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**OCTOBER 1**

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**SEPTEMBER 30** Moran 166 Bike Race

**SEPTEMBER 4**

Labor Day Bridge Walk

**SEPTEMBER 30** St. Ignace Fall Festival

**DECEMBER 9**

Antique Snowmobile the Mac

## Weekly EVENTS

LIVE MUSIC 7 NIGHTS A WEEK at AMERICAN LEGION PARK, 7pm-8:30pm

### MONDAYS & TUESDAYS

Native American Cultural Teachings & St. Ignace History Teachings  
Museum of Ojibwa Culture, 6:30pm-7:30pm

### WEDNESDAYS

Wacky Wednesdays Downtown  
First National Bank, 6pm-7pm

### THURSDAYS

Bayside Farmer's Market  
St. Ignace City Marina Lawn, 3pm-7pm

### FRIDAYS

Friday Night at The Museum  
Museum of Ojibwa Culture, 7pm-9pm

### SATURDAYS

Swingin' Iggy Street Party  
Downtown, 7pm-10pm

Fireworks Over the Bay, Dusk

### SUNDAYS

Beach Bash  
Kiwanis Beach, 4pm-7pm

EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE OR CALL AHEAD FOR INFORMATION.

 **St. Ignace**

For more information, contact the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau!

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**This guide is here to help you make the most of your visit and have the best experience possible. St. Ignace has so much to offer and we want to share it all with you.**

**Please be courteous and leave this guide for the next guest to enjoy.**

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## Heath M. Robinson Memorial Cut River Bridge

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Stretching nearly a mile along the downtown St. Ignace waterfront, the boardwalk connects parks, museums, restaurants, unique shops, Mackinac Island ferry docks, and the city marina. Open-air exhibits interpret the history, people, and industries of the Straits of Mackinac as you stroll along the picturesque promenade.

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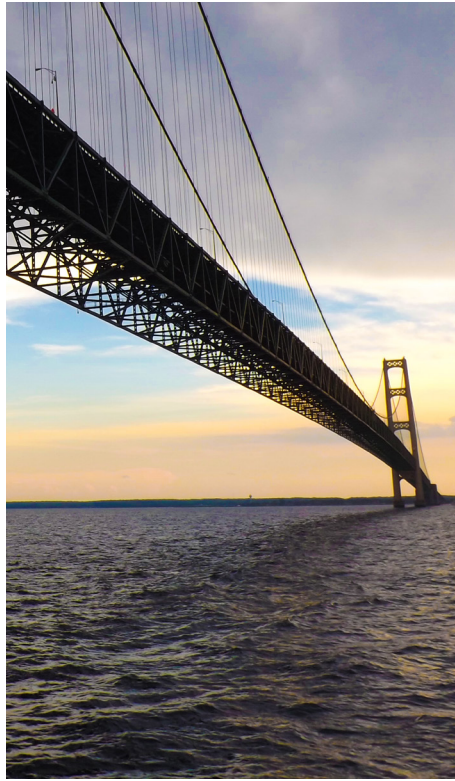
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# PARKS



## AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL PARK

The longest stretch of accessible beach in downtown St. Ignace is found at this park, which anchors the southern end of the Huron Boardwalk. A quarter-mile-long pebble beach is backed by a grassy lawn with benches, playground area, and a covered pavilion with picnic tables and grills. A picturesque gazebo is situated at the water's edge and a veterans memorial and shipwreck preserve monument complete this beautiful park.



## BRIDGE VIEW PARK

Offers a stunning view of the Mackinac Bridge, Lake Huron and Lake Michigan, and features a picnic area with plenty of parking space for both passenger vehicles, RVs, buses, and those with trailers. An on-site observation building allows you to discover the history and construction of the Mackinac Bridge. A telescope permits close-up views. Restrooms available inside the observation building.



## CHIEF WAWATAM PARK

Easily identified by the Wawatam Lighthouse that sits at the end of its pier, Chief Wawatam Park features several interactive activities sure to please kids and adults. The Splash Pad is the perfect place to cool off, with pulsating waters bubbling up from the concrete surface and a fountain misting those in its path. A fishing platform awaits anyone with a rod and reel, and the human sundial may provide the most entertaining clock in all of Michigan.

## KIWANIS BEACH

A sandy shore is the hallmark of Kiwanis Beach. With picnic tables and a covered gazebo it is perfect for those who prefer a cozy setting with protected waters. *Downtown at the northern end of the Huron Boardwalk, across from the Museum of Ojibwa Culture, on State Street*

## LAKE MICHIGAN SAND DUNES

A must-see. Miles of beautiful, sandy beach perfect for swimming, picnics, and summer fun. Enjoy breathtaking sunrises and sunsets. *US-2, 15 miles west of St. Ignace. Parking is available along the shoulder of the road.*

## DOCK #3 PARK

This city-owned park features a beautiful dock and park area with a picnic area and shelter, playground, pavilion, fishing pier, boat launch, basketball court, fish cleaning station, restrooms, interpretive signs and memorial gardens.





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**From the West/US-2:** Follow **US-2 down into St. Ignace; it turns into State Street**, so just keep going. Follow State Street through downtown St. Ignace. There are signs for Little Bear East Arena along the way. You'll want to **turn LEFT onto Marquette Street**. From there, the arena and community center will be on the right hand side of the street.

**From the North/East of Town:** Follow I-75 Business Loop/State Street into St. Ignace. There are signs for Little Bear East Arena along the way, but you'll want to **turn RIGHT onto Reagon Street. At the STOP SIGN, turn LEFT onto Ojibway Trail and then RIGHT onto Marquette Street.** LBE will be on the right hand side of the street.



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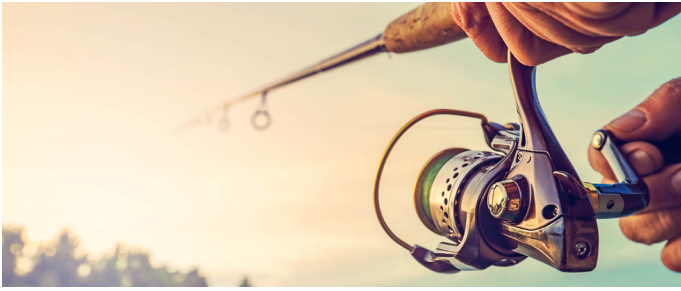
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## Lake and Pond Fishing

**Downtown St. Ignace Fishing Pier** at Chief Wawatam park offers worm and artificial bait fishing in the cool, deep waters of Lake Huron.

**Brevort Lake** is a 4,233 acre lake that offers many recreational opportunities including boating and fishing. Boat access is from the center of the campground on Boedne Bay. Day Fee is \$4.00 **Fish Species:** Walleye, Northern Pike, Smallmouth Bass, Yellow Perch, Crappies, Muskellunge, and Sunfish. **Directions:** See page 19.

**Castle Rock Ponds** is a small lake with shorefishing access. It is less than five acres and managed by the federal government. Open 24 hours a day/7 days a week, there is no fee to access this area. **Fish Species:** Yellow Perch | **Bait:** Worms

**Directions:** Off I-75, take Exit 348 (Castle Rock), then take Lant Road to Castle Rock Road.

## River and Stream Fishing

**Carp River Campground** is in a quiet, rustic setting adjacent to the wild and scenic Carp River, and is a great place to enjoy camping, fishing, hiking, canoeing, and kayaking. Access the river via one of the sets of stairs constructed along the riverbank.

