## OFFICIAL VISITOR GUIDE & BUSINESS DIRECTORY

# BRUMMOND BLAND

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**MICHIGAN'S "NATURAL" CHOICE FOR YEAR ROUND ADVENTURE!** 









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## WELCOME TO PRUMMOND ISLAND

Dubbed the "Gem of the Huron" for a thousand good reasons, Drummond Island is famous for both its outdoor pursuits and pristine beauty. If you're looking for adventure, explore over 100 miles of ATV and ORV trails, kayak the Heritage Water Trail around the island, or scuba dive to view multiple shipwrecks. Discover the wild side of the island by birdwatching year round, hunt for whitetail deer, bear, and small game, or fish for pike, perch, and walleye. If it's relaxation that you seek, immerse yourself in the peace and tranquility by strolling along the beach and forest roads looking for puddingstones or soak in the natural surroundings right from your deck chair. Boaters often call Drummond Island their home port.

Whatever your desire, every season is the perfect reason to experience island life. Come see why **Drummond Island is Michigan's "natural" choice** for year round outdoor recreation.

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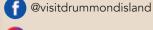
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Where is North Haven Located? From the Ferry Dock: Go 2.5 miles east. North Haven is on the corner of M-134 and Fairbank Point Road is on the left.



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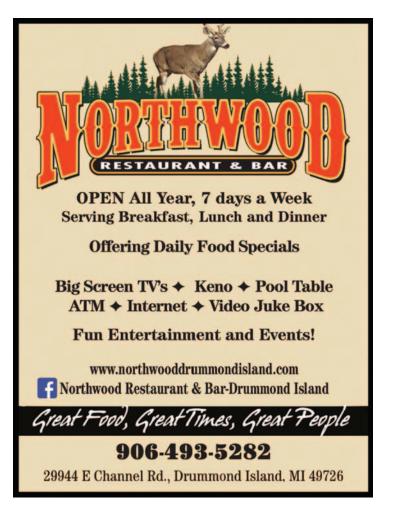


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Leaves	Leaves
Drummond	DeTour
5:10 AM	5:40 AM
6:10 AM	6:40 AM
7:10 AM	7:40 AM
8:00 AM	8:40 AM
9:10 AM	9:40 AM
10:10 AM	10:40 AM
11:10 AM	11:40 AM
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1:10 AM*	1:40 AM*

\*Thurs., Fri., Sat. night only.

#### Drummond Island Ferry (906) 322-5511

NOTE: The ferry schedule is subject to change. Depending on traffic flow, the ferry may opt to make additional trips to alleviate wait times during high traffic times.

### Ferry Etiquette 101 by Candis Collick

**Plan Ahead** – The schedule for each ferry is available at www.eupta.net/ferry-system. Be aware that during busier times there will be waits and line ups. Ferry traffic may exceed capacity and the ferry may or may not "run wild" – meaning making extra trips to pick-up vehicles that are in line, but simply could not fit onboard.

**Be nice** – Line up in a single line behind the first person at the dock. Please do not cut in line or create a second line. Do not block side streets or driveways.

**Don't rush** – When loading or unloading from the ferry please pay attention to the crew members and their directions. Rushing rarely accomplishes anything and may cause an accident.

No smoking – Smoking is prohibited on the ferries at all times.

DRUMMOND ISLANDER IV

Hang up – Please put your cell phones away while loading and unloading.

**Be prepared** – Have your payment or ticket ready. Credit cards preferred, but cash is accepted.

**Lights off at night** – Please don't blind the crew. The street/dock/ferry lights are all you will need to guide you onto the ferry.

**Don't argue with the crew** – Please remember they are performing their job. All decisions regarding vehicle classifications shall be made by EUTPA Crew and are final and binding.

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#### Drummond Island Ferry Fares (All fares are Round Trip.)

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# RICH WITH HISTORY ISTORY

Long before the British arrived, Native Americans lived on this island they called Pon-ta-gan-ipy, which roughly translates to "a view of beautiful islands." They built their wigwams, hunted and fished, raised their families, and gave thanks to the great spirit Gitche Manitou.

In the 1600s the French claimed the island for their king. Explorers and fur traders were drawn to what became known at the time as High Island because of its lofty limestone cliffs. High Island remained under the flag of New France for more than a hundred years, until the French empire in America was relinquished to Great Britain in 1763.

The War of 1812 occurred when the British left their fortification on St. Joseph Island to invade and capture Mackinac Island. After 2 1/2 years the war ended with the British being required to give up their occupation of Mackinac. In order to defend against American attacks and protect Britsh trade with the indians, Lieutenant Colonel Robert McDonall moved his garrison from Fort Michilimackinac closer to Canada in 1815. He then



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named the island after Lieutenant General Gordon Drummond, Commander of all British forces in Canada. In November 1828, Fort Drummond, the last outpost of British occupation in America, was turned over to the U.S.

In 1853, Betsy and Daniel Seaman left the Mormon Community on Beaver Island to make a home on Drummond Island. Arriving by sailboat, they established settlement with two other Mormon families. Daniel passed in 1863, leaving Betsy a widowed mother of 16. She carried on, undaunted, until her death in 1896 at the age of 76. Today, the Drummond Island Historical Museum is situated on the parcel of ground that was home to the Seaman family.

Since many of Drummond Island's historic sites are located on private property, the museum offers visitors a chance to explore many artifacts from this time period, as well as historical displays about the ferry system, the lumbering era, fishing and hunting camps, and more. The museum located on Water Street is open daily from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., May to October. Admission is free, but donations are welcome and appreciated.

Inset Top: A view of the famous "Four Corners", circa 1960s. Inset Middle: The DeTour ferry dock with ore ship and Drummond Island in the distance. Circa 1950s. Bottom: Table model of Fort Drummond on display at Drummond Island Historical Museum.



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# DE TOUR REEF JIGHTHOUSE

Located a mile offshore in the southernmost part of the St. Marys River is the DeTour Reef Lighthouse. Constructed in the early 1930s, the lighthouse is visible on the horizon from points on M-134 as you travel to DeTour and while you are riding the ferry to Drummond Island.

The lighthouse, which cost \$144,976, was placed in operation in November 1931. Built in a classic revival-style, the 60 feet square concrete and steel base rises 20 feet above the water and rests in approximately 23 feet of water. The top of the tower is an impressive 83 feet above the water. Illumination of the lighthouse has changed a few times over the years.

In 1974, the lighthouse was automated and in 1978 the original 3-1/2 Order



Fresnel Lens was replaced with a modern optic. The lens was dismantled and is currently on display at DeTour Passage Historical Museum. The current foghorn that serves the lighthouse is the only known operating F2T foghorn on the Great Lakes.

Guided **lighthouse tours** are available on Saturdays from mid-June through August. Reservations are required and fill up quickly. For more information call 906-430-8169.

TOP PHOTO: Rock being placed in the crib. (circa 1930) MIDDLE PHOTO: Lighthouse under construction. (circa 1930) BOTTOM PHOTO: Lighthouse nearing completion. (circa 1931). All photos courtesy of National Archives.



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# HIGHLIGHTS How

Approx. 1,100 year round residents call Drummond Island home.

K-6 grade attend school on Drummond Island while 7-12 grade students take the ferry

to school every day to attend

classes in DeTour (Even in the winter!)

Drummond is home to the largest closed-loop trail system for off-road adventures in the State of

Michigan.

70 miles of paved roads and approximately 50 miles of gravel roads.

(2,200 acres) to equal the total area of Drummond Island (87,000 acres). Home to the **Maxton Plains Alvar**,

It would take roughly 40 Mackinac Islands

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Home to the **Maxton Plains Alvar**, one of the largest and most pristine Alvar ecosystems in the world.

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Approximately 68% of the island is State owned.

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> Drummond Island has **36 inland lakes** and over **150 miles** of shoreline.

Drummond Dolomite, a quarry owned by Carmeuse, produces and ships out roughly **1.5 million tons of dolomite** limestone each year. \*2019 EPA Report

**Major employers** on the island include: Drummond Dolomite, Drummond Island Resort and Conference Center, and Yacht Haven Resort & Construction.



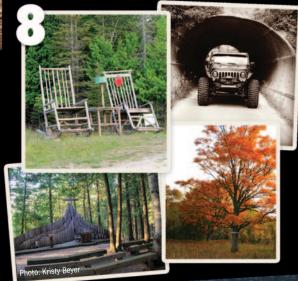


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# Make a Splash at the Beach

Drummond Island has three public beaches suitable for swimming. The Drummond Island Township Park Beach is located near the township campground making it a great place for families to camp and enjoy the water. The beach also offers views of distant passing freighters. Big Shoal Beach is located on Drummond's south shore and offers gorgeous views. The shallow water and sandy bottom make it a local favorite. Picnic tables and a pit toilet are available for your convenience. This bay is perfect for kayaking and is the only public access point for experienced kaykers wanting to make the 3.2 mile paddle around the point to view sunken vessels in Scammon Cove. Glen Cove Beach is located on Drummond's far east side and offers a quiet place for relaxation. The beach is accessible by a seven mile drive down a county maintained dirt road. Drive slow and enjoy the scenery along the way. Be prepared, there are no restrooms or picnic tables at this remote beach.

# Rock Hounding

Drummond is known as the Gem of the Huron and at the center of her crown is the **Puddingstone**. This Jasper Conglomerate found its beginnings in the Huronian Period of the Proterozoic Era, an estimated billion years ago. The Puddingstone got its name from the British settlers, as they believed it looked like boiled suet pudding with berries. Puddingstones can be as small as a pebble and larger than a dump truck! They can be found along the shores of Drummond, in our forests, and anywhere earth has been turned. If you don't find one on your travels, Puddingstones are available for purchase in many of our local shops in the form of jewelry, bookends, coasters, and more.

## Join the Treasure Hunt

**Geocaching** is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location in which you log your find and take/leave small keepsakes. A number of geocache sites are located in the Drummond Island area. If you would like to try your hand at finding these hidden gems, visit the website **www.geocaching.com** for a list of locations.

# 4 Skygazing

Drummond Island is a natural dark sky area. Drummond is located far away from urban areas you won't have much light pollution obstructing your view of the night sky. Take in the real beauty of our solar system - innumerable stars, a planet or two, a bright meteor, and occassionally the aurora borealis! The island offers **unforgettable stargazing** experiences.

