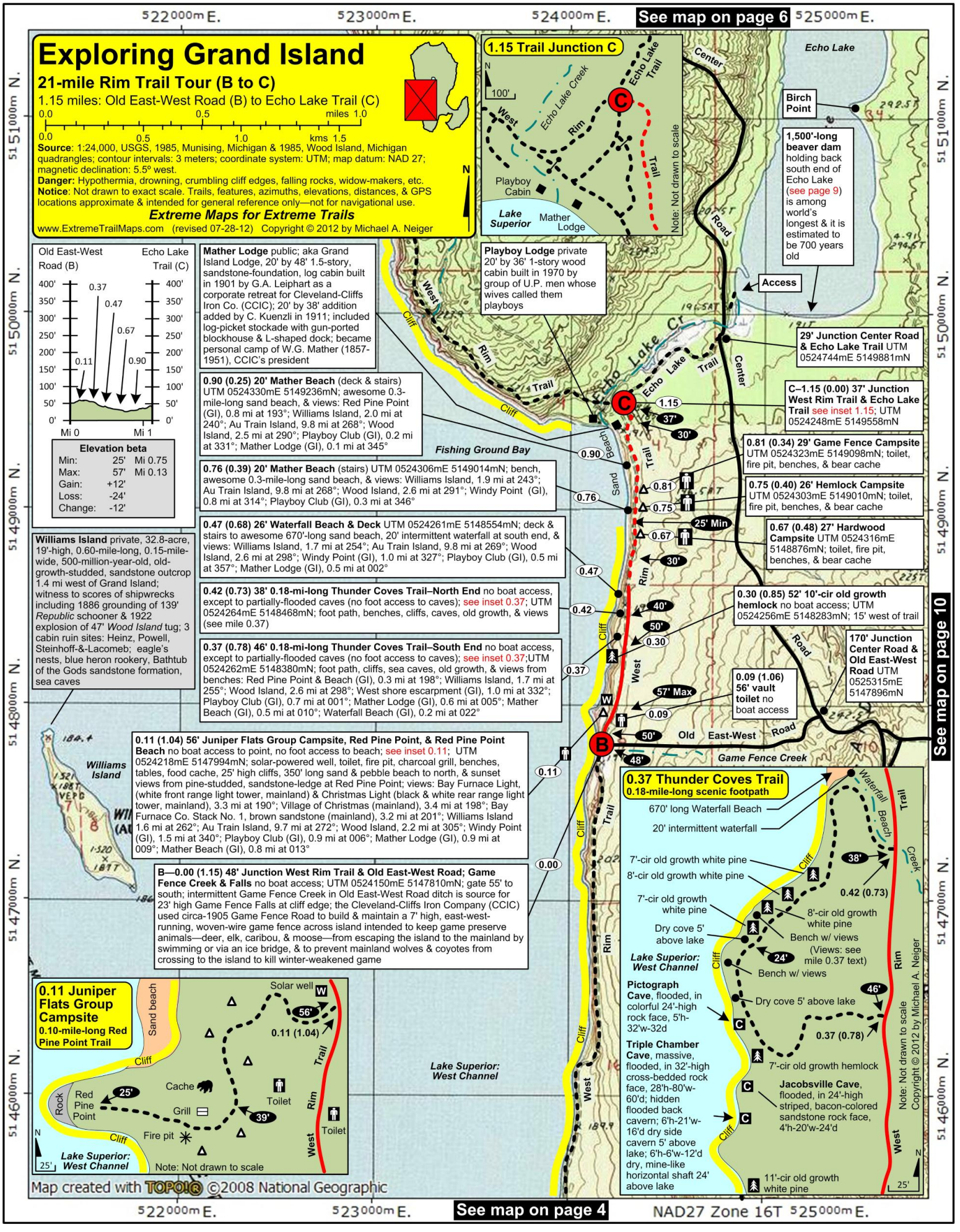
Exploring Grand Island
21-mile Rim Trail Tour (B to C)
1.15 miles: Old East-West Road (B) to Echo Lake Trail (C)
Source: 1:24,000, USGS, 1985, Munising, Michigan & 1985, Wood Island, Michigan quadrangles; contour intervals: 3 meters; coordinate system: UTM; map datum: NAD 27; magnetic declination: 5.5° west.
