeon research that has drawn worldwide attention.

The Black Lake Chapter of Sturgeon For Tomorrow formed in the late 1990s. Working with multiple agencies and volunteers the organization has been involved in numerous efforts to protect and enhance the sturgeon population and protect the sturgeon fishery that is part of the area’s history.

When sturgeon swim up into the Black River to spawn in the spring, it’s a great opportunity to see sturgeon, but it also makes them vulnerable to poaching. A sturgeon guarding program, in which citizen volunteers camp and monitor the river and use cell phones to report any suspicious activity to law enforcement, protects sturgeon while they’re spawning.

Research efforts include capturing and tagging fish along with larval sampling and the addition of a riverside fish hatchery.

The hatchery has allowed thousands of small sturgeon to be planted in area lakes over the past decade. It has also provided small sturgeon that area students have raised in a Sturgeon in the Classroom program. The Sturgeon in the Classroom program, along with hatchery tours and the guarding program have given people more knowledge and a greater appreciation for the role of sturgeon as a resource.

In 2018 the Burt Lake Preservation Association (BLPA) started a Burt Lake Sturgeon Club. The group’s initial efforts were geared toward gathering information about sturgeon in Burt Lake. In recent years, sturgeon have been seen in the Indian, Sturgeon and Crooked Rivers.

There continues to be a highly restricted, but popular sturgeon spearing season that takes place on Black Lake in early February. Based on sturgeon population surveys, a limited number of fish (less than 10) are allowed to be taken. When the target number is reached, the season ends.

In conjunction with the sturgeon season, Sturgeon For Tomorrow hosts the Black Lake Shivaree, a traditional winter festival on the ice of Black Lake. Sturgeon For Tomorrow also hosts an annual fundraising dinner and auction in September. For more information on the organization and sturgeon research go to the Sturgeon For Tomorrow web site at www.sturgeonfortomorrow.org.
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A seating area in front of the cross allows outdoor worship services and weddings during the summer months. A beautiful forested backdrop serves as a background that changes colors with the seasons.

The Cross in the Woods is the centerpiece of a 14-acre campus that includes a parish, gift shop, family center, several other smaller sculptures, a Stations of the Cross Pathway and a Canticle Walk.

The facility has an electronic bell system that can be used as a call to mass, for weddings, funerals and to play traditional hymns.

The Cross in the Woods is one of the most popular and beautiful wedding sites in Michigan.

While the Cross in the Woods is the central focus and largest sculpture on the grounds, the smaller sculptures of The Resurrected Christ, Our Lady of the Highway, St. Peregrine The Cancer Saint, The Holy Family, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, and St. Francis of Assisi are also amazing works of art.

Since the Cross and all the statues are in an outdoor setting and exposed to the northern Michigan elements on a year-around basis, every few years special work crews and equipment must be brought in to polish and refinish them.

The Family Center, which is being remodeled and updated, hosts several church and community events including an annual Daddy Daughter Dance in February with proceeds from the event helping children at the Casa de Los Angeles children’s center in San Miguel. The Family Center has also hosted Eat for Heat dinners that help provide funds for people having problems with heating bills in the winter.

The Cross in the Woods is open year-around and given northern Michigan’s four seasons, the view and the experience are somewhat different at different times of the year.

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Indian River is surrounded by lakes, rivers and forests that abound with a wide variety of wildlife to fish, hunt and photograph. Fishing camps were one of the area’s earliest attractions and people still come from far and wide to see what they can pull from the fresh, clear waters.

Fishing is a year-around endeavor, whether it’s standing on the shore of a river casting flies, trolling in a boat on a lake in the summer, or sitting in a shanty on the ice in the winter. The variety of fish in area waters is nothing short of amazing. Everything from bait-stealing perch up to sturgeon weighing more than 100 pounds. In between, you’ll find walleye, bass, trout, muskellunge, etc.

Walleye and trout fishing have always been northern Michigan fishing mainstays, but bass fishing has been drawing a bigger crowd in recent years. State record smallmouth bass and muskellunge have both come out of local lakes in recent years.

Episodes of several TV shows including Fishing University, Reel in the Outdoors and Ultimate Match Fishing Championship have been filmed in Indian River. Bass fishing groups including Michigan Bass Nation, the National Bass Anglers B.A.S.S. Nation Team Championship Series and the Bass Federation of Michigan have hosted bass fishing tournaments Indian River. There are also local walleye tournaments in the summer and ice fishing tournaments in the winter. The Indian River Tourist Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce have assisted in coordinating tournaments and TV shows.

While the tournaments feature flashy bass boats, much of the fishing in the Indian River area is done by amateur fishermen fishing out of small boats or off of docks in the summer and out of ice shanties in the winter.

If you have your own boat, there are plenty of places where you can launch it. (See story elsewhere in this booklet.) There are also places where you can rent boats. There is a public fishing pier at DeVoe Beach in Indian River and several places along the Sturgeon, Little Sturgeon, Pigeon and other rivers where people can stream fish. Fly fishing is very popular in the streams and rivers running through the Pigeon River State Forest.

If you do happen to catch a big fish, you can take it to Pat & Gary’s Party Store in Indian River to have it weighed and have your picture taken with it. The store has both summer and winter fishing contests. Fishing fame in Indian River is when you get a picture of you and your fish on the wall of Pat & Gary’s and also have it published in the Straitsland Resorter newspaper.

