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Pictured Rocks



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Ann Arbor Camera Club Events for Winter:

Wines Elementary School is at 1701 Newport Road. Forsythe Middle School is at 1655 Newport Road.

For meetings in the Media Center at Forsythe use the North entrance and parking lot.

Meetings are free and open to the public.

Tuesday, December 6, 2011, 7:30 PM Forsythe Middle School Media Center **"Members' Exhibit"**

Due to this month's Holiday Party there will be no presentations tonight. Tonight we will show both digital images and prints. *

Tuesday, December 20, 2011, 6:00 – 9:00 PM Meeting and Dining Room in the University Commons Main Building on Asa Gray Drive. (Please See page 11 for directions and a map.) **"The AACC Holiday Party"**

Share the food, fun and holiday cheer at this annual event with fellow club members and their guests. Bring a dish to pass and your own beverage. If you cannot arrive at 6:00 PM, please feel free to come later. There has always been plenty of great food for people whenever they arrive!

Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 7:30 PM Wines School Auditorium **"High Speed Industrial Photography in Engine Research"**

Camera Club Member **George Lavoie** and his colleague, **Dr David Reuss**, will speak on the high speed photography used in research on engines and combustion. Dr Reuss will provide images and animations of the transparent engines he currently works with at the U of M.

Members will show digital images. *

Please note this is the second Tuesday of the month and a Joint Meeting with The Digitizers.

Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 7:30 PM Forsythe Middle School Media Center TBA Members will show prints.

Tuesday, February 7, 2012, 7:30 PM Wines School Auditorium



"Exploring Digital Silk"

Camera Club member, **Nancy McKay** says, "With digital silk the "artist's touch" can help us better express what is true and unique to our perspectives." Nancy will show slides of her own and her students' work. She will also demonstrate the process and hand out samples for further exploration.

You can see some of Nancy's work at www.silkroadwandering.com

Members will show digital images.*

Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 7:30 PM Forsythe Middle School Media Center TBA Members will show prints.

**Please see our yahoo group website for instructions on how to name and send digital images.*

Pictured Rocks

by
Scott Strodtman



Grand Portal Point, © SCOTT STRODTMAN

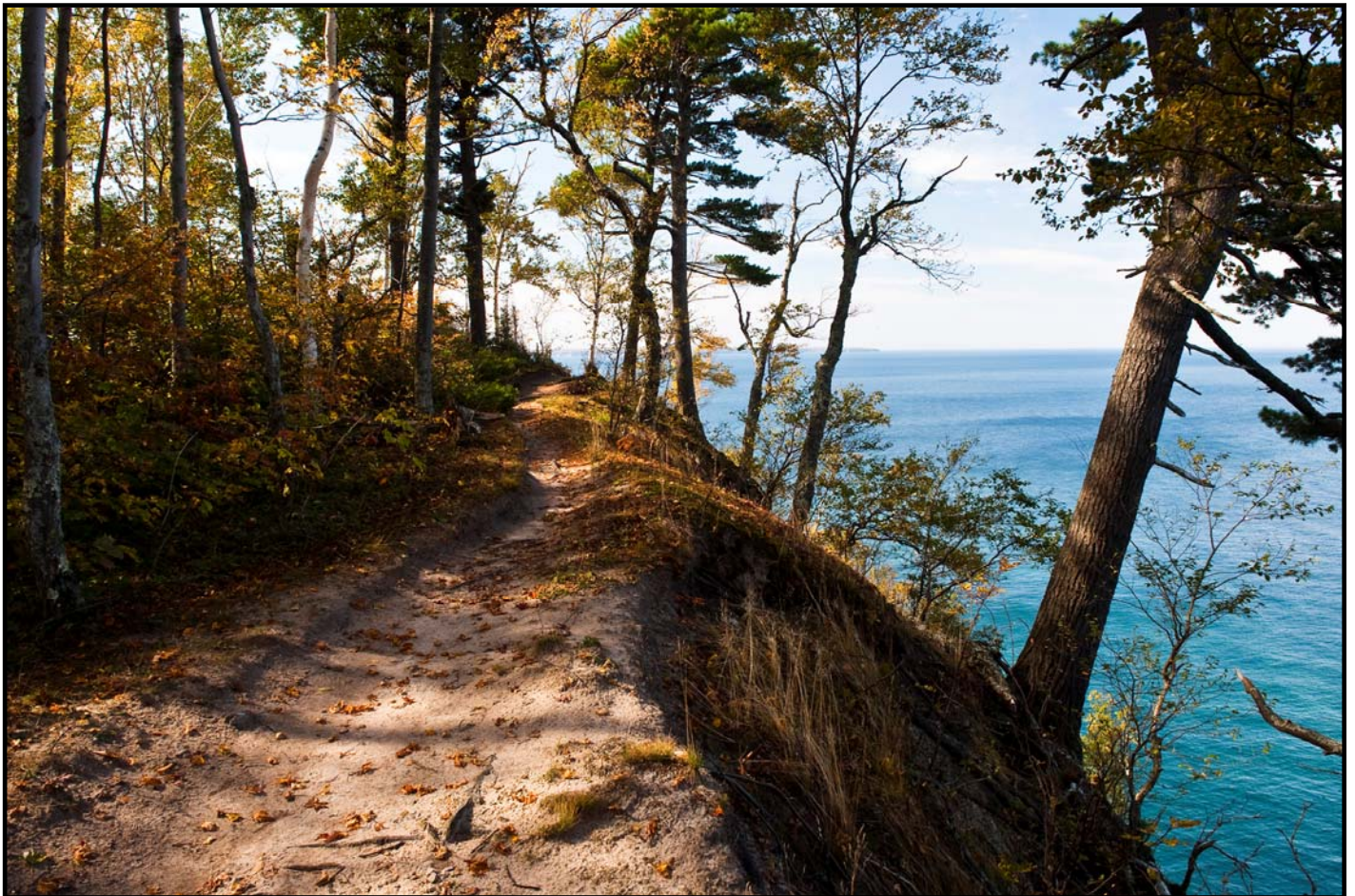
Grand Portal Point is one of the officially named features along the cliffs, rising some 200 feet above the lake. Up to about twelve years ago, you could kayak through the arch. But recent rock falls now prevent passage.

