

Historical Marker - S90 - Muskegon Log Booming Company (Marker ID#:S90)



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Muskegon Log Booming Company

Muskegon was the largest center of lumbering on Lower Michigan's west coast. From the 1850s to the 1890s an immense amount of timber was floated to this port down the Muskegon River and its tributaries. In 1864 the Muskegon Booming Company was formed to sort the logs and raft them to the mills. Here at the upper end of Muskegon Lake was the great storage boom where the logs, each identified by its owner's log mark, were sorted into pens as fast as they floated in. They were then chained together into rafts which were towed to the mills by the company's tugboats. In thirty years the company delivered over 10 billion board feet of logs.

Significant Date:

Civil War and After (1860-1875)

Registry Year: 1956 **Erected Date:** 1958

Marker Location

Address: Richards Park, Old US-131

City: North Muskegon

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Muskegon

Township: Muskegon

Lat: 43.25239200 / **Long:** -86.23538000

Web URL:

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