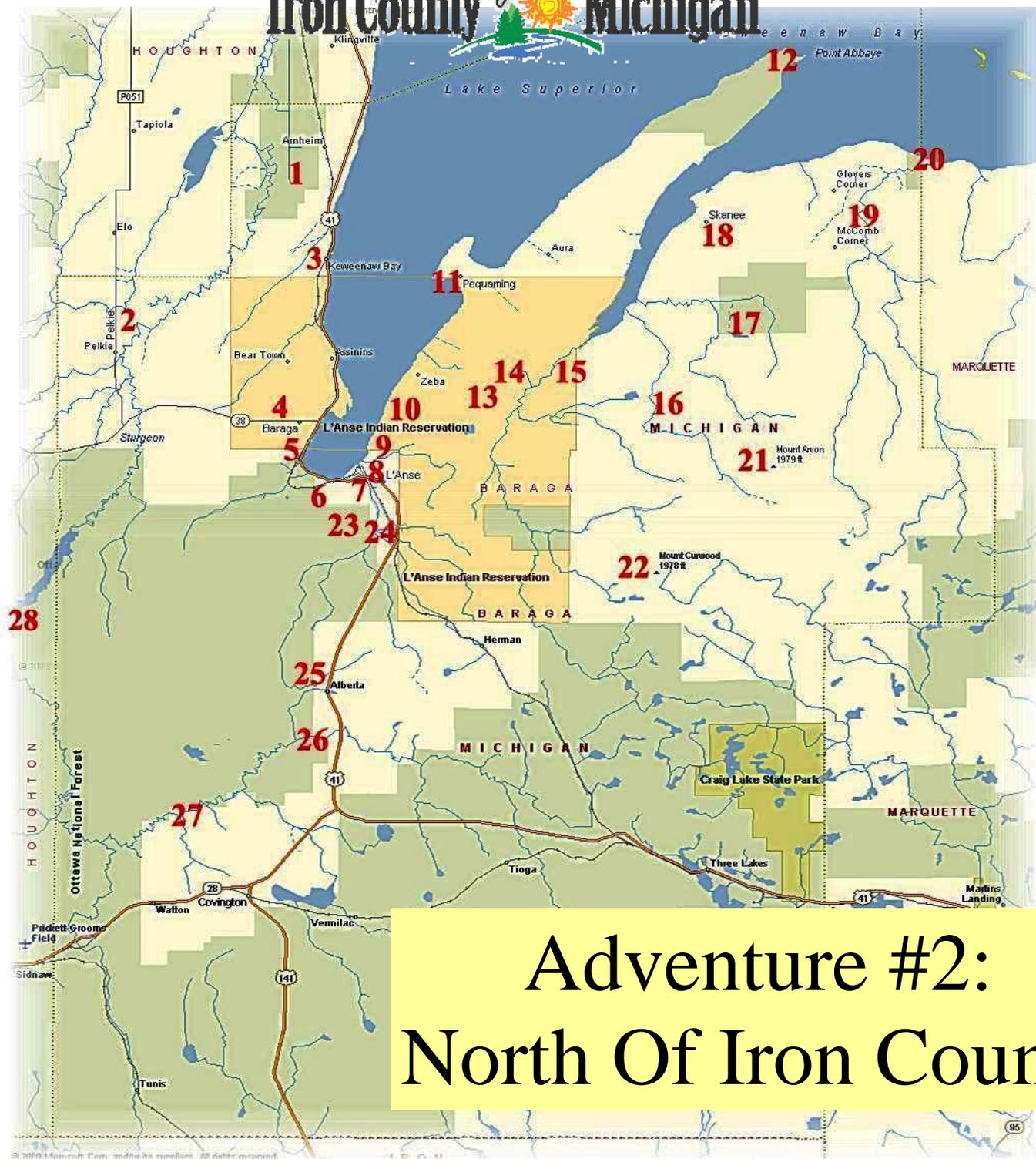




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Moose Viewing:

Take US2 East to Bates/Amasa Road and turn left. Turn left on 141. North of Amasa you will see a very large swamp on your right. Moose have routinely been seen eating in this swamp area in the evenings.



Canyon Falls :

Located along US-41 near Alberta, about 15 miles south of L'Anse.