Maintaining high level fishing is a cooperative effort. The Northern Inland Lakes Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee meets each spring and fall at the Tuscarora Township Hall. Representatives of the Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division, along with local sport fishing, tribal and lake and environmental groups participate in the meetings, exchanging information and sharing plans to improve the fishery. Among the topics covered are stocking efforts, regulations, research results and lamprey control.

For those who like the outdoors, but prefer to stay on solid ground, there are plenty of hunting opportunities in the Indian River area, from small game up to (if you’re lucky enough to draw a tag) huge elk. Although everything from rabbits and partridge to bear and coyotes can be found in area forests, deer remain the most popular game in the area. On opening day, Pat & Gary’s Party Store in downtown Indian River hosts Michigan’s largest buck pole, awarding more than $10,000 in prizes to successful hunters.
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The launch ramp at Burt Lake State Park is another heavily used access site in Indian River. It is being improved and expanded.

There are also private marina launch ramps in Indian River as well as a small ramp at the end of Witt Street. The Witt Street ramp is suitable for small boats, but there is minimal parking.

The Maple Bay access site is at the other end of Burt Lake, near Brutus. Launch ramps and parking at that site underwent major improvements in recent years. The site is located next to the Maple Bay campground.

Burt Lake also has multiple road ends and beaches. In some instances, the road ends aren’t suitable for anything other than small boats in the summer, but do serve as convenient access points for ice fishermen during the winter.

One of the most popular access sites on the Crooked Lake is a township ramp and parking area located off of US-31 near Conway. The DNR also has a small gravel access ramp on Pickerel Lake. There are also private marinas with ramps on both the Crooked Lake and Crooked River near Alanson.

Mullett Lake has several public access sites. There are improved launch ramps at Aloha State Park. Near Cheboygan there is a site on the river, and also a large and relatively new site, called The Forks, south of Cheboygan off of Straits Highway.

The Forks has a lot of parking and as boaters are getting used to and more comfortable with using that site, it is taking pressure off other sites which have historically been congested at times.

An access site just off of Straits Highway near Mullett Lake Village is popular with boaters in the summer and ice fishermen in the winter. There is also a launch ramp on the west shore of Mullett Lake, just north of Topinabee.

On the east side of Mullett Lake there is an access site with ramps off of Jewell Road. The DNR has secured funding for a significant upgrade there.

While most of the DNR’s access site projects are focused on improving existing sites or balancing site use, the DNR has purchased what had been a private marina and is converting it to a public access site on the Black River, just off the north end of Black Lake.

The concept in phase one is to install a single launch ramp with 20 parking spaces and a vault toilet.

There are currently public access sites on Black Lake at Onaway State Park and a small site near the Black River Forest campground. Those sites are near the other end of the lake and the DNR would like to add the new site for balance and for safety.
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The Burt Lake Historical Library is housed in a room within the Burt Lake Christian Church. It has books and other information regarding the history of families and property in the Burt Lake area. The Historical Library is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to noon in conjunction with the church office hours. For additional information call 231-844-2112.

The Indian River Area Library is located in the center of Indian River on Straits Highway in the same building as the Tuscarora Township Hall.

Library resources include: books, magazines, large print materials, local history and genealogy, audio books, video cassettes, Internet access, movies, CD-ROM data bases, special programs for children and adults, After/Before hours book return, Interlibrary Loan Reference Materials, and a talking book service. E-books are available to Tuscarora Township patrons with a library card.

For information and events, visit the library website: www.indianriverlibrary.org

Rudy Wright is the Librarian.

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The Topinabee Public Library is located on the shore of Mullett Lake in the historic train station building.

The library is operated by Mullett Township and serves all of Mullett Township and a portion of Burton Township. People from other areas may also utilize the library. Patty King is the library’s director.

In addition to general library materials, Topinabee Library offers e-books, Wi-Fi access and copy and laminating services. There is also an outdoor reading area in the summer time where people may read and look out over Mullett Lake.

In July and August the Topinabee Library hosts a summer story time for children in the pavilion in the park next to the library.

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Snowmobiling has been popular in Indian River ever since snowmobiling was invented, from the days when people on the first machines went bombing around through the wilderness to the present days when people ride on well-groomed trails.

Indian River is known for great places to ride. The community is located at the center of the North Central State Trail, a former railroad right of way on a 62-mile stretch of trail between Gaylord and Mackinaw City. The trail links to other trails, allowing snowmobilers to go east toward Lake Huron or west toward Lake Michigan.

Snowmobilers appreciate not only the quantity of trails, but the quality. Trails are beautifully groomed. Indian River, Cheboygan and Gaylord all have grooming groups working with the DNR to assure area trails are kept in top condition. The Indian River grooming group has worked with tractor dealerships as a pilot program for grooming equipment that has been adopted by other grooming organizations.

The Indian River Chamber of Commerce and area motels have maps of trails. Snowmobile sales, rental and repair businesses are also available throughout the area.

In recent years ORV (UTV) riding has grown by leaps and bounds in popularity and some of the same attributes that make Indian River popular with snowmobilers have also drawn ORV riders.

For ORV riders, a combination of trails and communities that are ORV friendly and allow people to ride at the far right shoulder of local and county roads, create a situation where people can take short rides or rides of more than 100 miles in a day, much of it through beautiful outdoor scenery.

