



East Tawas City Park Newsletter July 1 through September 30, 2017

Welcome to the summer 2017 edition of our park newsletter. We may not have had a lot of hot temperatures but we sure have had the rain. Hopefully that will all change as summer gets under way. I hope you find all of the information in this edition of our newsletter useful and informative.



Use of Mice/Rodent Poison

This item is just meant as a reminder, especially to our year around customers: **please be aware that this is a public campground and no form of rodent poison, D-Con, etc., is allowed to be put out on your campsite.** This constitutes a public health hazard and, with so many dogs and little children in the park, it is possible for them to unknowingly get into it and ingest it. There is also the possibility of criminal liability. We also ask that you not spread mothballs under your trailers as well. **Anyone who is found to have or is caught putting any kind of rodent poison out on their site will be evicted from the park. No questions asked!**

Boats, Kayaks, Canoes, Etc.

The East Tawas City Beach is a buoyed swim area. Therefore, all vessels are prohibited from being in the swim area. This includes boats, kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, etc. Basically, any hard bottomed craft. According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division, "***canoes and kayaks are considered vessels under Michigan Law and are prohibited from operating in buoyed swim areas***" So if you have kayaks or canoes, please portage them down beyond the public swim area or inside the harbor.

Crossed diamonds indicate areas off-limits to all vessels such as swimming areas, dams, and spillways.



Getting Lots for Friends and Family

As in past years, many campers are getting lots or putting their friends and families names on our daily waiting list in order to try to get them into the park. We would just like to remind everyone that if you do this, please be sure to use the ***name of the person*** who will actually be on the site on the waiting list or registration. Please don't put your name down because you are standing in for them. Also, if you register them using your own name and information, the computer links the two reservations together. Once your friend or family checks out, it links that checkout to your own lot and your seniority is then lost. Also, when you put someone on the waiting list, be sure that you know their name, address, phone number, number of people in their party, the type of unit they will have and the ***total overall length*** of their camping unit as well. Don't count on us having it in the computer as many people change camping units and fail to inform us so that we can update their record. Also, please remember that you can only stand in for one person on the waiting list. If you have two or more people on the list, there needs to be a separate person to answer for each of the people you are trying to get into the park

This is the information you *must* have when getting lots for other people:

CAMPER REGISTRATION INFORMATION		
LAST NAME_____	FIRST NAME_____	
ADDRESS_____		
CITY_____	STATE_____	ZIP_____
PHONE 1_____	RIG TYPE_____	
PHONE 2_____	LENGTH_____	
CELL PHONE_____	E-MAIL_____	
ADULTS_____	CHILDREN_____	PETS_____

SELLING YOUR TRAILER & LEAVING THE PARK

Eventually it happens to everyone. For one reason or another campers decide to sell their trailers and give up camping. Several put their trailers up for sale while they are still on lots here in the park. Please be sure to tell anyone interested in purchasing your trailer that the lot is not included. If they purchase your trailer, they have to take it off of the lot. This gives other campers the opportunity to transfer to your old lot if they want. If you have a party interested in purchasing your trailer and keeping it here in the park, have them contact the park manager. I will be happy to explain to them how the process works.

Campsite Rent

Please remember that all lot rent is due on or before 10:00 a.m. on the day you are due out. Each month we have several campers who have either forgotten to pay their rent or have put a check in the mail that does not reach us in time. This creates many problems for the office staff especially in these busy summer months when we have a waiting list and people are trying to get into the park. I would not recommend that campers count on the mail service to deliver your payment by the due time. It can take up to a week or more for checks to make it here through the mail. We have already had instances this year where it has taken more than seven days for letters to make it to the park office. Also, we no longer get our mail before 10:00 a.m. It has arrived as late as 3:00-4:00 p.m. So please take the necessary steps to insure that your lot payment reaches us in time.