on the cover: Chapel Rock is one of the better known (photographed) formations in the park. It is at the east end of Chapel Beach, a nice little 7 mile round trip day hike from the trail head parking lot. Chapel Beach offers backcountry camping, picnicking, and swimming in the brisk Lake Superior.

The Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore is, in my opinion, the crown jewel of parks in Michigan. It stretches for 42 miles along the Lake Superior shore between Grand Marais on the east and Munising on the west. The cliffs, the “pictured rocks”, are on the west half of the park. They are easiest viewed by boats out of Munising. But to really see the cliffs up close, you have to hike in. The full 42 miles of lakeshore can be back packed along the lakeshore trail with a number of back country campsites along the way. A number of day trip opportunities exist. My favorite is a ten mile hike from the Chapel Area Trailhead to Mosquito Beach (yes, its real name). Then, walk along the cliffs east to Chapel Beach and then back to the trailhead to complete a tour of the best of the rocks.

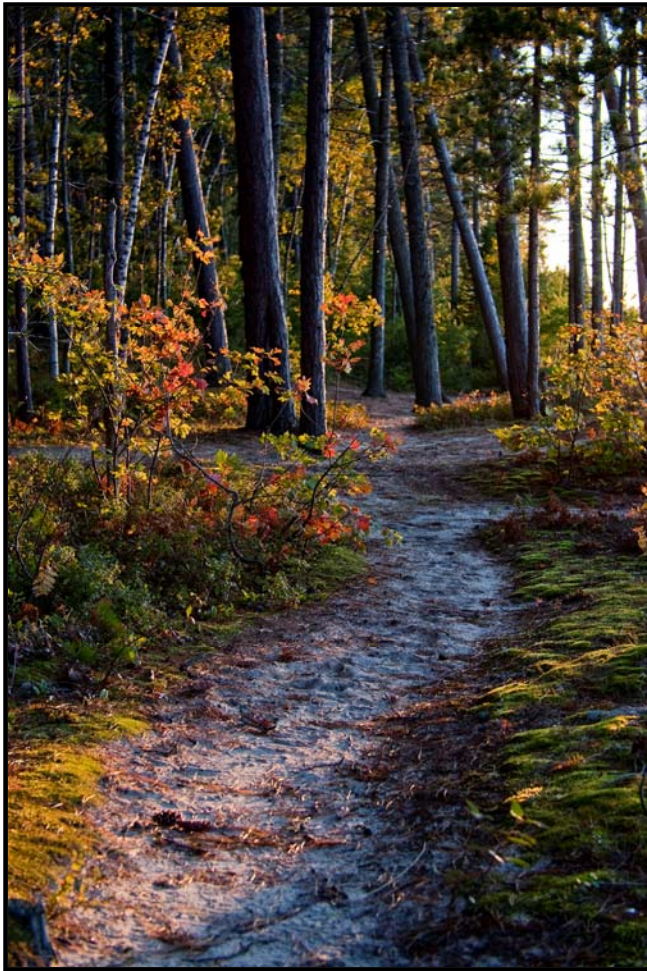
The center section of the park is a lovely sand beach called Twelve Mile Beach containing a couple of drive to campsites. The east end of the park has the Grand Sable Banks, a huge set of sand dunes that rival Sleeping Bear.

