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**2026**  
**Community Guide  
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*Welcome to our beautiful shoreline paradise,  
where every day is better when you just add water!*

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# Oscoda-AuSable: Lake Huron's Ocean Horizon

by Gaylynn Brenoel

Away from the hustle and bustle of city life lies the peaceful, less crowded sandy beaches of the Oscoda and AuSable townships.

One of the most common reactions to visiting the shores of Lake Huron for the first time is how the immense width and length of the lake majestically unfolds before you. From the shore, the view reads as oceanic. The horizon stretches so far that no opposite shorelines are in sight. One can see only water all the way to the horizon and as far as the eye can see in directions north and south.

The gentle waves that lap the shoreline are accompanied by a variety of seabirds, such as Seagulls, Sandpipers, and Terns. In quieter moments, one might sight a heron taking flight or a brood of ducks paddling past just offshore.

On calm days the water is a clear blue-green and so transparent near the shore that you can see several feet down. On windy days, the color deepens to deeper slate and indigo shades on choppy water, rolling waves and whitecaps along the shoreline.

The Oscoda-AuSable area also hosts the piping plover nesting area for the federally endangered migratory bird species that breed between May and August, and lay eggs in the dry sand at Shoreline Park along Lake Huron.



Kimberly Kniivila





**The area features daily sightings of Bald Eagles and hawks perched above the canopy along the shoreline of Lake Huron.**

**The warm pale sand features freshwater mussel shells, clam shells often mixed with small rocks and smooth stones, much like one would experience at saltwater shorelines. Nature enthusiasts and those who love the solitude of quiet and scenic outdoor experiences often prefer the Oscoda-AuSable area due to its unique mix of Great Lakes shoreline beauty, unspoiled forests, and a world-class river all in one compact area.**

**With an abundance of wildlife in the Huron National Forest, which includes migratory birds, deer, foxes, and even black bears, the area is a preferred destination for photographers and birders.**

**Miles of hiking and biking trails and camping areas complement the area's appeal to every member of the family. The dark, open night skies free from light pollution provide perfect opportunities for stargazing and occasionally the spectacular Aurora Borealis.**

**Oscoda-AuSable offers affordable lakeside vacationing and living with endless outdoor recreation - an ideal place for anyone looking for a slower, nature-centered experience.**



# Festivals and Fun



## ART ON THE BEACH

Held Late June at the Oscoda Beach, this event features craft vendors, food trucks, and lots of fun for the whole family!



## DWIGHT STREET LIVE

Dwight Street Live features music and dancing on Dwight Street in downtown Oscoda. Join us Wednesdays June - August from 6 to 8 p.m. for the fun.

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Oscoda Rotary Club sponsors live music concerts on the beach every Thursday night at 7 p.m. from Mid June to Mid August.



## MOVIE NIGHTS AT THE PIER

Provided by the Oscoda Area Convention and Visitors' Bureau (CVB). Family-friendly movies are shown every Wednesday evening at the Oscoda Beach Bandshell beginning the end of June through Mid-August. Movies are free. Bring a chair, a blanket, and a snack to enjoy the movies with family and friends.

# AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON

Now in its 77th year, this 120-mile race from Grayling to AuSable is one of the oldest marathon races in the United States. It is also the only canoe-only race in North America. This year, the race begins on Saturday July 25 at 9 p.m. in Grayling and ends 14 or more hours later in AuSable, MI. Many fans follow the entire race, cheering teams throughout the night.



## FINISH LINE FESTIVAL

This family friendly event is hosted Sunday, July 26 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. There will be live music, food trucks, vendors, and games!

## PAUL BUNYAN DAYS

The annual three-day event begins on Friday, September 12 at 4 p.m. and continues through Sunday, September 14 on Furtaw Field in Oscoda. The event features skilled chainsaw carvers from around Michigan and surrounding states who compete for cash prizes. Carvers also offer their finished one-of-a-kind pieces for sale at the event. The festival also includes a carnival, craft shows, and a special performance from the Jack Pine Lumberjack Shows. Coming from Mackinaw City, Michigan, their Saturday and Sunday shows will include events such as the standing block chop, axe throwing, logrolling, and more! This popular fall event provides food and entertainment for the entire family.