**Fish Species:** Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout; Steelhead; Chinook, Coho, and Pink Salmon possible in the fall.

**Directions:** From the intersection of US-2 and I-75, drive north on I-75 to exit 352. Turn right on County Road 123, then turn left on Mackinac Trail/Highway 63. Drive north approximately five miles, turn left onto FR 3445 and drive a quarter mile to the campground.

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With over two dozen prime birding locations, the North Huron Birding Trail covers 150 miles on the north side of Lake Huron along Michigan's Scenic Byway, M-134.

The trail runs from St. Ignace on the western end, along the southern coast of the Eastern Upper Peninsula, through the towns of the Les Cheneaux area to DeTour Village, up to the Pickford Grassland Area, and all of Drummond Island, and can be thought of as 5 unique zones associated with nearby communities.

This area is both a migratory stopover site and significant nesting area for over 275 bird species.

Our forested shorelines and peninsulas provide landing and launching habitat for birds crossing over the Straits in the spring and fall. During this time, on the open waters, some of Michigan's most elusive waterfowl can be seen at surprisingly close range. Species like the scoter, red-necked grebe, red-necked loon, and long-tailed duck can be viewed from places like **St. Ignace City Dock #3** and **Straits State Park**.

In addition, **Boulevard Drive** (west of Bridge View Park) offers excellent songbird and migrant shorebird viewing.

Our area is also great for spring and summer Warblers, Tanagers, and Vireos. Plus, don't forget cardinals, blue jays, red wing blackbirds, hummingbirds, chickadees, and grosbeaks.

## WATCH FOR THESE NATIVE SPECIES



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**River Otter**  
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**Bald Eagle**  
 Found mostly by lakes or rivers. Chocolate brown in color and have a white head and tail feathers. Wingspan up to eight feet. Will feed on fish, waterfowl, small mammals, and carrion.

# THE DUNES

Spend an afternoon sunning, swimming, and hiking the winding trails along miles of beautiful sandy beach on the north shore of Lake Michigan. Travel west on US-2 about 10-12 miles beyond I-75. The sandy beach stretches for about 3 miles. Parking is permitted on the shoulder of the highway. There are no restrooms, no lifeguards, and no food available to buy, so bring a picnic and enjoy the day.

The water level here varies, and depending on the amount of snow and rain we have received, the beach you remember from last year may not be the same beach this year.

In windy conditions, **please be aware of dangerous rip currents along the beaches.** Changes in wind pattern can bring about these dangerous currents. It is important to make sure you always swim with a buddy, keep an eye on the little ones, and don't swim farther out or deeper than you can handle. There are also drop offs and natural holes, so swim cautiously.

There are lifesaving stations equipped with lifejackets, throw ropes, and lifesaving rings. There are also educational signs on numerous access trails leading to the beach.

At night, **this area is great for stargazing** as there are no city lights, and traffic is light at night. The south-facing shoreline provides a great opportunity for night photography of the Milky Way, constellations, and meteor showers over the lake. Bring a blanket, your favorite beverage, and some friends and be amazed by the number of stars you're about to see.



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September 4 - October 8, 9:30am to 5pm  
October 9 - October 22, 11am to 4pm  
Final Admission 1 Hour Before Close

### The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum & Biddle House, featuring the Mackinac Island Native American Museum and Benjamin Blacksmith Shop

May 12 - June 2, 10am to 4:30pm  
June 3 - September 3, 10am to 6pm  
September 4 - October 8, 10am to 4:30pm  
Final Admission 30 Minutes Before Close

### American Fur Co. Store & Dr. Beaumont Museum and McGulpin House

June 3 - August 19, 10am to 6pm  
Final Admission 30 Minutes Before Close

## Mackinaw City

### Colonial Michilimackinac

May 10 - June 2, 9am to 5pm  
June 3 - September 3, 9:30am to 7pm  
September 4 - October 6, 9:30am to 5pm  
October 12 - 22, 11am to 4pm (Thur - Sun Only)  
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### Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse

May 11 - June 2, 9am to 4:30pm  
June 3 - September 3, 9am to 5:30pm  
September 4 - October 8, 9am to 4:30pm  
Final Admission 30 Minutes Before Close

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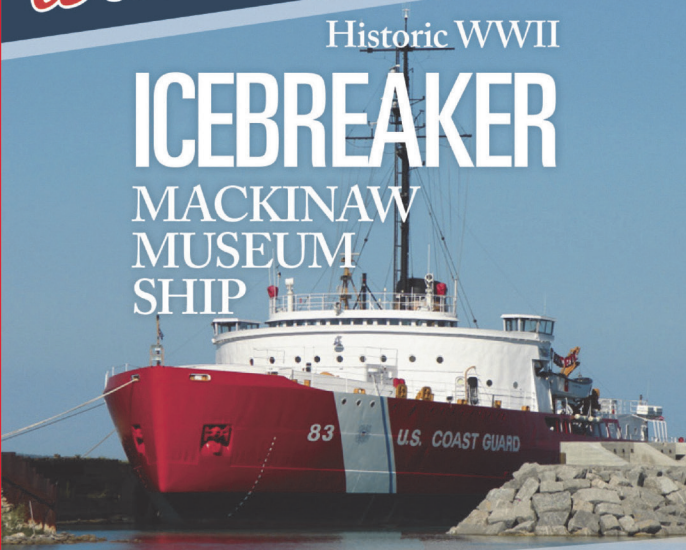
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### State Street Parking

Two-hour parking is available along State Street. Perfect for quick shopping trip or grabbing a bite to eat or an ice cream cone, this free parking is clearly marked.

### City Hall

Parking is available behind St. Ignace City Hall via Goudreau Avenue. This street leads you up to the St. Anthony's Rock parking area and an abundance of free public parking spots.

### St. Anthony's Rock Parking Area

Located behind State Street, this parking area can be accessed from Central Hill or Truckey Street, and is convenient for downtown shopping, strolling the Huron Boardwalk, or catching one of the ferries to Mackinac Island.

### St. Ignace Marina

Public parking is also available near the marina. This is a great spot to park if you're looking to watch the boats come in, stroll the boardwalk, cast a line, or check out the Wawatam Light and historic *Chief Wawatam* dock, which is now a public park.

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### Bicycles have a big presence here. Be on the look out while traveling.

Besides walking, the bicycle is the favored mode of transportation on nearby Mackinac Island, so you'll see riders coming and going from the ferry docks frequently.



We are also a designated Trail Town on the North Country Trail and on the route of several bike tours, which means bicycles will be sharing the road way with you.

