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Labatt Blue Adult UP Pond Hockey Tournament February 17-20, 2022
Join us for the 15th anniversary of the largest adult pond hockey tournament in Michigan! Events begin Thursday evening with a meet-and-greet event. Pond hockey takes center stage Friday and Saturday, with the championship games and awards on Sunday. More than 200 teams are expected on the ice in a variety of age divisions for a weekend that is truly spectacular.

Jeep the Mac May 6-8, 2022
Drive a Jeep? Show your Jeep pride in a celebration that crosses Michigan’s most iconic landmark – the Mackinac Bridge. A welcome party, trails to ride, special luncheon, prizes and more await participants. Don’t own a Jeep? Come anyway because these special events always turn all of St. Ignace into a huge festival.

Native American Festival May 28, 2022
Immerse yourself in the culture, language, music, and history of Native Americans in the St. Ignace region at this yearly event. A grand entry parade, dancing and drum performances, and authentic goods for sale are some of the highlights you won’t want to miss.

Highland Festival June 11, 2022
Put on your kilt and join us for traditional Scottish Highland games! There will be caber toss, stone putt, tug o’ war and more along with live Irish music, snacks, and fun. This event is organized by Michigan Highlanders. Find them on Facebook @MichiganHighlanders.

St. Ignace Car Show Weekend June 23-26, 2022
This annual event is one of the largest all-make, all-model shows in the country. Hundreds of antique, custom, and celebrity automobiles are on display. Car enthusiasts can examine vehicles up close and see them in action during St. Ignace Cruise Night and the Down Memory Lane Parade. Awards, exhibits, vendor booths, and more make this a fun family event.

4th of July Celebration July 4, 2022
Combining the nostalgic sentiment of a small-town celebration with the picturesque backdrop of Lake Huron and Mackinac Island makes the 4th of July in St. Ignace something special. Watch the parade at 1pm, enjoy kid’s games sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and a community picnic at 2pm, then watch the fireworks over Moran Bay at dusk. Let us show you patriotism, St. Ignace style!

Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow August 26-28, 2022
This is really two events in one – part French voyager re-enactment and part traditional Powwow. Visit the French encampments, watch demonstrations, visit vendors displaying authentic wares, and enjoy the sights and sounds of Native dancing and drumming ceremonies. Located at the Father Marquette Memorial, just off US-2 west of I-75.

Arts & Crafts Dockside September 3-4, 2022
More than 100 artists and crafters display their unique creations along the waterfront downtown. Enjoy food and music while you peruse the works of talented people.
Events

**Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk**  September 5, 2022
Join us for the once a year opportunity to walk the awe-inspiring five-mile Mackinac Bridge. You can now begin the walk from either St. Ignace or Mackinaw City. Visit mackinacbridge.org for more information on the bridge walk.

**Mackinac Bridge Antique Tractor Crossing & Show**  September 9-11, 2022
See hundreds of antique tractors on display or watch them cross the Mackinac Bridge at this unique annual event.

**Richard Crane Memorial Truck Show**  September 16-18, 2022
Celebrating its 26th year, the Richard Crane Memorial Truck Show is a weekend you won’t want to miss! Live music, silent auctions, vendors, and semi-trucks of all shapes and sizes are sure to keep visitors busy! The show concludes Saturday night with the “Parade of Lights” truck crossing over the Mackinac Bridge!

**Trek the Mighty Mac**  September 23-25, 2022
Join us for this sixth annual event that welcomes side-by-sides and off-road motorcycles on a stunningly picturesque ride across the Mackinac Bridge. Live music, auction, and beverage tent.

**Moran 166 Bike Race**  October 1, 2022
Revive the pioneer spirit of the Upper Peninsula and ride 166 miles through untamed Northern Michigan Wilderness. A legendary gravel bike race charted through the last frontier of the North, the Moran 166 is comprised of lush evergreen-lined gravel roads, deep forest two-tracks, and pristine natural scenery. Beyond an epic adventure, the Moran 166 is a high-stakes bike race with $10,000 in prize money! Register and check out the route at moran166.com. Registration includes post-race whitefish & fries [King’s Fish] and pulled pork, plus additional food trucks on site, custom Moran 166 trucker hat, entertainment and more.

**Strait U.P. Jeep Creep**  October 7-9, 2022
Start up the Jeep and join us for the 2nd Annual U.P. Jeep Creep! This event is a twist on the popular spring Jeep the Mac and includes fall color trail riding during peak UP color, the haunted Jeep Creep, poker run and scavenger hunt, and Meet & Greet with entertainment, food, and adult beverages. Additional activities will be announced, including costume contest and more. Register and learn more at stignace.com

**Snowmobile the Mac**  December 10, 2022
Brush the dust off your old snowmobile and join us for Snowmobile the Mac! All machines must be 25 years or older to participate. Registration includes bridge fare, shuttle service, lunch, hot chocolate & more!

Scan this QR Code with your smart phone to go to the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau website or call 906-643-6950 or 800-338-6660. Schedule subject to change.

Registration for all events at [www.stignace.com under the “St. Ignace Major Events” tab](http://www.stignace.com)

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OFF-ROAD JUNKIES

St. Ignace may be known for crystal clear waters and stunning summer sunsets, but there’s a lot more to the rugged Eastern Upper Peninsula.

Whether you drive a Jeep, 4x4, ATV, snowmobile or any other off-roading machine, there are adventures to be had and St. Ignace is the perfect jumping off point. While Michigan is known for well-maintained trails and picture perfect sight lines, the Eastern Upper Peninsula offers untouched landscapes reminiscent of frontier times, with miles and miles of uninterrupted natural beauty.

If you prefer to join up with like-minded off-road junkies, join us for Jeep the Mac in May, Trek the Mighty Mac ATV Crossing in September, or Strait U.P. Jeep Creep in October. All three of these annual events include organized activities and parades, Meet and Greets with live music, food, drinks, vendors, and more. Jeep the Mac includes a parade across the Mackinac Bridge followed by a day of off-roading on Drummond Island. Trek the Mighty Mac also includes a Mackinac Bridge parade, which you can bet is a little more exciting than crossing the 5 mile suspension bridge in a regular old car. If crossing the bridge on a dirt bike doesn't give you enough of a thrill, come back a few weeks later for the Strait U.P. Jeep Creep which includes a haunted trail ride. Don’t worry, you’ll most likely make it out alive...

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FAMILY FUN ALL WEEK LONG

The summer season means more than warm temperatures & longer days in St. Ignace. It also signals the start of activity-packed weeks, when every night offers something different.

MONDAY is the perfect time to enjoy a GUIDED WALKING TOUR in downtown St. Ignace. Historic walking tours begin at 7pm at the Museum of Ojibwa Culture. Top off your evening with Music by the Bay at 7pm.