## **5** Freighter Watching

A favorite pastime of islanders and visitors alike, **freighter watching** along the DeTour Passage and the shoreline of Drummond Island. You can easily watch these mighty vessels plying the waters from land and from the water. Prime locations for catching glimps of these vessels are at the Drummond Island Ferry docks, Drummond Island Township Park campground,



and at numerous vacation rental homes. You can make this an educational experience with the help of the free and easy-to-use **Boat Watch-Ship Tracking App**.

### **6** Explore A Rare Ecosystem The Maxton Plains Alvar is located on the Island's north side,

The **Maxton Plains Alvar** is located on the Island's north side, spans over 4000 acres. It is one of the largest pristine alvars in the country. An alvar is an open area of limestone pavement where soils are very shallow. Three dramatic blooming plants can be observed within the Maxton Plains Alvar. **Prairie smoke**, usually spotted 2 miles west of the interpretive signs, can be enjoyed in full bloom from mid May to mid June on both sides of the road. **Red and yellow Indian paintbrush** is viewable during the summer and **prairie dropseed** in early autumm. The alvar is also one of the most popular places on the North Huron Birding Trail.

To help preseve this highly delicate ecosystem, please keep ORVs, ATVs and bicycles on the roadways. Tread lightly as walking on the alvar can compact the thins soils and damage the root structure of the plants. Do not collect or take plants, rocks or other natural objects, leave rocks just as the glaciers left them, and please do not build rock piles or cairns.

# Visit A Prehistoric Place

On the north shore of Drummond Island lies the **Fossil** Ledges – a unique place formed by nature that not many people know about or get to visit. The ledges are made up of the fossilized remains of a salt water coral bed. The journey there can be a bit tricky, so be prepared. It is worth your while to have a vehicle with high clearance. To preserve this wonderful natural scene, please take pictures, not souvenirs. While it may be tempting, **do not build rock cairns (piles)** and absolutely no campfires or fireworks in this area.

# Explore the Island for a Photo Opportunity!

- The Giant Rocking Chairs on E Channel Rd
- The Quarry Road tunnel on Pike Bay Rd
- Corned Beef Junction on Glen Cove Rd
- The Chapel in the Woods at the Drummond Island Resort and Conference Center.

These secret hideaways are not always easy to find. Stop in to the Visitor's Center for a map and help with locating each spot.

# TAKE A HIKE

#### All of Drummond Island trails are great for birdwatching!

Strap on your hiking shoes and see why Drummond Island is the "natural choice" for hiking. From established nature preserve trails offering a leisurely stroll through the forest to challenging hikes through the untouched wilderness on stateland, there are hiking opportunities aournd every corner. Whether you're visiting for a day trip on the island or want to add a quick hike to your stay on the island, here are a few of our favorite, must-see nature locations.

#### Clyde and Martha Williams Nature Preserve Easy 1.3 mile trail • Hiking/Snowshoeing

The Williams Preserve is mostly forested with upland mixed hardwood/conifer stands. The lowland areas are dominated by cedar, balsam fir, and paper birch. Fallow agricultural fields are now vegetated with bracken fern, blackberry, various tree seedlings, and saplings. An old stone wall built by early Island settlers is located at the eastern end of the preserve. Fissured bedrock is visible at the surface in some spots. Ancient post-glacial lake shorelines are evident on the preserve. Soils in some areas are flat and sandy, and very rocky in others making the trail uneven so watch your step. The parking area located on Maxton Road is clearly marked with a Little Traverse Conservancy sign. See map on the next page.

#### **State Land Trails**

The Island features approximately 100 miles of state land off-road vehicle trails. Although these trails are described as demanding for off-road vehicles and

can be extremely rugged in areas, they present unique and challenging opportunities for avid hikers and backpackers.

#### **Drummond Island Heritage Trail** 0.9 and 2.1 Mile Hiking/Snowshoeing Trails

Located at the Drummond Island Township Park, the Heritage Trail provides up to 2.1 miles of unique experiences for birding, hiking or geocaching in the warmer months and snowshoeing in winter. The trail leads you through beautiful woodlands and travels along a rocky shoreline where passing freighters and other boats are often visible in the distance. Access the trail from two areas. See map on the next page.

#### **Drummond Island Resort Nature Trails** 1 and 2.5 Mile Hiking and Snowshoeing Trails 15 miles of Cross-Country Ski Trails

The Drummond Island Resort offers two hiking loops within the resort property. The shorter, 1 mile loop, is an interpretive trail and ideal for younger kids looking to explore with an adult. Off this trail pick up a 2.5 mile loop that borders The Rock golf course. Easy access to the trails is located behind the main lodge area. In colder months, the marked hiking trails are ideal for snowshoeing. In the winter you can also explore 15 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails. All trails are open to the public.

Hiking maps available at the Drummond Island Visitor's Center.

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# BIKE RIDING

Whether you are seeking a gnarly, cross-country challenge or a chance to find yourself swept away in the beauty of this northern wilderness, Drummond Island has a two-wheeled adventure waiting for you. The options are endless, with approximately 70 miles of paved roads, 50 miles of gravel roads, and 100 miles of off-road trails, there is no place in Michigan as scenic and varied in terrain.

#### **Road Biking-Paved Roads**

The "Old Town Route' takes you through the original settlement area. Head north on S Townline Road from the Visitor's Center at the Four Corners, turn left on East Court Street, right on S Lane Road, continue on S Water Street until you've reached the end of the pier at the Yacht Haven Marina. Be sure to take in the panoramic view of Potagannissing Bay. Return to the Visitor's Center to complete the four mile journey.

For a meandering, less trafficked ride: park at the intersection of E Channel Road and Pike Bay road. Bike outand-back to the end of Cream City Point Road.

Park at Big Shoal Bay Beach for a tranquil out-and-back trip to Bass Cove.

Bike the "big block" for a moderate loop: park at the Visitor's center, head east on Johnswood, take a left on the Maxton Cut Across Road, and then on Maxton Road, finally left on E Townline Road to return to the Visitor's Center. "Where the Pavement Ends"

#### Hybrid/Mountain Biking

Those seeking easy, scenic, off-pavement rides, should head out to the Maxton Plains Preserve for miles of flat dirt roads. Park by the interpretive signs located at the intersection of S Maxton Road, E Bruce Point Road, and E Colton Bay Road.

**Bruce Point Road** 

Pedal Glen Cove Road. Take Kreetan Road up to the ORV Trailhead parking area. Travel back to Glen Cove Road to begin your journey to Glen Cove beach.

#### **Mountain Biking**

The route to the Fossil Ledges can be bumpy and wet but well worth it. Choose your distance by parking at the Maxton Plains interpretive signs, or farther along the road.

For the ride to Marblehead, park at Glen Cove for an out-and-back trip to remember. Prepare for a bumpy, challenging ride that may entail walking your bikes past some mud holes!

#### Winter Biking

The season doesn't end when the snow comes. Get on your fat tire bike, head out on the ice, and follow the international Ice Bridge To Canada. A perfect winter biking experience, for those tough enough to brave the 12 mile excursion across the frozen waters of Lake Huron, follow the Christmas tree lined path from Drummond Island to St. Joseph Island, Ontario!

Biking is permitted on all of Drummond Island's paved roads and off-road trails, but note that the shoulders are narrow and that you will be sharing the road with motorized vehicles. Stop in the Visitor's Center or visit our website for more information on planning your ride.

Bass Cove Road

Pike Bay Road Tunnel



Ice Bridge to Canada Photo: Steve Timble

Road to Marblehead

# A PADDLERS PARADISE

Drummond Island is a paddler's paradise of protected inlets, sheltered bays, rugged beaches, and prehistoric seabeds with visible shipwreck remains that offer exploration opportunities for all levels of experience.

For novices wanting a tranquil tour, visit the Maxton Bay Potagannissing Wildlife Flooding, Whitney Bay, Big Shoal Cove, Glen Cove, or the Township park. The gentle waters in these locations offer scenic, protected views.

If you find yourself in need of more adventure, drop-in at the Fossil Ledges and paddle west to Chippewa Point. Venture out to Glen Cove for an impressive paddle to Pilot's Harbor. A long-time favorite paddling destination is Harbor Island National Wildlife Refuge. Those in favor of long distance touring can take advantage of the Drummond Island Heritage Water Trail. Circumnavigate the Island's perimeter on a four-to-five day journey that calls for dispersed camping along the way. The trip is as rewarding as it is demanding. If you're seeking to embark on this advanced trail, you should have good equipment and emergency preparedness.

Beyond wildlife viewings, these waterways offer access to unique land formations and locations inaccessible by land. No matter your skill level, Drummond Island has a thrill waiting for you. Boost your adrenaline or simply admire the scenery as you embark on an experience that truly underlines the uniqueness of the island's characteristics.

### **Circumnavigating Drummond Island**

Please follow the tips on the next page. This trip is for **experienced paddlers only.** The map highlights areas for camping on State land during your 4-day trip.

- ★ Start at Fort Drummond Marina and paddle to Long Point. Camping is preferred on the easternmost point.
- A. Paddle to Glen Cove Enjoy views of Marblehead and Shale Beach. Camp on the north shore of Glen Cove for privacy.
- B. Paddle to Chippewa Point or Mare Island Midway enjoy Fossil Ledges.
- C. Paddle back to Fort Drummond Marina Watch for freighter/ferry traffic.

Overnight 3 at Chippewa Point Mare Island

Mare

Other Access Points These points are accessible by car for put-in or pull-out if you want a shorter trip.

🛊 Big Shoal Beach

- 🛊 Glen Cove Beach
- State Boat Launch
- Township Park Boat Launch
- Drummond Island Yacht Haven

Overnight 2 at **Glen Cove** 

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#### START/END at

Fort Drummond Marina. Paddle with the current for an easier paddle with less resistance.

Overnight 1 `at Long Point.

Stop by or call the Visitor's Center for help planning your route. Our local experts can share their knowledge and experience, to assist you in making your paddling trip a successful one.

#### **KAYAK RENTALS**

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Please note most rental kayaks and stand up paddle boards are not meant for paddling on the open waters of the Great Lakes. For paddling tips visit the **Great Lakes Paddling Safety** page at www.michiganwatertrail.com.

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We're excited to hear from you.





