

Welcome to the Woodland Motor Lodge

Your hosts, Diane and Rob, welcome you to
Grayling and Northern Michigan.

We are sure you will enjoy the variety of activities
the area has to offer.

While here at the motel, enjoy the privacy in the wooded,
scenic surroundings. Take a walk around the nature trail
behind the back building, hang out with your friends at the
horseshoe pit, play a game of chess on the giant chess board or
play cards at the picnic table in the wooded central courtyard.

Don't forget to build a fire in the fire pit!
(fire wood provide – donations accepted)

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns we would
like to hear them.

989-348-9094

Wayne C. Koppa Trail – Grayling Bicycle Turnpike

Right across the street from the Woodland Motor Lodge is the Wayne C. Koppa Trail. This paved sidewalk heads north a mile and a half to the high school, and then turns east and travels 4 miles out to Hartwick Pines State Park. The trail also extends south to town and then hooks up with a trail that can take you out to Hanson Hills Recreation Area.

Map of the north end of the Grayling Bicycle Turnpike



The Grayling Skate Park

Skate/BMX Biking/Rollerblading Park, a 20,000 square foot cement park. Located on the north side of Grayling next to the City Hall, it is open from daylight until 11:00 p.m. daily. It is lighted with a picnic table and two shelter huts.

There is no cost to use the park.

Wi-Fi/Computer access

As a service to our guests, the Woodland Motor Lodge provides free Wi-Fi access for your use.

The Password is the word “password”

Other places around Grayling that have Wi-Fi

The Devereaux Memorial Library

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce offers wi-fi. They are conveniently located in the city park; sit in your car or under the pavilion with your laptop!



Things To Do
In
Grayling

Grayling Uptown District Shopping

- [AuSable Gifts](#) (989) 348-5899
Michigan, Grayling & wood souvenirs, unique jewelry, Minnetonka moccasins, books
- [AuSable Artisan Village](#) (989) 745-6096
The **AuSable Artisan Village Art Center** was created in 2010 in downtown Grayling as part of the not for profit Watershed Art Project established in 2007. The 5,000 square foot facility opened Memorial Day 2011 and features artists from the Grayling area as well as Northern Michigan. The Art Center offers education facilities, an art gallery, and performance stage.
- [Main Branch Gallery](#) (989) 344-0030 art@mainbranchgallery.com
The Nature Inspired art work of acclaimed artists available at Main Branch Gallery is as distinctive as the two sister rivers sprung from the depths of northern Michigan. Artwork by Kim Diment, Jackie House, Karla Kirkland, Carl Schubert, Roger Smith and Ken Wright. Offering photography and art classes.
- [North Country Corner](#) (989)344-6000, northcc_inc@yahoo.com
Affordable clothing & footwear for the entire family! Cottage, lodge & home decor.

Outdoor Sports Shopping

- [Cross Country Ski Shop](#) & Northbound Outfitters 800-889-7456
Cross Country Ski & outdoor clothing, footwear, equipment sales, service & rentals: New location 6041 W.M-72
- [Forbush Corner Ski Shop](#) (989)348-5989
Cross Country Ski clothing, equipment sales, service & rentals
- [Gates AuSable Pro Shop](#) (989)348-8462
Fly fishing destination, full service lodge on the banks of the AuSable River
- [Marketplace](#) at AuSable Riverview Resort (989) 344-2164
Many unique and one of a kind gift items as well as fishing gear and accessories
- [Ron's Fly Shop](#) (989) 344-2700
A unique fly shop offering family friendly service and advice to all.
- [Skip's Sport Shop](#) (989)348-7111
Hunting & fishing outdoor equipment, guns, ammo & archery, live bait
- [Sledhead's of Frederic](#) (989) 344-7669
Snowmobile Parts, Accessories and Rental/snowmobile shirts, gifts, decals
- [The Old AuSable Fly Shop](#) (989)348-3330
Full service fly fishing outfitter; canoe and kayak sales

Grayling Airfield

On your next trip to Grayling you decide to fly in, we at the Woodland Motor Lodge will be happy to pick you up at the Airport.

