



Why Did They Name It That?

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Bad Axe, Michigan: In the mid-nineteenth century, surveyors were platting an early state roadway in Huron County, Michigan. While setting up an overnight camp, one of the surveyors dug up an old axe handle that had definitely seen better days. That evening, when the activities of the day were being recorded in a journal, the site was referred to as the 'bad axe camp'. Fifty years later, when a town was officially founded near the site, the Bad Axe name survived. Today, Bad Axe is the seat of Huron County.