

The Jackson Harbor Inn house was built in 1904 by Rasmus Hansen. He owned the dock and the land next door now known as the Ridges. Shortly after, he purchased Rock Island. He sold Rock Island a few years later to Mr. Thordarsen so his wife could return to her homeland for a visit as she was homesick. Rasmus had a general store in the building. He was a boat builder and a commercial fisherman for many years using the upstairs of the newly renovated Harbor House to mend his nets.

His son Art took over the Inn and added cottages on the Ridges which he rented out till the 1970's. Then sold the dock and the Ridges to the town of Washington. The Inn has had a variety of owners since. In 2006, I purchased the Inn and started an intense remodeling--updating and enhancing the beauty of Jackson Harbor. My grandfather, Fred Young, was a commercial fisherman and I grew up right around the corner from the Inn. My father, Larry Young, has been a builder on the Island for over 30 years. It has been a lifelong dream of mine to have an Inn so everyone who visits can enjoy the Island as I do. Come share in the history of Jackson Harbor, it will be a pleasure to meet you!

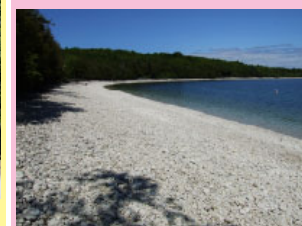


Jackson Harbor Happenings

Starting at the West end of Jackson Harbor Road you will find the **ART AND NATURE CENTER** where local artists sell their works. The local naturalists have a display of wild life for your viewing. Heading East on Jackson Harbor Road on the left hand side you will find **SCHOOL HOUSE BEACH**. This is the only flat stone beach in Wisconsin. It features picnic areas, great swimming and is an excellent place to skip stones. Once this adventure has been experienced you can stop by **FIDDLERS GREEN** known as an adventurer's Oasis--a unique place to grab a bite and a cold drink. Kate will be there to serve you! You can walk next door and tour the **FARM MUSEUM** there you can glimpse the Island Farming industry of years gone by. Heading back down Jackson Harbor Road you will come to Mountain Road, take a right and climb the **MOUNTAIN TOWER**. Here you will have a view of Jackson Harbor and Rock Island State Park. As you travel back down to Jackson Harbor Road you will come upon **SEIVERS** School of Fiber Arts. They feature a large variety of classes with professional teachers/fiber artists. The original fiber art work is sold at the gift shop. At the end of Jackson Harbor Road you will find me and **THE JACKSON HARBOR INN**. Directly to the right is **THE RIDGES**, a wildlife sanctuary with walking trails and a sand beach great for making sand castles. Going past the Inn you will come upon the **WASHINGTON ISLAND FISHING MUSEUM** where you can learn about the Island fishing industry past to present, see the original ice house, commercial fishing boats and an old fisherman's home. A short walk you will be at the **TOWN DOCK** home of the **SEEDIVER** owned and operated by Koyen Fisheries, one of the last commercial fishermen on the Island. Here you can rent dock space or enjoy your own fishing experience by booking a charter with Captain Mike Stults and his crew on **THE REEL DREAMS** vessel. Fish the waters for King Salmon! While at the dock you can stop by for a quick snack at the **TIME OUT CONCESSION STAND** serving Chicago style hot dogs and ice cream, among other goodies. To the left of the Inn is the **ROCK ISLAND STATE DOCK** where you are able to catch the **KARFI** to **ROCK ISLAND STATE PARK** or launch your boat at the public access ramp. **ROCK ISLAND** features one of the oldest lighthouses in the Great Lakes. You are able to tour the Potawatomi Lighthouse as well as the stone buildings built by Norwegian craftsmen. The stone boathouse is a scaled-down replica of a great Scandinavian hall in Iceland.



Art and Nature Center



School House Beach



Farm Museum



Fiddlers Green



Mountain Tower



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Jackson Harbor Ridges



Seediver



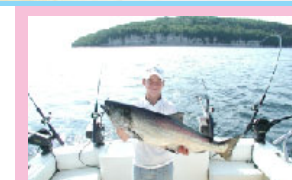
Time Out concession stand



Rock Island Town Dock Fishing Museum



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