You may need the following to fly in:

McNamara Field (a.k.a. Grayling Army Airfield) is a joint use military/civilian field, and is fully open to civil aviation at all times. No prior coordination nor permission is required.

The control tower and Class D surface area are effective on a part-time basis. When the tower is closed or is only providing VFR advisories, airspace is Class E surface area. See the A/FD and NOTAMs for current tower operating hours. Approaching the airspace, call the tower frequency first before using CTAF.

Runway 5/23 is currently closed in winter, but that may change in the future. Check NOTAMs.

The instrument approaches are:

- RNAV (GPS) RWY 14
- VOR RWY 14
- NDB RWY 14

At present, the taxiways are not lighted, so exercise extra caution at night. Taxiway F to the GA facility has reflectors.

All civil traffic is to proceed to the Crawford County Air Terminal (General Aviation Facility) located at the north end of the field. The GA taxiway (Taxiway F) joins runway 5/23 at the northeast end, at the departure end of runway 5.

Taxiway A also joins the runway at this point, from the south.

Restricted Areas

The airfield is in close proximity to three restricted areas: R4201A, R4201B, and R4202. Please refer to your charts and to current NOTAMs to avoid violation.



Fish Hatchery

A non-profit educational facility where visitors learn about this historic site, the trout common in Michigan streams, the environmental concerns in our area, and the value of Michigan's stream trout fisheries. Our mission is preserve, protect, and enhance the Au Sable River by educating our guests about the history, ecology, and importance of this great river.



- Visit our 1,000+ Rainbow trout in our raceways, provided by the Michigan DNR,
- Look for our wild trout populations who are always ready for a handout of fish food,
- Visit our marsh raceway which houses many turtles and frogs,
- 16 & under are welcome to fish in the Children's Fishing Pond for free. Just bring your own equipment and bait and only practice catch and release.

We do not charge an admission fee to enter the hatchery. Instead, we rely on generous donations to maintain the property, sustain the self-guided tour, and feed our fish. Any donation, no matter how large or small, is greatly appreciated.

Open from Memorial Day to Labor Day
graylingfishhatchery.org (989)344-1100



Hartwick Pines State Park

With nearly 10,000 acres, [Hartwick Pines State Park](#) is the biggest state park in the lower peninsula and the fifth largest park in the entire state.

Enjoy a Visitors Center, paved and unpaved hiking trails, mountain biking trails, old-time logging camp and chapel and learn about part of Michigan's forests and history.



Crawford County Historical Museum

Located in the restored railroad depot in downtown Grayling, the museum offers a trip to the 19th and 20th centuries. It is a nostalgic jaunt through the lumbering era when Grayling was a leading participant. The depot was scheduled to be demolished but a community effort saved it.

The grounds also include a railroad caboose, a military building dedicated to local ex-military personnel and to Camp Grayling, a trapper's cabin, and an old fashioned firefighting station.



W.J. Beal Tree Planting

Planted in 1888, it may be the oldest documented tree plantation in North America. A short nature trail wends its way through the plantation. It is located within the city limits of Grayling. Head east on M-72 to Industrial Park Road and turn right. The parking lot can be seen on the left just a few hundred yards from the turn. The plantation is handicapped accessible and offers a self guided tour.



Wellington Farm, USA

Wellington Farm, USA is a 60-acre open-air interpretive museum designed to provide an educational opportunity for visitors to experience life as it was in rural mid-America during the Great Depression.

This unique museum honors the nation's heritage by providing visitors with the chance to experience history first hand.

The farm includes

- Blacksmith Shop,
- Grist Mill,
- Carpenter Shop,
- Saw Mill,
- Machine Shed,
- Barnyard and
- Farmstead Summer Kitchen.



wellingtonfarmusa.com
(989)348-5187

A visitor's center and general store offer a variety of goods available for purchase.

