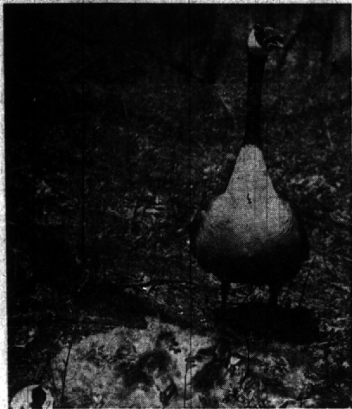


# A Great Place, Michigan

## So Don't Ignore Our Outdoor Legacy



Sights like this are familiar ones to Gilbert lake residents. Two Canadian geese made the lake their home last fall and this spring. Now the lake boasts a full family of grown honkers, who'll be smart if they stick around, since Bloomfield township is off-limits to hunters' guns. Mama goose here is warning the cameraman not to come any closer to her newly-hatched goslings.



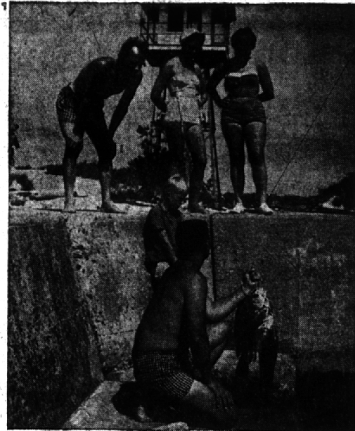
Birmingham sportsmen such as Irwin Wilson have travelled as far as the Yukon in search of trophy elk. These antlers, being examined by conservation officials, came from Michigan, however. Evidence of this state's native elk herd, which disappeared about 1870, they were found a few years ago in Ogemaw county. Tests show the antlers are 6,000 to 8,000 years old. Releases have re-established elk in several northern Michigan counties.



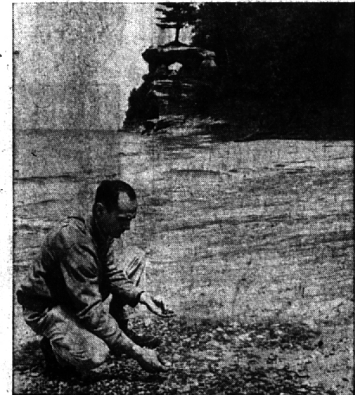
Been outdoors lately?  
Not in your own backyard, but really outdoors?  
Out in the woods? Or meadows? Or at the lake?  
No?  
You don't know what you're missing.

We have a great heritage, we Michiganders. Thousands of lakes, hundreds of thousands of acres of forests, hundreds of miles of Great Lakes shoreline. It's sort of our own little Utopia away from the busy cities, the rushing traffic, the hectic office. The wildlife, the scenery, or just the outdoors... it's wonderful.

Maybe this collection of photographs will give you the urge to enjoy a bit of our outdoor legacy. There's no time like the present to wet a line, look over that favorite hunting site, take a hike through the woods or just spend a night under the stars.



Fishermen in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area know that, if action comes to one of its frequent halts on local lakes, there is always a real hotspot not too far to the east. In fact, many persons, like this proud angler with a string of lake sheepshead, caught off a pier do all of their fishing in the Great Lakes.



Ever marvel at the beautiful collection of gem stones in museums of natural history, like Cranbrook's? A lot of those come from the shores of the Great Lakes, and summertime finds gem stone enthusiasts busy on Michigan beaches collecting the numerous specimens found in our own state. Many of these hobbyists are also "lapidaries"—persons who practice the art of cutting and polishing stones. And they can be made into attractive jewelry. Quarries and piled mine tailings are also popular gem hunting sites.



Ask Dr. Walter P. Nickell, naturalist at Cranbrook's institute of science. He'll tell you that this is a very rare sight in Michigan. It is a young bald eagle, one of the most impressive birds in the state. There are only some 50 to 100 breeding pairs of bald eagles in Michigan, and like hawks and owls, all eagles are protected from hunting.

There are a lot of camping enthusiasts among the Birmingham - Bloomfield area's, thousands of residents, and scenes like this, in one of Michigan's many state parks and forests, are familiar scenes to them. And for just an overnight or weekend outing, Oakland county offers three big state park recreation areas—Pontine Lake, Prond Lake and Highland—and a host of smaller state parks, among them Rochester, Ortonville, Bald Mountain and Holly.

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The temptation to respond to false pride, to vanity is ever-present. Those who acquire wealth and/or fame have to meet this problem incessantly. Perhaps false pride and vanity can best be overcome, or at least controlled, if one thinks correctly on the subject—right values. Then only will the shackles of false pride and vanity be loosened.

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