



Equipped to have fun in the great outdoors

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clothes for both men and women.

Creating a lot of interest at GT Cycle is the I-Drive DHi racer, described by Klingelsmith as "the most awesome bike." It has been raced locally at Timberlee, and at the rougher tracks in the US and Canada, "although we have some fairly extreme hills within a half hour of Traverse City," Klingelsmith said.

The I-Drive DHi racer, specifically built for competitive downhill racing, weighs about 26 lbs. more than other types of bikes, and is intended to work with gravity to help riders with their speed, Klingelsmith explained. Not cheap, it sells for \$3,700, and is ideal for kamikaze racing down steep mountain roads and for dual slalom racing.

Aside from I-Drive technology, the DHi racer boasts Hayes hydraulic disc brakes, Fox custom rear shocks, Marzocchi Monster T forks with 7 inch travel, plus WBT rims and Nokian downhill tires, described by Klingelsmith as "a highly respected name in tires. They have a lot of stability when riding down at hill at 50 miles per hour."

Outdoor pursuits

EMS in Traverse City offers equipment for a variety of outdoor activities, such as backpacking, camping, climbing, cycling, fitness, hiking and travel for men and women.

Manager Margaret LaBar points out that EMS is very much aware of women customers' sports needs.

EMS features a trekking pole designed by and for women, which saves on the knees and lower back.

"It's great for hiking or skiing," said LaBar. Another popular item is the Tristar three-season backpacking tent, which sleeps two people, and has continuous pole sleeves and color-coded poles for easy setup. It has two doors and two vestibules, LaBar added. The Tristar tent sells for \$199.

Another item she recommends is the Super

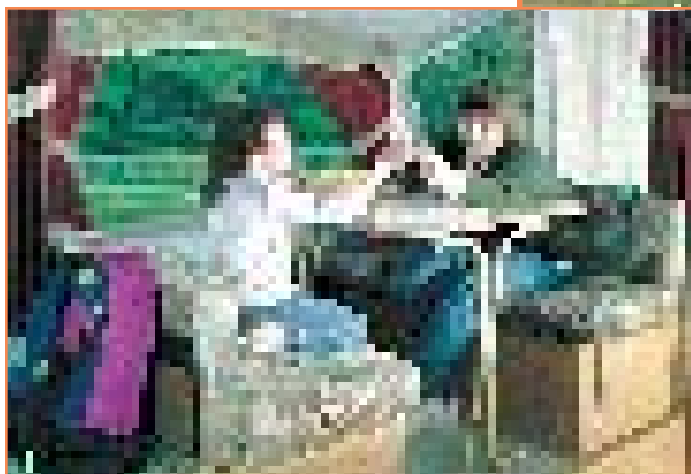
Universal Gemini headlamp by Black Diamond. It is lightweight, and has Hallogen lighting. L.E.D. bulbs are easy on batteries. The Gemini is water resistant, and useful for kayaking, canoeing and hiking.

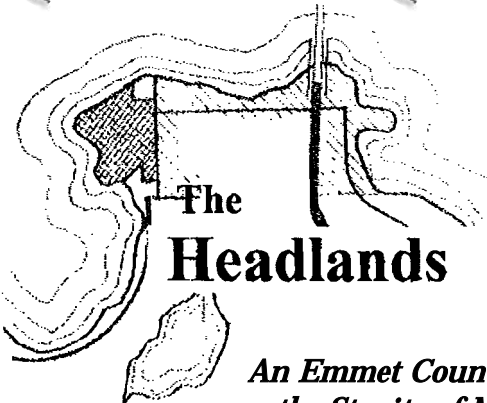
EMS has Summit backpacking boots and Gore-Tex hiking boots for both men and women, described by LaBar as "very comfy, waterproof and breathable."

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Memory Makers, the Coleman line of pop up campers, sports features like an easy-to-reach waist-level crank location and the Backsaver bed support system. At left is the Memory Makers' Ultra Glide-out Dinette. The side windows are made of clear vinyl.





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