TUESDAY evenings you may need another chance to enjoy a guided walking tour and learn more of what makes the over 350 years of St. Ignace history so unique. Historic walking tours begin at 7pm at the Museum of Ojibwa Culture. Wine tasting from 5-7pm at The Pavillion followed by Music by the Bay at 7pm.

WEDNESDAY features local musicians as part of the free waterfront entertainment series MUSIC BY THE BAY offered at the American Legion Park, 7pm in July and August.

THURSDAY starts with the BAYSide Farmer’s Market from 4-7pm at the St. Ignace Marina featuring local produce and crafts. Enjoy wine tasting from 5-7pm at The Pavillion and then at 7pm head back towards the American Legion Park, where BAYSIDE Live! showcases entertainers in July and August. Reggae, gospel, country and more - you name it and you might hear it free of charge at BAYSIDE LIVE!

FRIDAY is known as FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM. Beginning at 7pm at the Museum of Ojibwa Culture, you will learn St. Ignace history as a Native Elder presents cultural teachings and traditions. The Grandmother Moon Drummers and Singers will have you tapping your toes to the beat of their drums. Children are welcome to create a special craft. Each week features an exhibiting artist, author, storyteller, historical presenter or musician.

MUSIC BY THE BAY Enjoy live music from 7-9pm.

SATURDAYS in the summer are known for music and fun for all ages! Wine tasting from 5-7pm at The Pavillion. At 7pm, MUSIC BY THE BAY begins. Watch the skies for a truly spectacular fireworks display over Moran Bay. (Fireworks begin at dusk or 10pm from July 4th - August 31st.)

SUNDAY is perfect for an evening in the park. MOVIES BY THE BAY are shown in July, August and Labor Day weekend for free at the American Legion Memorial Park. Popcorn is just $1 and snacks are available for purchase. (Snack purchases benefit the St. Ignace Moose Lodge.) You can also spend the evening enjoying MUSIC BY THE BAY at 7pm.

Please verify dates & times for these events @ stignace.com or call the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau at 800-338-6660 or visit saintignace.org or call the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce at 800-970-8717.
SPRINGTIME IN BLOOM

Shake off the winter doldrums and head to St. Ignace in spring, where Mother Nature puts on a show in the form of colorful blooms, melodious songbirds, and re-emerging wildlife. Spring is the perfect time to visit for those who want a more serene experience exploring the woods and waters of the Eastern Upper Peninsula and Mackinac Island. Make sure to visit these amazing destinations.
SEA STACKS

They are the stuff of legend and were often used as Indian look-outs in the area’s formative years. Known as sea stacks, some are familiar tourist attractions while others remain hidden away deep in the Upper Peninsula forest. Castle Rock is the region’s most noticeable sea stack. Rising roughly 200 feet above lake level, the promontory is easily spotted from I-75. St. Anthony’s Rock is another St. Ignace pinnacle formed millions of years ago. Like Castle Rock, St. Anthony’s is made of breccia, which is mostly fragmented limestone pieces and dolomite that became cemented together. You can find it peeking above the downtown businesses along North State Street. Arch Rock, found on Mackinac Island, is the subject of Native American folklore and is made of limestone breccia. Between St. Ignace and Mackinac Island, geology buffs can find nearly a dozen sea stacks. Start your tour at St. Anthony’s Rock.

HIAWATHA NATIONAL FOREST

If you are a bird-lover, photographer, or just someone with an appreciation for nature's wonders, spring is the perfect season to explore Hiawatha National Forest. Wildflowers abound in the spring. A beautiful sampling is found at the St. Ignace District Office, where gardens give visitors a taste of what can be found throughout the Eastern Upper Peninsula. Around Hiawatha’s Search Bay area, spring breeding season means the chance to see nesting bald eagles, loons on the water and migrating songbirds in the trees and shrubs. A native deer population may also provide glimpses of spotted fawns. Open Year Round.

MACKINAC ISLAND

Spring on Mackinac Island is like no other venue, with flowers in bloom and island streets still relatively quiet before the summer rush. Late April is usually the opening of “the season” on Mackinac Island, which means many shops and restaurants will re-open. By early May, the horses have returned and the temperatures are comfortable for walking and biking. Although the island is open year-round, each season is a different experience and spring is a perfect time to beat the crowds. Open Year Round.

SENEY WILDLIFE REFUGE

An impressive 95,238 acres of Mother Nature’s finest work can be found at Seney Wildlife Refuge, where spring bursts with life in the form of blooming flowers, nesting birds, and free-roaming creatures of all shapes and sizes. You can hike portions of the refuge or wait for the Marshland Wildlife Drive to open on May 15 and meander the roughly seven-mile route with stops, turn-outs and observation platforms. What might you see at Seney in spring? Black bears and winter-born cubs venture out of the den for the first time. Wood frogs and spring peepers begin their mating songs. Trumpeter swans return from their wintering grounds and sandhill cranes begin their mating dance. Visitor Center Open Mid-May through Mid-October.
The summer season finds St. Ignace awash in sunshine and surrounded by the vibrant blues of sky and surf. A number of attractions open in late spring and beckon all summer long and into the fall. Planning your summer getaway? Here’s a good start on what to see and do in St. Ignace.
GARLYN ZOO

Just west of St. Ignace, GarLyn Zoo is home to hundreds of animals, both regional and exotic. Visit to see North American species like black bear, wolves, bobcat, whitetail deer, cougar, river otter, porcupine, bison, as well as exotic animals like Siberian tiger, Snow Leopard, Syrian brown bear, camel, reindeer, and more. Nestled in a pine forest, visitors experience wild animals up close in a family-friendly atmosphere. Open Early May through Mid-October.

HURON BOARDWALK

Reviewers on Trip Advisor give high praise to the Huron Boardwalk. Meandering alongside Lake Huron’s Moran Bay, this walkway delivers historic markers, attractions, beach access, and more. A 40-page booklet is also available online or from the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce denoting significant sites along the route. Open Year Round.

CRUISING THE STRAITS

Looking for something out-of-the-ordinary on your next visit? Try one of many themed cruises on the Straits. Shepler’s Mackinac Island Ferry offers several options of lighthouse cruises where a local expert peppers the cruise with stories of lake lore, lighthouse construction, ships lost and found, and the romance of life at sea, to special event night sky cruises. Star Line Mackinac Island Ferry offers 4th of July, Tall Ship, and Pirate cruises in July and August. Sunsets splash the water, sky, and everything else with glowing shades of gold that are perfectly appreciated from deck. A short time later, the sky lights up with color thanks to a weekly fireworks display.

