Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center -Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary



Dive in and explore Great Lakes maritime heritage at the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center. Thunder Bay was designated as a national marine sanctuary to protect a nationally significant collection of nearly 200 shipwrecks that lie in Lake Huron off the coast of Alpena County, Michigan. These vessels rest in an area known as Shipwreck Alley and tell

stories of the development of the Great Lakes region and the western expansion of the United States. Visitors can fish, kayak, snorkel, or dive the wrecks. If you don't want to get wet, stop by NOAA's Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center in the City of Alpena and experience the interactive Exploring the Shipwreck Century exhibit. The exhibit features a life-size hand-built replica of a portion of a 1800s Great Lakes schooner, a re-creation of a shipwreck site, artifact lab, and hundreds of interpretive learning opportunities.

www.thunderbay.noaa.gov or call 989-356-8805

Alpena Shipwreck Tours



Explore the shipwrecks of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary on the 65-foot glassbottomed Lady Michigan! Two large viewing wells on the main deck give passengers a front row view of shipwrecks on the bottom of Lake Huron. Departing from the port of Alpena, the Lady Michigan will take you on a comfortable

adventure into the heart of Lake Huron's Shipwreck Alley. A memorable experience for passengers of all ages! Daily tours begin in June and continue through the color season. Tickets can be purchased daily at the Sanctuary Gift Store at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center (989) 356-8805 ext. 18, located at 500 W. Fletcher Street in Alpena. The Lady Michigan docks just behind the Heritage Center in the Thunder Bay River. Group tours are available. www.alpenashipwrecktours.com.





The City of Alpena Marina is a full-service marina in the heart of downtown Alpena. It is a Michigan Central Reservation System harbor and has a Marina Store & Maintenance Facility, Haul-in/Haul-Out Capability, Wireless Internet Service, Water & Electrical Service, Pump-Out Facility, Gasoline & Diesel Fuel, Winter Storage Options, Launch Ramps, Boaters Restrooms, and Fish Cleaning Station.

3 Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan



educational institution dedicated to serving the public of all ages and abilities in art, history, and science. Through research, it collects, preserves, and interprets artifacts, specimens, and information concerning the 15 counties in Northeast Michigan. Through programs and exhibits, it promotes understanding and appreciation of the past and present. The museum also features special limited-time exhibits as well as a planetarium, 989-356-2202, www.bessermuseum.org

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Rockport State Park



Rockport State Park, with spectacular Lake Huron views, is located 10 miles north of the Alpena on Lake Huron. Situated on the Alpena/Presque Isle County line, east of US 23, the property covers nearly 6 square miles. The park features an inactive limestone quarry, a deep water harbor with boat launch, trails, parking and picnic areas, 8 large and several small sinkholes and miles of forested land. www.michigan.gov/rockport

Alpena Bi-Path



The Alpena Bi-Path is a bicycle and pedestrian pathway throughout the City. Bike, walk, roller blade and skateboard on the 18+ miles of paved pathway and access all the waterfront parks in the city. The Bi-Path follows along the top of the breakwall at the marina, allowing an unobstructed view of Lake Huron. A section follows the shore of the Thunder Bay River through the Alpena

County Fairgrounds. The Bi-Path encompasses the Maritime Heritage Trail located along the Thunder Bay River next to the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center and spans the Thunder Bay River to connect the Maritime Heritage Trail to Rotary Island.

Downtown Alpena



Island Park

Historic Downtown Alpena - where businesses provide old-fashioned personal service and quality - is nestled between the shores of Lake Huron and the Thunder Bay River. Downtown Alpena is a short walk from the marina or the Maritime Heritage Trail. Visit Downtown for all of your retail, service and professional needs, enjoy our wide variety of dining and entertainment ... and don't forget to pause and enjoy the view. www.alpenadowntown.com



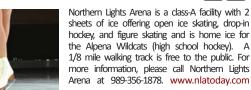
A 17-acre island jewel surrounded by the Thunder Bay River which winds through the 500 acre wildlife sanctuary of water, low islands and waterfowl. Several paths lead joggers, walkers, photographers, fishermen, and nature lovers through varied ecosystems including sand dunes, meadows, woodlands, gentle slopes, and marsh areas. Viewing and fishing platforms (one

handicapped accessible viewing platform) are located at various points on the island.



concession stand, concrete boat ramp, three docks, nature trails, two pavilions (with electricity), picnic tables, two playgrounds, two swimming beaches, and outdoor trailer storage. Special activities include an annual pig roast and a weekly pot luck dinner. Long Lake Park is open May 15 to September 15. Camping is permitted after September 15 until November 1 on a daily rate schedule. A park caretaker is on-site.

9 Northern Lights Arena & the APlex 🏹 👫



The Aplex is a state-of-the-art facility that seats 650 and offers a state of the art kitchen and a/v. The facility also features a gymnasium, four regulationsized tennis courts, two multi-purpose rooms, an aerobics area, outdoor beach volleyball courts, corporate fitness area, and locker facilities. The Aplex offers an active schedule of sports, fitness classes, and camps year-round for all ages. For more information, please call 989-354-6164. www.aplex.com



Babe was white at the time he was built in 1937/38 on the hill across from the Lookout Inn. The legend was that a white cow on a hill signified good luck. In 1950, new owners bought the hill and Babe was painted blue. Paul was built in 1953. In 2006, Paul and Babe were moved to their present location and were restored in 2007.

Shinga-ba-Shores is located across US 23 from Dinosaur Gardens. Completed in 1998, this volunteer-built 8,500 square foot playground was designed and built from the ideas of area children. The playground reflects Native Americans, farming, lumbering, and Great Lakes trades. The park features a pavilion and ball fields as well.

Festivals & Events

Concerts in the Park (Bayview Park)	All summer
Alpena Farmer's Market	June - October
Alpena Blues Festival	June
Friday Night Downtown	June/July
Independence Day Celebration	July
Maritime Festival	July
Michigan Brown Trout Festival	July
Art on the Bay	July
Alpena County Fair	July/August
Ramblin' Rods Car Show	August
Antique Steam Engine & Tractor Show	August
Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival	October
Light Up the Season Weekend	November
Santa Parade (day after Thanksgiving)	November
Live Theaters	Year Round

Tourism Information



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Alpena Convention & Visitor's Bureau

www.alpenacvb.com 235 W. Chisholm St 1-800-4-ALPENA Alpena, MI 49707 989-354-4181

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www.michigan.gov/dnr

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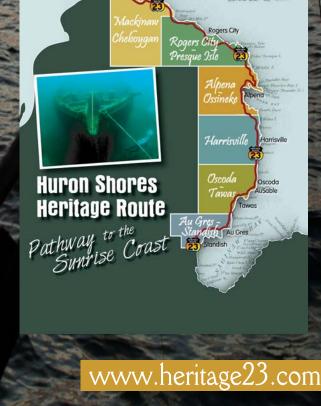


