



opportunities to grow your business or launch a new venture. Opportunities for economic development, Idlewild and surrounding Lake County offer outstanding products and services. With its low tax rates, excellent land values and virtually limitless opportunities to spend now on as well as discretionary income to spend now on

The baby boomers who came to Idlewild with their parents decades ago have fond memories of Idlewild...



of the lakes. Explore the areas natural beauty and wildlife during the winter Lake County's fall, providing a perfect counterpoint to the beauty of western Michigan erupt into jewel-toned leafy palates in the



Cool weather seasons have their own charm in Idlewild, too. The forests of western Michigan erupt into jewel-toned leafy palates in the fall, providing a perfect counterpoint to the beauty of western Michigan erupt into jewel-toned leafy palates in the

public beach access in Lake County provide the perfect setting for leisurely boating, jet skiing, swimming and other warm weather pursuits. The forests of western Michigan erupt into jewel-toned leafy palates in the



lush green forests beckon visitors with a promise of good hunting, no matter whether they seek fleet-footed deer or tender mushrooms. The area's three pristine lakes and best remains a tranquil, lovely retreat for year-round vacationers. The house exhibits and live musical shows. In the meantime, Idlewild

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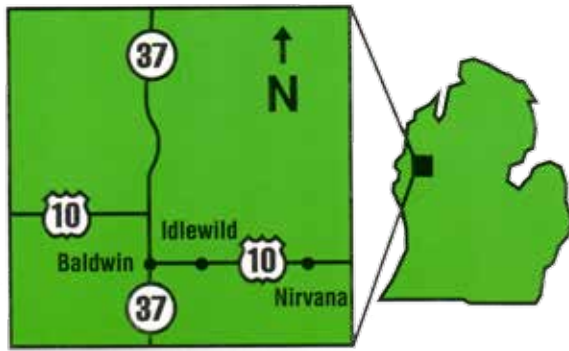


Come HOME to IDLEWILD

Just like
moons and
like suns,
With the
certainty
of tides,
Just Like
hopes
springing
high,
Still I'll rise.

Maya Angelou

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Imagine the plaintive wail of
an alto saxophone. The soulful
warble of a soaring soprano
voice. The throaty growl of big
band brass.

Those are the sounds that
once filled the air at Idlewild, an
idyllic, verdant western Michi-
gan community located 69 miles
northwest of Grand Rapids.

For four decades after its
establishment in 1912, Idlewild
was a rural retreat for African
Americans seeking a bit of
rest and relaxation outside the
confines of their segregated
communities. They enjoyed
Idlewild's natural beauty and
year-round sporting activities, as
well as some of the best musical
entertainment west of New York
City. Famous entertainers like
Sammy Davis Jr., Sarah Vaughn,
Della Reese, the Four Tops and
others were regulars at Idlewild's
once thriving nightspots.

This cultural gem is now
poised to become an economic
treasure for visionary business
persons and entrepreneurs.
Idlewild is just one of the
communities that make up
Lake County, which was
designated as a federal
Enterprise Community in 1994.
Federal funds have been used to
improve the local infrastructure,
create business opportunities
and promote tourism. The
business opportunities are
practically limitless, making
historic Idlewild and its
environs the ideal site for your
new company headquarters,
branch office, retail store,
franchise, plant or warehouse
facility.