MYSTERY SPOT

Unexplained phenomenon and gravity-defying demonstrations await you at the Mystery Spot. Families have experienced the mind-bending oddities of this St. Ignace attraction since 1955. Don’t expect to simply watch the action. Even though two million people visit Mystery Spot annually, you would never know it because small, intimate tours are led by fun guides. The site also includes a putt-putt golf course, forest maze, and zip lines – making it the perfect place for a day-long excursion. Open Mid-May through Mid-October.
Clean, modern and loaded with amenities, boat captains of every stripe are impressed by the St. Ignace Marina. The water of Moran Bay is deep, with depths that typically reach 18 feet, so it’s smooth sailing (and more) into a conveniently-located port.

A combination of services, location, and Upper Peninsula hospitality unite to make this marina a favorite among the region’s boaters. Even visitors without vessels enjoy strolling the marina and attending the special events held there.

Located downtown within an easy walk of restaurants, stores, museums and other attractions, the St. Ignace Marina is situated for visitor convenience. Reservations are recommended for the 136-slip, state-of-the-art facility. Clean restrooms, showers, and laundry facilities make boaters feel right at home. The marina has 30 and 50-amp electric, free WIFI service, 24-hour security, gasoline and diesel fuel, and pump-outs. Dock attendants and fuel attendants are always ready to assist boaters, both transient and seasonal.

The St. Ignace Marina (13 S. State St., 906-643-8131) is operated by the City of St. Ignace, which hosts a comprehensive website listing all facility amenities at stignacemarina.com.
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Is fall your favorite season? Do you long for cooler temperatures, colorful foliage and the crisp smell of autumn? St. Ignace has all that makes fall fantastic plus a number of bonus events that make the season special. Most summer attractions are open through mid-October, while other destinations are perfect for cardigan weather. Here’s a look at a few ways to have fun in the fall.
MACKINAC BRIDGE WALK

The 65th Annual Mackinac Bridge Walk will be held on Labor Day, September 5, and marks the start of the fall season in St. Ignace. Walking the bridge is truly a one-of-a-kind experience and something enjoyed by people of all ages. The views are spectacular, the mood celebratory and the walk offers several options to allow hikers the opportunity to manage their own experience.

NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL

More than 100 miles of the North Country National Scenic Trail is found in the Eastern Upper Peninsula and this hiker’s dream is particularly alluring in the fall. Trek from Lake Superior on the north to the Straits of Mackinac on the south and gain uncommon access to 413 inland lakes and over 775 miles of streams. Changing leaves and crisp fall air make this a perfect autumn excursion.

AUTUMN COLOR TOURS

As the map here indicates, St. Ignace is a great launching point for color driving tours. The CRIMSON TOUR takes you north, then east to the Les Cheneaux area, where you will visit the towns of Hessel and Cedarville, head north to Sault Ste. Marie. The GOLD TOUR takes you north to Paradise through heavily forested roads sure to deliver stunning color. This loop takes you beyond Paradise to Tahquamenon Falls and then on to Newberry, the moose capital of Michigan. The VIOLET TOUR proceeds west of St. Ignace on US-2, where stunning Lake Michigan sand dunes fade into the colorful hues of Hiawatha National Forest. Cross the Cut River Bridge and visit a series of small towns, including Naubinway and Engadine.

KEWADIN CASINO

Whether in search of nightlife or just looking for a different kind of adventure, Kewadin Shores Hotel & Casino awaits with more than 800 slot machines and a variety of table games. Live music and refreshments can also be found on site at the Northern Pines Lounge and Sports Bar and the Horseshoe Bay Restaurant. Open Year Round.
WILD WINTER FUN

Make the most of winter by coming to the place where people know how to play in the snow. With more than 100 inches of the fluffy stuff each winter, winter visitors to St. Ignace find a brand-new playground, freshly blanketed in white. Leave the snow shovel behind and celebrate the breathtaking beauty and adventurous activities that only winter can bring.
SAND DUNE SKI TRAILS

Cross-country skiers enjoy the serenity of ancient sand dunes on seven different paths at Sand Dune Ski Trails in the Hiawatha National Forest. Groomed trails of varying lengths offer a challenge for every skier, from beginner to expert. These scenic trails extend beyond the dunes to include climbs and descents through pine and hardwood forests. Located west of St. Ignace via US-2 to Brevort Lake Road, visitors will find ample parking and an available outhouse at the trail head.

LABATT BLUE POND HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The anticipation is palpable: waiting for Moran Bay to form ice, the rinks to take shape, the pond hockey banners to go up, the white tent to be erected, and the Labatt Blue can to appear. Teams arrive in St. Ignace with unusual names such as Make-Me-Lafs, Sewer Rats, Moose Knuckles, and Fighting Mullets. Over the years, teams from 45 of the 50 states, 3 Canadian provinces, and 2 different countries make this one of the largest pond hockey tournaments in the United States.

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

The Straits Area Snowmobile Club maintains over 100 miles of trails in Mackinac County through some of the Upper Peninsula’s most beautiful terrain. These trails are easy to access from St. Ignace hotels and there are plenty of restaurants and pubs to provide warm shelter and a full belly whenever needed. Snowmobilers can ride on the plowed shoulder areas of all city streets, with the exception of State Highways and State Street (Business Loop I-75) but please remember speeds cannot exceed 25 MPH.

Want to know more about local trail conditions? Visit their Facebook page: Straits Area Snowmobile Club.

SILVER MOUNTAIN

Adrenaline junkies will enjoy snowboarding and tubing at Silver Mountain, located on the west side of town. Tubing takes center stage, with riders enjoying a thrilling trip to the bottom of the hill before a tow rope returns them to the summit. Snowboarding and cross-country skiing are also offered here. A warming chalet and snack bar offer a toasty respite. To check on conditions, call (906) 643-6083.
U.P. WINTER WONDERS

Visit St. Ignace in the winter and you'll find plenty to do, both in the city and around the Eastern Upper Peninsula. Take a day trip to a beautiful, snow-covered vista, an unexplored cave, or frozen waterfalls. When the day is done, your warm and cozy lodging awaits in St. Ignace.

TAHQUAMENON FALLS

This destination is incredibly beautiful under the blanket of winter. The 200-foot waterfall takes on a different character entirely when it is encrusted with ice and surrounded by snowy trees. The park remains open year round and trails are available for cross-country skiing and snowshoe excursions.

PICTURED ROCKS

Make the drive to Munising for Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore where you will find ice climbing, snow cave exploration and plenty of scenic beauty during the winter months. There’s also the opportunity to snowshoe or cross-country ski, so bring your gear and get ready to burn some calories.

I-500 SNOWMOBILE RACE

Snowmobiling is an option all over the Upper Peninsula, so whether you ride from St. Ignace or trailer to another UP destination, there are plenty of trails to explore. One final road trip might appeal to those with a passion for both snowmobiles and racing. Stay in St. Ignace and travel north to Sault Ste. Marie for the annual I-500 Snowmobile Race, held on the first Saturday of February.

