



Emmet County News Release

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Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony July 30 for New Camp Petosega Loop

Emmet County officials will welcome the long-awaited opening of a new campsite section at Camp Petosega with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, July 30, at 10 a.m.

The new campground loop relocated and improved site numbers 48-63 following extensive work over the past year. In addition to the 16 campsites, Loop E features another playground area and new service building with bathrooms and showers. The previous locations of the sites have been converted into a nature area that can be used by groups and day-use park visitors for picnics, walks, relaxing in a hammock, and a variety of other nature-based activities.

Emmet County officials worked with several local businesses to help pull the new loop together, despite having to organize amid the COVID-19 pandemic and closures. North 45 Architecture, Team Elmers, and a variety of other local companies brought the expansion to fruition and juggled between pandemic restrictions, a busy tourist season, as well as the difficult landscape of Camp Petosega to build sites that accommodate a larger variety of campers.

The completed project included adding electrical and water access, leveling sites, adding gravel, and building longer camping pads so campers can set up wherever best suits their needs when they arrive. The new landscaping, along with spacing between the other relocated sites, helps build privacy in to each site, allowing campers to be more secluded than in the previous campsite locations.

The 1.5-million-dollar project at Emmet County's easternmost park was funded by TransCanada in order to move all campsites away from its underground infrastructure. Camp Petosega continues to be a destination for campers to enjoy the northern Michigan summer and for local residents to spend the day at the beach along Pickerel Lake. For more information about Camp Petosega, call (231) 347-6536 or go to camppetosega.org.

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