## EUP Travel Tips

- **Bring a paper map or take screenshots of your map.**  
Cell phone service can be spotty to non-existent in certain areas of the E.U.P., making it risky to rely on your smartphone alone.
- **Bring a fully charged power bank and your charging cable.**  
Roaming and searching for a GPS or data signal can drain a smartphone battery quickly.
- **Call ahead and make reservations.**  
We might be sparsely populated, but we are pretty popular. While you may be able to find accommodations without planning ahead, on weekends, especially during our big events, it's risky to just head north without a confirmed reservation.
- **Pack for the ever changing weather.**  
Temperatures can fluctuate, especially along the lakeshores. Dress in, or bring layers. Also, if you're going exploring or adventuring, pack extra shoes and socks in case things end up little more rugged than you planned.
- **Bring snacks, water, blankets, tarp, etc.**  
Should you end up stranded in your car, or on a trail, you will want to be prepared to spend a day or even night possibly in the wilderness.
- **Get gas and use the restroom when you can.**  
Gas stations can be few and far between once you get into the heart of the E.U.P. Also, if you think you should use the restroom when you've stopped to fill up, that means you probably should. Not only are gas stations limited, but rest areas are as well.

## PLACES of NOTE

### Brevort Lake / Hiawatha National Forest

*From St. Ignace:* From the intersection of US-2 and I-75, **head WEST on US-2 for approximately 17 miles to Brevort Camp Road** (Forest Service Road 3108). **Turn RIGHT (north) and travel 1.2 miles** to the campground entrance (Forest Service Road 3473). **Turn RIGHT (northeast) onto FR3473.** The campground site is 1/2 mile down FR3473.

### Doc Holle's Silver Mountain Recreation Area

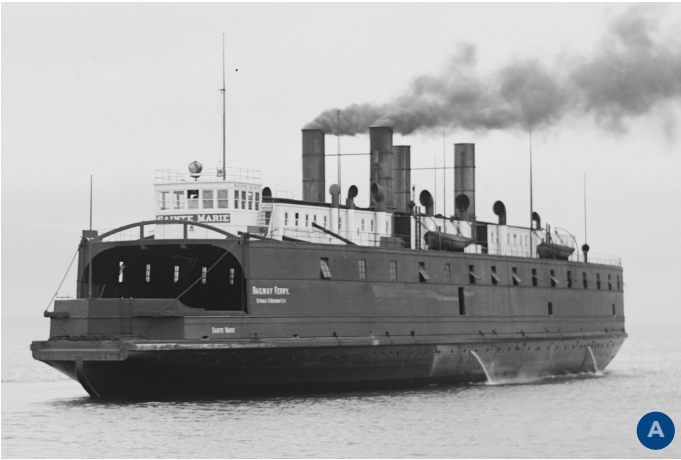
Featuring disc golf in the spring, summer, and fall, and tubing in the winter, this recreation area is located at the corner of US-2 and Cheeseman Road. While easy to find, it's also easy to miss when traveling at highway speeds. **Coming from St. Ignace**, once you pass the Gros Cap Roadside Park, slow down a bit as **Cheeseman Road will be on the right about 2 miles down the road.** The shoulder is paved as a turning lane, so put on your right blinker and **turn RIGHT onto Cheeseman Road.** Almost immediately, you'll see the signs for Doc Holle's and you'll **turn RIGHT into the parking area.**

### Mackinac Straits Health System

*From the South/Downtown St. Ignace:* Take **Exit 344A off I-75 N** and **turn RIGHT onto State Street.** Follow State Street through downtown St. Ignace. There are signs for the hospital along the way, and you will **turn LEFT into the hospital's campus** off of North State Street.

*From the North:* Take **Exit 348 (Castle Rock) off I-75 S** and follow I-75 Business Loop/State Street into town. There are signs for the hospital along the way. You'll want to **turn RIGHT into the hospital's campus** off of State Street.

# HISTORY



Long before St. Ignace was settled by Europeans, Native Americans inhabited this land. Today, St. Ignace still enjoys a rich Native American history and culture. The first people in the area were the Anishinaabe. They fished for whitefish and sturgeon and planted crops.

St. Ignace was founded in 1671 by Father Marquette and is named for St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit religious order. Jacques Marquette was a French Jesuit missionary who brought his Roman Catholic faith to the native people. He was ordained in 1666 in France and assigned to be a missionary in New France. He founded missions in St. Ignace, Sault Ste. Marie, and Kaskaskia, IL.

The mission in St. Ignace was founded with a band of Huron and Ottawa Indians and two years later, Father Marquette left to become one of the first Europeans to map the Mississippi River. Throughout St. Ignace and the rest of Michigan, you can see the influence Father Marquette had on the area.

To protect the fur trade, the French built a military outpost called Fort de Buade here in 1683. Until the establishment of Detroit in 1701, St. Ignace was among the largest settlements in what was then New France. With the defeat of the French during the Seven Years War, the British arrived to the area.

With the decline of the fur trade, commercial fishing and logging became the way of life in St. Ignace. Growth continued when the Mackinaw Lumber Company built its first sawmill in the 1870s. The Detroit, Mackinac and Marquette Railroad, later taken over by Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Railway, opened a terminus in St. Ignace. When both St. Ignace and Mackinaw City had rail service, the Mackinac Transportation Company was formed to link the Straits with ferries capable of making the crossing all year. All-season service started in 1888 with the arrival of the ferry Saint Ignace. Isolation during winter months was no longer such an issue. When the Martel Furnace Company, a smelting operation that made quality steel, began production in the 1880s, it further added to the economy.

- A:** Car ferry *Sainte Marie* traveling the Straits of Mackinac.
- B:** Long before the Mackinac Bridge was built, ferries were used to move people, cargo and train cars, and automobiles between peninsulas.
- C:** An aerial view of St. Ignace shows the various types of boats needed at the time to transport cargo, mail, travelers, and rail cars between the two peninsulas.
- D:** This dock was the railroad link crossing the Straits of Mackinac; The *Chief Wawatam*, docked here to unload rail cars and cargo from 1911 to 1984. The "Chief Dock" was then converted into a park located in downtown St. Ignace.



**1671**  
Father Marquette establishes a post at St. Ignace



**1683**  
French Military post Fort de Buade is built (Location remains unknown)

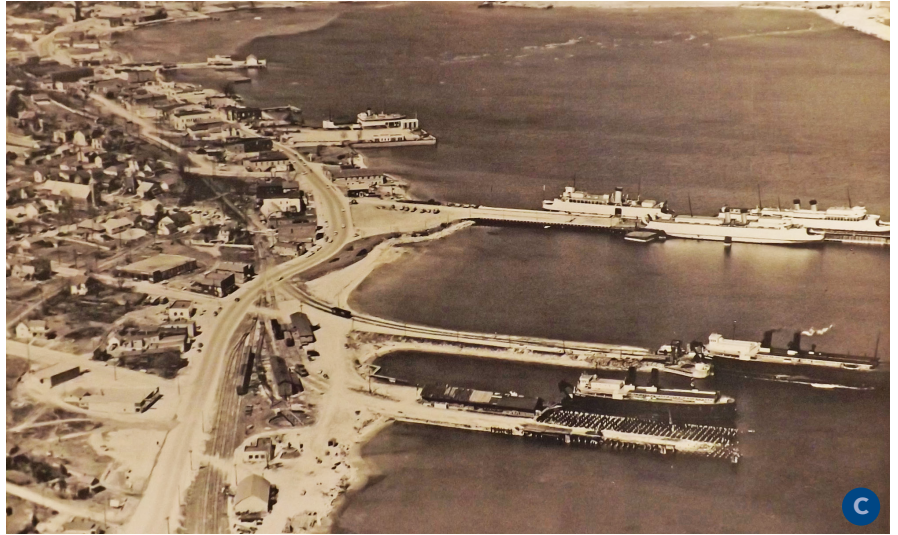


# BEFORE THE BRIDGE

## Looking Back at St. Ignace

In 1923, the Michigan State Ferry Service was established to handle the increase in automobile traffic. Before the car ferries, travelers crossed the Straits by railroad ferry. The state ferries system increased the amount of traffic going across the Straits. It operated for 34 years and carried more than 12 million vehicles. The Mackinac Bridge was opened in 1957 and was designed by David B. Steinman. It was the world's longest suspension bridge between cable anchorages at the time it was constructed.

