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EXPLORING *Under the Bridge*

AN AIRSTREAM GATHERING IN MACKINAW CITY, MI



Ya know, we have really put together something epic. The Grand Hotel Buffet Lunch will be amazing. We'll get to sit on the porch, explore the grounds, and I know the hotel's secret spots like the cupola bar on the 4th floor. Most people never find it and the photography of the freighters and da bridge from the cupola windows is something special.

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✕ Welcome to Michigan ✕

Exploring Under the Bridge... that's both a figurative and literal term. We'll be exploring the northern tip of Lower Michigan (figuratively under the bridge) and cruising on a private boat out on Lakes Michigan and Huron (literally under the bridge).

I love the way a campfire smells and how hot dogs bubble and sizzle on a stick or puffy marshmallows toast and ooze with yum.

Rallies offer young children the chance to be a child; to explore on bikes, pick flowers, and giggle.

Witnessing them in a natural state, free from fear, is priceless. We all yearn to go back to a primitive time where survival skills come into play. That's camping. We make do with what

we have and find new uses for things. We set up camp and greet the elements with gusto. Rallies give us a chance to

be proud of our ingenuity, share our tricks of the trade with others, and form lasting friendships. With this in mind, we welcome you to the first annual "Exploring Under The Bridge Rally" in

Michigan's Water-Winter Wonderland.

-Kelly Kupiec "The Hen House"



Upper Peninsula Pasties

Traditional English meat pies popular in the copper mining communities.

12 large red potatoes, peeled
4 medium rutabagas, peeled
2 medium onions, chopped
2 pounds ground beef
1 pound ground pork
1 tablespoon salt
2 teaspoons pepper
2 teaspoons garlic powder
1/4 cup butter
12 pie crusts

Dice ingredients, mix together and place two cups of filling on each pie crust. Fold crust and pinch. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Makes 12 pasties.



Schedule of Events

Wednesday, August 1st

- 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM - Rally registration at the park office.
 - 6:00 PM - Hot Pasties, \$5.25 each. Chips courtesy of Subway Restaurants.
 - Welcome night around the Group Campfire.
 - NBC London Olympic Games Coverage.
 - 10:00 PM - View the full moon through a telescope on the beach (weather permitting).
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Thursday, August 2nd

- 5:00 AM - Salmon fishing charter departs Straits State Harbor.
 - 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM - Rally registration at the park office.
 - 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM - Shepler's Representative at the park office selling discount Mackinac Island tickets including ferry, Grand Hotel lunch buffet, and carriage rides.
 - 4:00 PM - Private Boat Ride departs Straits State Harbor.
 - Group Campfire
 - NBC London Olympic Games Coverage.
 - 10:00 PM - Telescopes on the beach (weather permitting).
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Friday, August 3rd

- Noon - Private Boat Ride departs Straits State Harbor.
- Noon - 5:00 PM - Mackinac Island Grand Hotel's Grand Buffet Luncheon in the formal dining room followed by horse carriage and grounds tour.
- 4:00 PM - Private Boat Ride departs Mackinac Island returning to Mackinac Island in time for the 6:00 PM happy hour at the Pink Pony.
- 6:00 PM - Meet & Greet at the Pink Pony on Mackinac Island followed by bar hop, shop and bike till you drop. Last returning ferry leaves at 10:30 PM.
- NBC London Olympic Games Coverage.
- 9:00 PM Group Photo around the campfire.
- 10:00 PM - Telescopes on the beach (pending weather and interest).





Saturday, August 4th

- 5:00 AM - Salmon fishing charter departs Straits State Harbor.
- 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Mackinaw Area Historic Festival at Historic Village site on Wilderness Dr.
- 6:00 PM - Troll's Potluck Dinner and Raffle.
- Group photo in front of the Mackinaw Bridge. Wear your Yooper winter hats.
- 8:00 PM - Sunset Private Boat Ride departs Straits State Harbor.
- NBC London Olympic Games Coverage.
- Group Campfire.
- 10:00 PM - Photograph the Mackinac Bridge. Tripods will be available.



Sunday, August 5th

- 8:00 AM - Pancake breakfast. We make 'em, you take 'em.
- Safe travels!

A note about Yoopers and Trolls

- Yooper is a common term for residents of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and is derived from the initials U.P. which is pronounced you-pee. U.P. stands for Upper Peninsula, as opposed to the lower peninsula of Michigan.
- Yooper is not a derogatory term. It is used mainly by residents of lower Michigan and Wisconsin. "That guy is a Yooper from Escanaba, Michigan."
- Trolls are from "down below", referring to lower Michigan. The term "Troll" comes from the Three Billy Goats Gruff fairy tale which spoke of a fearsome troll who lived under a bridge. In Michigan that bridge is the Mackinac Bridge, which separates upper Michigan from lower Michigan, therefore residents who live in lower Michigan, under the bridge, are referred to as Trolls.
- Yoopers make fun of trolls.