ATV groups continue to work with the DNR to develop riding opportunities. People ride on their own throughout the year, but organized rides also are something that more people are enjoying. Fall color rides based in Indian River draw hundreds of machines from states throughout the Midwest. The Mud Brothers of the North ATV/UTV Club is one of the fastest growing clubs of its type in Michigan. An annual Indian River Ride organized by Dave Gabrish of Fish Web along with Duane Shank of Brentwood Lodging assists is one of the biggest rides in Michigan attracts people of all ages, from people 80 years old all the way down to little kids. People have been coming back year after year for the ride.

In addition to the large color tour rides in October there are also smaller organized rides at other times of the year.

Safety is something emphasized in both snowmobiling and ATV riding. DNR and local law enforcement units patrol area trails to keep things safe and assist people in finding places to ride. In recent years, additional signage that include mile markers and GPS locations has been placed on some of the main trails. The mile markers and GPS locations allow responders to get help quickly to the scene of breakdowns or accidents.
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**Burt Lake State Park**, in addition to having more than 200 campsites, also has a day area with a beautiful swimming beach, pavilions, picnic tables, volleyball court, softball field and lots of sand to build a sand castle. The park also has a boat launch and boating area.

**Marina Park** located next to the Indian River Chamber of Commerce has seen several improvements in recent years. There is now a pavilion, children’s play area and year-around restroom facilities. Marina Park also has a boat launch, access to the North Central State Trail and is within easy walking distance of Indian River’s downtown business district.

**Topinabee Park** is located in the center of Topinabee next to the Topinabee Library and adjacent to the Topinabee public beach on Mullett Lake. Large, stately trees provide shade and there’s a pavilion where the library hosts a children’s story hour during the summer. The adjacent beach has swimming and a children’s play area.

**The Green Dock** is located on a bend in the Indian River, just west of the Indian River Bridge off of Chippewa Beach Road. On a hot summer day, the Green Dock is often busy with swimmers jumping into the river. However, on a cool morning or evening, the benches at the Green Dock can be a calm and serene place from which to watch the river.

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“It really bothered me,” Cheboygan County Sheriff Dale Clarmont said. “I started doing research and found Project Lifesaver.”

Project Lifesaver is a program that places wrist bands on people who may wander. Law enforcement agencies are then able to use tracking equipment to locate a person who has wandered off and rescue them.

Clarmont wrote a grant request and ended up securing a grant that paid for all of the equipment needed for the project. The Sheriff’s Department had also initiated a search and rescue team and the grant paid for a Project Lifesaver instructor to train search and rescue members in how to use the equipment.

The program isn’t complicated. The sheriff’s department has wrist bands. Caregivers contact the department to have them placed on someone who may wander. If a person wearing a wrist band needs to be found, the caregiver calls 9-1-1 and the search team is dispatched.

The equipment will pick up a wrist band signal within a 1-mile radius. The sheriff’s department also has coordinated the program with the U.S. Coast Guard. The Coast Guard can bring in a helicopter and pick up a wrist band signal within a 7-mile radius.

Clarmont said that since Project Lifesaver has been initiated, when the search team has been called in, they’ve been able to locate all of the people wearing the wrist bands.

“It’s worked well. We’ve had very good success,” Clarmont said. “It’s been a very good program for us. It certainly gives the caregivers peace of mind.”

Batteries for the wrist bands have to be changed once a month. The local chapter of the American Alzheimer’s Association has made donations to assist with the battery cost.

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Contact Brenda DuBois for hall rentals. Seasonal fundraisers and events. Meetings held the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., at the corner of Montgomery and Soules Roads.

**Afton Deer Management Group LLC**  
Ed Petricca, President, 989-513-5168  
Group meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday each month at Afton Community Center on Montgomery Road. The group works with various units of government, organizations and individuals to improve habitat for deer and other wildlife. Certifies youth for Hunter Safety in Cheboygan County. Also sponsors youth pheasant hunts. Involved with tree pruning, planting food plots and assisted with law enforcement deer management efforts.

**American Legion Post #122, Wolverine Robert Wallin, 231-327-1925**  
Darlene Wade, 231-525-8261  
Hosts blood drives every other month. Other fundraising and community events throughout the year. Sends comfort packages to active duty soldiers.

**Boy Scouts Troup #204**  
Lisa Passino, 906-322-5483  
Cub Scouts Pack #204  
Rick Wolfrgam, 231-818-6271  
Christmas in Indian River  
Kristi Ninke - also check with the Chamber of Commerce for updates

**EUP Antique Equipment Association**  
Tony Hand, 231-445-9099  
A non-profit group conducts tractor pulls in northern Michigan at Rudyard Township Parks and county fairs. Dedicated to the preservation and restoration of tractors and farm machinery made prior to 1960. Facebook: EUP Antique Equipment Association.