The following shots are from an early October trip Linda and I took after an eleven year absence. The weather was “picture perfect”



Lakeshore Trail, © SCOTT STRODTMAN

Lakeshore Trail Pictured Rocks does a loop into the woods along the shore, offering quiet beauty.



Twelve Mile Beach Trail, © SCOTT STRODTMAN

Twelve Mile Beach Trail is along the bluffs (20 feet or so high) overlooking Twelve Mile Beach.

The Cliffs are between Mosquito and Chapel beaches.

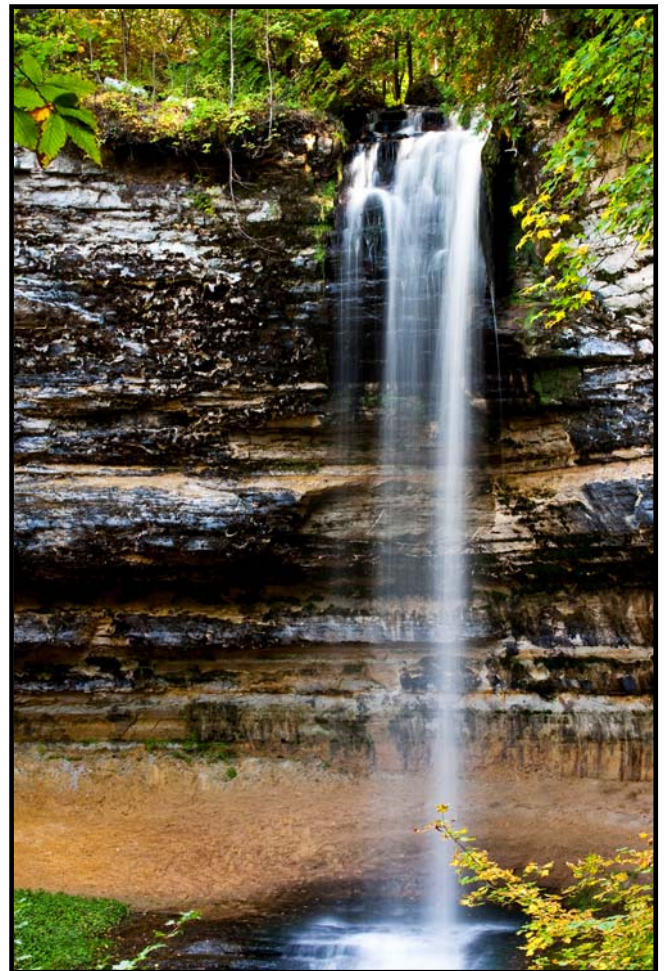


Cliffs, © SCOTT STRODTMAN



MNA Memorial Falls, © SCOTT STRODTMAN

MNA Memorial Falls is one of a pair of small waterfalls in a Michigan Nature Association preserve on the east side of Munising. They are not well marked, but are a short quarter mile walk from the road. (H58).



