

ALL THINGS PAW PAW

A potpourri of information about people, places and things named Paw Paw.'



Paw Paw Places

	<u>Population</u>
Paw Paw Township, Michigan	7,091
Village of Paw Paw, Michigan	3,363
Village of Paw Paw, Illinois	852
Paw Paw, West Virginia	524

89 miles NW of Washington, DC; home of the Paw Paw Fair and the 2008 West Virginia Open.



Paw Paw Tree. The North American native pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*) is a temperate tree fruit in the mostly tropical custard apple family, Annonaceae. Pawpaw is also a common name for papaya (*Carica papaya*), a tropical fruit in the family Caricaceae. The two fruits are very different from each other, but some pawpaws do have a papaya-like flavor. The pawpaw fruit has both fresh market and processing appeal, with a tropical like flavor that resembles a combination of banana, mango, and pineapple. Kentucky State University has the only full-time pawpaw research program in the world. For further description of

pawpaw, see <http://www.pawpaw.kysu.edu/default.htm>.

OTHER PAW PAW's

The Paw Paw Bait Company, Paw Paw, Michigan. The Paw Paw company evolved from the old Moonlight Bait Company that was created around 1908. It is unclear exactly when Paw Paw was established, but it's likely sometime in the late 1920s. Some of the later lures made by Moonlight appeared early on in the Paw Paw line. This company was around well into the 1960s. Antique lures from the company are now collector items.



Paw Paw Museum, known originally as the Paw Paw Building in Port Deposit, Maryland was built in 1821. It was named for two paw-paw bushes which once flanked the entrance, and today one paw paw stands sentinel at the entrance of the old structure. The Paw Paw was the first church structure of any denomination in Port Deposit, serving the Methodist congregation. The building had three entrances for this congregation – "one for men, one for women and one for coloreds," according to the writings of the pseudonym utilizing historian Guyas Cutas in 1876. All of the congregants, no matter which door they used, attended services together. More information on line at:



<http://www.portdeposit.com/History/pawpaw.htm>

Paw Paw's and the Freedom Trail. The heritage of the Underground Railroad and the antislavery movement in Michigan is as rich and multifaceted as our state's heritage of the Great Lakes, the automobile and lighthouses. It is interesting to note that two Paw Paw's had a role in the underground railroad which led many former slaves to freedom. Paw Paw, West Virginia's history revolves around the Paw Paw House (Paw Paw Museum). See above entry. For Paw Paw, Michigan, James and Dicey Ampey left Virginia in 1829 and arrived in what is now Fountain City, Indiana in 1830. They secured a land contract for five acres. Together they had 13 children. Four sons, including George, served in the Civil War. After the war, George bought land in 1866 in Lawrence Township; another son bought 120 acres in Goblesville (now Gobles) and another in Cassopolis, all in Michigan. George and his wife, Eliza, had four children. George and Eliza's son Elton bought the land in Paw Paw in 1908 along the river on Ampey road. The road to the property was named after the Ampey family.



More on the Michigan Freedom Trail can be found on-line at www.michigan.gov/freedomtrail.

George and Eliza Ampey, parents Elton Ampey who settled in Paw Paw in 1908.

The Ampey family genealogy can be found on-line at <http://smbhs.org/research.html>. They are among the family report pages of the Southwestern Michigan Black Heritage Society's web page.

Paw Paw, Illinois schools are the "Paw Paw Bulldogs." The school has less than 200 students in grades 7-12. (http://www.leecountyhistory.com/lee_county/pawpaw.htm)

Ohio Paw Paw Festival, Lake Snowden, Albany, Ohio, celebrates the pawpaw fruit. (www.ohiopawpawfestival.com/)



Paw Paw Ridge of the Allegheny Mountains, Morgan County, West Virginia. This is the ridge of mountains that the Paw Paw tunnel was cut through. Some information can be found at www.pbs.org/wgbh/buildingbig/wonder/structure/paw_paw.html . See next entry.

Paw Paw Tunnel. The hand-carved tunnel -- largest man-made structure on the historic C&O Canal -- is open to the public year-round. It is located a quarter-mile along the well-maintained towpath from a small park, just across the Potomac River from the railroad town of Paw Paw, Morgan County's westernmost outpost. The town and the tunnel took their common name from the unique fruit that grows prolifically along nearby ridges. (<http://www.berkeleysprings.com/tunnel.htm>)

Paw Paw's Landing, Kentucky is reportedly a name given to a spot on the Red River Gorge. Today there is an inn by the name.

The 'Paw Paw' - a Civil War Union Navy ship bought known as a "tinclad" that patrolled and fought on the Mississippi River. More history of this boat and its Captain, Norman Carr, are on line at http://www.americanheritage.com/articles/magazine/ah/1995/6/1995_6_86.shtml

The Paw Paw Patch is a children's folk song. The song asks where little children (any two-syllable name) went... *Where, oh where is dear little Jimmy? Way down yonder in the paw-paw patch.* The song invites you to go find them... *"Come on girls, let's go find him, Way down yonder in the paw-paw patch."* The chorus repeats... *"Pickin' up paw-paws, put 'em in your pockets, Way down yonder in the paw-paw patch."*



Kublai Kahn Paw Paw Chow Chow, commonly called "Paw Paw" was Martha Stewart's Chow dog which she mentioned on her show and her Blog. Stewart chronicled the dog's demise and death in April 2008.

