

# Fun Facts

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## Edsel Bryant Ford

November 6, 1893 – May 26, 1943

## Married Eleanor Clay

1896—1976, Married to Edsel 1916—1943

**4 Children:** Henry II 1917, Benson 1919, Josephine 1923, William Clay 1925 (former owner of the Detroit Lions)

**Original Land Purchase:** The Fords purchased Haven Hill land in 1923 (2,422 acres).

**Lodge a New Home:** The Fords moved into the 6,000 sq. ft. lodge in 1926.

**Lodge Lost by Arson:** The Lodge was burned by an arsonist in January of 1999.

**The Edsel Ford Barn:** The 15,000 sq. ft. Barn at one time housed 1,000 sheep.

**Barn Damaged:** ¾ of the beloved Edsel Ford Barn blew down in June of 2008.

## Architect for the Haven Hill Estate:

Robert O. Derrick

## Landscape Architect:

Jens Jensen

**Property Sold:** Eleanor Ford sold Haven Hill to the State of Michigan in March of 1946 for \$307,500.

**Haven Hill Lake:** Is 62 acres in size and was man made for the Fords by damming Cedar

# Activities and Info

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## Highland State Recreation Area's Trails are Ready for You and Your Family

Come enjoy the beauty of Haven Hill's hiking trails and the new Cedar Creek Trail. A wonderful 2.8 miles of walking/hiking, biking, and equestrian trail through a beautiful wilderness setting.

## FOHRA Annual Meeting

*...Every Year in November*

Come and be a part of the Friends of Highland Recreation Area's Haven Hill "year in review" and see plans for the New Year ahead! Public welcome. Check the website for the date and location in November. [www.fohravolunteers.org](http://www.fohravolunteers.org)

## Work Days at the Park

FOHRA members volunteer at Haven Hill approximately every other weekend on Sundays. Look for them at the Gate House, Edsel Ford Barn, or on the Hill. Visit [www.fohravolunteers.org](http://www.fohravolunteers.org) for more information...



**Saturday, August 25**

**10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

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The Haven Hill Festival is a celebration of Michigan's Highland State Recreation Area and the history and spirit of Edsel and Eleanor Ford's former Haven Hill estate. Come see the beauty that is the Haven Hill National Natural Landmark area and its surrounding lands...

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## Highland State Recreation Area

5200 Highland Road, White Lake

Michigan 48383



## The Festival

The Festival began in 2008 and has grown yearly. With your support it will continue to benefit the surrounding communities now and into the future!

## Food and Beverage

The food and beverage sales at the event are a fundraiser for the Friends of Highland Recreation Area. Thank you for supporting your state park and the rejuvenation efforts at Haven Hill.

- Summer Foods and Snacks
- Pop and Water
- Hot and Cold Beverages



## Things To Do

**Antiques and Collectibles Sale at Edsel Ford Barn**

**1860's Vintage Base Ball Game, 10:00 am**

**Kids Run the Bases at the Ball Game**

**Summer Foods at Goose Meadow**

**Brass Band Music During Ball Game**

**Vintage Ford Model A Cars**

**Children's Activities - Arts and Crafts**

**Art, Nature, and History Displays at the Haven Hill Gate House**

**Brick Paver Fund Raising Sale**

**Haven Hill Lodge History and Self-Guided Tour Display on Haven Hill**

**Haven Hill History Displays**

**Enjoy the Cedar Creek Trail**

**There will be free shuttles to and from the Hill and Goose Meadow about every 20 to 30 minutes for your convenience...**



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Festival Info: [www.fohravolunteers/hhf](http://www.fohravolunteers/hhf)

or call (248) 494-8919

The Friends of Highland Recreation Area are a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Visit [www.fohravolunteers.org](http://www.fohravolunteers.org) for more information.

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