

# General Info

**Power Loading:** No Power Loading. Boaters should winch their craft onto boat trailers instead of powering their boat onto the trailer. Boat ramps throughout the state are being badly damaged by boaters who power their boats onto the boat trailer. The strong currents created by the boat's propeller causes severe erosion and wash out at the end of the ramp. This condition, in turn, can also cause damage to boat trailers. The Department of Natural Resources is attempting to repair as many of the damaged ramps as possible, but the best solution to the problem lies with the boater who refrains from this practice.

**Boating Safety:** Life jackets must be available for each person in the boat. Non-swimmers should wear a life jacket at all times.

### Anti-drunk boating law is in effect!

Michigan watercraft operators can be convicted of operating while impaired or under the influence of alcohol.

\*Under the new law, the Secretary of State's office must keep a record of boating convictions.

\* Boaters must submit to chemical tests by law enforcement officers upon request.

\* Conviction of drunk boating charges brings stiff penalties:

-Suspension of boating privileges from 6 months to indefinite;

-Fines up to \$5,000;

-Jail sentences up to 5 years; and/or

-Community service up to 90 days.



The information used in this directory is from the Michigan Public Boat Launch Directory published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

For information or assistance on this contact:

MDNR, Parks and Recreation Division,

P.O. Box 30257,

Lansing, MI 48909

(517) 373-9900. T.D.D.(517) 335-4623.

