



Welcome home!

We are so glad you decided to join our lake community. Barlow Lake is our turquoise green gem and lake living offers us so many fun activities and experiences with nature—skiing on the ski course, paddle boarding, boating and fishing. And you'll soon be catching a sight of the soaring eagles, blue heron's, visiting beavers, a group of swimming deer and possibly a loon or two.

You'll learn so much about Barlow Lake from your new friends and neighbors as well as exploring on your own, as they are endless!

While large cities are within your reach, (under 40 minutes to Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo) our "back yards" are full of opportunity. We are surrounded by many small town downtowns to explore, each with their own style and flare!

Hastings
Middleville
Caledonia
Wayland
Byron Center
Dorr

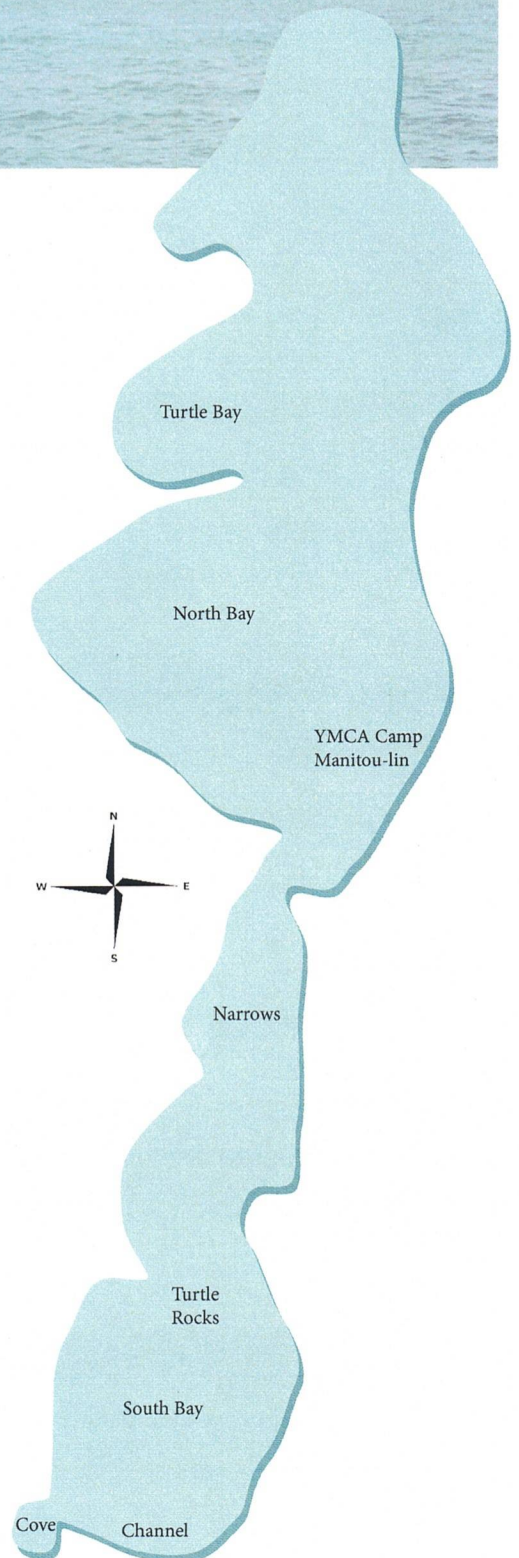
There are also many organized activities our lake offers such as:

4th of July Celebration activities - Boat parade and fireworks
Annual Association Meetings
Barlow Lake Annual Picnic
Facebook - social media, group activities, garage sales
Tri Del Sol - Triathlon and Dualthon
The Dirty Mitten Gravel Triathlon

We hope you'll enjoy discovering and learning about our lake from the materials and gifts we've included. On the back of this letter are some wonderful five star suggestions from our welcome committee members.

Remember....

You've got friends in Barlow places!





Five Star ratings! From our Welcome Committee members



Wendy Loveless recommends

"I recommend ordering the Olive Burger at the Sand Bar and the donuts at Sam's Gourmet are amazing. Also, Gabby's for unique gifts and decor!" - Wendy



Kim Horgan recommends

"I recommend Yankee Bills for Wood Fired Pizza and live music! Their menu is filled with special recipe items that is continuously updated offering a large assortment of choices!" - Kim



Marsha Kuipers recommends

"I would recommend Otto's Chicken in middleville, once you have their chicken you won't want any other!" - Marsha



Lori Ritter recommends

"Todd and I love to frequent the Glass Creek Winery in the fall and winter months to support local and enjoy great wines and beers, they also have frozen wines, ciders and seltzers all made by them. Bring in your own appetizers and get to know some locals." - Lori



Berit Ignaczak recommends

"I recommend the Terrace Grill at Bay Pointe Inn on Gun Lake, this is doing great live music concerts in the summer time! And they are doing live music during wintertime. The restaurant has a nice view of gun lake and the cocktails are amazing." - Berit



Robin Packer recommends

"I recommend Hall Lake walking trail that takes you along the lake and up to the Devil's soup bowl and Graves Hill, there are so many wonderful trails in the Yankee Spring Recreation area. Also, the Buffalo Chicken Wrap at the Curly Cone is delightful!" - Robin



Marilyn Wagner recommends

"The Yankee Springs Township Hall has a wonderful recycling program for plastic, cardboard, newspaper and metal. Very convenient!" - Marilyn