

## The Ottawa Visitor Center

The Ottawa Visitor Center is located on the corner of US 2 and Hwy 45 in Watersmeet, Michigan, and serves as the gateway to the Forest.

The Ottawa Visitor Center has been open to the public since May 1971. The mission of the Center is to foster understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of the natural, cultural, recreational, and wilderness resources of the Ottawa National Forest.



Through interpretive programs and displays, our goal is to help build public understanding and appreciation of our natural resources that leads to safe, wise and caring use of the Forest.

Services offered at the Visitor Center include:

- Fully accessible facilities
- Forest Service information and Permits
- Visitor information
- Interpretive programs
- Nature films
- Interpretive sales items
- Interpretive hiking trail

## Ottawa Interpretive Association

The Ottawa Interpretive Association (OIA) is a non-profit corporation founded in 1993 for the purpose of enhancing the educational and interpretive efforts of the Ottawa National Forest. All net profits generated from the OIA interpretive sales, contributions and membership fees are used to fund educational, interpretive and cultural projects on the Ottawa National Forest.

The goal is to instill in the public a sense of pride and stewardship toward our public lands, and to foster understanding and appreciation of all natural, cultural and recreational resources of the Ottawa National Forest.



### Hours of Operation

#### **June - September**

Daily, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### **October - May**

Monday--Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Access

Entrance to the Visitor Center is on US Hwy. 2, East of Hwy. 45

### **For more information Contact:**

Ottawa Visitor Center  
Watersmeet, Michigan  
906/358-4724

Or

Supervisor's Office  
Ironwood, Michigan  
906/932-1330



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All Programs are Free of Charge and begin at 7:00 p.m. CST

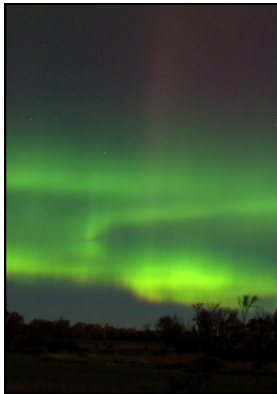
### May 30 — Anatomy of a Timber Sale

7:00 p.m.  
Charlotte Bofinger, Ottawa National Forest Contracting Officer, provides an introduction to understanding the multiple phases of a timber sale.



### June 6 — Lights in the Sky, 7:00 p.m.

Ottawa Recreation Technician Josh Lopac gives an intro to viewing the Northern Lights. Learn what causes this amazing display of lights and when to view them.



### June 13 — Entomology and Forest Insects, 7:00 p.m.

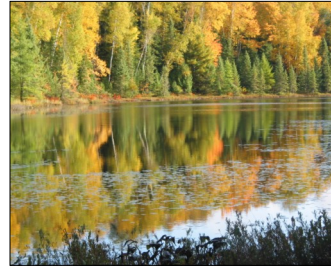
Christopher Hohnholt from MTU joins us to discuss taxonomy, feeding guilds, and forest pests. He'll also discuss invasive



species and management strategies. Stick around after the program as we collect (and release) insects.

### June 20 — Maple vs. Spruce

7:00 p.m.  
Long-time contributor Dr. Lee Frelich joins us once again to discuss the temperate-boreal forest transition in the western Great Lakes Region. Learn about our changing forest landscape.



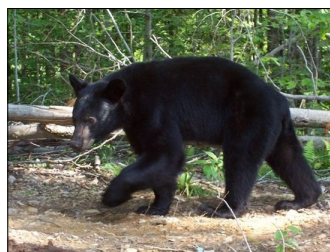
### June 27 — Fire on the Landscape! 7:00 p.m.

Scott Pearson, Ottawa Biologist, offers a presentation on fire ecology and how it benefits ecosystems adapted to fire. Fire causes, use, adaptation, ecosystem health, and wildland fire suppression will be discussed.



### July 4 — Ottawa Bears, 7:00 p.m.

Test your knowledge of black bears by playing the "Big Black Bear Game," where you can win prizes by correctly answering questions about an animal that is most associated with the Ottawa.



### July 11 — Bats in the U.P.

7:00 p.m.  
MDNR Biologist Bill Scullon joins us to discuss bat species in the U.P. Learn about their habitat, conservation, and the challenges they face, including White-Nose Syndrome (WNS).

### July 18 — Bioindicators of Stream Health, 7:00 p.m.

Ottawa Fish Biologist Holly Jennings shares information about aquatic insects and other macroinvertebrates that live in streams and lakes and how and why they are collected. See and handle specimens that have been collected from local areas.

### July 25 — Green Fire

7:00 p.m.  
The first full-length documentary film ever made about legendary environmentalist Aldo Leopold, *Green Fire* highlights Leopold's extraordinary career, tracing how he shaped and influenced the modern environmental movement.



### August 1 — Loons,

7:00 p.m.  
Jim Caron, Biologist, did his master's thesis on loons in the Sylvania area. Join us in celebrating one of the most visible species on many Ottawa Lakes.



### August 8 — The Cutover, 7:00 p.m.

Meet a 19th century lumber jack, the wife of a farmer and a Forest Ranger who provide a glimpse into lives of people who changed the face of the northwoods. The Cutover is a short play written by local area historians exploring our history.

### August 15— Maple Syrup: An Ottawa Product, 7:00 p.m.



Retired Forester, Roger Bofinger shares information on tapping trees and producing maple syrup.

### August 22— Trees for Tomorrow, 7:00 p.m.

Maggie Bishop, Executive Director, joins us. Learn about the history of this local, accredited natural resources specialty school and the outlook for its future. Experience natural resources education thru hands-on investigation.

### August 29 — Weird Things we see in the Woods, 7:00 p.m.

Ottawa employees log many hours in the field managing natural resources. Join Forest Botanist Sue Trull for a look at some of the weird and wonderful sights.