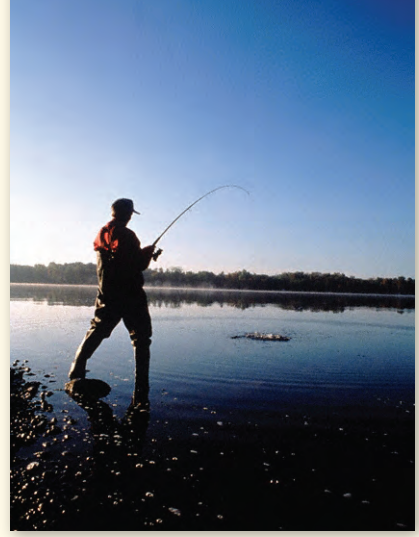


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Welcome from Clare County Parks & Recreation

Clare County is an outdoor paradise, with over 50,000 acres of State Forests, 300 miles of rivers, 28 miles of snowmobile trails, and over 18 public access lakes. It is the vision of Clare County Parks & Recreation to make residents and visitors aware of the numerous recreational resources and activities available throughout the county. We work hard to bring new activities, improve existing resources and make community events known to the public. Please take an opportunity to enjoy some of the great recreational resources and community activities occurring throughout Clare County!

Clare County Parks & Recreation was chartered by the Clare County Board of Commissioners in 1997 with the goal of helping to improve the quality of life for county residents and visitors through recreation. Since that time, many studies have been completed to determine how best to increase the quality of recreational resources throughout the county. Only recently (since August 2004) have these plans been placed in motion, thanks to the generosity of:

The Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network
The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation
The Gerstacker Foundation
The Clare County Enterprise Community

These generous organizations recognize the importance of quality recreation resources and programs to the community and many visitors. Clare County Parks & Recreation is delivering those resources which were deemed important by the community.

Please take a look at the projects and programs being undertaken by our agency. We hope that you take the time to enjoy our resources. Please contact us if you feel there are other recreational projects you would like to see in our communities at **(989) 539-7805** or by email at **ccprc@clareco.net**.

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• **Mission of Clare County Parks & Recreation**

- To provide quality public recreation facilities for all county residents and guests
- To promote physical and mental well-being
- To enhance the quality of life for all citizen groups
- To protect and enhance the enjoyment of our unique environment

Goals

The areas for development in the Master Plan described below have been identified as ‘very desirable’ by the residents of Clare County during the planning process. Clare County Parks & Recreation seeks to consistently improve the recreational resources within the community and greatly values the input of our residents. Please contact CCP&R if there are areas of recreational development you think are needed in Clare County. We want to know what you think.

Increase the number of lake and stream access sites

Clare county has over 3,900 acres of open water and over 330 miles of rivers and streams. Since Clare County is abundant in natural resources, CCP&R hopes to improve the access to these sites so that resources can be better enjoyed by the community.

Trail development on public land

Currently, 11 miles of walking and hiking trails are in the process of being developed in partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. CCP&R hopes to be able to create another 20 miles of hiking trails and 30 miles of biking trails throughout the county with the extension of the Pere Marquette Rail Trail to Farwell and Lake. These trails would help residents and visitors enjoy Clare County’s unique natural environment.

Creating public gardens

Public gardens have long been credited with improving community social interrelations, community pride, community value, and individual health. CCP&R hopes to create varying theme gardens within our public places for the enjoyment of all.

Nature Center

Since Clare County is abundant in natural resources, CCP&R seeks to create an outdoor learning center that would improve community education and awareness to the unique ecology of our local area. This center would be created at a site diverse in natural environments and rich in ecological value to facilitate a greater appreciation and understanding of the important natural resources that can be found in Clare County.

Land acquisition

CCP&R is partnering with other governmental agencies to obtain land through lease, purchase, or donation to help promote the preservation of open space within the county and to create public parks for all to enjoy.

Community Recreation Center

Residents within Clare County have long expressed their desire to have a year round swim facility for recreation and to help provide a resource to increase personal health. Clare County Parks & Recreation is currently looking into the feasibility of creating such a facility.

Clare County Park Initiatives

Clare County Parks & Recreation continually strives to enhance our community by developing recreational resources and implementing programs. The following is a list of resources and programs that we are currently working on:

Green Pine Lake Pathway

11 mile non-motorized trail network located in Freeman Township is situated on state land and had very little maintenance for a number of years due to funding cutbacks by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Recognizing the natural beauty of the area and the importance of nature trails, CCP&R, with the assistance of a grant from the Gerstacker Foundation, has partnered with the Department of Natural Resources to rebuild these trails and provide annual maintenance. CCP&R cooperates with the DNR to develop and maintain this 11-mile trail network. Please check the CCP&R website at clarecountyrecreation.com/hiking to determine availability of access at any time. A full map of the Green Pine Pathway can be found on the website under 'Walking/Hiking' trails. See page 16.

Gerrish Railroad Roadside Park

Located on South Clare Avenue 2.5 miles south of Mid Michigan Community College, this park has a long history of being a favorite picnic spot for local residents and travelers. The park has picnic tables, grills, a natural spring, and a small winding stream. In Spring 2006, with the help of a grant from the Gerstacker Foundation, this park received a new look as it became the focus of a large clean-up and re-landscape project. This historic park has once again become a favorite picnic spot within our community.

News-The Clare County Roadside Park, located on Old US 27 between Clare and Harrison, received a major facelift. With the help the Clare County Master Gardeners and Clare County Parks and Recreation, new flower beds, shrubs and trees have been planted. A grant through the Clare County Community Foundation will add a new arched bridge over the stream in the Spring of 2008. The new bridge will be handicap accessible and add to the safety of crossing the water. Landscaping and road improvements are also planned for 2008.

Lake & River Access Map

Clare County boasts over 80 public lakes with Harrison claiming "20 Lakes in 20 Minutes." The access points to these areas can be difficult to find, so CCP&R has developed a map which clearly defines how to get to lakes having public access within the county as well as those rivers within the county which would have the greatest appeal to anglers. Large maps are available in the back of this guide, beginning on page 18. The maps are also available online. This project has been made possible with a grant from the Saginaw Bay WIN.





Clare County's Towns and Villages

We are excited about all that Clare County has to offer and invite you to experience an affordable and enjoyable getaway!

Clare County provides a variety of recreation options and natural beauty for your spring, summer, fall and winter "getaways" or extended vacation.



Clare, the "City of Festivals", has festivals and events happening most months of the year. The annual 4-day *Irish Festival* in March is one of the most known and loved festivals. Enjoy a host of Irish traditions

including parades, Celtic dancing, musical performances, and even a Leprechaun contest!

As summer heats up, so do the festivals. Clare offers the *Red, White, & Blue Basketball Tournament* that rivals many other area competitions. The *Summerfest Celebration* provides old fashioned fun for all ages with children's games, a picnic in the park, and fireworks over Shamrock Lake to end the day.

As summer turns to fall, Clare gears up for the *Half Way to St. Patrick's Celebration*. Enjoy traditional Irish entertainment, food, and fun at this event.

The downtown district of Clare offers shopping at its' best! Recall a time when you could stroll a brick-lined sidewalk with trees draped in white lights, where each store is unique. Shop owners treat you as a special guest, and items ranging from clothing and collectibles to home decorating, hardware, and of course, Celtic

treasures can be found. When you need a break from shopping, stop and enjoy a cup of coffee and lunch or dinner in a relaxed atmosphere. This will be your experience in Clare. In addition to the wonderful stores downtown, many stores in the Clare area feature Amish crafted goods. Visit the *Amish Quilt Auction*, *Craft Show*, and *Flea Market* each May and Labor Day weekend.

Biking and hiking enthusiasts will welcome touring the picturesque Pere-Marquette Rail-Trail, which is a 30-mile paved trail from Clare to Midland. Non-motorized, this portion of the Rail-Trail system is perfect for biking, hiking, or skating.



The city of **Harrison** is the county seat of Clare County. Year-round recreational activities are available right outside your door. The Harrison area offers great antiquing and flea market finds. Distinctive shops can be found throughout the town. Make a trip to Harrison on Memorial Day weekend to find bargains galore at the annual *Memorial Day Weekend Garage Sales* event that is held in conjunction with the *Harrison Antique Car Show*.

Harrison has a slogan of “*Twenty Lakes in Twenty Minutes*” and as the slogan suggests, water activities can play a big part in your pleasure here. Whether you enjoy boating and waterskiing, or a more relaxed canoe, rowboat, or pontoon ride, Harrison’s lakes and rivers will



provide clean, clear water. Also some of the best fishing anywhere can be found in these waters. At the center of Harrison is Budd Lake, a 175-acre all sports lake, which is stocked for great fishing including some of the biggest muskie you’ll find anywhere. Try your hand at catching one in the Annual Budd Lake Fishing Derby held each June. Wilson State Park, on the shores of Budd Lake, is a favorite with campers throughout the state.

Harrison offers a spectacular *Fourth of July Celebration*, with a parade, demolition derby, and fireworks. No summer would be complete without a visit to a good old-fashioned County Fair. The *Clare County Fair* has taken place in Harrison for over 121 years

with many crowd-pleasing events, including harness racing and star entertainment.

Golfing is another great reason to enjoy the area during the summer. Fall provides excellent opportunities for foliage viewing. Winter also provides the opportunity to take advantage of great downhill skiing and tubing.

The communities of **Leota** and **Temple** share some of Michigan’s 6.84 million acres of State and National forest, with the Muskegon River running through it here. Enjoy ATV/ORV trails, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, camping, canoeing, and tubing. Hike through the forest and enjoy nature at its finest. While here take in the *Annual Car Show* that is held in Leota in June and September.

Lake George and Lake, in the southwest corner of Clare County, had their beginnings as logging towns and have retained much of that essence. They were home to one of the first successful logging railroads in Michigan, the Lake George & Muskegon Railroad. As their names suggest, the communities have many lakes surrounding them. The Green Pine Lake Pathway, accessible from M-115 in the Au Sable State Forest, is in this area of the county. This



non-motorized, maintained trail is designed for hiking and cross-country skiing. Visit this trail during fall to take advantage of the crisp, clean air, and spectacular fall colors.