Activities

TROLLING FOR PRIZES RAFFLE

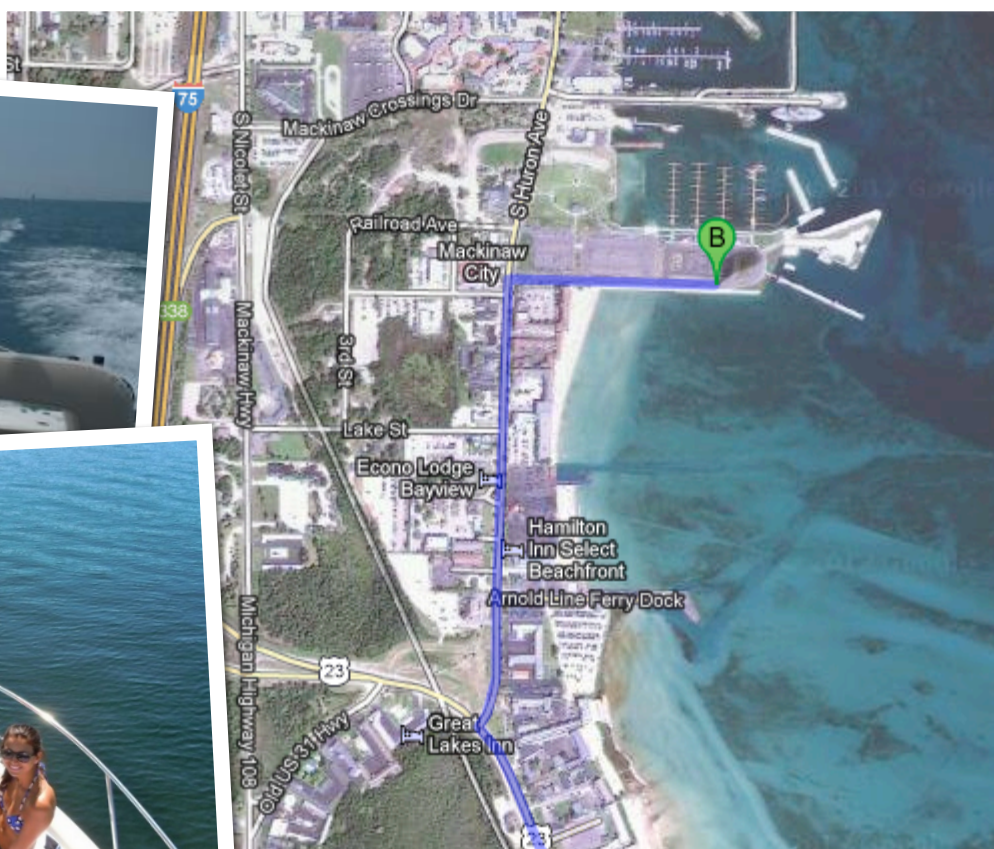
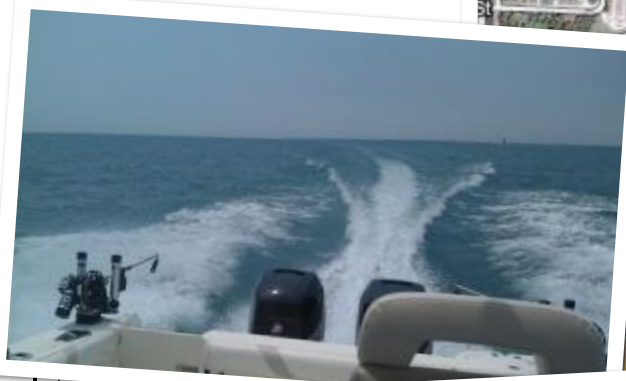
- Handmade Knife from Iron River Knife Works.
 - Professionally crafted and donated by Ed Rottinger and his Iron River Knife Works. Ed will also have a selection of his other knives available for purchase.
- Airline Ticket
 - One free airline ticket (up to \$500) to anywhere in the continental U.S., no blackout dates, good until 6/1/2013, donated by Kelly Kupiec.
- X-Force 300BLK Crossbow courtesy of Eastman Outdoors.
- Tickets will be available, one for \$5 or three for \$10 with all proceeds donated to Captain Adam and Crew to help with the cost of fuel, transportation and maintenance.



PRIVATE BOAT RIDES

Enjoy a private two-hour tour on Captain Adam's 30-foot Boston Whaler, The Pole Dancer, viewing the Straits of Mackinaw and Mackinaw Island.

- \$20 fuel donation per person payable to Captain Adam at the time of departure.
- Signup sheets at Kelly's site, see schedule for dates and times.
- Limit 6 passengers
- Departs from Straits State Harbor, 409 S. Huron Avenue, 231-436-5326, see map.
- Wear full rubber sole shoes (sneakers, gym shoes or Sperry-type deck shoes), bring jacket, sunglasses and a camera.
- Please leave purses and bags at the campground.
- Water, chips and sunscreen provided.
- No smoking.
- Dramamine for motion sickness is recommended as waves in the Straits of Mackinaw can get rough.



From
Campground

SALMON FISHING CHARTER

Private seven-hour fishing charter on Captain Adam's 30-foot Boston Whaler, The Pole Dancer. This is a very limited opportunity for experienced fishermen only.

- Pre-register with Kelly at her campsite or by calling 810-241-4224.
- Limit 4 fishermen and 2 passengers.
- Fishermen MUST have the proper fishing license at the time of boarding. The license you need is the 24-hour all-species fishing license for either resident or non-resident. Fishing licenses are available at Walmart, Meijer, gas stations and sporting goods stores at a cost of \$7.
- \$75 fuel donation per person payable to Captain Adam at the time of departure.
- Suggested \$20 tip to Leroy, Adam's deckhand who will be helping with the rigging.
- Departs from Straits State Harbor, 409 S. Huron Avenue, 231-436-5326, PROMPTLY AT 4:00 AM. No exceptions. See map on previous page.
- Wear full rubber sole shoes (sneakers, gym shoes or Sperry-type deck shoes), bring jacket, sunglasses, camera and a bag lunch.
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