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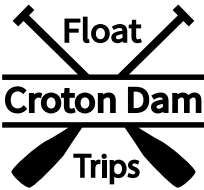
OUTFITTERS & RIVER GUIDES



37 North
27 State Road, Newaygo
231-652-2800
[the37north.com](#)

37 North is your Muskegon River Headquarters! We carry kayaks, paddleboards, inflatable tubes and rafts, waterproof bags, river shoes and so many other items to get you down the Mighty Muskegon. We are also a full services sporting goods store with brands like Patagonia, Kuhl, Salomon, Keen and many more. Located in Downtown Newaygo, just a few blocks from the River.

Croton Dam Float Trips
5355 Croton Dr Newaygo
231-652-6037
[crotondamfloattrips.com](#)



Come see the best section of river at our full service river livery and campground. We have boats, canoes, rafts, kayaks, tubes, cabins and elec/primitive sites.

Steel Dreamin Guide Service
Serving the Muskegon River
231-740-9846
[steeldreaminguideservice.com](#)



Steel Dreamin' offers full service guided fishing trips on West Michigan's pristine rivers, specializing in artificial and hardware techniques for steelhead and salmon.

Parsley's Sport Shop
70 State rd Newaygo
231-652-6986
[ParsleysSportShop.com](#)

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We welcome you to explore the beauty and abundant outdoor recreation found in Newaygo County and kindly remind all visitors to do their part in conserving that natural beauty for future generations by following the 7 key principles of Leave No Trace™ as outlined by the USFS and National Park Services. Thank you for preserving our natural resources!

- ☐ **Plan Ahead & Prepare**
Planning is critical to any successful outdoor adventure. Know the rules and regulations of where you are planning to visit. Prepare for emergencies. Visit in small groups when possible to minimize impact, repack food to minimize waste and always have a map handy.
- ☐ **Seek Durable Surfaces**
Travel and camp on durable surfaces to avoid natural impact. Concentrate on using existing or marked campsite areas. Please respect the 200' rule and camp at least 200' from lakes, rivers and streams.
- ☐ **Dispose of Waste**
Proper disposal of waste is critical to the preservation of our natural resources. Whatever you bring in . pack it out. Dispose of solid human waste in holes at least 6" deep and 200' from any water sources.
- ☐ **Leave what you Find**
Enjoy the view, but leave it where you found it. Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects.
- ☐ **Minimize Campfires**
Campfires can have a lasting impact to the eco system, so please reserve fires for designated fire rings if possible and please ensure all fires are completely put out before leaving the area.
- ☐ **Respect Wildlife**
This is their home, so please do not approach or disrupt their natural habitats
- ☐ **Be Considerate of other Visitors**
Be considerate to others using the trails and nature areas. Yield to other trail users and respect the sounds of nature.

CAMPING & COUNTY PARKS

Ed H. Henning County Park
500 Croton Rd., Newaygo
231-652-1202
[newaygocountymi.gov](#)



Located on the World Class Muskegon River, known for excellent Salmon and Trout fishing. This 82-acre park features a modern campground. The park offers 60 campsites (Electric and Rustic), and 2 camping cabins. Additionally, this park features picnic areas, a covered pavilion, a swimming pond, baseball diamonds, play areas, a volleyball court, pickleball courts, group camping, and a disc golf course coming soon! The boat launch is available all year round.

Sandy Beach County Park
6926 E 30th St, White Cloud
231-689-1229
[newaygocountymi.gov](#)



Situated on 129 acres along the shore of 4000-acre Hardy Pond, this Park's "Up North" look and feel makes it hard to believe that Grand Rapids is only 45 minutes away. This park offers 176 campsites, 26 of which are full hook-ups, and 11 camping cabins. A three-lane modern boat launch and dock rentals are available. Additionally, this park features a swimming beach, picnic area, play areas, and a group camping site. A pavilion is available for reservations next to the official trailhead for Michigan's Dragon at Hardy Dam. Hike and Bike the world-class Dragon Trail right from your campsite or access the trail year-round from our day-use areas.