The **Village of Farwell** also began as a logging community. Today there is a wonderful business district here with everything from antique shops to hardware. Visit the Farwell Historical Museum, located in the center of the Farwell, and learn about the area’s logging past. In July take part in the exciting *Lumberjack Festival* held in the park in the center of the village. Events include traditional lumberjack contests, as well as a log carving competition. In addition, enjoy Farwell’s famous *Labor Day Celebration* where you will find fun-filled events and entertainment.

With all that Clare County has to offer for recreation, sporting, festivals, shopping, and friendly people to help guide your way, it is clear that your exciting, fun-filled “getaway” or peaceful vacation awaits you here.



Clare City Park Descriptions

Brookwood Athletic Complex 1269 Woodlawn

Location: Ann Arbor Trail, West side of town

Size: 29.4 acres total, 5 acres owned by the city

Imagination gateway playground
(8,600 ft.)

6 Tennis courts

One football field, bleachers, concessions

One 1/4 mile track

One baseball field with practice cages,
dugouts, bleachers

One woman's softball field with practice
cages, dugouts, bleachers

One full size soccer field with two goals

Locker rooms for home and away teams

Public restroom facilities

Warming house

Concession stand

Please note that the Brookwood Athletic Complex is owned by Clare Public Schools; however, the City of Clare owns the softball diamond and manages the open space between the tennis courts and the softball diamond.

Pettit Community Park 1525 N. McEwan/1532 N. McEwan Street

Location: On west side of McEwan at the Tobacco River

Size: 5 acres

21 campground sites, 16 with electric
hookup - some fire rings

City water available

Playground structure & equipment

Horseshoe pit

Picnic area with grills

Sanitation station

Accessible restroom facility

Accessible fishing pier

Clare Memorial Park 201 West Fifth Street

Location: 1/4 mile radius On west 5th
street across from city hall.

Size: 4/5 acre

Gazebo 27' diameter

Picnic tables, grill, benches, and water
fountain

Skateboard equipment – temporary,
seasonal location

Shamrock Community Park 221 Wilcox Pkwy/231 Wilcox Pkwy

Location: South shore of Lake Shamrock,
just east of McEwan Street.

Size: 9.8 acres

One lighted Little League baseball
diamond with bleachers, concession
stand.

Large pavilion 120' X 70'

Medium pavilion 48' X 24'

Small pavilion 30' X 18'

Restroom facility

New playground equipment area
with benches plus other playground
equipment scattered around the park

Picnic tables

Grills

Storage building

Fishing access to Shamrock Lake
(62 acres)

Ice-skating rink (seasonal)

Stamina Stadium Sport Park 820 Schoolcrest Avenue

Location: East end of Schoolcrest Drive

Size: 13.2 acres

2 fenced baseball/softball diamonds

1 fenced T-ball field

1 baseball/softball field with temporary
fence

Concession, storage, restroom building,
bleachers

Batting cages

Adjacent to McIreland nature trail.

McIreland Nature Trail

Location: Adjacent to Stamina Stadium

Size: 1/2 Mile

Bridges over tobacco river drainage

Several benches

Wildlife viewing opportunities

Maple and 3rd St. Neighborhood Park

This open space is underdeveloped
at present time; however plans for
development are in the near future.

Barnes Island

Located in Lake Shamrock; accessible by
boat only.

Please Note:

Overnight camping is prohibited in all
parks except for Pettit Park.

Curfews in all parks is 10 p.m.

Alcohol is prohibited in all parks.

**See county map for exact location
of these parks.**

Additional Parks

Gerrish Railroad Roadside Park

Located on Old US 27 south of
Mannsiding Road between Clare and
Harrison. (See Historical Landmark
Tour on pages 10 and 11.) Beautifully
landscaped park with picnic facilities on
bridge covered stream. Flowing natural
water well, restrooms, ample parking.
No overnight camping/facilities.

Wilson State Park

Located within the City of Harrison on
the shores of Budd Lake across from
the Clare County Fairgrounds. (See
Historical Landmark Tour on pages 10
and 11.) Picnic, camping, swimming
beach, boating, and playground facilities
available. State Park permit required
for entry. For further information or
reservations call (989) 539-3021.

Harrison City Park

Located within the city of Harrison on
Spruce Street west of the Industrial Park.
Picnic area with pavilions, playground,
little league and soccer fields, basketball
and tennis courts, horseshoe pits, and
public restroom facilities. No overnight
camping. For further information and
pavilion reservations call Harrison City
Hall at (989) 539-7145.

Hayes Township Outdoor Park

Located north of Wilson State Park on
Townline Lake Road adjacent to the Hayes
Township Hall and the Hayes Township
Civic Center. Basketball courts, tennis
courts, soccer fields, walking trail,
concession and bathroom facilities.
Call the Hayes Township Hall at
(989) 539-7128 for hours of operation.

Shingle Lake Park

Located in Lake George, Lincoln
Township. Boat launch with fishing
platform, swimming beach, playscape
playground, picnic and pavilion facilities.
Public restrooms. No overnight camping.
Call Lincoln Township Hall for pavilion
reservations and hours of operation at
(989) 588-9841.

Village of Farwell Park

Located in downtown Farwell. Picnic
pavilion, playground, public restrooms.
No overnight camping. Call Village of
Farwell Hall at (989) 588-9927 for hours
of operation.

Garfield Township Swimming Beach

At the intersection of Florence and North
Shore Drive. No facilities.

Clare County History

Clare County, situated in the center of the Lower Peninsula, was originally named “Kay Ka Kee” after Chief Pigeon Hawk of the Chippewa Tribe, who signed the Treaty of 1826, giving a large portion of land north of the Wabash River to the US. After three years, Irish settlers disliked the name and decided to rename it. William Crawford, the first area pioneer, settled in Grant Township, set up a sawmill and watched the community grow around it. Originally Crawfordville, the town became known as Dover as it grew.

Clare County grew rapidly, taking advantage of the local logging railroads, the Lake George & Muskegon and the Flint & Pere Marquette. As a result, three major towns and many other “whistle stops” began to develop.



Named for the ninth President of the United States, Harrison was surveyed and set up in 1857-1858 through a substantial land donation by the Flint

& Pere Marquette Railroad. Four Wilson brothers, “Lumber Barons” themselves, bought up much of the area, selling most of it as subdivisions. They did however, donate 40 acres for a state park next to Budd Lake, now named Wilson Park. In the era, Harrison was known as “Michigan’s toughest town” because of the large number of rough and tumble characters living in the area. Those days have long since departed, leaving a kind and gentle community in its wake.

The city of Clare began as a small humble town of pioneers in 1865. In 1870, the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad was finished and opened the area up to settlement. By 1879, the village had incorporated and was a thriving business community. Many of these original businesses became landmarks, giving the City of Clare an excellent history to look back upon.

The Village of Farwell in Clare County was established by a trust deed dated December 5th, 1870. It was named in honor of Samuel Farwell, a great businessman from Chicago. The county seat was originally established here. Not in agreement, an angry group burst into the county courthouse around 1879, took all the records they could carry and set fire to the building. The new county seat was then moved to Harrison, where it has remained.

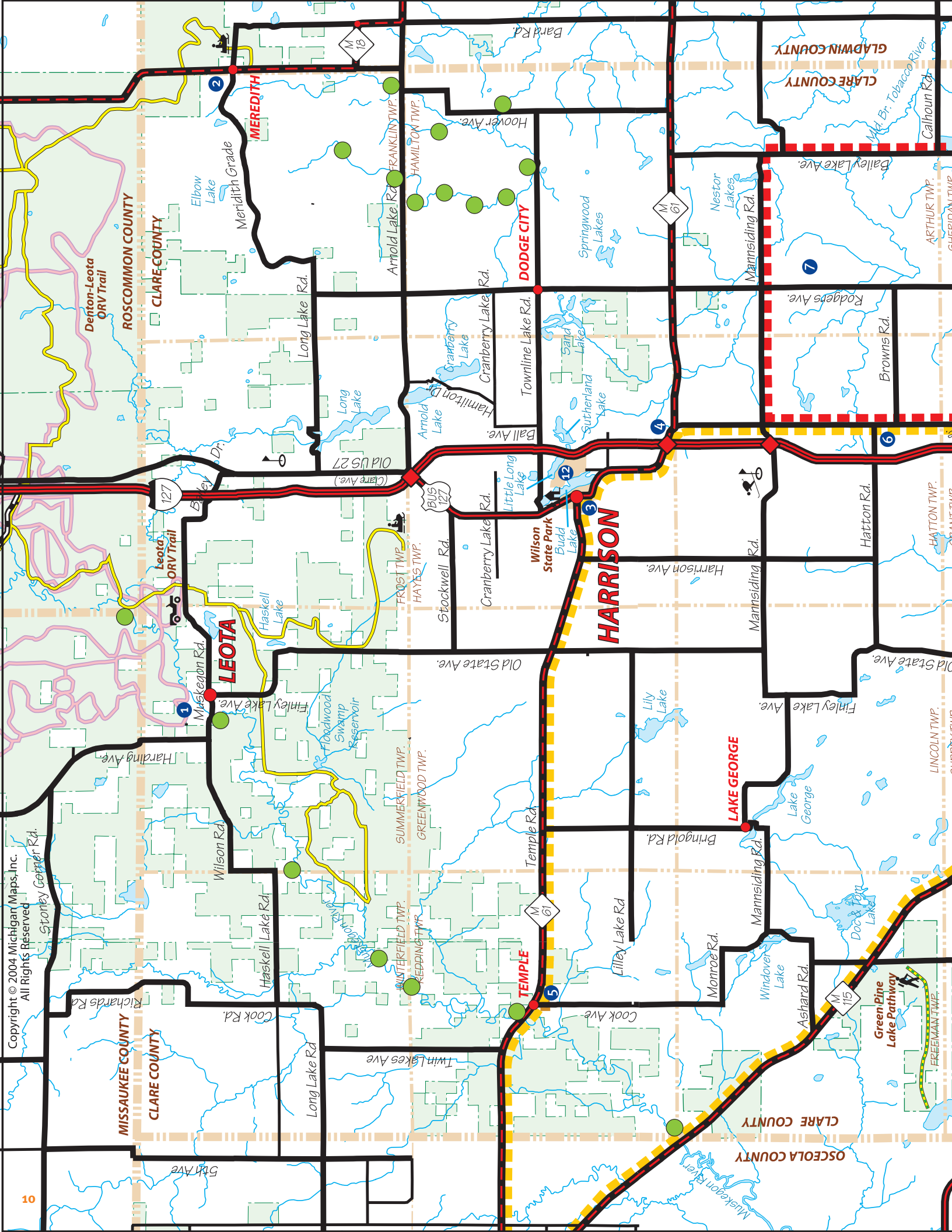
Today, Clare County remains relatively rural, with a population of about 30,000. Harrison has held a county fair every summer since 1883. The county has many pristine lakes, streams and woods offering boating, swimming, fishing, gaming, hiking, skiing and snowmobiling opportunities. Making it a prime tourist location, especially for sportsmen and fishermen.

