

# GUEST GUIDEBOOK



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*Simplicity without sacrificing comfort!*

# "LIVE YOUR LIFE BY A COMPASS; NOT A CLOCK."

- STEPHEN COVEY

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## *Welcome to the Taylor's Trails End Resort on the Big Manistique Lake!*

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Dear Guest,

You made it!

Now, it's time to relax and enjoy yourself.

We know you've spent a lot of time preparing for your time away, and we want to help make your stay as wonderful as the Upper Peninsula itself. **Let us know how we can help make your stay extraordinary.**

In our biased opinion, the Big Manistique Lake is one of the most beautiful and peaceful places in the UP. And from here, you can get to many of the other most popular sites in the UP within a short drive.

**Our family is now in its 5th generation here on the lake**, so we care deeply about preserving it and making this a great place for guests like you to enjoy year after year. In fact, a portion of our proceeds go to conservation efforts.

You'll find a ton of useful information in this guidebook, along with important policies for your safety and comfort. Please read this entire guide before arrival or at the beginning of your stay.

For more things to see and do, you can also check out our "Guide to the UP" on our website at **[www.TrailsEndUP.com](http://www.TrailsEndUP.com)**

Sincerely,  
Zach, Ellie, Bill, & Lori Taylor  
Your Hosts at Trails End

# CHECK-IN: 3PM

## Checking In:

All you need for self check-in is your cabin name and the access code to the key box.

**Your 4-digit access code** is sent to your email 2 days and 1 day prior to your arrival.

Each key box has 2 keys. We encourage you to keep at least 1 key in the key box to ensure you will not be locked out.



# CHECK-OUT: 10AM

## Steps for Checking Out:

Simply run through this list before you head out. Each cabin also has this checklist posted on the main door.

### Before Departure...

- **Dishes:** Wash and replace your dishes
- **Linens:** Strip any used beds
- **Trash:** Take all trash to the on-site dumpster
- **Keys:** Return all keys to the lockbox
- **Report:** Any concerns or damage, please let us know.

### When Temperatures Drop Below Freezing...

- Keep heat at 55 degrees or above

We'll look forward to seeing you again in the near future!



# CONTACTING US DURING YOUR STAY

**Phone or Text: (906) 212-6678**

**Extension 1:** Reservations - Zach

**Extension 2:** Property Manager and  
Maintenance - Lori & Bill

As a small, family run cabin resort we are not usually on-site, however we are often nearby. We can handle most requests remotely and, if needed, we will stop by as soon as possible.



## EMERGENCIES

**FOR EMERGENCIES, CALL 911**

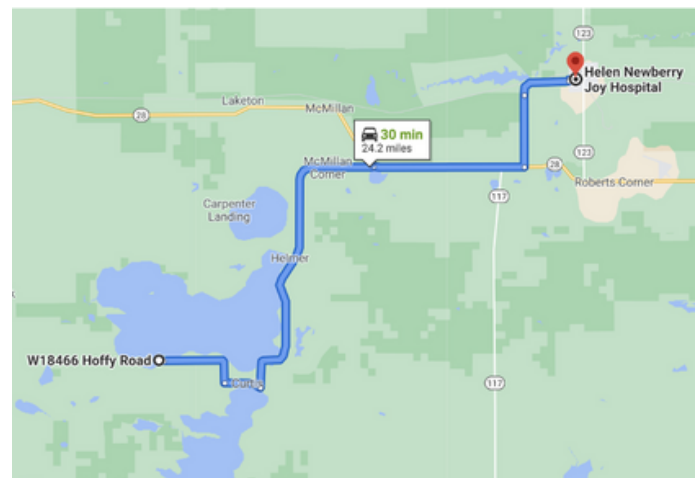
### CLOSEST HOSPITAL

#### **Helen Newberry Joy Hospital**

*24 miles, 30 minute drive - Emergency and Same Day*

502 W. Harrie Street  
Newberry, MI 49868  
Main: (906) 293-9200

### ROUTE TO THE NEWBERRY HOSPITAL



### CLOSEST WALK-IN / SAME DAY CLINICS

#### **Naubinway Rural Health Clinic**

*25 miles, 30 minute drive  
Monday - Thursday Only*

W11650 US Highway 2  
Naubinway, MI 49762  
Phone: (906) 341-2153

#### **Engadine Michigan Family Clinic**

*21 miles, 26 minutes  
Monday - Thursday Only*

W14034 Melville St  
Engadine, MI 49827  
Phone: (906) 477-6066

# WHAT TO BRING

*The most common items we recommend...*

## PERSONAL

- **Bath towels (we do not provide these)**
- All personal toiletries
- Laundry detergent (supplied at Elk House)
- Small floor, window, or box fan
- Small bluetooth speaker for music