## FALL HARVEST BLOCK PARTY

Taking place mid October, on Dwight Street, this event provides fun and activities for the entire family. Games, a bounce house, pumpkin carving, a petting zoo, treats, and cider.



## NORTHERN LIGHTS PARADE & WINTERFEST

Oscoda's Annual Christmas Parade takes place in early December. The event features lighted cars, trucks, and floats with music in this traditional after dark event through downtown Oscoda. Prizes are awarded for the best floats.

Experience the magic of Christmas at the Northern Lights Winterfest before and after the parade, from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. This is a family friendly event filled with bonfires, s'mores, winter games, a Christmas market, food, and drinks.





Laurie J. Ferguson

# Calendar of Events



**All Summer Long**  
Farmer's Market  
Wednesdays 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
AuSable Trailhead, US 23

**All Year Long - First Tuesday**  
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**All Year Long - Weekends**  
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**Memorial Weekend**  
5K Road Race  
Oscoda, MI

**May 22**  
Friday Night Food Truck Rally  
Family Fun Games,  
Live Entertainment  
AuSable Trailhead, US 23

**June - August, Wednesdays**  
Movies on the Beach

**June - August, Thursdays**  
Concert on the Beach, 7 p.m.

**June**  
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**June 5 - 7**  
28th Annual Villages of Oscoda  
Community-Wide Yard Sales  
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**June 10 - August 26,  
Wednesdays**  
Dwight St. Live  
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**June 20**  
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**June 27 - 28**  
42nd Annual Art and Antiques  
on the Beach

**July 4**  
Fourth of July Parade  
Oscoda, AuSable, US 23

**July 11 - 12**  
Curley Memorial Canoe Race

**July 21 - 26**  
AuSable River Canoe Marathon  
Week  
Activities almost every day

**July 26**  
AuSable River Canoe Marathon  
Finish Line Festival

**August 1 - 2**  
Pirates and Mermaids Festival  
PiratesandMermaidsFestival.org

**August**  
Battle for the Paddle Golf  
Tournament  
Scholarship Fundraiser

**September 11 - 13**  
Paul Bunyan Days Festival  
Furtaw Field

**September 12**  
Witches on the Water AuSable  
River Float  
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**October 10**  
Fall Harvest Festival  
Dwight Street, Oscoda

**October 24**  
Halloween Parade and Trunk or  
Treat

**October 24**  
Witches on the Water Scavenger  
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**December 5**  
Northern Lights Winterfest  
4 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Northern Lights Parade 6 p.m.



# Food & Drink

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# LUMBERMAN'S MONUMENT

Located off River Road in Oscoda, the Monument and Visitor Center together, preserve the area's lumbering history and explain the industry that helped to build northern Michigan.

The visitor's center is open from May through October. Here, one can learn how lumber was cut and moved from the forests to the mills. A huge bronze memorial sits on a high bluff overlooking the AuSable River. Explore the life of a lumberjack through videos and displays, enjoy a Kid's Day Program or take a guided nature hike. For the more adventurous, hike the 260 steps to the edge of the AuSable river and board the Wanigan, a replica of the floating cook shacks that followed the river drives.



J. Christopher



Jerry Malone

# IARGO SPRINGS

A popular destination, Iargo Springs provides a panoramic view of the AuSable River Valley from an observation deck 300 feet above the river. For those who want a closer look at the springs, a 294-step wooden staircase takes you down to where the underground springs come together to form large pools of crystal-clear water. It is one of the most beautiful spots in northeast Michigan. Revered by Native People as a sacred place, the solitude of the area provides an almost magical experience. The sounds of water flowing, gentle breezes, and cries of eagles add to the ambiance and serenity of the area. Located on the River Road Scenic Byway, Iargo Springs offers visitors a unique day trip of beauty and tranquility.



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Perhaps you are wanting to take a tour of the waters via boat, canoe, kayak, jet ski, or pontoon. Maybe get in a little fishing while enjoying the most scenic views you can imagine. If that is your ideal vacation entertainment, you might consider taking a ride over to Cedar Lake, AuSable River or Van Etten Lake where the fish are biting, and the fun is never ending. Come visit your gateway to the north off the shores of Lake Huron and find everything you are searching for.