REAL ESTATE

Greenridge Realty Agent: Randy Poll
1311 W Main St, Fremont
231-250-9884
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CULTURE



Heritage Museum of Newaygo County
12 Quarterline Rd., Newaygo
231-652-5003
[newaygocountyhistory.org](#)

"Located in the heart of River County in beautiful downtown Newaygo, the Heritage Museum of Newaygo County collects, preserves, and shares Newaygo County's history and culture in a stunning historical building with modern renovations.

The new museum is a great place for all ages to make fun and informative connections with the past. Exhibits on topics such as Native American history, the importance of logging, the rise of farming, and modern-day tourism are just some of the things to experience.

Soothing forest colors, an innovative use of materials, dramatic architecture, and distinctive local artwork are spread throughout the spaces, making a perfect backdrop to highlight the history of a unique region of Michigan.

A new and expanded retail space lets you bring history home with you, and you can host your events in one of our modern, well-equipped venues."

FOOD & SHOPPING

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GO explore the MUSKEGON RIVER

The Muskegon River is the wider and smoother flowing of the two Newaygo County Rivers (see our White River map to explore more on our other area river). The Muskegon River is great for a weekend trip with friends, as you can casually float down at an easy pace. There are also various put in/pull out locations which allow you to make your trip as long or short as you want. Here we have outlined the major paddling and boating access points along the river and dam ponds that make up the Muskegon River in the greater Newaygo County region.

APPROX. FLOAT TIMES

0.50 HRS	ROGERS DAM
2.00 HRS	US-131 LAUNCH
1.75 HRS	DAVIS BRIDGE PARK
2.00 HRS	BROWER PARK
0.25 HRS	BIG BEND TWP. PARK
1.00 HRS	NEWAYGO STATE PARK
0.50 HRS	OXBOW TWP. PARK
0.50 HRS	SANDY BEACH CO. PARK
0.50 HRS	HARDY DAM MARINA/
0.25 HRS	OPERATORS VILLAGE
3.00 HRS	HARDY DAM
0.25 HRS	AL DUCHEMIN PARK
0.25 HRS	CROTON DAM
0.75 HRS	CHARLES BESEMER PARK
1.25 HRS	PINE STREET LAUNCH
	THORNAPPLE LAUNCH