## KITCHEN & COOKING

- Extra paper towels (also provided)
- Aluminum foil and/or plastic wrap
- Cooking oils or butter
- Extra spices (we provide salt & pepper)
- Coffee and Creamer (we provide sugar packets and filters)
- Paper plates/bowls (some provided)
- Charcoal and grilling essentials
- Ice (available locally)

## SPRING/SUMMER/FALL OUTDOORS

- Beach towels
- Water shoes
- Life jackets (basic PFDs are provided)
- Water toys
- Yard games
- Kayak or stand-up paddleboard (2 sit-in kayaks are available at the resort)
- Firewood (available on-site for a small fee)
- Firestarter or kindling (please do not use gasoline)
- Rain jacket
- Bug spray
- Sunscreen



# ESSENTIALS WE PROVIDE

**BEDDING:** We provide clean, fresh linens, blankets and 2 pillows per bed plus extra sheets, blankets and pillows for futons. You may bring your own linens and pillows as well.

**KITCHEN:** We provide paper towels, 4-6 sets of plates, utensils, basic cookware, cooking utensils, salt & pepper, sugar packets, coffee maker, coffee filters, toaster, pot holders, paper towels, can opener, bottle opener, dish towels, dish soap, hand soap.

**BATH:** We provide 3 rolls of toilet paper per week (more by request), hand soap

# ENJOYING TRAILS END



## INTERNET

Network: **Trails End Guest**  
Password: **biglake1**

We have some of the fastest internet in the UP (avg 45 Mbps download / 5 Mbps upload). However, with potentially several guests using at the same time, please limit use by avoiding downloading or uploading unnecessarily large files for long periods of time or streaming video at 4k quality.

If all guests use the internet reasonably, it should work well for everyone. In cases there are internet issues, try restarting your device first before contacting us.

## TELEVISION

Each TV is equipped with 100+ channels of DirecTV plus popular apps for streaming.

## FIRE PITS

There are two firepits available. Please supply your own firewood. You may use them privately or share with other guests.

## SWINGSET & SANDBOX

The joys of a simple swingset and sandbox can hardly be over-estimated

## CORNHOLE BOARDS

Two boards with 16oz corn bags available in the shed. Please return to the shed and do not leave in the rain.

## FISHING BOAT (RENTAL)

We have a 16-ft Mirrocraft Fishing Boat for rent. Availability is limited. If you did not reserve before arriving, you may call for availability.

## PONTOON (RENTAL)

We have a limited number of pontoons available for rent. If you did not reserve one before arriving, you may call for availability.

## KAYAKS

Two sit-in recreational kayaks are available to all guests. Please limit use to 2 hours or less at a time if there are other guests who would like to use them.

## FISH CLEANING HOUSE

Fully lit with running water to clean your catches, available to all guests. Please follow rules posted in the cleaning house for disposal.



# A FEW IMPORTANT REMINDERS

## PLEASE FLUSH NOTHING BUT TOILET PAPER

We have a septic and plumbing system that could be seriously damaged by even one unapproved product being flushed down toilets or placed in drains, including feminine hygiene products, 'flushable' wipes, paper towels, facial tissues, any type of food, coffee grounds, or cooking grease. We kindly ask that you be mindful not to flush any of these or other unapproved items.

## COOKING GREASE - PLEASE DO NOT POUR DOWN DRAINS

Each unit has a convenient grease disposal container with a sealable liner. Let grease cool and pour into the grease container that is stored under the sink.

## WILDLIFE - IT'S OUT THERE

Food left out will attract bear and other wildlife. Clean up food scraps and take all food inside.

## TRASH - TO THE DUMPSTER

All trash should be taken to the dumpster before departing.

## SECURE BOATS & KAYAKS

Please ensure boats and kayaks don't float away! Please place them and paddles back on the storage rack or secure to dock. Do not leave kayaks tied to dock over-night or in the rain.

## SMOKING

All units are non-smoking. For safety purposes and in consideration of our future guests, we ask that you refrain from smoking in any units. If you must smoke, do so outside and away from other guests and dispose of smoking remnants responsibly.

## PETS

We love pets, and it's not easy to find places that love them too. At Trails End, 1-2 pets, under 85lbs, are permitted assuming they are well-behaved, house trained, and you have paid the pet fee. Signs of pets without paying the pet fee will be assessed after departure.

