

PRONUNCIATION QUIZ

HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE POTAGANISSING? OR TAHQUAMENON? OR GOGEBIC?

The manager of a Michigan radio station asked a representative of the Conservation Department where he could obtain information on the proper pronunciation of Michigan place names.

A search was made and no such list could be found. As a result, a list was made of places most often mispronounced and an attempt was made to determine proper pronunciations.

The list follows. Undoubtedly, many will not agree with all of the pronunciations given. It is assumed that the pronunciations used by local residents are probably the correct ones.

The editor of MICHIGAN CONSERVATION invites anyone who disagrees that a pronunciation shown below is a correct one to write him. A corrected list is to be made available for public distribution.

Ahmeek	ah MEEK	Grand Portal	grand PORT al	Nisula	NISS oo la
Algonac	AL ga nack	Gratiot	GRASS shut	Nunica	NONE ick a
Allouez	al o way	Gros Cap	grow cap	Ocqueoc	AH key ock
Amasa	AM a saw	Grosse Isle	gross eel	Ogemaw	OH ga maw
Arenac	AIR a nack	Houghton	HOE ton	Okemos	OAK em us
Au Gres	aw GRAY	Ingham	ING um	Onekama	oh NECK a ma
Au Sable	aw SAHBLE	Interlochen	inter lock in	Onondaga	on an DAY ga
Au Train	au TRAIN	Iosco	eye AH skoe	Ontonagon	on ton AH gun
Baraga	BARE a ga	Ishpeming	ISH pa ming	Osceola	ah see OH la
Batavia	ba TAYV ya	Isle Royale	aisle royal	Oscoda	ahs CODE a
Bay de Noc	bay de NOCK	Kaleva	KAL a va	Ossineke	AH sin eek
Bete Grise	bay degre-	Kawkawlin	caw CAWL in	Owosso	oh WAH so
Bois Blanc	BOB low	Keearsarge	kear sarge	Pequaming	pe KWAHM ing
Bonifas	BONN i fuss	Keewenaw	KEY wa naw	Petoskey	pe TAH ski
Brevort	bre VAWRT	Kitchitiki	kitch itty kippy	Pinconning	pin CON ning
Buchanan	bew CANon	Labranche	la BRANCH	Pinnebog	PIN a bog
Capac	KAY pack	Lac La Belle	lock la bell	Pte. Aux Pins	point oh par
Canandaigua	canon DAY gwa	Lake Odessa	lake oh DESS a	Pte. Mouillee	point moo YEA
Carlshend	CARL'S end	Lake Orion	lake OREY un	Pt. Aux Barques	point oh barks
Cassopolis	cass AHPL e us	L'Anse	lahnss	Pt. Aux Chenes	point oh shane
Charlevoix	SHAR la voy	Leelanau	LEE la naw	Pokagon	poh KAY gun
Charlotte	shar LOT	Les Cheneaux	(The Snows)	Pontiac	PON tee ack
Cheboygan	she BOY gun	Luce	lay shun OH loose	Pori	POUR eye
Chelsea	CHEL see	Macatawa	mack a TAW wa	Potaganissing	pot a GAN iss sing
Chesaning	CHESS a ning	Mackinac Island	MACK in awe island	Presque Isle	presk eel
Chicora	chi CORA	Mackinaw City	MACK in awe city	Quanicassee	kwahn icka SEE
Chippewa	CHIP a wah	Marengo	mer ENG go	Quinnesec	KWIN ness sec
Chocolay	CHALK a lay	Manistique	man iss TEEK	Sagola	sa GO la
Cisco	SIS koe	Manitoulin	man i TOOL in	St. Jacques	saint jocks
Clio	KLEE oh	Marenisco	mare n ESS koe	Sanilac	SAN ill lack
Coloma	ka LOW ma	Marlette	mar LET	Saugatuck	SAW ga tuck
Copemish	COPE a mish	Marquette	mar KET	Sault St. Marie	sue saint ma ree
Covert	COVE ert	Mecosta	ma COST a	Sebewaing	SEE ba wing
Covington	KUV ing ton	Medora	ma DOOR a	Seney	SEE knee
Cusino	Kooz i naw	Menominee	men AH ma knee	Seul Choix Pt.	SISH wah point
Deford	DEE ford	Mesick	ME sick	Shiawassee	shy a WAH see
Detour	dee TOUE	Michigamme	mish i GAHM me	Skandia	SKAN dee a
Detroit	de TROYT	Milakokia	mill a COKE a	Stambaugh	STAM baw
Dowagiac	do WAW jack	Milan	MILE un	Tahquamenon	ta KWAAH men un
Eau Claire	aw clare	Millecoquins	mill a COKE in	Tapiola	tappy OH la
Engadine	ENG ga dine	Missaukee	miss SOCK key	Tawas	TAH wahss
Epoufette	E poe fet	Montague	MONT a gew	Tecumseh	te COME SUH
Escanaba	ess ka NAH ba	Munising	MEW ni sing	Tekonsha	te KON sha
Fanny Hooe	fanny ho	Munuscong	mun US kong	Tittabawassee	tit a ba WAH see
Frankenmuth	FRANK en mooth	Muskalonge	MUSK a lunge	Toivola	TOY voh la
Gaastra	GAS tra	Muskegon	muss KEY gun	Topinabee	TOP in a bee
Galien	ga LEAN	Nahma	NAY ma	Traunik	TRAW nik
Ganges	gan JEEZ	Naomikong Pt.	nay AHM i kong	Trenary	tren AIRY
Gogebic	go G (as in go) EE bik	Naubinway	NAW bin way	Wacousta	wa KOOSE ta
Goguc	GO gwack	Neebish	KNEE beesh	Wahjamega	wah ja ME ga
Gourley	GURR ley	Negaunee	na GONE ee	Watervliet	water v' LEET
Grand Marais	grand ma RAY			Waugoshance	wah go SHAUNTS
				Ypsilanti	ip sill ANT ee