AREA LIGHTHOUSES

It's amazing how popular summer sites take on a different look and feel during the winter months. There are several beacons in the Eastern U.P., but Point Iroquois's location on Lake Superior makes for a beautiful, yet powerful backdrop. The facilities are closed during winter, but the grounds are open and the snowy pictures are often stunning.
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From the time-honored and traditional to the quirky and spontaneous, the only limit to your St. Ignace wedding is your imagination. Whether it’s the turquoise waters around the Mackinac Bridge, the brilliant autumn leaves along the North Country Trail or the warm glow of a Lake Michigan sunset, the perfect backdrop awaits those who search for special nuptials in St. Ignace.
While June, July and August are picturesque, don’t limit yourself to a summer wedding. An autumn gathering in St. Ignace can lead to stunning photographs with vivid fall foliage. Locals know that crisp fall days are some of the most pleasant of the year – with plentiful blue skies and sunshine.

Winter weddings can also be stunning. Lightly-falling snow brings a certain “Doctor Zhivago” romance to the landscape. Bouquets accented with cedar and spruce and a décor accented with twinkle lights and snowflakes lend to the festive feel. Trade your stilettos for snowshoes if you truly want to make your wedding unique and memorable.

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THE WALK OF A LIFETIME

If your bucket list includes the dream of walking the Mackinac Bridge, your next opportunity is Labor Day, when 30,000 new friends will happily join you.

For some, the bridge walk is an annual rite of passage. It’s a tradition that spans generations, dating back to 1958, when Governor G. Mennen Williams led a mere 68 people across on a date in July. The following year, Labor Day was established for the annual crossing and it has continued ever since.

With an eye toward safety, several changes were made to the bridge walk in recent years. Previously, some lanes were used by vehicular traffic while walkers trekked the bridge. Since 2017, there is no vehicle traffic on the bridge except for emergency vehicles. Beginning in 2018, walkers could choose whether to launch their walk from St. Ignace or Mackinaw City. The thinking is that participants could hike to the bridge’s midpoint and then turn around and return to their point of origin.

The beauty of the change is that it actually provides walkers with a number of options. First, you get to choose your own starting point. Then, you can decide whether you want to walk halfway and turn around, or walk the entire bridge. If you decide to walk the entire bridge, you must have your own return transportation arranged in advance. For the truly athletic, if you keep a brisk pace, you can also walk the full bridge in both directions.

For those who want to walk the full bridge and don’t have options for return transportation, Star Line Mackinac Island Ferry and Shepler’s Mackinac Island Ferry both provide shuttle service for a fee. Walkers will take the ferry across before the walk begins and then walk back to their vehicle.

The Bridge Walk begins at 7am and concludes when the bridge reopens to vehicle traffic at Noon. For optimal enjoyment, don’t forget your camera, comfortable shoes, and a sense of adventure. Get ready to make history, make friends, and make tracks for St. Ignace next Labor Day Weekend.
Whether you are crossing for the first time or are a regular commuter, it is impossible not to be awe-struck by the Mackinac Bridge and its vantage point over the Straits of Mackinac. More than four million vehicles cross the Mackinac Bridge on an annual basis. You can only imagine how many are automobiles filled with vacation-bound families, RVs headed to forest campgrounds, motorcycles cruising the scenic byways, and pick-up trucks hauling snowmobiles to snow-covered trails.
THE MIGHTY MAC

It's not just visitors who get excited by a Mackinac Bridge crossing. Former Governor G. Mennen Williams once said “the Mackinac Bridge is the manifestation, in steel and concrete, of the spirit of the people of Michigan.” That sentiment is particularly meaningful to generations of men and women with ties to St. Ignace.

Ask any old timer about life before the bridge was built and listen to tales of long lines for the car ferry and limited visits to family downstate. The bridge means something to the people of St. Ignace and they enjoy sharing it with visitors.

The spirit of which Governor Williams spoke led Michiganders to look at the daunting construction of a massive suspension bridge and decide that “no task is too difficult, no job too big.” And they were right – it wasn't too big or too difficult, which is why Michigan's most identifiable landmark, with its soaring towers and miles of suspension cables, transports more than 600,000 vehicles in its busiest month alone.

But that doesn't mean it was easy. Before it was open to traffic in November of 1957, the men who toiled high above the water on what is now the fifth* longest suspension bridge in the world put themselves in harm's way on a daily basis. Five men died during construction of the bridge and their story, as well as that of the 3,500 others who made this man-made wonder a reality, can be found in area museums and parks.

Appreciation of the “Mighty Mac” only grows when one knows the history of the bridge – from its start-and-stop approval process waylaid by World War II, to the five men who lost their lives during construction in the 1950s.

This storied history is told through interpretive panels and photographs at Bridge View Park, located just west of the toll plaza in St. Ignace. This enclosed observation building protects visitors from the elements while providing bridge history, a DVD presentation of the building of the bridge, a unique vantage point for shooting photographs or video, and restroom facilities. The well-manicured grounds include a covered pavilion and plenty of picnic tables, a dog run, and benches with telescopes overlooking the Straits. Parking is plentiful and the entire venue is free of charge, operated by the Mackinac Bridge Authority.

Other vantage points also afford great views of the bridge. Overnight guests at the Super 8 St. Ignace may reserve a room with a view. Visitors to Straits State Park will travel wooded drives to discover a bridge overlook, as well as picnic areas, camping facilities and playground facilities. Boulevard Drive lines the water's edge and provides a beautiful panorama of the bridge and Straits, but be aware that the road is not paved and can be a bit rough depending upon the season.

Great views of the bridge don't have to be obtained from land, though. Great Lakes Air offers scenic air tours, local ferry services offer a variety of boat cruises that feature the bridge and Straits, and the truly adventurous can get an eyeful of the bridge via Mackinaw Parasailing. Each of these offers a remarkable vantage point of one of Michigan's wonders.

* per mackinabridge.org
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HISTORY ABOUNDS IN ST. IGNACE

Thousands of artifacts, original works of art, and special events all converge to tell the story of St. Ignace at two thoughtfully organized museums in the city’s downtown. Our museum curators and local descendants of the region’s earliest settlers are ready to bring history to life during your next visit.

The Anishinabeg, or Native people, were the area’s first inhabitants, migrating with the seasons and finding sustenance and spirituality in the woods and waters surrounding St. Ignace. Berries in the forests, fish in the lakes, and fertile cropland were abundant, as were wildlife and maple for sugar. Centuries later, those same natural treasures are still appreciated by Native and non-native alike.

