



History Runs Deep in Northern Michigan

For generations, the tip of Michigan's lower peninsula has drawn people to the area for its abundance of lakes, rivers, forests, wildlife, and beauty. Camp Pet-O-Se-Ga's history is intertwined with the land.

In 1934, Jim Templin first constructed a rustic camp on 300 wooded acres along Pickerel Lake. Established as a boys camp, hundreds of young men built physical strength, courage, and character while being instructed in a variety of activities at this northern Michigan location including archery, riflery, camping, and aviation.

A second chapter of Camp Petosega's history unfolded when Templin sold the property in the early 1950s to Leonard Baruch and Bertrand Sandweiss who had been working together at a children's summer camp, Camp Farband, near Chelsea, Michigan.

The two had worked so well together, they decided to open their own camp for kids in Northern Michigan. Real estate agent Herman Kays contacted the men and informed them about Camp Petosega, which upon visiting, they described as a hidden "Shangri-La."

The purchase was finalized in 1955 and renovations began, including installation of restroom facilities in the cabins, new bedding and much more.

The first summer season began in 1956. Camp-

ing programs included horseback riding, riflery, archery, arts and crafts, baseball, football and numerous sports. "No camper could ever forget going to Mackinac Island via our cabin cruiser directly from the Camp Petosega waterfront," Baruch noted in a written history in 2010. In the Spring of 1978, a fire erupted and destroyed several buildings. After surveying the damage and estimating the time it would take to reconstruct and prepare for the 1978 camp season, Baruch decided that it was time to sell the camp, especially since Sandweiss had died several years earlier.

A third chapter of the camp's history began in 1978 when Charles and Cheryl Kreeger purchased the camp. Soon thereafter, they began constructing campsites and including amenities that allowed guests to use the property as a family campground.

In 1992, Emmet County purchased the property. Continued improvements have made it one of the most popular campgrounds in the state, and it serves as a year-round recreation area. Berry Creek (formerly Cedar Creek) is a lifsource for abundant wildlife and outdoor activity, while original cabins and rec hall maintain the feeling of authenticity.

In July 2020, a new campground loop was added which included another modern bathhouse and playground area.

BEDOSAGAY TO PET-O-SE-GA

Bedosagay (Pet-O-Se-Ga), named in honor of the rising sun, was born to the Odawa tribe in 1787. Today, Bedosagay's name is kept alive throughout the region as "Petoskey" and "Petosega."

Michigan Memories Are Made Here!

Camp Pet-O-Se-Ga is located in beautiful Emmet County. The nearby towns of Alanson, Petoskey, Indian River, Harbor Springs, and Mackinaw City offer everyday conveniences and family-friendly day trip activities. Situated along Pickerel Lake, Camp Pet-O-Se-Ga provides a perfect stop on an Inland Waterway tour.



CAMP PET-O-SE-GA
11000 Camp Petosega Road
Alanson, Michigan 49706

MILES TO GO BEFORE YOU'RE HERE . . .

Indian River	8	Grand Rapids	200
Petoskey	14	Lansing	210
Mackinaw City	32	Detroit	260
Sault Ste. Marie	88	Chicago	370
Traverse City	80	Indianapolis	460
Alpena	85	Cincinnati	500
Marquette	200	St. Louis	640

Go online to reserve a campsite, cabin, the rec hall, or pavilion:

CampPetosega.org

Call 231-347-6536 with questions or email to camppetosega@emmetcounty.org

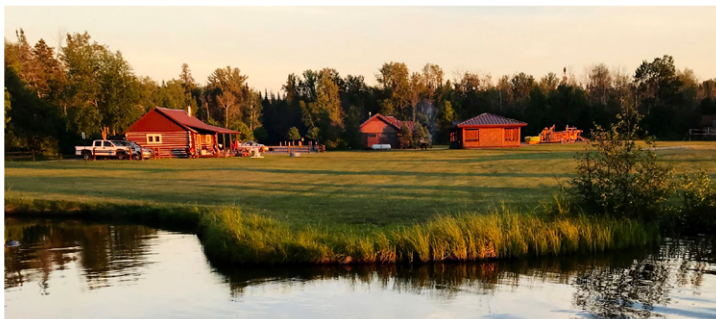
Camp Pet-O-Se-Ga is a public recreational property owned by Emmet County and operated year-round by its Parks and Recreation Department

CAMP PET-O-SE-GA

Enjoy Family Fun along Northern Michigan's Pickerel Lake



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camppetosega.org



NOTE: all campsite and cabin rentals require a two-night minimum stay and have a 14-night maximum. All reservations and deposits are subject to cancellation policy. Please see our website for more information.

CAMP PET-O-SE-GA FEATURES

- 85 campsites with electric and water (10 universally-accessible)
- 5 pull-through RV sites with water and sewer hookup
- 4 rustic sites (no electric or water)
- Modern restrooms and showers
- 7 cabin rentals (5 cabins available year-round)
- Rec Hall and open-air pavilion rental available for your event
- Wooded trails for hiking and snowshoeing
- Groomed trails for cross-country skiing
- Swimming beach and fishing on Pickerel Lake
- Nearby boat launch, canoe/kayak launch on Pickerel Lake
- Outdoor games field and three playground areas
- Basketball and volleyball courts

