Try Our Challenge

GO exploring! CHALLENGE

GET OUTSIDE & EXPLORE

Home to so many things to do outside, get outdoors and explore some of these great nature areas

Date Completed

EXPLORE ANYWHERE

- ○ ___/___ A local playground
- ○ ___/___ A park for a picnic
- ○ ___/___ A public boat launch
- ○ ___/___ A sandy beach
- ○ ___/___ A night time hike
- ○ ___/___ North Country Trail
- ○ ___/___ Stargazing at a park or the Stephen F. Wessling Observatory

TAKE A PHOTO

Snap a photo of these objects & attractions and save them to your camera roll

Date Completed

TAKE A PHOTO OF:

- ○ ___/___ Someone boating
- ○ ___/___ Someone fishing
- ○ ___/___ A farm animal
- ○ ___/___ An orchard
- ○ ___/___ A barn
- ○ ___/___ A cider mill
- ○ ___/___ A statue
- ○ ___/___ A corn field
- ○ ___/___ A selfie showing school pride
- ○ ___/___ An outdoor painting or mura
- ○ ___/___ A farmers market or roadside stand
- ○ ___/___ A bird at a local park
- ○ ___/___ A little library (take a book, leave a book)
- ○ ___/___ Hardy Dam
- ○ ___/___ Croton Dam
- ○ ___/___ Hesperia Dam
- ○ ___/___ Log fence FOUND IN WHITE CLOUD
- ○ ___/___ Chessie System Caboose FOUND IN GRANT
- ○ ___/___ Fish Heads in Riverside Park FOUND IN NEWAYGO
- ○ ___/___ The Stone Bridge at Fremont Lake FOUND IN FREMONT

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

NewayGO County exploring!

Fremont Area Community Foundation

The Newaygo County Artsplace Council for the Arts

Newaygo County Parks

Newaygo County Michigan

Big Prairie Parks Big Bend & Oxbow Park

Dogwood Center for Performing Arts

Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce

River Country Chamber of Commerce Newaygo County

The City of White Cloud A Trail for Every Season Michigan

"The Hub of Vacationland" Hesperia Area Chamber of Commerce

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UNDERSTANDING HOW IT WORKS

1. **Read through our list of PHOTO spots, trails & nature areas to EXPLORE, places to VISIT, & things to DO.**
2. **Make your way around Newaygo County, as an individual or team and complete as many of the tasks as you can, Challenge runs January 1 - December 1, 2022.**

   6 / 15 when you complete a Challenge Task write in the date and mark it off!

   TIP: Keep on the lookout for ways to double or triple-up on tasks when you visit some locations!
3. **Tally up your total number of tasks completed and enter that number here >>** #

   25 Challenges complete "PIONEER" — 50 Challenges complete "ADVENTURER" — 100 Challenges complete "EXPLORER"

   where do you stack up?
4. **Take a photo and submit this to: NewaygoCountyExploring.com/challenge**

All participants completing 25 or more will receive a digital certificate, Adventurers will also receive an official GO Exploring Challenge sticker & Explorers will receive both of these plus the coveted Explorer Patch!

DO SOMETHING

Get up and do something, some are quick & some are slow, some intense & some lazy...

Date Completed

GO...

- ○ ___/___ Geocaching
- ○ ___/___ Kayaking/Canoeing
- ○ ___/___ Hiking
- ○ ___/___ Biking
- ○ ___/___ Birding
- ○ ___/___ Boating
- ○ ___/___ Camping
- ○ ___/___ Fishing
- ○ ___/___ Mushroom Hunting
- ○ ___/___ Eat an Ice Cream Cone
- ○ ___/___ Plant a tree/plant
- ① ___/___ **Pick up the latest travel maps & guides at the Newaygo Co. Welcome Center**

BUILD A...

- ○ ___/___ Snow sculpture
- ○ ___/___ Sandcastle
- ○ ___/___ Tic tac toe board with sticks, rocks & acorns
- ② ___/___ **Paper boat and float it on Pettibone Lake**
- ○ ___/___ Fairy house at a local park

WATCH A...

- ○ ___/___ Sunset
- ○ ___/___ Sunrise
- ③ ___/___ **Free concert in Veterans Memorial Park**
- ○ ___/___ A train in Downtown Newaygo

Date Completed

ENJOY A **VISIT**

Venture out into the area and enjoy visiting these great locations

VISIT NEWAYGO

- ○ ___/___ Visit downtown on foot
- ○ ___/___ Patron a small business
- ○ ___/___ Visit City Hall
- ○ ___/___ Read at the Library
- ○ ___/___ Watch the skaters at the Newaygo Skate Park
- ① ___/___ **Relax at the Pavilion at Henning Park**
- ○ ___/___ Visit River Country Chamber office at The Stream
- ② ___/___ **Visit Newaygo Co. Museum & Heritage Center**
- ③ ___/___ **Walk Riverfront Park**
- ○ ___/___ Float the Muskegon River
- ④ ___/___ **Enjoy the View from High Roll Away Park**
- ○ ___/___ Play Disc Golf at Muskegon River Bluffs
- ⑤ ___/___ **Visit Marshall Memorial Park / Trail**
- ○ ___/___ Find time to relax at the Hideaway Park
- ○ ___/___ Float the Muskegon River from Thornapple to Newaygo