Also, you can check our park website for past newsletters that have the current monthly amounts due. If you click on this link [http://www.easttawascitypark.com/images/newsletters/2017/JANUARY-MARCH 2017.pdf](http://www.easttawascitypark.com/images/newsletters/2017/JANUARY-MARCH%202017.pdf) it will take you directly to the January 2017 newsletter. The lot rent information can be found on page two of the newsletter.



Fireworks



Just a reminder to campers and their guests that fireworks and other loud pyrotechnic devices are not allowed in the park. This includes the campground, the beach, our Day Use area and Harbor Park, the waterfront and the newly acquired properties from A Different Blend to Target Realty. Although Act 256 did legalize the use of fireworks in the State of Michigan, it does state that: A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or the property of another person without that organization's or person's express permission to use those fireworks on those premises. So please refrain from using these devices in our parks. This is very important this year considering how dry everything has been. In fact, the State Fire Marshall is considering a burning ban and a fireworks ban state wide until conditions change. So please, do not use fireworks on park property.

Fourth of July Festivities

Again this year, the Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce is planning a four day celebration for Independence Day. One of the most visible events in town during the day of the 4th is the Independence Day parade. This year's parade theme will be "Hats Off to America." The parade will take place on Tuesday, July 4 at 11:00 a.m.

Again this year the Chamber of Commerce will have the Children's Bouncy Playground in Harbor Park from Saturday, June 30 through Tuesday, July 4. Proceeds from this activity will help fund the Fireworks Display next year.

And speaking of fireworks, they once again will be set off from a barge in Tawas Bay positioned offshore out in front of the Chamber of Commerce office. The location will provide optimum viewing of the fireworks over the bay from all the waterfront parks in both cities and the State Dock. The display is scheduled to begin around 10:00 p.m. and the goal is to have an 18-20 minute show that will wow everyone and leave the crowd oohing and aahing and making plans for their next Tawas vacation!

If you would like to support our local fireworks, sponsor buttons are available for \$5.00 at many local businesses. We also have some in the park office. All proceeds from the button sales will be used to help fund next year's fireworks display.

So be sure to come out and enjoy this year's Independence Day festivities in East Tawas.

Regarding overnight parking of extra vehicles using your parking pass: Please do not park vehicles overnight in the lower parking area behind the former Genii's restaurant (by the bird hide). That area is reserved for the Wolverine Fireworks crew who will be running the fireworks show. Thank you.



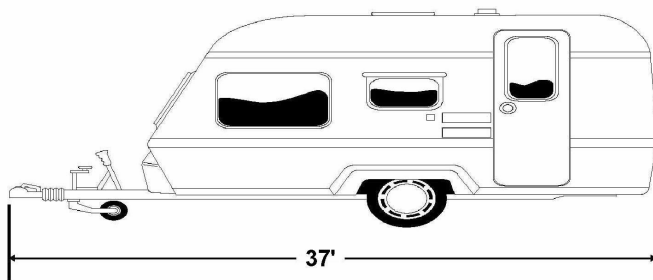
Campground Parking & General Information

VEHICLES: We have been having a lot of issues of people parking on other people's lots then going away and leaving their vehicles. Several times this year customers have come up to their sites only to find someone else's vehicle parked on it, preventing them from accessing the site they are paying for. **Please remember, do not park on any campsite other than your own. Even if a customer gives you permission, it is a violation of the park rule. It is also inconsiderate of your neighbors to park on their site and, when the park has vacant sites, we can't rent them out when you leave your cars on them. Violators will be towed at owner's expense.** Please remember also that each camper is allowed to have only two vehicles parked on their campsite. These vehicles must be parked inside the white painted line on the road. If you do not have enough room to achieve this distance, we can issue you a parking permit to park your vehicle (not a guest's vehicle) in the Day Use parking lot. Just come to the office and request one. (No boats or trailers are allowed in the lot and this permit is for your vehicle only and we must have the license number of the vehicle that you are getting the permit for. These passes are invalid if there is no (or an incorrect) license number on them. Guests must make other parking arrangements. Many park in the DNR Harbor parking lot.