Playgrounds

These are the four Playgrounds that are close by where my kids have spent many hours:

Grayling City Park

Located right downtown on the Business Loop. Right on the AuSable River. Picnic tables and restrooms are available. A pavilion and picnic tables are also offered across the river from the playground.

Grayling Township Park

Located across from the Grayling Fish Hatchery on North Down River Road. Picnic tables and restrooms are available.



Hartwick Pines State Park

Located inside the park at the “day use” area. Picnic tables, a pavilion and restrooms are available. The pavilion is rented out to specific groups at various times. There is also a nice walking trail that starts either from the welcome center or from the park. A state park sticker is required for admittance.

Hanson Hills

Located at entrance of Hanson Hills.

Beaches

My kids love to go to the beach in the summer. Some of the wonderful lakes around that we recommend are the following:



Lake Margrethe

This is the closest beach. Not much sand, Nice grassy area with two picnic tables. Outhouses for bathrooms and no electricity. The lake is shallow for a long way out.

North Higgins Lake State Park

This is a nice beach with plenty of picnic tables and BBQ pits. There is a nice walking path and a playground area. Nice bathroom facilities.



Lake Otsego

Large beach with lots of sand. A few trees and a few picnic tables. Nice bathroom facilities and a snack bar.



Kneff Lake

Kneff Lake is a designated trout lake and is stocked with rainbow trout in the spring. The lake is a 20-acre of shared private, state and federal ownership.

Geocaching

Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location.

There are hundreds of geocaches hidden in Crawford County taking you into the woods to enjoy the best parts of the area.

If you have never gone geocaching before, the best place to start is <http://www.geocaching.com/guide/>. This website will help you get started and has a list of all the hidden caches all over the state.



We can also help you get started in this fun activity. This is a picture of my kids finding one of the many caches that are around. Walking in the woods and spending time with the kids is the best part.

The Rivers

We are so lucky in Grayling to have two great rivers;
The AuSable and The Manistee.

There are many ways to enjoy these waters. You can paddle down these peaceful and quiet scenic rivers in a kayak or canoe. If you don't have one, there are some great liverys in town that we recommend.



These two rivers are among the premier trout streams in the nation. It is easy to fish from a canoe or a riverboat or put on a pair of wadders and enjoy. Some areas are “catch & release” or “Flies only”. If you would like a guide we can recommend one for you.

There is over one hundred miles of cool, crystal clear streams to explore. Keep your eyes open and you might see deer, ducks, beavers, mink, otter, turkey, fish, eagles or turtles.



Shopping
In
Grayling

Places to Eat
In
Grayling

This is a Non Smoking Room.

If you are going to smoke please step away from the building.

A Smoking Fee could be charged if there is smoking in the room.



This is a pet friendly room.

We are a pet friendly facility and love our four legged guest.

Please keep your loved ones supervised and Please pick up after your pet.

This is a non smoking room.

If you need to smoke, please step away from the building.

A smoking fee could be charged if there is smoking in the room.



This is a pet free room.

We are a pet friendly facility and have certain rooms and cabins that we allow pets. There is a small pet fee. This room we keep pet free for our guest that have pet allergies. If you were placed in this room and have a pet, please let the front desk know.

Where to Canoe in Grayling

There is a public landing downtown Grayling where you can put into the Au Sable River yourself, but if you are looking to rent, here are the local liveries