\*\*Not all boat landings are listed\*\*



## Mecosta County Lodging

Country Inn & Suites.....(231)527-9000

Holiday Inn Hotel.....(231)796-4400

Super 8 Motel.....(231)796-1588

Quality Inn & Suites.....(231)592-5150

Morley Motel.....(231)856-7820

The Inn at St. Ives.....(231)972-



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Big Rapids MI 49307

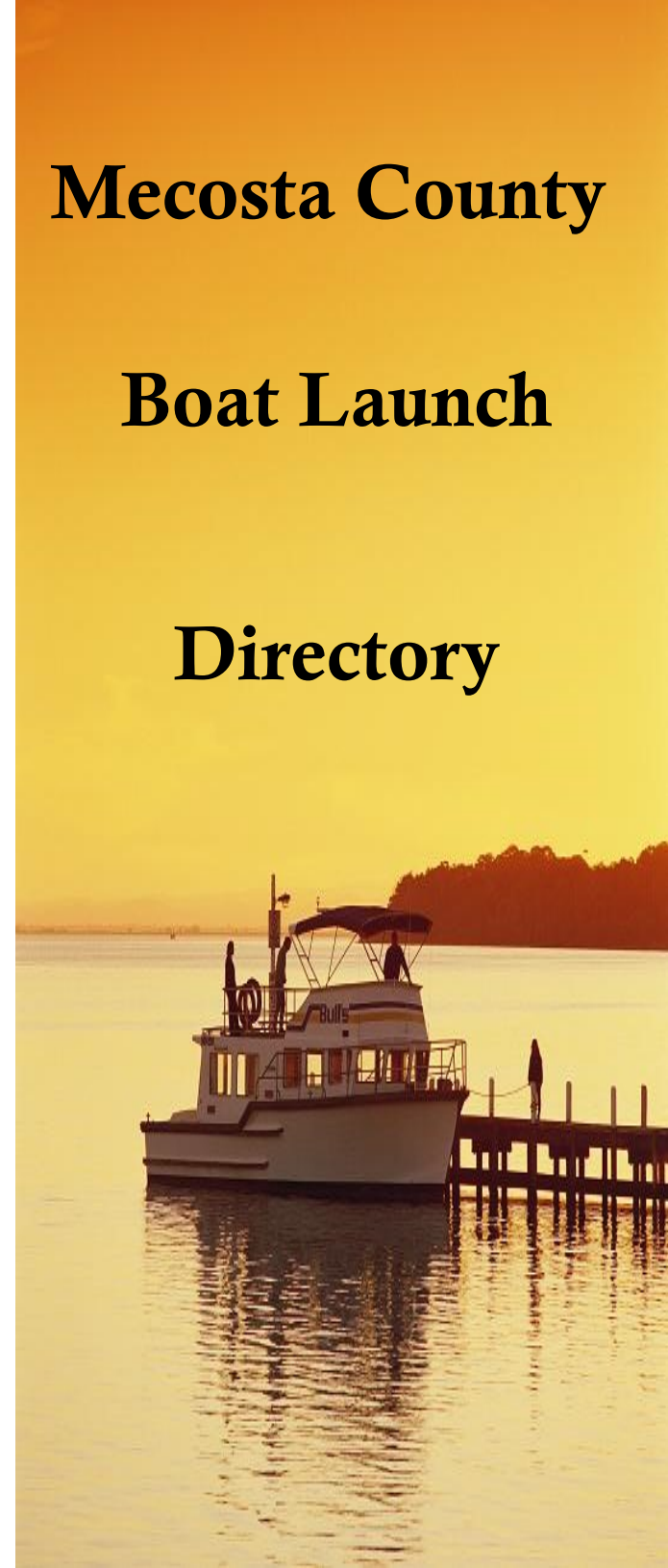
1-888-229-4FUN

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## Boat Launch

## Directory



<b>Lake Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Courtesy Pier</b>	<b>Bathroom</b>	<b>Water Acreage</b>
<b>Lake Mecosta</b>	4 Miles North of Altona	Yes	Yes	297
<b>Rogers Pond</b>	3 Miles North of Stanwood	Yes	Yes	512
<b>Chippewa Lake</b>	At Chippewa Lake Village	Yes	Yes	770
<b>Haymarsh Flooding</b>	3 Miles West of Chippewa Lake		Yes	250
<b>Pretty Lake</b>	5 Miles East of Rodney	Yes	Yes	120
<b>Townline Lake</b>	3 Miles Northeast of Big Rapids		Yes	120
<b>Clear Lake</b>	3 Miles West of Rodney		Yes	130
<b>Hillview Lake</b>	3 Miles Northwest of Rodney		Yes	123
<b>Brockway Lake</b>	3 Miles South of Altona		Yes	22
<b>River Bends Bluffs (Muskegon River)</b>	3 Miles North of Stanwood		Yes	N/A
<b>Jensen Lake</b>	3 Miles Northeast of Rodney	Yes	Yes	270
<b>Rustford Pond (Little Muskegon River)</b>	2 Miles Southwest of Altona		Yes	20
<b>Lowers Evans Lake (Martiny Lake Flooding)</b>	4 Miles Northeast of Rodney	Yes	Yes	2,080
<b>Big Evans Lake (Martiny Lake Flooding)</b>	4 Miles East of Chippewa Lake	Yes	Yes	2,080
<b>Upper Evans Lake (Martiny Lake Flooding)</b>	4 Miles East of Chippewa Lake		Yes	2,080
<b>Winchester Dam (Martiny Lake Flooding)</b>	6 Miles East of Chippewa Lake	Yes	Yes	2,080
<b>Bergess /Pickerel Lake</b>	5 Miles Northeast of Big Rapids		Yes	60
<b>Tubbs Island SFCG (Martiny Lake Flooding)</b>	5 Miles Southeast of Chippewa Lake		Yes	2,080
<b>Brower Park Marina (Hardy Dam Pond)</b>	5 Miles West of Stanwood	Yes	Yes	3,750
<b>Pars Park (Muskegon River)</b>	2 Miles North of Paris			N/A
<b>Alma Lake</b>	5 Miles Northeast of Big Rapids			15
<b>131 Bridge (Muskegon River)</b>	3 Miles Northeast Of Stanwood	Yes	Yes	N/A
<b>Morley Pond (Little Muskegon River)</b>	1/2 Miles East of Morley		Yes	N/A