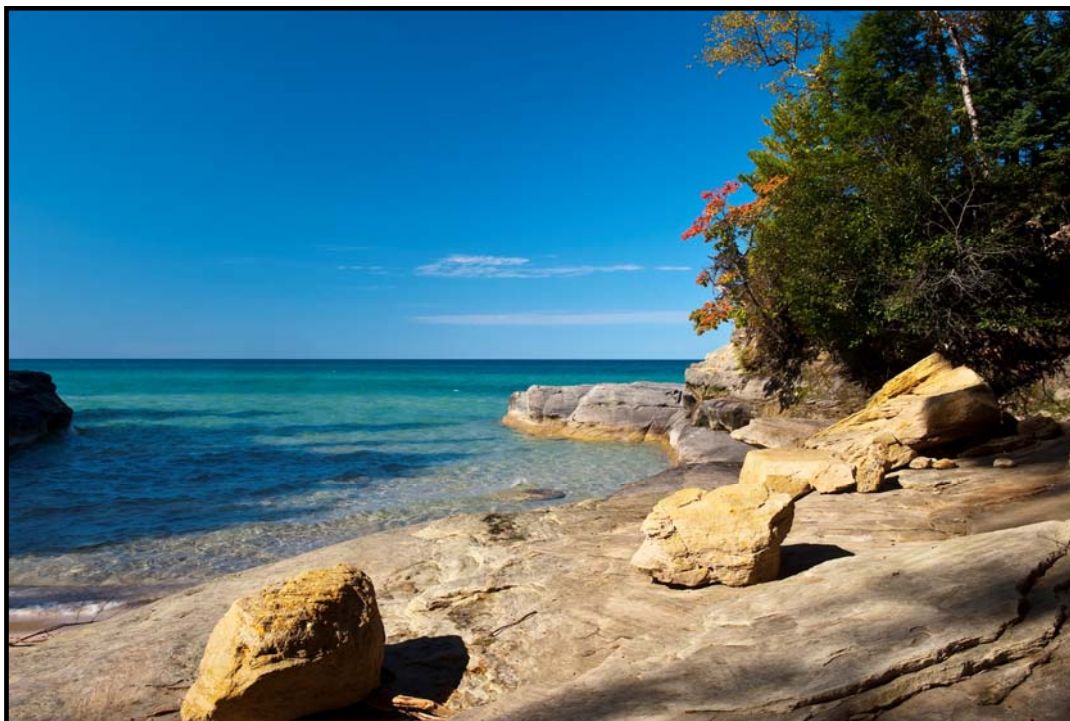
Munising Falls, © SCOTT STRODTMAN

Munising Falls is on the Munising (west) end of the park. It has a paved parking lot, a visitor center and a paved path to the falls. Visitors are no longer allowed off the path or the wooden viewing platforms. This is good, but it does limit one's opportunities for a unique photographic perspective.



Lovers' Leap, © SCOTT STRODTMAN

Lovers' Leap is one of the natural arches that the waves have carved in the cliffs. The name, as a number of other feature names, I believe, is an invention of the tour boat operators. This view is from one of the tour boats, the 5:15PM tour. If you want to take the boat, the afternoon tours give the best light. The north-west facing cliffs are in deep shadow in the mornings.



Coves. © SCOTT STRODTMAN

The Coves are located at the east end of the cliffs as they slowly drop to lake level and give way to Twelve Mile Beach. In warmer weather, the shelter offered by the Coves can make swimming in Lake Superior almost tolerable.



Grand Sable Banks, © SCOTT STRODTMAN

Grand Sable Banks anchors the east end of the park; stretching roughly 6 miles between Au Sable Point to the tiny village of Grand Marais. Rising some 275 feet above Lake Superior, they are smaller but every bit as scenic as Sleeping Bear, our other National Lakeshore.



