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20 GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS MOVE

CLASSROOM TO THE WOODS

Twenty honors geography students attending Waterloo Lutheran University will move from their comfortable classrooms to the wilds of northern Michigan for a five-day field trip, beginning Monday.

They chose Michigan because of the diversity of physical and economic geography it contains within a relatively small area and because of the facilities offered them at Wilderness State Park.

Before they return to campus the students will study the evidences of glacial deposits, the problems of fluctuating lake levels, transportation through the busy Straits of Mackinac, and the original forest areas.

Dr. John McMurry, chairman of the department of geography, and George Priddle, a lecturer in the department, will accompany the students.

"Many of the features of Michigan and Ontario are quite similar," Dr. McMurry said. "Both have a densely populated agricultural-industrial area in the south and a large, sparsely populated northern area."

"In both cases the north has suffered to some extent from the destructive processes associated with extractive industries, such as lumbering and mining. The field trip should assist the students in making comparisons and seeing how the problems are being attacked in the neighboring areas."

Many of the students taking the trip are in the fourth year of the honors program. Some will be continuing into the graduate program in geography offered by Waterloo Lutheran University.

And they all will be asked to wear bright clothing. They are entering wilderness State Park during the annual bow-and-arrow bear and deer hunting season.

"We intend to bring our students back alive," Dr. McMurry said.