

Long, long 'Garage Sale' coming up in August

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What's being billed as "Michigan's Longest Garage Sale" is set for Aug. 9-11 along the entire stretch of U.S. 12.

The historic road - the nation's second oldest, according to the US 12 Heritage Trail Project - will be the scene of garage sales along its 212-mile length on that weekend. The road stretches across southern Michigan from Detroit to New Buffalo.

Organizers said a number of nonprofits are taking part as it's a big fundraising event for them. And some organizations are leasing space to those who don't have their own sale space.

Those taking part should register their sale on the US 12 Heritage Trail website by Aug. 7 at www.us12heritagetrail.org. That way the sale will be included on an interactive online map and in a list that can be downloaded.

Three Oaks, Buchanan, and Edwardsburg are planning community-wide garage sales on that same weekend, organizers said.

U.S. 12 is one of 16 roads designated by the state Legislature as Michigan State Scenic Byways. The annual garage sale on the second weekend in August started in 2003.