**FOUR BASIC PET RULES:** 1) All waste **MUST** be bagged and binned immediately, 2) pets should not be left in the unit alone for extended periods of time 3) Please keep pet hair to a minimum by keeping pets off beds and couches and 4) pets must be leashed or otherwise in your control outside anytime other guests are on the property. See rental agreement for full details.

To see your complete rental agreement terms, visit [www.TrailsEndResortUP.com/TREAgreement.pdf](http://www.TrailsEndResortUP.com/TREAgreement.pdf)



“THE ANTIDOTE  
TO EXHAUSTION  
ISN'T REST.  
IT'S NATURE.”

- SHIKOBA

## WELCOME TO THE BIG MANISTIQUE LAKE

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soon!*

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promotions are always found when  
you **book direct at TrailsEndUP.com***



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# SAFETY REMINDERS

## SWIM, BOAT AND WALK ON ICE AT YOUR OWN RISK. NO DIVING ALLOWED.

Please know that **you are at an unsupervised resort and a very large lake. There are no lifeguards or medical staff on site.** The lake is large and can have a current that can pull you further out than you may intend to go. Venture on ice at your own risk. The weather can change quickly and it can also become very rough within minutes. If you decide to swim or boat we strongly encourage you to take all precautions for you and any guests in your care. There is absolutely no diving allowed.

## CAMPFIRES IN DESIGNATED FIRE PITS ONLY

Fires are allowed on the premises only in the designated fire pits. Avoid using gasoline or other accelerants to start a fire. Firewood can be purchased at the firewood stand on-site or at various locations around Curtis.

## COALS SHOULD BE DOUSED & COOL TO THE TOUCH BEFORE LEAVING

All fires should be doused with water before being left unattended using a water bucket. Hot coals can still re-ignite and cause unintended fire damage.

## FIREWORKS

Guest must follow state and local ordinances for fireworks in terms of types and days/times that they can be used.

## NOISE

Guests should use common sense in keeping noise volume low after dark or 10:30pm, whichever comes earlier. Any police enforcement actions by the Township or County are at the sole risk and expense of the registered Guest and may result in damage costs and/or immediate eviction and forfeiture of all amounts paid.

## HEATING & CARBON MONOXIDE

Each unit utilizes propane heat or range ovens. These appliances naturally produce very small amounts of carbon monoxide (CO) which can be dangerous at high concentrations. Each unit is equipped with CO detectors. If there is an alarm, or if you experience symptoms of CO poisoning, please leave the unit immediately with all guests and pets and call 911 and then the Resort.

### KNOW THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING



*For complete terms of your short-term vacation rental, please see your rental agreement.*

# Campfire Safety

Sitting under the stars by a crackling fire has its appeal. It's where stories are told, sing-a-longs happen, and meals are cooked over an open flame. Campfires bring family and friends together. But campfire mishaps can cause injuries. With a few safety tips, you can prevent these accidents.

## SAFETY AROUND THE FIRE

- Before setting up a campfire, be sure it is permitted. Check with your local fire department.
- If campfires are permitted, they need to be at least 25 feet away from any structure and anything that can burn.
- Clear away dry leaves and sticks, overhanging low branches and shrubs.
- Avoid burning on windy, dry days. It is easier for open burning to spread out of control when it is windy and dry.
- Watch children while the fire is burning. Never let children or pets play or stand too close to the fire.
- Attend to the campfire at all times. A campfire left alone for only a few minutes can grow into a damaging fire.
- Keep a campfire small which is easier to control.
- Never use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids.
- Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to put out the fire. Make sure to put it completely out before leaving the site.
- If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop, and roll. Stop, drop to the ground and cover your face with your hands. Roll over and over or back and forth until the fire is out.
- Treat a burn right away. Cool the burn with cool water for 3 to 5 minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth. Get medical help if needed.



## ROAST WITH CARE

If roasting marshmallows, help young children. Never shake a roasting marshmallow. It can turn into a flying, flaming ball. A heated metal skewer can cause burns.

## FACT

**Campfire accidents send thousands of people to emergency rooms with burn injuries every year.**



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



# RESTAURANTS & PLACES TO EAT

Here's a few of our favorite places to stop for a bite n Curtis, MI. All distances are how far they are from Trails End. **Hours of operation change A LOT for local restaurants**, and many rely HEAVILY on Facebook for announcing changes -- please check their Facebook pages or call ahead if you are not sure they are open.

## **Chamberlin's Restaurant \$\$\$ (5 miles) TUES-SAT ONLY**

The most historic restaurant in Curtis is Chamberlin's. Established in the late 1800s, if you're looking for fine dining, an upscale menu, a traditional feel, and a fantastic view of the Big Manistique Lake, this is your spot. Reservations may be recommended on busy weekends. Visit their site to check hours, menu, closings for private events, and event and live music schedule.