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Drummond Island rests at the mouth of the Saint Marys River and at the southwestern end of the world renowned North Channel. The Island holds over 150 miles of shoreline and sits among a great freshwater archipelago that boasts some of the most sensational boating grounds in all of the Great Lakes. Here, amidst the crystal clear waters of Lake Huron, navigators can enjoy mile upon mile of peaceful cruising through delightfully intricate island strewn passages and sheltered harbors with anchorages of matchless beauty.

Meander through the bounty of satellite islands that occupy Potagannissing Bay. These waterways offer exceptional opportunities for both long term voyagers and day trippers alike. Harbor Island, an untouched wildlife refuge that rests amongst those outer islands, provides the most ideal overnight mooring opportunities for those in search of still waters and dark skies.

Satisfy your longing for adventure by embarking upon the journey of circumnavigating Drummond Island for a truly unforgettable experience. The loop can be made in a day, but for those who have the time, plenty of cozy anchorages beckon one to pause and admire the abundance of wildlife that inhabits the shoreline. Many stops are suitable for a secluded night of viewing the wonders of the Aurora Borealis.

This unique area is perfect for day sailing or powerboating as crafts can easily find protection from the sometimes rough open waters. Boaters will experience little difficulty exploring remote shorelines, rocky coves, back bays, and stretches of sublime wilderness. Drummond Island hosts private marina facilities along the way that are fully equipped to handle every mariner's special needs. With endless possibilities, a summer cruise among the waters of Drummond Island is sure to be memorable.

#### Don't Have a Boat?

#### **BOAT RENTALS:**

Drummond Island Outdoor Toys Drummond Island Yacht Haven Fort Drummond Marine Lakeview Resort Papin's Resort

BOAT TOURS: Customeyes Charters LLC Drummond Island Tall Ship Company

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### HARBOR SLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Harbor Island National Wildlife Refuge is a 695 acre, horseshoe-shaped island located one mile north of Drummond Island, Michigan, and 3.5 miles south of the United States-Canadian border in Potagannissing Bay on Lake Huron. Harbor Island was obtained from The Nature Conservancy in 1983 and is now managed by Seney National Wildlife Refuge.

Habitats included on this island consist of balsam/cedar lowlands and oak, beech, and maple uplands. Resident wildlife species include fox, grouse, snowshoe hare, whitethroated sparrows, gray jays and magnolia warblers. Gray wolves from St. Joseph Island, Ontario are thought to hunt the island during winter months. Eagles also use the island's large bay for fishing.

> Access to the island is by private boat. Harbor Island's sheltered bay is used by boaters for fishing and as an overnight anchorage. A sand beach on the north side is favorite place for boaters to swim. Hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, wildlife observation, photography, mushroom hunting, and fruit picking are welcomed.

When visiting the island, remember to pack out all garbage. Fires, camping, and off-road vehicles are not permitted on the island.

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BREAT HORNED OWL

# BIRDWATCHING

The north shoreline of Lake Huron in Michigan's Upper Peninsula has long been known as one of the most beautiful and pristine areas of wilderness in all of the Midwest. The Nature Conservancy has recognized this area of shoreline as **one of "The Last Great Places" in the Northern Hemisphere**, and for many years countless folks have escaped to this area to enjoy the bounty of natural wonders it has to provide. Forests of white cedar,

The rich diversity in habitat and changing season provide a constantly changing panorama for bird watchers. balsam fir, white birch, and quaking aspen dominate the shorelines. Hardwood forests of sugar maple and beech favor the deeper island soils. Wetlands range from marshes along Lake Huron, with their neighboring sedge meadows, to bogs with tamarack, spruce, and white cedar swamps. White and red pine tower above sand ridges and old beaches near the lake. Meadows and other grasslands can be found just inland from the lake and in one of the world's most pristine Alvars located on the northern end of Drummond Island.

The Island's rich diversity in habitat and changing season provide a constantly changing panorama for bird watchers. Over 250 species of birds found in the area remain here all year. Many migrate through, some breed here and winter far south, while others breed as far north as the arctic and come south to winter here. Here is a snapshot of what you can expect to see throughout the seasons.

#### Winter

While many parts of the state are known for spring and fall migration and beautiful breeding summer birds, it is Drummond Island and Michigan's Eastern Upper Peninsula that attracts large groups of birders every winter.

Some of these species include unique owl species like snowy owl, great gray owl, and northern hawk owl. Others include winter finch species like pine grosbeak, evening grosbeak, crossbills, and redpoll. Sharp-tailed grouse and spruce grouse also are found in the winter here. Persistent birders may spot spruce grouse, black-backed woodpeckers, grey jays, and boreal chickadees.

#### Spring

As snow and ice melt, birds trickle back and the growing tide of returning and migratory birds reaches a spectacular peak in mid to late May. Those that arrive earliest include robins, juncos, siskin, and blackbirds. These are soon followed by waterfowl, loons, and large numbers of songbirds. The movement of warblers into the area can be spectacular to behold. Hundreds of vireos, thrushes, and brightly colored warblers, tanagers, and grosbeaks may crowd the shoreline areas where they feed on tiny midges hatching in the near shore waters.

#### Summer

More than 15 species of warblers call this area home. Each has a favored habitat: American redstarts and Black-Throated green warblers, for example are commonly found near white cedar trees. Blackburnian, Black-Throated blue and mourning warblers are scattered throughout the shoreline area.

In secluded spots along the water, bald eagles, osprey, and loon nests can be spotted. Marshes support nesting black terns and sedge wrens. Look for sharp-tailed grouse, northern harriers, bobolinks, and Savannah sparrows in grasslands of the Maxton Plains area.

#### Fall

The cool, crisp northern winds bring birds flying south. Mixed flocks of chickadees, nuthatches, warblers, and vireos pass through quickly. Migrating flocks of blue jays, broadwinged hawks and a steady stream of sharp-shinned hawks, merlins, and the occasional peregrine falcon follow the shoreline westward toward Wisconsin. Sandhill cranes call high above, in flocks of dozens, heading over the Lake. Close looks at the shoreline will reward you with sights of loons, red-necked grebes and waterfowl. Beach and rocky points provide stopover sites for small flocks of horned larks, American pipits, Lapland longspurs and snow buntings.

#### **Birding Tips**

Most birding is done via driving along various routes through habitats targeting specific species. You often drive slowly through back roads, and pull over to get out and scan regularly. If you never get out to scan open fields or forests, and stay in your car the whole time, you are likely to miss many individual birds. Some forested areas are better to view by walking around outside your car, but most open areas are best viewed from the car with only brief stops to get out and scan an area. Please remember to be respectful of the birds, private property, and the law. Follow traffic laws and park in areas where you do not block traffic. If you are birding near private property make sure to be respectful and friendly, and if a local resident questions what you are up to, use the opportunity to explain the joys of the hobby of birding.

When encountering birds, keep a respectful distance. If a bird is looking at you, with wide eyes or changes posture, you are most likely too close. Slowly back away in those cases.

#### **Helpful Birdwatching Resources**

Birdwatching on Drummond Island can be a rewarding experience. For additional information about birdwatching on Drummond Island, use the following helpful resources:



**North Huron Birding Trail** - Complimentary birding trail maps are available at the Drummond Island Visitor's Center and local businesses on the Island.



**eBird** - This user-friendly mobile device app, developed by Cornell Lab of Ornithology, provides you a fast, convenient, and accurate way to submit bird sightings while in the field and contribute to their research and conservation efforts world wide.



**Merlin** - Another great app created by Cornell Lab of Ornithology. This free app helps users identify birds by entering their traits to find the types of birds you are looking for.



**Birding 101 Video Series** - New to birdwatching? In 2021, Michigan Sea Grant created a free online video series call Michigan Birding 101 to help you get started. This 4 part series can be found on YouTube (Michigan Birding 101 - 2021).

As you can clearly see, any time of year is the perfect time to visit Drummond Island for birdwatching. Start planning your birding adventure today!

The Potagannissing Wildlife Flooding (shown here) is just one of eight beautiful Drummond Island locations designated on the North Huron Birding Trail.



#### NORTH HURON BIRDING TRAIL

Drummond Island offers a variety of unique birding opportunities. The large amounts of publicly accessible land and the impressive diversity of bird species make Drummond one of the most enjoyable birding locations in Michigan. Learn more about the trail online at WWW.northhuronbirding.com



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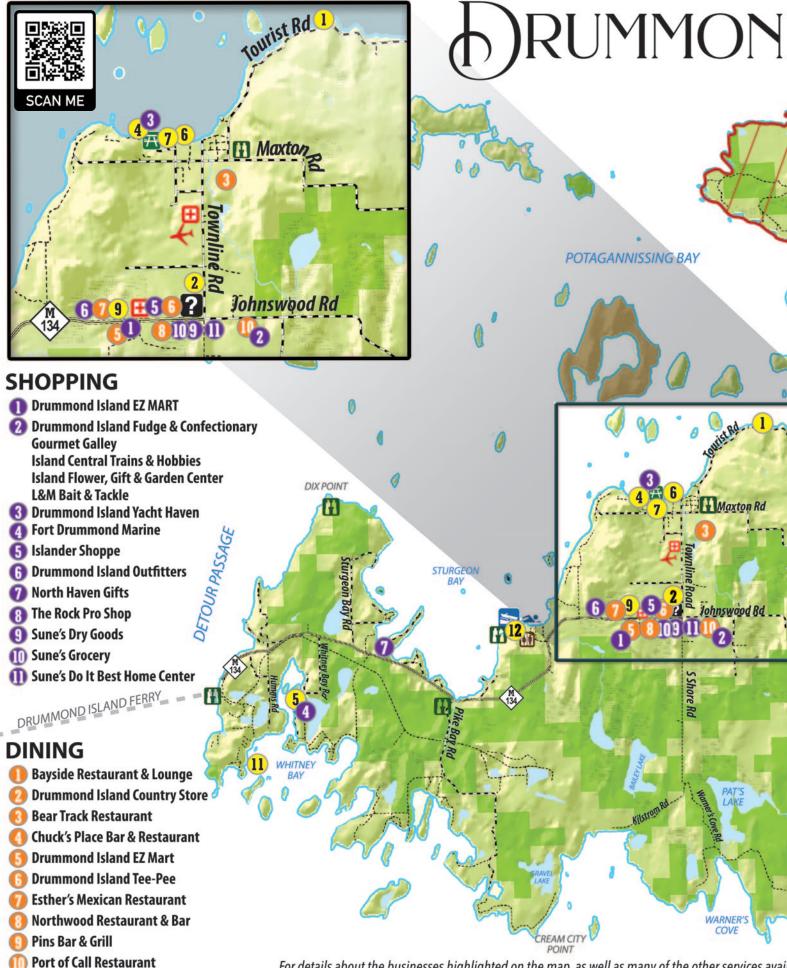