St. Ignace has seen many changes. History plays a big part in activities offered in St. Ignace today. Museums, festivals, and memorials remind people that the deep roots of the past still have a hand in shaping the area.



### WHAT'S SO UNIQUE ABOUT LOCAL... MUSEUMS?

Featuring the stories and artifacts of every aspect of St. Ignace and Straits Area history, our museums allow you to explore the various cultural influences that helped shape our region. ***Not only is history important, but so is art.*** The St. Ignace area features an incredible wealth of local artists and craftsmen. Be sure to check with museums and local organizations for any upcoming local, national or international art exhibitions or special events.



**1912**

President Theodore Roosevelt visits St. Ignace



**1923**

Michigan State Ferry Service established



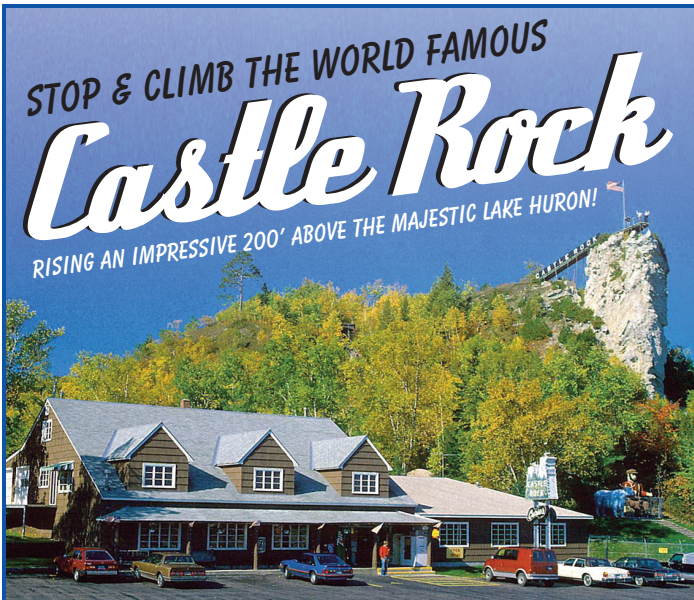
**1957**

Mackinac Bridge officially opens



**2006**

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**Trinity Lutheran Church**

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**United Methodist Church**

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**Zion Evangelical  
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**Zion Lutheran Church  
of Allenville**

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906-430-2753  
**Sunday: 9 a.m.**

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# OFF ROAD

## ATVs, ORVs, OHVs

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### When do I need an ORV license?

An ORV license (\$26.25) is required to ride eligible county roads, frozen surface of public waters, state forest (that are open to ORV use), and eligible national forest roads. An ORV trail permit is required to ride on state-designated ORV Trail/Routes and special ORV-use areas.

### When do I need an ORV trail permit?

An ORV trail permit (an additional \$10 for a total of \$36.25) is required when operating on designated ORV Trail / Routes and special ORV-use areas. A trail permit is not required for private lands. ORV trail permits are not valid as a stand-alone license; an ORV license must also be purchased.

### Where do I purchase an ORV license and/or trail permit?

- Ace Hardware & Sporting Goods • 7 S. State Street
- Holiday Stationstore #204 • 274 W US Hwy 2
- St Ignace True Value • 300 S. State Street

### Where to Park / Where to Ride

Trailhead parking is located in downtown St. Ignace near Little Bear East Arena. From there, quickly connect to the EB Route (St. Ignace to Trout Lake). This route takes you north where you can connect with a series of different trails, including those to Brevort Lake and to Newberry/Rexton.

Visit [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) for more information, or use this QR code to access the MDNR Interactive ORV Route and Trail Map from your smart phone. This allows you to download and save maps for use in the wilder parts of the U.P. where cell phone service isn't a sure thing.



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# SNOWMOBILES

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### Why do I need a snowmobile trail permit?

Any person (resident and nonresident) that operates a snowmobile in Michigan is required to purchase a snowmobile trail permit. The trail permit enables snowmobilers to ride state-designated trails and thousands more miles of public roads and on public lands (where authorized). It is valid for one year, which begins October 1 and ends September 30 of the following year. State-designated trails are open December 1 through March 31 and grooming occurs when there is enough snow on the ground. **Permit Cost: \$48.00**

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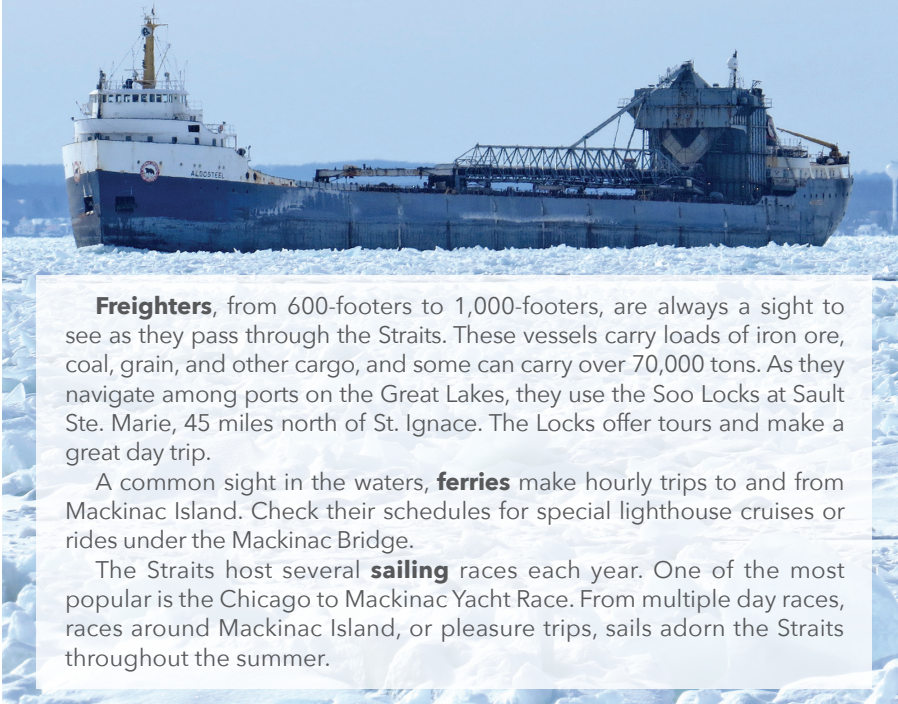
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# Navigating THE STRAITS



**Freighters**, from 600-footers to 1,000-footers, are always a sight to see as they pass through the Straits. These vessels carry loads of iron ore, coal, grain, and other cargo, and some can carry over 70,000 tons. As they navigate among ports on the Great Lakes, they use the Soo Locks at Sault Ste. Marie, 45 miles north of St. Ignace. The Locks offer tours and make a great day trip.