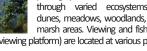


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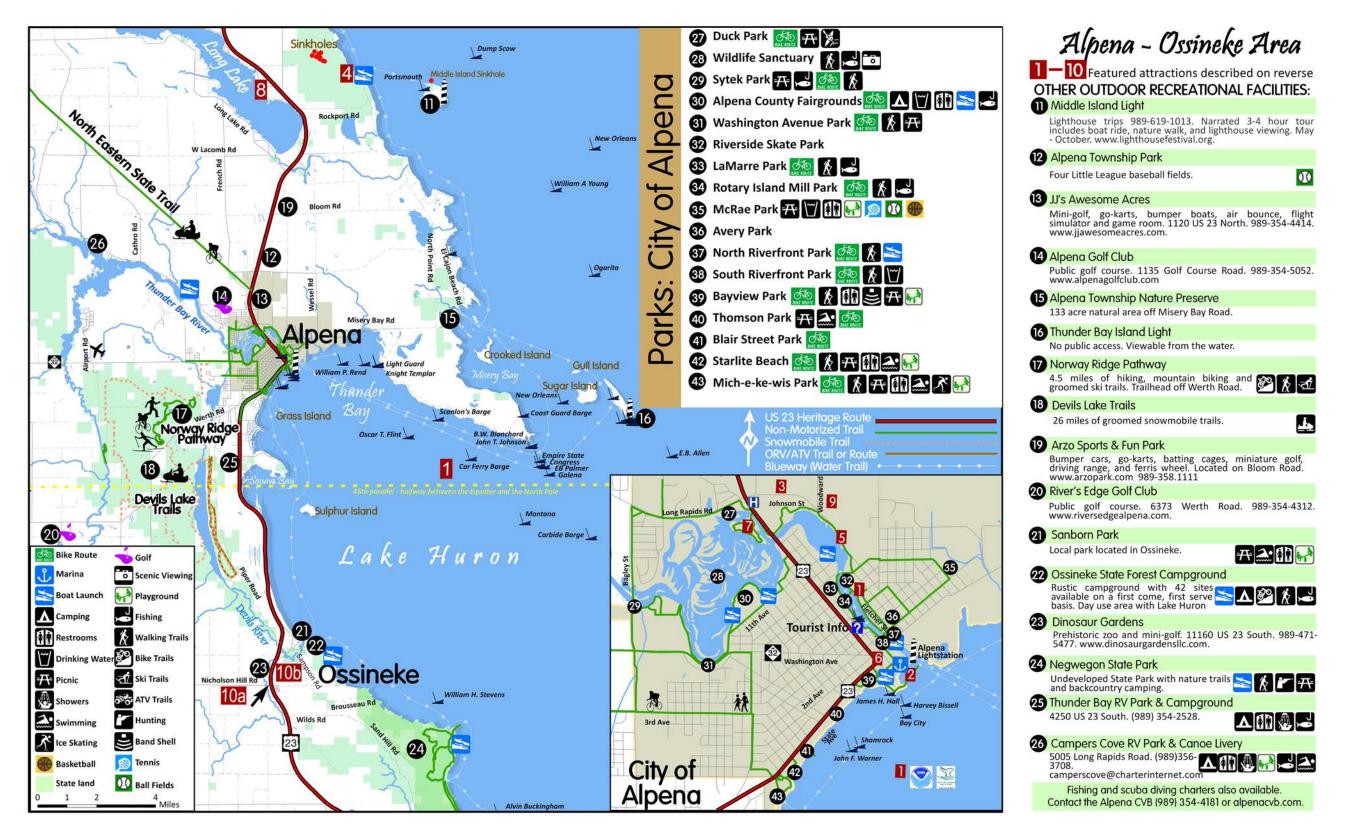
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Featured Attractions...

6 Presque Isle Marina



Presque Isle offers the only natural harbor on Lake Huron with a new marina offering water, restrooms, showers, diesel, electricity, pumpout, gasoline, launch, fishing pier, dog run, grills, and the Portage Restaurant. The Old Presque Isle Lighthouse is a short walk up the path.

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The Old Presque Isle Lighthouse was built in 1840; hand-hewn stone steps lead to the top of the tower for a panoramic view of the Lake Huron shoreline and the harbor. The New Presque Isle Lighthouse, with a tower height of 109 feet. is the tallest lighthouse on the Great Lakes with a hundred-acre

Old Presque Isle New Presque park, picnic area, and museum. The light Isle Light was first lit in 1871 and is still operational.



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Situated along 7.5 miles of Lake Huron shoreline, this undeveloped park provides a rustic retreat for hikers exploring the park's 6 miles of trails. Hike in late May and June to see beautiful spring wildflower blooms. The rare dwarf lake iris may be seen in late May along the trails and on the shoreline

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just west of Observatory Point. Thompson's Harbor now has 2 rustic cabins. www.michigan.gov/thompsonsharbor

larbor View/Quarry View



At Quarry View, stand at the observation deck and overlook the world's largest open pit limestone quarry or watch the ships being loaded at nearby Harbor View, one of the few places in Michigan where observers can get such a close-up view.





Sacred Rock



This massive boulder of Engodine dolomite, measuring 20' X 8' X 6', was deposited along the shore when the last glacier receded from the Great Lakes. The Indians believed it was sacred and were known to make sacrifices at the rock whenever they passed up or down the lake.



40 Mile Point

Lighthouse Park

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Glawe School was built in 1885 by Christian Glawe. The one-room schoolhouse, located in 40 Mile Point Lighthouse Park, is open Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the summer. If the flag is up, the school is open!



bunkhouse gift shop, the Calcite Pilothouse, picnic area, and beach. Open Memorial Day weekend through mid-October. The entrance to the park is located approximately 100 yards north of the Lighthouse Park sign on US 23. Bike from Rogers City to the lighthouse on the Huron Sunrise www.40milepointlighthouse.org

14 Ocqueoc Falls **⋏**ॠ∦₫⊿<u>፼</u>と

The largest falls in the lower peninsula. Ocqueoc (intepreted as "crooked river or water") has two falls - the upper

Falls State Forest Campground. Hike, ski or mountain bike the 6-mile Bicentennial Pathway, fish, or enjoy the wildlife in this beautiful park.