The trailhead is located in a recently renovated roadside park. The trail to the falls is about 1 mile over level terrain. Beyond the falls the river has cut a gorge into the rocks, and an unmaintained trail continues along the rim of the gorge. The gorge is quite interesting, especially by Michigan standards. The rock has broken along straight line faults, resulting in a very boxy canyon. Numerous rapids and some smaller drops can be found downstream. Much farther downstream, where Sturgeon Falls is located, the gorge widens and deepens, becoming a mile wide and 300

deep. This is the "grand canyon of Michigan". This is an impressive and easy to visit falls, and the gorge is quite impressive by Michigan standards. It is located along US-41 which is one of the main routes through the U.P. so there is a good chance it is on your way if you are travelling through the area.



The Ford Center: & Alberta Village Museum:

Research Forest and Conference Center is located 8 miles south of L'Anse Michigan on U.S. Highway 41, in the heart of the extensive hardwood forests of Michigan's western Upper Peninsula. The Ford Center is a 4,547 acre facility for research and education pursuant to the overall mission of the School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science.

Physical facilities are designed to accommodate programs of education, research, and service. A modern dormitory and related facilities provide year-round housing capability for 94 people. A dining hall, four classrooms, a large conference/meeting room, and office buildings provide support facilities.



Welcome to the Alberta Village Museum - Henry Ford's Historic Model SawMill Town! This historic location is operated by the Alberta Village Museum Association on the grounds of Michigan Technological University's Ford Center.

This unique village, with its sawmill, was built by Henry Ford in the midst of his northern Forest holdings. It was to become one of his "Village Industries," which were common in lower Michigan. Alberta provides an interesting example of sawmill technology, a planned community in a beautiful forest setting and the power of one man's vision to create a suitable environment for his employees. Please come visit us and see where the Ford "Woodie" got its wood!



The museum and gift shop are open Tuesday - Saturday . June 15th through the fall color season (mid-October)
Hours: 9:30am - 3:30pm

For information on group tours, please call or email: 906.524.6181 kalprice@mtu.edu

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L'Anse Golf Course:

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Hilltop

Sweet Facts: On a typical busy weekend, we'll use about 3,000 pounds of flour, 150 pounds of sugar, 60 pounds of apples, etc., just making our sweet rolls, not to mention the cinnamon, that comes in 100 pounds at a time. Our record so far is 204 dozen sweet rolls baked in our kitchen in

the course of one long day. [Buy sweet rolls online](#) and at the Hilltop Restaurant in L'Anse, Michigan.

Hilltop History: The Hilltop commands the high ground above L'Anse, a one time logging and sawmill village that curls around the lower tip of Lake Superior's Keweenaw Bay. The "Sweet Roll" is credited to the Aunt of one of the current owners (back in the 1950's). The Hilltop has remained family owned and operated for over 60 years. The restaurant is currently owned and operated by Kurt and LeRita Allert and Scott and Penney Jaeger. We have owned and operated the Hilltop for the past 18 years and prior to that it was owned by Scott's mom for 19 years.

L'Anse, along with the surrounding towns in Baraga County now thrives with a growing tourism industry. Be sure to visit us next time you're passing through [L'Anse, Michigan](#). We're right on US-41, open year round and conveniently right on the Snowmobile trail.

We pride ourselves on providing homemade comfort foods from scratch. We are known for our "real" mash potatoes and an "all you can eat" salad bar that is a meal in itself. Much of our time is spent cutting fresh vegetables for homemade soups and salads to hand rolling meatballs for a Sunday special. Our bakers start at 6am to provide daily homemade, bread, pies, bars, cookies and the "Famous" Sweet Roll. It is all about providing great homemade food, portions that please even the hardest of eaters



Baraga County Convention & Visitors Bureau

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Welcome To Baraga County!: Of the Many attractions of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, perhaps no region enjoys as many as Baraga County and its immediate environs. This is a county rich in natural beauty enhanced by the change of seasons that provide something for everyone.

The focal point of the region is spectacular Lake Superior, a major reason for the migration of people to this area seeking the ideal retirement site or vacation hideaway. One never tires of looking at or being near the "shining big-sea water." In addition to Lake Superior, dozens of smaller lakes provide opportunity for boating, fishing, swimming or time spent near the water.

