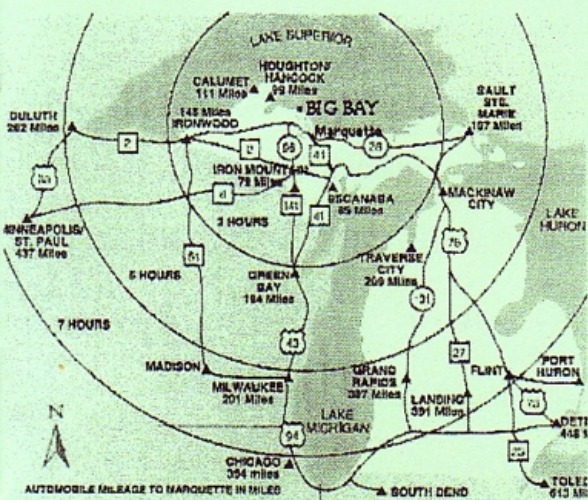


# EXPERIENCE

# BIG BAY



Big Bay ...

The best thing next  
to Independence®

# BIG BAY

is located in Marquette County, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Experience for yourself the beauty of Mother Nature at her best.

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## A BIT OF HISTORY

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Early Days: An old Indian trail, located on the west end of Lake Independence, was used by early fur traders, missionaries and explorers traveling from Big Bay to L'Anse. Evidence of this 300-year-old trail still exists.

Logging was essential to the formation and development of Big Bay and still plays an important economic role today. In 1864, the steamer "*Clement*" took the first recorded shipment of white pine logs from this area.

The **Huron Mountain Club** was organized in 1889, and by 1927, the Club either owned or controlled 12,000 acres of land, and 37 private cabins had been built on the property.

Lumbermill Days: In 1901, Big Bay Lumber Company constructed a sawmill near Lake Independence. Toward the end of 1902, Big Bay experienced the first of several "bust" periods leaving the town all but deserted. 1903 brought a reorganization of Big Bay Lumber and, by the end of 1904, 130 men were cutting 40,000 board feet of hemlock and hardwood a day. In 1906, the sawmill closed and wasn't re-opened again until 1908, when Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company

purchased it, renaming it **Lake Independence Lumber Company**. Brunswick remained a strong presence in Big Bay until mid-1932 when the mill was shut down again. Between 1936 and 1938, **Kerry and Hansen Flooring Company** operated the mill.

In 1934, Dr. Goldie Corneliuson and Elba Morse converted the former home of Jay Brunswick Deutsch into **Bay Cliff Health Camp**. Bay Cliff continues to make dreams come true for physically and emotionally impaired children today.

**Henry Ford** bought the mill in 1943, remodeled it, and built a new engine room, boiler room and 190-foot smokestack. Mr. Ford died in 1947, but the mill operated until 1949, when Ford Motor Co. closed it for good, ending the lumber mill era in Big Bay.

**Hollywood Comes to Big Bay:** In 1951, the U.S. Army began training men in anti-aircraft artillery use. That year, Lumberjack Tavern owner Mike Chenowith is killed by an Army Lieutenant in a dispute over the Lieutenant's wife. That story was developed into a novel, **Anatomy of a Murder**, and portions of the movie were filmed at the Thunder Bay Inn (formerly the Big Bay Hotel) in 1959.

Much about Big Bay has remained the same since those early days. We take great pride in our beautiful scenery, sparkling waters and friendly people. There are countless entertainment options, so bring the family, bikes, fishing poles, canoes, kayaks, skis, snowmobiles ... or just your own two feet ... and experience all that Big Bay has to offer.

# BIG BAY/AREA EVENTS

## January

- Big Bay Snowmobile Race<sup>s</sup>
- Subaru Noquemanon Ski Marathon\*

## February

- Women's Ski Tour\*
- Ice Fishing Derby, Lake Independence<sup>s</sup>
- UP-200 Sled Dog Race & Winterfest\*

## March

- UP Builders' Show\*

## April

- Trout/Salmon Fishing Opener

## May

- Walleye Fishing Opener
- Birding on the Bay, Munising
- Big Bay Relay<sup>s</sup>

## June

- Becoming an Outdoor Woman (BOW)<sup>s</sup>
- Paddle Sport Demo, Lake Independence<sup>s</sup>
- DNR Free Fishing Weekend & Derby<sup>s</sup>

## July

- July 4<sup>th</sup> Softball Tourney/Bay Cliff Parade
- Fire-On-The-Bay (First Sat. after July 4<sup>th</sup>)

## August

- Summer on the Bay<sup>s</sup>
- Cracked Court Tennis Classic<sup>s</sup>

## September

- Softball Tournament<sup>s</sup>

## October

- Big Bay 550 Snowmobile Club Pig Roast<sup>s</sup>

## November

- Hunters' Supper (local Church-sponsored)<sup>s</sup>

## December

- Christmas Craft Sale/Bazaar<sup>s</sup>

<sup>s</sup>For specific dates, log on to [www.bigbaymichigan.com](http://www.bigbaymichigan.com)

\*For info., log on to [www.marquettecountry.com](http://www.marquettecountry.com).