RV Parking: Camping units must be parked a minimum of 4' from the unit on the lot behind and must maintain a minimum 4' unobstructed pathway all around the entire unit for access by emergency personnel.

Rules to Follow When Purchasing a New Trailer

It seems like every year the "new trailer bug" hits some of our campers. So, with that in mind, we would like to remind everyone about the park rule regarding length limit. The length limit for units on most of our lots is 37'. This is the "overall" length from the furthest extended point in the front to the furthest extended point in the rear as shown in the photo below.



If your trailer is equipped with a bumper or ladder on the back, then the furthest extension on the back is the bumper or ladder, whichever protrudes the furthest. If your camper is a Fifth Wheel, then it would be measured from the furthest point of the front overhang to the back bumper or ladder. The park does have some sites that have been designated to accommodate up to a 40' unit. However, you must be on one of these lots in order to have a unit of that length. We also realize that there are some sites that will accommodate slightly longer units so we will try to accommodate our customers wishing to purchase larger units on a site by site basis. **If you wish to purchase a new trailer, please see the park manager to have the site inspected and approved prior to purchasing the unit and having it delivered to the park. Approval must come from the park manager only.**

Campsite Improvements

Just a reminder that although we allow campers to stay year around, the East Tawas City Park is still a campground. You are merely renting a campsite from the City. It is not a condominium park where you actually own your site. For this reason, any and all improvements that you would like to make to your campsite must first be approved by the park manager or park board. This includes anything from paver bricks, storage sheds, steps, "knee walls" (which are only allowed on beach sites), etc. There are

campsite improvement request forms in the office. You must fill out one of these forms and have it approved before making any such site improvements. Be sure to include dimensions and the relationship to the existing amenities on the site. Once we receive your application, we will come down and inspect the proposed improvement and either approve it or deny it. Campers must also be aware that any improvements that they put into the ground (patio stones, paver blocks, knee walls, etc.) become the property of the park once installed and cannot be removed other than by park staff. Some of you have been real good about filling out these forms and getting permission in advance. However, there have been a few that have just gone ahead and built or made improvements without getting approval. Please be aware that doing so violates the park rules and could result in your eviction from the campground. So please be sure to get any improvements approved in advance.

STORAGE UNITS: Campers are reminded that the only type of "storage units" allowed to be on the campsites are of the Rubbermaid variety. A camper may have a tall unit (56"w x 32"d x 77"h) with a 52 cubic foot capacity, they may have a chest type unit, or, if the size of the lot allows, they may have one of each so long as the units fit on the camper's own site.

ELECTRIC USAGE: Campers are allowed one electrical hookup (outlet) per site. With the exception of the four new sites, all of the electrical service in the campground is 30A. This means that if your unit is equipped with two air conditioning units, only one unit can be run at a time. Campers must also be aware that if they are running their air conditioner, use of other electrical appliances such as microwave ovens, hair dryers, etc. will be limited. Running more electrical appliances than the 30A service can accommodate will cause the electrical breakers to trip and could cause damage to your electric cord. If too many people overload the circuits, then the breakers in the main panel box will be tripped and the power will be out in sections of the campground until the breakers cool down. Please, just be cautious with electrical usage during the hot summer weather so we can avoid as many brown outs as possible.

RV LENGTH LIMIT: The maximum RV limit on *most* lots in the East Tawas City Park is 37' overall length. By overall length we mean from the furthest point in the front (Trailer or Fifth Wheel hitch) to the furthest point in the back (back bumper or ladder if unit is so equipped). However, although the majority of our sites are only able to accommodate up to 37' units, we realize that there are some sites that will accommodate longer units (we have designated several lots to accommodate up to 40' units). We will try to accommodate our customers wishing to purchase larger units on a site by site basis. Campers wishing to purchase units in excess of 37' overall length must have the site inspected and approved prior to purchasing the unit and having it delivered to the park.