17 Black Mountain Forest Recreation Area



Outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy these 30 miles of ATV, hiking, mountain biking, snowmobiling, and cross country ski trails as well as camping, hunting, fishing, and horseback riding in a beautiful forest setting.



waterfront. A beautiful harbor invites sailboats and cruisers into a state-of-the-art facility. A port of entry, which makes for a great jumping off point to the North Channel. The harbor is home for 92 seasonal and 34 transient slips. An extended breakwall

extension has a fishing platform for anglers wishing to try their luck. Adjacent to the marina is Lakeside Park with its playground and swimming beach. Restaurants and shopping just a few blocks away. www.rogerscity.com

Presque Isle County Historical Museum

The world's largest limestone quarry, the giant ships of the Bradley fleet, Native Americans, frontier pioneers, lumberjacks and lumber barons, the Bertram Sisters' Millinery Shoppe, and a 1900s school room are just a few of the exhibits that document the rich history of the county.

www.thebradleyhouse.com



specializes in memories, not just artifacts. The generations of men and women who risked life itself to sail these waters are enshrined and remembered here as are their uniforms, personal possessions, navigational and other maritime tools. Step into four

centuries of fascinating Great Lakes history. 367 N. 3rd Street, Rogers City, MI. www.gllmm.com

Seagull Point Park 翻弄



Seagull Point is a favorite place to watch sunsets. The park features an extensive network of nature trails, a mile of unspoiled beach, low dunes and woodlands, and a nice view of the shoreline back to Rogers City and beyond.

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34 Herman Vogler Conservation Area



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On the banks of the Trout River, this

Huron Sunrise Trail



Area and north along Lake Huron from Rogers City, the Huron Sunrise Trail

Tourism Information



Rogers City Chamber of Commerce www.rogerscity.com 1-800-622-4148

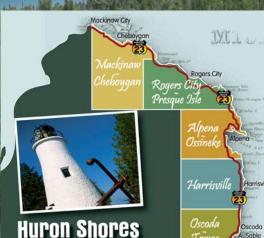
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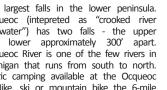






assures smooth dockage for boats coming in off Lake Huron. The breakwall

Free admission. Open Tuesday-Saturday, May - September, from 12-4 p.m.

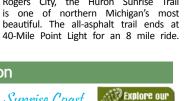


and lower approximately 300' apart. Ocqueoc River is one of the few rivers in Michigan that runs from south to north. Rustic camping available at the Ocqueoc





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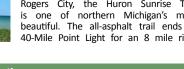
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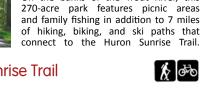
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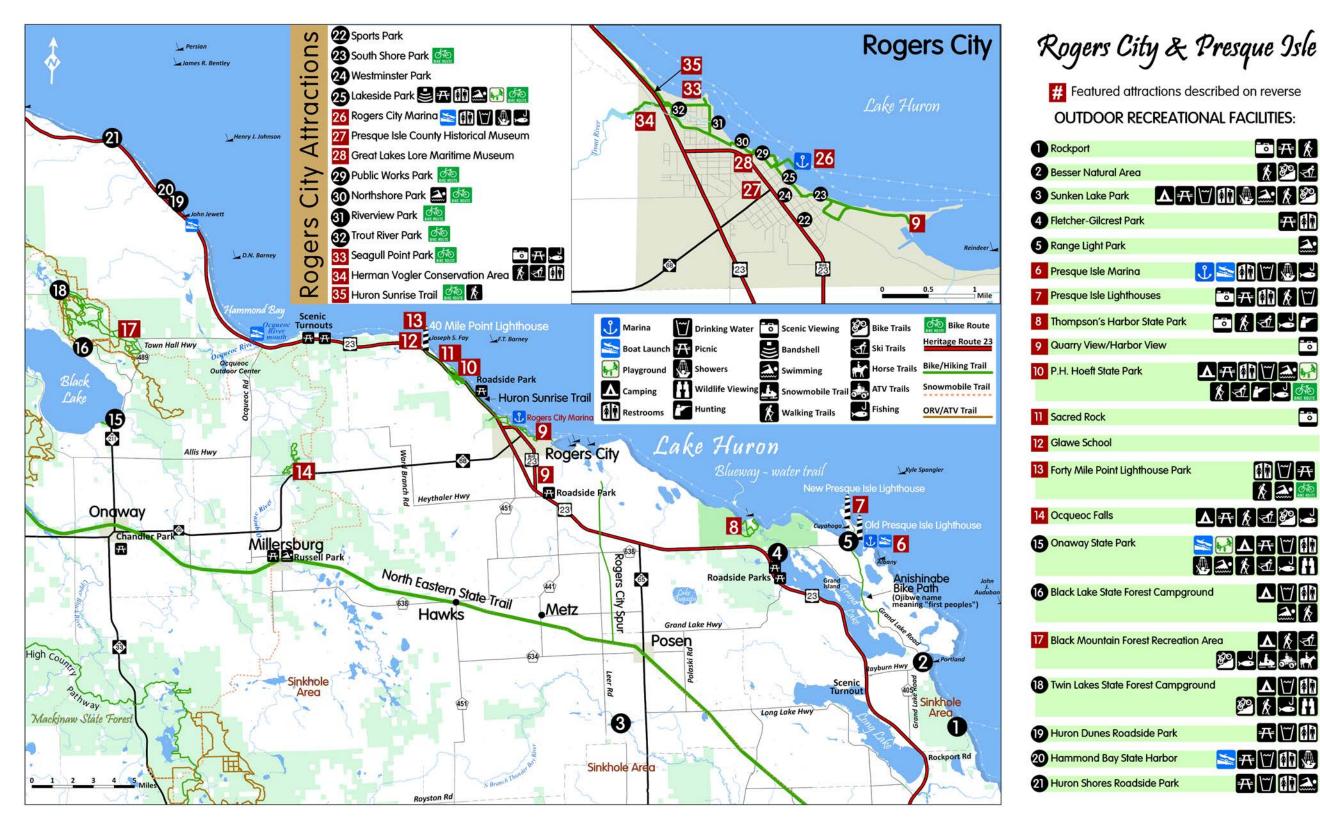
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Colonial Michilimackinac



Michimilimackinac, now one of the longest on-going archeological projects of its kind, was founded in 1715 as a French fur-trading village and military outpost. It was here where fur traders and Indians rendezvoused, French and British officers organized war parties and explorers began their journeys into the vast

western unknown. It was later occupied by the British who abandoned it in 1780 to establish a new fort on Mackinac Island. Open early May - mid October. 102 Straits Avenue. www.mackinacparks.com

Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse & Fog ō **Signal Station**



Erected in 1892, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse served as a beacon of safety in the Straits for more than 60 years. Climb the tower and take in the spectacular view. Interact with hands-on exhibits. 526 North Huron www.mackinacparks.com Avenue

