

**Directions:** From Site 2, return to East Main St. and turn left/east on Pennington Rd. Drive 2 mi. (cross Riverside Drive) to Sites 3 & 4. *Sites are surrounded by DNR and private property. Please be respectful to our neighbors.*

### #3 Stirlingville River Clean Up Project

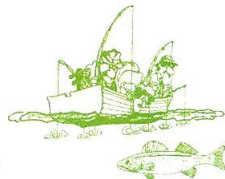
Old pilings became a catch all for logs and debris so in 1999 the old bridge pilings were removed and the restoration project began. Witness the end result of our River Clean Up Project so this river could run it's natural channel again.



### #4 Jolly's Landing Canoe Launch Site

Jolly's Landing was the uppermost reach for supply boats before roads were built. Learn about the Northern Belle, one of two supply ships responsible for early settlement of this area. A canoe slide, turn-around and parking area make this a great "Lunch and Launch" site for a river adventure. From here downstream the river is fairly easy to travel. Watch for submerged stumps and deadheads, especially at "Shipwreck Cove."

**Directions:** From Site 4, return to Riverside Drive and turn left/east. Pass Munuscong's Potholes Wildlife Mgt. Area and continue to Munuscong State Forest Campground (2.3 mi.). Turn right/east on East 21 Mile Rd. Travel 1 mi., turn left into campground area. Site 5 is located at end of road. **Note:** *These are seasonal roads and may not be passable in wet or snowy conditions.*



### #5 Dodge Park State Campground and Boat Launch Site

Learn about the hunting camp of the wealthy industrialists Horace and John Dodge as you explore this 9000 acre DNR Wildlife Management Area. A permanent cement boat launch provides access downstream to Munuscong Bay, or upstream to the Munuscong River Historic Water Trail. The first few miles are favorable for small boat travel but past that, travel by canoe is preferred due to murky water and submerged debris. Beginner level paddling. **Note:** *Check seasonal fluctuation of water levels before launching.*

**Directions:** From Site 5, exit campground area and turn left/east at the T-intersection (East 21 Mile Rd.). Drive 1.4 mi. and turn left at the forked road that forms a loop for viewing Munuscong Bay.

### #6 Munuscong Bay Site

This vast coastal wetland and the connected river system are part of the Great Lakes Flood Plain; terminus for the Munuscong River and part of the St. Mary's River system. The waters of Munuscong Bay support a healthy fishery, with walleye a favorite target for human and animal fisherman alike. This site is a collage of color, texture, sights, and sounds and has a beauty uniquely its own varying season to season, day to day. An excellent place for viewing spring and fall bird migrations.



**Note:** *When exiting the State Forest at Riverside Drive, turn left/south to return to Pickford or right/north to continue on to Sault Ste. Marie.*



**Have an enjoyable adventure driving, boating, and exploring the Munuscong River Watershed!**

The Munuscong River Watershed Association (MRWA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the conservation of natural resources within the Munuscong River Watershed.

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# Explore Munuscong River Historic Water Trail



## The Munuscong River Watershed

The Big Munuscong River is the mainstream of the Munuscong River Watershed, a 119,000 acre drainage in the Eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The river and its tributaries flow through the Rudyard/Pickford Clay Lake Plains, the largest prairie-like landscape in the state.

**Follow the water trail by canoe,  
or drive from point to point.**

From the river's mouth in Munuscong Bay upstream to the town of Pickford, the river is navigable to small craft. A canoe trip will take you back through time. Six interpretive signs along the way will guide you through the area's history, help you explore unique features of the watershed, and introduce you to an abundance of wildlife.

## Historic Water Trail Sign Locations



Enjoy the beautiful Munuscong River Watershed and let the Munuscong River Historic Water Trail signs guide you .

### #1 What is a Watershed?

Begin your journey at Pickford Schools. View the river from a platform built by students and learn first hand of this watershed's characteristics.

**School Location:** Take Hwy 129 to Pickford, MI, turn east on East Main Street, turn south on South Pleasant Road to school grounds. Viewing deck is east of buildings.

**Directions:** From Site 1, travel east on East Main Street and enter Pickford Twn. Park. Follow gravel road past picnic area. Site is located in the woods on north side of road.

### #2 Pickford Township Park Canoe Launch Site

Descendants of pioneer families still live and work in the surrounding area. At this site you can observe grassland species of flora and fauna. On high water this stretch of river, downstream, is navigable by canoe. Submerged logs, sweepers and sediment islands make this a trip for the athletic and adventuresome. Paddle Safely!