Beach Access

There are three areas within the campground for campers to access the beach area. One area is located on the west end of the campground alongside of the scenic deck in front of the park office. The second area is located in the middle of the campground next to lot 40. The third area is located between lots 61 and 63 on the east end of the campground. We ask that our campers use these three areas for beach access and please don't cut through other camper's campsites. Also, just a reminder to our campers on the lake front lots, the beach behind your camping units is open to the public. I have heard from City Hall that there have been complaints of campers telling beach goers that they can't be on the beach behind their units. Again, the entire beach is open to the public. Your lot ends approximately 5' to 7' behind the back of your trailer. Thank you.

Park Rummage Sale

Campers in the East Tawas City Park will be holding a rummage sale on Saturday, July 22 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you have any items you would like to sell, set them out in front of your campsite.

EAST TAWAS CITY PARK CAMPGROUND WIDE RUMMAGE SALE



All campers are encouraged to participate in this event. Display your unwanted items, crafts, etc. and plan to have a fun filled day in the park.





Annual Camper Picnic



Attention East Tawas City Park Campers: Don't forget about the annual East Tawas City Park Camper Picnic. The date for this year's picnic is Saturday, August 12. Please see the flier below for all of the details:

12th Annual East Tawas City Park Picnic

Attention ETCP Residents. Don't forget about the annual park picnic. The date this year is the August 12th and it will be held down the middle row of the east end of the park at 1:00 as it has been the last several years.

Do to the rising cost in supplies there will be an increase in price, \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Anyone that would like to donate a couple extra dollars to cover the band cost it would be greatly appreciated as last year we just met expenses.

Our band, LAST ONE OUT, will be playing from 6 to 11, Please come out and listen to the music and dance in the street.

As in the past, Nieman's Chicken and Koegel hotdogs will be provided. Residents are asked to each bring a dish to pass. A couple weeks prior to the picnic, there will be a list posted in the office with a category of what type of dish to bring according to your last name.

We will be donating all proceeds from the raffle to the community Backpack program and Bountiful Harvest program both sponsored through Tawas New Hope Church.

Payment for the picnic can be made to Susie Bergeron on Lot 92 or Pat Savage on Lot 86. Please do not wait to the day of the picnic to pay as we need an accurate count for ordering the chicken. If you have any questions you can call Susie at (810)275-2920.



Concerts in the Park



Every Monday night from mid-June and running through mid-August, our local Community Band will be performing free Concerts in the Park. The concerts take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Park Day Use area. Be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket and come out and enjoy this free event.

Tuesday Night Live

Every Tuesday night beginning June 27 and running through August 22, downtown East Tawas will come alive as our local Downtown Business Association once more presents "Tuesday Night Live". Each week a different group will be performing in either the first or second block of Newman Street from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Periodically both blocks will be used as there will be special displays set up to enjoy. So plan to come out every Tuesday night and see who is performing live.

June 27 – "Gibson & Seal" 2nd block

July 11 – "Flipside" 1st block

July 18 – "Airstream" 2nd block

July 25 – "Hippie Bob" 1st block

August 1 – "Little Band from Alpena feat. Wayout Wayne" 2nd block

August 8 – "Boogie 2 Shooz" 1st block

August 15 – "Gypsum Kings feat. Bruce Dallas" 2nd block

August 22 – "Blues Abusers" 1st block

Farmers Market

Our local Farmers Market opened in May in Gateway Park in Tawas City. The Market is open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday until October. The Farmers Market in Oscoda is open Wednesday's from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is located in the Au Sable Shoreline Park/Chamber of Commerce parking lot, just south of the bridge. Come out and pick up some farm fresh vegetables before it's too late.

Summerfest 2017

This year's Summerfest event is scheduled for July 8-9. Many popular events will be held again this year including *Tawas Kiwanis Run by the Bay* and the *Classic Car Show*. The event will also feature a car cruise, a street dance and lighthouse tours. The schedule of events for the weekend is below. So be sure to mark your calendars for this annual fun event.