Danger: Hypothermia, drowning, crumbling cliff edges, falling rocks, widow-makers, etc.
Notice: Not drawn to exact scale. Trails, features, azimuths, elevations, distances, & GPS locations approximate & intended for general reference only—not for navigational use.
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See map on page 6
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1.15 Trail Junction C
Old East-West Road (B)
Echo Lake Trail (C)
Elevation beta
Min: 25' Mi 0.75
Max: 57' Mi 0.13
Gain: +12'
Loss: -24'
Change: -12'
Mather Lodge public; aka Grand Island Lodge, 20' by 48' 1.5-story, sandstone-foundation, log cabin built in 1901 by G.A. Leiphart as a corporate retreat for Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co. (CCIC); 20' by 38' addition added by C. Kuenzli in 1911; included log-picket stockade with gun-ported blockhouse & L-shaped dock; became personal camp of W.G. Mather (1857-1951), CCIC's president
Playboy Lodge private 20' by 36' 1-story wood cabin built in 1970 by group of U.P. men whose wives called them playboys
Birch Point
1,500'-long beaver dam holding back south end of Echo Lake (see page 9) is among world's longest & it is estimated to be 700 years old
Access
29' Junction Center Road & Echo Lake Trail UTM 0524744mE 5149881mN
C–1.15 (0.00) 37' Junction West Rim Trail & Echo Lake Trail see inset 1.15; UTM 0524248mE 5149558mN
0.90 (0.25) 20' Mather Beach (deck & stairs) UTM 0524330mE 5149236mN; awesome 0.3-mile-long sand beach, & views: Red Pine Point (GI), 0.8 mi at 193°; Williams Island, 2.0 mi at 240°; Au Train Island, 9.8 mi at 268°; Wood Island, 2.5 mi at 290°; Playboy Club (GI), 0.2 mi at 331°; Mather Lodge (GI), 0.1 mi at 345°
0.81 (0.34) 29' Game Fence Campsite UTM 0524323mE 5149098mN; toilet, fire pit, benches, & bear cache
0.76 (0.39) 20' Mather Beach (stairs) UTM 0524306mE 5149014mN; bench, awesome 0.3-mile-long sand beach, & views: Williams Island, 1.9 mi at 243°; Au Train Island, 9.8 mi at 268°; Wood Island, 2.6 mi at 291°; Windy Point (GI), 0.8 mi at 314°; Playboy Club (GI), 0.3 mi at 346°
0.75 (0.40) 26' Hemlock Campsite UTM 0524303mE 5149010mN; toilet, fire pit, benches, & bear cache
0.67 (0.48) 27' Hardwood Campsite UTM 0524316mE 5148876mN; toilet, fire pit, benches, & bear cache
Williams Island private, 32.8-acre, 19'-high, 0.60-mile-long, 0.15-mile-wide, 500-million-year-old, old-growth-studded, sandstone outcrop 1.4 mi west of Grand Island; witness to scores of shipwrecks including 1886 grounding of 139' Republic schooner & 1922 explosion of 47' Wood Island tug; 3 cabin ruin sites: Heinz, Powell, Steinhoff-&-Lacomeb; eagle's nests, blue heron rookery, Bathtub of the Gods sandstone formation, sea caves
0.47 (0.68) 26' Waterfall Beach & Deck UTM 0524261mE 5148554mN; deck & stairs to awesome 670'-long sand beach, 20' intermittent waterfall at south end, & views: Williams Island, 1.7 mi at 254°; Au Train Island, 9.8 mi at 269°; Wood Island, 2.6 mi at 298°; Windy Point (GI), 1.0 mi at 327°; Playboy Club (GI), 0.5 mi at 357°; Mather Lodge (GI), 0.5 mi at 002°