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# US 23 Heritage Route

# Parks

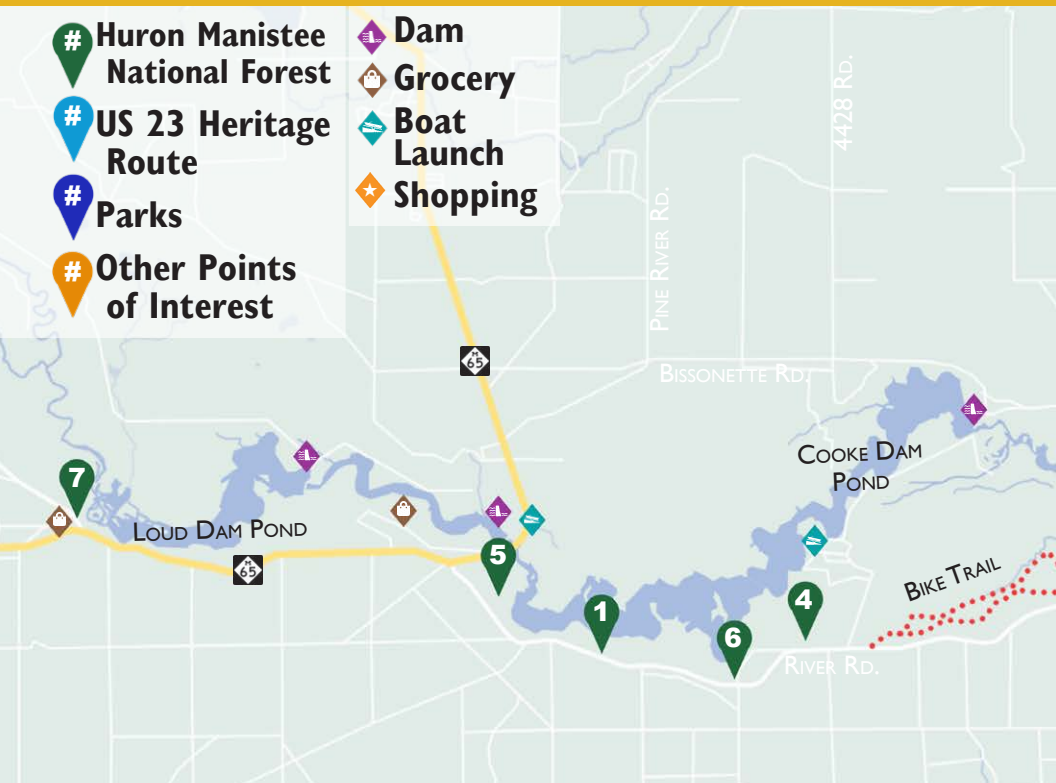
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River Road National Scenic Byway Monument to paddlers who challenge the AuSable River in the past, present, and future

## Corsair Trail System

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## 3. Eagle Run Cross-Country Ski and Hiking Trail

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## 4. Highbanks Trail

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## Hoist Lakes Foot Travel Area

Huron National Forest  
M 65 & M 72, North of Glennie  
More than 10,000 acres for hiking and cross-country skiing

## 5. Iargo Springs

River Road National Scenic Byway Observation deck, 300 steps to underground springs, panoramic view of AuSable River

## 6. Lumberman's Monument

Junction of River and Monument Roads in the Huron National Forest  
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Sightseeing highlights along the Lake Huron coast

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## Sturgeon Point Lighthouse