## **Goodale's Sweet Spot & Curtis Coffee Co. \$ (3 miles)**

Traditional frozen treats like ice cream, sundaes, shakes, and malts, all hand-made, coffee bar, plus some great grab-and-go fresh made breakfasts and lunches that can include sandwiches, soups, and chili on a rotating menu. You'll also find great hand-picked gifts and traditional candies.

## **JP Memorial Golf Course & Pizza \$ (3 miles)**

This is a favorite place for carry-out pizza. Open 10am - 9pm daily. Call to order (906) 450-4711. Usually takes 20-25 min or up to 45 min for very busy weekend evenings.

## **Tally Ho! Underground Bar & Grill \$ (3 miles) - BREAKFAST/OPEN LATE**

If you're looking for a fun, laid back atmosphere, Tally Ho is a great option with classic American cuisine, craft beer/cider, plus a fresh and local variety of fish including perch and their whitefish fish fry on Fridays. They often feature live music and corn hole. They announce events on Facebook.

## **The Shipwreck \$ (3 miles) OPEN LATE**

A local bar restaurant typically open later than other restaurants with a varied classic American menu, pizzas, fish, salads, and more.

## **Curtis Cafe \$ (3.5 miles) - Fri, Sat, & Sun 7am - 2pm. BREAKFAST/LUNCH ONLY**

Classic American breakfast and lunch stop on the weekend. Can be very busy in the mornings.

## **Tovey's Jolly Inn \$ (8 miles)**

A local favorite with a bar and restaurant and typically open 7 days a week and a good spot for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Known for its steaks, pizza, and breakfast options.

## **Helmer House \$\$ (9.5 miles)**

A local family-run favorite that combines a classic menu (including great UP pasties), homemade breads, and traditional bakery and made-from-scratch desserts. It's down home feel just like visiting grandma's house. A gift shop and mercantile attached. Great for breakfast, lunch, or an early dinner as they typically close early. Hours can change often here so check their site or call ahead.

## **Moose du Nord \$\$ (10.5 miles)**

Here you'll find great and fresh take-out selection of made-to-order pizza, subs, nachos, salads, an espresso bar, and hand-dipped & soft serve ice cream. This isn't a sit down indoor restaurant, but they have a seating areas if you'd like to eat there.

## **Triangle Restaurant \$ (15 miles)**

This is another local favorite in McMillan on the Northeast side of the Big Lake. Offering a wide range of homemade and American favorites for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, including Friday night fish fry.

## **Scheffer's Street Eats Food Truck \$ (Varies)**

If you're into food trucks, here's Curtis' finest. You'll find these folks at various locations around Curtis and surrounding areas. If you want to know where they'll be, just take a look at their Facebook page where they announce their upcoming locations.

## **End of the Road Winery \$\$ (5 miles)**

The only winery in Curtis is just down the road....at the end of the road at 6917 Burns Road, Germfask. They specialize in unique cold climate grapes and have a variety of unique wines from dry to sweet and other fruit wines.

# GROCERIES & SUPPLIES

Here's the places you can find a variety of groceries and supplies in the area.

**The Store - Downtown Curtis (4 miles)**

A close-by grocery option that is stocked with fresh and frozen groceries, beer, wine, & liquor. Also serving fresh-made deli sandwiches.

**Lakeside Grocery & Liquor - Downtown Curtis (4 miles)**

Another local grocer with basic groceries, beer, wine, & liquor.

**Dollar General - Curtis (3 miles)**

A variety convenience store with lots of groceries, canned goods, housewares, baby supplies, pharmaceuticals, and more.

**Curtis True Value - Downtown Curtis (4 miles)**

Our local hardware store

**Kersh's Market - Germfask (9 miles)**

A nice local grocery and supplies store. The new, larger location is in the old Catholic Church at 8137 State Highway M77, Germfask just north of Tovey's Jolly inn.

# MOTORSPORTS & MARINAS

If you need any help with boats, ATV/ORVs, Snowmobiles, Jet Skis or more, here's the three places around town.

**Fish and Hunt Shop** - (906) 586-9531 - FishandHuntShop.com

This store offers lots of rentals, sales, and maintenance for pontoons, boats, ATVs, and Snowmobiles Also a great Curtis gift shop inside.

**Watson's Marina** - (906) 586-9731 - WatsonsMarina.com

Provides rentals, sales, and repairs for boats and pontoons

**Curtis MotorSports** - (906) 586-3552

Provides rentals, sales, and repairs for boats, pontoons, and jet skis.