VISIT FREMONT

- ○ ___/___ Visit downtown on foot
- ○ ___/___ Patron a small business
- ○ ___/___ Visit Fremont Chamber Offices
- ⑥ ___/___ **Take in a show or visit The Dogwood Center**
- ⑦ ___/___ **Explore The Arts Place**
- ○ ___/___ Pick a movie at the Fremont Library
- ○ ___/___ Watch the skaters at Fremont Skate Park
- ○ ___/___ **Check out the Gerber Guest House**
- ○ ___/___ Bike or Walk the Town & Country Path
- ○ ___/___ Visit RC Track at Branstrom Park
- ○ ___/___ Play Disc Golf at Branstrom Park
- ⑧ ___/___ **Michigan Native Trees at Arboretum Park**
- ⑨ ___/___ **Enjoy Fremont Lake Park/Campground**
- ○ ___/___ See the monuments at Veterans Memorial Park
- ○ ___/___ Visit the Terry Wantz Historical Society

VISIT WHITE CLOUD & NORTHERN NEWAYGO CO.

- ○ ___/___ Drive around downtown White Cloud
- ○ ___/___ Visit White Cloud City Hall
- ○ ___/___ Visit the Library and read a book
- ○ ___/___ Visit the Newaygo Co. Government Complex
- ⑩ ___/___ **See the small Home Township Hall**
- ⑪ ___/___ **Visit the dock at Mill Pond Park**
- ○ ___/___ Visit the Playground in Woodland Park
- ⑫ ___/___ **The Wildflowers at Loda Lake**
- ○ ___/___ Visit Richmond Woods Nature Preserve
- ○ ___/___ Enjoy White Cloud Park
- ⑬ ___/___ **Get your hands wet at Flowing Wells Park**
- ○ ___/___ Visit Path & pavilion below the dam at Rotary Park
- ○ ___/___ Hike Birch Grove Trail at Diamond Lake Co. Park
- ○ ___/___ Play Horseshoes at Barton Township Park
- ○ ___/___ Patron a small business
- ○ ___/___ Check out the Visitors Center on M-37
- ○ ___/___ Visit the M-20 Motorsports Trailhead
- ○ ___/___ Visit the Rec. Area at Nichols Lake
- ○ ___/___ Float the White River from Rotary Park to Flowing Wells (2 hrs)
- ○ ___/___ See the White Cloud Dam
- ○ ___/___ Hike the Birch Grove Connector Trail
- ○ ___/___ Visit the White Cloud City Campground
- ○ ___/___ Enjoy Benton Lake Campground
- ○ ___/___ Check out Nicholas Lake Campground
- ⑭ ___/___ **Visit Hungerford Lake Area**

VISIT HESPERIA

- ○ ___/___ Drive around downtown Hesperia
- ○ ___/___ Watch the fish jump at the Hesperia Dam
- ○ ___/___ Patron a small business
- ○ ___/___ Float the White River (start or end in Hesperia)
- ○ ___/___ Visit the River Arch Sculpture at Webster Park
- ⑯ ___/___ **See the Gazebo on the Hesperia Island** (off of Maple Island Rd, in the White River)
- ⑰ ___/___ **Self-Guided Historical Tour at Webster Park**

VISIT GRANT & SOUTHERN NEWAYGO CO.

- ⑱ ___/___ **See The Historic Grant Water Tower**
- ○ ___/___ Watch the skaters at Grant Skate Park
- ○ ___/___ Visit Blanche Lake Park
- ⑲ ___/___ **Explore Ensley Nature Preserve**
- ○ ___/___ Shoot hoops at the Ensley Township Baptist Lake Park
- Visit Grant Community Center on Front Street

VISIT CROTON & HARDY DAM AREAS

- ⑳ ___/___ **Check out the Hardy Dam**
- ㉑ ___/___ **Check out the Croton Dam**
- ○ ___/___ VisitBig Prarie Twp. Hall & Fire Station
- ㉒ ___/___ **Relax on the beach at the Operator's Village Day Park on Hardy Pond**
- ㉓ ___/___ **Explore Coolbough Natural Areas**
- ___/___ See the Karner Blue Butterfly Nature Sanctuary
- ㉔ ___/___ **Hike The Hardy Dam Rustic Trail**
- ○ ___/___ Walk or Bike Across Hardy Dam
- ○ ___/___ Play Disc Golf at Newaygo State Park
- ○ ___/___ Play Disc Golf at Big Bend Park
- ○ ___/___ Visit Sandy Beach County Park
- ○ ___/___ Visit The Dragon Trail (bike it or hike it)
- ○ ___/___ Visit Oxbox Park
- ○ ___/___ Enjoy Big Bend Campground
- ○ ___/___ Check out the North Country Trail in Croton
- ○ ___/___ Visit Newaygo Prairie Nature Sanctuary

Ready to submit your GO Exploring Challenge? Visit:
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for submission & certificate/prize redemption details

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DOGWOOD CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

THE CITY OF WHITE CLOUD A TRAIL FOR EVERY SEASON MICHIGAN

NEWAYGO CO.