Five miles north of Harrisville

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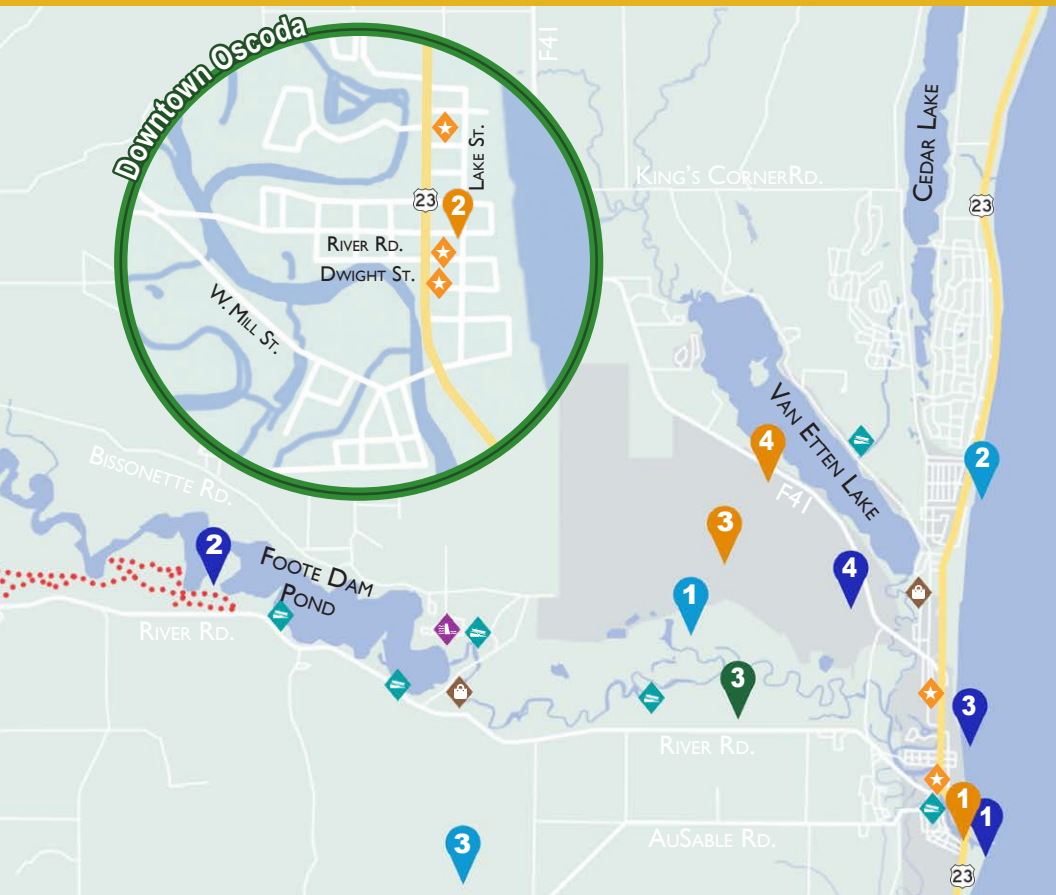
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# A Pebbly Prairie And A River Of Sand Is A Place We Call Home

By Gaylynn Bre Noel

The Ojibwe, Ottawa, and Potawatomi people are known to have lived in our area of Michigan. The Ojibwe were called the keepers of the faith, the Ottawa as keepers of the trade, and the Potawatomi as keepers of the fire.

Through their languages, and describing of the world around them, we have the origins of the naming of the AuSable and Oscoda communities.

Several sources indicate that Henry Schoolcraft (Schoolcraft), a geographer, geologist, and US Indian Agent, surveyed much of our area and named new towns using terminology shared by our Native American predecessors.

The Ojibwe words *ossim*, *ossin*, and *asin* mean stone or pebble. The words *muskoda*, *maskode*, and *muscoda* translate into prairie. Schoolcraft used creative license to shorten the two words to become Oscoda, meaning a pebbly prairie.

Because of our location along the AuSable River or River of Sand, the name given to AuSable Township was the result of early settlers who purchased land in the area and platted the area, naming it Au Sable due to its location along the AuSable River.

In a video entitled AuSable Oscoda Michigan – Land of Growth – Waters of Change, produced by the AuSable Oscoda Historical Society funded by a grant from the Oakmead Foundation, the 1800's and early 1900's our area was inhabited by nomadic tribes with their wonderful Native American culture traditions.

Ottawa Indian Chief Kanotin's name was originally given to the area known as Iosco County in 1831. At that time the county was named Kanotin County to recognize his land cessions, when he signed treaties to convey land to Kanotin County. Later the name was changed to Iosco County by Henry Schoolcraft in 1843. The word Iosco meaning water of light.



Of special recognition was Chief Blue Cloud, Whitney Alberts of the Ottawa Tribe. Born on August 28, 1889, Alberts lived in the Oscoda and Mikado areas.