**FILL YOUR LIFE  
WITH ADVENTURES,  
NOT THINGS.**

FINNISH PROVERB

# ANNUAL EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

## **Music in the Park (June - August)**

During the summer come out and enjoy local and regional live music at the Erickson Center for the Arts. Typically starts at 6:30pm on Wednesdays, these concerts are free and open to the public (though donations are appreciated). It's a good idea to bring your own blanket or chairs to this event, and check to make sure it's not cancelled in the case of inclement weather.

## **Curtis Farmers Market (July - September)**

Enjoy local foods and crafts at the Manistique Lakes Lions Pavillion. The market is typically open from 2-5pm on Wednesdays from July to September.

## **Movies in the Park (July - September)**

Friday nights during the summer you and the kids can enjoy a mini drive-in experience at the Germfask Township Hall. Concessions available. Bring chairs and/or blankets and bug spray. See <https://up-movies.com/> for up-to-date details and showtimes.

## **Independence Day Celebration (July)**

Called "The Biggest Little Town Parade in Michigan"! Come for the parade, followed by live music at Erickson Center for the Arts, and Fireworks at dusk.

## **Curtis Turtle Day (July)**

Call or visit Curtis Public Library for details. (906) 586 9411. Turtle stops, games, and prizes around the town of Curtis

## **Germfask Strawberry Festival (July)**

Typically just after Independence day, held by the Germfask United Methodist Church at the Germfask Community Building, 8093 Pine St. Germfask, MI 49836.

## **Swampers Softball Tournament in Curtis (July)**

Come to the biggest slow-pitch softball tournament in the U.P.! \$175 entry. A good time will be had by all. For more details on entering a team or just attending, contact Mike Dembicki 586-202-8376 or email [mike-ussa-ump1@wowway.com](mailto:mike-ussa-ump1@wowway.com).

## **Black Bear Run**

This 12k Run & 6k Walk benefits Engadine Sports Programs and starts at Engadine High School. A great opportunity for those runners and walkers looking for an active weekend. For more info and to register online, go to [www.black-bear-run.com](http://www.black-bear-run.com) or their Facebook page.

## **Seney Lumberjack Festival (August)**

A lovely, family-friendly weekend of a variety of activities including pony rides, petting zoo, kids' maze, bounce house, draft horse pulling competition, obstacle course, BBQ, beer, food trucks, craft show, and more! Usually \$5 per person and kids under 8 are free. Held at the Seney Township Baseball Fields.

## **The 906 Festival (August)**

The Annual 906 Festival offers Curtis, surrounding communities and visitors to our area a fun, family-friendly event that celebrates the Upper Peninsula. Here you'll find live music, art and retail vendors, beer & wine tent, ice cream eating competition, photography contest, chain-saw carving, entertainment and live music in the Park and more! All day fun, games & activities for the whole family. Contact the Erickson Center for the Arts at (906) 586-9974 for details.

## **Downtown Curtis' Sidewalk Sale & Flea Market (August)**

A great weekend for bargain shopping. Many local residents hold their yard sales this weekend as well, so after enjoying the downtown sales and markets, library book sale, bake sales, and raffles, enjoy some local yard sales (a list of locations is provided by the Curtis Area Chamber of Commerce).

## **Curtis Aglow Weekend (Nov/Dec)**

Typically the weekend after Thanksgiving this community-wide event often includes the Santa Parade, hot chocolate from the Erickson Center, a Christmas Bazaar, Craft Show, Raffles, and a Gala at Chamberlin's Forest Inn.

## **Community Easter Egg Hunt (March/April)**

This event is typically held at the Erickson Center Park on a Saturday around Easter and is best for kids 0-10 years old. Contact the Erickson Center for the Arts at (906) 586-9974.

# LOCAL FISHING TOURNAMENTS

## **Portage Angler's Club "Curtis Clash" Walleye & Bass Tournament (June)**

All proceeds from this event go toward stocking the Manistique Lakes! Join this popular tournament and win prizes for walleye, bass, perch, & bluegill! Contact the Portage Angler's Club or Mick's Bait shop at (906) 586-6040 for details.

## **Frostbite Pike Contest (January)**

Typically pays out a \$500 1st place prize with prizes up to 5th place. This tournament takes place on the Big Manistique Lake, South Manistique Lake, Milakokia Lake & Millecoquin Lake. For additional information, contact Mick's Bait Shop at (906) 586-6040 or the Curtis Area Chamber of Commerce for more details.