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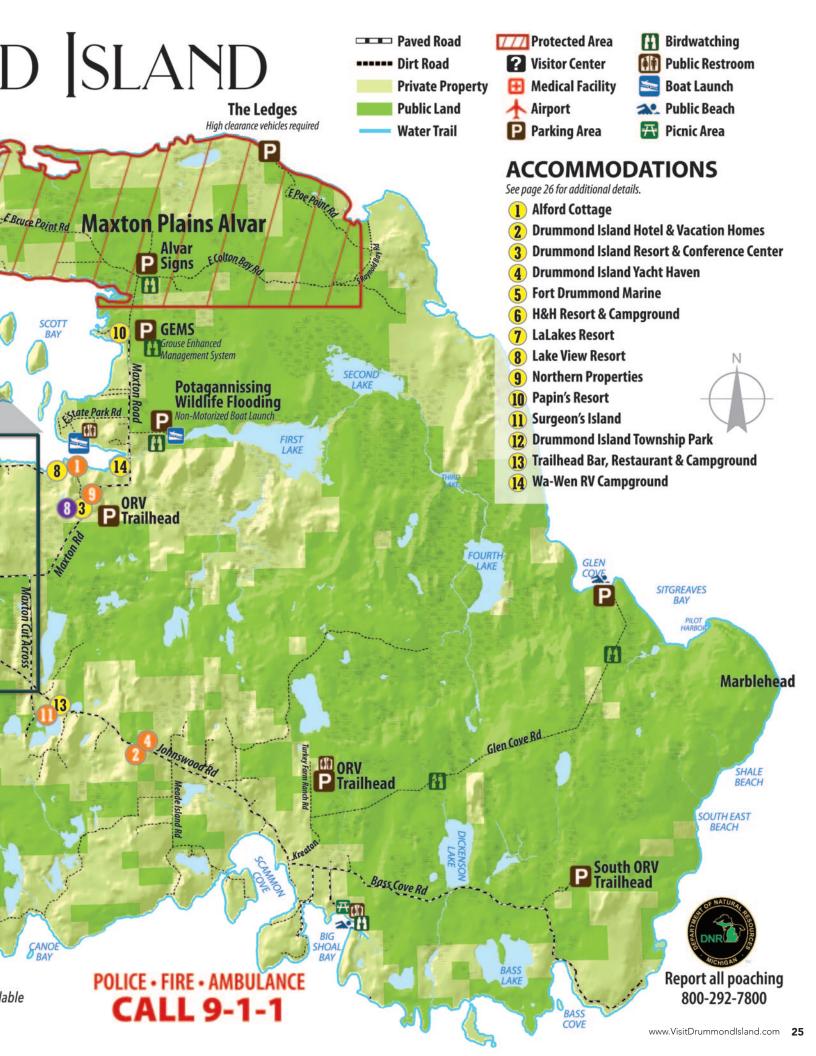
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For details about the businesses highlighted on the map, as well as many of the other services avail on the island, see the Drummond Island Tourism Association Directory on pages 26 - 28.

**Trailhead Bar, Restaurant & Campground** 



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3	Drummond Island Resort & Conference Center www.drummondisland.com	33494 S. Maxton Road 906-493-1000	75	•	•	•	•	•	•	P B		٠	•	٠	•	•	•	12
4	Drummond Island Yacht Haven www.diyachthaven.com	33185 S. Water Street 906-493-5232 • 800-543-4743	18	•	•	•	•	•		в			•	•	•		•	12
5	Fort Drummond Marine & Resort www.fortdrummondmarine.com	36183 S. Whitney Bay Road 906-493-5359 • 800-994-1187	6	•	•	•		•		в			•	•	•	•	•	12
6	H&H Resort & Campground www.diyachthaven.com	33185 S. Water Street 906-493-5195 • 800-543-4743	6	•	•	•	•	•		В			•	•			•	4
7	La Lakes Resort www.diyachthaven.com	33185 S. Water Street 906-493-5216 • 800-543-4743	8	•	•		•	•		в		Α	•	•	•		•	4
8	Lake View Resort www.dilakeviewresort.com	32075 E. Tourist Road 906-493-5241	8	•	•			•	•				Varies	•	•		•	7
9	Northern Properties www.northernproperties.com	29507 E. Channel Road 906-493-5930	38	Varies	•	•	•	•	•	Varies	•	•	•	•	•		•	12
10	Papin's Resort www.papinsresort.com	31240 S. Maxton Road 906-493-5254	21	•	•	•	•	•	Varies				•	•	•		•	6
11	Surgeon's Island www.fortdrummondmarine.com	36183 S. Whitney Bay Road 906-493-5359	1	•	•	•	•	•			•	Α	•	•			•	7

A = Access Available

Campgrounds/RV Sites		# Campsites	# RV Sites	Max . Length	Reservations	Electric Hookup	Water Hookup	Concrete Pad	Full Hook up	Dock / Beach	Fire Ring	Picnic Table	Internet/Wi-Fi	Showers	Restroom/Pit Toilet	Pets Welcome	Camp Store	
12	Drummond Island Township Park drummondislandtownship.org	Channel Road, M-134 906-322-4246	All sites suitable for RV & Camping	48	31′	See township website for reservation details	•				в	•	•			РТ	•	
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13	Trailhead Bar, Restaurant & Campground trailheadbarrestaurantandcampgrounddrummondisland.com	32365 E. Johnswood Road 906-493-5463	25	23	50'	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	
14	Wa-Wen RVs and Camping www.wawenresort.com	32884 S. Maxton Road 906-493-5445 • 877-493-5445	N	25	55'	•	•	•		•	D	•	•	•	•		•	•



For information about dispersed camping/overlanding on Drummond island, see page 47. Camp registration cards are required for camping on state land and can be downloaded at michigan.gov/dnr or obtained at the Drummond Island Visitor Center.

# BUSINESS DIRECTORY

#### AUTOMOTIVE

**Bailey's Services** 34264 S. Townline Road 906-493-5411 Gas Station, auto repair, car wash

#### **Drummond Island EZ Mart** 29582 E. Channel Road 906-493-5509 Gas station

Matt's Collision Repair 36415 S. Walding Road 906-493-6334 Body shop and repairs

#### **BANKING/ACCOUNTING FINANCE MANAGEMENT**

Central Savings Bank (DeTour Branch) 109 Elizabeth Street, De Tour, MI 49725 906-297-6901 www.centralsavingsbank.com csbbank@sault.com

#### **DeTour Drummond Community Credit Union**

34857 S. Townline Road 906-493-5263 ATM Service, drive-thru service

#### Mark A. Copping, CPA 29594 E. Channel Road 734-242-2622 • 231-735-7055 ccpa@att.net Business and personal accounting services

#### **FINANCIAL PLANNING**

Edward Jones - Samantha Marzean 2700 Davitt St., Ste. 1, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 906-632-4985 samantha.marzean@edwardjones.com

#### CONSTRUCTION & REMODELING

**Detour-Drummond Building Center** 142 S. Ontario Street, DeTour, MI 49725 906-297-5011 lauriereid@sault.com Hardware store

#### **Drummond Island Yacht Haven** Construction

33185 S. Water Street 906-493-5232 www.diyachthaven.com General contractor, marine construction, excavating

**Ellis Plumbina** 906-493-5585 ellisplumbingdi@hotmail.com Plumbing, cabin openings and closings

#### **Island Breeze Heating & Cooling**

26416 E. Channel Road 906-493-7800 office • 906-430-8200 cell http://ibhvac.com Heating & cooling services and maintenance

#### **Kelly Excavating & Redi-Mix** 906-493-5929 huntbear69@yahoo.com Concrete, site work, dredging, septic systems

**Mike's Painting & Power Washing** 906-493-5003 ferg39@yahoo.com Commercial and residental painting, power washing Northern Sand and Gravel

1320 W 3 Mile Rd., Sault Ste Marie, MI 906-635-5151 Premium aggregates and Ready-Mix concrete.

#### Ritchie's Ace Hardware & Co.

75 M-134 Cedarville, MI 49719 906-207-5000 Hardware store

#### Socia Septic Service

35216 S. Socia Road 906-493-5607 Septic system excavating

#### Sune's Do It Best Home Center

Located at the Four Corners 906-493-5198 www.sunes.doitbest.com Hardware store

#### DINING

**Bayside Restaurant & Lounge** Located at Drummond Island Resort 906-493-1000 Waterfront dining, open seasonally.

Chuck's Place Bar & Restaurant 33651 E. Johnswood Road 906-493-5480

Open year round, full-service bar, lunch and dinner.

**Drummond Island Country Store** 33674 E. Johnswood Rd 906-493-7211 Hand-dipped ice cream, pizza and sandwiches

Drummond Island EZ Mart 29582 E. Channel Road 906-493-5509 Pizza, fried chicken meals, deli sandwiches, open year round. Take out only.

#### **Drummond Island Tee-Pee**

29905 F Channel Road 906-256-0607 • www.diteepee.com Ice cream, donuts, coffee, lunch specials. Outdoor seating only. Open seasonally.

#### **Esther's Authentic Mexican Cuisine**

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296 S Hessel Point Road, Hessel, MI 49745 906-484-2434 https://www.facebook.com/northcoastfudge/ Cookies, fudge and ice cream. Located inside the historic EJ Mertaugh Boat Works Marina in Hessel

Little Buoy Bakery 25 M-134, Cedarville, MI 49719 906-207-1000 https://www.facebook.com/LittleBuoyBakery Bakery, catering services

#### Businesses are listed in alphabetical order by service. Unless otherwise noted, all businesses are located on Drummond Island.

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34117 S Lane Road

906-493-5139

231-838-4221

906-493-7211

and sandwiches.

906-493-5509

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310 Tecumseh Street, Dundee, MI 48131

**Northwood Restaurant & Bar** 29944 F. Channel Road 906-493-5282 www.northwooddrummondisland.com Serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner, full bar.

#### **Pins Bar & Grill**

33494 S. Maxton Road 906-493-1004 www.drummondisland.com/eat-drinkpins-bar-and-grill Serving lunch and dinner, full bar, pizza, burgers, salads, pool tables.