The people of Baraga County with their different cultural and ethnic backgrounds contribute to the charm of the area. Along with the counties other attributes, they will keep you coming back again and again.

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Indian Country Sports

It seems only yesterday the waters of Keweenaw Bay were dotted with great, wooden masted ships, belching smoke as they hauled their loads of timber, copper, and iron ore down the Great Lakes waterway. The town of L'Anse, nestled in the curve at the bottom of the bay, was

a popular stop along the way, whether you needed safe harbor or just some overdue rest and recreation. The great old ships are mostly gone now, but the memories of bygone days remain alive in the heart of this lakeside town. One weathered downtown building, overlooking the port and waterfront, has housed a number of different businesses since the late 19th century; shipping warehouse, livery, fish market, blacksmith, and glass factory. In 1968 it became home to Indian Country Sports, servicing mostly local hunting, fishing and outdoor enthusiasts. But when Steve and Anne Koski took over in 1977 it became much more. Their homegrown knowledge of the area, easy-going manner and love of all things nautical have transformed Indian Country Sports into an area landmark.

In 1995, Steve's ultimate dream was realized with the completion of a 44-foot tall, fully operational, Coast Guard approved lighthouse. The lighthouse and store symbolize the recent revitalization of the beautiful L'Anse waterfront – an effort due, in no small part, to Indian Country Sports. Locals still stop by to visit and swap stories over a cup of coffee. Tales of fishing the Big Lake, hunting the elusive monster buck or exploring the rugged back trails are among the hottest topics. Displays of nau-

Java By The Bay:

Dudo and Nicole Collins saw the need for a coffee shop in their area and decided to open Java by the Bay. Located in L'Anse, the shop has only been around for nine months, and they're already making their mark on the community by making Java by the Bay an enjoyable meeting place for residents.

"Everybody gathers here it feels like," said Nicole Collins. "There's always a gathering here, and it's either book club or knitting club or church gatherings." "We try to provide a good, comfortable, safe place for people to meet and relax," said Dudo. The owners say they are trying to keep their products as local as possible, and their coffee is roasted in Calumet. Coffee isn't their only specialty; the shop also offers baked goods, sandwiches and other healthy food choices.

Located downtown L'Anse, turn right at the blinking light, Java By The Bay will be on your left, first block. Look for the beautiful flowers along the sidewalk.

Baraga County Historical Museum

The museum is located on US 41 in Baraga, Michigan, on the shores of L'Anse Bay (Keweenaw Bay). The museum is owned and managed by the Baraga County Historical Society, a non-profit organization (IRS 501C). The mission of the BCHS is to collect, display and preserve the rich history of Baraga County's past. The displays at the museum highlight many of these significant events.

The Museum is barrier free and provides a park area for persons to enjoy a picnic or just sit and take in the view of beautiful Keweenaw Bay. The setting on the bay has a rich historic significance to the Baraga County Historical Society. As you look out over the bay, you can see the historic Red Rocks and the Lac View Desert Trail. Looking north, you can see Sandpoint where ancient artifacts have been carbon dated to be more than a 1000 years old.

The Museum is open to the public from June until the end of September. The hours of operation are 11AM to 3PM Tuesdays through Saturdays (additional hours may be arranged). The admission fee is \$2 adults, \$1 teens while children under 12 are admitted free when with an adult.

Phone: (906) 353-8444 or (906) 353-6810



Baraga Casino

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L'Anse Waterfront Park:

The L'Anse waterfront now has an attractive marina, pier, and park, with features that add up to a pleasant picnic spot for a driving break to stretch your legs and enjoy a beautiful view of L'Anse Bay. L'Anse's uninterrupted public frontage on L'Anse Bay at the Falls River mouth was a gift from the Ford Motor Company when it sold the adjacent Falls River mill. Ford's lumber operation had used the waterfront for its own shipping and for decking logs.

