

Huron-Manistee National Forests
Huron Shores Ranger Station
Special Use Authorizations for Annual Recreation Events

The Michigan Audubon Society and Camp Nissokone have made application to host annual recreation events on Forest Service lands. The Forest proposes to issue separate special use permits to each of these applicants for a five year term (2009 - 2013).

The Michigan Audubon Society will conduct seven (7); one (1) hour bus tours on National Forest System lands into the Pine River Kirtland's Warbler Management Area and the Clarks Marsh and Tuttle Marsh Areas. The 2009 tours will be conducted May 15-17. The event is advertised as the Tawas Point Birding Festival and may attract up to 1500 participants to the community. The bus tours will be limited to 40 people and Forest Service staff will be conducting the tours that occur within the Kirtland's Warbler habitat areas. The participants will be guided along the edge of Kirtland's Warbler habitat to perhaps hear or see a Kirtland's Warbler and will visit a Cowbird trap location. Other tours will take participants to the Clarks Marsh and Tuttle Marsh Areas.

The YMCA Summer Camp for boys and girls is located along F-41 near Oscoda, MI and has used the Huron National Forest for a variety of "out-of-camp" activities such as hiking, canoeing, bicycling and camping. This year's activities are four separate Au Sable River canoe trips from the Five Channels Dam area to Lake Huron. Overnight camping will involve one-night stays at designated campsites on Cooke and Foote Ponds, Monday and Tuesday nights. Participants per trip include a maximum of 16 campers and 4 staff with no more than 10 persons per campsite at overnight campouts. Camping is restricted to designated campsites that are part of the Au Sable River Primitive Camping system. Campsite reservations must be made through the National Recreation Reservation System for these overnight stays.

The events are scheduled each year for the same locations with similar event dates.

If you have any comments or additional information regarding these roads please contact Sandy Sokolak, at the Huron Shores Ranger Station, 5761 North Skeel Avenue, Oscoda, Michigan 48750, (989) 739-0728.