

**“CROSS THE
IRONTON NARROWS!”**

*Enjoy the Shortest Route
Between Boyne City
and Charlevoix*

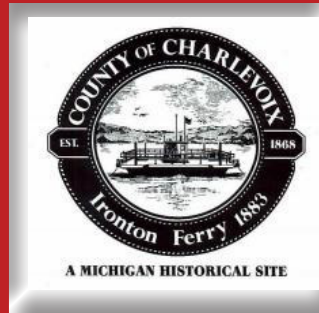
This historic ferry has been serving Lake Charlevoix since 1883. The current vessel went into service in 1925 from Ferrysburg, Michigan. The ferry had extensive updates in 2013, adding a new engine, transmissions and cabin. The ferry is listed in *Michigan’s Directory of Historic Places* and also appears in *Ripley’s Believe it or Not*. The ferry is 50’ long and 30’ wide. It weighs 43 ton. Power is currently provided by a diesel engine with a hydraulic drive system that features propellers at both ends. They turn in either direction, and are engaged to push or stop the ferry. There are two cables guiding the ferry since she does not have any rudders. The slack in the cables drops 25’ below the surface allowing boats to pass. The ferry has the right-of-way as she is restricted in her ability to maneuver.



For More Information on the

IRONTON FERRY

visit www.charlevoixcounty.org



For current ferry operating
information:
231-308-3727

**CROSSING DISTANCE: 610’
CROSSING TIME: 5 MINUTES**

**Round trip time is
approximately 10 minutes**

Historical Photos Courtesy of
Charlevoix Historical Society
231-547-0373

**Come Ride
The Historic**

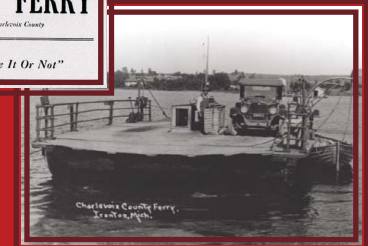
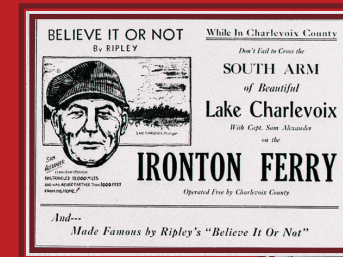
IRONTON FERRY

Original Painting: Luke Buck



**Aboard the
Vessel Named**

“CHARLEVOIX”



1884 RATES FOR FERRIAGE	DOUBLE TEAMS .30 SINGLE .20
	BEAST 10¢ EXCEPT SHEEP
	SHEEP 10¢ UP TO 6 OVER 6 5¢
	FOOTMAN 5¢ WITHOUT BEAST
	THRASHING MACHINE \$1.00

WAY-BACK-WHEN "RATES AND FEES"

The original fees were 30 cents for double teams, 20 cents for single teams, beasts were 10 cents, and footmen without any beasts were 5 cents.



MODERN DAY "RATES AND FEES"

Times have changed, and our current rates cover a vehicle with driver and any additional passengers. We also have rates for motorcycles. For a minimal charge, walkers and bicyclers are always welcome.



Every five years, the Ironton ferry is pulled from the water for a full Coast Guard inspection. At that time, any major repairs and upgrades are addressed. She is cleaned and painted, returned to her Ironton mooring and is ready for another five years of service. Additionally, she is inspected annually "in water" by the United States Coast Guard.



"WHERE TO FIND US"

We are located "just off" M-66 approximately 6 miles south of Charlevoix and 9 miles north of East Jordan. From the Boyne City side, we are located approximately 9 miles west of Boyne City at the end of Ferry Road.



"HOURS OF OPERATION"

The Ironton Ferry Service operates from mid April to the day before Thanksgiving each year. It runs daily from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.