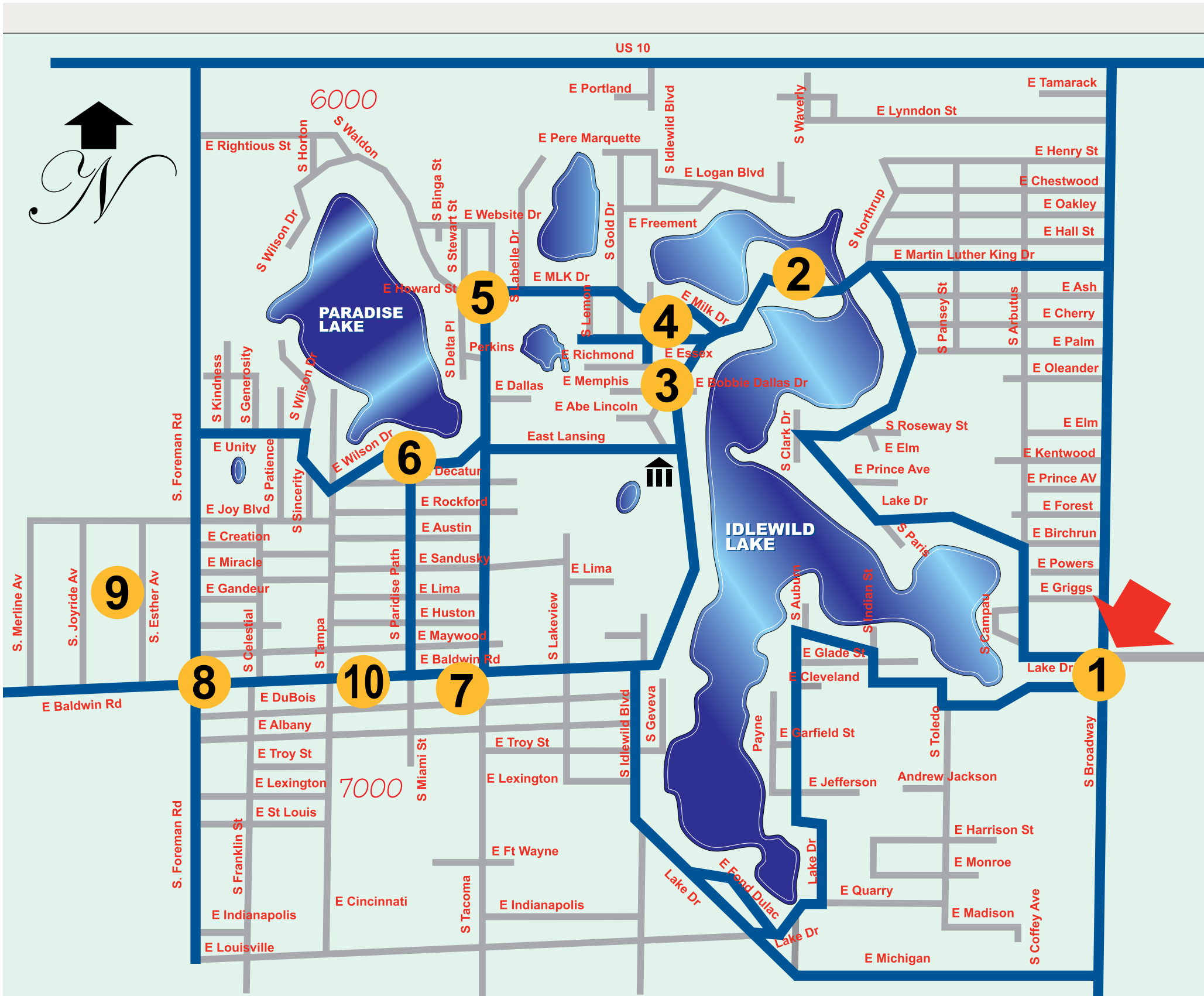
Idlewild,
a place where
the two of you
can discover
each other,
once again.



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Yesterday's JEWEL
tomorrow's treasure.



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| <p>1. IDLEWILD HISTORIC CULTURAL CENTER
<i>(You Are Here)</i></p> <p>2. WILLIAMS ISLAND
<i>Flamingo Club</i></p> <p>3. HOME SITE OF DR. DANIEL HALE WILLIAMS,
<i>FIRST HEART SURGEON</i></p> <p>4. IDLEWILD POST OFFICE</p> <p>5. MORTON'S MOTEL</p> | <p>6. HOME SITE OF HERMAN AND LELA WILSON
<i>Grocery Store and Paradise Club</i></p> <p>7. YATES TOWNSHIP HALL AND LIBRARY</p> <p>8. ROAD RUNNERS VARIETY STORE</p> <p>9. HOME SITE OF ROBERT F. WILLIAMS,
<i>CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER</i></p> <p>10. MARCUS GARVEY, UNITED NEGRO
IMPROVEMENT ASSOC. (UNIA) HALL SITE</p> |
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