Alberts was known as a woodsman, a part time surveyor, an entertaining log roller, and a salesman who sold Christmas Trees in the 1930s. Legend has it that he was asked to perform a snow dance at a ski resort area of northwest Michigan because the ski area had no snow to offer skiing enthusiasts. Allegedly, Alberts performed a snow dance and suddenly the area was

filled with several days of falling snow. Alberts was also known for performing the Hoot Owl Song, the Rabbit Song, the Canoe Song, and the Medicine Song. Alberts died in January 1977 at age 87 and is buried in the Chipewewa Indian Cemetery in Oscoda.

Those who live here now may find it hard to imagine Oscoda as a pebbly prairie, or AuSable as only a river of sand, or Iosco County formerly known as Kanotin County, but the names live on in memory and honor of those who came before us.

Today, Oscoda and AuSable are beautiful areas surrounded by State and National Forests, rivers, streams, and lakes. The area abounds with wildlife and natural habitats. It features a plethora of recreational activities, including hunting, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, bird watching, camping, hiking, biking, swimming, watching sunrises on the beach, and much more.



The ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit of those who live and work here, make this part of Michigan one of the most beautiful and desirable resort areas in Michigan. In addition to being a wonderful place to raise a family, build a business, or settle after retirement, the area is also known for its philanthropic outreach through a myriad of non-profit organizations and civic clubs. People here are hardworking, hardy, down-to-earth, patriotic, and always willing to lend a hand to a neighbor in need.

Affectionately known as the Sunrise Side, the Oscoda and AuSable Communities offer visitors and residents alike the opportunity to live in a place that honors our past, celebrates our achievements, and embraces the future we will create together.

Some of the information for this publication provided courtesy of the Iosco County Historical Society, the AuSable Oscoda Historical Society, and researcher Janet Young.



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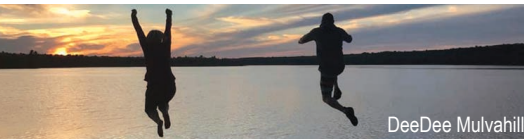
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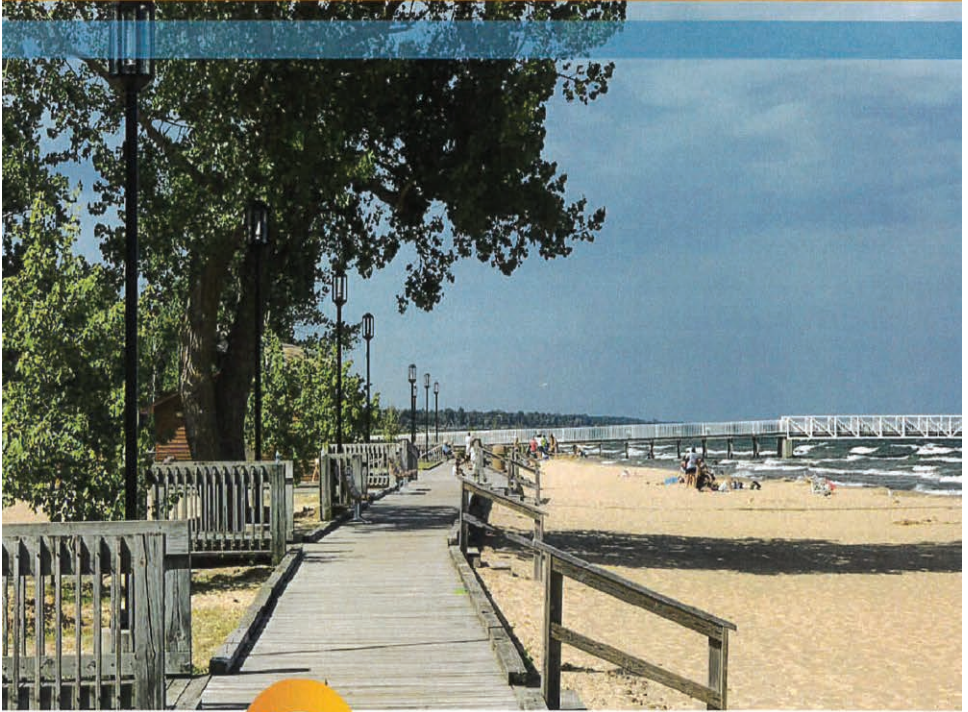


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