A common sight in the waters, **ferries** make hourly trips to and from Mackinac Island. Check their schedules for special lighthouse cruises or rides under the Mackinac Bridge.

The Straits host several **sailing** races each year. One of the most popular is the Chicago to Mackinac Yacht Race. From multiple day races, races around Mackinac Island, or pleasure trips, sails adorn the Straits throughout the summer.

## MACKINAW BOATS

The general definition of a "Mackinaw Boat" refers to small, open sailboats used in the Straits of Mackinac. These boats are designed with rather flat bottoms and shallow drafts, allowing them to be pulled up easily onto shore. Remarkably steady, they made the perfect vessel for transporting people and goods. As the standard work boat in this area during the early 18th century, the "Mackinaw Boat" made its mark in history.

### "Edith Jane"

Built in St. Ignace about 1899, the "Edith Jane" is a typical "Mackinaw Boat" made with pine planks with an oak frame. Her dimensions are 19'8" long, has a 6'4" beam and has a 1'6" draft. Later converted to power, she was originally built by the Chenier family, who settled in the area around 1830.

Michilimackinac Historical Society donated *Edith Jane* to the City of St. Ignace, and *she now rests on display in a viewing building downtown next to B.C. Pizza.*

## NIGHT SKY

The quiet, dark nights in St. Ignace, Mackinaw City, Les Cheneaux, DeTour, and beyond are perfect for stargazing. Just south of the Mackinac Bridge is the Headlands International Dark Sky Park. With over 500 acres of pristine woodlands, two miles of undeveloped Lake Michigan shoreline, and the Waterfront Event Center, the Headlands is a must visit destination. Access is typically free, though on some busy nights (meteor showers, aurora sightings) and for scheduled events, there may be a fee. Find out more by visiting [www.midarkskypark.org](http://www.midarkskypark.org). Want to stay above the Bridge? Take a drive out to the US-2 Dunes to the west or to Les Cheneaux in the east.

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# FOOD

St. Ignace offers a fine variety of food. The restaurants in town cover all the bases with a flair of local cuisine and many feature outdoor and waterfront dining. The only problem is deciding where to start.



## FISH

With several locally owned and operated fisheries in town and the surrounding area, you are guaranteed all the fresh fish you can eat. Several varieties are local favorites, including perch, walleye, and trout, but what we're most famous for is Great Lakes whitefish. Fried, baked, smoked, or made into delicious dip, it is a local delicacy.

**Make sure to plan a visit to the area in April when the smelt are running.** This small fish is enjoyed by larger species of fish and Yoopers alike. Cooked and eaten whole, smelt are only available for a limited time during their spawning period in April, and the dish becomes a prized specialty at restaurants during that month.

Looking to catch your own dinner? There are several fishing charters available, as well as public access to great fishing spots. Turn to page 11 for more information.



## PASTIES

The pasty, a traditional meat pie, starts out with a circle of pie crust filled with a mixture of ground beef, carrots, diced potatoes, onion, and rutabaga. The crust is folded over and sealed along the edge and baked until golden brown. Pasties are usually served with gravy or ketchup - the debate still continues as to whether ketchup or gravy is the better topping.

A rich history is associated with the pasties in the Upper Peninsula. Back in the early 1800s, copper mining was a big draw to the U.P. Immigrant miners from Cornwall, England brought this portable meal recipe stateside, guaranteeing a hearty lunch while deep in the mine. When Finnish immigrants came to work in the mines, they adopted the pasty from their Cornish coworkers. Some even mistake it to be a Finnish tradition instead of a Cornish one. The pasty is one Yooper delicacy you have to try.

They are available hot, cold, or frozen, so be sure to stop by one (or all!) of our local pasty shops. You'll be hooked for years to come. Most of the local shops also ship frozen pasties so you can get a taste of the U.P. anytime.



## SWEET TREATS

St. Ignace has several fudge shops and ice cream parlors to satisfy the sweet tooth. Some of these shops also feature fresh caramel corn, salt water taffy, caramels, and other treats; they're also proud to serve ice cream made right here in Michigan.

Don't forget the syrup! Tapped and boiled down locally, Eastern Upper Peninsula maple syrup is what pancakes are made for, and it is also a tasty treat drizzled over ice cream. Maple candy is also available at several retailers. **Come back in March when we start tapping the maple trees** and local producers hold syrup making demonstrations and sugarbush tours.

The buzz for raw, local honey can be heard throughout the state, and there are several local providers here. It is available at retailers and farmers markets, so take home something sweet from your visit to the U.P.





# WHITEFISH

The history of the Straits has always been connected with the fishing resources of the Great Lakes. The abundant stocks of fish were a food staple for Native Americans and early European traders and settlers. Commercial fishing during the last half of the 1800s and early part of the 1900s dominated life in St. Ignace. The fishing industry still provides many jobs for residents of St. Ignace and the Straits.

**Great Lakes whitefish is what we're famous for.** These are a cool, fresh water fish with slender, elongated body averaging about 15 inches in length and weighing up to 20 pounds. The largest whitefish on fishing record was caught off Isle Royale in 1918 weighing 42 pounds.

Whitefish are known for their exceptionally fine flavor and are considered one of the most valuable commercial freshwater fish. Whitefish are caught commercially in gillnets or trapnets.

Several varieties of fresh fish, including whitefish, perch, trout, and walleye are available on the menu at local restaurants and from local fisheries' retail locations. Located in downtown St. Ignace, or a short drive away, are the following fisheries:

### King's Fish Market

4035 N M-123, Moran

[www.kingsfishmarket.com](http://www.kingsfishmarket.com)

Hours: Open Daily Year Round, Hours Vary

### Manley's Fish Market

810 N State Street, St. Ignace

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Hours: *May - Early November*

Sunday - Saturday, 8am to 6pm/8pm

### Mackinac Straits Fish Company

109 W. Elliot Street, St. Ignace

Hours: *April - November*

Monday - Saturday, 8:30am - 6pm;

Sunday, 8:30am - 5:00pm

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### Massey Fish Company

1442 West Road, St. Ignace, Just off I-75 at Exit 348

[www.masseyfish.com](http://www.masseyfish.com)

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# MAPLE SYRUP

## *An Eastern Upper Peninsula Tradition*

Families in the Upper Peninsula have been making syrup for generations; skills have been perfected through years of practice and the end result is the best syrup you'll ever taste. The trees are usually tapped in March, and local producers hold demonstrations during the spring to show the public how syrup is made through boiling down of the tree sap.

Many of our producers participate in the annual Michigan Maple Weekend held in late March or early April. During this event, the public is welcome to come and check out the operation and of course, taste some syrup.

Maple products from EUP producers are available at several St. Ignace retailers, local farmers markets, retailers south of the Mackinac Bridge, and online. If you are looking for a unique gift for wedding guests or a corporate retreat, be sure to contact one of the many syrup manufacturers.