#### Port of Call Restaurant

906-493-5507

33655 S. Townline Road 906-493-5090 www.thebeartrack.com Breakfast and lunch, dinners occasionally.

#### **Trailhead Bar, Restaurant & Campground**

32365 E. Johnswood Road Burgers, steaks, full bar. Open seasonally.

**Bear Graphics** Banners, signs, personalized favors, branded items

#### **Dar's Designs**

dars\_designsofdi@yahoo.com

906-493-5507 Groceries, deli, beer & wine, gift store

Drummond Island EZ Mart

#### Sune's Grocery

Located at the Four Corners 906-493-5259 Groceries, beer, wine, liquor, baked goods, deli

#### **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

For Emergencies, Dial 9-1-1 Drummond Island Ambulance Corps is staffed by trained and licensed volunteer personnel and is available 24 hours a day.

#### Brian J Chandler, D.C - Chiropractic 33896 S. Townline Road 906-322-1815

Chiropractric Care

#### **Drummond Island Family Health** 29745 E. Channel Road 906-493-6644 Medical clinic

#### **Drummond Island Medical Center**

33896 S. Townline Road 906-493-5221 dimc@alphacomm.net Medical clinic, on-site Xray and ultrasound

906-493-6812 or 906-440-6363 www.visitdrummondisland.com/darsdesigns Event planning and decor services, table & chair rentals

#### Hakola Porta John Service & Rentals, LLC

#### 535 W. Kromiller Road, Cedarville, MI 49719 906-430-8058

tonyhakola@hotmail.com Porta john, table, tent, chair rentals

#### **GENERAL SERVICES COTTAGE MAINTENANCE**

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#### **GRAPHIC DESIGN & PRINTING SERVICES**

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#### **Dog Eat Dog Graphic Design**

PO Box 31, Hessel, MI 49745 231-330-4389 • kristybeyer@mac.com Graphic design, printing, and social media Designer of the Drummond Island Visitor Guide.

#### National Office Products & Printing

405 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie 906-632-3095 shannon@nopp.com Office supplies, copiers, professional printing

#### Sault Printing

314 Osborn Boulevard, Sault Ste. Marie 906-632-3369 ron@saultprinting.com

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29582 E. Channel Road

#### PUBLIC SERVICES

**Drummond Island Public Library** 29934 E. Court Street 906-493-5243

**Drummond Island Township Hall** 29935 E. Pine Street 906-493-5321 (office)

US Post Office - Drummond Island 29726 E. Somes Road 906-493-5226 Open Mon. - Fri. 9am-2pm, Sat. 11am - Noon

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS DeTour Reef Light Preservation P.O. Box 307, Drummond Island 906-493-6609 • www.drlps.com Provides seasonal lighthouse tours, reservations required. Lighthouse keeper program.

**De Tour Passage Historical Museum** 104 Elizabeth Street, DeTour MI 49725 906-297-2081 or 906-297-3231 Museum open seasonally.

#### **Drummond Island Historical Museum** 906-493-5746

www.visitdrummondisland.com/drummondisland-historical-museum Museum open daily mid-May thru mid-October.

#### **Drummond Island Lions Club**

Meeting 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Township Hall https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/drummondisland

#### Drummond Island Tourism Association

34974 S. Townline Road 906-493-5245 www.visitdrummondisland.com Open year round. Maps, brochures, general island information. Public restrooms and trailer parking.

#### **PEST CONTROL**

E.U.P. Pest Control Based on Drummond Island 906-322-0069

#### **PHONE/INTERNET**

Michigan Broadband 906-639-5000 www.michbbs.com Phone, high speed internet, and cable service

#### **PROPANE PROVIDERS COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTAL**

**Autore Oil and Propane Company** 670 W. M-134 Cedarville, MI 49719 (Main Office) 800-643-1823 • www.autoreoil.com

#### Webster Garner Oil & Propane 3346 W. Vienna Road Clio, MI 48420 (Main Office)

906-430-0666 office • 906-440-3678 cell chad@webstergarner.com

#### **PROPANE TANKS**

**Drummond Island Country Store** 33674 E. Johnswood Rd 906-493-7211 Bottled propane tanks available

**Drummond Island EZ Mart** 29582 E. Channel Road 906-493-5509 Bottled propane tanks available

#### **Drummond Island Outfitters** 29129 E. Channel Road 906-493-6300 Bottled propane tanks and refills

Drummond Island Resort & **Conference Center** 33494 S. Maxton Road 906-493-1000 Bottled propane tanks available

#### **REAL ESTATE/HOUSING**

**Coldwell Bankers-Schmidt Realtors** Bruce MacGregor 906-440-6009 • 888-218-5250 fax brucefeedguy@yahoo.com

#### Drummond Island Realty

Suzanne Sasso Kuusinen, Principal Assoc. Broker 29919 E. Channel Road, P.O. Box 215 906-493-5230 drummondislandrealty@outlook.com www.drummondisland-realty.com

#### APARTMENTS

**Drummond Island Apartments** 33142 S. Socia Sub. Drive 906-4493-5928 Managed by Medallion Management

#### RECREATION

**OFF-ROADING** Beaver's ATV Rental 35239 E. Johnswood Road 906-493-5663 • www.beaveratvrental.com ATV and UTV rentals and repair services

#### **Chippewa Motors - Polaris Dealer**

3107 S M-129 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 906-632-6651 www.chippewamotors.com Polaris dealer, parts and service

#### **Childers Performance** 34117 S Lane Road

906-493-5139 ATV and motorcycle repair and service, full builds, and small engine repair.

#### **Discover Drummond Island**

Adventure Tours 231-903-2146 • jayatone22@gmailcom Guided ATV and ORV tours

#### **Turtle Ridge Off-Road Park**

33494 S. Maxton Road 906-493-1000 www.drummondisland.com Drummond Island Resort & Conference Center

#### **BOAT TOURS & FISHING CHARTERS**

Customeyes Charters, LLC Captain John Goble 906-322-2561 customeyescharters@yahoo.com Fishing charter, boat tours available

#### Drummond Island Tall Ship Company

Captain Hugh Covert 906-430-5854 • www.ditallship.com Sail aboard the Huron Jewel, 2-hour to multiple day excusions available

#### Reel Fish'n LLC

Captain Adam Lipinski 989-529-8901 • www.reelfishn.llc Great Lakes sports fishing and duck hunting charters

#### Stormy Chinook Sport Fishing Captain Dan Cruchon 586-212-4030 • stormychinook.com Fishing charter service

Sturgeon Bay Charters Captain Ivan Gable 810-516-9788 (cell) • 906-493-6087 Fishing charter service

#### BOAT, KAYAK, SUP RENTALS

**Drummond Island Outdoor Toys** 32884 S. Maxton Road 906-492-5445 Boat, canoe, kayak rentals

28 NOTE: Business information is subject to change after the printing of this publication. For the most up-to-date information about our member businesses, visit our website at visitdrummondisland.com.

**Drummond Island Resort & Conference Center** 33494 S. Maxton Road 906-493-1000 Kayak, paddleboard, and canoe rentals available

#### **Drummond Island Yacht Haven** 33185 S. Water Street 800-543-4743 • 906-493-5232 www.diyachthaven.com Powerboat, pontoon boat, jet ski, SUP rentals

Fort Drummond Resort & Marine 36183 S. Whitney Bay Road 906-493-5359 Boat and kayak rentals

#### **Islander Shoppe** 29699 E. Channel Road (906) 493-5092 Kayak and SUP rentals

Lakeview Resort 32075 E Tourist Road 906-493-5041 • www.dilakeviewresort.com Fishing boats and motor rentals

#### Papin's Resort 31240 S. Maxton Road 906-493-5254 • www.papinsresort.com Pontoon and fishing boat rentals

Woods & Waters Eco Tours 20 S. Pickford Avenue, Hessel, MI 49745 888-502-8373 • www.woodsandwaters.eco Kayak rentals and paddling tours on Drummond Island and the surrounding area.

#### **BOAT REPAIR / MARINA Adelaide Landing**

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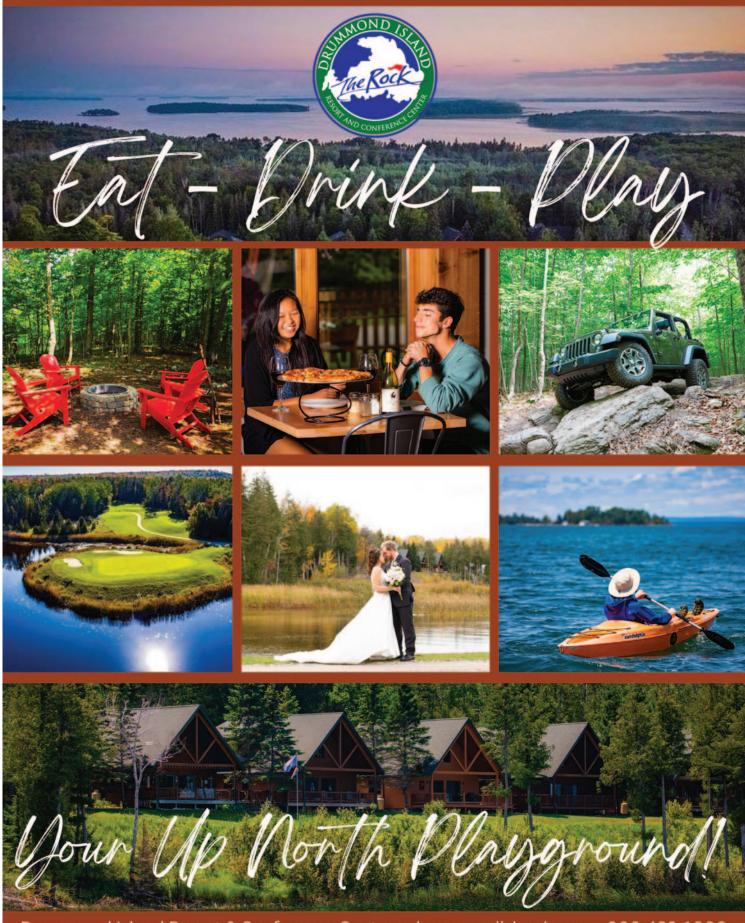
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# HUNTING A LONG STANDING RADITION

Hunting on Drummond Island has been a long standing tradition for sportsmen and their families. Whether it is large game, small game, or waterfowl, Drummond is a year round sportsman's paradise. By purchasing the appropriate tags and licenses, following hunting rules and regulations, respecting private property, and being a good steward of the natural resources you can help keep this tradition alive for future generations.