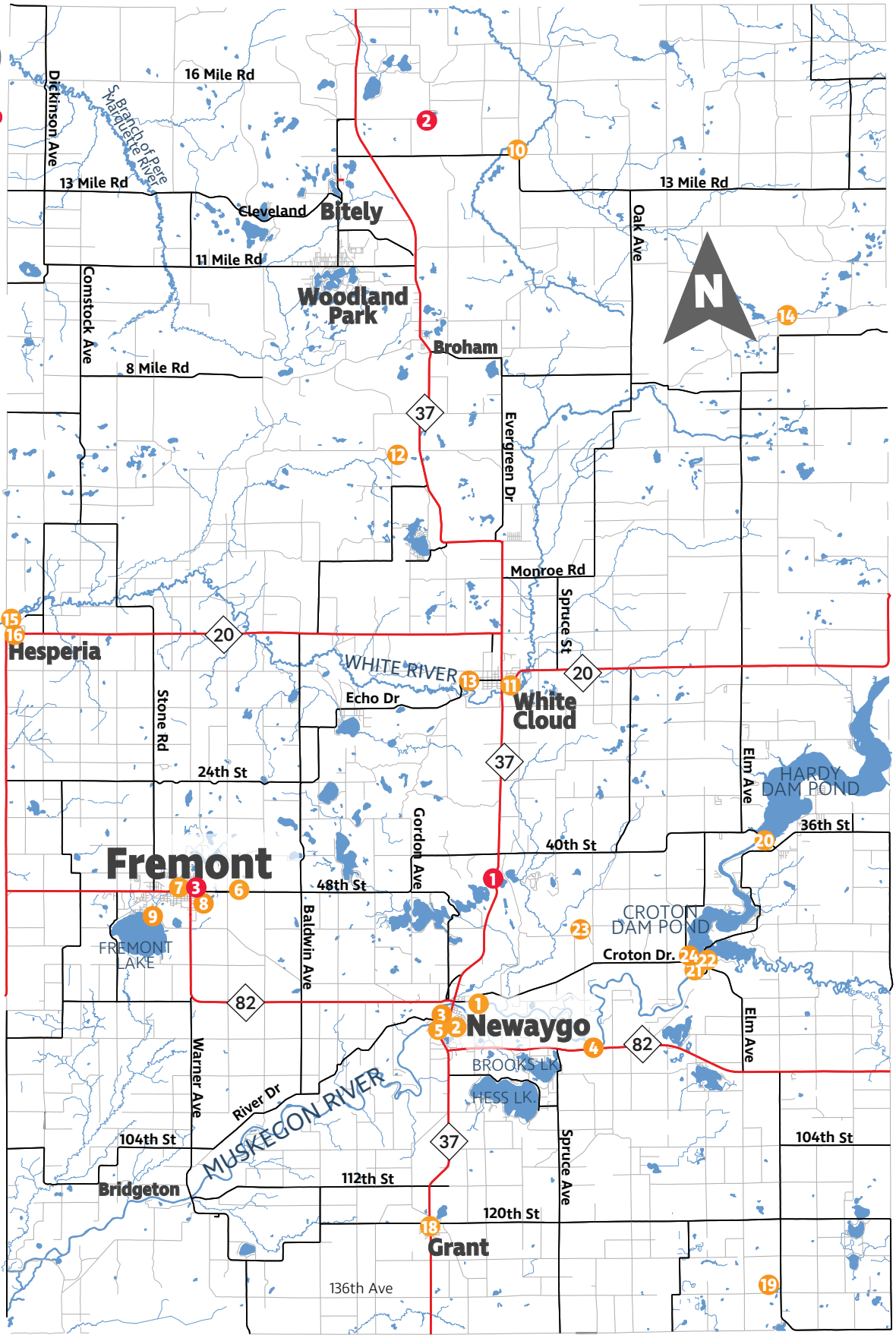
MAP

Here we have found a few of the harder to locate or "must-see" stops when completing your Challenge Tasks.

Check the inside for numbered listings and have fun getting outside and EXPLORING NEWAYGO COUNTY!

HOW TO FIND ALL OF THE CHALLENGE TASKS: All of the sites can be searched using your smartphone web browser, using our official tourism website NewaygoCountyExploring.com, or visiting the Newaygo County Parks website

Good Luck & HAVE FUN!



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