# GOLF & DISC GOLF

## **JP Memorial Golf Course & Disc Golf- 602 Ackley Road, Germfask**

A new addition in Germfask is the golf course that also includes Curtis' first disc golf course! Take a look at their Facebook Page for the most up-to-date info. Also serving fresh pizza.

## **Newberry Country Club - 5073 M-123 South, Newberry**

Open to the public for 9 and 18 holes and driving range.

## **Indian Lake Golf Course - 1305N Birch Street Manistique, Michigan 49854**

Open to members and non-members for 9 and 18 holes and special replay rates.

## **Hiawatha Sportsman's Club Golf Course - N7269 Lake Blvd. Engadine, Michigan 49827**

Open to members and non-members for 9 and 18 holes and driving range.



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# SNOWMOBILING

Right from Trails End you can access many of the best trails around the Central and Northern UP right from the resort - from Munising, Grand Marais, to Newberry and the Soo.

Most who stay at the resort access the local trails via the lake. Please use extreme caution when riding on the lake as ice thickness can vary and there can be areas where ice cracks have lifted on top of one another (aka stacked ice or ice sharks) creating a hazard for snowmobilers. Make sure the ice is thick enough and know that some local trail gates don't open until December 15th at the earliest, however the lake is not normally frozen over that early.

## **Fish and Hunt Shop - FishAndHuntshop.com (906) 586-9531**

This is a local snowmobiling headquarters with rentals, maps, trail permits, and good advice on local trail conditions.

## **Seney Snowmobile Association - SeneySnowmobiling.com**

This is our local non-profit group that helps groom local trails around Seney, which has a website and Facebook page with the most up-to-date trail conditions. [Join as a member](#) to support their work and help keep the trails well groomed for years to come!

## **Curtis Area Trails Association - CurtisTrails.com**

Our other local non-profit that cares for local snowmobile trails. Contact them with any questions regarding local trails around Curtis between Seney and Newberry. Consider donating to their work.

## **Purchasing Your Required Trail Permit Sticker - [www.mdnr-elicence.com/](http://www.mdnr-elicence.com/)**

Your snowmobile trail permit is valid for one year, which begins Oct. 1 and ends Sept. 30 of the following year. State-designated trails are open Dec. 1-March 31 and grooming occurs when there is enough snow on the ground. Permits can be purchased locally at Fish & Hunt or online through MI DNR's eLicense site (your sticker will be mailed to you within 7-10 days).

Your sticker needs to be permanently affixed to the forward half of the snowmobile directly above or below the headlight.

## **Polaris Ride Command App**

This is typically the go-to phone App for snowmobilers to guide them on the trails. Be sure to download trail maps for offline use for when you don't have good reception.

WHEN RIDING SNOWMOBILES, LOOK FOR THIS SNOWMOBILE (DIAMOND-SHAPED AND ORANGE) CONFIDENCE MARKER.



# THE BEST GUIDED TOURS IN THE UP

Sometimes it can be more fun to have a guide show you around the UP rather than going it alone.

The good news is there are some fantastic locals who will do just that!

If a guided adventure sounds like your kind of thing, here's some of our favorite picks we recommend that you consider during your stay at Trails End.

## **UP Guided Tours (A Variety of Fun Tours) - [UpperPeninsulaTours.com](http://UpperPeninsulaTours.com)**

These folks do it all - half day or full day tours doing things like waterfalls (including "hidden" waterfalls that many locals don't even know about!), Yooperlite hunting (if you don't know about these yet, check out our page here on Yooperlites, a special glowing rock found almost exclusively in the UP), and will take you to hike some of the highest peaks here as well. They've even got a "Little Yooper Tour" for first timers!

## **Kayak & Canoe Guided Tours on the Tahquamenon River - [TheWoodsCanoeRental.net](http://TheWoodsCanoeRental.net)**

Some nice, easy guided paddling on the river is found about 12 miles north of Newberry on the Tahquamenon river. They offer different trips each year, but usually a longer one and a shorter one. The shorter ones are suitable for young children too. Be sure to call at least a day in advance.

## **Tahquamenon Falls Train and River Boat Tours - [TrainandBoatTours.com](http://TrainandBoatTours.com)**

This outfit has a few different options to tour the Tahquamenon Falls and Soo Junction areas including train rides (one of which includes a view of the falls) or river boat tours to view the falls as well. These are typically around \$50 per person and can make a fantastic day trip for those individuals, couples, or families who want more of a guided wilderness experience.

These tours leave from their base in Soo Junction, MI, about a 40 minute drive from Trails End. Note that this is an almost full day, ~6 hour, tour.

