

THURSTON PARK FOR EVERYONE



**VILLAGE OF
CENTRAL LAKE**



A Better Thurston Park Starts With You

Paddle Antrim, the Village of Central Lake, and Central Lake Lions are working together to enhance Thurston Park, a centerpiece of the community. Together, we will transform Thurston Park into a welcoming space for everyone.

The Difference We Will Make Together

Join us in reimagining Thurston Park. As the heart and gathering place of Central Lake, Thurston Park invites the community to swim, fish, paddle, play and connect. The park also serves as a vital access point on the 100-mile Chain of Lakes Water Trail, the only Pure Michigan Water Trail in Northern Michigan. Today, however, it is not fully accessible to all.

We are committed to transforming the park. Improvements underway include:

- A universally accessible canoe/kayak launch
- A boat washing station to help protect our lakes from invasive species
- A kayak/canoe/SUP rack
- Updated parking with ADA spaces and a loading and unloading zone near the canoe/kayak launch

Your donation will help us do more, including:

- Safe, accessible sidewalks through the park, connecting downtown, the kayak launch, nearby courtesy docks, pavilion and restrooms
- Universally accessible picnic tables, benches and drinking fountain
- Universally accessible restrooms, including an adult changing station
- Accessible parking spaces near the pavilion

Help us reimagine a Thurston Park that can be enjoyed by everyone.

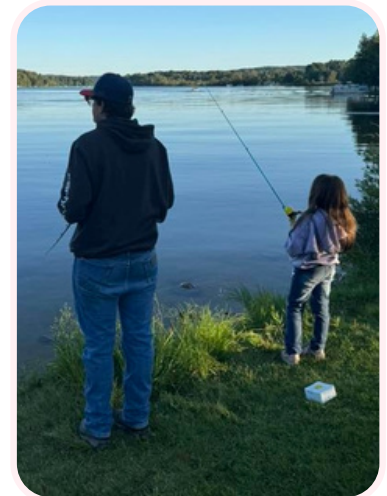
Give the gift of connection and joy today

This is more than an infrastructure project. Thurston Park is a place for meaningful moments - birthday parties with everyone included. Fishing shared between generations. Families walking together safely to the water.

Enhancing water trail access will strengthen the community's economic vitality, drawing visitors who support the small businesses that make up Central Lake's vibrant downtown.

Protecting our waters from invasive species by installing a boat washing station ensures that, as visitors enjoy the water, they are also safeguarding it for the present and future generations. Clean, healthy lakes are a lasting legacy.

Your investment will foster accessibility, build community, inspire pride and secure a future resource for everyone. Please join us.



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

We are close to reaching our fundraising goal of over \$400,000 so we can complete the vital improvements at Thurston Park, and we need your help to reach the finish line. We're working to raise \$45,000 between June 8 and August 6. If we meet our goal, MEDC will match those funds 1:1 —doubling your impact (up to \$10,000 per donor) thanks to their Public Spaces Community Places program.

All donations will directly support Central Lake enhancements. Any funds raised beyond what's needed will support additional improvements at Thurston Park and advance Paddle Antrim's mission.

Every gift matters, and major contributions are eligible for special recognition. We invite individuals, foundations, and businesses to join us in making this community investment a reality.

MISSION

Founded in 2014, Paddle Antrim is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization working to protect our water resources by using paddle sports to connect people to our waterways. We are dedicated to protecting Northern Michigan's Chain of Lakes. Through stewardship, education, improved access, and waterway promotion, we enhance environmental protection and regional economic vitality.

We believe that when people engage with the water, they develop a deep commitment to its care—working to protect water quality and address challenges like erosion, sedimentation, and invasive species.

The Chain of Lakes Water Trail spans over 100 miles and is the only Pure Michigan™ Water Trail in Northern Michigan. Completed in 2021, the trail has benefited from over \$1.3 million in improvements, coordinated with 20 different site owners.

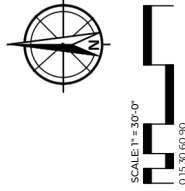
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Learn more, meet face-to-face, share your advice, ideas or experiences along the waterway or to discuss giving opportunities.

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