

Michigan's Longest Garage Sale begins this weekend

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Michigan's Longest Garage Sale returns to Southwest Michigan this Friday and continues through the weekend.

Every year individuals take part in the US-12 Heritage Trail Garage Sale by cleaning out attics and staking out front yards along the US-12 corridor. The garage sale covers more than 180 miles from New Buffalo to Detroit.

Everything from antiques, collectibles, furniture, produce, homemade jams and jellies, live entertainment and more can be found along the garage sale. Preparations are underway in many homes, organizations and businesses across US-12 for Michigan's Longest Garage Sale, which will take place this Friday through Sunday.

The sales can be found along the highway at homes, farms, businesses, parking lots and fields. Some areas will have large numbers of vendors, while others may be scattered.

US-12, the nation's second oldest highway, is rooted in an old Indian trail from Detroit to New Buffalo. It is one of 16 Michigan State Scenic Byways, designated by state legislature to preserve the state's historic highways.

Since the sale started in 2003, it has taken place during the second weekend of every August.

Anyone interested in hosting a garage sale is encouraged to register their sale for free on the new US-12 Heritage Trail website. If registered, a participants garage sale will be part of the list of sales included in the interactive online map.

Looking for a spot

There are rentable locations available throughout the US-12 corridor. Visit the website to contact folks who offer spaces for rent. Another way to find a spot is to keep an eye out for signs advertising vendor spaces while driving along the route.

Visitors and people who are hosting sales are encouraged to upload stories to the US-12 Heritage Trail website about their experiences.

There are several big events that are taking place along US-12 including the Saline Summerfest, which features food, music and fun of Saline's annual "Picnic in the Park."



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Shoppers browse clothes last year at a garage sale in Three Oaks. The annual Michigan's Longest Garage Sale continues this weekend with hundreds of garage sale sites set up along U.S-12 between New Buffalo and Detroit.

For more information about Michigan's Longest Garage Sale and other attractions visit the US-12 Heritage Trail website at www.us12heritagetrail.org.

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