Paw Bosack, young Denmark male musician/singer known as Paw Paw.

Paw Paw Pinkerton. J.G. "Paw Paw" Pinkerton, is a world traveled storyteller.

Paw Paw MIAW, an on-line video game at Dorks.com. Choose your Paw Paw character and fight your way to the top in story mode in a one on one battle and see who gets the highest score.

Paw Paw Island, Madison Parish, Louisiana. An island on the Mississippi River, named after the fruit which grows in the area. Once known as “My Wife’s Island.” Claimed also by the state of Mississippi.

Paw Paw Bears. Hanna Barbera cartoon from the 1980’s. The Paw Paws were Indian bears led by Princess Paw Paw. She wore a magical moonstone which allowed her to call the totem when needed. The totem protected them in their adventures against Dark Paw. The totem was a huge wooden bear standing on a red turtle with a golden eagle resting on its head. Characters were: Wise Paw, Princess Paw Paw, Brave Paw, Trembly Paw, Medicine Paw, PaPooch, Flying Cloud (horse), Golden Thunder (horse), Dark Paw, Bumble Paw, Aunt Pruney,, Totem Bear, Totem Tortoise, and Totem Eagle.



The Paw Paw Chapter, Florida Native Plant Society, Volusia and Flagler counties. The Paw Paw Chapter came about because the little "Volusia Pawpaw," *Deeringothamnus rugeliior*, also known as Yellow Squirrel Banana or Rugel's Pawpaw, is found only in Volusia County. Each month the Chapter hosts a guest speaker with topics ranging from identifying native and invasive plants, water conservation, landscaping, planting for wildlife, and botany.

Paw Paw Pirogues of Delacroix Island, Louisiana are a specially designed personal watercraft that was originally crafted by the old-time market hunters and trappers used in the rivers, lakes and swamps in Louisiana.



Paw Paw Patch Restaurant and Bar, located in Titikaveka, New Zealand.

The Paw Paw Tree Fact Sheet

Leaf: Alternate, simple, obovate to oblong, 5 to 11 inches long, 2 to 3 inches wide, green above and below. Green pepper odor when crushed.

Flower: Monoecious; purplish-brown, broad bell shape, 6 petals, 1 to 1 1/2 inch across; appearing with or slightly before the leaves.



Fruit: Very unique in that they resemble a short, fat banana, 2 1/2 to 4 inches long, at first green then turning yellowish then brown as they ripen in the fall; very fleshy and tastes much like a banana.



Twig: Moderately stout, red-brown; buds purplish brown, fuzzy, naked bud which is flattened and often curved, terminal bud 1/4 to 1/2 inch long.

Bark: Smooth, brown, splotted with wart-like lenticels, often with light gray patches.

Form: A small tree up to 40 feet tall, 12 inches in diameter, often found in growing in small clusters.

Paw Paw Fruit Recipes. Paw Paw recipes can be found on line at www.pawpaw.kysu.edu/pawpaw/recipes.htm and at <http://members.aol.com/BLaneKY/recipes.htm>.

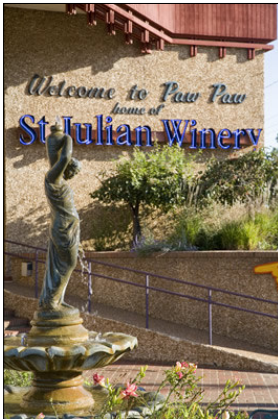
Paw Paw Chamber of Commerce is on-line at www.pawpawchamber.com

Paw Paw Downtown Development Authority is on line at www.pawpaw.net/dda.html



Paw Paw Community Events are on line at the Chamber of Commerce Website. The Paw Paw Public Schools events are available on line at their website (www.ppps.com).

Paw Paw Wine History can be found on line at both St. Julian Wine Company, Inc. and Warner Vineyards, Inc.



St. Julian Wine Company, Inc. --- <http://www.stjulian.com/>
P.O. Box 127, Paw Paw, MI. 49079 - Phone: 269 657-5568

Come tour and learn the history of Michigan's oldest and largest winery. See the process involved in producing our many award winning wines. Check out our calendar of events so you don't miss the excitement. Visit the web site for further information!



Warner Vineyards, Inc. --- <http://www.warnerwines.com/>
706 S. Kalamazoo St., Paw Paw, MI. 49079 - Phone: 269 657-3165

Producer of premium wines, champagnes and juices since 1938. Situated on the riverbank in downtown Paw Paw, the heart of Michigan's wine country, Warner has transposed the village's old water-works building into the winery's Wine Haus. Wine Tasting, Tours and Restaurant Dining Available.