

## **Michigan Fabulous Forests Facts**

- Of Michigan's 36 million acre land base, 19.3 million acres are forested.
- Michigan forests are an important economic resource, providing wildlife habitat, Watershed protection, recreation opportunities and wood products.
- Michigan has 3.8 millions acre state forest system, the largest in the United States.
- Michigan's timber products economy provides approximately 150,000 jobs statewide.
- Michigan plants over 30 million tree seedlings each year.
- Michigan has increased property values and reduced energy costs through numerous community and city tree plantings.
- Michigan's jack pine barrens are the only place in the US that the endangered Kirtland's warbler nests.
- Michigan's protection and management of the native gray wolf and its habitat has had encouraging results since 1991, with successful reproduction and pack formation in the Upper Peninsula.
- Michigan has 86 individual National Champion Big Trees, including a Northern Catalpa (Catalpa speciosa), that is 242-inches in girth, stands 107 feet high, and grows on the State Capitol grounds.
- Michigan's forests support 150,000 jobs and add \$9 billion to Michigan's economy.
- Continuous monitoring shows that Michigan's forests are very vigorous and healthy.
- An acre of trees can remove about 13 tons of harmful gases from the atmosphere every year, producing oxygen.
- Most of America's timberland lies east of the Mississippi River.
- Michigan has 11.5 billion trees.
- Michigan's timberland is the fifth largest in the United States-exceeded only by Georgia, Oregon, Alabama, and North Carolina.
- The United States still has %70 of the forest land that was here in 1600.
- Escanaba processed 100,000 square feet of bird's eye maple for use in the English luxury liner Queen Mary.

**-A replica of the 1893 World's Fair "load of logs" is displayed in Ewen (Ontonagon County)**

**-During the lumbering peak in 1882 over 1 billion board feet were processed in Saginaw.**

**-Approximately 65 species of trees grow in Michigan's 19.3 million acres of forest.**