For the best bay view, walk out to the end of the barrier-free pier alongside the

marina. (It's directly opposite the lighthouse attached to Indian Country Sports.) There's an excellent boat launch (\$2 fee) at this natural deepwater harbor. Various platforms have picnic spots, but anglers mostly fish off the pier's end for salmon, steelhead, perch, and most any kind of Great Lakes fish. (A fish-cleaning station across from Indian Country Sports is a new addition.) A green buoy marks the end of the existing dock; off it lies the remains of the remains of the Northerner, an easy dive for scuba divers. The 20-slip, self-registration marina offers boaters lights, water, pumpout, and gas.

The adjacent Front Street beach and playground are magnets in good weather. There's a 1,500-foot lighted walkway with benches, a large pavilion, and restrooms. Summer concerts, from hymns to rock, are held Thursdays at 7 at the bandshell from early July into late August. It's become a tradition for the extremely popular folk music group Whitewater to close out the season.

At the park's west end, toward the BPB Celotex plant, there's a sand volleyball court, a horseshoe court, two covered picnic areas, and a fun little train for kids to play in. Here too an informal nature trail curves south along the Falls River alongside a striking series of easy-to-reach waterfalls (see Falls River, Lower and Middle Falls).

From U.S. 41 at the main Y intersection, head down Broad Street. Proceed a block past the Main Street business area to the park. Or turn off 41 at Burger King, then take a left onto Broad and proceed to park. Wheelchair accessible.

Shrine of Bishop Baraga: "The Snowshoe Priest"

On the stretch of US 41 between L'Anse and Baraga, is a giant copper figure standing astride a silvery cloud rising some 60 feet above the bluff overlooking Keweenaw Bay. This heroic statue pays tribute to one of the earliest and most beloved pioneers of the Keweenaw, Frederic Baraga, the Snowshoe Priest who became the first Bishop of the Upper Peninsula and the Apostle of the Great Lakes.



His title as the Snowshoe Priest" came from the necessity of long treks overland in the winter months to serve his far flung churches that served both the native population and the small communities of copper miners on the Keweenaw Peninsula.

The Shrine: The Bishop Baraga Shrine, erected in the 1960's. Rising six stories above the Red Rocks Bluff, the Shrine commands a breathtaking panoramic view of virgin hardwoods, scenic coastline and the oldest mountains, geologically, in the world. Flanking the southern side of the Bluff is the Lac Vieux Desert Trail, a gateway to the Mississippi Valley for Native Americans in the early 1830's.

Holding a cross (7 feet high) and snowshoes (26 feet long) the statute of Bishop Baraga is 35 feet tall and weighs four tons. It floats on a cloud of stainless steel supported by five laminated wood beams representing Baraga's five major missions.

The Shrine is a lovely spot to rest and get out of your car to stretch your legs.

There is a well kept picnic area, restaurant, and gift shop on the site where you will find several fine books about Baraga and the early days of these Keweenaw Bay communities..

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MT. ARVON

Mt. Arvon is Michigan's highest point standing at 1,979.238 feet above sea level. It is located in the rugged backwoods of Michigan's Upper Peninsula in beautiful Baraga County, approx 27 driving miles from L'Anse, Michigan. Getting to Mt. Arvon is no easy feat if you don't know your way around. Currently, blue diamond shaped signs (about every mile) mark the route to Mt. Arvon.



PRIMARY ROUTE

Approach: From the intersection of US Hwy 41 and Broad Street immediately South of L'Anse, proceed north into L'Anse on Broad Street for 0.7 miles to Main Street. Turn right on Main Street which will become the Skanee Road, and continue 16.1 miles to Church Road (formerly Roland Lake Road) on the right, where the Zion Lutheran Church is on the SE corner. Turn right on Church Road and proceed 2.9 miles to Ravine River Road to Roland Lake (see map at right for a detailed description). Turn right on Ravine River Road and continue 6.1 miles to T-intersection. Turn right and continue 0.9 miles to the trail on the right which actually is an old logging road. There are many less well-developed roads in the Ravine River Road area. Please follow the blue signs that mark the way to the top. Unless indicated below, stay on the obvious "main track" as you proceed along Ravine River Road. The route on Ravine River Road is as follows:

(at this point reset the odometer). At 0.7 miles, fork, go straight; 1.8 miles, pass through gravel pit; 2.0 miles, leave gravel pit at a fork, go straight; 3.0 miles, fork, bear left; 3.4 miles, fork, bear right; 4.0 miles, 4.5 miles and 4.7 miles, forks go straight; 6.1 miles. T-intersection, main road goes left, turn right, 6.3 miles fork, go left; 6.4 miles, steep incline at the point, fork, go right; 6.8 miles, fork, go right 7.2 miles go to right. At this point there is a parking lot and there is an approximately 1/4 mile walk to the summit. A USGS benchmark and mailbox containing a register will be found on the summit. Return down the mountain the same way.