Located a short drive away, both in the Les Cheneaux area and Rudyard area are several local sugarbushes. Let your sweet tooth lead you to one of the following and bring home a taste of the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

### Besteman Maple Products

15689 S Tilson Road, Rudyard

[bestemanproducts.com](http://bestemanproducts.com)

Hours: Monday - Saturday, 8am to 4:30pm

### Michigan Maple Farms (RMG Family Sugarbush)

11866 W Thompson Road, Rudyard

[michiganmaplefarms.com](http://michiganmaplefarms.com)

Hours: Monday - Saturday, 8am to 4:30pm

### Tassier's Sugarbush

2875 Swede Road, Cedarville

[www.tassiersugarbush.com](http://www.tassiersugarbush.com)

Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 10am to 5pm

Saturday, 10am to 3pm

### Mackinac Bluffs Maple Farms

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*A casual restaurant with a covered terrace serves American-style fare. There's also a sports bar.*

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200 Ferry Lane, St. Ignace • (906) 643-8476  
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## Horseshoe Bay Restaurant (Kewadin Casino)

3015 Mackinac Trail, St. Ignace • 1-800-KEWADIN  
kewadin.com  
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## Hunt's Mackinaw Pastie & Cookie Company

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1080 S. Nicolet Street, Mackinaw City  
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**Check the hotel lobby, or ask the  
front desk clerk for available menus.**

*Some restaurants listed on this page helped sponsor this guide by purchasing paid advertising, make sure to look for their listing. This is not a complete offering of restaurant locations in St. Ignace, or the greater Straits of Mackinac Region.*

# EXPLORE THE EUP

## FAVORITE TRAILS & PATHWAYS

### North Country National Scenic Trail

Trailhead located west of Castle Rock and Castle Rock ponds takes hikers along the North Country Trail. Off I-75 (Castle Rock exit) take Lant Road to Castle Rock Road.

### Cut River Roadside Park

A beautiful roadside park area where you can view the Cut River Bridge and Lake Michigan. Short trails take you down to a sandy beach area along Lake Michigan or along the river. From the intersection of US-2 and I-75, drive west 24 miles on US-2.

### Maple Hill Trail

Enjoy all or a part of this winding trail between the towns of Moran and Rudyard. Hikers can walk along the Niagara Escarpment, a rare rock formation, or enjoy wildlife at the beaver dam. From St. Ignace to I-75, take exit 352 for M-123. Turn right onto Charles Moran Rd. Turn left onto East Lake Rd. Signs for the North Country Trail are along here.

### Huron Boardwalk

A picturesque walk along the historic St. Ignace downtown waterfront, connecting unique shops, restaurants, waterfront parks, and museums. Interpretive signs portray the history, lifestyles, and industries of the Straits of Mackinac. Downtown St. Ignace.

### St. Ignace Rail Trail to Trout Lake

This 26 mile trail is almost entirely within the Hiawatha National Forest. It follows an abandoned rail corridor from St. Ignace north to Trout Lake. The trail passes among woodlands, wetlands, and open green spaces. Open to cyclists, hikers, ORVs, and snowmobiles. Park at Little Bear East Arena on Marquette Street.

### Sand Dunes XC Ski Trail

A popular destination for cross-country skiers. Trails accommodate beginners to advanced skiers. Groomed for classic style cross country skiing. From the intersection of US-2 and I-75 drive west 12 miles on US-2 to Brevort Lake Road. Turn right (north) and drive 0.4 mile north to the trailhead on the left (west) side of the road.

### Straits State Park

Within this state park are picnic areas, and observation platforms that offer superb views of the Mackinac Bridge and the Straits of Mackinac. Trails and history of the area make it a popular destination in St. Ignace. Located on Church Street, in the City of St. Ignace, south of US-2.

### Native Plant Garden & Trails

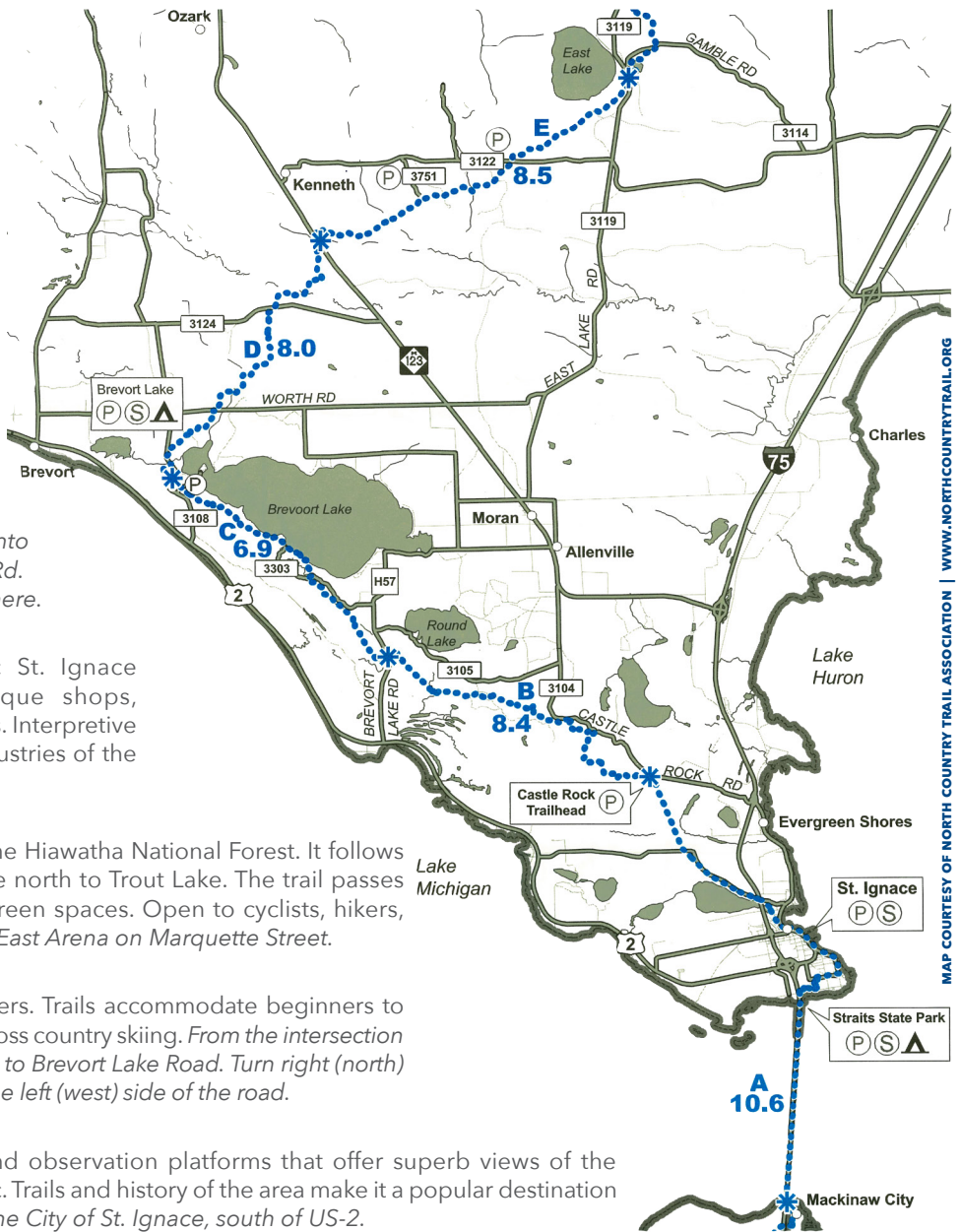
The Hiawatha National Forest St. Ignace Ranger Station is home to a beautiful array of native wildflowers and has three scenic trail loops to hike. From the intersection of US-2 and I-75 in St. Ignace drive west about 5 miles. Parking lot/driveway is on the right/north-side of the road.

