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LAPEER COUNTY

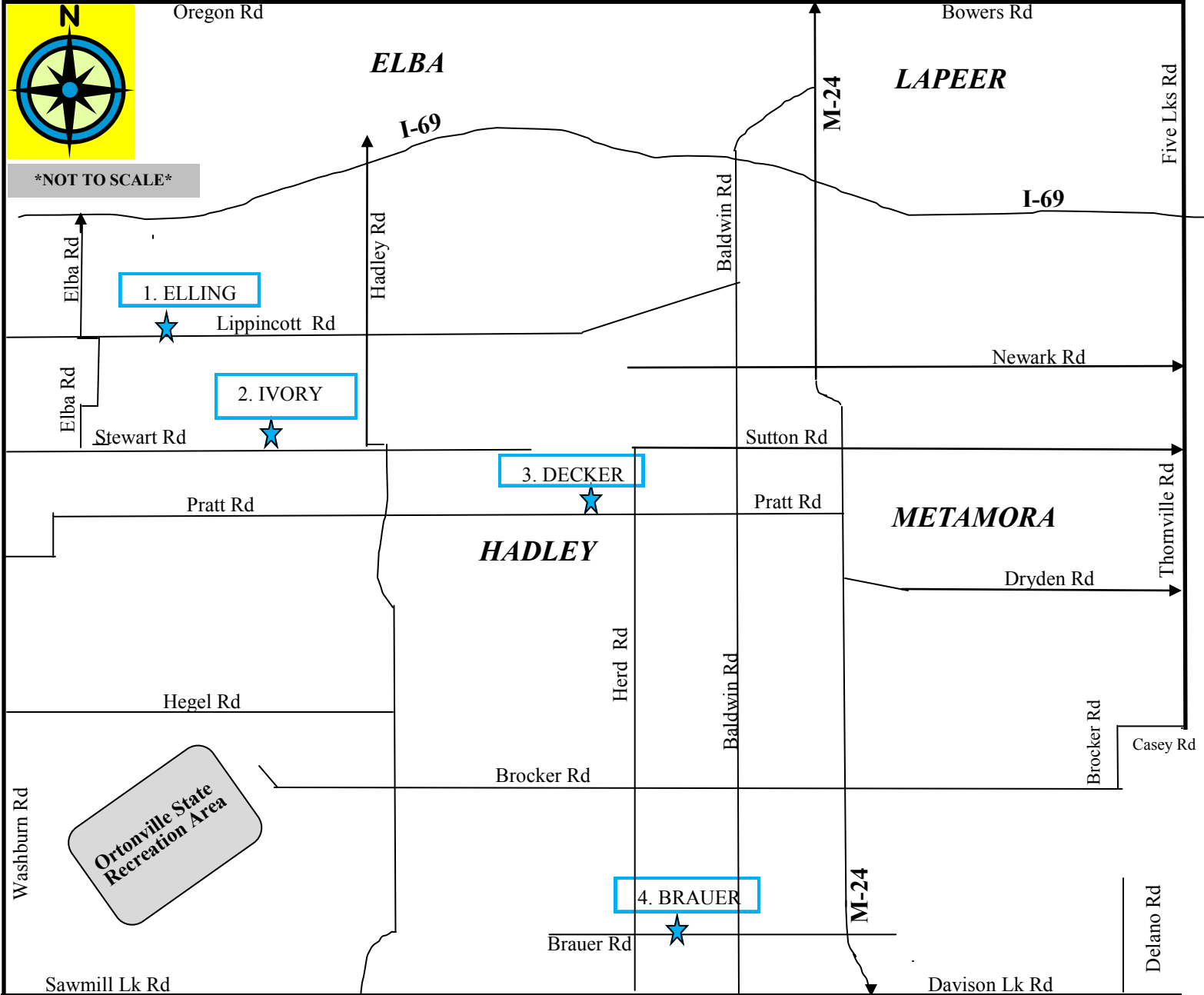


FALL FARM TOUR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 - 10 AM - 4 PM



NOT TO SCALE



Lapeer
Conservation
District

700 South Main Street, Suite 120-C, Lapeer
(810) 664-0895, ext. 5

Hadley Rd

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1658 MAYFIELD RD, LAPEER, MI 48446
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WELCOME TO THESE FARMS!

(You do not have to visit them in any particular order.)



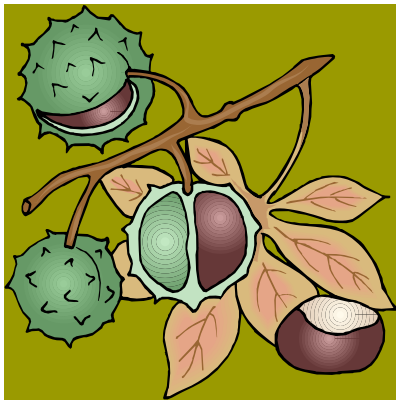
1. Elling Tree Farm—Brad Elling, Owner—5272 Lippincott Rd,
Elba Township, Lapeer

Tree Farm and Nursery, Maple Syrup producer, Sawmill

Tour this beautiful 50+ acre tree farm and nursery which offers over 60 varieties of deciduous and conifer trees for sale. All trees are grown on-site, accessible by golf cart, and are Michigan climate resistant. The property consists of groomed trails and wooden bridges.

Maple Syrup is also produced in the all-wood 'sugar palace'. The maple syrup is offered for sale year round. In March visitors can visit the farm and go on a 'maple syrup tour' where you can see the maple syrup process.

Enjoy a tour of the tree farm and maple syrup shack, and see a sawmill demonstration with a woodmizer saw.



2. Ivory Farms—Pete and Joyce Ivory, Owners—4843 Stewart Road,
Elba Township, Lapeer

Chestnut and Christmas Tree Farm

The Ivory Farm is a sesquicentennial, sixth generation farm. Over 2000 chestnut trees have been planted on twenty-five acres and are just starting to produce a marketable crop. The chestnuts will start falling the middle of October.

Pete is the President of the Midwest Nut Producers Council and will provide expert information and advice on chestnut trees and chestnut production.

The Ivories also have 7 1/2 acres of Christmas trees which they will begin selling this year.



3. Decker Farm and Orchard—Wade Decker, Owner—3628 Pratt Rd,
Hadley Township, Lapeer

Fresh, Organic Produce, Apples, Fruit, Free-range Chickens

This farm is a small scale, family run farm and orchard. They use only organic methods to produce a wide range of vegetables, fruit, and meat chickens. The majority of sales is through CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) Shares. They currently have 24 shareholders that pick up a basket of freshly harvested produce from the farm each week. In addition to the 10 acre farm, they lease a small mature orchard which provides several varieties of apples for sale, and for production of a variety-specific premium applesauce.



4. Brauer Farm—Pat and Ed Brauer, Owners—3421 Brauer Rd,
Hadley Township, Lapeer

Pasture-fed Sheep, Beef Cattle, and Free-range Chickens

The Brauer Farm is home to over 80 brood ewes that are grass fed and produce lambs and wool for market. The animals are rotated onto fresh pastures every 2-3 weeks using portable fencing. Lambs are born about every 8 months and the wool is sold to the shearer who in turn sells it to fiber buyers.

Pasture-fed beef cattle and free-range chickens are also raised on the farm. In addition to lambs and wool, the Brauers sell beef, fresh chickens, and farm fresh brown eggs to their customers.

Visit this beautiful working farm and observe the grazing cows, foraging chickens, and a sheep-shearing demonstration.

Please drive safely!