Near Mosquito Beach, © SCOTT STRODTMAN

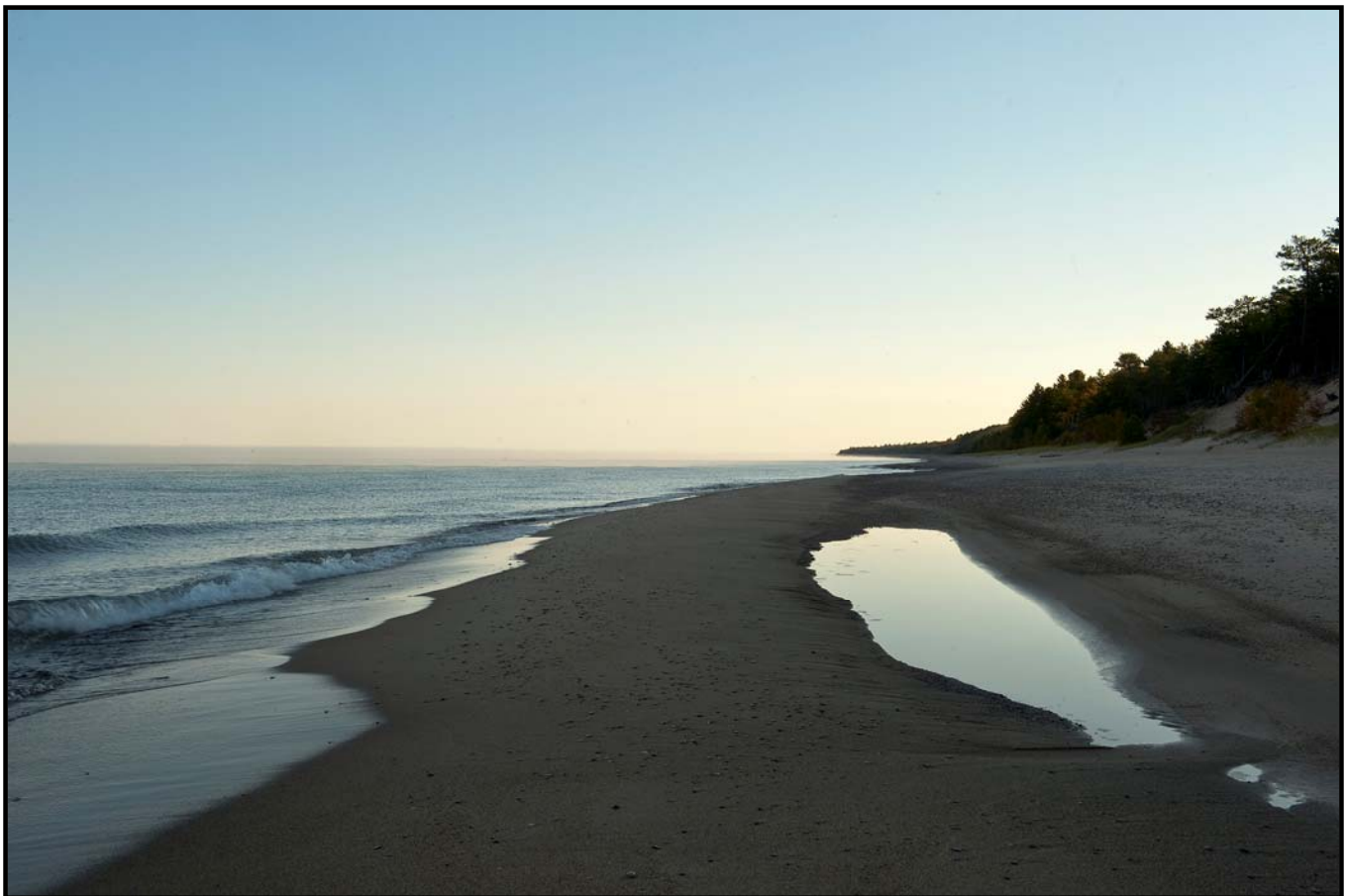
Near Mosquito Beach looking east. There are a couple of beach areas along the cliffs which were bays a long time ago when the lake was higher. They are now filled with sand, offering flat sheltered areas, ideal for camping and picnicking.



My real interest in photography took off in the early 70's after graduating from college, getting a real job, and then being able to get a good SLR camera. While also taking some slides, I found that I really enjoyed the added creativity of black and white photography. My soon to be wife, Linda, was always amazed in coming over to my apartment and finding that my refrigerator only contained orange juice, beer, and developer. Some years later, we had a family and life got complicated. No longer able to escape to the darkroom in the evenings, the darkroom became more of a storage room and photography got shelved.

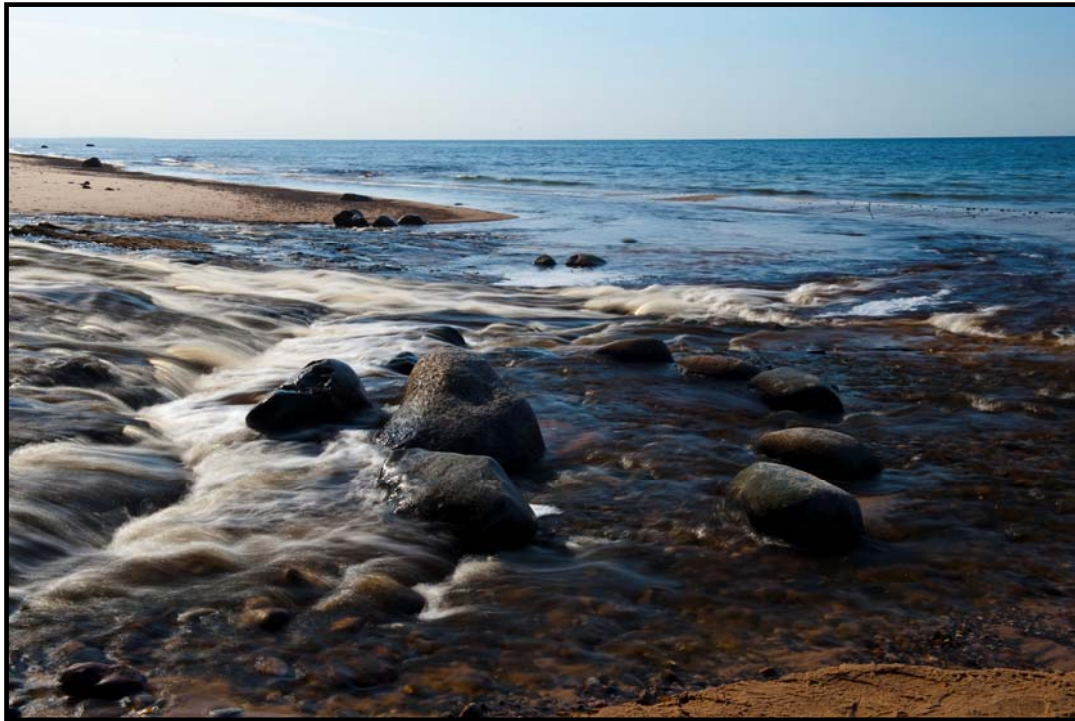
About 10 years ago, or so, I was given a fairly good point and shoot digital camera. But it took about 5 years to get it out of the fully auto mode. Once that happened, my interest was rekindled. Feeling constrained by the point and shoot, I moved up to a DSLR about 2-3 years ago, a Nikon D3. It is loaded with all sorts of features, knobs, and buttons. Each one is a mistake waiting to happen. And I'm having a ball making most of them.