## **Pictured Rocks Cruises - [PicturedRocks.com](http://PicturedRocks.com)**

A highlight for many is Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Munising (just 55 minutes away from Trails End), and a cruise is a wonderful way to see them. Pictured Rocks Cruises offers at least 4 different 2-2.5 hours boat tours along the shoreline into Lake Superior. To ensure you'll get tickets, it's best to book at least a few days in advance on their site during the peak summer season.

## **Pictured Rocks Kayaking Tours - [PaddlingMichigan.com](http://PaddlingMichigan.com)**

Currently offering 5 different kayak tours around Pictured Rocks ranging from 2-8 hours.

## **The Hiawatha Hiking Company - Guided Sunset Hike at Pictured Rocks - [HiawathaHiking.com](http://HiawathaHiking.com)**

Offers this stunning 2.5 mile (total - 1.25 miles each way), 3 hour hike to watch the sunset over Lake Superior. This is a great hiking alternative for those who don't want to do the sunset cruise at Pictured Rocks.

## **Nature's Kennel Guided Dog Sledding Trips (Winter Only) - [NaturesKennel.com](http://NaturesKennel.com)**

Ok, this is a unique one. Spend a day, 10 or 20 miles, or even an overnight trip, mushing sled dogs across the UP! Suitable for all ages. You can even choose to be a driver or a rider (must be 10 and up to drive your own team). And it all starts in McMillan, just 25 minutes from Trails End Resort.



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# LOCAL-ISH ATTRACTIONS

Some of the main attractions within 90 minutes of Trails End that the most guests enjoy visiting (and a few less well-known ones):

**Kitch-iti-Kipi** - a beautiful, perfectly clear spring to marvel at in the woods with raft to travel across.

**Tahquamenon Falls** - some of the most beautiful falls in the UP with lots of hiking trails, brewery/restaurant, and gift shop on-site.

**Oswald's Bear Ranch** - a true bear rescue with over 40 bears.

**Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore** - Boat tours available. Book early and online at least 3 days early during the peak season. Also several waterfalls to visit and hike to in the area around Munising

**Whitefish Point Lighthouse & Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum** - Really lovely day trip to see the lighthouse, museum, gift shop, and views of Lake Superior.



## **Seney National Wildlife Refuge**

This is a nationally famous wildlife refuge that happens to be in our backyard. The refuge has a visitors center and a few hiking loops around some gorgeous lakes. There's not a ton of sprawling views here, but you will be immersed in the forest and colors as you walk and surrounded by all kinds of wildlife, plants, mushrooms, and more. If you're looking for a simple hike in the colors close-by, this is it.

## **Garlyn Zoo**

Very nicely run zoo with a wide variety of animals to see. Usually 1.5-2 hours to walk the entire zoo.

## **Fayette Historic Park and Foot Trails** - Garden, MI

This park is located in the "Garden Peninsula" jutting out into Lake Michigan. It's not heavily trafficked, and doesn't usually make the top of most lists, but it's nice and remote if you want to get off the beaten path. It has a 5-mile foot trail for viewing fall colors. If the colors haven't yet gone north, they might likely be peaking here a little earlier as its on the southernmost point of the UP.

## **Laughing Whitefish Falls**

Probably one of the most impressive and tallest waterfalls in the UP and all of Michigan. And you can get to them with just a 1/2 mile hike through (hopefully) colorful woods in the fall. The falls are a bit further away from us (almost 1.5 hour drive) but well worth driving a bit past Munising, especially if you're already in the area. Just a note that in fall these falls can dwindle a bit if there hasn't been much rain lately.

## **Mackinac Island**

This probably goes without saying, but this is just such a wonderful, quaint place to enjoy the fall colors. Not as remote and certainly more of a tourist attraction, but there's lots to do and see here.

## **Ernest Hemingway Historical Marker**

Hemingway and literary fans might enjoy this one. Hemingway spent time in the UP in the Seney area along the Fox River and wrote his famous short-story "The Big Two Hearted River" about it (which is actually about the Fox River where this marker is located, but he liked the name of the Two Hearted River that is further north, so he went with that as the title). It's located on the Fox River just 7 miles north of Seney.

## **Crisp Point Lighthouse**

More ships on Lake Superior crashed here than anywhere else, until this Lighthouse was built. Some of the most gorgeous views over Lake Superior from the top.

## **Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie**

90% of the United States' Iron Ore passes through these locks. Much to see and do here at the Locks, in the museum area, and in town.

## **Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum**

For the most die-hard of snowmobilers, you'll see great moments in riding history here.