**Friends of the Indian River Library**  
Karen Hill, 231-238-8581  
Friends of the Indian River Area Library promote understanding, appreciation and support for enhancing the services of the Indian River Area Library by providing educational and cultural opportunities for the community. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in the Library conference room at 11 a.m. May through November. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**Friends of Inland Lakes (FOILS)**  
Maryjo Dismang, 989-387-1970 or 231-548-1505  

**Girl Scouts**  
Daisy Troop #4589 K: 1st Grade  
Brownie Troop #4682, 2nd-3rd Grades  
Facebook: Indian River Troops 4589 & 4682  
Sarah Cooper, 231-838-5115

**Indian River Eagles Club**  
231-238-8071 - Secretary, Art Pillen  
The Indian River Eagles Aerie and Auxiliary were instituted in 1983. Over the past two decades the group has grown to 255 Aerie members and 275 Auxiliary members. Over the years the Indian River Eagles have given more than $100,000 in grants to organizations including the township police department, fire department, Cheboygan and Petoskey hospitals, hospices and libraries in Indian River, Alanson, Topinabee and Wolverine. The Indian River Eagles are part of the Fraternal Order of Eagles organization. The Indian River Eagles are a family oriented group and frequently hosts family nights, parties, dinners, potluck suppers and dances. E-mail: foe4046@sbcglobal.net

**Indian River Kiwanis Club**  
Dick Luther, 231-238-7630  
Meets every Monday at 11:30 a.m. at the Indian River Golf Club. One of Indian River's largest service clubs, sponsors of the Inland Lakes High School Key Club, Operation ID and other community projects as well as the International Kiwanis Children of the World program. The Club also sponsors the annual 5K race during Summerfest.

**Indian River Knights of Columbus**  
Tom Rouch, 238-7678  
The K of C is a Catholic Church men's society dedicated to charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

**Indian River Lions Club**  
Club House, 238-7041  
The Indian River Lions Club is located on M-68 east of Indian River. The Indian River Lions Club supports Leader Dogs For the Blind, eyeglasses for those in need, and Lions Band. The Lions Club also hosts an annual Inland Lakes High School Senior Dinner, is the charter for Club Scouts #204 and hosts Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby, BINGO every Friday.

**Indian River Masonic Temple**  
Masons: Pat Nardizzi, Jr., 231-238-9792  
Masonic Temple building is located on S. Straits Highway at the south end of Indian River. The group supports the Shriners' Hospital with local members transporting children from all over Michigan to Chicago for treatment. The local Masonic Temple has also assisted in Christmas gift programs for needy families.

**Indian River Snowmobile Grooming Club**  
The Indian River Snowmobile Grooming Club is a non-profit organization that maintains and grooms snowmobile trails in the Indian River area. For more information about the grooming club, visit their web site at www只是为了needingfamilies.org, or email info@indianriversnowmobiling.org.

**Indian River Sportsmen's Club**  
Virginia Chenevere, 231-238-9555  
The club meets the third Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. The Club is located on Onaway Road with a clubhouse and shooting range. The range runs from 50 yards to 300 yards. Memberships are available at Pat & Gary's and Northland Sports.

**Junior Bulldogs Football**  
Theresa Wilson, 570-529-3969  
American Youth Football League. Football and cheerleading for young people in the third through the eighth grades. For more information email tian.football10@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page at Indian River Bulldogs Football/cheerleading.

**Indian River Striders**  
Dorothy Johnson, 810-444-0247  
The Striders meet during the summer months. All runners, walkers and joggers are invited. E-mail contact: irstriders@gmail.com. Updated 9-4-19

**Indian River Youth Soccer Association**  
Dan Betke, 231-255-8530  
The Indian River Youth Soccer Association coordinates youth soccer leagues for young people ages four to 17. Games are played at the soccer fields at Cooperation Park. Email: indianriveresa@gmail.com.

**Indian River Women's Club**  
Jocye Stroman, 231-238-4412  
The Indian River Women's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Tuscarora Township Hall. All area women are invited. The Women's Club puts on downtown Christmas decorations in the winter and the flower barrels in the summer. They also raised money and coordinated construction of the wooden sculpture at the Village Green. In the fall they host an Auction Dinner.

**Inland Lakes Boosters, Inc.**  
Brian Newman, 231-420-2563  
The Inlands Lakes Boosters raise funds and help with projects and programs that benefit Inland Lakes students in academics, athletics and arts.

**Inland Lakes Educational Foundation**  
PO Box 2142, Indian River, MI 49749  
Information, 231-238-6868  
The Inland Lakes Educational Foundation is organized to seek contributions and provide a source of funding for educational programs, activities, and events for the enrichment and benefit of Inland Lakes students. Scholarships for both vocational and academic studies are awarded to graduates of Inland Lakes Schools.

**Inland Lakes Snowmobile Club**  
In addition to organizing snowmobiling trips and working with the snowmobile trail grooming organization, the club has meetings, banquets and picnics, participates in community service activities. The club meets the second Monday of the month at the Sportsmans Club on Onaway Rd. New members welcome. Visit the website at InlandLakesSnow.org.

**Mullet Lake Area Preservation Society**  
Troy Naylor, President, 231-627-5085  
MAPS aids in lake management projects to protect and preserve the natural character and quality of Mullet Lake and the surrounding watershed. Projects include marine patrol, Pigeon River erosion control, water quality projects, fish planting and monitoring tribal litigation.

**Northern Michigan Animal Rescue Network**  
Sara Stanbury, President, 238-444-9816 or call 231-238-PAWS (7297)  
Rescues and fosters cats and dogs, assists with the cost of neutering. Finds homes for pets. Long-term goal of building an animal shelter.

**Northern Rods-n-Rides Car Club**  
Norbert Lang, 231-238-5165  
Weekly car shows and a cruise night are held June through mid-September.

**Sturgeon For Tomorrow**  
Brenda Archambo, 231-625-2776  
Chapter oversees and assists with programs that protect, preserve and enhance the sturgeon population in Black, Lake, Black River and other area lakes.

