Historical Marker - L1198C - L'Anse-Lac Vieux Desert Trail (Marker ID#:L1198C)





Significant Date:

Native People and the French (< 1760)

Registry Year: 1984 Erected Date: 1985

Marker Location

Address: Bishop Baraga Shrine, Lambert Road

City: L'Anse

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Baraga

Township: Lanse

Lat: 46.74885900 / Long: -88.48302800

Web URL:

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L'Anse-Lac Vieux Desert Trail

Near this spot ran the L'Anse-Lac Vieux Desert Trail, which crossed the interior of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan from L'Anse on Keweenaw Bay to Lac Vieux Desert on the Wisconsin border. The trail was used in prehistoric times by native Americans traveling to visit, hunt, or trade. Father René Ménard may have followed this route in 1661 as he traveled south from Keweenaw Bay, a trip from which he never returned. The trail was later used by fur traders, early surveyors, and homesteaders. L'Anse and Lac Vieux Desert bands of Chippewa Indians used this trail into the twentieth century. Today, many segments of the L'Anse-Lac Vieux Desert Trail are unpaved roads that can be traveled by car.

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