# WEATHER IN THE UP

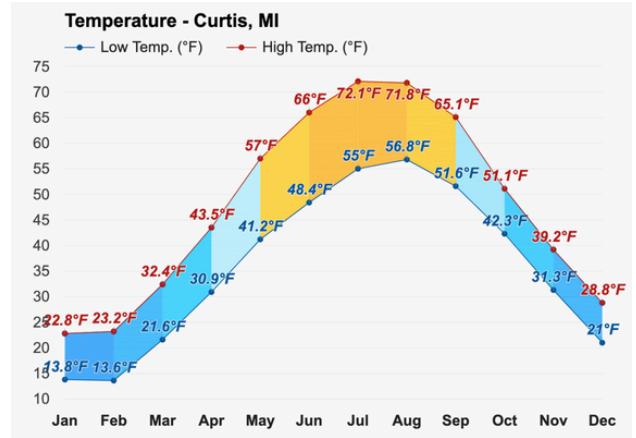
Many people ask what temperatures are like in the UP and how to plan their trip. As you may know, we get all four beautiful seasons here and each one is worth a visit, from Spring growth, to Summer fun, to Fall colors, a Winter wonderland of snowy activities and more. There's a season for everyone in the UP. Here are some of the most important things to know.

## AVERAGE TEMPERATURES AROUND CURTIS, MI

Here's a graph of the average monthly temperatures throughout the year, specifically in Curtis.

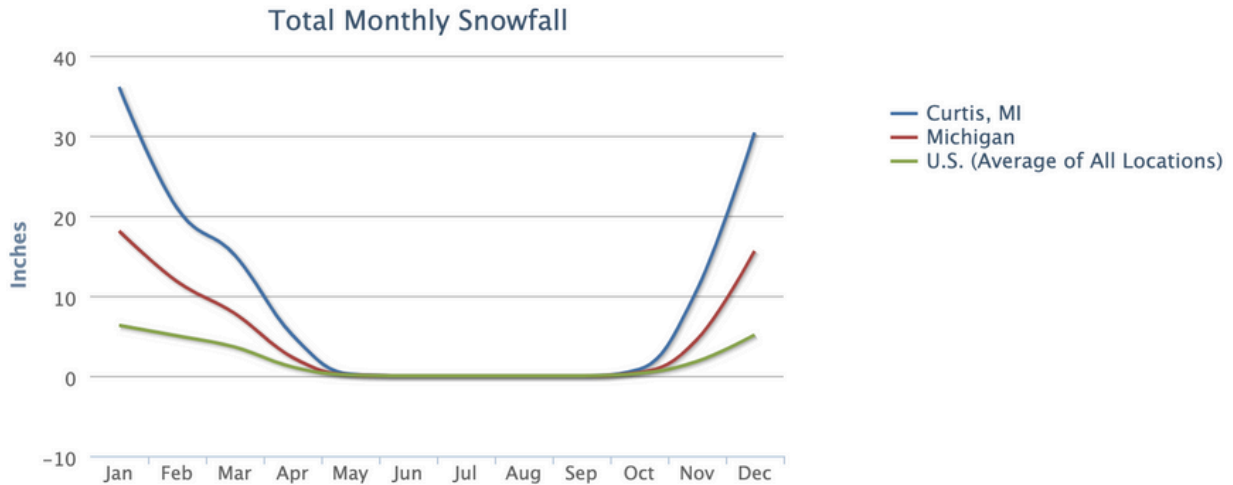
You'll see that May - October temperatures will remain well above freezing, with May to September being the warmest months.

Ice forms on the Manistique Lakes in early-mid December and provides a great place for cold weather sports activities from late December until spring break by the end of March including ice fishing, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, and more. Trails End Resort is open throughout winter until mid-March. Then we re-open again the first week of May each season.



## AVERAGE SNOWFALL AROUND CURTIS, MI

Curtis, Michigan averages around 120" of snow per year, with most of that snow falling in December, January, & February. The averages in the Upper Peninsula range anywhere from 60" around Escanaba to over 300" up in the Keweenaw Peninsula!



This makes Curtis a great destination for winter travelers who want to snowmobile, cross country ski, dog sled (yes there are guided dog sled tours!), and much more! Not to mention the fantastic ice fishing that occurs right outside your door on the Big Manistique Lake!

## AVERAGE MONTHLY SNOWFALL IN THE CURTIS AREA:

Snow can start a few days in November and go into late April. Curtis has around 105 days per year where we receive 1" of snow or more. Here's a breakdown of annual snowfall in Curtis and when:

Average monthly: November: **11"** - December: **30"** - January: **36"** - February: **21"** - March: **15"** - April: **5"**

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