

### **TAKE A HIKE!**

A great half day trip for the outdoorsy-type person would be a hike up Wolf Mountain (Forest Road 9300) located 5 miles East of Wakefield and one mile north of US 2. Hiking is tricky on the steep dirt path, but you'll get an incredible panoramic view from the top; it's the highest elevation in Gogebic County (1,826 feet). Cool down with a gentle hike through the woods and take great photos at Yondota Falls (Co. Rd. 523). Pack a lunch or reward yourself at Marenisco or Lake Gogebic for a meal. Consider renting a pontoon boat for the afternoon and cruise the 32 mile lakeshore. Rent a cottage on the lake if you find yourself wanting to stay lakeside.

### **SHOP UNTIL YOU DROP!**

Wake up early and spend the day exploring all of Ironwood's local retailers. Visit the Ironwood Chamber of Commerce for a complete list of local shopping attractions, maps, etc. Or visit the website [www.ironwoodmi.org](http://www.ironwoodmi.org).

### **TOUR HURLEY AND BEYOND!**

Visit local gift shops...tour the Iron County Museum to purchase a handmade rag rug and hear the clock strike the hour...make your way onto famous Silver Street and visit the Hurley Area Chamber of Commerce for a calendar of events and area information. Hike off those calories by taking a jaunt over to the hidden Peterson (Interstate) Falls. Spend the afternoon fishing on the Gile Flowage...tour the mining history in the Montreal Historic District...drive out to the last standing head frame of Plummer Mine...check out the trout at Weber Lake.

### **HIT THE ISLANDS!**

For a long day, start with a stop at Kimball Falls, just a few miles past the Michigan/Wisconsin state line on US 2. Stop at the Ashland Museum...eat lunch or dinner at one of their great eating establishments downtown or on the highway...tour the Great Lakes Visitor Center just outside of Ashland on U.S. 2 beyond the turnoff to Washburn. Not too tired?? Go to Big Rock Park in Washburn, a local favorite for fishing, hiking, scenery and photography...visit a nice selection of unique artisan shops in Washburn...tour Bayfield with its marinas, shops and restaurants...take the Ferry Boat to Madeline Island; bring your car, tour on foot or rent a bike on the island...venture further to the old fishing town of Cornucopia...view the sky on the drive home, and hope to see a shooting star or northern lights.

### **TOUR BESSEMER/RAMSAY/WAKEFIELD**

Today we start our tour in Bessemer. Go to the first stop, The Gogebic County Courthouse. This building was constructed in 1888, four years after the first train-load of iron ore was shipped from the Gogebic Range. The Lake Superior Red Sandstone building was enlarged in 1915 and totally renovated in 1974, including the original marble wainscoting and woodwork. After visiting the courthouse, get onto the highway and go to the second blinking light. Turn South and this exit will take you to the small mining town of Ramsay. Here you can find a beautiful bridge and park. The Keystone bridge, rising 57 feet above the Black River was built in 1891 by the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company, and is constructed of limestone quarried from Kaukauna, Wisconsin. A series of arches, each with a center keystone at the top, locks the entire structure. It is one of the few arch bridges of this type in existence.

Still heading East through Ramsay, take Verona to Open Pit Mine Road. There you will find the Plymouth Open Pit Mine is 7,600 feet long, averages 900 feet in width and has a maximum depth of 360 feet. It began operations about 1913 and shipped out a total of 16,954,043 tons of iron ore before closing in 1952. It was the only open pit mine in operation on the Gogebic Range.

Next go to Wakefield and stop in on Sunday Lake Walk 2 at the Wakefield Chamber of Commerce. Visit Nee-Ga-Nee-Ga Bow, the wooden carved Indian statue located by the chamber office. Find out more historical information about the area there.