Self-Guided Historical Landmark Tour

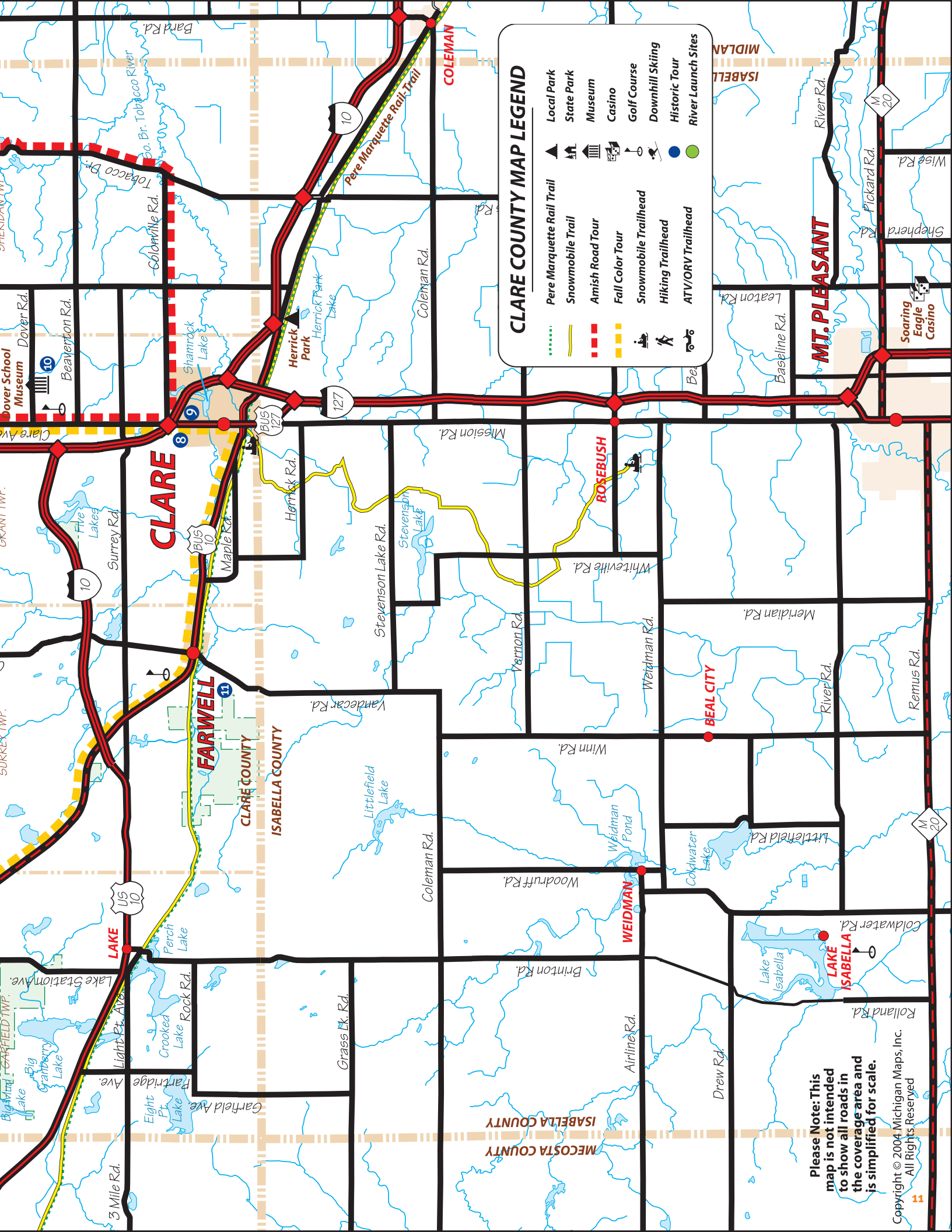
- 1. Jonesville** – Jonesville Road, half a mile north of Muskegon Road.
Currently known for its historical railroad bridge, this site was a railway roll-off for timber into the Muskegon River.
- 2. Meredith** – M-18 in Franklin Township.
This site of intersecting railways developed into a town in the 1880’s.
- 3. Surrey House** – 125 East Beech, Harrison.
Originally named the ‘Ohio Tavern’ in 1879, this restaurant was the site of many deals made during the establishment of surrounding areas.
- 4. Spike Horn** – Corner of East M-61 and Business 27, Harrison.
“Spikehorn” Meyer, renowned for bringing live bears to Michigan’s capital when lobbying the State Senate, raised bears at this site.
- 5. Campbell City** – 101 South Main Street, Temple.
Currently named Temple, this city was the site of early logging activity in the area.
- 6. Gerrish Railroad** – Roadside Park on Old US 27 south of Mannsiding Road, between Clare and Harrison.
Named for Scott Gerrish, this site commemorates the first successful railroad in Michigan.
- 7. Cornwell Ranch** – Cornwell Avenue south of Mannsiding Avenue in Arthur Township.
A key employer of the early era, this ranch had a major influence on the development of surrounding communities.
- 8. Depression Era Art** – Doherty Hotel, Clare.
Painted by Jan McHugh in 1932.
- 9. Work Progress Administration (WPA) Art** – Clare Post Office and Clare Middle School.
Under Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal Program murals were commissioned following the Great Depression. These are federally protected works of art.
- 10. Dover** – At the intersection of Eberhart Road and Dover Road, Clare.
Originally named Crawfordville prior to 1880, the village of Dover was one of the first settlements in the area due to its rich agricultural potential. Dover is also the site of Clare County Historical Museum and one room school house circa 1870.
- 11. Farwell Historical Museum** – 221 Main Street, Farwell.
Village of Farwell was named after Sam Farwell, a man instrumental to railroad construction in the area and director of the Flint and Pere Marquette Railroad.
- 12. Wilson State Park** – In the City of Harrison.
The park is located on the shores of Budd Lake. The Civilian Conservation Corp. constructed the main park building in 1939 along with a stone residence built using rock from Clare, Missaukee, and Gladwin counties.

See map on pages 10 and 11 for Self Guided Historical Tour locations.

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CLARE COUNTY MAP LEGEND

	Pere Marquette Trail		Local Park
	Snowmobile Trail		State Park
	Amish Road Tour		Museum
	Fall Color Tour		Casino
	Snowmobile Trailhead		Golf Course
	Hiking Trailhead		Downhill Skiing
	ATV/ORV Trailhead		Historic Tour
			River Launch Sites

Please Note: This map is not intended to show all roads in the coverage area and is simplified for scale.



Friends of Clare County Parks and Recreation

Friends of Parks is an independent non-profit agency, that supports the improvement of recreational areas throughout the county. Although 'Friends of Parks' is a separate entity from Clare County Parks & Recreation, the organizations work closely together. Our missions to improve recreational resources throughout the county are very similar.

If you love beautiful park areas and would like to see more community recreational resources being developed in the county, please consider volunteering your time and resources for one of our future fund raisers, special events, committees, or beautification projects. All people who enjoy friendly events or have a green thumb are encouraged to contact Friends of Parks by using our on-line contact form. Please consider donating your time and resources to help our recreation areas!

Hunting

Clare County is a favorite of hunters because of its tremendous number of small and large game species. Over 56,000 acres of state land and 7,000 acres of Federal lands are open to hunting, mainly in the northern and western sections of the county. Any questions regarding detailed hunting information on public owned lands should be directed to the Michigan DNR at:

Cadillac Operation Service Center
(231) 775-9727

Harrison Operation Service Center
(989) 539-6411

Lansing Operation Service Center
(517) 373-1230

Roscommon Operation Service Center
(989) 275-5151

www.michigan.gov/dnr

Fishing

Clare County has wonderful fishing opportunities on its many lakes and rivers located throughout the county. As a whole, Clare County has approximately 3,900 acres of open water and over 330 miles of rivers and streams! Across the county, 18 lakes have public access boat launches, and the Muskegon, Tobacco, and Cedar rivers are angler favorites. Clare County is a popular fishing destination for travelers, and many trophy-sized fish have been recorded throughout the years. See individual lake maps for species and trophy fish taken.



Hiking and Walking Trails

A great way to experience nature in Clare County is by hiking the Green Pine Pathway (page 16). Hikers traveling the pathway often encounter a wide variety of wildlife within a short distance and can visit many habitats in which they can be found such as lakes, fields, woodlands and wetlands. The Green Pine Pathway consists of 11-miles of non-motorized trails. Of the 11 miles of trails, 4.5 miles of trails were reconstructed in 2005. The remaining 6.5 miles was reconstructed during the summer of 2006, providing a fresh look to the trails for all to enjoy. Also made available in the summer of 2006, was a 1-mile self-guided interpretive trail, which begins at the Mud Lake Campground. The interpretive trail provides information to hikers on the ecological importance of the diverse habitats that can be found in Clare County. This is a perfect way for young people and families to explore and learn about their environment in an enjoyable manner.

Green Pine Pathway has 2 accessible trailheads.

- On M-115 North of the Lake Station Road
- Mud Lake Campground off Brown Road

The Pere Marquette Rail Trail

The Pere Marquette Rail Trail currently commences in Midland, Michigan and makes its continuous westward trek through the municipalities of Sanford, Coleman, and Loomis, presently ending at the eastern limits of the City of Clare. A MDNR Trail commences approximately two miles west of the City and proceeds to Evart. The City of Clare is currently working on the extension of the Pere Marquette Rail Trail, designed to extend the existing portion of the trail westward through the City of Clare.