Jesuit missionaries named the community after the founder of the Society of Jesus, St. Ignatius Loyola. They also found spiritual sustenance in the woods, while fur traders and explorers found other treasures in the region.

Enjoy a close-up look at traditional Native American housing, birch bark canoes, and more at the Museum of Ojibwa Culture. Visit this award-winning museum to learn about Indian traditions and French influences on a site that is archaeologically significant to the region’s Native history. Interpretive panels and videos are used to share the unique stories of tribal elders. This National Historic Landmark is adjacent to the final resting place of explorer and Jesuit missionary Father Marquette.

In addition to the exhibits found inside the 182-year-old building, there is plenty to see outside, too. Tour a beautiful sculpture garden to see some common Ojibwa scenes presented in life-sized metallic figures. Next, walk through the Clan Park to learn more about the seven clans around which Ojibwa culture was organized. This award-winning display is both beautiful and educational.

Even more St. Ignace history can be found at another local museum. In the late 1600s, Fort de Buade, a French military installation, was built in St. Ignace. It stood watch over the nearby Native villages, French settlements, and the Jesuit compound while sending a message to the British about expansion into the Great Lakes region. This fort, also once known as Fort Michilimackinac, was considered the most important French outpost west of Montreal. More than 300 years later, the Straits Cultural Center sits in close proximity to the original site and holds some of the same weaponry, garments, and other relics from the era. With more than 3,500 artifacts, this museum specializes in Native American objects of the pre-contact period and also features items from the eras of the French, British and Americans.

Both the Museum of Ojibwa Culture and the Straits Cultural Center offer unique shopping experiences, with Native American art, handcrafted items, and a variety of one-of-a-kind gifts.
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Famous for the Wawatam Lighthouse at the end of its pier, Chief Wawatam Park features several hands-on 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 within reach. A fishing platform awaits anyone with a rod and reel and the human sundial may be the most entertaining clock in all of Michigan.

KIWANIS BEACH

A sandy shore with shallow waters ideal for young swimmers is the hallmark of Kiwanis Beach, located on State Street across from the Museum of Ojibwa Culture. Picnic tables and a covered gazebo provide comfortable shelter. This park is located at the northern end of the Huron Boardwalk.

HURON BOARDWALK

Whether you seek a pretty place for a leisurely stroll or an informative walk through history, the Huron Boardwalk is your downtown destination. Walk the beautiful waterfront to see beaches, sailboats, and the serene beauty of Lake Huron. History lovers will enjoy the interpretive panels marking significant locations and open-air displays found along the pathway. A 40-page booklet is also available online or from the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce denoting significant sites along the route.

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STEP BACK IN TIME

In a matter of minutes, St. Ignace visitors can be transported back two centuries to the Victorian era, when vacationers in the pre-automobile 1800s discovered that summers on Mackinac Island were filled with dancing, social outings, and waterfront strolls. A short ferry ride delivers families to the same location, where they can still play a game of croquet, enjoy a cocktail on the porch, or just relax.

The unique experience of a visit to the island starts with transportation. Horses, horse-drawn carriages, and bicycles rule the roads on this quaint island where automobiles are verboten. You can bring your own bicycle or avail yourself of the more than 1,300 that are available each day for rent. They far outnumber the 500 horses found on the island in the height of summer, but the wise bicyclist knows it’s not the quantity but sheer size that says horses get the right-of-way!

Bicyclists and walkers enjoy an eight-mile paved roadway that follows the perimeter of the island, allowing visitors to travel the same shoreline explored by Native Americans, French fur traders, and military soldiers many generations ago.

The appeal of Mackinac Island is as varied as the occupants found in the island’s two butterfly houses. Those with a passion for parks will be intrigued by Mackinac Island State Park, which actually started as a national park. Others will focus on the romance of the place where the movie Somewhere In Time was filmed. History buffs will be fascinated by the island’s military importance during the country’s formative years.

When you first arrive on the island, Mackinac Island Carriage Tours provide a good initial indoctrination into all of its offerings. Horse-drawn carriage tours have been a part of the island’s fabric since 1869. Sit in comfort as a team of horses and an affable guide show you the important sights, many of which you may want to explore at length. For those who prefer to explore on their own, island stables and livers allow you to rent horses for riding or buggies pulled by horses for touring. You can even bring your own horse to the island, but that’s a bigger logistical challenge and far more complicated.

When you visit Mackinac Island, you’re also visiting Mackinac Island State Park, which actually began its life as Mackinac National Park – established in 1875 as the second national park after Yellowstone. Twenty years later, it was transferred to the State of Michigan and given its current name. More than 80 percent of the island is encompassed by the state park and features fascinating rock formations, historic points of interest, and 70 miles of signed roads and trails. Hike, bike, or ride a horse on the appointed pathways and you will discover more than 50 interpretive panels describing the natural wonders and historic sites that lie before you.
If you haven’t seen the movie *Somewhere in Time*, it’s worth renting before your visit to Mackinac Island. One of the island’s most well-known historic structures is featured quite prominently in the film, allowing you to retrace the steps of stars Jane Seymour and Christopher Reeve. Opened in 1887, the **Grand Hotel** is home to the world’s longest front porch, complete with rocking chairs and a spectacular view of the Mackinac Bridge and Lake Huron. The hotel has been visited by many dignitaries in its long and storied history. Perhaps you will occupy the same seat as Mark Twain, who visited in 1895.

While the hotel conjures up images of grand balls and Victorian gowns, a different kind of history comes alive across the island at **Fort Mackinac**. The fort takes its place in history as the site upon which the War of 1812 came to American soil. Today, 14 buildings constructed during the American Revolution provide a stunning backdrop for daily reenactments and the booming sounds of cannon salutes. Tour the buildings, watch the demonstrations and let your imagination run wild.

The shortest, most-picturesque crossing to Mackinac Island starts in St. Ignace, thanks to our close proximity. A pedestrian ferry transports you past Round Island Light to a bustling island dock where your adventure begins.

The Island isn’t just a summer destination. Spring, for instance, finds the Island awash in the sight and scent of blossoming lilacs. This year visitors will enjoy the 74th Annual Mackinac Island Lilac Festival, June 3 – 12, 2022. Enjoy 10 days of special tours, art exhibits, meals, entertainment and more – all in celebration of the lilac.

Visit Mackinac Island in the autumn and discover the same scenic locations painted by Mother Nature in fall colors and moving at a more leisurely pace. With the kids back in school, the Island tends to be a little quieter but still has plenty of horses, bikes, and fudge to enjoy.

