

## Rusty Gates



Rusty Gates owned and operates Gates Au Sable Lodge in Grayling, Michigan, along with his wife Julie, their three kids and two dogs. The lodge is located a few miles east of Grayling, on the main stream of the Au Sable River. Each year the famous lodge caters to hundreds of anglers from around the world.

Rusty was an accomplished fly tyer, a premier fishing guide and a nationally recognized conservationist. He was the founder and president of the Anglers of the Au Sable. He took a leadership role in virtually every major project the Anglers have undertaken. Rusty, literally spent a lifetime improving and protecting the Au Sable River. To that end he was honored in 1995 by Fly Rod & Reel being given the “Angler of the Year” award. In 2009 he received the Michigan Environmental Council’s, “Petoskey Prize for Environmental Leadership” award. Rusty passed away in December of 2009. He was loved and will be missed by many.

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