



# United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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## NEWS RELEASE

### 1991 KIRTLAND'S WARBLER TOURS

Kirtland's warbler nesting areas in northern Michigan will be closed and posted against public entry during the 1991 nesting season. Warbler watchers may see the bird and view nesting areas only by participating in guided tours conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Forest Service.

Free guided tours to Warbler nesting areas will depart from the former Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grayling Field Office, also known as the Old Fish Hatchery, in Grayling and from the U.S. Forest Service District Ranger Office in Mio. The Grayling tour will begin May 15 and end July 4 and will be offered daily at 7:00 a.m. and at 11:00 a.m. The Mio tour will be conducted from May 15 through July 6, at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and at 7:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. No tours will be offered on Monday or Tuesday from Mio.

**NOTE that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grayling Field office has moved. It is now located north of Grayling at 1955 Hartwick Pines Road. HOWEVER, KIRTLAND'S WARBLER TOURS FOR 1991 WILL BEGIN AT THE OLD FIELD OFFICE IN GRAYLING! This is the same location, also known as "the old fish hatchery", where the tours have originated in previous years.**

Actual sighting of the Kirtland's warbler is not guaranteed. The average date when the first Kirtland's warbler arrives at the nesting area is May 12; the latest recorded date of the first arrival is May 20. Thus, the chance of seeing the bird during the early guided tours is less than optimum. The best period for seeing the warbler is during late May and the month of June. The chance of viewing diminishes after July 1. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars or spotting scopes. The playing of recorded warbler singing will not be allowed, and special efforts will not be made for photographers.

Tour guides prefer small groups because they create less disturbance and are more likely to see the bird. No reservations are necessary for individuals or small groups, but large groups are urged to contact the following offices for reservations so that time schedules can be established:

#### After April 15:

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
c/o Mich. Dept. of Natural Resources  
Grayling Field Office  
1955 Hartwick Pines Road  
P.O. Box 507  
Grayling, Michigan 49738

Phone: (517) 348-6371

#### All year:

U.S. Forest Service  
District Ranger  
Huron National Forest  
Mio, Michigan 48647

Phone: (517) 826-3252

Prior to April 15, Grayling tour reservations and answers to specific questions not covered above may be obtained from:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Wildlife Assistance  
Room 310 Manly Miles Building  
1405 S. Harrison Road  
East Lansing, MI 48823

Phone: (517) 337-6652

MIO RANGER DISTRICT  
401 Court Street  
Mio, Michigan 48647



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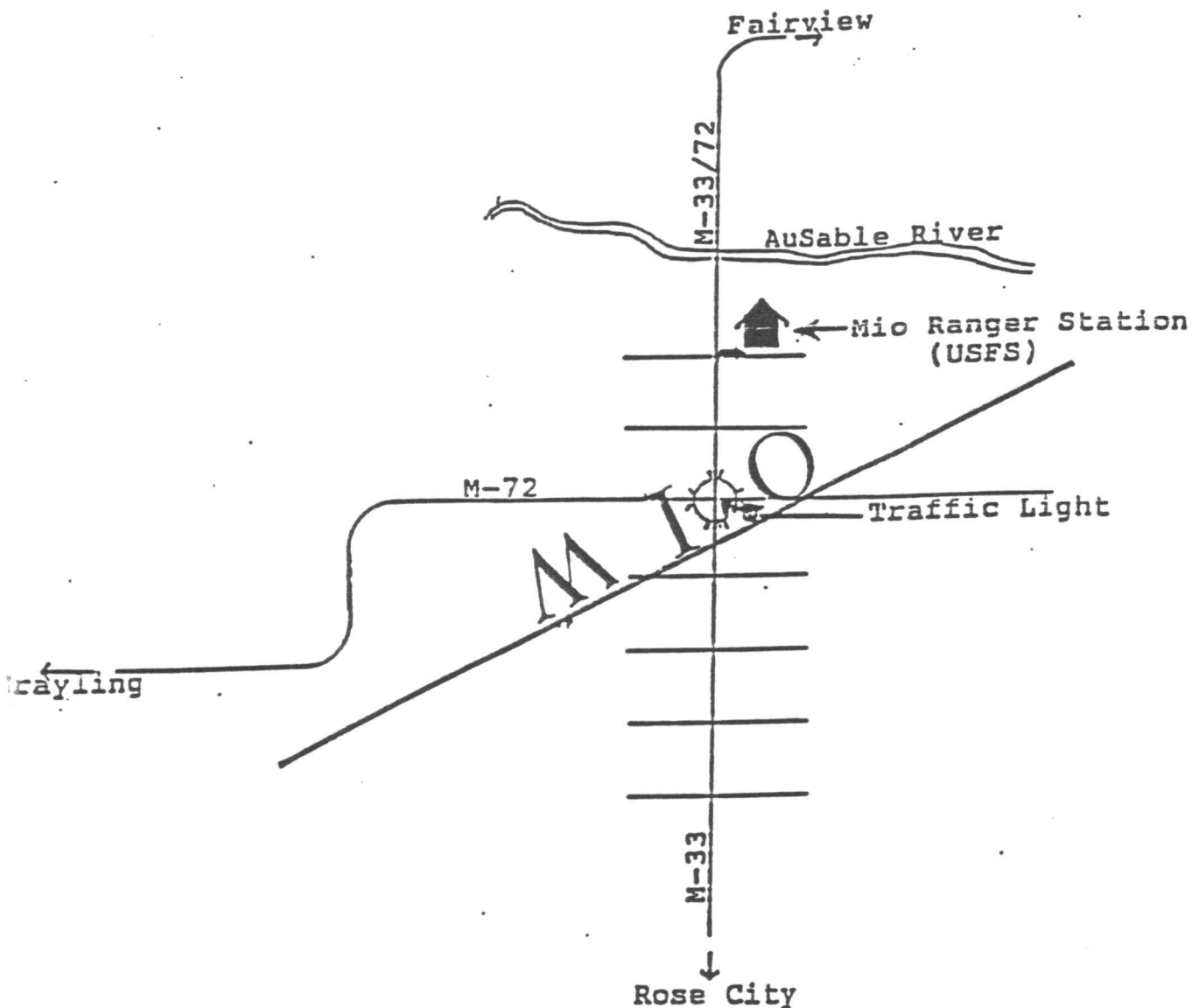
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HURON NATIONAL FOREST

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TOUR ORIGIN: U.S. Forest Service Ranger Station  
Mio, Michigan 48647

DATES: May 15 thru July 4, 1991

DAYS & TIMES: Wednesday thru Friday - 7:30 AM  
Saturday and Sunday - 7:30 AM & 11:00 AM  
(No Tours on Monday & Tuesday)

Reservations: Not required (advised for groups larger than  
5 people - Phone (517) 826-3252  
or write above address after  
April 15.)