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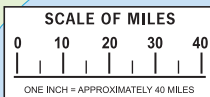
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## LIQUID ASSETS

Take a pause that refreshes amid Michigan's *therapeutic* waters. They have the power to cool your body and warm your soul. Gaze upon mighty Great Lakes or reflect beside secluded *streams and ponds*. Slide and splash in modern parks or bask in the mist of ancient *rushing waterfalls*. The state's fount of goodness satisfies your thirst for adventure—it's the *real thing*.



# 20 WAYS TO STAY *Cool*

This summer, the place to beat the heat is Michigan. Here, kids of all ages will enjoy these refreshing ideas—including water parks, ice cream treats and a walk in the woods.



Porcupine  
Mountains  
Wilderness  
State Park,  
Ontonagon

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# Nurture Nature

Soak in nature—but stay dry—during a mindful walk through the woods.

**1** De-stress and revitalize your soul with forest bathing, the Japanese practice of connecting with nature. It can be as simple as walking in forestland, which covers more than half the state.

**2** Outdoor adventurers can check off multiple boxes with a trip to **Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park**, the state's largest, in Ontonagon. The park has more than 90 waterfalls and 90 miles of hiking trails, plus Lake of the Clouds, a mountain lake with astounding views surrounded by a forest.

**3** The **Saugatuck Dunes North Trail** near Saugatuck is a bit of a trek (1.25 miles one way) through a pine forest and over soft sand, but hikers are rewarded with sparkling views of Lake Michigan. Climb the grassy dunes to reach the shoreline beach.

**4** Near Rogers City, water tumbles over a series of rocks at **Ocqueoc Falls**, the largest publicly accessible waterfall in the Lower Peninsula.



## FROM TOP

WildWater Adventure, Muskegon;  
Ocqueoc Falls, west of Rogers City;  
Lake of the Clouds, Ontonagon

# Splash Zone

Everyone will have a sopping good time at these water parks, splash pads and parks.

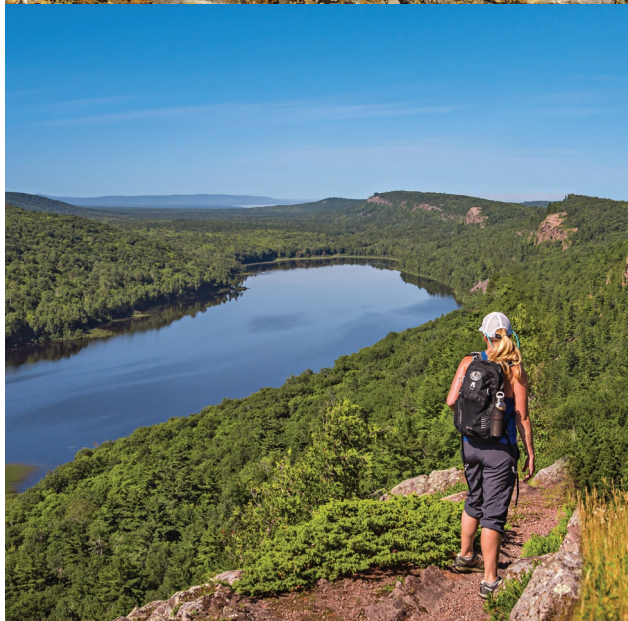
**5** Giggles erupt from kids clambering on the jungle gym known as **The Hydro Zone** at **The Aqua Pit** in Coldwater.

**6** Steady winds, shallow water and a buoyed swimming area along Lake Huron attract sun-lovers to **Tawas Point State Park** in East Tawas. **Motor City Kite and Surf** and **Great Lakes Kiteboarding** both offer lessons.

**7** Spin through the **Funnel of Fear** and float the lazy river at **Michigan's Adventure and WildWater Adventure**, the state's largest outdoor water park in Muskegon.

**8** Water cannons shower visitors at the **Whirlpool Compass Fountain** near the **Silver Beach Carousel** and **Curious Kids' Discovery Zone** in St. Joseph, all just steps from Lake Michigan.

**9** Waterslides, a lazy river and a 300-gallon dumping bucket keep everyone cool at **Turtle Cove Family Aquatic Center**, part of the Lower Huron Metropark in Belleville.