And what happens on the Island in winter, you ask? We invite you to find out. Ferry service is offered as long as the open waterways allow and, after that, airplane service is available as weather permits. Once on the island, transportation changes from bicycles to horse-drawn sleighs and snowmobiles. When the Island’s Victorian décor is blanketed in snow and the horses pull sleighs down the street, visitors feel like they’ve become part of a “Currier and Ives” print. It truly is magical. If you love to snowshoe or enjoy cross-country skiing, a winter visit to Mackinac Island is a must.

No matter the season, the list of things to see and do on Mackinac Island is a long one, but rest assured that a quick, relaxing ferry ride back to St. Ignace awaits you at the end of your busy day.

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BUDGET FRIENDLY FUN

If you look forward to a vacation but dread the credit card bills that follow you home, St. Ignace is the destination of your dreams. Visitors here don't have to pinch pennies when they can find plenty of options that are either free of charge or nearly free with a nominal cost.

Just how budget-friendly is St. Ignace? Let's start with the 6 downtown parks and three others nearby – all with free admission. Many of these parks are located directly on Lake Huron or Lake Michigan, with beaches to splash around in and stones to skip. You can find picnic tables, grills, and even a covered gazebo for a perfect lunch stop. Some of our parks are located at scenic overlooks, so don't forget your camera.

If your morning begins with a brisk walk, why not make it a scenic one? The Huron Boardwalk will connect you with local history, thanks to interpretive panels and an informational booklet. But aside from the history found along the boardwalk, it is quite simply a beautiful walk at sunrise or any other time of the day or evening. If you long to throw a hook and line into the water, several fishing venues can be found and enjoyed by anglers of all ages throughout the area. You don't need an expensive boat to catch your dinner, but you will need your own fishing pole. There are even fishing platforms available at Wawatam Lighthouse and Chief Wawatam Park, just off the Huron Boardwalk.

A little sporting fun is also available free of charge. Play disc golf at Silver Mountain, located 5 miles west of I-75 on Cheeseman Road at the corner of US-2. Bring your own discs to play one of the top 10 courses in Michigan. Pick up a map and a score sheet on hole one. With walking, disc golf and fishing, you're probably ready to put your feet up. Every Sunday evening, see a free movie on the big outdoor screen in American Legion Park. Concessions are also available.

If you long to hear the boom and the sizzle of fireworks in the night sky, you don't have to wait for July 4. Every summer Saturday brings a spectacular pyrotechnic display to the skies over Moran Bay from the end of June through the beginning of September.

Music lovers will want to visit St. Ignace during the week, since free concerts are held nightly during July and August. Located near the marina and open to all, a variety of musical acts and different genres are sure to entertain.

All of these activities are free and we haven't even scratched the surface of the fun you can have on a budget in St. Ignace. Want to know more? Contact the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce and ask for their Thrifty Tourist Guide to St. Ignace.
The natural beauty and fresh air that defines the Upper Peninsula are the inspiration for most vacations to St. Ignace and where better to find that powerful combo than on a scenic trail. Whether you like your feet firmly planted on the ground or enjoy the wind through your hair, the perfect path awaits. On these pages, we offer a menu of options for full immersion into the great outdoors.
The roads in and around St. Ignace are all bike friendly and, in fact, nearly all roads in the area are open to biking, with the exception of the I-75 Interstate Highway. But for a truly unique experience, leave vehicular traffic behind and explore the bike-worthy trails that start in St. Ignace.

A 27-mile northwesterly trek on gravel and limestone surfaces is a favorite among return visitors. The St. Ignace to Trout Lake Trail travels an abandoned rail corridor through woods, wetlands, and open spaces, with only rare sightings of civilization. Tucked within the Hiawatha National Forest, the trail meanders alongside Hay Lake, the Carp River, and more. In St. Ignace, park at Little Bear East arena and access the trail nearby.

The North Country National Scenic Trail is well-known to most outdoor enthusiasts in the region, but bikers will want to take the time to familiarize themselves with the 47-mile stretch found within Mackinac County. From the trailhead near Castle Rock, the trail first heads west toward Brevort Lake before veering north and then east on well-maintained pathways of peaceful serenity. The remote, isolated nature of this scenic trail is part of its allure, but it also requires planning and a sense of adventure.

For those craving something new, Doc Holle’s Silver Mountain will be opening a high-adventure, two-mile trail in Spring of 2022. This beginner flow trail loop features berms, jumps, rock features and amazing views. For those unfamiliar with flow trails, they are the roller coaster of mountain biking! The surface is exposed dolomite bedrock with gravel and slab rock over sand and it is sure to provide a rush of adrenaline.

For more on trails, go to stignace.com and click on the “Plan Your Visit” icon. Or download the “Discover St. Ignace” app to your mobile device. There will be some great multi-use trails added in 2022.
ON SNOW

Whether skis, snowshoes, or snowmobile are the desired mode of transportation, there are plenty of trails to entice winter enthusiasts to St. Ignace.

The Sand Dunes Cross Country Ski Trail offers seven scenic trails through ancient dunes, each with a different level of difficulty and all promising a serenely snowy backdrop. These trails vary in length from 1.5 miles to 7.6 miles and are groomed for classic style cross-country skiing. Launch begins from the plowed parking area off Brevort Lake Road, where the first loop can be accessed. This is part of Hiawatha National Forest, which offers other cross-country ski trails throughout the eastern Upper Peninsula.

Straits State Park’s main trail is a popular cross-country destination among locals, who help to keep the one-mile path well-worn.

If downhill skiing is more your style, head to Doc Holle’s Silver Mountain for two downhill runs for beginner and intermediate skiers and snowboarders with tow rope. This popular winter destination also has tubing runs and a warming chalet, complete with snacks.

ON ORVs

Off-road vehicles are welcome on designated trails and roads within Hiawatha National Forest but be sure to get an OHV (off-highway vehicle) map and a list of the rules before hitting the trails. Detailed guides and maps are available at the U.S. Forest Service District Office, located just six miles from I-75 on US-2. For information before you arrive, visit www.fs.usda.gov/hiawatha.
A FOREST BRIMMING IN HISTORY

History buffs will find a lot to love in Hiawatha National Forest, particularly in the area managed by the St. Ignace Ranger District. That’s because President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) made its mark on what was then called the Marquette National Forest.

Designated a national forest in 1909 by another Roosevelt, President Theodore Roosevelt, the Marquette National Forest didn’t become part of Hiawatha National Forest until 1962.

On an easy, self-guided auto tour, visitors can experience nine different CCC sites, including camps and a pine plantation. Hiawatha’s website offers a detailed description of the auto tour, but we’ve covered a few highlights here.

Twelve miles north of St. Ignace is the site of Camp St. Martin, constructed in 1935. The men of this camp supplied poles for telephone lines, made improvements to a fire tower and picnic grounds, gathered seed cones for seedling production, built roads, worked as fire fighters, and constructed the Carp River Campgrounds. One point of pride for this camp was its nine-piece Drum and Bugle Corps, which performed throughout the area.