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## AREA ATTRACTIONS

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**Big Bay Pathway:** Cross-country skiing, hiking and bicycling. Part of the Noquemanon Trail Network. (906) 345-0149

**Big Bay Point Lighthouse:** Guided tours available June 1 - Oct. 15. (906) 345-9957

**Burn's Landing:** Big Bay's oldest surviving cabin, built in 1860; on the shores of Lake Superior.

**Hiawatha Water Trail:** Access point along the 120 mile-long water trail, stretching from Big Bay to Grand Marais, Michigan.

**Rivers & Waterfalls:** Numerous rivers and waterfalls to visit; contact local guide service.

**Thomas Rock (Gobbler's Knob):** Off of C.R. 510 approx. 1.1 miles. Spectacular view of Big Bay and the Huron Mountains.

**Yellow Dog Plains:** Take CR 510 to AAA road ... and keep going. Enjoy wide-open spaces, jack-pine forests, and the best wild blueberry picking in the U.P.!

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## CHURCHES

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**Community Presbyterian Church** 345-9543  
Sunday School, 9:15 AM  
Sunday Services, 10:30 AM.

**St. Mary's Catholic Church** 345-9212  
Sunday Mass, 10:30 AM

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## LODGING & CAMPING

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**Big Bay Depot Motel:** (906) 345-9350 Five apartment-like units with full kitchens. Once Big Bay's train station, now a unique motel, overlooking beautiful Lake Independence. Children and pets are always welcome; access to lake.

**Big Bay Motel:** (906) 345-9444 Twelve rooms with cable TV. Conveniently located near hunting, fishing, hiking, snowmobiling and ATV riding. Handicap accessible.

**Big Bay Point Lighthouse Bed & Breakfast:** (906) 345-9957 Seven rooms with private baths. Located on Lake Superior. Full country breakfast. [www.bigbaylighthouse.com](http://www.bigbaylighthouse.com)

**Dock of the Bay Cabins:** (906) 345-9353 Duplex log cabin on Lake Independence. Walking distance to Big Bay businesses. Full kitchen and bath; each unit sleeps up to six. Boat included. Open year 'round.

**Little Tree Cabins:** (906) 345-9535 Enjoy all four seasons on Lake Independence. Four rustic cabins, perfect for outdoor enthusiasts.

**Perkins Park:** (906) 345-9353 Seventy-six campsites: 30--full hook-up; 15--electric only; 6--pull-through (new); 25--no hook-up. Overlooking Lake Independence, Perkins Park offers modern restrooms; handicap-accessible showers; boat launch and fishing pier; swimming beach; playground, picnic area and pavilion.

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**Picture Bay Motel:** (906) 345-9820 Five units, two with kitchens, offer "picture"esque view of MacKenzie Bay. Access to hunting, fishing, hiking, x-c skiing and boating. Mechanic on-site; right on snowmobile trail. Open year 'round. [Picturebaymotel.com](http://Picturebaymotel.com).

**Thunder Bay Inn:** (906) 345-9376 Historic Ford Hotel; film location of "Anatomy of a Murder." Twelve uniquely furnished guest rooms, pub/restaurant and gift shop. Free continental breakfast. [tbikeepers@aol.com](mailto:tbikeepers@aol.com)

**Whispering Pines Cabin:** (906) 345-9960 Located on Squaw Beach.

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## DINING & SPIRITS

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**Big Bass Café:** Organic gourmet coffee, Babycakes™ muffins & cookies. Eat in or take out. Located inside Big Bay Outfitters.

**Hungry Hollow Café:** Serving breakfast, lunch & the famous U.P. Pasty. 7 AM-2 PM

**Lumberjack Tavern:** Great food, good friends. Full menu. Try our popular homemade pizzas, burgers and soups. Fresh fish on Fridays; delicious prime rib on Saturdays. Visit our summer beer garden!

**The Outpost General Store:** Deli, grab 'n go salads and sandwiches; pizza. Visit our ice cream shop. Sodas, espresso; beer & wine.

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**Thunder Bay Inn:** Casual dining from 11 AM until 10 PM. Menu includes homemade pizza, Lake Superior whitefish, steaks, soups and sandwiches. Enjoy daily specials and our popular Friday fish fry.

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## BOATING FACILITIES

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**Lake Superior Harbor of Refuge:** (906) 345-9353 Public boat launch and dock; showers/restrooms; gas; daily/seasonal launch and docking fees.

**Perkins Park Boat Launch:** (906) 345-9353 Daily/seasonal launch fees; public boat dock. Located on Lake Independence.

**Marine Weather Forecast:** (906) 475-5212

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## BUILDING & EXCAVATING

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**Granger Custom Builders: & Custom Stone** (906) 345-0198 Call Mike Granger for all your building and remodeling needs.