**Top of Michigan Trails Council**  
445 E Mitchell St., Petoskey, 231-348-8280  
A non-profit organization that works with various units of government and other organizations to build a network of recreational trails in eight northern Michigan counties. www.trailscouncil.org

**Cochran-Roberts VW post #7439**  
231-238-0960, or Gary Hall, 231-633-0496  
The post is located on 4584 S. Straits Hwy., south of West M-68. Breakfast the third Sunday of each month and hosts occasional dinners. The post also sponsors a local Boy Scout Troop and has a color Guard that has presented the nation’s colors at programs in Indian River and throughout northern Michigan. Works with multiple community groups for various events. Visit Veterans in hospital.
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Supervisor: Mike Ridley, 231-238-7088
Clerk: Sue Fisher, 231-238-0970
Treasurer: Bobbi Balazovic, 231-238-4220
Office: 3546 S. Straits Hwy., Indian River, 231-238-9500
First Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m.
Elections held at office/hall.

**Walker Township**
Supervisor: Daniel O’Henley, 231-818-2109
Clerk: June Northrup, 231-525-6041
Treasurer: Shirley Ashley, 231-525-8665
Office: 7021 Montgomery Rd., Afton
Second Monday of each month, 7 p.m.
Elections held at office/hall.

**Wilmot Township**
Supervisor: David Sharkey, 734-516-2056
Clerk: Cary Ford, 231-525-6621
Treasurer: Shirley Ashley, 231-525-8665
Office: 14980 Old Sturgeon Rd., Wolverine
Voter Registration Office: 7234 Silver Lake Rd.
Third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m.
Elections held at office/hall.

**Village of Wolverine**
President: Ralph Ochs, 231-525-6656
Clerk: Geanne Blake, 231-525-6656
Treasurer: Lori Holden, 231-525-6656
Office: 5714 W. Main Street, Wolverine, 231-525-6656
Second Monday of each month, 7 p.m.

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**County Commissioners**
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District 2: Richard Sangster, 231-290-1751
District 3: Mike Newman, 231-445-1886
District 4: Cal Gouine, 231-627-7270
District 5: Roberta Matelski, 989-733-2080
District 6: John Wallace, 231-238-7663
District 7: Steve Warfield, 231-330-7949

The Commissioners meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Contact the Clerk or County Administrator prior to addressing the Board.

(Area code 231-)
Administrator: Jeff Lawson, 627-8855
Clerk/Register: Karen Brewster, 627-8808
Department of Building Safety:
Matthew J. Cronk, 627-8813
Treasurer: Buffy Weldon, 627-8821
Veterans Affairs: Richard Wiles, 627-8833
MSU Extension: 627-8815
Planning and Zoning: 627-8489
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Aaron J. Gauthier, 627-8818
89th District Court:
Judge Maria Barton, 627-8809
Probate Judge:
Daryl P. Vizina, 231-627-8875
Prosecuting Attorney:
Melissa Goodrich, 231-627-8450
Sheriff:
Dale Clarmont, 627-3155

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**Department of Human Services,**
827 S Huron, Cheboygan: 627-8500

**Health Department #4,**
825 S Huron, Cheboygan: 627-8850

**Information Center,**
891 S. Main St., Cheboygan: 627-7536

**Road Commission,**
5302 S Straits Hwy., Indian River: 238-7775

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106th District: State Rep. Sue Allor
S-1485 House Office Bldg., PO Box 30014
Lansing MI 48909 / Phone: 517-373-4890
SueAllor@house.mi.gov

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PO Box 30014, Lansing MI 48909
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LeeChatfield@house.mi.gov

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PO Box 30036, Lansing MI 48909-7536
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724 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington DC 20510
Phone: 202-224-6221

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510
Phone: 202-224-4822

U.S. Congressman Jack Bergman
414 Cannon HOB
Washington DC 20515
Phone: 202-225-4735
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123 S. Main St.
Cheboygan, MI 49721
231-444-3400
www.nauticalnorthfamilyadventures.com

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Bishop Automotive Group
400 Mackinaw Ave.
Cheboygan, MI 49721
231-627-5669
www.bishopgmccadillac.com

Wheeler Motors Inc
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Cheboygan, MI 49721
231-627-7126
www.wheelermotors.com

Fernelius Toyota
11283 N. Straits Hwy
Cheboygan, MI 49721
888-337-6354
www.ferneliustoyota.com

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10459 N. Straits Hwy.
Cheboygan, MI 49721
231-627-1679
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5015 S. Straits Hwy.
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-2330
www.family-autos.com

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Dan’s Auto Repair
4143 Club Rd.
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-8494
d-repair@sbcglobal.com

Indian River Auto Care and Towing
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Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-9525

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PO Box 1056/3885 S. Straits Hwy.
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-9172

South Side Auto
5778 M-68 PO Box 787
Indian River, MI 49749
833-832-8963
www.secretsonmain.com

Auto Parts/Accessories
Indian River Car Quest and Do-It Hardware
5373 E M-68 Hwy.
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-9369
www.carquest.com

Indian River Collision, LLP
6051 S. Straits Hwy.
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-9355
www.tririvercollision.com

Auto Parts/Accessories
UP North Garage
5891 S. Straits Hwy.
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-2442
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Cheboygan, MI 49721
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Community Mediation Services
114 East Main Street Suite 1
Gaylord, MI 49735
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Indian River, MI 49749
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231-238-2321
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231-238-3218
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231-590-9248
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231-627-3882
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Alanson, MI 49706
231-548-7471