#### Whitetail Deer

The whitetail deer is the most popular big game animal that Drummond Island has to offer, with thousands of acres of state owned land accessible for everyone. The deer herd has been under a Quality Deer Management program since 1997. The program includes antler restrictions as well as habitat management through logging programs controlled by state and private individuals. The local Drummond Island Sportsmen's Club sponsors a voluntary registration program to keep harvest records current. Deer densities can vary from year to year. Even though we are committed to the "Health of the Herd," other factors like Winter Severity Index or winter kills can lower deer numbers in bad years. Contact the state biologist for annual forecasts.

#### Waterfowl

The waters around Drummond Island offer the waterfowl (duck and goose) hunters a variety of opportunities. The point system and yearly bag limits change depending on population levels. Therefore, be sure to check the current Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide at www.michigan.gov/dnr for current hunting information. Listed are some of the more common ducks that are harvested each year: blue and green winged teal, mallard, long tailed, black, bluebill (scaup) and goldeneye.

#### **Black Bear**

Bear hunting on Drummond is under strict management with a lottery draw for tags or licenses. This is a very limited hunt, so expect to apply for many years to obtain this highly prized trophy. Success rates hold at about 50%. Application periods are posted on the State of Michigan website at www.michigan.gov.dnr.

#### Small Game

Drummond Island has a variety of small game to hunt. There is an abundance of **squirrels** – black and gray (color phases). Hunt in hardwood and beechnut groves for best success, with daily limits of 5 per day. Season is September 15 thru March 1.

# Need to purchase a hunting license?

HUNTING LICENSES AVAILABLE AT: Drummond Island Outfitters

Official Drummond Island Visitor Guide

See Business Directory on pages 27 & 28 for contact information.



DID YOU KNOW... The Grouse Enhanced Management Site (GEMS) on Drummond Isand was the first GEMS opened to the public in Michigan. The area is managed to enhance habitat for Ruffed Grouse as well providing trails for a variety of hiking experiences. Walking trails give added comfort to those getting out for their first time or those with mobility challenges. They also offer a unique opportunity for birdwatchers in the off seasons.



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Ruffed Grouse favor new growth aspen and timber edges as their habitat. Populations vary depending on winters and predators - coyotes, hawks, owls, etc. Drummond is home to the first GEMS (Grouse Enhanced Management System) open to the public in Michigan. These sites provide unique opportunities for both hunters and birders. The GEMS sites can be found across the state, and are managed to enhance habitat for Ruffed Grouse as well providing trails for a variety of hiking experiences. A parking area and informational sign is located here.

**Snowshoe Hares** – whose name refers to the size of their rear feet, are unique in their change of color phase, going from a reddish hue in the summer to a pure white in the winter. They don't hole-up or den-up like the cottontail rabbit and can go long distances. The best areas in which to find the snowshoe hare are dense cedar and tag alder swamps. Snowshoes are hunted with dogs, usually beagles. Rabbit season is September 15 through March 31, with daily limits of 5.

So whether you desire the true Northwoods deer camp experience, the excitement of the chase with snowshoe hares, or getting out on the water to hunt a variety of duck, Drummond Island is obviously your natural choice for hunting adventures.

Article by Robert Doorman



# FISHING YEAR ROUND

All year long, the avid angler can find fantastic fishing on Drummond Island! **April 1st** brings great anticipation of the smelt run. As the days grow longer and air temperatures rise, the "Ice Out" allows these little silver delicacies to enter our creeks and streams to spawn. This is primarily nighttime fishing and all ages enjoy this annual event. Laughter is commonplace, as somewhere in the glow of a lantern or flashlight a young person excitedly proclaims, "Look, I got some!" On a clear night, you will be awed by the stars that appear to be so close you can almost touch them. If you look to the north, some nights will bring a spectacular display of flickering colors known as the Aurora Borealis, more commonly called the Northern Lights. This is an experience you will not soon forget.

During the spring and fall, perch move into shallow water. All sizes and age classes of perch are present, insuring years of great fishing. There is a lot of action and taking a limit is common. Some anglers time their spring stay to coincide with the highly desirable appearance of the black morel mushrooms. Yellow perch fried golden brown with morel mushrooms sautéed in butter will leave you thinking that it doesn't get much better than this! In the fall, perch return to shallow water to feed on crayfish and minnows.

In summer, the focus turns to the opener of northern pike and walleye fishing. Potagannissing Bay and Whitney Bay are popular hunting grounds for these fish. Trolling crawler harnesses and casting shallow crank baits are the preferred techniques for walleye. Trolling spoons and hard baits, or fishing with big chubs and minnows under large bobbers, are better for northern pike.

Excellent smallmouth bass fishing opportunities exist where rocky shorelines abound. When hooked, these bronze-back beauties fight hard and dance across the surface of the water. This is a great sport fish and delicious table fare. Pound for pound, it is said that nothing pulls as hard as a smallmouth bass.

The end of June thru July brings the aquatic mayfly hatch; Ciscoes (Lake Herring), and whitefish are soon to follow. These are schooling fish and groups of boats are seen tightly gathered together, staying on top of the school. The gear of choice is either the cane pole or long ultra light rod, using teardrops with wax worms or mayflies as bait. Whole families get in on the fun as the action is fast and fish are plentiful. They are easy to find; just look for the group of boats. These fish are great smoked, canned or fried fresh.

As Lake Huron offers a multi-species trout fishery, May 1st finds anglers at the mouth of the St. Mary's river targeting lake trout and Atlantic salmon. Mid-July brings king salmon; sizes vary by age averaging 4 to 10 lbs with some reaching up to 30 lbs. On odd years the pink salmon enter the system creating a bonanza of action and fish of 1 to 3 pounds are common. Salmon fishing remains good through late fall.

FISHING AND DESTINATION INFORMATION

Winter finds ice shanties dotted around Whitney Bay and Potagannissing Bay to Harbor Island. Anglers seeking northern pike use a combo tactic of spearing and tipup. Perch can be found in deep water this time of year. Snowmobiles provide transportation to and from favorite fishing areas, allowing you to enjoy the winter's wonder.

- Article by Robert Doorman

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Drummond Island transforms it's emerald summer landscape into a dazzling display of brilliant red maples, amber tamaracks, golden birches, and vibrant yellow aspens. There is no shortage of ways to get your fill of leaf-peeping. We expect to see peak colors from the last week of September to mid-October.

Immerse yourself in the quiet beauty of autumn by hiking the trails at the Drummond Island Resort and Conference Center and the Clyde and Martha Williams nature preserve. Take a ride down any of the Island's 70 miles of scenic, paved roads, or hop in an off-road vehicle to explore a fall foliage tour of your own making!

The days begin to shorten as September approaches and the bugs all but dissipate as the air turns cool and crisp. Paddlers enjoy the changing colors of the leaves from the water as birdwatchers enjoy the wonders of the fall migration. Hunters make ready their camps while fishermen prepare for the Fall Perch run.

October brings the excitement of a widely anticipated event known as the Fall On The Island Festival. Islanders and visitors come together to celebrate a weekend filled with local foods and beverages, artisans and vendors, athletic contests, family-friendly games, live music, and much more! Keep tabs on our online events calendar and social media pages for the most up-to-date Fall Fest features and activities.

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### THE NATURAL CHOICE FOR WINTER DVENTURES

Photo by Cindy Hammers

Winter life on Drummond Island is a wonderful adventure that the whole family can enjoy. The journey begins with crossing the icy St. Marys River by ferry. A truly unique experience!

If you are looking for the perfect place for snowmobiling, Drummond Island is it! Drummond Island has been voted by Pure Michigan as **"The #1 Place to Snowmobile"** and with 80 miles of groomed, uncrowded, scenic trails, it's no wonder. In addition, once the ice has frozen to a safe depth, Drummond Island also offers an **ice bridge to Canada.** The ice bridge connects Drummond Island, Michigan to St. Joseph Island, Canada. See map on the next page. The trail is marked with evergreen trees, usually donated by local residents after the Christmas holiday. The tree line goes all the way across the ice to prevent snowmobilers from getting lost while riding.

If a quieter, nature-filled adventure is more your style you may want explore nearly 20 miles of trails on foot. The Heritage Trail and Williams Nature Preseve offer scenic **snowshoe hikes** with plenty of interesting features to see and the Drummond Island Resort offers up to 15 miles of **groomed cross-country ski trails** that are open to the public. They also offer **cross-country skis, snowshoes, ice skates, tubes, and sleds for rent**. Drummond Island Township Hall offers a spectacular **ice skaing rink**. If you forget your skates, the Lighthouse Christian Church across the street from the town hall has you covered! You can borrow a pair for free on specific days. Call the church for details at (906) 493-5233. Donations for this program are always appreciated.

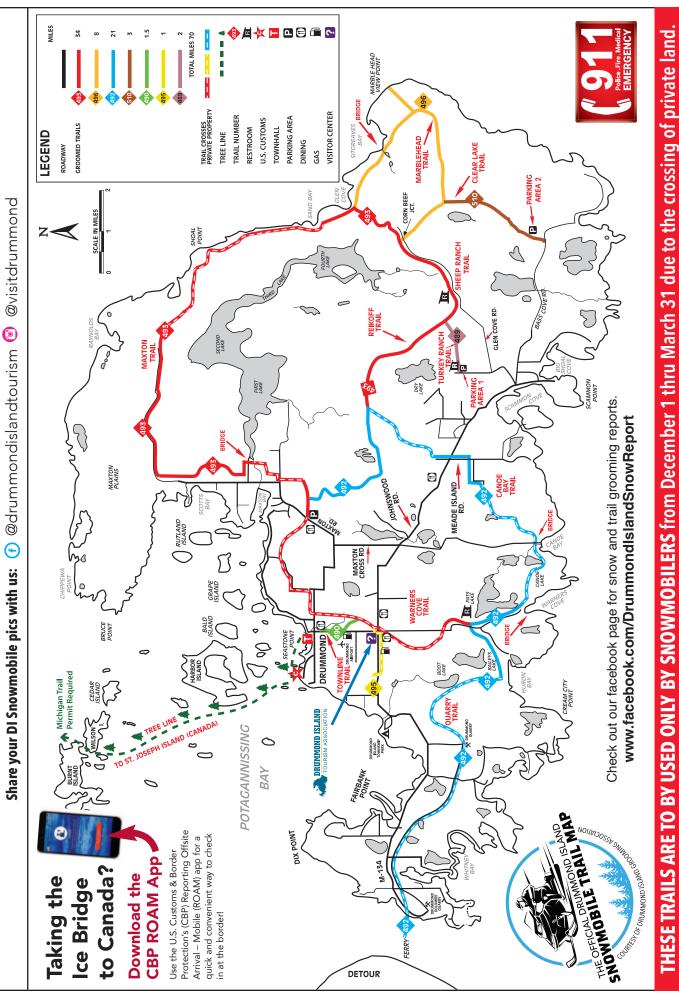
Watch our online events calendar for a complete list of winter activites at www.visitdrummondisland.com/event-calendar

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# PLAYING A ROUND

It can be hard to keep you eye on the ball when you golf on Drummond Island as you are surrounded by breathtaking scenery at every turn. Whether you are a beginner or scratch golfer, you'll find the Drummond Island is truly the "natural choice" for playing a round of golf.