**Hausfeld Land Development:** (906) 345-9820 Site clearing, roads, drainfields, etc.

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## REAL ESTATE AGENTS

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<b>Huron Mountain Realty</b>	345-9340
<b>Select Realty</b>	345-9369

## EQUIPMENT RENTALS/ GUIDE SERVICES

**Big Bay Outfitters:** (906) 345-9399 Bikes, canoes, kayaks, pontoon, fishing boats. Guide service and USGS maps available.

**Family Guide Service:** (906) 345-9535 Day hikes, waterfalls, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and map consultations. Backpacks available for infants and toddlers.

## RETAIL/SHOPPING

**Anatomy of a Canoe:** The U.P.'s newest full-service Paddle Sport Shop, featuring weekly demo paddles. Inside Big Bay Outfitters.

**Bill's Lively Bait & Tackle Shop:** Fishing supplies, recreational gear, t-shirts, hats, maps, directions. Inside Big Bay Outfitters.

**Cram's General Store:** Gas, propane, bait, DNR licenses, hardware, groceries, ice, beer, wine, spirits, lotto, laundromat.

**Juniper Shop:** Featuring gifts that reflect the northwoods. Inside Thunder Bay Inn.

**Keehol Gallery & Gifts:** Unique woodwork, furniture, copper, paintings, Native American art and more. Inside Big Bay Outfitters.

## RETAIL/SHOPPING

**Northshore Treasures:** A wonderful variety of local products and accessories with that Northwoods feel. (906) 345-9588

**Outpost General Store:** Natural/organic foods; spices, dips, basics; organic bulk teas and coffees; specialty items; hardware; ATM. Pick up a loaf of *Huron Mountain Bread Company* bread here.

**Shear Wisdom:** Hair\* & Tanning Salon (\*Hair by appointment only). Located at the Outpost General Store. (906) 345-0154

**Superior Touch Massage:** Located at Big Bay Point Lighthouse. Call to schedule an appointment. (906) 345-9506.

## SERVICES/INFORMATION

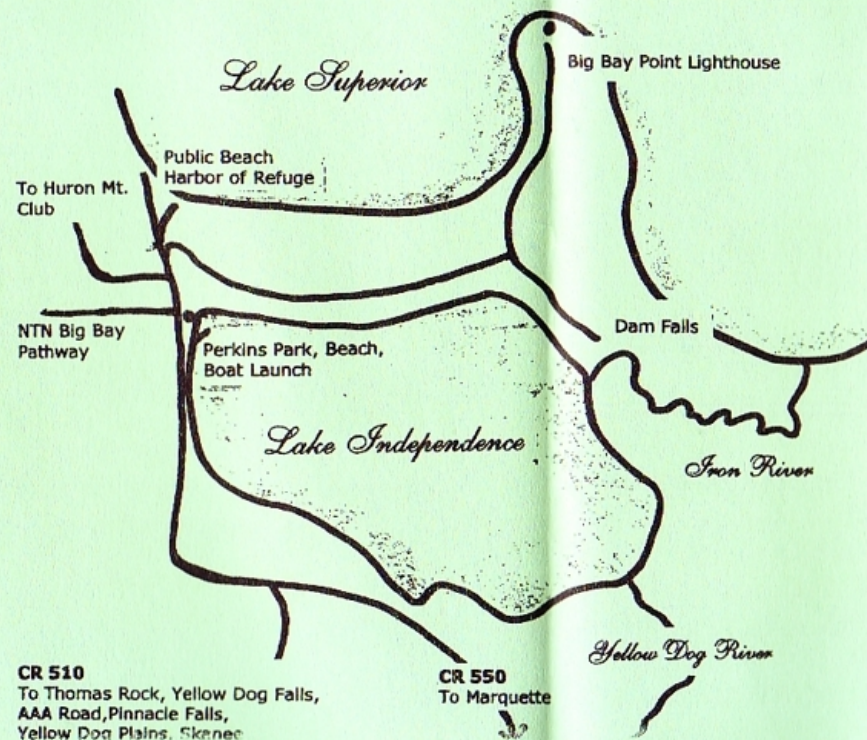
**Bay Cliff Health Camp** (906) 345-9314  
**Big Bay 550 Snowmobile Club**  
bigbay550snowmobileclub.org

**Big Bay Post Office** 345-9335  
**Big Bay Visitors Association** 345-9399  
**Cram's Laundromat** 345-0075

**Fire - Police - Ambulance** Dial 911  
**Sheriff/Non-Emergency** (906) 475-9912

**Powell Township Hall** 345-9345  
**Powell Township School** 345-9355  
**Rick's Small Engine Repair & Parts** 345-9820  
**Sawyer International Airport** (906) 346-3308  
225 Airport Avenue, Gwinn, MI

**The Bay Independent** Newsletter 345-9663  
**Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve** 345-9223



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