Full Circle Contracting and Home Center
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231-627-6355
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Alanson, MI 49706
231-548-3873
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Onaway, MI 49765
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231-238-7136
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231-238-4638
www.indianriverloghomes.com

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PO Box 269
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Topinabee, MI 49791
231-238-6918
www.indianriverhvac.com

North Country Homes
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Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-8121
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231-238-2700
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T.B. Chapman Construction, Inc.
139 Blue Water Dr.
Indian River, MI 49749
231-420-4477
www.tbchapmanconstruction.com

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311 E. Mitchell, Petoskey, MI 49770
231-525-8766
www.wolverinecabinets.com

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Cheboygan, MI 49721
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Sunrise Communications, LLC
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Onaway, MI 49765
989-733-8100
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Lil's Treats & Eats
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Cheboygan, MI 49721
231-238-8433
www.drostschocolates.com

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Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-6911
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Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-8259
www.michiganoaks.com

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Mackinaw City, MI 49701
231-436-4100
www.mackinacparks.com

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Petoskey, MI 49770
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PO Box 420/10989 W. M-68 Hwy.
Burt Lake, MI 49717
231-548-5503
www.burtleakechristianchurch.com

City on a Hill Community Church
3228 Gatewood Ave.
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-2223
www.cityonahillllr.com

Indian River Baptist Church
PO Box 217/6214 Hemlock St.
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-7324
www.indianriverbaptistchurch.org

Indian River
United Methodist Church
PO Box 457/956 Eaglesnest Rd.
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-7764
www.trumc.org

Inland Light House Church of God
3810 E. M-68
Indian River, MI 49749
231-420-0777

The Cross in The Woods
7078 M-68
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-8973
www.crosstinthewoods.com

Topinabee Community Church
5230 Numbers Rd.
Topinabee, MI 49791
231-238-8161
www.topinabeechurch.org

Transfiguration Episcopal Church
PO Box 460/8119 W. M-68 Hwy.
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-9651/231-238-2188
www.transfigurationindianriver.com

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PO Box 3
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-9098

Afton Community Club
PO Box 70
Afton, MI 49705
231-238-4951
aftoncommclub@yahoo.com

Afton Deer Management
PO Box 472
Cheboygan, MI 49721
231-627-5454

Bauervic-Paisley Foundation, Inc.
3063 Red Pine Point Drive
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-1268

Burt Lake Preservation Association
PO Box 632
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-2177
www.blpa.org

Burt View Condo Association
PO Box 873/6083 River St.
Indian River, MI 49749
517-294-0909

Cheboygan Area Arts Council
403 N. Huron
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-5432
www.theoperahouse.org

Cheboygan County
Firemans Association
12400 Inverness Trail
Indian River, MI 49749
231-548-5161

Christmas In Indian River
PO Box 57
Indian River, MI 49749
989-306-3933

Friends of Inland Lakes School
PO Box 1179
Indian River, MI 49749
989-387-1970

Glow Community Center
3527 S. Straits Hwy.
Indian River, MI 49749
231-420-7994

Indian River Lions Club
PO Box 307/4439 M-68
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-7041
www.indianriverlions.org

Knights of Columbus of Indian River
PO Box 41
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-4412

Inland Lakes Educational Foundation
PO Box 2142
Indian River, MI 49749
231-548-5161
www.inlandlakesfoundation.org

Inland Lakes Snowmobile Club
PO Box 3025
Indian River, MI 49749
810-394-6603
www.inlandlakesnow.org

Inland Lakes Lions Club
PO Box 334
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-0332

Knights of Columbus of Indian River
PO Box 3013
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-7678
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3264 Powell Rd.
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
231-347-0991
www.littletraverseconservancy.org

Mullett Lake Area Preservation Society
PO Box 517
Topinabee, MI 49791
231-420-7250
www.mullettlake-news.org

North Country Sportsman’s Club Inc
PO Box 291
Indian River, MI 49749
231-420-2676
www.ncsportsmans.com

Northern Michigan Animal Rescue Network
PO Box 165
Topinabee, MI 49791
231-348-8280
www.nmallr.com

Top of Michigan Trails Council
PO Box 45
Wolverine, MI 49799
810-398-2676
www.topofmichigantrails.org

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www.windowtreatmentsbylisa.com

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Indian River Family Dentistry
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Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-9346
www.indianriverfamilydentistry.com

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Bob’s Place
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Alanson, MI 49706
231-203-2176
www.bobsplacealanson.com

Brass Rail
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Indian River, MI 49749

Breakers Topinabee
967 N. Straits Hwy.
Topinabee, MI 49791
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www.breakertopinabee.com

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Wolverine, MI 49799
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Cheboygan, MI 49721
231-238-9312
www.christopherscafe-ir.com

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3859 S. Straits Hwy.
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-2316
www.cuppalife.com

Greenside Grille at Indian River Golf Club
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Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-7011
www.indianrivergolfclub.com

Hack-Ma-Tack
8131 Beebe Rd.
Cheboygan, MI 49721
231-625-2919
www.hackmatakinn.com

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McDonald’s of Indian River
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Cheboygan, MI 49721
231-238-2016

Mulligan’s Restaurant
PO Box 627/320 N. Main St.
Cheboygan, MI 49721
231-627-2459
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Burger King
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Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-2600

Michaels Tavern & Steak House
4653 S. Straits Hwy.
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-2137
www.michaelsstavennandsteakhouse.com