**The Rock**, located at the Drummond Island Resort and Conference Center, is an 18-hole championship course carved out of 400 acres of hardwood, cedar, and limestone. The course opened in 1989 and was designed by Harry Bowers. From the back tees the course can offer a challenge with 6,837 yards. It is rated 69.3 with a slope of 131 from the white tees. The course offers 4 sets of tees suitable to every skill level. The Rock also participates in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System. You must come and see to believe all the thriving wildlife on the course.

The Rock offers a large driving range with grass tees, a practice putting green, and a large bunker. The pro shop offers a wide range of apparel, as well as golf accessories. A golf instructor is available to give lessons and clinics for any skill level. The resort offers golf packages for any occasion. For more information visit www.drummondisland.com

The **Drummond Island Township course** located just off Townline Road is a 9-hole par 36 course with affordable rates. It was built in the early 1960s and is similar to the old-style English courses. It offers a unique feature — there is an airport runway that runs along the side of the par 3 #9 and golfers must cross the runway, as there are four holes on one side and five on the other. Where else can you have airplanes and deer as obstacles? The course also offers a driving range, practice putting green and pro shop. Rental carts and clubs available. The course opens in the spring and closes in late October, weather permitting.

- Article by Keli Kelly

**Drummond Island Golf Club** 9-hole, par 36 course For tee time call: 906-493-5406

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## ARBLEHEAD 400 MILLION YEARS IN THE MAKING

The sun peeks above the horizon...shadows give way and daylight begins its long westward trek across Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Weathered gray cliffs of limestone, located at the far eastern end of Drummond Island, are the first to feel the warmth of day. Standing over 100' above the waves of the great North Channel of Lake Huron the cliffs command a sweeping view to the east. This is Marblehead.

Marblehead has a geographic and geologic history that far outshines its diminutive size. The limestone that comprises the bluffs here was laid down in the early Devonian Period. To most this means nothing but trust me this is a long, long, looong time ago...on the order of 400 million-plus years. You see, at that time much of today's Midwestern region lay beneath the warm waters of a huge, shallow sea. Over time the sediments which would one day be the limestone of Marblehead was laid down and as the sea retreated this rock became exposed. As it turned out Marblehead would mark the edge of this relatively weather-resistant limestone layer. I was shocked to discover that the cliffs I would be standing on are in fact part of a larger limestone entity famously known as the

Niagara Escarpment. Marblehead sits at the apex of this 900-mile long escarpment which is more commonly known for the huge water fall at its east end but also extends to east-central Wisconsin in the west. In Michigan, Marblehead is the only place the escarpment shows its face in any remarkable form.

#### A Jeep Trail...

The path to Marblehead is quite well travelled. The roads leading out to and surrounding Marblehead are popular offroad destinations. In fact, Drummond Island is frequently the site of Jeep Jamborees. As such, the drive out to Marblehead is not for the faint-of-heart, or at least not for those without a four-wheel drive they don't mind giving a good workout.

From Sitgreaves Bay the trail briefly passes along the lakeshore with nice views of the Great North Passage to the east. Soon, though, the trail tackles the escarpment climbing from the conifer lowlands to the mixed hardwoods above. The trail is rocky but, as it doubles as a road, is clear and wide. Once atop the escarpment the path levels off passing

> Marblehead is the easternmost point in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and favorite destination for off-road enthusiasts.



#### **Niagara Escarpment**

Generally referred to as the Niagara Escarpment, this natural wonder can be traced almost continously along the eastern part of Wisconsin, Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and New York State to the famous flowing waters of Niagara Falls. The Escarpment is a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Biosphere Reserve and has the oldest forest ecosystem and trees in eastern North America. through one aspen grove after another before reaching the intersection to Marblehead about 1.5 miles from where you parked. From here you turn east (left) and the trail continues to pass through low bushes, and widely scattered stands of aspen. Before long you reach a large series of stone steps, a popular obstacle to climb during Jeep rallies. After climbing the steps you are only a minute or two from the cliff edge and Marblehead itself.

The views are spectacular to the east with green islands breaking the surface of the lake and the Canadian mainland on the distant horizon. The lakeshore itself is quite interesting as it is littered with large, narrow slabs of the limestone that is so common in this area. You can also congratulate yourself as you will also be standing on the easternmost point in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

- Guest article by Dan Weemhoff

Marblehead from – the bottom. A view accessible only by foot.

A spotter is helpful when tackling the "Steps at Marblehead"

Photo: Kristy Beye

**tread** lightly!



**Do Your Part...Protect the Adventure!** Please do not abuse the priviledge of visiting this natural wonder and features that make it so special.

DO NOT drive your vehicle or ATV to the edge. DO NOT repel down or climb up the face of Marblehead. DO NOT ride in prohibited areas.

DO NOT leave trash or personal waste in the area.

### OTHER NOTABLE NATURAL FEATURES





Normally, shale is sharp and jagged, but millions of years of natural waves against these shores have created nearly 2 miles of shale rock beach. The white round stones make a distinctive sound as wave crash against them. This isolated beach is difficult to get to and **requires 4WD and high clearance**, but is well worth the drive. A great place to stop for lunch or camp. Swimming is not recommended.



Glaciers receded from the area over 10,000 years ago, leaving behind little to no soil and scrubbing the bed of limestone smooth. Interpretive signs at this easy to access location tell the complete story of this highly protected and sensitve ecosystem. Watch for bare area where the limestone is visible and large bolders that pepper the landscape that were left behind when the glaciers melted. Do not walk on the grass or build rock cairns here. Accessible by standard vehicles. Please tread lightly.



The "Fossil Ledges" are the fossilized remains of a 450 million-year-old salt water coral sea bed. Depending on the water levels of the Great Lakes, you can walk along the ledges of rock to look for fossils. Take pictures of the fossils you find, but please take nothing with you in order to help preserve it for future generations. A high clearance vehicle is recommended to make the trek to this northernmost location on the island.



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# THE NATURAL CHOICE FOR FF=ROADING ADVENTURES

Whether your ORV (or OHV as they are called in some parts of the country!) has two wheels or four, whether it's small or large, Drummond Island offers some of the best trail riding in the Midwest, quite possibly east of the Mississippi!

What sets Drummond Island apart from most other venues and making it a truly great location for any ORV enthusiast is the combination of an outstanding trail system nestled among some of the most picturesque scenery in the Great Lakes.

Drummond's ORV system boasts 70 miles of ATV trails and 40 miles of full-size ORV routes, and they're not merely a system of forest two-tracks connecting various challenges and obstacles like many ORV systems. On most of Drummond Island the trails themselves are a challenge! Drummond Island's system covers an extreme variety of terrain, running through picturesque hardwood forests, thick cedar swamps, and large expansive wide-open meadows, spiced up with an occasional short rock climb. In addition, several of the ORV system's loops take you right down to the edge of Lake Huron for an exceptional view of one of North America's Great Lakes.

In addition to the thousands of acres of public land and miles and miles of public ORV trails there is also a private ORV park called Turtle Ridge on the Island for those who nd's st ostanters love Drummond Island are looking to kick it up a notch for some extreme off-road action! Turtle Ridge ORV Park is centrally located on the island,

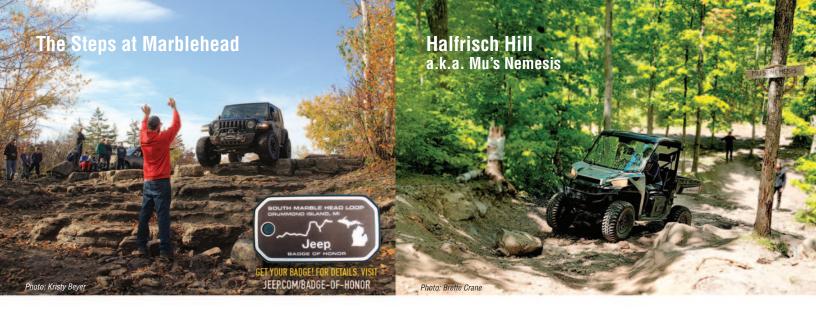
and there is a modest fee to drive the park.

Portions of Drummond's trails will take you past remnants of old logging camps and abandoned homesteads of a bygone era. If you look closely when you're on your ride, you'll

Walker Trail

Log Jam Trail

o: Brette Crane



find the remnants of old foundations, chimneys or fireplaces. Several of the trails also take you to some of the stony beaches on the Island's eastern shore – great places to catch a break and some excellent photo opportunities!

Some of the toughest (translated: best!) trails for the avid enthusiast quietly slip through some of the island's many cedar swamps, while some of the most beautiful are the meadow trails, open to the sun and covered with wild flowers. Trails are generally tight, rock strewn, and depending on the time of year, may be muddy, with some of the extreme sections up to a half mile long! Even when you get out of the mud, most of Drummond's remaining trails are very rocky and challenging: discovering the beauty of the island doesn't come without a price!

The scenic highlight on Drummond's ORV system (only accessible by ORV or hiking), is clearly Marble Head Overlook – an impressive rock cliff on the island's east side that looks out over Lake Huron's deep blue-green waters. Marble Head towers above a narrow band of trees that separate the rock face from the beach below, and offers a magnificent view of Lake Huron and several Canadian islands in the distance. Just getting to Marble Head is a challenge whether you're on a cycle, ATV, or full-size ORV. The trail to Marble Head includes a steep rock stair-step down to get there and subsequent climb on the same steps to return.