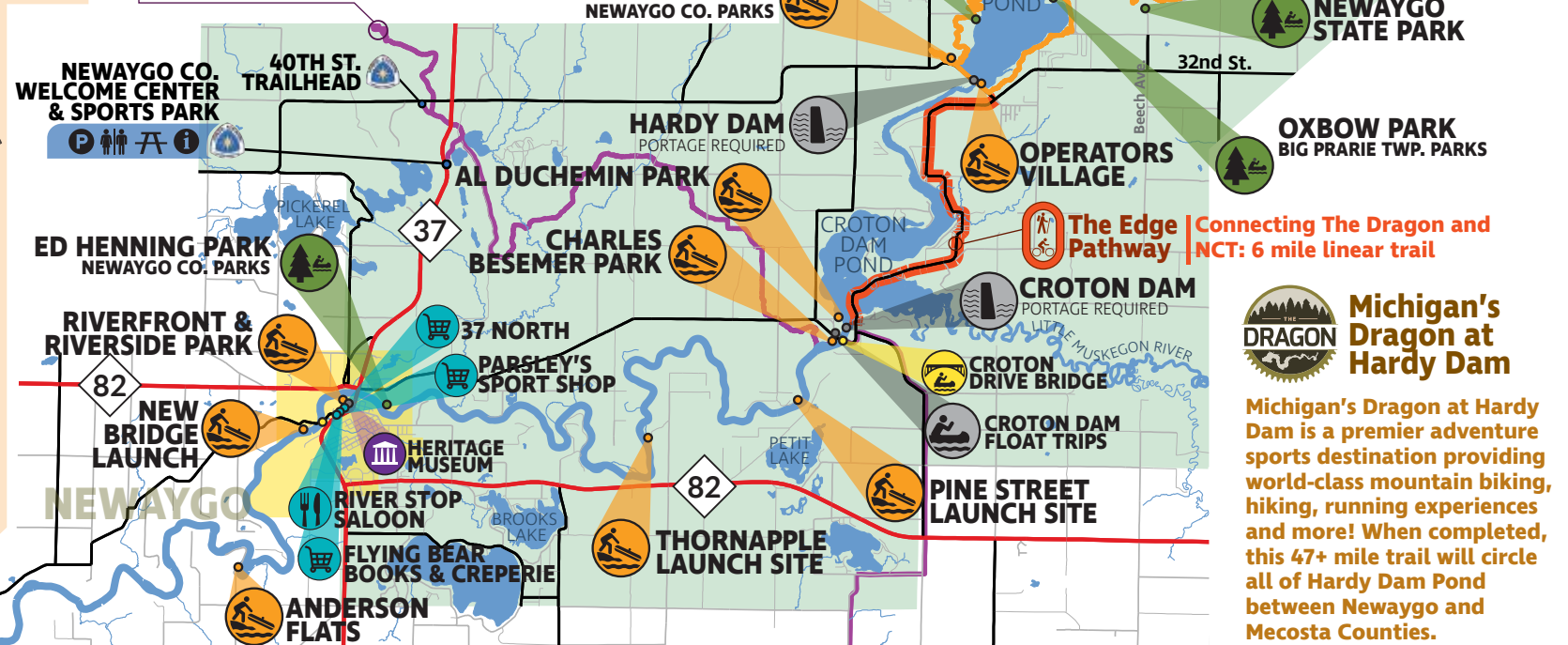
2.75 HRS	THORNAPPLE LAUNCH
0.25 HRS	ED HENNING CO. PARK
0.25 HRS	RIVERFRONT & RIVERSIDE PARK/
1.25 HRS	ANDERSON FLATS
2.25 HRS	BRIDGETON TWP. PARK
2.50 HRS	MAPLE ISLAND
2.50 HRS	HOLTON DUCK
1.50 HRS	MILL IRON ROAD END
0.50 HRS	SHERIDAN LANDING
1.00 HRS	FISHERMANS LANDING
0.75 HRS	WATERFRONT SPORTS PARK

*Please note all amenities above are subject to change without notice. Contact local townships, US Forest Service or Michigan DNR for the latest details and amenities list(s).



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0 1 2 3 4 Mile

The North Country Trail
65+ miles can be found within Newaygo County with plenty of access sites and spurs that connect you to some of the best camping and day-use sites in the region. Visit our website for a complete map & guide.



Michigan's Dragon at Hardy Dam is a premier adventure sports destination providing world-class mountain biking, hiking, running experiences and more! When completed, this 47+ mile trail will circle all of Hardy Dam Pond between Newaygo and Mecosta Counties.

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ACCESS SITE KEY

- PRIMARY RIVER ACCESS SITE**
- RIVER LIVERY ACCESS SITE**
- CAMPGROUND ACCESS SITE**
- DAM (PORTAGE REQUIRED)**
- PRIMITIVE ACCESS BRIDGE CROSSING**
- PRIMITIVE ACCESS ROAD END**

ACCESS SITE AMENITIES

- PARKING AREAS AVAILABLE**
- LIMITED ROADSIDE PARKING AT BRIDGE CROSSING (NO AMENITIES)**
- FEE/PERMIT AREA REQUIRED**
- CAMPING AVAILABLE**
- WADE-IN FISHING**
- FISHING PLATFORM**
- TOILET AVAILABLE**
- PAVED BOAT RAMP**
- DRINKING WATER**
- PICNIC AREA**
- BOARDWALK**
- DRAGON TRAILHEAD**
- ADA ACCESSIBLE KAYAK LAUNCH**
- MDNR MANAGED SITE**



7389 S. Croton Hardy Drive, Newaygo
www.NewaygoNationals.org
Our organization's goals are to foster, facilitate and encourage amateur participation in paddling and outdoor recreation.



MICHIGAN DNR RECREATION PASSPORT REQUIRED FOR ACCESS

MDNR access sites may require a vehicle permit or day use access permit for parking a vehicle. These can be purchased through the Secretary of State at the time of license renewal or online at: Michigan.gov.



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