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MICHIGAN BACK ROADS BOOKS

BEST KEPT SECRETS

Most of these destinations are not famous places. Inside you will discover the biggest wood fired kiln in North America, the largest stretch canvas painting in the country and a water trail with an abandoned lighthouse at one end and a shipwreck at the other end. Getaways include directions to an underground river, a secret passage in a “castle” and a prehistoric dugout canoe. Along the way there are unique festivals, little known trails and stands of Virgin Pines. Even the locals won’t know about some of these.

ROAD TRIPS

The original collection of road trips to out of the way destinations across the State of Michigan. Included are, historical sites, nature areas, and scenic drives, many are often overlooked. Marvel at the pure waters of the sacred Iargo Springs along the River Road Scenic Byway. Learn the forgotten history of a “phantom town”, White Rock. Take a scenic drive through the western Upper Peninsula to the abandoned mining community of Old Victoria. Track down rare wildflowers in the Trillium Ravine and many more.

TRAILS & TREASURES

These are easy walking trails, most are gentle enough for most anyone, some are handicap accessible. Each has some unusual feature, but none require special equipment, no extreme biking, no whitewater kayak trips. These trails are perfect for an afternoon walk with the children or to capture a bit of solitude for yourself. Since the trails are short, mostly under a mile and a half, the hikes only take an hour or so. The "treasures" portion of each chapter are destinations near each trail so you can make a day of it. The "treasure" may be a unique museum, a little-known attraction, a cool shop or just a place to relax after your walk and post your pictures.

THREE DAY GETAWAYS

With some much-deserved time off, you hit the road to that special place you heard about. You check into your lodgings and head out to your planned destination. Afterward, you still have a couple days to enjoy, and begin to wonder, what else is there to do for fun around here? Each getaway features a cool old inn or romantic B&B. Day 1 may be the local historical attractions. Day 2 may be the nature areas. Day 3 may be the shops, wineries, dining venues or anything else that makes the region special. Each getaway includes attractions that are often overlooked.

ODDITIES & RARITIES

Each of these road trips leads to a destination with an unusual feature. Some are unexplained or extremely rare artifacts. Some are architectural, some are natural formations, and some are manmade mysteries. The Heart of La Branche is said to be an

ancient meteor. The Grand Victorian is a mansion created out of love for a woman. The MacIntosh Stone is ancient and is covered with strange carvings. All the oddities in this book are real and most are easy to find, so you can check them out yourself.

QUICK & EASY GETAWAYS

These are getaways for people who are very busy. From nearly any starting place in Michigan, there are great getaways within an hour and twenty minutes. Each chapter is a fun guide for short, spur of the moment day trips with an overview of attractions, dining options, shopping, festivals, trails and lodging options. When you go, you will know about local festivals, what attractions to visit, where do we eat, where to shop, where could you stay, what about winter fun? When you are all done, it is less than an hour and a half drive to get back home.

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