For more information, visit Friends of the Pere Marquette Rail Trail at www.LMB.org/pmrt.

ORV Trails and Snowmobile Trails

Access to extensive Off Road Vehicle trails can be found in northern Clare County. The Leota ORV trailhead (pages 14 and 15) is a Michigan DNR managed trailhead that provides access to over 55 miles of ORV trails for large ORV's and hundreds of miles of trails that can be accessed by quads or smaller traditional ORV's.

Proper licensing is required of all vehicles using these trails or parking at the trailhead. Any questions regarding proper licensing of ORV vehicles or rules of trail usage should be directed to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. See page 12 for contact information.

Canoeing:

Duggans Canoe Livery and Camground (989) 539-7149
Located on the Muskegon River in Temple, MI.

Lakeside Motel on Budd Lake, Harrison, MI., (989) 539-3796

Golf Courses:

Devil's Knob, 3897 N. Rodgers, Harrison, MI. (989) 539-9742

Eagle Glen, 1251 Club House Dr., Farwell, MI. (989) 588-4424

Firefly Golf Links, 7795 S. Clare Ave., Clare, MI. (989) 386-3510

Snowsnake, 3407 E. Mannsiding Rd., Harrison, MI. (989) 539-6583

Tamaracks, 8900 N. Clare Ave., Harrison, MI. (989) 539-5441

Scouting:

Camp Deer Trails, Girl Scouts of America, 6651 Eberhart Ave., Harrison, MI. (989) 539-2001

Camp Oak Hills, Girl Scouts of America, 2651 E. Townline Lake Rd., Harrison, MI. (989) 539-7267

Camp Rotary, Boy Scouts of America, 3201 S. Clare Ave., Clare, MI. (989) 386-7943

Lost Lake Scout Reservation, Boy Scouts of America, 4930 Lake Station Ave., Farwell, MI. (989) 544-2551.

Mystic Lake YMCA Camp, 9505 W. Ludington Dr. , Farwell, MI., (989) 544-2844

Camp Neyati, 2041 Hillcrest Drive, Lake, MI., (989) 544-2955

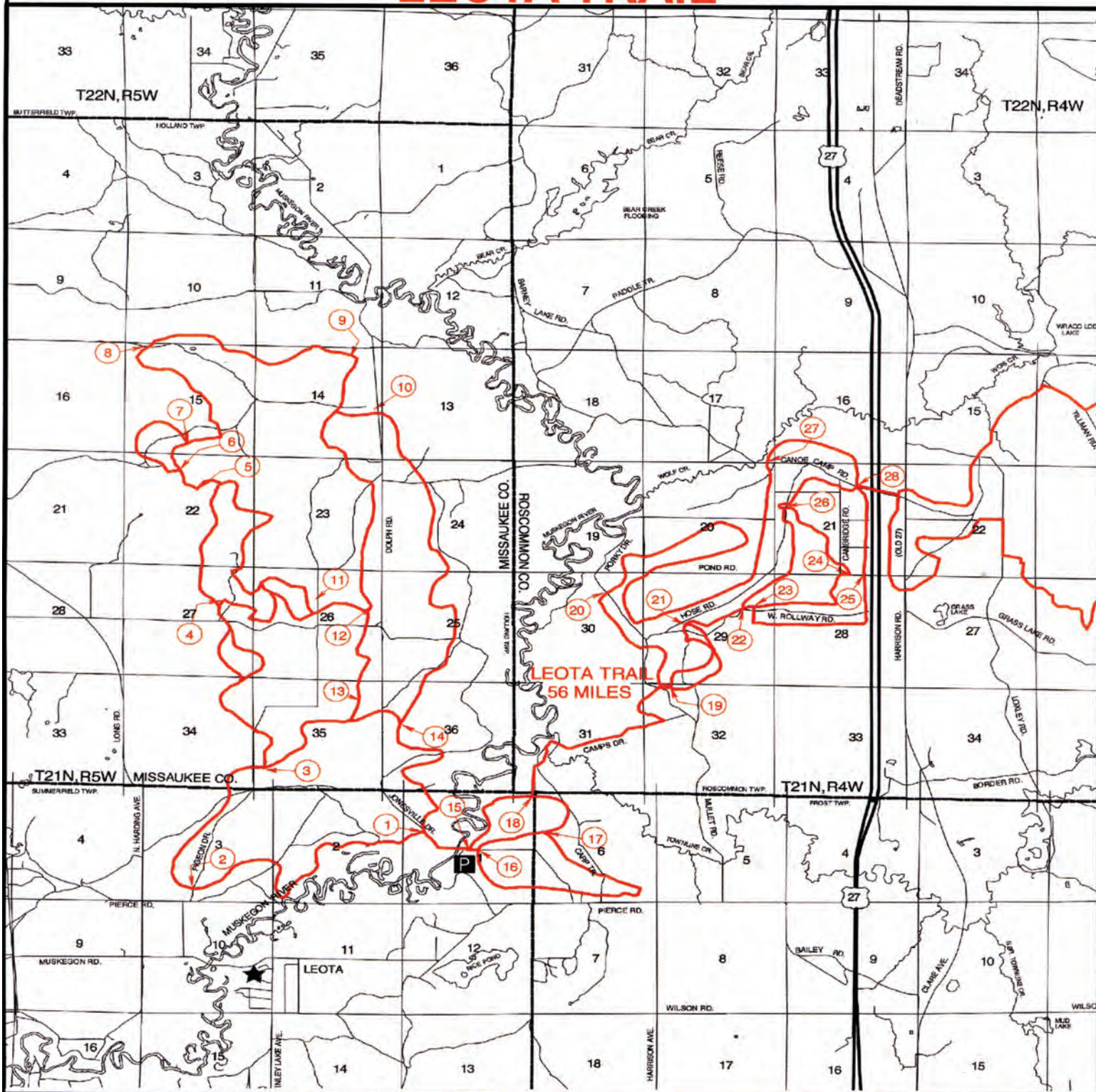
Skiing:

Snowsnake Ski Lodge, 3407 E. Mannsiding Rd., Harrison, MI. (989) 539-6583

Fall Color Trails

Clare County is called 'The Gateway to the North' for good reason; most of our county is undeveloped wooded lands that turn into an explosion of color during the autumn. If you are fortunate enough to be traveling near Mid-Michigan during this time of year, please take time to enjoy our natural firework display. The route is all primary roads (pages 10 and 11) that will not prove too time consuming to travel, but will be well worth the journey. If you have more time to enjoy the colors, traveling throughout any part of our county and walking the Green Pine Pathway hiking trail (page 16) would be well-worth your time.

LEOTA TRAIL



Clare County



Parks & Recreation



— ORV TRAIL—for ORV's less than 50" in width-off road motorcycles and/or ATV's (DNR License required)



— ORV ROUTE—for ORV's of all sizes. (DNR license required unless licensed by Secretary of State)

LEGEND

(19) INTERSECTION NUMBER

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DENTON-LEOTA LOOPS

This map displays two proposed bicycle loops in Roscommon County, Michigan. The **Denton Creek Trail** is a 43-mile loop, and the **Leota Trail** is a 56-mile loop. Both loops are marked with red lines and numbered 1 through 36. The map includes a grid with northings (1-12) and westings (1-36). Key roads shown include T22N R3W, T22N R4W, T21N R3W, T21N R4W, and various local roads like Leota Rd, Leota Lake Rd, and Leota Creek Rd. The map also shows the locations of Leota and Denton, and the surrounding areas of Roscommon and Clare counties.

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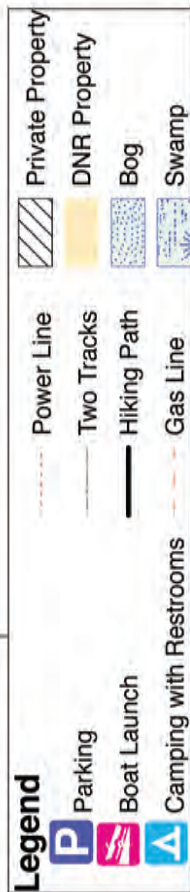
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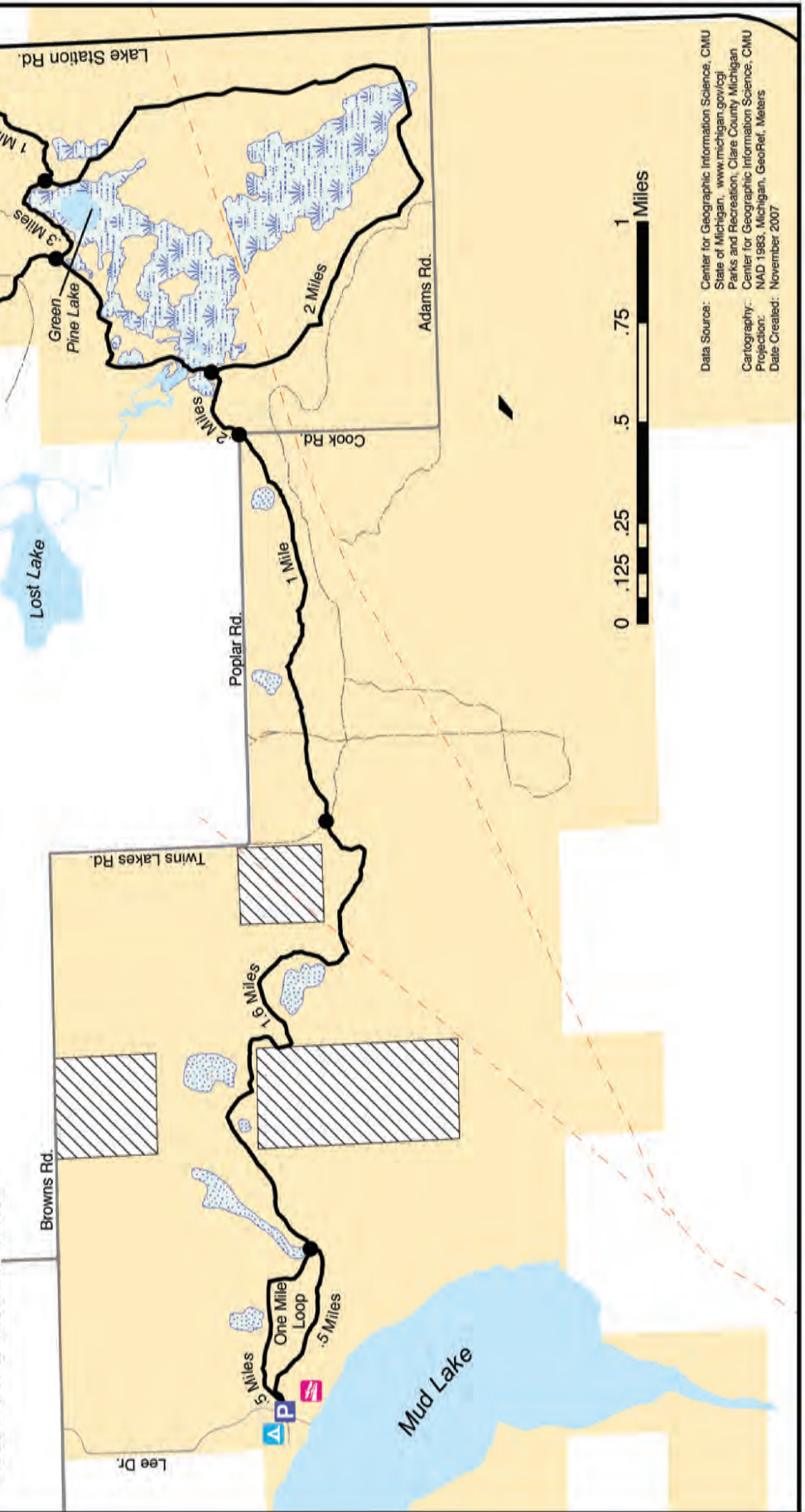
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Green Pine Lake Pathway