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## On the Water

*Pick a watercraft and glide through the Great Lakes State.*

**10** Gather friends and family and cruise the Inland Waterway on a pontoon. The state's longest chain of lakes and rivers includes **Mullet** and **Burt lakes**. Rentals are available at **Indian River Marina**.

**11** Paddle the Crystal River on a kayak from **Crystal River Outfitters** in Glen Arbor.

**12** Tube, raft and kayak the **Sturgeon River**, the Lower Peninsula's fastest-moving river. Outfitters like **Sturgeon River Paddlesports** in Wolverine and **Big Bear Adventures** in Indian River rent equipment.



### FROM TOP

The Outdoor Activity Center at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, headquarters for the Keweenaw Dark Sky Park, Copper Harbor; Crystal River Outfitters, Glen Arbor

## After Dark

*Go deep underground or stay out after dark.*

**13** About two hours after sunset and two hours before sunrise are the best times to stargaze in areas with zero to no light pollution, such as the **Keweenaw Dark Sky Park** at Keweenaw Mountain Lodge in Copper Harbor.

**14** When the sun goes down, head to the **Capri Drive-In** theater for a double feature in Coldwater.

**15** In Hancock, see where miners once drilled for copper ore. **Quincy Mine** tours include riding a tram down a steep hill and walking into the mine—where it's always a brisk 43 degrees.



### WATER SAFETY

Wearing a personal flotation device (life jacket) can keep you safe. In Michigan, all watercraft must have one for every person on board, and children under 6 must wear one.



## Sense of Adventure

Try something new!

**16** Kayak the Boardman River through Traverse City with outfitters like **Paddle TC** and **Kayak, Bike and Brew**, a guided pedal and paddle tour.

**17** A Lake Huron roadside stop fronts a secret beach. About 12 miles north of Port Sanilac, pull off at **4 Mile Scenic Turnout**, follow the sidewalk and descend the stairs to a wide sandy beach with shade trees.

**18** Ride the wave! In Empire, **Sleeping Bear Surf and Kayak** offers surf lessons, where participants learn to surf on Lake Michigan. Wet suits are available to rent and are recommended.

**19** The Saginaw River is the backdrop to Bay City's **Wednesdays in the Park**. Bands serenade crowds from 7 to 9 p.m. during this summer concert series.

**20** Cool your mouth while tempting your taste buds with a scoop or two from the **MSU Dairy Store** in East Lansing. Go next door to the **Dairy Plant's** observation deck to see how ice cream is made.



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Boardman River,  
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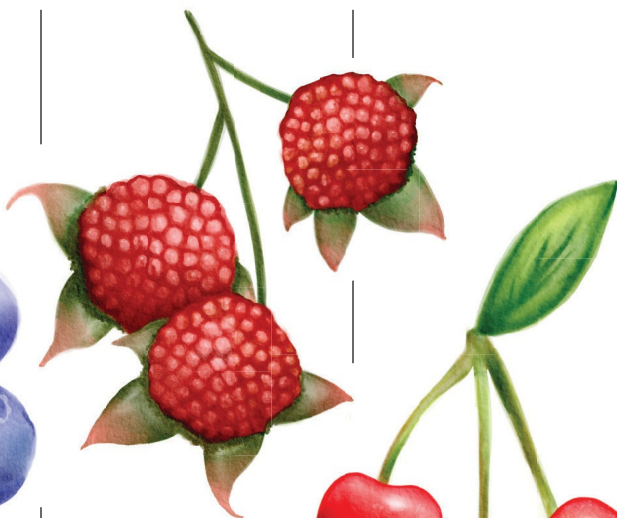
# FRUIT *Salute*

Michigan's lake-effect climate produces many of nature's most sweet treats in the form of tart cherries and juicy berries. Celebrate the state's summer fruits at a festival or pick your own.



## BLUEBERRIES

Most store-bought blueberries are grown in South Haven, which has the largest concentration of blueberry farmers in the world. During July and August, visitors can pick their own at **DeGrandchamp Farms**. Since 1963, the National Blueberry Festival has honored the blue orb with a parade, free concerts and more (August 9–10).