Point Abbaye

Located on the tip of Huron Bay overlooking Lake Superior with a great view of the Huron Islands and Huron Mountains. The shoreline is jagged rocks of many different formations and levels and is a great place to go and chase the waves. From L'Anse take Main Street to the Skanee Road then turn left onto Townline Road. At the 4 way stop go straight, take next dirt road on right which should be the Pt. Abbaye road. Follow the road to the point.

This is one of the most beautiful spots in Michigan that most casual travelers have never heard of. It is also a rather remote spot and will require investing the better part of a full day to visit. As you stand at Point Abbaye' and look out over the waves of Lake Superior pounding and crashing on the wind swept rocks, you can almost hear the rigging of the tall ships of French explorers as they entered this magical region 400 years ago. If you look to your left you can see the iron range of the Keweenaw Peninsula and to your right you can see the wilds of the Huron Mountains. This is one of the few places in Michigan where both are visible. Just the sounds of the eagles makes this worth the effort. Point Abbaye' is at the very end of a small peninsula that juts out into Lake Superior between Keweenaw Bay and Huron Bay. The trip involves an eleven mile drive on an old sandy



two track or "snake trail" as we used to call them. This track is unimproved and your top speed will be about 15 miles per hour. You cruise through the wilderness past a few isolated homes and through the silence broken only by bird calls and the music of Lake Superior. At the end of this drive you will enter a small parking area that is not paved with no facilities. It is entirely possible that you will be the only one there.

There are two or three hiking trails marked out that lead to the point itself. The trails are also unimproved but are certainly usable by casual visitors. Other than water and a camera, no special equipment is required. The shortest trail will get you out to Point Abbaye' in 15 or 20 minutes. When you get there you leave the forest and step out onto an enormous rock shelf that overlooks the lake. Care should be taken as the rocks can be slippery and there are no facilities here, this is pure Michigan wilderness.

When you decide you have had enough natural beauty and want to return to your car, there is an option other than taking the trails back. The physically fit and adventurous might want to walk back along the shoreline. The entire way is nothing but rocks and rock cliffs with huge splashes of spray, great giant pines and pure Lake Superior forming pools and rivulets. If you keep Lake Superior on your right hand side you will eventually get back to the parking area. The hike along the shore is extremely rough, slippery and can be wet if the wind is up. However, it is just so beautiful and you can get pictures like no other.

View Of Huron Islands



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1 CANYON FALLS

Canyon Falls is a beautiful box canyon and waterfall with several levels of falls. It is considered the Grand Canyon of Michigan. Canyon Falls is located eight miles south of L'Anse on the south side of US-41 at the roadside park. The trailhead starts in the parking lot by the map. It is approximately a 10 minute walk to view the falls. Picnic tables and rest rooms are available. DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 1-2

2 POWER HOUSE FALLS

To reach the Power House Falls on the Falls River take US-41 approximately 1-1/2 miles south of L'Anse. Turn right at the Power Dam Rd. Follow Power Dam Rd. till you pass railroad tracks, road takes a sharp right, go straight ahead on dirt road to a Y, turn right, brings you to falls. DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 1

3 UN-NAMED FALLS

The Un-Named Falls on the Falls River is located by the bridge on US-41, just North of L'Anse. There is a small parking area by the bridge. DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 1

4 LOWER FALLS

In L'Anse, take Broad St. down the hill to the intersection of Broad & Main, at the blinking light. Turn left on Main St., and go 2 blocks to the Celotex Plant, but don't cross the bridge. Park in the parking lot on the left. Follow the path upstream to the Lower Falls, which is a nice cascading waterfall on the Falls River. DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 1-2

