



2021 MARC MEMBERSHIP MEET PLACES OF INTEREST



USS Edson - <https://www.ussedson.org/edson-history/>

Edson was launched on 4 January 1958. For the next two decades, EDSON served as a valuable member of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, earning a reputation as a Top Gun ship and the nickname, “The Destroyer.” Her ship’s crest included a skull copied from the shoulder patch worn by the then Colonel Edson’s First Marine Raider Battalion.

Dow Gardens - Dow Gardens has two main botanical attractions, the Gardens and the Whiting Forest. In addition to the visitor center and gift shop, the Gardens feature flora and fauna, the boulder pass and waterfall, the stream walk, the estate garden, the color garden, pineside, the exploration garden, and the Dows' Pines residence. During the spring/summer months the Garden is home to over 35,000 annuals.

Whiting Forest - Whiting Forest of Dow Gardens features 54 acres of woodlands, ponds, apple orchard, meadows, and stream. Guests of all ages and abilities are immersed in the forest on the nation's longest canopy walk, 1,400 feet long, soaring up to 40 feet above the ground.

Delta Planetarium - In 1993, Delta College secured a NASA grant totaling \$8.75 million to fund the design and construction of a facility that would provide a learning environment to foster an appreciation of the significance, relevance, and application of the sciences.

Bay City Antique Row – Offering three floors of quality antiques and collectibles in an historic former hotel built in the 1860s. Specializes in European imports, primitives and architectural salvage.

Bay County Historical Museum - The Bay County Historical Society is a non-profit organization that manages the Historical Museum of Bay County and cares for the Trombley Centre House located in Veterans Memorial Park.

Lake Huron Circle Tour - <http://greatlakescircuitour.org/tours/lhct.html>

The Lake Huron Circle Tour (LHCT) enters the state from Ontario at Port Huron, traverses around the entirety of Michigan’s Thumb, around Saginaw Bay, then up the state’s east coast to the tip of the Lower Peninsula. There, it crosses the Mackinac Bridge and continues through the eastern Upper Peninsula to Sault Ste. Marie where it crosses the International Bridge and continues back into Ontario. In Michigan, the 481-mile (775 km) route follows the mainline state trunkline highway running closest to Lake Huron.

Hell’s Half Mile Walking Tour - “I’m buying a ticket to hell!”

This was the cry of lumberjacks, timber fellers, and shanty boys as they came out of Michigan’s northern woods after a winter of bringing down the massive pines that sawmills turned into “white gold” for 19th Century lumber barons.