



Green Mountain/Finger Lakes National Forests
Rainbow Family National Gathering
Information Update
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Over 700 Rainbow Family members are currently encamped at campsites on Forest Road 10 near Mount Tabor. Gathering participants are estimated by counting cars and the approximate number of people that can travel in that particular kind of car, SUV, or bus.

Local communities and businesses are seeing an increased presence of Rainbow Family members.

By June 22, 2016, a total of 16 warning notices and 8 violation notices were issued for traffic and drug related offences. 13 other incidents received law enforcement response.

Large deliveries of pre-ordered food are being made to supply the kitchens at the gathering site.

GMNF resource specialists are routinely monitoring resource impacts concerning sensitive plant, wildlife, and heritage areas.

Traffic is congested, parking is limited, and visibility is reduced due to dusty roads. Caution signs are being placed today informing people of the traffic challenges along FR 10.



at Rainbow Family gathering. Below: One of 13 Rainbow buses encamped at the gathering.



Quick Facts

- The Rainbow Family of Living Light is a large group of people...
Following the holiday, attendance rapidly declines and Rainbow Family members start rehabilitation.
Such a large group of people typically display a wide range of needs and behaviors that can stress the services and resources of a small, rural community.
For more information on the Green Mountain NF website at http://www.fs.usda.gov/gmfl