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## Porcupine Mts. Preserve Majestic, Wild Beauty

Stretching inland from Lake Superior's rugged shore in northern Michigan, a vast expanse of mountains, forests, lakes and rivers preserves one of the nation's few remaining large wilderness areas.

This incomparable tract of wildland is Porcupine mountains state park, covering 68,000 acres of Gogebic and Ontonagon counties in the west end of Michigan's upper peninsula.

About 45,000 acres of this land were acquired by the state in 1944 and have been dedicated as a "natural area" or wilderness. Another 13,000 acres were added later for development of recreational facilities.

RICH IN PRISTINE beauty, the remote "Porokies" are a favorite retreat for sportsmen, naturalists, campers and other vacation travelers who like to enjoy their recreation in the quiet surroundings of unspoiled nature.

The rare appeal of the Porcupines makes the area one of this nation's top attractions, according to Michigan travel authorities.

(A descriptive folder, including a map of the park, is available from the Michigan Tourist Council, Lansing 30.)

The mountains themselves are unique. Made up of a series of broken ranges roughly parallel to Lake Superior, the Porcupines rise more than 2,000 feet above sea level—one of the highest land masses between the Adirondacks in New York and the Black Hills of the Dakotas.

EXCEPT FOR an area immediately adjacent to Lake Superior, the mountain slopes are covered by virgin forests, mostly hardwood species, but interspersed with magnificent white pine stands.

Tucked away in these rolling, green mountain ridges are two of Michigan's most impressive inland lakes—Lake of the Clouds and Mirror Lake.

Lake of the Clouds is easily reached by a trail leading to the top of the escarpment, a sheer cliff overlooking the north side of the lake. From the escarpment, visitors have a panoramic view of the lake and miles of forested mountains.

MIRROR LAKE, farther inland, is a remote trout lake amid large white pines. Cabins for overnight shelter, complete with all necessary items except bed rolls and food, are located here for those who like to "rough it."

These cabins, along with those at Lake of the Clouds and in other areas of the park, are open to the public at a nominal charge. (Park officials recommend that cabin reservations be made in advance.)

More luxurious accommodations are available in Ontonagon, Silver City and other nearby towns.

Other attractions for the sight-seer and camera fan include abandoned copper and silver mines, turbulent rapids and waterfalls along the park's several rivers, and miles of well-marked nature trails.

SPORTSMEN FIND the Porokies to their liking, too. Besides perch and bass fishing on Lake of the Clouds and trout fishing on Mirror Lake, hook and line enthusiasts have their choice of several streams for rainbow and brook trout.

Deer, bear, snowshoe hares and grouse are the most common game species and hunting is permitted throughout the park during regular open seasons.

There are 76 developed campsites, including several with electrical outlets. Campsites and picnic areas are located near the Presque Isle River in the western end of the park, at the Union River in the eastern end, and along the Lake Superior shore.

ALSO IN THE developed section of the park is one of the Midwest's finest winter sports centers, with skiing facilities including a twin T-bar ski lift, rope tows and a chalet. A variety of slopes and cross country trails are available to suit all skiers—from beginners to experts.

Visitors to Michigan may select several routes to the park. A trip from the lower peninsula would include crossing the Straits of Mackinac on the spectacular, five-mile long Mackinac bridge, another of Michigan's top vacation travel attractions.



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A) For instance, with some small attentions such as fertilizing, spraying, pruning and harvesting you may enjoy these fruits in the form of apples, pears, vegetables, berries, etc.

Right now you should be harvesting and putting your equipment in shape for pruning operations.

B) A second item could be the lawn. It requires an unusual amount of labor but the results dwarf its input. NOW it needs lots of 10-6-4 fertilizer and a small amount of seed here and there in the bare spots.

C) A cessation of one form of labor at this point will prevent damage. STOP fertilizing trees and shrubs for it might cause soft growth and new growth which could be damaged during the winter coldness.

D) A forward look at "fruits" would cause a thinking man's purse strings to be loosened for the purchase of bulbs (tulips, daffodils, crocus and other varieties) to be planted now to produce a vegetable galaxy of spring and summer color and form, immeasurably greater than the little bit of dough you put into the bulbs, bone meal and whatever planting tools are needed.

E) Retracing our steps a bit, the pleasant labor of covering a new seeding on the BARE spots in the lawn (unless the grass is quite thin because you don't fertilize it at least 3 times a year with a fertilizer containing 10 nitrogen) with PEAT MOSS will be most fruitful in provoking a more hasty germination of the seeds—thus giving them a longer resting period before the cold weather sets in. (Perish this last thought.)

F) The obnoxious labor of hauling your purse out into the open may well be off-set by the fact that a smaller extraction from same may be more fruitful than a week ago in obtaining:

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