North Star Café
4104 S. Straits Hwy.
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-6810
www.northstargardens.com

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9500 M. M-33
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231-268-3336
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Subway of Indian River
4271 S. Straits Hwy.
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Terrace Inn
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Onaway, MI 49765
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4531 S. Straits Hwy.
Indian River, MI 49749
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www.viviofood.com

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Indian River, MI 49749
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Indian River, MI 49749
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Mike Ridley Entertainment
530 Plymouth Beach Rd
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-7320
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1760 Lears Rd.
Petoskey, MI 49770
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www.onawacasino.com

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Awakon Federal Credit Union
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Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-8331
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Cheboygan Communities Foundation
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Cheboygan, MI 49721
231-420-5710
www.cheboyganfoundation.org

Citizens National Bank
P O Box 218/3990 S. Straits Hwy.
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-8961
www.cnbfsm.org
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303 N. Main St.  
Cheboygan, MI 49721  
231-238-8961  
www.cnbfismybank.com

**Edward Jones**  
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Cheboygan, MI 49721  
231-627-8607  
www.edwardjones.com

**Encore Financial Group**  
10595 N. Straits Hwy. Ste. 301  
Cheboygan, MI 49721  
231-597-9222  
www.encorefinancialgroup.com

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Indian River, MI 49749  
PO Box 622/6090 M-68 Hwy.

**Lange & Associates P.C.**  
6086 Lake Street  
Indian River, MI 49749  
231-238-2232

**PNC Bank**  
231-627-4396  
Cheboygan, MI 49721  
201 S. Main  
dnieland@sbcglobal.net

**Straits Area Federal Credit Union**  
231-238-9318  
Indian River, MI 49749  
3833 S. Straits Hwy.

**Tigerlillys**  
7541 US 31  
Alanson, MI 49706  
231-548-3337  
www.tigerlillysflowers.com

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**All Sport Vending**  
PO Box 118  
Indian River, MI 49749  
231-238-4332

**Antiques Roadhouse**  
P.O. Box 2099/4579 S. Straits Hwy.  
Indian River, MI 49749  
231-238-2337  
www.uitmi.net

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Cheboygan, MI 49721  
231-627-4264  
www.cheboygangolf.com

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231-627-4264  
Cheboygan, MI 49721  
1431 Old Mackinaw Rd

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P.O. Box 5188  
Cheboygan, MI 49721  
231-436-6262  
www.cheboyganrepublicans.com

**Cheboygan Golf and Country Club**  
231-238-7011  
Indian River, MI 49749  
3301 Chippewa Beach rd

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Cheboygan, MI 49721  
800-348-5998  
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231-420-3805  
www.cheboyganeconomicdevelopmentgroup.com

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  - Indian River, MI 49749
  - 231-238-7201
  - www.mm-plumbing.com

- **WW Fairbairn & Sons, Inc.**
  - PO Box 100/7529 US Hwy 31 S.
  - Alanson, MI 49706
  - 231-548-2244
  - www.wwfairbairn.com

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- **Michigan Pure Ice**
  - 126 N. Straits Hwy.
  - Indian River, MI 49749
  - 231-420-9896

## Insurance

- **BKC Insurance**
  - PO Box 576/3464 S. Straits Hwy.
  - Indian River, MI 49749
  - 231-238-7201
  - www.bkcinsurance.com

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- **Parlakle, LLC**
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  - P.O. Box 132
  - Indian River, MI 49749
  - 231-238-1000
  - www.parlakle.com

- **Libby Garden Nursery**
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  - Indian River, MI 49749
  - 231-238-8581
  - www.inlandriverlibrary.org

## Library

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  - Indian River, MI 49749
  - 231-238-8581
  - www.inlandriverlibrary.org

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  - Onaway, MI 49765
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  - Alanson, MI 49706
  - 586-604-0565

- **Brentwood Lodging**
  - 4778 S. Straits Hwy.
  - Indian River, MI 49749
  - 231-238-7310
  - www.brentwoodlodging.com

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  - 909 Stratford Ln.
  - Indian River, MI 49749
  - 231-420-1509/231-330-2921

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  - 311 N. East Mullett Lake Rd.
  - Indian River, MI 49749
  - 231-838-0344
  - www.faymartin.com

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  - 4605 Beatty Dr.
  - Wolverine, MI 49799
  - 231-525-6166
  - www.thelandingsonindianriver.com

- **Silent Sport Lodge B&B – River Cabin**
  - 14750 Old Sturgeon Rd.
  - Wolverine, MI 49799
  - 231-525-6166
  - www.silentportlodge.com

- **Sunset Shores Resort**
  - 38541 Rhonewood
  - Northville, MI 48167
  - 248-880-8408
  - www.sunsetshoresresorts.net

- **The Landings**
  - 4605 Beatty Dr.
  - Indian River, MI 49749
  - 231-525-8301
  - www.thelandingsonindianriver.com

- **Anchor Inn Marina**
  - 15247 Trowbridge Rd.
  - Wolverine, MI 49799
  - 231-525-8301
  - www.anchornmarinainc.com

- **Maple Bay Marina**
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  - Brutus, MI 49716
  - 231-529-6155
  - www.maplebaymarina.com

- **Toasty's Cabins**
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  - Indian River, MI 49749
  - 231-525-8101
  - www.toastyscabins.com