Run By The Bay 5k Saturday, July 8th 9:00 a.m.

Car Cruise Saturday, July 8th 6:00 p.m.

Line up at 5:00 Auto Value, Tawas City

Street Dance Saturday, July 8th 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Newman Street featuring the Down Home Band

Dawn Patrol Fly-in Sunday, July 9th 7:00 – Noon

Car Show Sunday, July 9th 9:00, Registration – 3:00, Awards Ceremony

Found on Newman Street

Tawas Bay Player's: "Greater Tuna"

On July 14-16 & 20-23, the Tawas Bay Players are proud to present "*Greater Tuna*". What do Arles Struvie, Thurston Wheelis, Aunt Pearl, Petey Fisk, Phineas Blye and Rev. Spikes have in common? In this hilarious send-up of small town morals and mores, they are all among the upstanding citizens of Tuna, Texas' third smallest town. *Greater Tuna* opened Off-Broadway, ran for over a year and went on to tour

major theatres all over America and spots overseas for the next thirty some years, and became one of the most produced plays in American theatre history.

Come on in to the air-conditioned theater and bring the whole family! Tickets are \$11.00 and are available on line at <https://tix.extremetix.com/Online/?siteID=3738> or at the box office one week prior to opening night.

Iosco County Fair

This year's County Fair runs from Monday, July 24 through Saturday, July 29. Check out their website at <http://www.ioscocityfair.com/> for complete fair details.

Tawas Uncork'd and Untapped

The Ninth Annual Wine, Ale and Food Festival, sponsored by our local Friends of the East Tawas Library group, will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2017 in Harbor Park. Wineries and breweries from all over Michigan take part in this annual event. There is also lots of delicious food to be had as well. There will also be Jazz and Easy Listening music throughout the event. Having raised the money to build the new East Tawas Library next to the East Tawas Community Center, the Friends of the Library are now trying to raise money to help furnish and maintain the facility. So please plan to come out and help make this year's event the most successful yet.

Tawas Bay Waterfront Fine Arts Festival

This annual event returns for the 57th year August 5-6 in Tawas City's Shoreline Park. Vendors from around the state (and country) display their unique crafts. So come out and enjoy this year's show and when you are finished, stop off at the Beer and Wine festival in Harbor Park to put the finishing touch on your day.

Sidewalk Sale Days

This year's downtown sidewalk sales will be held August 10-12. Check out all of the bargains to be had from our downtown merchants.

Blues by the Bay

This popular event held in Harbor Park returns for the 15th year on August 25-27. The event kicks off Friday, August 25 at 6:00 p.m. with Katie Guillen and the Girls and wraps up on Sunday, August 27 at 3:00 p.m. with Big Ray and the Motor City Kings. For a complete schedule of this year's performances, please check out their website at <http://www.bluesbythebaytawas.org/>

Labor Day Arts & Crafts

The annual Labor Day Arts and Craft show will be held September 2-3 at Shoreline Park in Tawas City. The Memorial Day Arts and Craft show drew more than 150 vendors and it is hoped that this year's Labor Day show will draw as many or more.

Tawas Triathlon Festival

On Saturday, September 9 the Tawas area will once again be hosting the eighth annual Tawas Triathlon Festival. Athletes from all over Michigan and the United States will be in town to participate in the event that includes swimming, biking and running. Last year nearly 800 athletes took part. Volunteers are always needed to help put on this amazing event. Volunteers are used to man intersections, the staging area, sign up, etc. If you would like to help out with this year's event, see Keith Frank (park manager) to sign up.