The Headlands International Dark Sky Park



The Headlands, a 600-acre thickly forested gem situated along the clear blue expanse of Lake Michigan, is 1 of only 6 International Dark Sky Parks in the country. The Headlands possesses exceptional natural darkness, starry skies and natural noctural habitat. Dark Skies programs are available. The Park contains pristine woodlands, more than 2 miles of undeveloped Lake Michigan shoreline and many species of rare and endangered plant life. Visitors to the Headlands may experience sightings of the many wild animals native to the area including: bald eagles, osprey, white tail deer, wild turkeys, coyotes and occasionally a black bear. Marked nature trails guide hikers, bicyclists,

cross-country skiers, and nature photographers to experience the park throughout the changing seasons. The "Beach House" and the "Guest House" are available for rental. www.emmetcounty.org/headlands

4 Mackinac Bridge



The Mackinac Bridge, built in 1957, is the longest suspension bridge in the western hemisphere. The total length of the bridge is 26,372 ft. The height of the towers soar 553 ft above the water. The 1,024,500 ton structure features 42,000 miles of cable. Each year on Labor Day, the bridge is opened to walkers traveling from St. Ignace to Mackinaw City.

Mackinaw Bridge Museum: (Mackinac Bridge is spelled with a "c", but the Museum is spelled with a "w" to denote that it is in Mackinaw City). This FREE museum features a narrated video of

the bridge construction and displays of the artifacts used. Come and see the nation's largest collection of bridge artifacts! Open daily 8 am - 10 pm May 1st -October 30. Located at 231 E Central Avenue upstairs from Mama Mia's Pizza.

cebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum



"An American Hero Story." The "Queen of the Great Lakes" was built as part of the war effort during WWII. the Mackingw (WAGB-83) was the most powerful and capable icebreaker in the world and is still the stardard by which icebreakers are measured. For 62 years, she served the Great Lakes shipping industry. She

was decommissioned June 10, 2006. Tours are available, but visitors are advised to call ahead to schedule, 231-436-9825, www.themackinaw.org

6 Mackinaw Heritage Village

Heritage Village recreates a period between 1880-1917. The 43-acre site features historic buildings including a one-room school house and a 1900 pestilence house. During the summer you may visit the village any day. But for tours conducted by docents, the village is open Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from 1pm to

5pm. For more information on our buildings and attractions use our Audio Tour by phoning 231-486-0003 and keying in stops 201 - 213. www.mackinawhistory.org

Jack Pine Lumberjack Shows



The site of the first industrial settlement in the Straits area. Hear the rush of water powering a reconstructed sawmill as you experience a sawmill demonstration. Participate in the sawpit method of lumber production. Immerse yourself in nature trails and interactive exhibits. Climb a 50-foot tower. And then experience the adrenaline of the park naturalist-guided Adventure Tour, which includes the Eagles Flight Zip Line, Forest Canopy Bridge, and Nature Trail Climbing Wall. Less than 5 minutes from Mackinaw City on US 23 south. www.mackinacparks.com

• North Central State Trail & North Eastern State Trail

North Central State Trail: The 62-mile rail trail between Gaylord and Mackinaw City has a surface of compacted limestone that is suitable for virtually any bicycle tire. Its uses include not only bicycling but also walking, horseback riding, and in the winter snowmobiling. Trailheads in Gaylord, Vanderbilt, Wolverine, Indian River, Cheboygan, and Mackinaw City. www.northcentraltrail.org.

North Eastern State Trail: Traversing 71 miles between Alpena and Cheboygan, this trail joins up with the North Central State Trail just south of Lincoln Street in Cheboygan. With a crused limestone surface, this trail follows the path first made possible by the lumber industry in the need to transport lumber by rail.

Lighthouses

Michigan lighthouses were beacons of brilliance as they guided sailors along the Michigan coastline. While some lighthouses are still in operation, others have been converted to museums in order to share their stories. The Straits Area boasts numerous lighthouses and lighthouse ruins to explore: Old Mackinac Point Light, McGulpin Point Light, Cheboygan Crib Light, Cheboygan River Front Range Lighthouse, Poe Reef Light, Fourteen Foot Shoal Light, Spectacle Reef Light, and the Bois Blanc Lighthouse. Visit the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association at www.gllka.com. (231) 436-5580.

Cheboygan & Mackinaw Marinas

The Mackinaw City Municipal Marina, Straits State Harbor, the Chebovgan County Marina and the Chebovgan Municipal Marina all provide an expansive view of the Straits! All accept reservations on-line at: www.midnrreservations.com



Cheboygan Opera House



The Opera House, originally constructed in 1877, was restored in 1984. This acoustically superb theater has become a focal point for entertainment in the Straits Area. 403 N. Huron Street. Call 231-627-5432 for concert schedules, tickets, and information. (Box Office 231-627-5841). www.theoperahouse.org

Explore our

Cheboygan Area

Indian River

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relations and marine environmental protection.





The Inland Waterway encompasses a 38.2-mile route from Lake Huron to Crooked Lake. In between, you travel the Chebovgan River. Mullet Lake. Indian River. Burt Lake, Crooked River and into Crooked Lake. This unique chain of lakes and rivers was once a vital means of transportation for the area. Visitors will travel through two locks-one located in Cheboygan and the other near Alanson. The 38-mile waterway is a unique adventure sure to please any boating enthusiast. From wildlife and

scenic beauty to water skiing, tubing and swimming - the Inland Waterway has it all. For more information, visit the Inland Water Route Historical Society at www.iwrhs.com

15 Cheboygan History Center



Located at Huron and Court Streets in Cheboygan, the complex consists of four buildings which house artifacts and historic exhibits of the past. The grounds also display the Memorial Rose Garden and beautiful perennial garden. 427 Court Street. Open Memorial Day through September, Tuesday - Saturday 1-4 www.cheboyganhistorycenter.org pm.