- **Tower Shore Motel & Campsites, LLC**
  - 9994 M68/US 33 Hwy.
  - Onaway, MI 49765
  - 989-733-5999
  - www.towershoremotel.com

- **Woodlands Resort**
  - PO Box 601/5115 S. Straits Hwy.
  - Indian River, MI 49749
  - 231-238-4137
  - www.woodlandsresortcabins.com

- **Marinas**
  - Anchor In Marina
  - PO Box 282/9904 N. Straits Hwy.
  - Cheboygan, MI 49721
  - 231-627-4620
  - www ancorinmarinainc.com

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  - PO Box 550/4879 S. Straits Hwy.
  - Indian River, MI 49749
  - 231-238-9315
  - www.burtlakemarina.com

- **Howe Marine**
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  - Indian River, MI 49749
  - 231-238-9371
  - www.howemarine.com

- **Indian River Marina**
  - PO Box 398
  - 3020 Apple Blossom
  - Indian River, MI 49749
  - 231-238-9373
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    - www.rydemarine.com
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      - 231-238-7362
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      - Cheboygan, MI 49721
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    - **Indian River Veterinary Clinic**
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  - 231-238-8181
  - www.bigbearadventures.com
- **Indian River Striders**
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  - 810-444-0247
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- **Latitude 45 Bike & Fitness**
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Mission Statement
The Indian River Resort Region Chamber of Commerce is organized for the purpose of encouraging economic development, while promoting and preserving our natural resources; fostering integrity, good faith, and equitable principles in business.

SummerFest duck race on the Indian River

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**JANUARY**

Jan. 17 & 18
**Indian River Winterfest**
Winter fun with an entertainment tent at Marina Park and family recreational activities at Cooperation Park. Includes ice skating, sledding, ice fishing, cross country skiing, family activities, corn hole tournament, bingo, entertainment tent, live music, food trucks, hot beverages, drinks, cash bar.

Jan. 31 & Feb. 1
**Black Lake Shivaree**
The Shivaree is held in conjunction with the Black Lake sturgeon season, which opens on Saturday, Feb. 1. Ceremonies and festival activities take place on the ice of Black Lake in front of the former Black Lake Hotel. The Shivaree is coordinated by Sturgeon For Tomorrow.

**FEBRUARY**

Feb. 15 – Polar Plunge
A fundraising event for Special Olympics, the Polar Plunge takes place on (and through) the ice of Burt Lake. People in elaborate costumes jump through a hole in the ice for a brief, but highly invigorating, swim. Registration starts at 11 a.m. at Hoppie’s Tavern. Parade of costumes starts at 12:30 p.m., plunge at 1 p.m.

Feb. 15 & 16
**Free Fishing Weekend**
www.michigan.gov/mdnr.

**MAY**

May 21 – Inland Lakes Educational Foundation dinner. (231-548-5161)

May 25 – Memorial Day services and parade.

May: Entire Month
Sturgeon are a prehistoric fish that grow to six-feet long and weigh more than 100 pounds. They are found throughout the Inland Waterway, but the largest numbers are in Black Lake and the Black River. In early May while the sturgeon are spawning in the river, volunteers guard the sturgeon to protect them from poachers. At times, sturgeon can be seen spawning beneath the Indian River Bridge.

**JUNE**

June 4
**Indian River Chamber of Commerce Golf Scramble** at the Indian River Golf Club course.

June 13 & 14
**Summer Free Fishing Weekend.**
www.michigan.gov/mdnr.

June 28
**Inland Lakes Educational Foundation Golf Outing** at the Indian River Golf Club (231-548-5161 or 231-238-7011).

**JULY**

July 4
**Fourth of July Parade in Indian River**
Traditional Fourth of July Parade at 11 a.m. (www.irchamber.com). Fireworks at DeVoe Beach are also scheduled for July 4 with July 5 as a rain date.

July 16 – **Friends of Inland Lakes LobsterFest** in Marina Park.

July 16-19 – **38th Annual Indian River SummerFest** in downtown Indian River.

July & Aug. – **Rhythym on the River**
Outdoor musical performances on Thursday evenings in August.

**AUGUST**

Aug. 2 – **Lighted Boat Parade** on the Indian River.

Aug. 2-9 – **Cheboygan County Fair**
A traditional family fair held at the Cheboygan County Fairground.

Aug. 8-9
**Top O’ Michigan Outboard Marathon**
One of North America’s most historic and challenging boat races, the Top O’ Michigan race has been part of northern Michigan for more than 70 years.

Aug. 20 – **Burt Lake Chicken Barbecue**
Aug. 22 – **Topinabee Chicken Barbecue**

**SEPTEMBER**

Sept. 12
**Northern Rods’ n Rides Car Show**
The Northern Rods ’N Rides car club hosts shows each Wednesday evening from the first Wednesday in June through mid September at the Eagles Club on Straits Highway at the south end of Indian River. The season finale is the club’s big show on Saturday, Sept. 12.

**NOVEMBER**

Nov. 15
**Northern Michigan’s Largest Buck Pole** at Pat & Gary’s Party Store in downtown Indian River.

Nov. 27
**40th Annual Christmas Craft Show**
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Inland Lakes Schools.

Nov. 27 – **Christmas in Indian River**
celebration. On the evening of the Friday following Thanksgiving Indian River kicks off the Christmas season with an evening of celebration. A parade brings Santa Claus to town for the community tree lighting along with free food and entertainment.
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