Stock full size ORVs can certainly handle any of Drummond's trails, but it's highly recommended that they're equipped

with skid plates because the bottom side of any stock full size ORV is definitely going to find itself "making contact" with Drummond Island! Tow hooks are a good idea; lockers or limited slip differentials definitely help, but aren't absolutely needed – vehicle ground clearance is key on Drummond and this is one place where you will definitely get your money's worth out of any sort of aftermarket suspension lift and/or tire upgrade!

Because of the rugged nature of Drummond's ATV trails, the local consensus is that 4x4 utility ATVs are best on Drummond, because there are many locations where a 4x4 ATV just works better, and a few places where unless you're on a 4x4 ATV you're just plain not going to get through! In addition, Drummond's trails lend themselves to long and extended trail rides where you'll want to take water, food, and even possibly tools and extra clothing along with you. Utility style quads with their racks and various storage systems definitely lend themselves more to this type of ride.

If you're looking for an organized trail ride, Drummond Island hosts several events throughout the year. Since the first Drummond Island Jeep Jamboree in 1994, several organizations now sponsor events almost every year. Some of the more notable organized events are Jeep Jamboree USA, Jeep End, MI Wheelers, and Drummond Off-road Adventure. In addition to these events, many local clubs throughout the Midwest bring small groups up to the island on a regular basis – check with a local club if you're looking for a small organized ride.



### Here's a few additional things you need to know when visiting Drummond with your ORV:

- Excellent multi-use trail maps are available locally from a variety of local businesses and the Drummond Island Tourist Association.
- Trail system use requires a State of Michigan ORV License, available locally: funds from the ORV license sales are put back into the trail system.
- Full size ORVs (Jeeps, Hummers, etc.) may only use trails marked as an "ORV Route," while bikes and ATVs can use both these trails and trails also marked as an "ORV Trail."
- Depending on the time of year you'll want to pack insect repellent, water, food, and appropriate outer wear.
- With regard to ATVs and cycles, helmets are mandatory, and you can only ride as many riders/passengers on a ATV as recommended by the manufacturer (i.e., no "2-up riding" except on ATVs rated for two people).
- Be sure that you ALWAYS stay on the marked trails, do not cross streams, or drive your ORV on any of Drummond's beaches, shoreline or in any lake.
- Because over a third of the island is NOT public, watch for private property signs and "No Motor Vehicle" signs when running Drummond's public trails. As long as you stay on the posted trail system and stay "between the trees" you won't have any problems at all!

And finally, for the ORV enthusiast who wants to add a little variety to their trail running, Drummond Island is also a virtual mecca for a multitude of other outdoor sports. It's the perfect place to combine use of your ORV with any number of other outdoor pursuits including hunting, fishing, kayaking, bird watching, and even more!

Looking forward to seeing you on some of Drummond's trails soon! And don't forget – always "Tread Lightly!

#### Guest article by Mike Olmstead

Mike Olmstead's off-road experience criss-crosses the country, from Tellico, North Carolina, to Moab, Utah, in everything from quads to full size trucks. Mike is the local director for the Drummond Island Jeep Jamboree where he's been a key element of that event. He is also a member of Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association, United Four Wheel Drive, the Drummond Island Off Road Club, and the "Tread Lightly" organization.



county and national forest roads open to ORV use. The license cost is \$26.25. An **ORV trail permit** is required to operate on designated ORV trails or routes and the permit cost is \$10. The total for both is \$36.25\* The ORV license and trail permit are valid for one year, which begins April 1 and ends March 31 of the following year. ORV trail permits are not valid as a stand-alone license; an ORV license must also be purchased.

COMMON ORV QUESTIONS

#### Can I purchase a license/permit on Drummond?

ORV licenses and trail permits can be purchased at Drummond Island Outdoor Outfitters and Sune's Do It Best Home Center. (See business directory for locations.)

#### Is there an ORV Speed Limit?

Speed limits are not posted on state-designated ORV trails, but you may not operate an ORV at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper based on existing conditions.

The ORV speed limit is 25 mph on all county roads unless posted lower and you must ride single file on the far right side of the road. **It is illegal to operate an ORV on any state highway including M-134**.



#### Can I ride my ORV in the winter?

Yes, you can ride your ORV during the winter and during snowmobile season (Dec. 1-March 31); however, <u>it's</u> <u>preferred that ORV riders use designated ORV trails</u> <u>or open roads NOT open to snowmobiles</u> (look for ORV confidence markers). Snowmobile trail groomers lay smooth paths for snowmobiles. If you encounter a groomed snowmobile trail, please ride slowly or choose another trail, so you don't undo the work of trail groomers or tear up the trail.

#### Where can I get a Drummond Island trail map?

Trail maps are available at the Drummond Island Tourism Association and local businesses for a small fee. Various maps are included inside this guide and can also be downloaded online at **visitdrummondisland.com** and **michigan.gov/dnr**. The preferred online mapping system for Drummond Island is the OnX app.



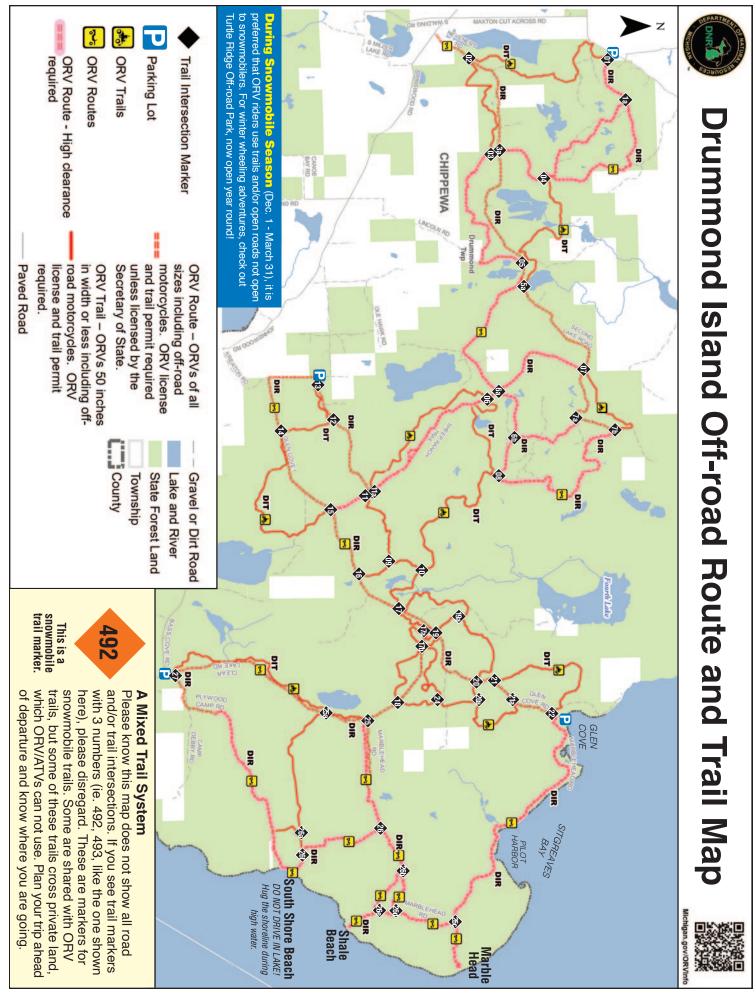


#### **Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association**

This nonprofit organization is built around four wheel drive vehicles, their owners, and the land they use them on. Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association (GLFWDA) works to bring together these users with organized events such as camping trips, casual trail rides, and weekend wheeling trips. The organization also acts as the region's voice to help keep our trails open so that we can continue to use our land and enjoy these outdoor activities for generations to come. **www.glfwda.org** 

#### **Drummond Island Off-Road Club (DIORC)**

DIORC designs, manages, maintains and monitors some of the most scenic and rugged trails the State of Michigan has to offer. Volunteers needed. Learn more at **www.facebook.com/DrummondIslandOffRoadClub** 



# )ISPERSED (AMPING

Dispersed camping, also known as primitive camping, is a term used for camping anywhere outside of a campground on public lands. There are no hookups for an RV (electric, sewage, water), bathrooms, treated water, fire grates/grills, picnic tables, or trash cans, so being self-contained is a must.

Dispersed camping became more popular with the onset of COVID-19 and has remained strongly favored. Unfortunately, with that popularity came the refuse that often remains after humans leave the woods. The damage from this type of camping isn't restricted to Drummond Island — public lands open to dispersed camping all over the country had been degraded. We encourage you to follow the tips below to help protect the beauty of Drummond Island.

Leave it better than you found it. Pack out everything you brought in, including trash. "TREAD LIGHTLY" Your campsite and the surrounding areas should not have an impact from you or other campers. Don't cut or trim bushes or trees. Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter.

Take care of your waste. Deposit solid human waste in cat holes 6-8 inches deep and at least 200 feet from water, campsites, and trails. Then cover and disguise the cat hole when finished.

Be alert of bear and other wildlife. Store food and other scented items in a bear canister or outside of your vehicle overnight.

Bring plenty of water (or have a way to treat it). Always treat the water you get from natural sources so that you don't have to end your trip early!

Know fire restrictions. Be aware of fire restrictions and warnings in the area you plan on camping before starting one.

Know the Rules. When it comes to disperse camping, Michigan has it's own set of rules. It is important to review them thoroughly to avoid fines. Complete rules, plus a copy of the dispersed camping permit to be downloaded and displayed at your site, can be found at michigan.gov/dnr.

Remember, the damage we inflict today cuts into our opportunities tomorrow. By following these simple tips we can ensure future generations will be able to enjoy Drummond Island too.

Do your part... protect the adventure!



Camp registration cards can be downloaded at michigan.gov/dnr or obtained at the Drummond Island Visitors Center.

### **Do Your Part to Protect Drummond Island**

Here are some common items found during trail cleanups on Drummond Island and the average length of time it takes to decompose.

Of course there are numerous factors that contribute to decomposition including: sunlight, oxygen, season, soil type, soil chemistry, moisture, the item itself that is decomposing, etc. The point is, many of these items take much longer than we might think to decompose and we must dispose of waste properly anytime we are in the outdoors.



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