A different kind of project altogether was undertaken by the men of Camp Round Lake which was established in 1937. These workers built the Brevort Lake Dam, which controls water levels on the lake. The structure has been rebuilt since the earthen dam was originally established in 1936.

Between 1935 and 1937, CCC workers built a number of facilities that are known as the Brevort Lake Campground. A bath house, log shelters, toilets, wells, and fireplaces were constructed, as was a gravel road from US-2 to the park.

Since the CCC was sometimes referred to as “Roosevelt’s Tree Army,” it comes as no surprise that a pine plantation is one of the sites you can visit on the Hiawatha auto tour. North of the Brevort Lake Campground, more than 15,000 acres of pine were planted during the CCC era.

When you are ready to stretch your legs, leave the auto tour behind and visit the former Camp Round Lake CCC site. A grassy clearing contains interpretive panels with descriptions and photography from the CCC veterans. A flat, gravel walkway allows visitors to walk the site and learn more about the various camp buildings. There are also moving descriptions of what it was like for the 200 young men who lived at the camp. To visit this site, park in the Sand Dunes Ski Trailhead lot and follow the signs. For complete directions to these sites and four more, visit http://bit.ly/2xkZOU1.
Just a hop, skip, and a jump from St. Ignace are an abundance of interesting attractions, both natural and man-made. Worried about driving? We can say this unequivocally: there is no such thing as a U.P. traffic jam. We promise you won't sit in traffic as you explore the highways and back roads of this unique corner of Michigan. Drive in any direction to see forests, waterfalls, lakes and attractions. Make us your home base and you won't need to pack your suitcases. Just load your family into the car and get ready for an adventure!

**DAY 1**
Within 50 minutes on I-75 North, arrive in Sault Ste. Marie and visit several museums and historic sites that tell the story of Michigan's first city. Stop at the Soo Locks and watch the freighters “lock through” on their way to or from the mineral-rich regions of the upper Great Lakes. Ride through the Locks on an Original Soo Locks Boat Tour vessel or tour a retired freighter – the Museum Ship Valley Camp.

Continue another 15 minutes north across the International Bridge and find yourself in another country – Canada. Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, is a thriving city of 80,000 and home to a beautiful riverfront boardwalk, museums, and scenic rail tours. (Passport required.)

**DAY 2**
Approximately 60 minutes north on M-123 is Paradise, a quaint community that serves as the gateway to Whitefish Point Lighthouse, Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, and Tahquamenon Falls State Park. The scene unfolding outside your vehicle during this drive will include forests and Lake Superior shoreline, where agates are abundant and rock hounds find plenty to see and do.

Continue another 40 minutes west on M-123 and arrive in the town of Newberry. Take in the Logging Museum, ride on a wilderness trolley, or simply keep a watchful wildlife eye, since Newberry is the moose capital of Michigan.

**Hiker's Day Trip Bonus!** If hiking is your passion, you'll want to consider trips #2 and #4, as these communities include sections of the North Country National Scenic Trail. The trail passes through great destinations like Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore (Munising area) and Tahquamenon Falls State Park (Paradise/Newberry area). Don't forget – the U.P. portion of the trail begins in St. Ignace, an officially-designated Trail Town.
DAY 3 Another beautiful, shoreline drive awaits along M-134 East, which transports you to the communities of Hessel and Cedarville within 30 minutes. Located on Lake Huron and surrounded by islands, bays, and unbridled beauty, there are also museums, gift shops, guided kayaking, a casino, and more available in these neighboring communities.

Continue another 30 minutes east to the charming DeTour Village, where lighthouse tours, a historical museum, botanical gardens, and waterfront parks provide a beautiful respite. Cross to Drummond Island via car ferry and discover biking and hiking trails, 140 miles of shoreline, and a perfect paddling destination.

DAY 4 It’s a 90-minute drive to a nature-lover’s paradise: Seney National Wildlife Refuge. First, travel along US-2 primarily along the Lake Michigan shoreline to M-77. Head north and arrive at the Refuge a short time later. Immerse yourself in the serene calm of its swan population, the excitement of occasional bear sightings, and the spectacular variety of flora and fauna found at this free destination. Stretch your legs on a hiking trail, learn about the latest wildlife sightings in the visitor center, and enjoy the driving loop through the refuge’s system of ponds.

Continue another 45 minutes to Munising, a charming community on Lake Superior and home to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. Take a Pictured Rocks Boat Cruise or a Glass-Bottom Shipwreck Tour, explore several local waterfalls, take a dip in the chilly waters of Lake Superior and enjoy the colorful rock formations that make Pictured Rocks famous.
Whether you enjoy the thrill of landing your catch or the mouth-watering taste of a fresh fish dinner, St. Ignace delivers something for every angler. Local menus feature fresh perch, walleye, salmon, and whitefish – but you can also catch your own with a little luck and a little skill. The lakes and streams around St. Ignace are bountiful and each season brings a new fishing adventure with a delicious outcome.

**SUMMER**  Memorial Day weekend opens bass (small and large mouth) season and while the bays surrounding St. Ignace offer a healthy catch, bigger concentrations are found near Cedarville and Hessel east of St. Ignace. Lake trout and splake can be caught in the waters surrounding St. Ignace and some of the best salmon fishing is found here as well. Atlantic, chinook, and coho are found throughout the summer and into fall, when they make a run up local streams. Area lakes are also host to bluegills, perch, crappie, muskie and more.

**AUTUMN**  The onset of fall often means fewer anglers, as many are gearing up for hunting season instead. Diehard fishermen know that walleye and steelhead are still there for the taking when the leaves are turning and the air is cooler.

**WINTER**  Ice fishing lures anglers to the bays of Lake Huron and nearby Brevort Lake, where perch, pike, and walleye are the most sought-after fish during the ice season. With the help of Mother Nature, these waters can ice over as early as December, when a community of shanties appear offshore. Further into the season, steelhead, whitefish, and menominees (round whitefish) are to be had in the Straits area of lakes Michigan and Huron.

**SPRING**  If there's a river in the region, expect to find a good steelhead run from April through early June, with a 14-pounder within reason and reach. The Carp River, Black River, and Brevort River are some of the more easily-accessible waterways for the steelhead run. Flies, spinners, spoons – whatever you're packing, the steelhead are biting. The Carp, a National Wild and Scenic River, is also known for trout. Spring also brings smelt season, an April tradition for anglers near and far. May means the start of walleye season, with the bays of Michigan and Huron and inland lakes attracting both fish and anglers. Pike are also a popular catch in the bays between St. Ignace and Hessel, as well as in Brevort Lake.

