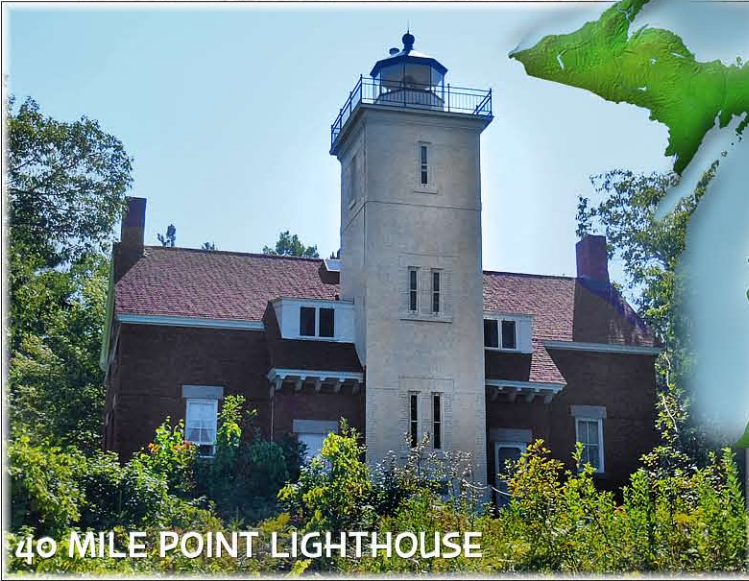


# ROGERS CITY IN REVIEW

## STATE PARK, CONSERVATION AREA, LIGHTHOUSE

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40 MILE POINT LIGHTHOUSE



Rogers City is a great place to take a weekend trip. There are many different places to go hiking and many interesting places to visit and explore.

Camping is available at Hoefft State Park. The park is located about 5 miles from Rogers City and is located along the Lake Huron shoreline. According to the website for this state park, it is one of the first 14 Michigan State Parks. The property was originally donated by Paul H. Hoefft, a lumber baron.

The campground has 143 campsites. The campground is fairly hilly and has a variety of trees throughout. Even tho the campground is located along the shoreline of Lake Huron, it is not possible to see the Lake from the campground. If you get up before sunrise, it is possible to get a picture of the sun coming up over the water. Great star glazing opportunities are available on clear nights as well.

One of the areas for hiking is the Herman Vogler Conservation Area. It is located on the north end of town. The Conservation Area consists of many different habitats. The habitats include hardwood highlands, cedar thickets, marshes and swamps, and the Trout River Flooding area. The trails throughout this area are over 7 miles long.

Another great area for hiking is Thompsons Harbor State Park. It is located about 15 miles east of Rogers City. It is an undeveloped park along Lake Huron with 2 rustic cabins and 6 miles of trails. One of the main features of the park is the coastal fen. It is a very unique area with fragile ecosystem. You can see plants at can only grow in this type of ecosystem. Some of the plants include Bladderwort, Dwarf Lake Iris, Indian Paintbrush, Pitcher Plant, and Thread-leaved Sundew.



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THOMPSON HARBOR FEN Area



THOMPSON HARBOR



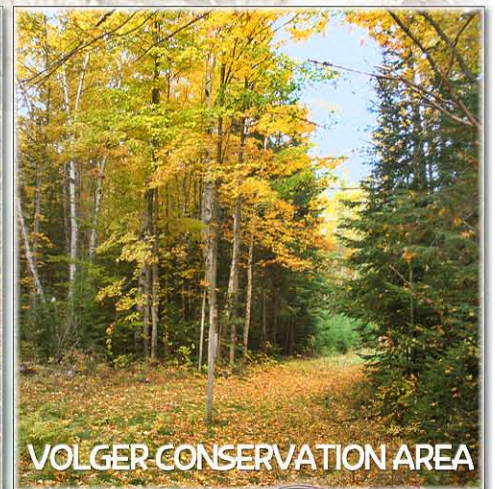
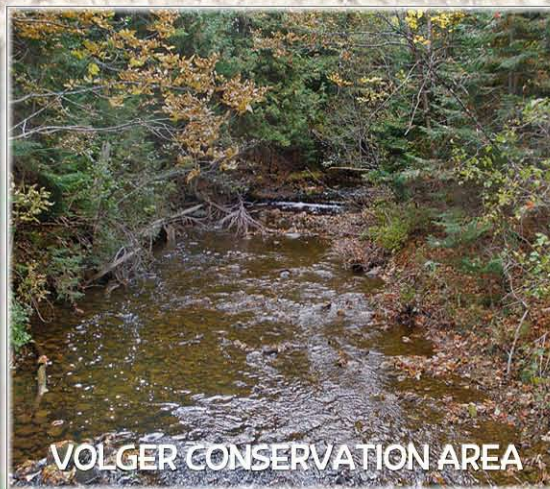
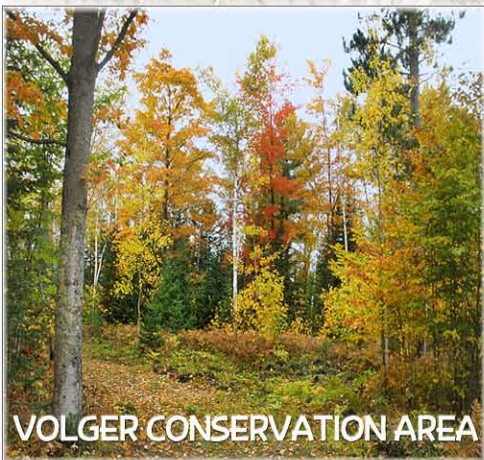
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One of the places to visit and explore is the 40 Mile Point Lighthouse. It is located about 7 miles north of Rogers City. While there, you can take a tour of the lighthouse including climbing the tower. On the beach by the lighthouse you can see the remains of the "Joseph S. Fay" shipwreck. You can also take a tour of the restored pilot house from the steamer "Calcite". For more information on the lighthouse, you can visit their website at [www.40milepointlighthouse.org](http://www.40milepointlighthouse.org).

Another place to visit is the limestone quarry. It is located on east end of Rogers City. It is the largest limestone quarry in the world. It has been in continuous operation since 1908 and it is estimated there is enough resources remaining to last another 50 years. There is two overlooks for the quarry. The Quarry View overlook is located off of US-23 south of Rogers City. At the Quarry View overlook, you have a good view from the middle of the quarry. The Harbor View overlook entrance is located on Calcite Road on the east end of Rogers City. At this overlook, you can see the freighters being loaded and a display of all the different products sold from the quarry.

If you are in Rogers City and you are looking for a place to eat, I recommend Scill's Grill. They are located in downtown Rogers City on East Erie Street. One of the owners is a graduate of Schoolcraft College of Culinary Arts. Everything they make is homemade from local products whenever possible. When I was there, they were quite busy and it took some time to get my food but it was definitely worth the wait.



### EDITORS NOTE:

Michael Boensch is an avid Geocacher and Explorer. He also works closely with the Boy Scouts, doing Geocaching programs and gatherings. Michael is in the middle of developing a Geocaching web site called.....GEOCACHING CAFE. it will be a place to find "How-Tos" on Geocaching, and many Geocaching software items. Also look for Tips and Tricks to help make your Geocaching experience an even better one. The site will be online very soon. [WWW.GEOCACHINGCAFE.COM](http://WWW.GEOCACHINGCAFE.COM)