- Scott Strodtman



Twelve Mile Beach, © SCOTT STRODTMAN

Twelve Mile Beach runs for about twelve miles in the middle section of the park. There are a couple of lovely drive in camp grounds off county road H58.

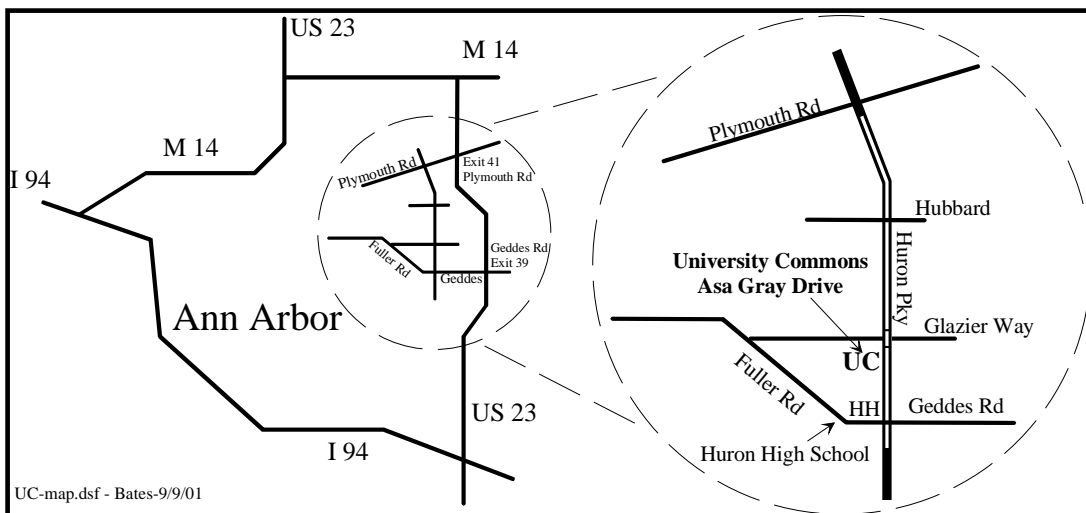


Hurricane River, © SCOTT STRODTMAN

Hurricane River rushes into Lake Superior near the eastern end of Twelve Mile Beach.

Directions to Holiday Party

Asa Gray Drive is between Glazier Way and Geddes Road off **Huron Pkwy.** If you are coming **from the south** you will have to pass University Commons (which is on the left). Shortly after passing University Commons you will be able to make a U turn to head south on Huron Parkway. You will pass Glazier Way, (If you are coming **from the north** go south past Glazier Way) but immediately pull right into the right turn lane which goes into Asa Gray Drive. Go up the hill to the Main Building which is on the right. There are two parking areas in front of the main building and two more on the exit road.



Winter Meeting Dates	Assignments
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<u>December 6</u>	Doors
<u>December 20</u>	Holiday Party
<u>January 10</u> *	Roads/Paths
<u>January 17</u>	Roads/Paths
<u>February 7</u>	Triptych
<u>February 28</u> **	Triptych

*2nd Tuesday
**4th Tuesday

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