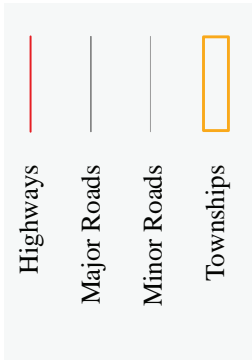
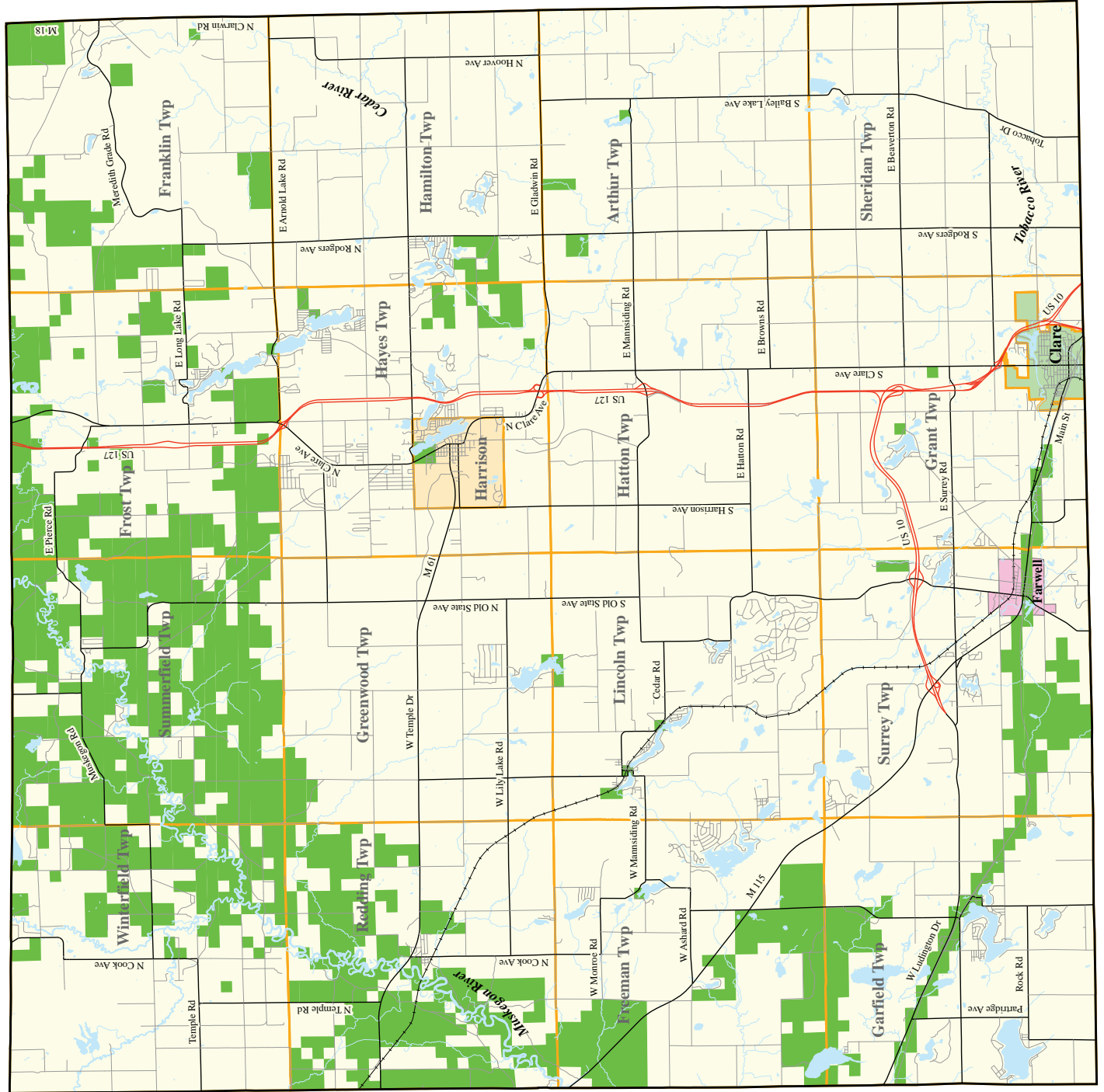


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ARNOLD LAKE

Size: 118 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface - Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

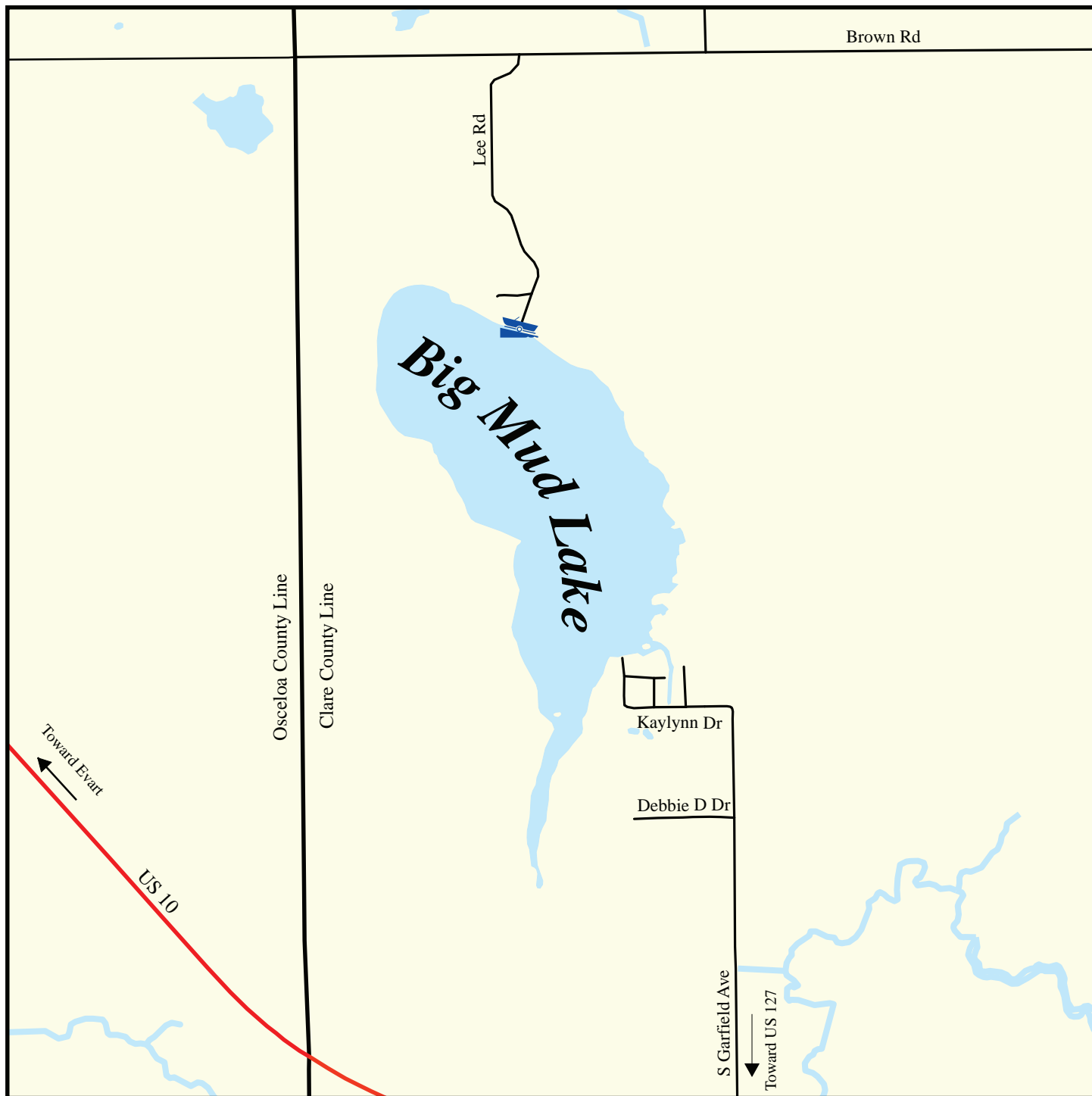
Parking: 3 Trailer Spaces

Restrooms: NO

Trophy Fish: June 2003 - Black Bullhead 14.00 inches & May 2005 - Rock Bass 11.63 inches

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed, Rock Bass, Yellow Perch

Stocking Information:



0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles

BIG MUD LAKE

Size: 230 Acres

Boat Ramp: Dirt: Suitable for Small Boats Only

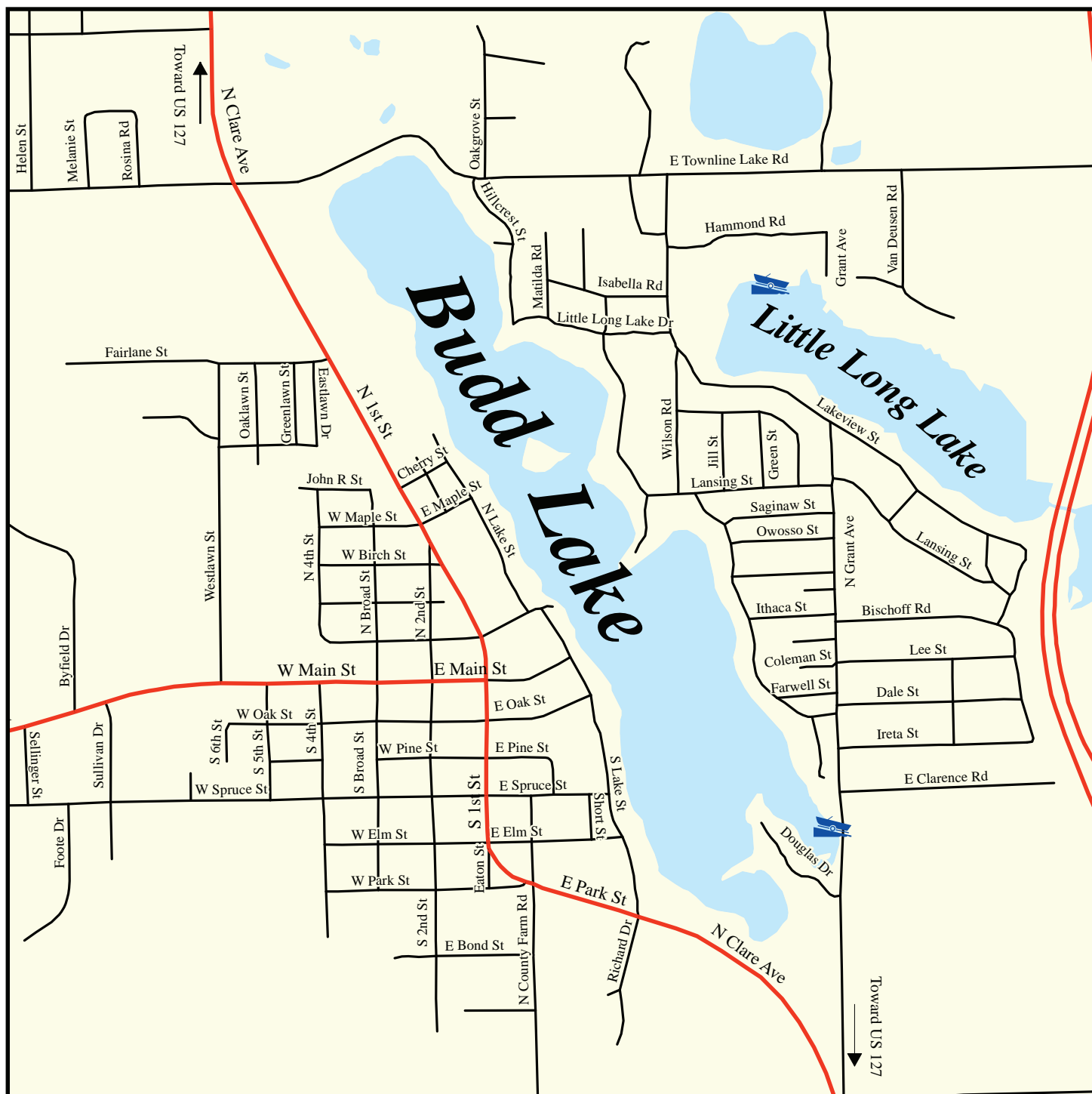
Parking: 6 Trailer Spaces

Restrooms: Yes: Handicap Accessible

Trophy Fish:

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike

Stocking Information:



0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles

BUDD LAKE

Size: 175 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface

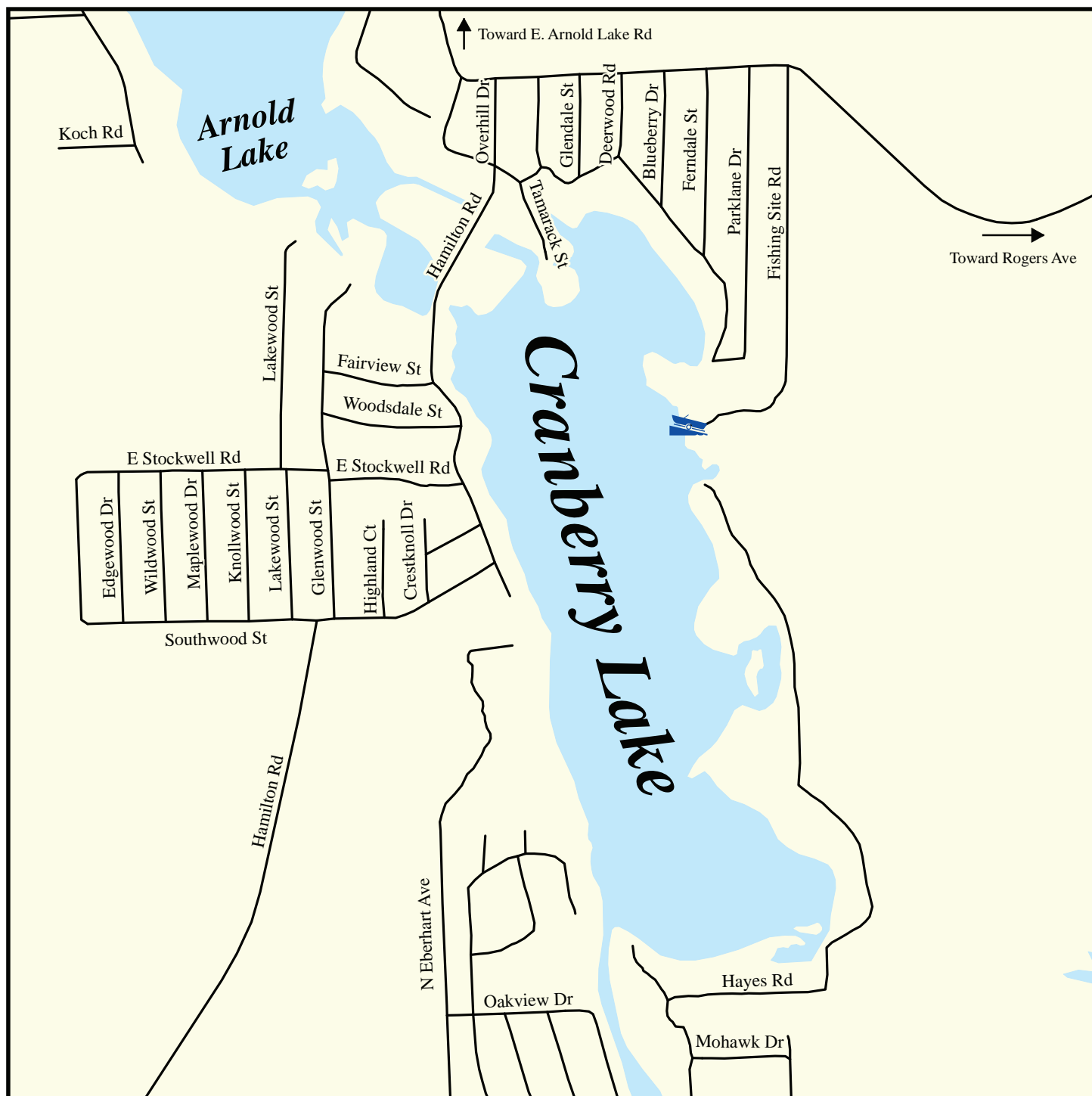
Parking: 10 Trailer Spaces

Restrooms: Yes: Handicap Accessible

Trophy Fish: June 2000 - Northern Muskellunge 44.00 inches & July 2002 - Tiger Muskellunge 44.00 inches & July 2002 - Northern Muskellunge 46.75 inches & June 2002 - Largemouth Bass 22.50 inches

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Northern Muskellunge, Yellow Perch

Stocking Information:



0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles

CRANBERRY LAKE

Size: 293 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface: Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

Parking: 7 Trailer Spaces

Restrooms: Yes: Handicap Accessible

Trophy Fish:

Game Species:

Stocking Information:



0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles

CROOKED LAKE

Size: 264 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface: Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

Parking: 16 Trailer Spaces

Restrooms: Yes

Trophy Fish: May 2005 - Pumpkinseed 10.013 inches / 1.0 lb

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike

Stocking Information:



FIVE LAKES

Size: 142 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface: Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