## THIMBLEBERRIES

Hidden along forested trails and hillsides, thimbleberries grow in the wild on the Keweenaw Peninsula. From mid-July to late August, foragers and hikers can search along the trails for the delicate berry, best eaten fresh or made into jam. Get a taste at **Jampot**, a specialty store and bakery run by Byzantine monks in Eagle Harbor.



## TART CHERRIES

Traverse City earns the title Cherry Capital of the World—the region grows 75 percent of the nation's Montmorency cherries. Celebrate this superfruit during the National Cherry Festival (June 28–July 5). Pick your own at **Third Coast Fruit Company**, a seventh-generation family farm, or pop into **Cherry Republic** with more than 200 cherry-related products.



## STRAWBERRIES

One of summer's first fruits, strawberries grow throughout the state. In early June, head to **Whittaker's Berry Farm** in Ida and fill your basket. Strawberry shortcake and a Strawberry Queen reign at the Copper Country Strawberry Festival in Chassell, along Portage Lake near the base of the Keweenaw Peninsula (July 11–12).

## DID YOU KNOW?

Bees are nature's pollinators. Learn how to harvest honey with the crew from Bees in the D in Pontiac. Sign up and assist at this sweet (and sticky) weekly event (June to October).



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A wide-angle, high-angle photograph of a beautiful beach. The foreground is filled with golden sand, showing footprints and shadows. In the lower-left, a group of people is relaxing under two large blue beach umbrellas. Further down the beach, a couple is walking hand-in-hand towards the water. The shoreline is gentle, with the turquoise water meeting the sand. To the right, a grassy dune rises, topped with dense green trees. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue with a few wispy clouds near the horizon.

# Saugatuck Douglas





# OUTDOORSY FUN IN THE MITTEN STATE

## From A TO Z

From accessibility to ziplining, exploring the great outdoors in Michigan is as easy as ABC.

### ACCESSIBLE RECREATION

People of all abilities can enjoy the state's parks and recreation areas via color blind scenic viewers, kayak launches (check out the letter K entry, *page 18*), and beach and track chairs at more than 25 state parks, including Holland, Bay City and Warren Dunes.

### BOATING

Michigan has more than 3,330 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, 11,000 inland lakes, and tens of thousands of rivers and streams. With so many options, boaters can pick their preferred speed and launch their next aquatic adventure from more than 1,000 public boat launches and 82 public harbors.

### CAMPGROUNDS

Overnight lodging locations include rustic, ready-made tiny houses and campgrounds exceeding 14,000 sites within 103 state parks and recreation areas. There are also 140 state forest campgrounds. Additional sites include RV parks and working farms like **Blooming Bus Farms** in Niles.

### DARK SKY PARKS

Gaze at the stars and catch the northern lights at **Headlands International Dark Sky Park** in Mackinaw City. Throughout the summer, an astronomer has a telescope set up on the viewing platform on clear nights. The park is one of three International Dark Sky Parks in the state.

### EQUESTRIAN TRAILS

Saddle up and choose from more than 800 miles of trails, including 30 at **Ely Lake Campground** with horse-friendly campsites in Fennville. Shoreline riding begins November 1 at **Silver Lake State Park** in Mears. (Registration opens September 1.)





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### FISHING

Twice a year, the state offers **Free Fishing Weekends** (June 7–8 and February 2026). Native species include northern pike, walleye and whitefish, a staple on northern Michigan menus.

### GLAMPING

Geodesic domes and yurts are just two unique lodging options you'll encounter. At **Sleeper State Park** in Caseville, overnight

in a mini cabin. Remember to bring marshmallows for s'mores.

### HARTWICK PINES STATE PARK

Show your elders some respect at the 49-acre old-growth forest—some of the last remaining in the state—at this park in Grayling.

### ISLANDS

Michigan has more than 400 named islands. The largest (and most remote), **Isle Royale National Park**, measures 50 miles long and 9 miles wide with more than 450 smaller, nearby islands in Lake Superior.

### JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM

Learn about the Great Lakes (four of five touch Michigan) and complete outdoor activities, such as identifying animal

tracks, to earn a certificate through the National Park Service.