Summer Events

In addition to the events listed in this newsletter, there are many more events due to take place this summer such as *Arts & Craft Shows*, *Sidewalk Sales*, *AuSable River Canoe Marathon* and many more. Please check the list of Upcoming Events at the end of the newsletter for a listing of events and dates. When the events get closer, information will be available in the local newspaper, the Northeastern Shopper and at the park office. For a complete listing of all of our local events, visit <http://www.tawas.com/visit/events-calendar/>

East Tawas City Park Winter Storage Program

Beginning October 15, the East Tawas City Park Winter Storage Program will be kicking off again. For \$40.00 per month, you can leave your camping unit right on your campsite (if it is a storage site) until May 1. If you come up and stay in your unit during this storage period, you will only have to pay an additional \$20.00 per night for each night you stay. Many campers have taken advantage of the program in the past and have used their units during hunting season or for Perchville U. S. A. Plus it's a good way to guarantee that you will get your same lot next year. If you wish, you can also leave your unit plugged in for an additional \$2.00 per day over and above the storage rate. Not all sites are eligible for winter storage so be sure to check the office for a map of the sites that are not available. Or, you can visit our park website at easttawascitypark.com and click on the campground map icon at the bottom of the home page. The no storage sites are the gray ones on the map. (If you would like to leave your unit on a no storage site during the storage season, you may do so but you would have to pay the daily winter camping fee to do it. If you pay by the month, this fee is \$17.00 per night.) Ask at the office for information and rules about the program. ***Before putting your trailer in storage, please be sure to remove all decorative items from the lot. This includes any stones, rocks or plantings that you may have around your campsite post.***

I hope you enjoyed our latest effort to provide information through our July newsletter. We will try to update our newsletters throughout the year as information is available. If you have any suggestion for future newsletter items, please let me know.

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COMING EVENTS
July through September, 2017

July:

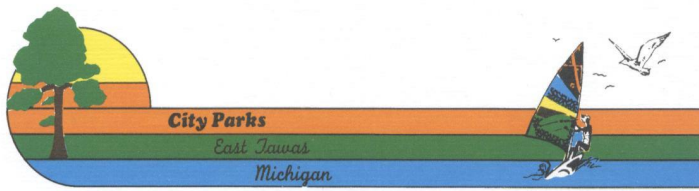
- 1-4 Bouncy House in Harbor Park
- 4 Bouncy House (all day), Parade (11:00 a.m.) and Fireworks (at 10 p.m.)
- 5 Levian Event: Branham's Jewelry
- 8-9 Summerfest 2017
- 8 Tawas City Library Friends Used Book Sale @ the Farm Market
- 8 Tawas Kiwanis Run by the Bay
- 8 Classic Car Cruise
- 8 Street Dance
- 9 Classic Car Show (Downtown)
- 9 Humane Society Golf Classic
- 14-16; 20-23 Tawas Bay Players Present: "*Greater Tund'*"
- 17-21 Kids Art Camp @ Tawas Bay Arts Gallery
- 15-16 Harry Curley Canoe Race (Oscoda)
- 24-29 Iosco County Fair (at the Fairgrounds in Hale)
- 25 AuSable River Canoe Dash for Cash (Oscoda)
- 29-30 70th Annual Au Sable River Canoe Marathon (Grayling to Oscoda)

August:

- 5 9th Annual Tawas Untapp'd & Uncork'd Beer & Wine Tasting (Harbor Park)
- 5-6 57th Annual Tawas Bay Fine Arts Festival (Tawas City Shoreline Park)
- 12 **Annual Camper Picnic**
- 10-12 Sidewalk Sale Days (Downtown)
- 11-13 Sand Lake Summer Festival (Sand Lake)
- 11-12 Antiques on the Bay (Tawas City Park)
- 16-20 Michigan "Mud Jam" @ the County Fairgrounds in Hale
- 25-27 15th Annual Blues by the Bay (Harbor Park)

September:

- 2-3 27th Annual Labor Day Arts & Craft Show (Shoreline Park, Tawas City)
- 4 Labor Day
- 9-10 Bill Walsh Memorial Women's Softball Tournament (Durant Park)
- 9 Tawas Triathlon
- 22-24 Hale Hot Air Balloon Festival (at the Fairgrounds in Hale)
- 22-24 Paul Bunyan Days (Oscoda)



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