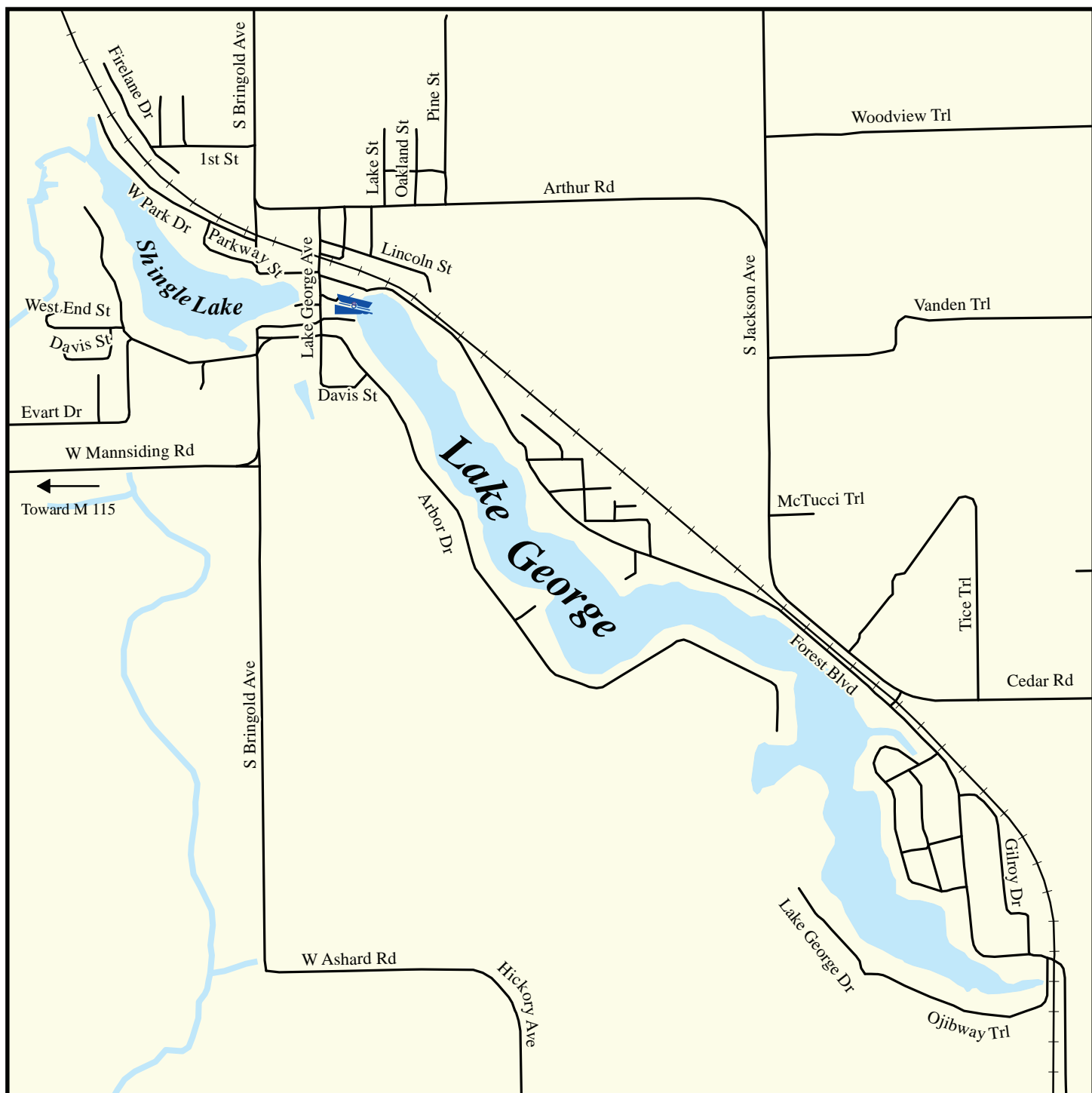
Parking: 6 Trailer Spaces

Restrooms: Yes: Handicap Accessible

Trophy Fish: August 2001 - Largemouth Bass 27.00 inches / 6.12 lbs &
September 2005 - Black Crappie 16.00 inches

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike,
Pumpkinseed, Yellow Perch

Stocking Information:



0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles

LAKE GEORGE

Size: 143 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface: Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

Parking: 6 Trailer Spaces

Restrooms: Yes

Trophy Fish: May 2005 - Black Crappie 14.50 inches

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed, Rock Bass, Yellow Perch

Stocking Information:



0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles

LILY LAKE

Size: 209 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface: Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

Parking: 8 Trailer Spaces

Restrooms: Yes: Handicap Accessible

Trophy Fish: May 2005 - Black Crappie 14.50 inches / 2.5 lbs

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Bullhead, Green Sunfish, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed, Yellow Perch

Stocking Information:



LITTLE LONG LAKE

Size: 43 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface: Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

Parking: 9 Trailer Spaces

Restrooms: Yes: Handicap Accessible

Trophy Fish: July 2002 - Large Mouth Bass 22.00 inches

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Brooke Trout, Brown Trout, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed, Rock Bass

Stocking Information: Since the year 2000, Little Long Lake has been stocked with:
4,900 Rainbow Trout, 4,605 Brown Trout, 2,500 Black Crappie



0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles

LONG LAKE

Size: 210 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface: Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

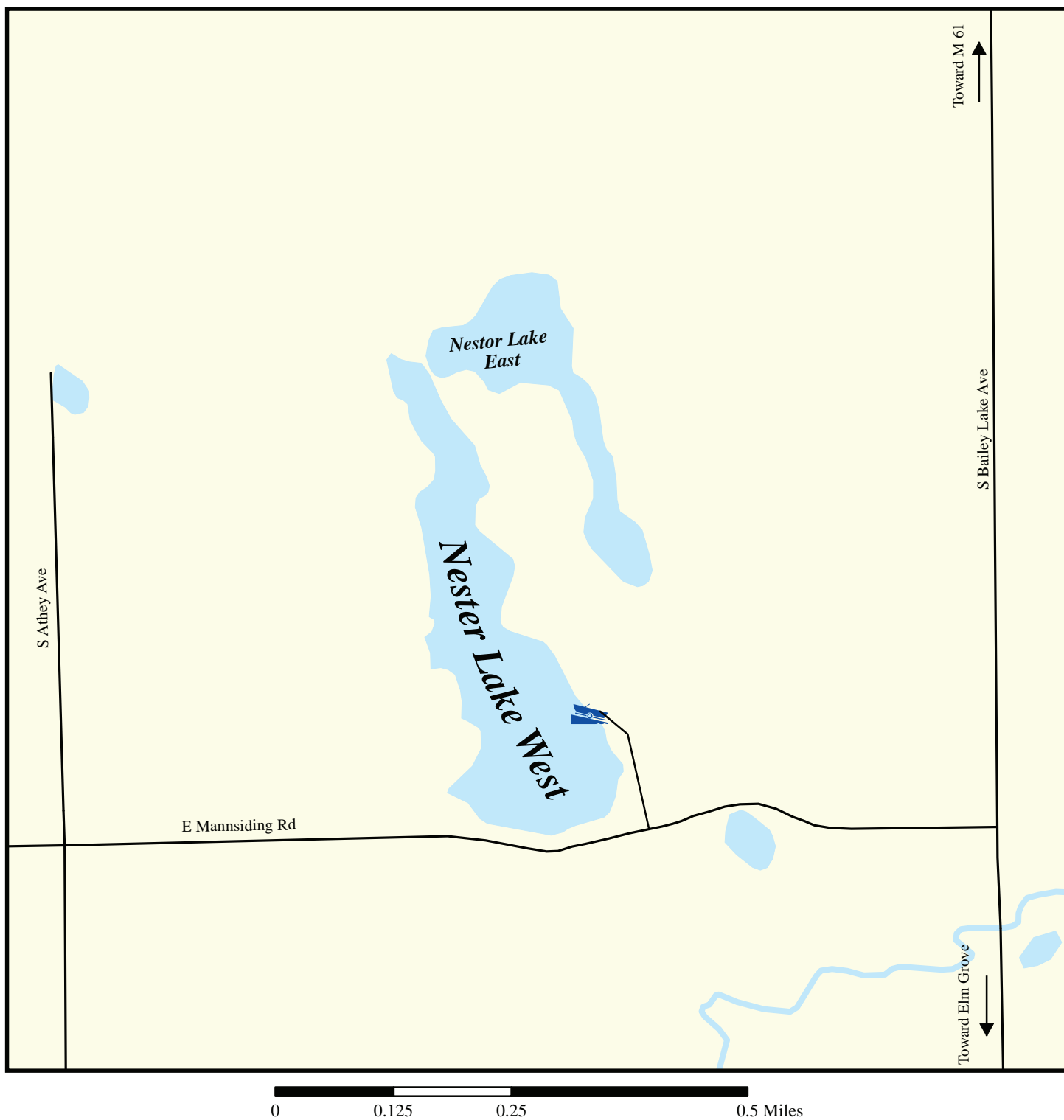
Parking: 14 Trailer Spaces

Restrooms: Yes: Handicap Accessible

Trophy Fish:

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Bullhead, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed

Stocking Information: Since the year 2000, Long Lake has been stocked with: 4,000 Bluegill



NESTOR LAKE

Size: 15 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface: Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

