




# Legs Inn a monument to nature

Legs Inn was voted The Best Family Restaurant and Top Ten Local Hot Spots in Michigan to Visit. The readers of "The Graphic" gave Legs Inn an unprecedented "sweep" in "The Best of Northwest" poll, voting it "The Best Family Restaurant", "The Best All-Around Menu", "The Best Atmosphere" with "The Best Local Band". "Travelocity.com" that boasts millions of users selected Legs Inn out of 40,000 (yes!) entries as "One of the Greatest Hidden Gems or Hot Spots in The State" and "One of the Top Local Secrets, Big Finds in Michigan".

Legs Inn is best known as a famous family dining destination offering an unmatched ambience and a unique menu. It is also a pub and gift shop. Guests can sit inside the cozy dining room by a large fireplace or in the lush flower gardens with a panoramic view of Lake Michigan, spectacular sunsets and view of four lighthouses. The kids don't need to be confined to the table but have fun at the arcade or in the vast garden area. The menu offerings are as unique as the décor with a focus on the authentic Polish Cuisine. The top choice, "Taste of Poland", offers a sampling of golabki (stuffed cabbage roll), pierogi (dumplings) and kielbasa with sauerkraut. Other choices include bigos (hunter's stew), stuffed pork tenderloin, goulash and vegetarian dishes. Traditional American dishes include tasty broiled whitefish, chicken variety and steak. Mouthwatering "Old Fashion Polish Dessert" is the favorite. Children have their own menu. The

extensive bar menu includes 100 beer varieties. The choices are numerous and will beckon you to return. During July and August enjoy live music on weekends.

Built in the 1920's by Polish immigrant Stanley Smolak, the Legs Inn is now one of the top destinations in Northern Michigan. Stanley wanted to capture a sense of history and an appreciation of nature in the elements of the building. He called it "a monument to nature". The facade made with local fieldstone is adorned with white stove legs on the roof, hence the famous name. Two sets of doors are made of huge, glued together, pine knots. Every turn reveals surprises and examples of Old World craftsmanship, including hand made furniture, wood carvings and driftwood sculptures, Stanley's nephew George and his wife Kathy with their sons Chris and Mark operate the beautifully restored Legs Inn, recognized as a Michigan Historical Site. Please be sure to tell them that you were referred by the Petoskey KOA Resort.

The famous landmark is about 25 miles north of the campground in the historic Cross Village. Legs Inn is open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner from mid-May until mid-October. Please call 231-526-2281 or visit website at [www.legsinn.com](http://www.legsinn.com) for more information. You can travel to Cross Village via M-119 (Scenic Heritage Highway) or by taking shortcut (C-77) from Harbor Springs, then return using C-66 & US 31 back to Petoskey or take a side trip to Mackinaw City. 



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