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_Idlewild, once a popular resort area for African Americans, listed as important historic site_

Lansing, Mich. (AP) -- An expanded area around the northwestern Michigan community of Idlewild has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places as a nationally significant historic site. (Click on photo for link to map image).

The state announced the listing Tuesday (Aug. 10). Idlewild was a popular resort area for African Americans from around 1915 into the 1960s. The Lake County community attracted many major black entertainers to its nightclubs.

The National Register of Historic Places recognized Idlewild in 1979, but the state says that nomination included only part of the town and provided inadequate descriptive and historical information.

The State Historic Preservation Review Board announced last year it was nominating the Idlewild Historic District for listing. National Register of Historic Places: http://www.nps.gov/nr.