

WEST BRANCH – OGEMAW COUNTY **TOP ATTRACTIONS & THINGS TO KNOW**

TOP TEN ATTRACTIONS:

1. TANGER OUTLET MALL – Shop the 30 plus, manufacturer, factory outlets.
2. DOWNTOWN WEST BRANCH – Visit historical Victorian Downtown West Branch with ample shopping and dining.
3. GOLF – The Dream, The Nightmare, Green Briar, Apple Valley and the West Branch Country Club (public welcomed) are 18-hole golf courses just minutes from your hotel room.
4. RIFLE RIVER RECREATION AREA – Enjoy the great outdoors in this super state park facility. Camping, hiking and fishing make this a great place to spend a day, weekend more. Just east of Rose City, on Rose City road in Lupton.
5. FISHING – Enjoy over 100 fishing lakes.
6. OGEMAW HILLS SNOWMOBILE TRAILS – Cool off on the 95 miles of groomed snowmobile trails located throughout Ogemaw County, with connections to neighboring counties.
7. FRANK ALLEY MEMORIAL PARK – This park serves as the trails head for many of Ogemaw County's snowmobile trails. Enjoy the warming house in the winter or just spend some time enjoying nature.
8. OGEMAW HILLS PATHWAYS – 6 miles north of West Branch on Fairview Road. Take a run on the 15 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails throughout the winter, or take a hike or mountain bike ride on the beautiful wooded pathways in the off-season.
9. ORV TRAILS – these trails provide the ORV enthusiast with many hours of fun and exciting challenges.
10. IRONS PARK-This park is for both children and adult. The West Branch of the Rifle River runs through the park. There are tennis courts and basketball courts. You can have a picnic and watch your children play in Fort Austin.

TOP 30 THINGS TO KNOW:

1. OGEMAW COUNTY – a place where the view is breathtaking but the pace is not.
2. THE BIG FLOW – the largest flowing well in the area
3. PIONEER POWER CLUB ANTIQUE TRACTOR AND SWAP MEET – April and July.
4. CITY WIDE YARD SALES – This event offers lots of family entertainment.
5. HERITAGE DAYS - Centered on Independence Day, this event offers fun for the whole family. The heritage art show and the fireworks celebration are two of many special features.

6. VICTORIAN ART FAIR – Located in picturesque Iron’s Park, this show has nearly 300 artisans and crafters. It is a must see for August.
7. FARMERS’ MARKET – Open Saturdays, from August to September, the market is located downtown West Branch.
8. OGEMAW HILLS BIKE WEEK – Held at the Ogemaw County fairgrounds in July.
9. PIONEER POWER CLUB ANTIQUE TRACTOR SHOW & FLEA MARKET – held on M-55 east of m-33. It is a big July event!
10. OGEMAW COUNTY FAIR AND ANTIQUE VILLAGE – This is a county fair the way they use to be.
11. CHRISTMAS PARADE– Downtown West Branch merchants host bargains and an evening parade with parade marshal Santa Claus.
12. MUSIC BOOSTERS ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW – Held at Ogemaw Heights High School.
13. OGEMAW COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY – The museum is open from May to September.
14. OGEMAW NATURE CENTER – Located on Rose City Road, is a nice place to picnic and feed the deer.
15. AUSABLE STATE FOREST – 80,000 acres of it are located in Ogemaw County.
16. HURON NATIONAL FOREST – 18,000 acres of it are located in Ogemaw County.
17. RIFLE RIVER – This waterway offers miles of canoeing and fishing.
18. OGEMAW COUNTY FISHING – One of the top major trout fishing area in the state.
19. SPORTSMAN’S PARADISE – Ogemaw County is in the heart of Northern Michigan, and home to deer, rabbits, elk, squirrel and turkey.
20. OGEMAW HILLS STAR GAZING – Smog will not hinder your view and the galaxies seem close enough to touch.
21. WEST BRANCH REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER – This facility is state of the art.
22. OGEMAW HILLS FALL COLOR – The beauty begins in Ogemaw County.
23. OGEMAW COUNTY HISTORY – The area is rich with logging and early farming history.
24. OGEMAW COUNTRY LIVING – The County is a great place to spend any time in your life.
25. OGEMAW COUNTY FAMILY LIFE – Great schools and family oriented events make this a great place to raise children.
26. OGEMAW COUNTY IS CENTERALLY LOCATED – Situated on I-75, Ogemaw County is just a short distance away from major state attractions – 2 ½ hours from Detroit going south and 2 ½ hours from the mackinaw bridge going north. It’s convenient.

27. THE WEST BRANCH AREA – Is located in the Northeast Central Portion of the Lower Peninsula.
28. WEST BRANCH SUMMER MUSIC SERIES – Music in the park during the summer months.
29. THE MOST MISPRONOUNCED WORD IS **OGEMAW**. - -The “G” is hard, as in gear or gate.
30. FABULOUS FRIDAYS – Every Friday from the Middle of June to the first weekend in September there is something going on in Downtown West Branch.

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