www.canoeborchers.com
(989) 348-4921



www.penrodscanoe.com
(888) 467-4837

www.carlislecanoelivery.com
(989) 344-1400



www.shel-haven.com
(989) 348-2158

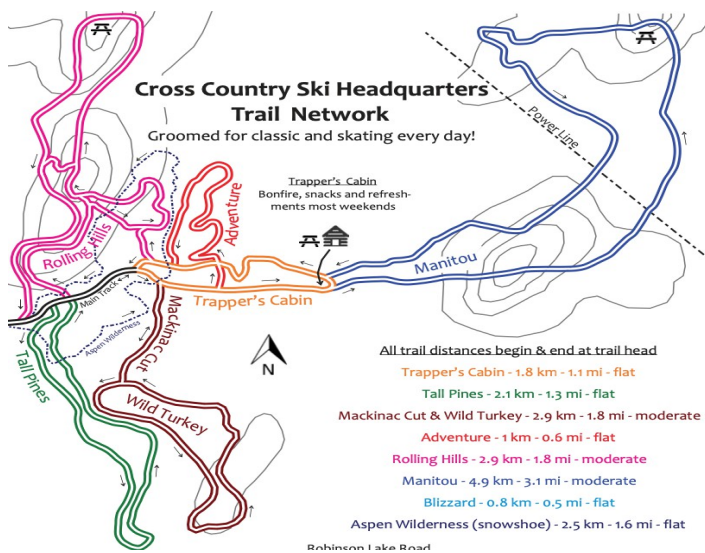
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In the summer, Hanson Hills has Mountain bike trails and disc golf courses.

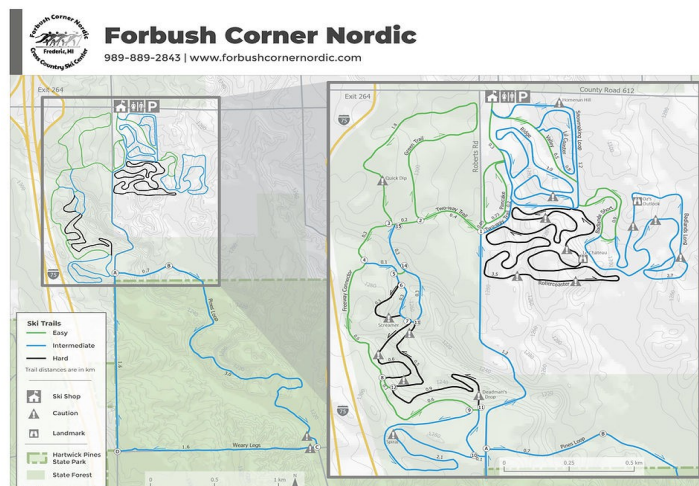


In the winter months, enjoy downhill skiing, tubing and cross country skiing.



Cross Country Ski Headquarters rents both skis and snowshoes.

Forbush Corner is a cross country ski facility designed for all ability levels. There is also a snowmaking system (2 km figure 8 loop) that almost guarantees skiing for the majority of the winter.



Disc Golf Course in Grayling MI

There are two disc golf courses at Hanson Hills and one at the county park.

Rotary PDGA Course

(AKA. "The Hill Course")

Was established in 2010 and was Funded by the Grayling Rotary Club features 24 championship style holes that plays up an over our Ski Hill. Course features a lot of elevation and just over 2 miles of terrain (assuming you stay on the fairway). Bring plenty of water and a snack!! A \$2 Donation is recommended for course play. Donation Tube Located at Hole 1.



Rotary Pine Knoll Course

AKA "The Short Course"

Was established in 2011 and was funded by the Grayling Rotary Club and The Hanson Hills Disc Golf Club. The Course features 18 holes that can be played from White or Blue Tee pads giving you a variety of play. Walking distance of the course is 1.25 miles and terrain is flat. A \$2 Donation is recommended for course play. Donation Tube is Located at Hole 1.

Golfing in Grayling MI

Grayling is a favorite tourist spot and is the foremost destination for extraordinary golfing experiences in Northern Michigan. The golfing opportunities in the area have something to offer for any ability, from beginners to pros, including families hoping to share the passion of golf with their children.



Forest Dunes

(989)275-0700;
6376 Forest Dunes Drive,
Roscommon MI 48653

The Patriot Golf Course

(989)348-4343; 5825 West 4 Mile Rd
<https://www.thepatriotgolfcourse.com/>



Grayling Country Club

(989)348-5618; located on I-75 Business Loop next to Big Boy Restaurant.



Putt Putt Golfing

Timber Rapids Adventure Golf
(989) 348-5809
6058 W M 72 Grayling, Mi