

Say To Da U.P., eh?

2014 National V-8 Club Tour

Tour Outline – Day 4 and 5

Day 4, Thursday, September 11. Today we will retrace part of our route covered on Wednesday. We'll pick up the attractions by-passed and delve into Ford History. As you travel along the bay, observe the opposite shoreline and see if you can find the old Ford water tower at Pequaming. If you enjoyed your breakfast at the **Hilltop Restaurant**, or want to take on another cinnamon roll, you might want to eat breakfast there.

Located north of L'Anse on the shore of **Keweenaw Bay** is the former Ford sawmill site of Pequaming. Pequaming is another former Ford sawmill town site. At the head of the bay and L'Anse is located yet another sawmill which is still in operation as a fiber board plant. Heading back through L'Anse, we will continue south to the **Ford Center** at Alberta. This is a model village and saw mill site developed by Ford in 1935. The property was gifted to Michigan Technology University in 1951, along with 1,700 acres of land. Guest cabins can be rented and an extremely talented craftsman makes beautiful bird's eye maple furniture and gifts. Be sure to visit the gift shop. Here one can inspect the grounds and the saw mill.

South of Alberta is **Canyon Falls Roadside Park**. A short trail hike allows you to view these scenic falls.

The village of Michigamme offers two points of interest. Located within the village itself is a small local museum. This part of the U.P. had a prominent Ford presence, both in timber holdings and mining. Ford operated an underground mine at Michigamme. The museum documents this in some detail. They also own an original horse drawn steam fire engine and an original 1928 Model AA Fire engine.

The **Mount Shasta Restaurant** is located on the highway slightly east of the town entrance. This establishment was featured in **The Anatomy of a Murder**. The scene here involved Duke Ellington w/Jimmy Stewart playing jazz on the piano. The restaurant looks today as it did in 1959. Pictures of the stars decorate the walls.

You can find more information about today's travel:

Ford Center: www.fordcenter.mtu.edu

Overnight in Iron Mountain. Meals on your own.

EconoLodge single (1 queen bed) \$45 + tax; double \$50 + tax

906-775-8000

http://www.econolodge.com/hotel-iron_mountain-michigan-MI153

Day 5, Friday, September 12. Today we will spend our time in the Iron Mountain, Kingsford vicinity. The Iron Mountain area includes a lot of Ford history, and there will be much to see and do.

- We will tour to the museum where we will have a presentation by Guy Forstrum, noted Ford Motor Company historian and author, and Clyde Unger, who is the person primarily responsible for the restoration / re-creation of the World War II glider. Both museums will include a discounted fee.
- We will drive past the former “Ford Club House”, where Ford executives would dine and relax when the Iron Mountain Ford Plant was in production. The property is now privately owned.
- The next stop will be at a spot overlooking the former Iron Mountain Plant. Guy Forstrum will point out what some of the existing buildings were used for when Ford was operating. The plant closed in 1951.
- Lunch will be on your own.

Dinner: at member Al Egelseer’s lovely place on the Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes. **This is a registered and fee event.** Guy Forstrum will display his collection of Ford Motor Company artifacts. Pontoon boat rides will be available for touring the lake. Friday is fish fry night in Wisconsin, so our main entrée will be deep fried walleye pike and baked cod. If you are not a fish fan, there will be a chicken and wild rice casserole, coleslaw and potato salad.

You can find more information about today’s travel:

Iron Mountain: **<http://www.ironmountain.org/>**

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Lodging requirements:

Sunday night Sept 7 – Tuesday night Sept 9 – Marquette

Wednesday night Sept 10 – Houghton

Thursday night Sept 11 – Friday night Sept 12 – Iron Mountain

You are responsible for you own lodging arrangements. Note, in the Monday narrative, the motel specials available to tour participants while in Marquette.