Those fishing the bays and open waters of lakes Huron and Michigan can put a vessel in the water at the St. Ignace public boat launch. It is open seasonally and located at the end of Hazelton Street, a block north of Kiwanis Beach.
The Ojibwa word can be tricky to pronounce, but once you say it and see it, you won't soon forget. Featuring one of the largest waterfalls east of the Mississippi, the Tahquamenon area is a scenic 90-minute drive from St. Ignace.

Divided into two distinctly different units, be sure to visit both the Upper Falls and Lower Falls. The Upper Falls drop approximately 50 feet and are roughly 200 feet across, with a flow of more than 50,000 gallons of water per second. Visitors can enjoy the Upper Falls via overlook points along a paved trail or descend a series of stairs to get amazingly close to the point where the water plunges over the edge. Photo opportunities are abundant and the falls are equally spectacular throughout the year, whether surrounded by fall leaves, spring flowers, or capped in snow and ice.

The Lower Falls are a series of cascades that are especially enjoyable due to their interactive nature. Splash your feet in the water and pose for pictures on the rocky river’s edge. There is a new bridge from the shore to the small island offering hiking trails that reveal even more rapids and places suitable for careful wading.

Winter is equally mesmerizing, when the waterfalls are encrusted in ice and the skiing trails offer a serene glide through the snow-covered landscape.

With skiing and hiking trails, plenty of watchable wildlife, and modern amenities that include dining, gift shops and restrooms, plan to make a day of it at this affordable park.
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EVER CHANGING BEAUTY

The sandstone cliffs, crashing waves, and magnificent waterfalls of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore are a little more than a two hour drive away, making it an ideal destination for a day-long road trip.

Located near Munising, 40 miles of Lake Superior shoreline are found in this ruggedly beautiful park, which also features sandy beaches and cool forests. Plan a picnic, enjoy a hike, or get a view from the water aboard a glass-bottom boat – you can't go wrong. Rocky cliffs stretch into stunning sand dunes, taking the park from Munising to Grand Marais.

The United States has only three National Lakeshores, making this a worthwhile side trip during your visit to St. Ignace. Pictured Rocks was the first National Lakeshore, authorized on October 15, 1966 by President Lyndon Johnson.

Hikers will find a variety of trails, from beginner level to more advanced, vigorous routes. Whether short or long, easy or difficult, hiking trails all promise the same pay-off of beautiful vistas. Backcountry hiking is also allowed, requiring permits for any overnight stays.

Waterfall enthusiasts are in their glory here, as this park includes seven waterfalls, each a little different from the last.

The sandstone cliffs that define Pictured Rocks make for distinctive kayaking, rising as high as 200 feet from Lake Superior. A number of put-in points are available within the park, but kayakers are cautioned that Superior can be particularly unpredictable and caution is always advised. A number of inland lakes within the park are perfect for canoes or small boats.

There's plenty to see aboard one of the area's scenic boat cruises. Glass Bottom Shipwreck Tours offer a two-hour cruise that includes unique views above and below the water, including two shipwrecks. Pictured Rocks Cruises offer close-up views of the mysterious caverns and beautiful rock structures along a 40-mile stretch of shoreline, sculpted by Mother Nature. Can't decide between the two? Enjoy both because each offers a distinctly different experience.
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Michigan's oldest city, Sault Ste. Marie, is an easy, 40-minute drive north on I-75 and offers plenty to see and do, including a visit to the famous Soo Locks. Since the mid-1800s, the Locks allow ships of all sizes to navigate the 21-foot drop between Lake Superior and the lower Great Lakes. These freighters carry iron ore, coal, and other key resources shared throughout the Midwest. The Locks play a critical role in the national economy.

Soo Locks Park is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and outfitted with a multi-level observation platform and an informative visitor’s center. Free to the public, the park's primary appeal is the chance to see the enormous lake freighters and ocean-going vessels up close. Before visiting, call the recorded “Freighter Hotline” at 906-253-9290 to learn of upcoming ship arrivals. The Soo Locks are located on the St. Mary’s River in Downtown Sault Ste. Marie.

Why just look at the Locks when you can experience them for yourself? Climb aboard a vessel operated by the Original Soo Locks Boat Tours and “lock through” just like the other sailors and mariners on the water. The tour takes visitors under the International Bridge and provides a unique view of two waterfront communities at the US/Canadian border.

The nautical theme continues at the Museum Ship Valley Camp, located on Water Street next to the marina. This retired cargo freighter features more than 100 exhibits, including the recovered lifeboats from the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, which went down in 1975 with all hands lost. Imagining life at sea isn't difficult when you walk the deck, explore the crew quarters and stand behind the helm of the Valley Camp.

For a panoramic view of “the Soo” and neighboring Canada, stop by the Tower of History on Portage Avenue. Soaring skyward at 200 feet, the tower and its indoor/outdoor observation platforms afford spectacular views of the St. Mary's River, Soo Locks, and the rugged Canadian Shield. Interpretive panels help visitors identify significant landmarks within view, including the historic, quarter-mile long hydroelectric plant.
FIND YOUR PARADISE

It’s a leisurely, one-hour drive north through Upper Peninsula forests to Paradise, a quaint destination situated on the edge of Lake Superior and ripe with interesting things to do. The area delivers haunting shipwrecks, thundering waterfalls, and beautiful beaches.

Just 11 miles north of Paradise discover the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum and Whitefish Point Lighthouse. Whitefish Point may be best known for its association with the Edmund Fitzgerald, which lies at the bottom of Lake Superior just 15 miles away after going down during a 1975 storm. A world-class museum serves as a perfect historic record of the Fitzgerald sinking, as well as numerous other disasters off “The Shipwreck Coast.” Exhibits include recovered artifacts from various wrecks, including most notably the bell recovered from the Fitzgerald memorializing the 29 lives lost. In addition to the main museum building, the campus offers numerous other points of interest with associated exhibits, including the Whitefish Point Light, Coast Guard crew quarters, surfboat house, and light keepers quarters.

Additionally, the grounds include a boardwalk to a stunning stretch of Lake Superior beach, perfect for rock hounds. Neighboring the property is the Whitefish Point Bird Observatory. The land and water surrounding Whitefish Point create a natural migration corridor resulting in a true hot spot for birders throughout the year. Volunteers are often on hand to provide guidance and a log will even tell of recent sightings – rare and common alike.

From Paradise, a trek to Tahquamenon Falls State Park is easily managed and well worth the trip. You can read more about this spectacular site in this publication, but suffice to say that the waterfalls are stunning, the park beautiful, and the amenities inviting. In Michigan, Tahquamenon Falls is definitely a must-see attraction.

A day trip to Paradise will appeal to all ages in your traveling party. A variety of area gift shops and ice cream offerings will put the perfect cap on your adventure.
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