

Historical Marker - L2200 - Woodland Park (Marker ID#:L2200)



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Woodland Park

During the 1920s, investors Wilber Lemon, A.E. Wright, Marion and Ella Auther, and others purchased land at Brookings, a former logging community. Here they platted Woodland Park as a summer resort for African Americans. These investors were also involved in developing the nearby resort Idlewild. Woodland Park, known for its quiet, residential atmosphere, had a clubhouse for property owners and lodging establishments, including the Royal Breeze Hotel. The Authers built the hotel around the original Brookings Lumber Company mill. Federal Civil Rights legislation passed during the 1960s gave African Americans equal access to public accommodations. This access allowed people to vacation where they pleased and lessened the need for resorts like Woodland Park.

Significant Date:

Two World Wars and the Depression (1915-1945)

Registry Year: 2008 **Erected Date:** 2010

Marker Location

Address: 2316 11 Mile Road

City: Bitely

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Newaygo

Township: Merrill

Lat: 43.71282200 / **Long:** -85.85828100

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