



## Fall Color Tour Driving Directions:

- ❖ Start your Fall Color Tour adventure at the Mecosta County Welcome Center: 127 S. State St. in Big Rapids.
  - Pick up your Mecosta County Fall Color Tour Brochure!
  - See other resources and information provided in the lobby that you can take to help Explore the Big Rapids Region during your stay.
- ❖ Exit the parking lot of the Welcome Center.
- ❖ Turn right onto Elm Street.
- ❖ At the stop sign take another right onto S. State Street.
- ❖ Continue until the light and turn right on Maple Street.
  - You will see the beautiful mural to your right as you pass the Downtown Big Rapids area representing the lumber industry days that were prominent in Big Rapids' history.
  - As mentioned near the mural you will pass Michigan Ave intersection where Downtown Big Rapids' historic area is located.
    - You can see the various retail, restaurant, beauty and health & wellness businesses here.
- ❖ Stay straight on Maple Street and pass the old building to your right before you pass the bridge over the Muskegon River.

- ❖ As you come up to the traffic light on S. Third Ave you will take a right.
  - The Wild Rose Café is also located here on the right if you want to stop for a bite to eat!
- ❖ Continue on S. Third Ave for a little over a quarter of a mile
- ❖ Turn left onto Colburn Ave.
  - The Eastside Market is located here so you can use as a marker.
  - Can also stop inside to grab a drink for the rest of your drive!
- ❖ Continue straight and you will now be traveling on 16 Mile Road.
  - The Michigan Army National Guard's Recruiting is to your right half a mile away.
  - Following this you will pass the Big Rapids Radio Network on your left and the Big Rapids Eagles to your right.
  - Cranhill Ranch is another destination if you are interested. Turn left on 160<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- ❖ Around 10 miles in, the road will curve left. Chippewa Lake will be on the horizon.
  - To your left on 4<sup>th</sup> and Dwight Street you will pass the Rooster Saloon in Chippewa Lake. This is a great small-town dining location.
  - You will be in/passing Chippewa Lake Township.
- ❖ Approaching the lake keep right. Follow Chippewa Lake Road, which will turn into 20 Mile Road. You are now heading toward Barryton.
  - There are local Amish Markets to you right on 20 Mile Road.
- ❖ Beautiful views will be around you during this scenic drive.
- ❖ The East Bay General store will be on your left on Chippewa Lake Dr. if you need any supplies.
- ❖ Close by is also the Boat Park where many water recreation happens.
- ❖ After a few miles you will reach Barryton's city limits.
  - You will see and pass by Fork Township's sign.
- ❖ Half a mile past the city limits, you will reach M-66. Turn right.
- ❖ As you pass through Barryton, your trip meter should be around the 20 mile mark.
  - 30<sup>th</sup> Ave has various businesses and amenities for you to enjoy:
    - Playscape Park for kids to enjoy.

- Dollar General (on 20 Mile Road) and to the right on (30<sup>th</sup> Ave) is the Family Dollar if you need to grab something for the road.
  - Gas Stations are also located in this area too (BP & Sunoco).
  - Williams Café is a dining stop as well.
  - Ice Cream is here too!
- As you continue driving you will pass 18 Mile Road where the Barryton Conservation Club is located.
- ❖ You will continue through Barryton and 5 miles down you will be passing Martiny Lakes on 17 Mile and entering Sheridan Township.
- ❖ After another 5 miles you will reach the intersection of M-20 and M-66 in Remus.
- ❖ Turn right on M-20.
- ❖ You will be in Wheatland Township and entering the Village of Remus.
  - 2 Artists in a Barn are located in Remus
  - Gas Stations
  - Remus Tavern
  - Downtown Area (retail etc.)
  - Jo Jo's Pizza
  - Remus Bowling
- ❖ Once you continue on through Remus' downtown area, you will in a quarter mile pass Gwinn Girls Winery and Tasting Room on the right at 9 Mile Road.
- ❖ Continuing on M-20 in a couple miles you will pass by Wheatland Music Organization (WMO) to your left on 50<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  - WMO is a resource center for the preservation and presentation of traditional music and arts.
  - The Annual Wheatland Music Festival draws in thousands from all over the country for this big weekend of live music and more!
- ❖ There will be a curve on M-20 that you will follow which you will follow and stay on - this is 9 Mile Road.
- ❖ Shortly after you will also pass Hearty Harvest on your right at 9 Mile Road. Fresh produce and products are a great addition to your scenic color tour drive!

- ❖ Morton Township will be upon you in a few miles.
- ❖ Robert Barnum's Studio and Sculpture Park you will see to your left while you are on 9 Mile Road in Mecosta.
- ❖ Continue on and a couple miles away you will come to a stop sign and across the street you will see School Section Lake Campground.
- ❖ Turn left on 90<sup>th</sup> Ave here.
- ❖ Big Scoops Adventure Island is within the mile to your left.
- ❖ A couple miles you will see Tri Lakes around you.
- ❖ You will also be turning right on Buchanan Road to continue on towards and through Canadian Lakes.
  - You can return for an excursion out of the color tour route (take a left at the sign for Tullymore's Golf Resort where you can play on this world-distinct course and eat at CL Pizza Co.
- ❖ On Buchanan Road in Canadian Lakes you will be around these places in the main town plaza to your left if you would like to make a pit stop:
  - Hixson's Family Market
  - Antler's Fireside Grill
  - St. Ignace Golf Course across the street to your right.
- ❖ Continuing on Buchanan you will pass beautiful water views and the Outback Guest Ranch you will pass.
- ❖ There will be two (2) old school houses - one on each side of the road. You will turn right on the next road - 150<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- ❖ After a few miles (6) you will arrive at M-20 again.
- ❖ Stay straight and cross M-20.
- ❖ You will pass Clear Lake Golf Course to your left.
- ❖ Round the curve in the next mile.
- ❖ When you arrive at the stop sign, take a left and continue west on M-20.
- ❖ You will pass the White Pine Trail Crossings on your way.
- ❖ You have returned back to your original starting point - Big Rapids.
- ❖ The rest of your journey is whatever you'd like to do as you Explore Mecosta County!

**We hope you enjoyed the Mecosta County Fall Color Tour!**