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**Subject: Interlochen: A Look Back**

**Interlochen** – Before the arrival of European settlers in Interlochen, the Odawa people lived between the lakes they called Wahbekeness and Wahbekenetta – now named Duck Lake and Green Lake. In the 1800s, the new settlers lumbered the pine forests around the lakes, leaving just a small forest between the lakes. In 1917, the State of Michigan purchased the remaining virgin pine, creating Interlochen State Park, one of the first state parks in Michigan.

Willis Pennington's summer hotel on Green Lake opened in 1909. It was popular with fishermen for a time. Then in 1918, Camp Interlochen, one of Michigan's first girl's recreation camps, was opened in the same location, followed in 1922 by Camp Penn Loch for boys. In 1928, by arrangement with Willis Pennington, Joseph L. Maddy and Thaddeus P. Giddings took over the camps to establish the National High School Orchestra Camp. It grew rapidly in size and reputation, becoming the National Music Camp in 1931.

Further your historical knowledge by joining Dave Pennington on Thursday, May 4, at 12:30 p.m. at the Golden Fellowship Hall, 9700 Riley Road in Interlochen, as he takes a photographic look back at Interlochen's early history. The photographic tour is free, but advanced registration is appreciated.

For more information or to register, email [dmikowski@grandtraverse.org](mailto:dmikowski@grandtraverse.org) or call 231-922-4911.

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