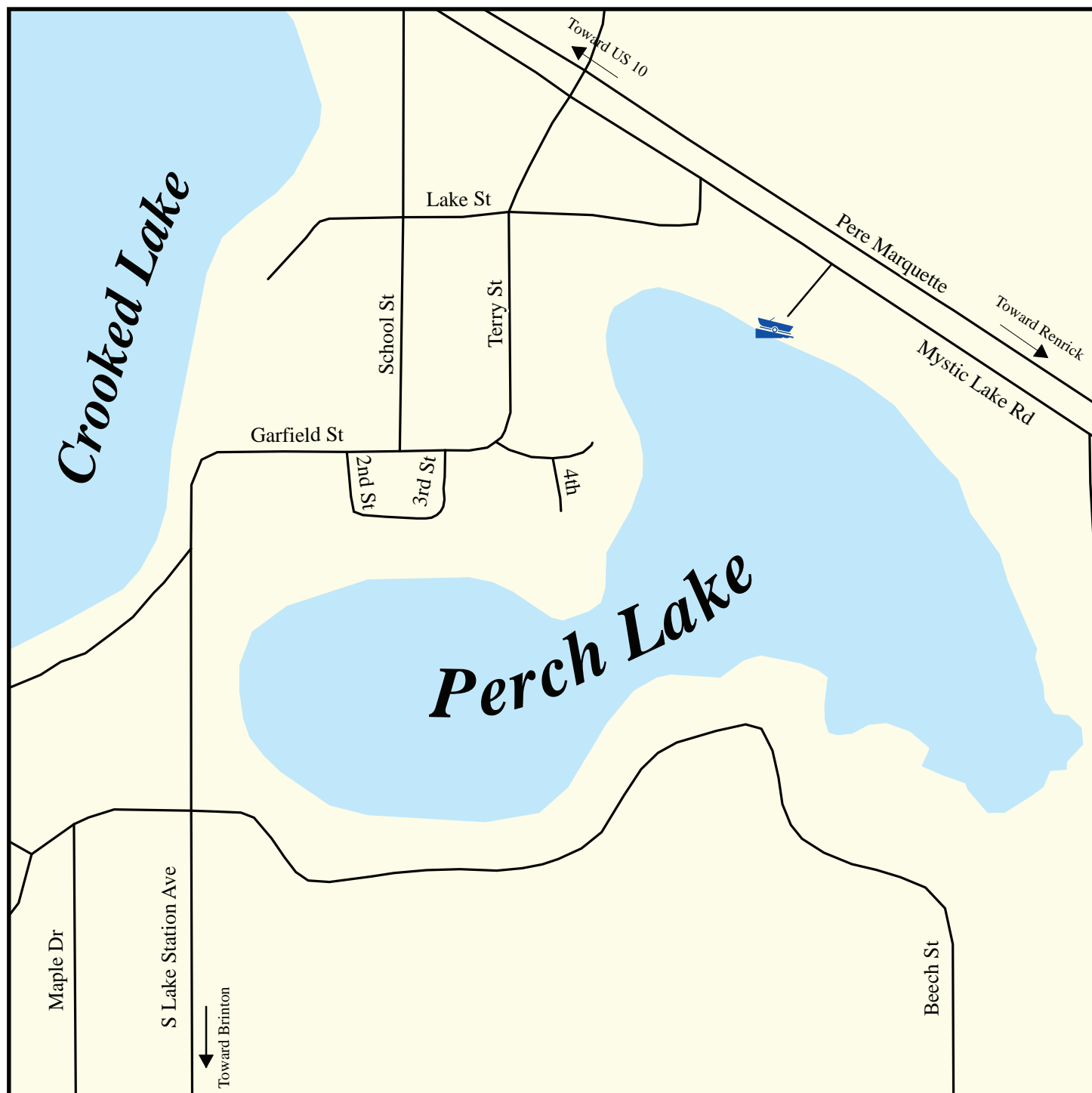
Parking: 10 Trailer Spaces

Restrooms: Yes

Trophy Fish: June 2001 - Largemouth Bass 22.00 inches

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Pumpkinseed

Stocking Information:



PERCH LAKE

Size: 50 Acres

Boat Ramp: Gravel Ramp

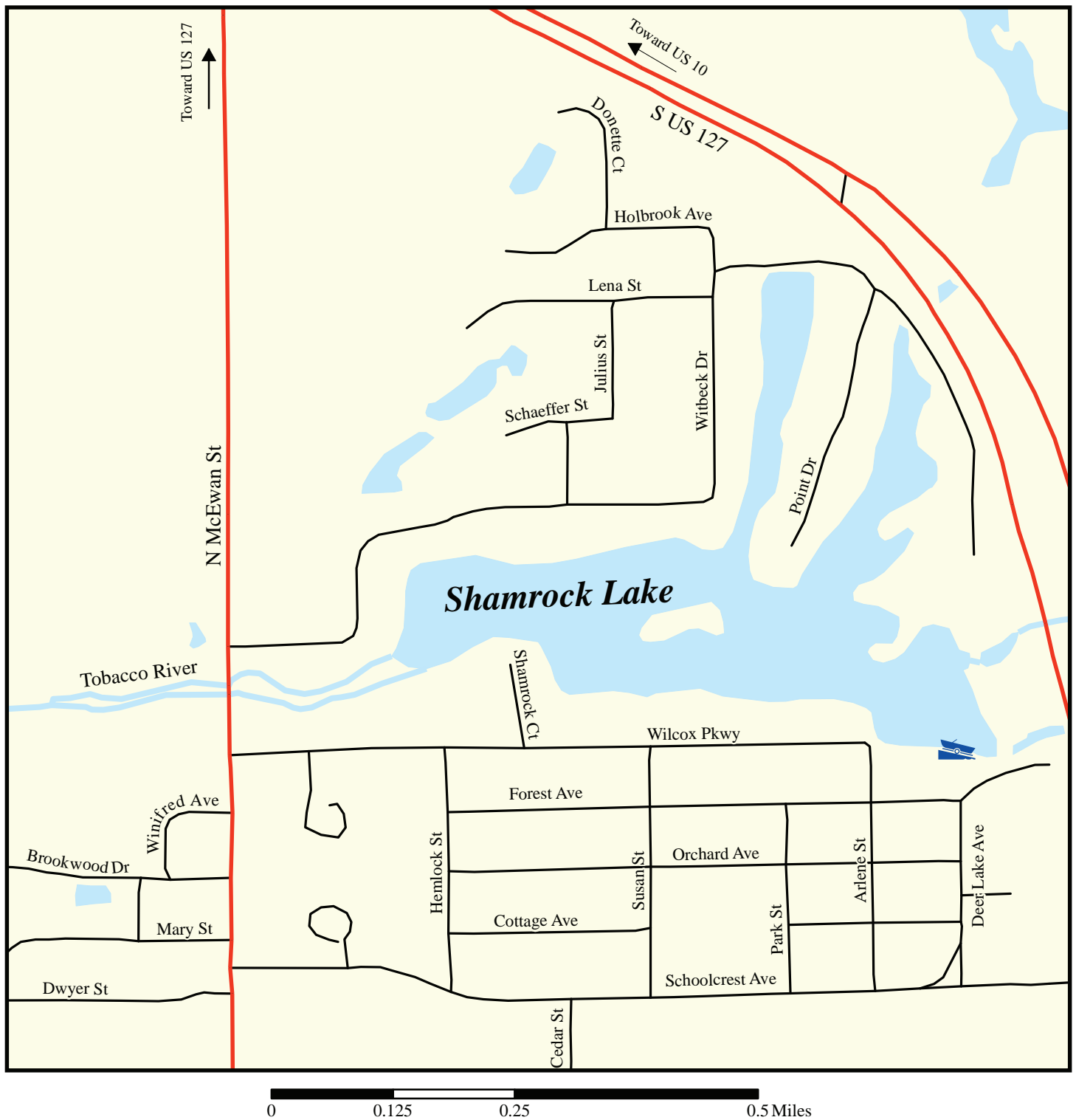
Parking: 4 Trailer Spaces

Restrooms: Yes

Trophy Fish:

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Bullhead, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed, Rock Bass

Stocking Information:



SHAMROCK LAKE

Size: 62 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface: Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

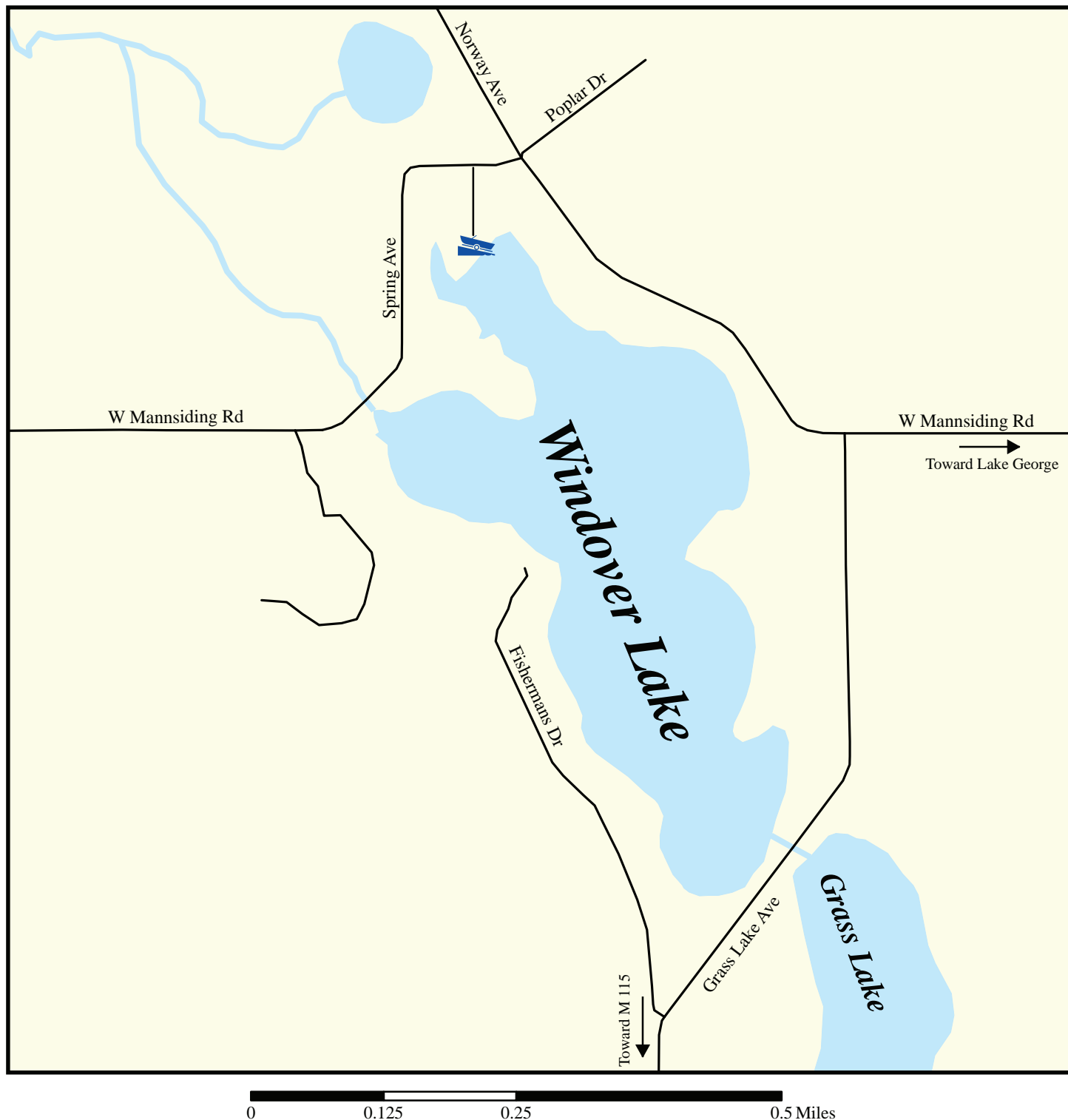
Parking: 2 Trailer Spaces at End of Dead End Rd.

Restrooms: Yes: Handicap Accessible

Trophy Fish: May 2001 - Bluegill 10.38 inches / 1.09 lbs & May 2003 - Bluegill 11.5 inches / 1.06 lbs

Game Species: Bluegill, Green Sunfish, Northern Pike, Largemouth Bass

Stocking Information:



WINDOVER LAKE

Size: 50 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface: Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

Parking: 6 Trailer Spaces

Restrooms: Yes: Handicap Accessible

Trophy Fish:

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Bullhead, Green Sunfish, Largemouth Bass, Longear Sunfish, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed, Sunfish, Rock Bass, Yellow Perch

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