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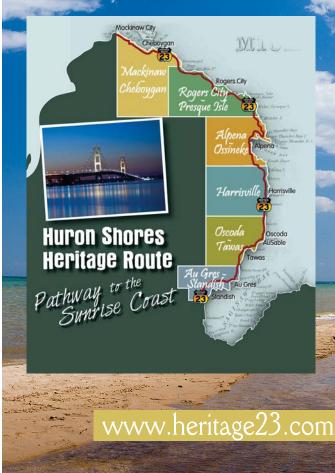
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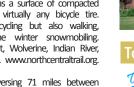
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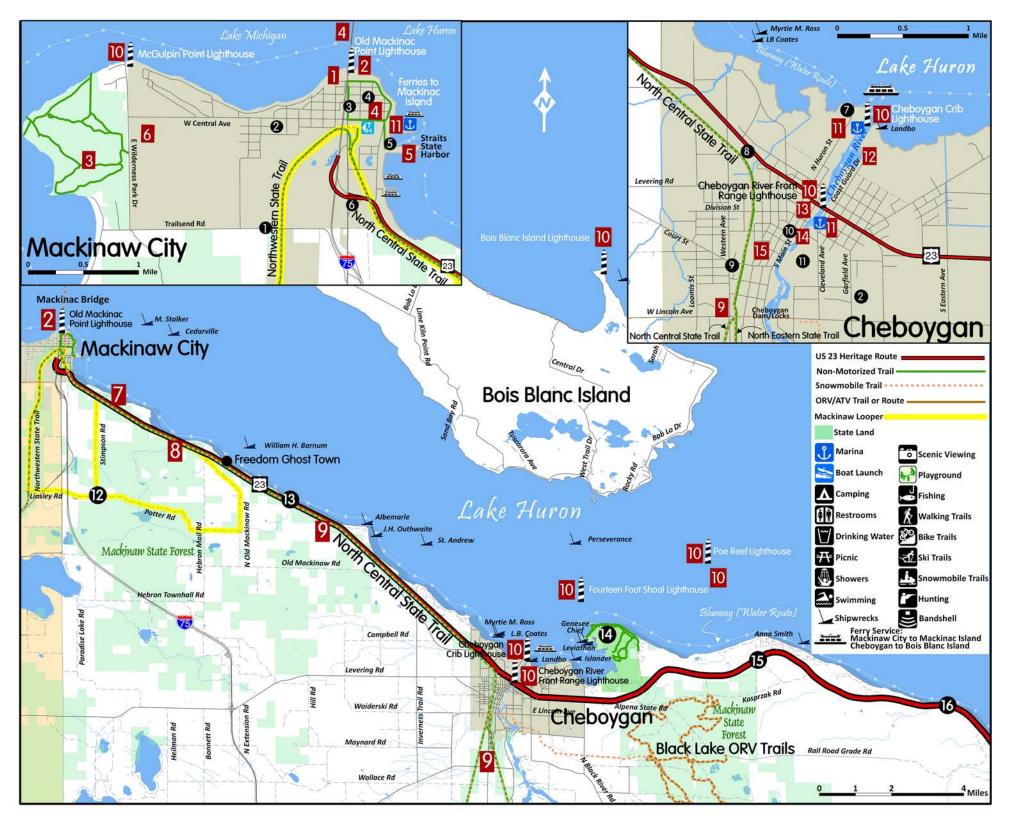
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Cheboygan & Mackinaw 1 — 15 Featured attractions described on reverse

Other Outdoor Recreational Facilities...

Turbine Pines Disc Golf Course

Turbine Pines Disc Golf Course in Mackinaw City is located off Trails End Road next to the bike Trail. This Free park offers an eighteen hole course in natural woodlands and field settings. Several holes offer a "green View" of the Two Wind turbines and Michigan White Pines.

2 Recreation Complex & Ice Arenas

The Mackinaw City Complex features ball fields, tennis courts, ice skating, picnic pavilion, walking track, and exercise equipment. The Cheboygan Ice Pavilion features hockey, open skating and skate rentals.



Washington Park is at the center of downtown Cheboygan on Main Street/M-27. The park has a band shell and picnic area. The Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce is located at the park.

Major City Park

Major City Park has several ball fields for baseball and softball. A basketball court is on the southeast side of the

2 Mackinaw Looper

10 Washington Park

Suggested Trail Routes: 11-mile loop follows the Petoskey to Mackinaw Rail Trail, turns east on Potter Road, then north on Stimpson Road, then returns to Mackinaw City via the North Central State Trail. 18-mile loop continues farther east along Potter Road to N. Old Mackinaw Road, then follows the North Central State Trail back to Mackinaw City.

13 Mackinaw Straits Roadside Park

14 Cheboygan State Park 231-627-2811 ∕◭᠓拱∀∅҈҈҈ڰ≵⊴ www.michigan.gov/ dnre 15 Scenic Turnout

16 Huron Shores Roadside Park



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Negwegon State Park is a 3,738 acre rustic, undeveloped area open for hunting and hiking. The terrain is a mixture of low land areas, with small ridges, to mature pine forest, with some hardwoods and aspen forest, with some pockets of open meadows mixed in. Negwegon hosts a beautiful undeveloped sandy beach on Lake Huron. The Algonquin Trail, the Chippewa Trail, and the Po-

tawatomi Trail provide scenic hiking opportunities. Backcountry camping is available in Negwegon from April through November. This type of camping can be a very rewarding experience as some of Negwegon's most scenic areas are accessible only by hiking, kayaking or canoeing along the Lake Huron shore. www.michigan.gov/negwegon

2 Sturgeon Point Lighthouse



Sturgeon Point juts into Lake Huron, and the waves off the point conceal a long and shallow reef which extends for almost a full mile beyond the visible confines of the land. In 1870, the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse became operational to mark the hazard of Sturgeon Point and continues to be an operational lighthouse today. The lighthouse was electrified and automated in

1939 and the last personnel left in 1941. The light apparatus is still maintained by the U.S. Coast Guard. The keeper's house is now a maritime museum maintained by the Alcona Historical Society. The keeper's house and the tower are both open to the public. www.alconahistoricalsociety.com

3 Old Bailey School



Built in 1907 of Norway pine, the Bailey School is one of the few remaining one-room, log schoolhouses still standing in Michigan. The school bell still rings from atop the roof to summon students of history and simpler times. It was built at the site of C.A. Johnson Logging Camp west of Mikado for the children of the logging crews. It bears the name of a lumberman who was part of the crew that built the school and who supervised moving it in 1913 to a site on F-30, where it served the community until 1941. Partially restored in 1973, the

structure was disassembled, moved and restored in 1998 to its current Sturgeon Point site. It is furnished with items used during its time, including a recitation bench, desks, drinking pail and dipper, and coal stove. www.alconahistoricalsociety.com





The Harrisville Harbor was completed in 1961. A large basin had to be created along the shoreline by dynamite, dredging, and removing large boulders. The limestone wall was constructed to create the harbor of refuge for anchorage and shelter. A fixed dock was built in 1963, floating dockage was added in 1986, and the current updated comfort station in 2006. The Harbor provides a total of 98 slips, 49 for transient and 49 for seasonal

boaters. During the summer months, the Harbor Pavilion provides the backdrop for a variety of activities as well as the city's summer concert series on Wednesday nights. www.hvharbor.com

5 Harrisville State Park



Harrisville State Park features a campground and day-use area nestled in a stand of pine and cedar trees along the sandy shores of Lake Huron. The park is within walking distance of the resort town of Harrisville. Established in 1921, it is one of Michigan's oldest state parks. The original park area consisted of six acres, much smaller than the current 107-acre size. Harrisville State Park also offers mini-cabins and rustic cabins all year long. www.michigan.gov/harrisville