0.42 (0.73) 38' 0.18-mi-long Thunder Coves Trail–North End no boat access, except to partially-flooded caves (no foot access to caves); see inset 0.37; UTM 0524264mE 5148468mN; foot path, benches, cliffs, caves, old growth, & views (see mile 0.37)
0.30 (0.85) 52' 10'-cir old growth hemlock no boat access; UTM 0524256mE 5148283mN; 15' west of trail
170' Junction Center Road & Old East-West Road UTM 0525315mE 5147896mN
0.37 (0.78) 46' 0.18-mi-long Thunder Coves Trail–South End no boat access, except to partially-flooded caves (no foot access to caves); see inset 0.37;UTM 0524262mE 5148380mN; foot path, cliffs, sea caves, old growth, & views from benches: Red Pine Point & Beach (GI), 0.3 mi at 198°; Williams Island, 1.7 mi at 255°; Wood Island, 2.6 mi at 298°; West shore escarpment (GI), 1.0 mi at 332°; Playboy Club (GI), 0.7 mi at 001°; Mather Lodge (GI), 0.6 mi at 005°; Mather Beach (GI), 0.5 mi at 010°; Waterfall Beach (GI), 0.2 mi at 022°
0.09 (1.06) 56' vault toilet no boat access
0.11 (1.04) 56' Juniper Flats Group Campsite, Red Pine Point, & Red Pine Point Beach no boat access to point, no foot access to beach; see inset 0.11; UTM 0524218mE 5147994mN; solar-powered well, toilet, fire pit, charcoal grill, benches, tables, food cache, 25' high cliffs, 350' long sand & pebble beach to north, & sunset views from pine-studded, sandstone-ledge at Red Pine Point; views: Bay Furnace Light, (white front range light tower, mainland) & Christmas Light (black & white rear range light tower, mainland), 3.3 mi at 190°; Village of Christmas (mainland), 3.4 mi at 198°; Bay Furnace Co. Stack No. 1, brown sandstone (mainland), 3.2 mi at 201°; Williams Island 1.6 mi at 262°; Au Train Island, 9.7 mi at 272°; Wood Island, 2.2 mi at 305°; Windy Point (GI), 1.5 mi at 340°; Playboy Club (GI), 0.9 mi at 006°; Mather Lodge (GI), 0.9 mi at 009°; Mather Beach (GI), 0.8 mi at 013°
B—0.00 (1.15) 48' Junction West Rim Trail & Old East-West Road; Game Fence Creek & Falls no boat access; UTM 0524150mE 5147810mN; gate 55' to south; intermittent Game Fence Creek in Old East-West Road ditch is source for 23' high Game Fence Falls at cliff edge; the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company (CCIC) used circa-1905 Game Fence Road to build & maintain a 7' high, east-west-running, woven-wire game fence across island intended to keep game preserve animals—deer, elk, caribou, & moose—from escaping the island to the mainland by swimming or via an ice bridge, & to prevent mainland wolves & coyotes from crossing to the island to kill winter-weakened game
0.37 Thunder Coves Trail
0.18-mile-long scenic footpath
670' long Waterfall Beach
20' intermittent waterfall
Pictograph Cave, flooded, in colorful 24'-high rock face, 5'h-32'w-32d
Triple Chamber Cave, massive, flooded, in 32'-high cross-bedded rock face, 28'h-80'w-60'd; hidden flooded back cavern; 6'h-21'w-16'd dry side cavern 5' above lake; 6'h-6'w-12'd dry, mine-like horizontal shaft 24' above lake
Jacobsville Cave, flooded, in 24'-high striped, bacon-colored sandstone rock face, 4'h-20'w-24'd
0.11 Juniper Flats Group Campsite
0.10-mile-long Red Pine Point Trail
Solar well
Cache
Grill
Fire pit
Toilet
Red Pine Point
Rock
Sand beach
Lake Superior: West Channel
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