### Foley Creek & Horseshoe Bay Wilderness Area

An often overlooked area of Lake Huron shoreline, this trail system is accessed from Foley Creek National Forest Campground. A 2.5 mile trail leads out to the 7-miles of protected shoreline. Located just north of St. Ignace, the Foley Creek National Forest Campground entrance is off County Road 320.

### St. Ignace XC Ski Trail

Seven-mile ski trail which traverses woods and some pipeline clearing along a scenic route that skirts four lakes. Begins across from the high school on Portage Road; ends at Doc Holle's Winter Recreation Area on US-2 and Cheeseman Road.



# DAY TRIPS

The Eastern Upper Peninsula has a lot to offer. We are in driving distance — or a ferry ride — away from some of the state's most scenic destinations.



## DAY TRIP DESTINATION: TAHQUAMENON FALLS

*54 miles north of St. Ignace*

Explore the wilderness trails and spectacular views of Tahquamenon Falls State Park, just an hour's drive away. A favorite day trip during all four seasons. With a drop of almost 50 feet and stretching over 200 feet wide, the majestic Upper Falls are one of the largest waterfalls east of the Mississippi River. A short drive, or 4 mile hike, will take you to the Lower Falls, a series of five smaller falls. The Falls are also famous for their amber color and mounds of foam.



## DAY TRIP DESTINATION: SOO LOCKS

*50 miles northeast of St. Ignace*


As the only passageway to Lake Superior, these locks open to ships from all over the world. Watch the freighter traffic from the observation platform or take a scheduled boat tour through the locks. Stop in the Soo Locks Visitors Center and discover how the Locks were built. Picnic in the park next to the St. Marys River or bring a chair and enjoy one of the weekly summer concerts.



## DAY TRIP DESTINATION: MACKINAC ISLAND


*20 minute ferry ride from St. Ignace*

Mackinac Island has a wealth of things to explore and experience, from history, culinary delights and leisurely recreation, plus family adventure to romantic getaways. On your ferry ride to the Island, you'll see Grand Hotel and Victorian summer homes as you approach the harbor. Horse-drawn carriages and bicycles are the only modes of transportation. Mackinac Island also features incredible glacial-age rock formations such as Arch Rock and Skull Cave and several historic sites, including Fort Mackinac.



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# DAY TRIP DESTINATION: LES CHENEAUX

Only thirty miles northeast of St. Ignace the 36-island archipelago of Les Cheneaux is home to some of the area's newest educational and cultural opportunities, and a world famous antique boat show.

## LES CHENEAUX CULINARY SCHOOL

86 S Pickford Avenue, Hessel | [www.lcculinary.org](http://www.lcculinary.org)

The Les Cheneaux Culinary School is located in the heart of the quaint village of Hessel. The 5,000 square-foot facility features a state-of-the-art kitchen and a breathtaking, boathouse-themed dining room and deck to accommodate eighty-plus guests, as well as a unique indoor/outdoor bar designed to service patrons in all seasons.

**Open June to September 2021**

*For seating times, or to make reservations, please call ahead or visit them online at the website listed above.*

## GREAT LAKES BOAT BUILDING SCHOOL

485 S. Meridian Street, Cedarville | [glbbs.edu](http://glbbs.edu)

Great Lakes Boat Building School is housed in an impressive 12,000 square-foot waterfront facility, east of the Mackinac Bridge along the northern shore of Lake Huron in the Les Cheneaux Islands. These thirty-six islands provide sheltered channels and bays within the Straits of Mackinac - a historic harbor area for boaters and explorers. GLBBS began in 2006, opened for classes in 2007, introduced Summer Workshops in 2008, and the Comprehensive Career Boat Building Program for 2nd-year students was initiated in 2010. *Schedule a tour of GLBBS by calling 906-484-1081.*

## HESSEL SCHOOL HOUSE

3206 W. Cedar Road, Hessel | [www.hesselschoolhouse.net](http://www.hesselschoolhouse.net)

The Hessel School House and Avery Arts and Nature Learning Center as the centerpiece of the Les Cheneaux Islands community for the purpose of ensuring the continued vitality and prosperity of the area and its residents. The Hessel School House was built in 1937 through the Works Progress Administration (WPA), and operated as a school until 1959. A variety of classes and events are held at the Hessel School House throughout the year, and the building is available to rent for special occasions. **Les Cheneaux Farmers & Artisans Market is Open 10am-2pm every Sunday through September at the Hessel School House.**

## ANTIQUÉ & WOODEN BOAT SHOW

August 14, 2021 | Hessel | [Iciboatshow.com](http://Iciboatshow.com)

The Les Cheneaux Islands Antique Wooden Boat Show has been a major attraction since it began in 1978 and it continues to improve every year. Two seasonal residents of the Islands, Chuck Letts and Ken Horsburgh, each had beautiful antique wooden boats and felt there were more boats from early 1900 through the 1930s still used in the Islands than anywhere else because of the cold water and short boating season. Mertaugh Boat Works, which is included at the eastern end of the boat show, had the first Chris-Craft franchise in the United States and continues to thrive.



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## DAY TRIP DESTINATION: LES CHENEAUX

### MARQUETTE ISLAND PRESERVES

[Marquette Island | landtrust.org](http://MarquetteIsland|landtrust.org)

Aldo Leopold, Sheppard-Hardy, and Catherine Seiberling Stewart Preserves have nearly 5 miles of Lake Huron frontage combined. In 1993, the northern shore of Lake Huron was designated a "Last Great Place" by The Nature Conservancy, a global leader in natural land conservation. The Les Cheneaux region is at the very heart of this natural wonder of the world. Accessible only by boat (or over the ice in winter) with the most comfortable access to the Aldo Leopold Preserve through Leopold Landing at Duck Bay. Trail signs are found for a roughly 1.25 mile trail loop close to Duck Bay. Old two tracks are available to take you further into the island, however, trails are not regularly maintained. Launch your boat from either Hessel or Cedarville to reach Marquette Island.

### SNOWS HERITAGE PARK

[207 N. Blindline Road, Cedarville](http://207N.BlinelineRoad,Cedarville)

The Snows Heritage Park offers two softball fields, four horseshoe pits, tennis courts, playground and a covered pavilion with picnic tables and an outdoor BBQ. A great walking trail at the park makes this a perfect family friendly spot. Efforts are underway to add to the park and renovate restroom facilities.

## DAY TRIP DESTINATION: DETOUR/DRUMMOND ISLAND

### DETOUR

[DETOURVILLAGE.ORG](http://DETOURVILLAGE.ORG)

[Located on scenic M-134, the eastern tip of Chippewa County](http://LocatedonscenicM-134,theeastertipofChippewaCounty)

Just 55 miles northeast of St. Ignace, this is a quiet little year-round village nestled on the western shore of the St. Mary's River, where this majestically blue waterway escorts freighters, and private vessels alike, navigating them from the chilly waters of Lake Superior into the wandering waters of our lower Great Lakes. The beauty of the eastern upper peninsula is ever present, from the tidy state marina beckoning boaters from the north channel, to the inland fishing lake on the back side of town. Plenty of opportunities for swimming at beaches, biking, hiking, golfing, diving, kayaking and more.

