

GOGEBIC COUNTY FACTS AND STATISTICS

ORIGIN OF NAMES

GOGEBIC - derived from the Chippewa Indian word Agogebic – popular translation is Where trout rising make rings upon the water. Other translation is A body of water hanging on high.

IRONWOOD - named after James Wood, discoverer of the Norrie mine. His nickname was Iron. He is buried at Appleton, Wisconsin.



BESSEMER - named after Sir Henry Bessemer, English inventor of a steel and iron manufacturing process.

RAMSAY - was named after a Scottish chemist

WAKEFIELD - named after George M. Wakefield, a financier originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

MARENISCO - named after Mary Relief Niles Scott, wife of one of the early pioneers of the settlement.

WATERSMEET - derived from the two words, waters & meet. The Indian word for Watersmeet is Ticonderoga.

STATISTICS

Land Area of the County: 711,680 acres (1,112 sq. miles)

Inland Water Area: 21,760 acres (34 sq. miles)

Total Area of County: 733,440 (1,146 sq. miles)

Number of Named Lakes: 315

Number of Lakes 1/4 Acre or More: 1,153

Miles of Rivers & Streams: 1,200

Number of Waterfalls: 32

Miles of Lake Superior Shoreline: 30


Period of Iron Ore Era (1884-1967) – 83 years

LIVE & WORK WHERE YOU PLAY

The State of Michigan surveyed thousands of college students and asked them what features they are looking for in deciding where to live. For those wanting to live in a rural area or small town, here's the top ten things they're looking for (and we have them all here!):

1. Scenic beauty (*everywhere we look all four seasons!*)
2. Safe streets (*neighbors care about each other*)
3. Affordability (*low cost of living & affordable housing*)
4. A place for family (*generation after generation stay here*)
5. Quality public schools (*great teachers, great sports, great music programs*)
6. Sense of community (*where everyone knows your name & people wave*)
7. Low traffic (*5 stoplights, one 4 lane road*)
8. Concern for the environment (*protecting our lakes & streams*)
9. Close to friends and family (*if they aren't here yet, they will come*)
10. Walkable streets & trails (*can walk or run any street & trail any time of day or night*)

Let us help you live & work where you play! To find out more about the Ironwood area visit: www.ironwoodmi.org.



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