Bargain hunters: Shop Michigan's Longest Garage Sale, Yard Sale trail

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Yard sale fans will be in their glory at two events: Michigan's Longest Garage Sale and the Yard Sale Trail. The combined 362 miles of bargains and festivals run Aug. 8-10.

The state's longest garage sale meanders 212 miles from Port Huron to New Buffalo on the Heritage Trail along U.S.-12 across southern Michigan. The 11th year for this shore-to-shore shopping

event features community-wide garage sales, festivals in Saline and New Buffalo, a 5K run in Saline and fresh produce at farm stands.

"This sale has become a destination with people from around the Midwest. Every year there are more and more information requests about lodging because people are making a weekend out of the sale event," says Kim Gallagher, project manager of the U.S.-12 Heritage Trail Project. The website guide contains a detailed map of sales plus restaurant and lodging recommendations.

Visitors will come from far and wide to the 12th annual Yard Sale Trail along the shore of Michigan's Thumb from Port Austin to Algonac – more than 150 miles. The Blue Water Area route is known for antique shopping, local history museums, a winery, camping, music

divided in the stands, lighthouses and small diners. The website guide includes an interactive map, list of participating communities and lodging along the trail.