Built in 1901 for the Detroit and Mackinac Railway

Company, the Harrisville cut stone depot was a

busy place any day of the week with the bustling

6 Historic Depots



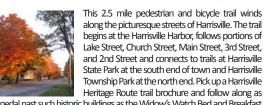
lumber business in and around Harrisville. Daily trains arrived or departed to destinations such as Detroit or Cheboygan. As the lumber business diminished and automobile use increased, rail travel became less and less common. The last

passenger train left the station on March 31, 1951. Mail and freight service continued through the early 1960's, after which the building was used for occasional storage by the railroad. This depot is one of the few remaining in northern Michigan. The Depot is one of the historic sites on the Harrisville Heritage Route Trail. The Lincoln Depot, a wood

structure that has been standing since 1886, was built by the Detroit, Bay Citvand Alpena Railroad. The Depot is located on Lake Street in Lincoln and served the community and the surrounding area until 1929. The first rail service to this area passed through Lincoln from the south and continued north through Ossineke and Alpena. In December of 1998, the Lincoln Depot was officially recognized as a Michigan Historic Site.

Harrisville Heritage Route Trail

Lincoln Depot



begins at the Harrisville Harbor, follows portions of Lake Street, Church Street, Main Street, 3rd Street, and 2nd Street and connects to trails at Harrisville State Park at the south end of town and Harrisville Township Park at the north end. Pick up a Harrisville Heritage Route trail brochure and follow along as

(where the former roof-top gazebo can be seen sitting on the grounds of the property) and the Old Place Inn (where John Dillenger reportedly had coffee). Be sure to stop and take in the spectacular view of sparkling Lake Huron at the end of Main Street!

Alcona County Quilt Trail

Follow the Alcona County Quilt Trail up the coast of Lake Huron and inland across the rolling green fields of Alcona County. Download the driving directions and find the 8' X 8' quilt blocks on the sides of historic barns, at local parks, on historic churches, at a train depot, and hidden in many more unexpected places. Each quilt square tells a story about the location. Travel the downtown Harrisville Walking Quilt Trail by visiting twelve downtown merchants and find 12" fabric quilt squares hanging in each! www.alconaguilttrail.com



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Reid Lake is a 3,000 acre back-country recreation experience that is closed to motor vehicles. 12 miles of gently rolling trails through the Huron National Forest will lead you around Reid Lake, once part of a northern Michigan farm. The ski trails are easily negotiated by a beginning skier, with enough rolling terrain to please even the more advanced skier.

Hunting and fishing are permitted. Reid Lake boasts a large population of largemouth bass, perch, sunfish, and rainbow trout. Small boats, canoes, and inflatable rafts are permitted, but they must be carried in and out of the foot travel area. Parking lot and trailhead are located on M-72. National Forest Service vehicle pass is required.





Hoist Lakes encompasses over 10.000 acres of pine, aspen and hardwood forests. The area is large enough to challenge any backpacking enthusiast. There are over 20 miles of trails winding through small pothole lakes and areas of beaver flooding, as well as over and around hills and ridges. As you travel through the area. watch for examples of timber harvesting and

tree regeneration, wildlife management and watershed management. Hunting and fishing are permitted in season. The Hoist Lakes Area is home to white-tail deer, black bear, raccoon, red fox, coyote, beaver, otter, mink, badger, skunk, and squirrel. North Hoist Lake is home to bass and sunfish while South Hoist Lake is a designated trout lake and is regularly stocked with rainbow trout. Byron Lake offers good bass and perch fishing. National Forest Service vehicle pass is required.



Located on the historic AuSable River floodwaters above the Alcona Dam, this 1,100 acre park has three miles of shoreline on each side of this trophy fish-producing river. Surrounded by the Huron National Forest, it is a favorite home away from home for many vacationers. The river provides quality fishing of walleye, pike, perch, bass and trout. Canoeing, boating, swimming, fishing, hunting and wildlife viewing are all popular

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Tourism Information



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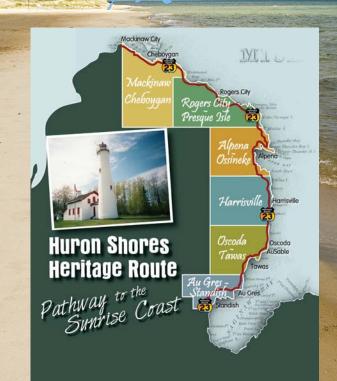
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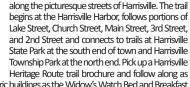
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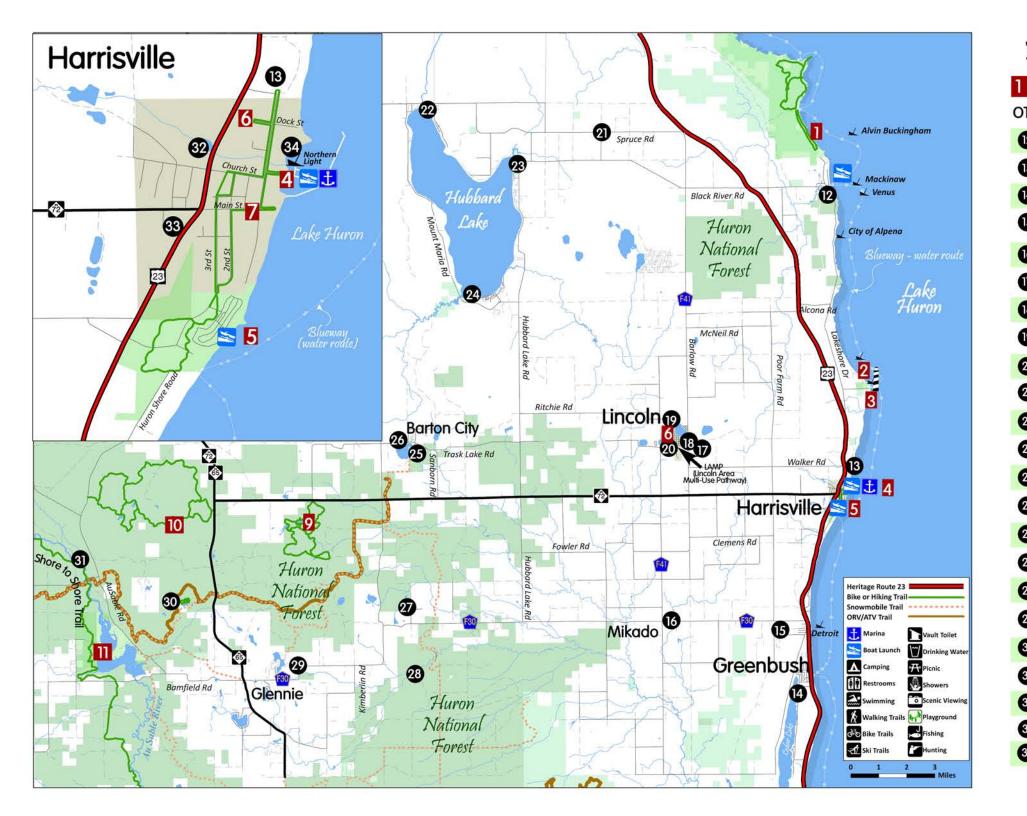