### KAYAK LAUNCHES

These easy-to-use launches provide universal accessibility with a transfer bench and slide board for paddlers to sit, slide and drop into the vessel. A handful of state parks have them, including **Rifle River Recreation Area** in Lupton and Detroit's **Belle Isle**.

### LIGHTHOUSES

Each of the state's 129 beacons are unique. Some squat (**Old Presque Isle Lighthouse**, Presque Isle), some tall (**Big Sable Point Lighthouse**, Ludington), some haunted (**Seul Choix Pointe Lighthouse**, Gulliver), some not. Overnight as a guest (**Big Bay Point Lighthouse Bed and Breakfast**, Big Bay) or a keeper (**Tawas Point Lighthouse**, East Tawas).





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### **MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS**

The Keweenaw Peninsula has an extensive range of trails: cross-country, downhill, jump and flow. For singletrack, head to the **Maasto Hiihto** and **Churning Rapids** trail systems in Hancock. **Copper Harbor's** trails are recognized by IMBA as Silver-Level. Mountain bike rentals are available from **Keweenaw Adventure Company** in Copper Harbor.

### **NATURAL SPRING**

Take the self-propelled, observation raft to the center of Kitch-iti-Kipi freshwater spring at **Palms Book State Park** in Manistique. Here, the crystal-clear water remains a constant 45 degrees and is home to large lake trout.

### **ORV RIDING**

The state has more than 4,000 miles of state-designated trails, plus scramble areas like **Holly Oaks ORV Park** in Holly and **Silver Lake** in Mears. In the UP's **Ontonagon County**, off-roaders can charge at four EV stations.

### **PICTURED ROCKS NATIONAL LAKESHORE**

The name stems from the stained, sandstone cliffs (some as high as 200 feet above Lake Superior) that occupy 15 of the 42 miles of lakeshore between Munising and Grand Marais. Within the park, visitors can explore 100 miles of hiking trails, six lakes, a lighthouse and six waterfalls (plus two that are best seen from the water).

### **QUALITY TIME**

Many state parks offer adult and child activities, such as bird- and wildlife-watching. And many state park nature centers provide drop-in sessions and free classes on topics like making a bird feeder from a pinecone.

### **RECREATION PASSPORT**

All vehicles entering state parks, forests, campgrounds, recreation areas and state-managed boating sites are required to have a recreation passport.

Costs for non-Michigan registered vehicles: \$11 for a day pass and \$40 for an annual pass.

### **SAND DUNES**

Shifting, changing sand dunes, rising 260-feet high, stretch for 3 miles at **Warren Dunes State Park** in Sawyer. These 10,000-year-old hills and ridges follow the Lake Michigan shoreline north to **Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore** in Glen Arbor.



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### TRAILS

The state's longest trail, the **Iron Belle Trail**, stretches from Detroit's Belle Isle to the western edge of the Upper Peninsula. Hike or bike parts of this or any of the other 13,400 state-designated trails.

### URBAN PARK

Swim in the lake, play on the beach and get soaked in the splash pad at **Millennium Park** in Walker. The boathouse rents

kayaks, paddleboats, canoes and stand-up paddleboards.

### VOLUNTEERISM

Join a volunteer stewardship workday and help protect the parks and natural areas—or get trained to do it on your own at one of the state's more than 100 state parks. These activities include bird surveys, invasive plant removal and insect monitoring.

### WATERFALLS

Discover more than 300 waterfalls in the Upper Peninsula,

including the state's largest at **Tahquamenon Falls State Park** in Paradise.

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### YOUTH HUNTING

Introduce children to the sport of hunting and fishing through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Mentored Youth Hunting Program (9 and under) and apprentice hunting (10 and over) when accompanied by a licensed adult 21 and over.

### ZIPLINE AND MORE

After gliding through the trees on a zipline, learn to luge, shoot a bow and arrow, and rock climb at **Muskegon Luge Adventure Sports Park** in Muskegon. The park also offers adaptive sports equipment.



### NATURAL FUN

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### FROM TOP

Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, Alpena; Albany shipwreck, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary; Drummond Island

## SHIPWRECKS

Cool temperatures have preserved hundreds of unfortunate vessels at the bottom of Lake Huron. See for yourself what lies below the water's calm surface.

