



Lumberman's Monument Visitor Center

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The Lumberman's Monument was erected in 1931 as a lasting memorial to the lumbermen that harvested Michigan's giant white pine. A 14 foot bronze statue overlooks the beautiful Au Sable River. The three figures represent various stages of the historic lumbering operation. In the center, the timber cruiser holds a compass, to his left, a sawyer holds an ax and cross-cut saw. On the right, is the river rat using a peavey. Etched on the granite base are the names of contributors of the \$50,000 cost of the memorial. Many are descendants of the lumbermen that cut the pine. On one corner you may notice the words "Aitken Fecit", meaning Aitken made it. Fecit coming from a Latin verb meaning "to make". The sculptor was Robert Aitken of New York.

A visitor center was built and the grounds landscaped in 1981. The center is staffed May through October and the grounds remain open year round. Signs and exhibits tell of the early lumberjack and the story of moving logs from forest to sawmills. Lumberman's Monument is a barrier free Visitor Center with over a mile of concrete sidewalks and gravel foot trails negotiable with a wheelchair or baby stroller. Wheelchairs are available for loan at the center. A 200 step stairway leads to the edge of Cooke Pond and Wanigan display.

There are eight barrier-free picnic sites with concrete access walks, an accessible drinking fountain and accessible picnic tables and grills. A second picnic area to the east side of the center is less barrier-free. Programs are offered several times a week during the summer months. A rustic campground with 19 camping units is adjacent to the visitor center. Up to date information about the center and programs being offered is available by calling 989-362-8961.

LOCATION

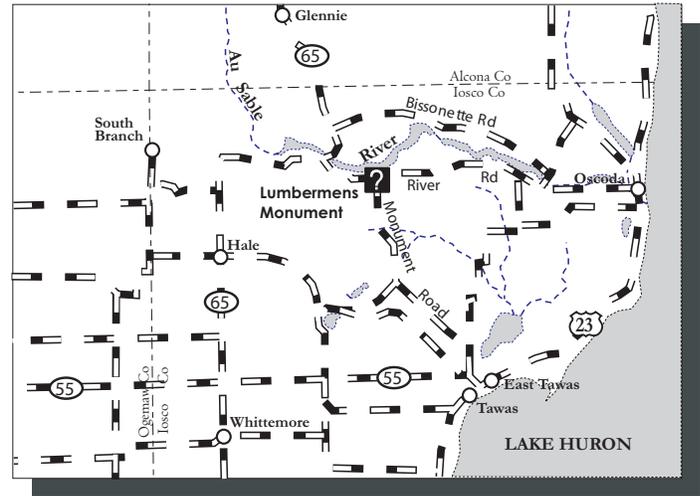
Lumberman's Monument Visitor Center is located in Iosco County, Michigan. The nearest communities are Tawas to the Southeast, Oscoda to the East and Hale to the West.

ACCESS

From East Tawas, follow Wilbur Road north to Monument Road. Continue on Monument for 11 miles to the entrance of the Visitor Center at the junction of River and Monument Roads.

From Oscoda, travel 15 miles west along River Road to the entrance.

From Hale, travel 11 miles north and east along M-65, turn right onto River Road for 4 miles to the entrance.



FACILITIES AVAILABLE

- 12 Picnic Tables with Barbecue Grills
- Modern Restroom Facilities
- Barrier Free Visitor Center
- Paved Parking & Concrete Sidewalks
- Interpretive Exhibits
- Foot Trails
- 2 Observation Points
- 200 Step Stairway to Cooke Pond
- Trailhead for the Highbanks Trail

SEASON

The Visitor Center and restroom facilities are open May through October. The grounds are open year round, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. For the latest information regarding this facility contact the Ranger Station at Huron Shores.

FEES

There is no charge, however donations are accepted at the site to cover the cost of interpretive programs and exhibits.

CONSIDERATIONS

The grounds are open year round, however the sidewalks are not cleared of snow during the winter season. There are no water or restroom facilities during the winter season.

Horses, off-road vehicles, and snowmobiles are not allowed on the grounds.

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