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Alabaster Bike Path & Arboretum 🛛 🏌 🏍



This 4-mile pathway winds its way from the southern edge of Tawas City through wooded areas and along the Lake Huron shores. The trail curves in and out of the woods and has a state-of-the-art wooden guard rail that keeps users safe from road traffic. The pathway also serves as an arboretum. Pick up an arboretum brochure and learn

to identify native trees of Michigan. The trail starts at Alabaster Road and goes to Townline Road. The Alabaster pathway connects to a Tawas pathway that runs through the entire Tawas Bay area and out to Tawas Point State Park.

Tawas Point State Park & Lighthouse



A nature lover's paradise! The park sits on a point that juts out into Lake Huron. Sandy beaches run along both the bayside and lakeside of the point.



to the tip of the park's sandy crescent. Because of its location it attracts a large variety of waterfowl and shorebirds. A birding festival occurs the 3rd weekend in May.

The site is also home to a large monarch butterfly population.

Campground: There are 195 modern sites with a shallow swimming beach. Very child-friendly! There are also horseshoe pits, a volleyball area, and a ball diamond.

Picnicking: A picnic area is available for day-use.

Tawas Point Lighthouse: Now located within Tawas Point State Park, the lighthouse has been in service since 1876. At night, the keeper's house and tower are illuminated with exterior lights. Tours are available during the summer months.

East Tawas City Park Campground



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Long one of Michigan's most popular family campgrounds, the East Tawas City Park features 174 available campsites with full hookup including cable t.v. The park Day-Use area features a 36' octagonal gazebo, 2 sets of horseshoe pits, a "Mystery Ship" themed play structure, picnic

tables and grills for your enjoyment. The gazebo is also available for private rental. The campground and Day-Use area also features 1600' of groomed, sandy beach that is open to the public for no charge. An easy access to fishing is off the State Pier.

4 AuSable Valley Audubon Trails



Wonderful bird watching opportunities, including large eagle populations, abound all along marked hiking trails in the AuSable Valley. The largest area is the Tuttle Marsh National Wildlife Area, a 400-acre impoundment surrounded by 5,000 acres of wetlands. Water birds

abound. Herons, bitterns and many shore birds make this marsh their home. During the spring and fall migratory seasons, it is a stopping point for several types of ducks and geese. Tuttle Marsh is a favorite stop during the Tawas Point Birding Festival. Location: From Oscoda, take US 23 (AuSable Road) to Tuttle Marsh Road. www.ausablevalleyaudubon.com

5 Huron National Forest & River Road National Scenic Byway



From US 23 in downtown Oscoda, travel west on the River Road National Scenic Byway which serves as the east-west route into the Huron National Forest. This route travels along the high banks of the AuSable River valley where visitors may enjoy panoramic views of the river and the natural beauty of the Huron National Forest. The US Forest Service offers primitive campsites along

the riverbanks and on islands of the AuSable

River. Full-service camping is available along the Foote Pond reservoir at Oscoda Township's Old Orchard Park Campground. The Huron National Forest and AuSable River valley offer opportunities for fishing, canoeing, swimming, birding, hunting, snowmobiling, and Michigan's "Capital of Cross Country Skiing" at Corsair Park. More information may be obtained at: www.byways.org

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6 Lumberman's Monument



This huge bronze memorial to Michigan's lumbering era sits on a high bluff overlooking the sparkling waters of the AuSable River. Erected in 1932, interpretive signs and exhibits tell the story of moving logs from forests to the mills. Children enjoy climbing the log jam and using the crosscut saw. For those willing to hike the 260 steps down to the edge of the river, they can board the Wanigan, a replica of the floating cook shacks that followed the

www.byways.org http://fs.usda.gov

Northeast MI Regional Farm Market



Park in Oscoda and Saturdays at the corner of Westover and Sawyer Streets in East Tawas. This market runs rain or shine from Memorial Day until October. Great vendors offer heirloom veggies, organically grown greens, cheeses,

skin care, large bouquets, plants, and much more. Shake the hand that feeds you! www.getitfresh.org



The site has everything a water lover could want. The park has a beautiful sandy beach, harbor, boat launch, and marine facilities. There is a fully handicapped accessible birding platform just south of the AuSable River Bridge.

Oscoda Area Beaches ₩₩₩ **₹** 🖬 ₩



Public parks and resorts along Oscoda's Lake Huron shoreline include uncommon stretches of "Sugar Sand" swimming beaches. Oscoda Beach Park is located at the east end of River Road. This park includes restrooms, playground equipment and skating ramps. Free concerts are offered at the "Community Bandshell" at 7 pm Thursday evenings during the summer. Three miles north of downtown are the Huron Sunrise Park and the MDOT Rest

Area. These two parks provide public access to one mile of undeveloped Lake Huron beach and shoreline. Oscoda public parks are open from sunrise to 10 pm. www.oscoda.com

