

Nancy Washburne

Nancy Washburne is a lifelong resident of Michigan and a graduate of the University of Michigan. She founded four Washburne Travel Centers in the Lansing Area. She has traveled extensively throughout the U.S. She has also made numerous trips to Europe and the Middle East, the Far East, the Caribbean, South America, the South Pacific, Siberia and Outer Mongolia, the Arctic and Antarctic. Ms. Washburne has visited a total of 117 countries and island groups.

As a certified scuba diver, her underwater experience includes dives in the Great Barrier Reef, the Red Sea, Truk Lagoon, the Solomon Islands, the New Hebrides, Bonaire, Cozumel, Cancun, Acapulco, Ixtapa, Hawaii, the Florida Keys and an underwater photography course in the Grand Cayman.

When she and her son decided to explore camping in Michigan, she discovered that there was little or no knowledge of Michigan's inland lakes from a snorkeling viewpoint. It was this lack of available information that spurred her to make an underwater survey of all of Michigan's public access lakes so that snorkeling could be developed in Michigan as a leisure activity. Snorkeling Guide to Michigan Inland Lakes is a result of that survey.

She recently retired from the School of Marketing and Supply Chain Management at MSU and resides in East Lansing with her husband and son.