### THUNDER BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY AND GREAT LAKES MARITIME HERITAGE CENTER

Alpena

Swim alongside a sunken wooden schooner where vegetation reaches fingerlike from its bow, and two intact masts stretch up toward the water surface. This is the ship *Defiance*, a grain-carrying vessel that succumbed to Shipwreck Alley in 1854. It's one of nearly 100 sunken boats discovered at the bottom of Thunder Bay and protected in a 4,300-square-mile sanctuary off the coast of eastern Michigan. Between May and September, the sanctuary installs mooring buoys to help divers and snorkelers find the wrecks and see the boats up close. Visitors who prefer to stay dry can gaze down through the clear water from stand-up paddleboards or the *Lady Michigan*, a glass-bottom boat that pushes off from the **Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center**.

The free center presents the seafaring history of the area, including a life-size boat deck that guests can explore and "underwater" tunnels they can crawl through.

### DETOUR PASSAGE UNDERWATER PRESERVE

Drummond Island

Shoreline loungers gaze at freighters gliding through DeTour Passage, a channel connecting Lake Huron to the locks of Sault Ste. Marie. The sturdy cargo carriers appear invincible, but broken ships lurking beneath the waves prove fog and storms can bring down such giants. Wiggle into a wet suit to swim among split masts and other battered boat parts. Not every wreck requires an oxygen tank to examine: Snorkelers can peek at the *J.C. Ford*, a 172-foot package steamer that exploded in 1924, scattering remains into water as shallow as 5 feet. Swing by **DeTour Passage Historical Museum** to learn about the history of the area and its lighthouses.





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## **LIGHTHOUSES**

The treacherous Great Lakes make lighthouses essential, and Michigan has more than any other state in the U.S. Get to know these standouts along the Sunrise Side.

### **OLD AND NEW PRESQUE ISLE LIGHTHOUSES**

*Presque Isle Township*  
Climbing 130 steps to the top of the New Presque Isle Lighthouse may not be the only contributor toward sweaty palms and a racing heart: Legends say a lighthouse keeper from the past haunts the nearby Old Presque Isle Lighthouse, located about a mile from its replacement.

### **TAWAS POINT LIGHTHOUSE**

*East Tawas*  
On a clear day, scaling 85 steps to the top of the Tawas Point Lighthouse results in the sun bouncing off the surface of Tawas Bay and Lake Huron, casting dancing glimmers of light. A few feet below the water's surface, you may also spot the wreckage of the *May Queen*, a schooner that met its demise in 1859.

### **40 MILE POINT LIGHTHOUSE**

*north of Rogers City*  
In 1905, the *Joseph S. Fay* smashed against the shore, close to the 52-foot-tall lighthouse operating there since 1897. The boat's wooden bones still lie in a slump on the beach, stretching 150 feet long and studded with metal rods. Nearby, spot your reflection in the less-battered Fresnel lens, the intricate cut-glass light used to signal ships.

### **FORT GRATIOT LIGHTHOUSE**

*Port Huron*  
The clang of footsteps echoes throughout the 82-foot-tall tower as guests ascend its spiraling iron stairs during twice-hourly guided tours of Michigan's oldest lighthouse, built in 1829. Step onto the catwalk to feel a breeze sweeping in from Lake Huron and to spot the arches of the international Blue Water Bridge spanning the St. Clair River.



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## LORE

Lovers of all things yesteryear geek out at museums housed in historical structures.

## HURON LIGHTSHIP MUSEUM AND THOMAS EDISON DEPOT MUSEUM

*Port Huron*

A model of Thomas Edison's childhood chemistry lab and printing shop awaits inside a preserved baggage car at this accessible former depot, where the inventor worked as a newspaper reporter. Less than a mile away, tour the *Huron Lightship*, a floating museum with preserved crew quarters and a collection of model ships.

## AND MORE

As you paddle or hike around Michigan's wild places, make sure to pause and admire some of Lake Huron's memorable moments.

## TURNIP ROCK

*Port Austin*

Top-heavy Turnip Rock cuts an eccentric figure against the blue water of the lake disappearing into the horizon. Rent a kayak from **Port Austin Kayak** and paddle to the water-bound landmark. Private land surrounds, so stay in your vessel for photo ops. Keep an eye out for the sea caves tucked away along the shoreline during your journey.

