Black River Harbor Pavilion, Michigan  

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**Project Partner:** Ottawa National Forest

**History:**

Black River Harbor Pavilion was built between the 1930s-1940s by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The CCC was a New Deal public work relief program that operated from 1933 to 1942 in the United States for unemployed, unmarried men from relief families. Today, the pavilion is available for groups to rent for recreational use and located within the Black River Harbor Recreation Area in Michigan.

In 1924, Gogebic County began construction of the harbor park. It was later transferred to the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service. The park includes the Black River Harbor Pavilion, picnic area, playground, campground and a sandy beach.
Known for its spectacular waterfalls, idyllic beaches, scenic hiking trails and tranquil campground, the Black River Harbor Recreation Area is a popular destination throughout the year. Originating in Wisconsin, the Black River flows through forested areas of large pine, hemlock and hardwood trees. The River has a series of scenic waterfalls as it drops in elevation to meet Lake Superior. The Harbor offers one of the area’s few access points to Lake Superior, with boating being a major summertime activity.

Scope of Work:

HistoriCorps volunteers worked with field staff members to learn new skills and rehabilitate the Black River Harbor Park Pavilion. Work included:

- Window rehabilitation
- Shutter fabrication and installation
- Screen door replacement
- Siding and foundation repairs
- Mortar repairs to stonework

Project Location:

Black River Harbor is located in Gogebic County, Michigan, approximately 15 miles north of the city of Bessemer. Turn off of U.S. Highway 2 and travel north on County Road 513. The pavilion is located in the harbor day use picnic area.

GPS Info. (Latitude, Longitude):
46.67028, -90.04972
46°40'13"N, 90°2'59"W

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