

## Michael Neiger

### Spelunking at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore



This high-quality PowerPoint presentation will chronicle the adventures of 13 hikers on a 4-day off-trail backpacking and caving trip in Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. Along the way, they explore the 2,000-person Amphitheater — the mother of all backcountry caves in the Lakeshore — and its 50-foot waterfall. Like many of the other 550 little-known wilderness caves in the Lakeshore, this seldom-visited cave is located over a mile back in the bush from the shore of Lake Superior.

Michael Neiger lives in Marquette, Michigan, along the south of shore of Lake Superior. Since 1984, he has organized and led 100's of backpacking, canoeing, mountain biking, skiing, snowshoeing, winter-camping, and caving trips and expeditions in the bush between the Upper Great Lakes in Michigan and the Arctic Ocean in Canada. Along the way, he has accumulated 1,000s of bag nights. He is a certified wilderness guide with the Sierra Club, and a member of the Wilderness Guides Association.

He has paddled dozens of Canadian and Michigan rivers, often solo, including a solo canoe expedition from the Lake Superior area to the Arctic Ocean. He has also skied solo from the northernmost plowed road in Ontario, Canada to the Arctic Ocean. He has led numerous dead-of-winter snowshoe expeditions to the Arctic Ocean and has helped train and outfit members of two North Pole expeditions.

Michael was a Det/Sgt with the Michigan State Police for 26 years and currently is the lead investigator with Michigan Backcountry Search and Rescue (MibSAR), a Long Range Special Operations Group (LRSOG) that investigates long-term missing (LTM) person cases and cold-case murders in the bush between the Upper Great Lakes in the U.S. and the Arctic Ocean in Canada. He is the author of the "Missing-Person Sourcebook: Strategies & Tactics for Finding Your Missing or Murdered Loved One from the World's Top Experts."

His trips, expeditions, and SAR investigations have been featured in numerous publications, including Outside Magazine, Detroit Free Press, Grand Rapids Press, Michigan Out-of-Doors, Mining Journal, etc. His work has also been the subject of books, such as "The Cold Vanish," "Where Monsters Hide," "Cold From the Inside," "Ranger Beads," and "100-Plus Sniper Exercises." His work has been featured on Crime Watch with Chris Hansen and NBC's Oxygen Channel. He has consulted for numerous networks, reality TV producers, authors, and investigative journalists. He has field tested gear for Sierra Designs, The AltaMate Co.,

MapTech, Iversons Snowshoe & Furniture, Empire Canvas, Eureka Camping, Brooks-Range, a Patagonia retail outlet, Okwaho Outfitters, etc.

Michael regularly teaches two-day Wilderness Land Navigation classes and two-day Wilderness Survival Classes. He has taught classes for the Sierra Club; Northern Michigan University; the School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure, and Recreation; the Marquette County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division; and other entities. He presents monthly outdoor adventure and wilderness skills programming at the historic Peter White Public Library in Marquette. He has written numerous map-based guidebooks for national parks and other destinations such as Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Grand Island National Recreation Area, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Tahquamenon Falls State Park, etc. Michael currently organizes and leads monthly trips and expeditions for the Michigan Sierra Club. <https://www.MibSAR.com> .