## LES CHENEAUX ISLANDS

*Cedarville and Hessel*

The lake grows tranquil as shore winds calm come evening, the setting sun transforming the glasslike surface into a colorful mosaic. Book a guided sunset paddle with outfitter **Woods and Waters** through the Les Cheneaux Islands, a collection of 36 land masses, to see the display up close.

## HURON SUNRISE TRAIL

*Rogers City*

The 11-mile span of this paved path delivers a variety of experiences interspersed with lakeside dunes. Watch **Carmeuse Lime and Stone** conveyor belts and crushers from afar near Harbor View, cast a line at the **Rogers City Marina** fishing platform and relax on the beach at **Hoeft State Park**.



## FROM TOP

Les Cheneaux Islands;  
Thomas Edison  
Depot Museum, Port  
Huron; Turnip Rock,  
Port Austin

## A SHOW OF HANDS

Michigan resembles a mitten thanks in part to Lake Huron, which shapes the Thumb. Ask Michiganders where they're from, and they'll use their right hand (palm up) as a map of the Lower Peninsula. The left hand (palm up) forms the Upper Peninsula when placed perpendicular to the right hand.





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# CITIES AND CULTURE



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Discover Michigan's *cultural treasures* via routes such as the I-75 corridor, the Underground Railroad and Native American trails. Farm-to-table paths promise *creative cuisine*, city streets beckon with *murals and museums*, a green-carpet welcome awaits at *eco-conscious escapes*, and your own bucket list points the way to *unique adventures*.



# *Green* **GETAWAYS**

With bike-friendly trails, on-the-farm dining experiences and net-zero carbon commitments, these Michigan escapes are reimagining sustainability while still delivering memorable thrills.



The Highlands at  
Harbor Springs

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# Grand Rapids

**DO** The **Grand Rapids Art Museum** was the world's first LEED gold-certified art museum, claiming a large percentage of its light from natural sources. Bring an appetite to the **Downtown Market**, where butchers, bakers, restaurateurs and culinary merchants thrive under one "live roof," which has reclaimed nearly half a million gallons of rainwater. World-recognized **Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park** focuses on the original artist, Mother Nature, by dedicating 158 acres to creative ambition and expression.

**EAT AND DRINK** The taproom at **Brewery Vivant and Spirits** turned a former funeral home chapel into the country's first LEED silver-certified microbrewery. **Cafe Mamo** truly prioritizes local farmers, creating a new menu weekly to match the harvest. Opt for one of the tasting menus at **Grove** to lavish your taste buds with seasonal flavors like grilled cauliflower and a panzanella salad made with crusty bread, bitter greens and tomatoes.

**STAY** With sustainable cork flooring, handcrafted furniture and hypoallergenic bamboo sheets, even your dreams are sure to be eco-minded at the downtown **CityFlatsHotel**.

  
**FROM TOP**  
Downtown  
Market,  
Grand Rapids;  
Brys Estate,  
Traverse City



# Traverse City Region

**DO** Pick your mode of movement—bicycle, skates or running shoes—and head for the 10.5-mile paved **TART Trail**. Bayside stretches pass through **West End Beach** and **Traverse City State Park**. For a different pace, **Crystal Spa** presents a tantalizing menu of body and beauty services in a LEED-certified sanctuary at Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville.

**EAT AND DRINK** **Farm Club** expanded its idyllic 2-acre farm with 7-plus acres down the road to supply ingredients for its restaurant, brewery and market, as well as nearby Traverse City restaurants. Every detail counts in the 26-seat dining room at **The Cooks' House** that spotlights foraged and local delicacies. Nearby **Chateau Grand Traverse** and **Brys Estate Vineyard and Winery** help shape the Traverse Wine Coast, which capitalizes on the Old Mission Peninsula's microclimate for growing grapes.

**STAY** Tapas tours, wine dinners and sunset jazz events at winery and B&B **Chateau Chantal** embody farm-to-fork and all-inclusive ideals. At **The Mill Glen Arbor**, you can sleep in one of three rooms inside the reimagined site and savor fresh pastries made with grains milled in-house.