5 MIDDLE FALLS

To reach the Middle Falls on the Falls River follow the same directions as the Lower Falls. When you reach the Lower Falls continue on the path upstream that runs alongside a high bluff. The Middle Falls can be viewed from atop this bluff. DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 1-2

6 LOWER SILVER FALLS

Enjoy this picnic spot. It has an extremely easy access. Go six miles northeast of L'Anse on the Skanee Road. Turn right onto Falls Road, travel to the end of the road. From here you can view the first falls, then walk 100 feet down the foot trail to a second more beautiful falls on the Silver River. DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 1

7 SLATE RIVER FALLS

In L'Anse, take Broad St. down hill to intersection of Broad & Main, at blinking light. Turn right on Main St., which turns into Skanee Rd. outside L'Anse. Take Skanee Rd. to Arvon Rd., turn right. Go 3.3 miles, there will be a trail on the left side of Arvon Rd. that leads to a slate quarry and the Slate River Falls. DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 2

8 QUARTZITE FALLS & 9 BLACK SLATE FALLS

Continue on Arvon Rd. from Slate River Falls a short distance, and you will find two waterfalls within a few hundred feet of each other. The farthest falls is Black Slate Falls which starts as a rapids then drops over rock formations in three distinct sections before it continues downstream a few hundred feet to Quartzite Falls. The falls can be accessed by a short easy trail through the forest. DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 1-2

10 BIG ERIC'S FALLS

In L'Anse, take Broad St. down hill to intersection of Broad & Main, at blinking light. Turn right on Main St., which turns into Skanee Rd. outside of L'Anse. Take Skanee Rd. to the junction of Portice Rd., and Eric's Rd. just past Black Creek Rd. Turn right on Eric's Rd., take till you reach Big Eric's Bridge. Big Eric's Falls is on left side of the bridge. DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 1

11 UN-NAMED FALLS

The Un-Named Falls on West Branch of the Huron River are easily accessible. From intersection of Broad & Main in L'Anse, turn right on Main St., which turns into Skanee Rd. outside of L'Anse. Take Skanee Rd. to Black Creek Rd., turn right. Go approx. 6.9 miles on this dirt road until you reach a bridge. The falls is on the left side of the road, at the bridge. DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 1

12 TIOGA FALLS

Tioga Falls is located 20 miles south of L'Anse on the south side of US-41 at a State Roadside Park complete with picnic tables and rest rooms. From the roadside park it is an easy 5 minute walk to the falls. DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 1

13 TIBBETS FALLS

In L'Anse go south to M-28 (approx. 12 miles), take M-28 to Plains Rd. (2 miles west of Covington), turn north, go 3 miles till you cross the Sturgeon River. Continue on road till it makes a right curve. Turn left on the first dirt road, go approx. 0.2 miles to fork, turn left. There are some signs to mark road. Falls are about 1/2 mile, road ends here & you can easily turn around. It is about a 5 minute walk to the falls. Use caution during wet weather as road may not be passable.

14 STURGEONFALLS/GORGE

Absolutely beautiful falls on the Sturgeon River, 17 miles southwest of Baraga. From Baraga: take M-38 west and go 8-10 miles to Prickett Dam Road. Turn left (south) and go approximately 2-1/2 miles, and turn right towards Silver Mountain. Go past Prickett Lake Dam & boat launch area (approximately 2-3 miles) and you'll come to the Silver Mountain access road (about 3-4 miles). Which if you like to hike, is a must. All you have to do is climb 300+ steps to the top and you'll be rewarded with a breathtaking view of Prickett Lake. At this point you've gone 5-7 miles, next you will cross the bridge over the Sturgeon River & continue southeast along Forest Road 2270 about 2-3 miles to Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness Trail Head which is on your right and the parking lot is on your left. The hike down will take you about 25-30 minutes and then of course you have to come back up. If you want to continue on to the Sturgeon Gorge Overlook it's another mile. When you come to the T-intersection take a right and there's a sign that says "Bears Den". There is a parking lot and then a 5 minute walk to the overlook. From Sidnaw: take M-28 (1/2 mile east of Sidnaw) to Forest Road 2200 and go north. Cross the Sturgeon River near campground & continue to junction w/Forest Road 2270. Go left 1/2 mile to Gorge trailhead. DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 3

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