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Bike to borrow in Escanaba

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ESCANABA-- The public health clinic began a free bicycle borrowing program this summer at Mr. Bike Ski and Fitness and Goodwill, and now it's at a third location.

Anyone 18 or older can now borrow a bike for a whole day at the Escanaba Marina. There are four yellow bikes available, and two more will be added soon.

Before this, there were rental bikes that cost seven dollars an hour to rent. But not many people rented them because of the price.

The free program is especially helpful to out-of-town boaters who may not have transportation on land.

"It gives people the opportunity to see the park, see Aronson Island, and go downtown and be out in the area itself, not driving in a car doing it. If you're on a bicycle, you're part of it at that point," said Escanaba Harbormaster, Larry Gravatt.

The bikes will be stored away for the winter by the end of October.

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