# Mackinac Island

**DO** With private cars banned since 1898, this island was a century ahead of the alternative transit buzz. Besides walking, visitors rent bicycles, horse taxis and even buggies to drive or ride. Head to the bluffs of **Mackinac Island State Park** for views and the historic **Fort Mackinac**, preserving the state's oldest buildings. The **Biddle House** was a fur-trading outpost built in the 18th century, and is now home to a blacksmith shop and Native American cultural museum.

**EAT AND DRINK** Seared local walleye and vegan delicacies, such as wild mushroom tarts, shine on **Chianti's** farm-to-ferry menu at **Mission Point Resort**. Vegetarians love devouring the curried chickpea wrap at **Watercolor Cafe** before listening to live music at **The Pink Pony** with an unbeatable patio on the water.

**STAY** Go all out at **Mission Point Resort**, where a behind-the-scenes team leads an extensive recycling and composting program on the sunrise side of the island. Here, guests can experience three restaurants, two coffee shops, a golf course and bocce court. Choose from dog-friendly and lake-view room options.

## DID YOU KNOW?

More than 1,400 electric vehicle charging stations are scattered across both Michigan peninsulas. This includes a first-of-its-kind charging network serving 125 miles of UP trails in Ontonagon County, catering to off-road electric vehicles like snowmobiles and Polaris Rangers.

# Harbor Springs

**DO** **Pond Hill Farm** started as a roadside veggie stand with an honor box. The farmstead now boasts a market, brewery, winery, cafe and events. Kids especially love the playground, trails and trout pond. Stop inside Main Street's **INGRAIN x Lake Art** working studio for made-to-order laser-cut wood maps showcasing the Great Lakes and inland lakes.

**EAT AND DRINK** Local Traverse City cherries star in a classic Old-Fashioned at the **Fireplace Lounge** inside the **Otis** boutique hotel. Bite into Michigan bacon, the B in the BLT on the **Petoskey Cheese** menu, west of downtown. At **Pier Restaurant**, dine on Great Lakes whitefish, greens and morel mushrooms while overlooking the water.

**STAY** **The Highlands at Harbor Springs** is leading the charge toward sustainability with a net-zero-by-2030 pledge. The all-seasons family resort announced a ForeverProject initiative that will add electric vehicle chargers and updated chairlifts while focusing on clean energy technologies that will benefit guests and future generations.



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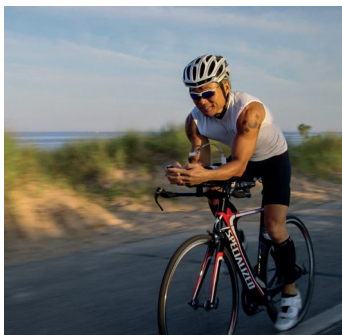
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**FROM TOP**  
Crow's Nest,  
Landmark Inn,  
Marquette;  
Barrel and Beam,  
Marquette

#### DID YOU KNOW?

The Marquette area took a pledge to care for the local culture and natural resources, known as Respect Marquette County.



## Marquette

**DO** Northern lights chasers flock to this region for the after-dark phenomenon. Even better, forecasts predict 2025–2026 will be the most active season in decades for the aurora borealis. By day, mountain bikers and hikers head for the trees, like the Carp Eh Diem trail leading to **Morgan Falls**. The **Downtown Marquette Farmers Market** serves up local goods and flavors.

**EAT AND DRINK** The free-range eggs, burger beef and even maple syrup at **Bodega** come from Upper Peninsula producers. Downtown, don't let the old-school cinema marquee fool you. Below it, **The Delft Bistro** transformed the historic theater into a cozy nook for Milk and Honey with house-made sourdough. Off the beaten path, **Barrel and Beam** uses Michigan-sourced fruit in its farmhouse and barrel-aged ales, ciders and meads in the former Northwoods Supper Club.

**STAY** Some of the rooms in the **Landmark Inn** feature fireplaces and claw-foot tubs. Soak up the historic hotel's ambience and Lake Superior views from the Crow's Nest. Two more restaurants satisfy guests' hunger; whatever is left over becomes compost.