### DRUMMOND ISLAND

[VISITDRUMMONDISLAND.COM](http://VISITDRUMMONDISLAND.COM)

[Located 66 miles away via M-134 & a ferry ride from St. Ignace](http://Located66milesawayviaM-134&aferryridefromSt.Ignace)

Dubbed the "Gem of the Huron" Drummond Island is famous for both its outdoor pursuits and pristine beauty. Over 100 miles of ATV and ORV trails, the Heritage Water Trail around the island, or scuba dive to view multiple shipwrecks. Discover the wild side of the island by birdwatching, hunt for whitetail deer, bear, and small game, or fish for pike, perch, and walleye. Take a walk on the beach, soak in the sun, explore their Historical Museum and so much more.

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# MACKINAC BRIDGE

## *The Mighty Mac*

The Mackinac Bridge was designed by engineer David B. Steinman. Construction for the bridge began in May 1954 and took 48 months to complete with over 3,500 workers. The Mackinac Bridge was opened for travel on November 1, 1957 and was the longest suspension bridge in the world at that time.

Bridge View Park is an excellent location to stop and snap a photograph for a keepsake of your trip over 'The Mighty Mac.' The park offers amazing views of the bridge and the Straits of Mackinac. The park also has an enclosed pavilion where you can learn more about the history and construction of the Mackinac Bridge.

As a suspension bridge, it is designed to adjust to many factors, such as high winds and fluctuations in temperature. The deck at center span of the bridge can move east or west in one direction up to 35 feet when under severe weather conditions. Routine maintenance and inspections are performed continuously to guarantee bridge safety.

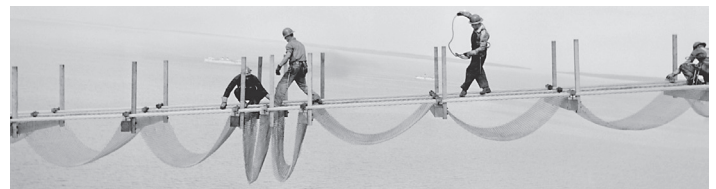
Every year thousands of people cross the Mackinac Bridge between Michigan's peninsulas for vacation, work, shopping, and special events.

The bridge is a sight to see, especially at night when the lights reflect off the water. As the fifth longest suspension bridge in the world, the Mackinac Bridge has become a Michigan icon.

### *Did you know?*

You can check bridge conditions before you even get on the road!

Visit the Mackinac Bridge Authority online at [mackinacbridge.org](http://mackinacbridge.org)



### *Discover the Details*

- Total Length of Bridge: 5 miles
- Height of Main Towers above Water: 552 feet
- Height of Roadway above Water at Midspan: 199 feet
- Number of Wires in Each Cable: 12,580
- Total Weight of Bridge: 1,024,500 Tons
- Total Number of Steel Rivets: 4,851,700
- Bridge Construction Began: May 7, 1954
- Bridge Open to Traffic: November 1, 1957

*\*Information gathered from Mackinac Bridge Authority website: [mackinacbridge.org](http://mackinacbridge.org)*

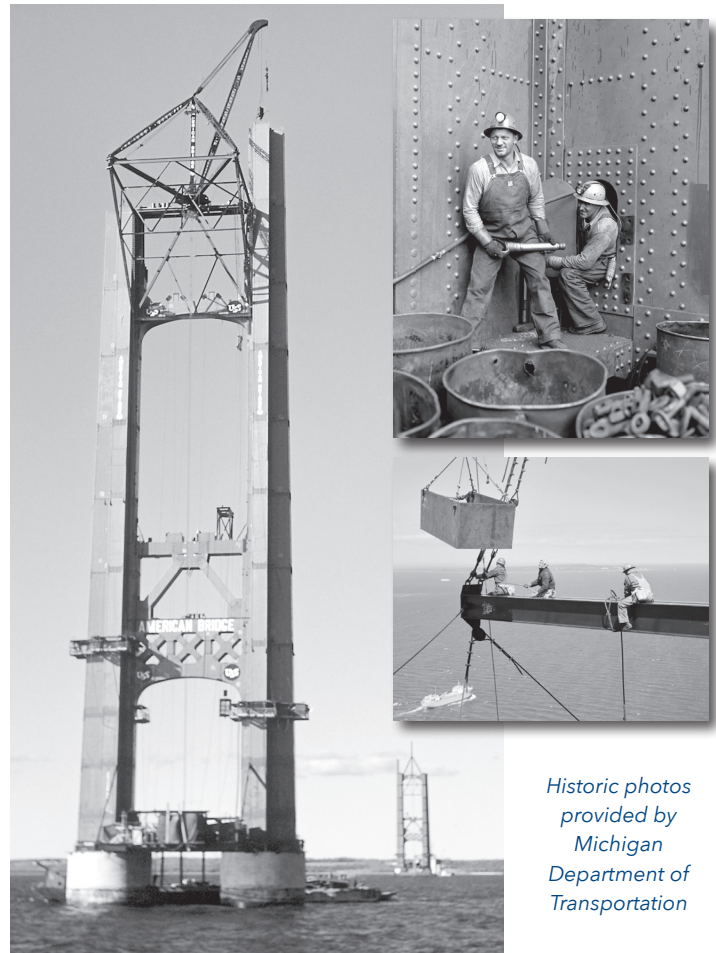
### GET TEXT ALERTS

Sign up for Mackinac Bridge Authority text updates when the bridge is closes and when it reopens.

To receive text alerts:

1. Text "MacBridge" to 67283.
2. Users will receive a reply message verification: *Welcome to Mac Bridge. Reply STOP MacBridge to Cancel. MSG & Data Rates May Apply. MSG Frequency Varies.*

**Mackinac Bridge Authority suspended the driver assistance program to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Please call 906.643.7600 for more information.**



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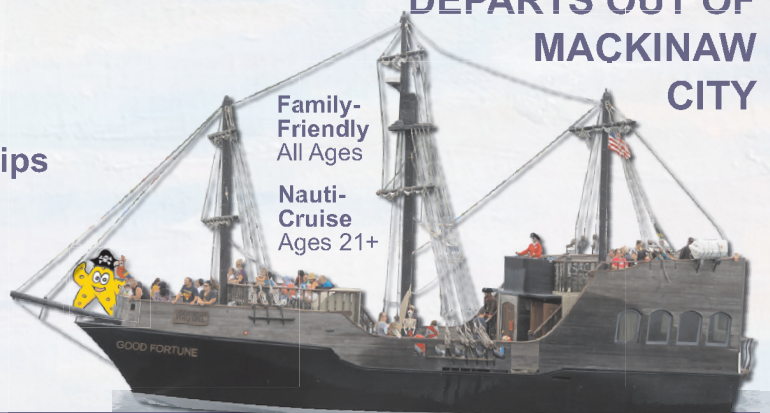
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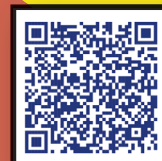
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