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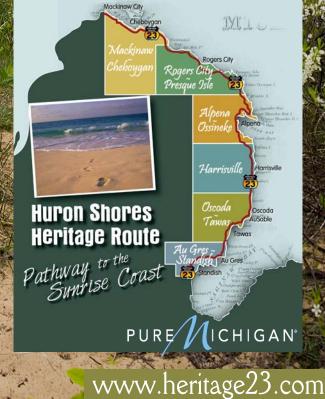
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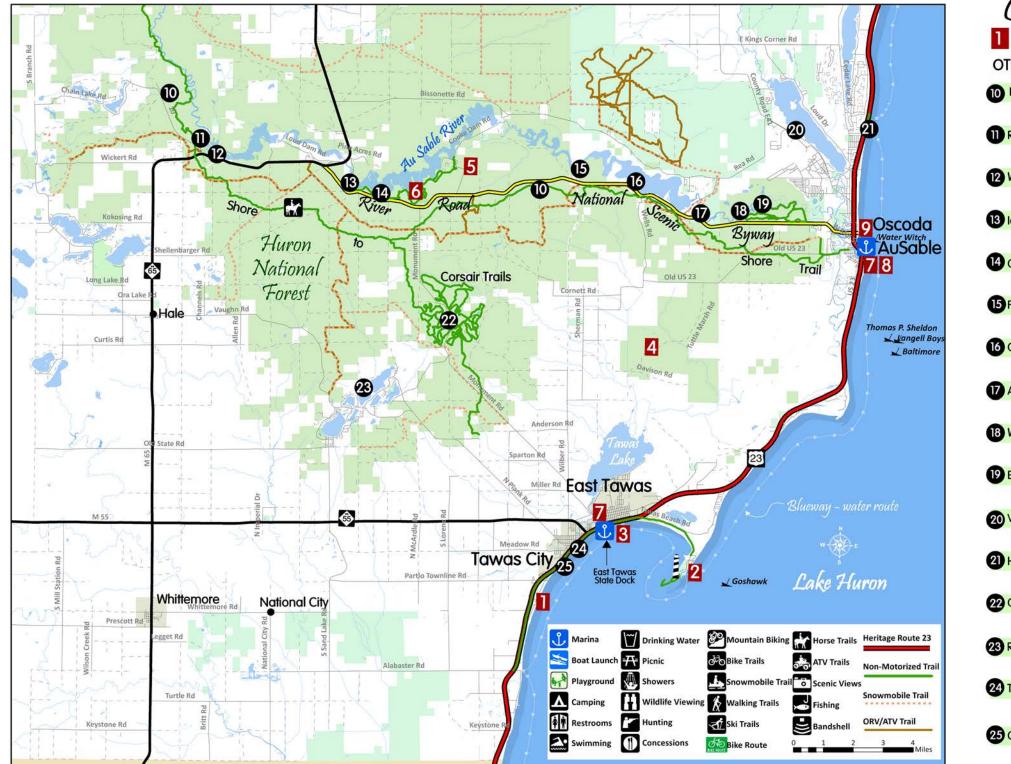


river log-drives. Location: Intersection of River Road and Monument Road.



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Standish Historic Depot & Welcome Center



Located at the gateway to the US 23 Huron Shores Heritage Route, this newly restored MI Central R.R. Depot, built in 1889, is also the newest State "Welcome Center." Inside displays contain railroad artifacts and depot memorabilia. Special displays change monthly. Outside are two vintage British rail coaches open for viewing. Begin your Huron Shores trip by stopping in at the Standish Depot! Located at the corner of US 23 and M-61 in Standish. Open daily.

Rifle River



Numerous rapids make this stream one of the Lower Peninsula's fastest and one of the state's most popular trout fishing and canoeing destinations. Perfect for birders and wildlife viewing enthusiasts. An MDNR public access site is located on the south edge of Omer, just off US 23. Several private canoe liveries are also located along the Rifle River.

Old Courthouse & Masonic Hall: Omer



of Historic Places, the building was built in 1890 and served as the county's first courthouse. When the county seat was moved to Standish, it became the local Masonic Lodge. Visitors can see Arenac's first jail as well as an 1890's era barber shop.

Currently on the National Register

Old Masonic, city, and township records make it an excellent source of genealogical information. Location: US 23 in City of Omer.

Arenac County Historical Museum & **Genealogical Society**



Inside this 1883 church are recreations of a rural school room, bedroom and parlor, apothecary shop, a country store and vintage apparel. The 2-story museum also features railroading and commercial fishing exhibits and is the genealogy center for the area. The museum also housesinformation on Historic Charity

Island. Location: 304 E. Michigan Avenue, Au Gres. Open weekends 1:00 to 4:00 from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend.

5 Saganing Eagles Landing Casino



Michigan's newest place to play! With over 800 exciting slots and a variety of electronic table games, there are plenty of ways to hit it big close to home. At 32,000 square feet, this comfortable and convenient casino is the natural choice for fun and games. Location: 2690 Worth Road, off M-13, just south of Standish. www.saganingeagleslanding.com

6 Au Gres River/Lake Huron Boat Launch & Breakwall



for vehicles and trailers) at the Au Gres DNR boat launch located just in from the mouth of the Au Gres River. With 4 concrete ramps and loading docks, it

doesn't take long to get on and off Saginaw Bay. The facility ends on a point jutting out into Lake Huron. It offers a scenic view of the Lake Huron coastline, especially for those using the long pier. A terrific year-round location for both hiking and bird watching. Location: just east of the City of Au Gres.

Au Gres Riverfront Park & Campground



This shaded 23-acre city-owned park and campground is just a short distance from the DNR Au Gres River boat launch and Lake Huron breakwall. A paved

walkway and wooden bridge connect it to downtown Au Gres. The campground has 119 sites with full hook-ups. Location: just north of US 23 on the northern edge of Au Gres. A 2.5 mile bike path runs from the park to the Lake Huron Breakwall. Reservations: cityofaugres@centurytel.net. (989) 876-8811

8 Charity Island National Wildlife Refuge II ē

222-acre Charity Island, the largest island in Saginaw Bay, is part of the "Michigan Islands National Wildlife Refuge". Its isolated beaches and unique hardwood forest provide excellent habitat for rare and

protected plants, animals and songbirds. There is also an historic lighthouse on the island that is under private ownership. The island is located approximately 10 miles off-shore and easily accessible from the Au Gres Boat Launch or a privately run ferry service. Photo courtesy of Brandon Schroeder of Michigan Sea Grant www.miseagrant.umich.edu

Maple Ridge Historic Schoolhouse



The interior of this fully restored 1904 one-room schoolhouse takes you back in time to ink wells and slate chalk boards. Artifacts include period wall maps, wall alphabets, text books and more. Stop in and browse

an interesting collection of period class photos. Directions: From US 23, take M-65 to Maple Ridge Road and turn left.

For Charter Boats on Saginaw Bay... go to www.heritage23.com.

Arenac County Parks



Pte AuGres Park

Daily pass needed for Pte Au Gres Park and Oasis Lake Park. Pass available at parks or at the Arenac County Courthouse (989) 846-6188.



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Located on Lake Huron. A great sandy beach, picnic and play areas. Three pavilions, volleyball, horseshoe pits, and barrierfree boardwalk available. 17 rustic campsites and 5 rustic cabins each with sleeping accomodations for four adults. Reservations: (989) 846-6188. Location: southeast of AuGres on Rumsey Road.

Oasis Lake Park



available. Location: M-76 between Sterling and Alger.

Youngman Park

This lovely 46-acre wooded area is made up of fully mature trees and is adjacent to a softball field. There are numerous opportunities for hiking and appreciating the natural habitat. Location: from the corner of US 23 and M-61, east 3.5 miles to Arenac State Road, then north 2 miles. Watch for signs.



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