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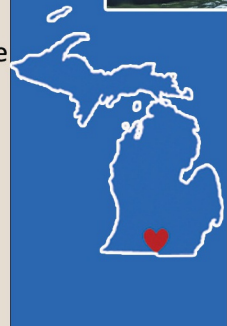
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# TRIBAL *Traditions*

Bestselling author Angeline Boulley considers Sault Ste. Marie and Sugar Island more than backdrops for her novels. The area's storied heritage and contemporary issues enliven her YA thrillers.

**Storytelling threads through Angeline Boulley's early experiences.** Even before she could write, the author of *Firekeeper's Daughter* and *Warrior Girl Unearthed* spent summers listening to elders in her Ojibwe community pass oral traditions. Boulley's award-winning books weave Native American culture and history with modern tensions and the UP's natural wonders.

Sugar Island is Boulley's literary inspiration and ancestral homeland. "Every time I take the ferry across the St. Marys River, I get this sense of connectedness that I don't feel anywhere else," she says.

Boulley spent decades tending the spark of her first novel. The region's scenic beauty and rich Indigenous and French influences dance on her pages, drawing readers in like the campfires of her childhood. Boulley's father serves as a traditional firekeeper, an important role that she explains is about more than striking a flame for spiritual activities. Firekeepers ensure everyone follows tribal protocols and provide cultural teachings. "I hear new stories and learn new things about my dad every time we sit at that fire."

## **NATIVE SPIRIT**

**Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways** in Mt. Pleasant tops Boulley's must-visit list to learn about Indigenous heritage and history. In July, find dancing, drumming, singing and food at the **Saginaw Chippewa Tribal National Powwow** in Mt. Pleasant. Linger in the gift shop at St. Ignace's **Museum of Ojibwa Culture**, which features Native American art and handicrafts. At the corner of Jefferson Avenue and Dearborn Street in Detroit, a mural by artist **Hadassah GreenSky** signifies resurgence.

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## NATIONAL PARK *Exit 15, Monroe*

The drive for westward expansion and Indigenous groups collided in 1813, resulting in two bloody battles at the **River Raisin National Battlefield Park** in Monroe. Walk the sacred ground and orient yourself with a diorama at the visitors center, which also shows a 25-minute film, *The Untold Legacy of the River Raisin*.

## CURIOUS COLLECTIONS *Exit 41, Dearborn*

Step aboard a 125-foot-long steam locomotive and see the cot George Washington slept on when on the field at the **Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation** in Dearborn. Next door, walk through **Greenfield Village**, a living-history museum with artisans, working farms and Thomas Edison's lab, where he perfected the light bulb.





#### CULTURAL CLASSICS *Exit 53A, Detroit*

Diego Rivera painted 27 massive panels in 1932, which cover the walls of the namesake court at the **Detroit Institute of Arts**. The *Detroit Industry Murals* captured Detroit's past status as a world-class industrial center, which was later devastated during the Great Depression. Across the street, the **Detroit Historical Museum** summarizes the city's history.

#### POLAR BEARS AND PENGUINS

*Exit 61, Royal Oak*

More than 2,000 animals inhabit the **Detroit Zoo** in Royal Oak. One of the premier attractions, the Polk Penguin Conservation Center, houses more than 80 penguins and provides guests with a 4D experience (blasts of cold air and mist).



#### FROM TOP

Detroit Zoo,  
Royal Oak;  
Detroit Institute  
of Arts, Detroit



#### BARGAIN HUNTING

*Exit 84B, Auburn Hills*

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*Exit 111, Flint*

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## FAMILY FUN *Exit 136, Frankenmuth*

Pack your swimsuit! The German town of Frankenmuth boasts two indoor water parks: **Bavarian Inn Lodge's Bavarian Blast** and **Zehnder's Splash Village**, the state's largest. Santa suits up at nearby **Bronner's Christmas Wonderland**, aka the World's Largest Christmas Store. Feast on all-you-can-eat chicken from **Zehnder's of Frankenmuth** and **Bavarian Inn Restaurant**.



 Museum of Ojibwa Culture, St. Ignace



 Hartwick Pines State Park, Grayling

## NATURE TRAILS

*Exit 259, Grayling*

At **Hartwick Pines State Park**, visitors can hike 21 miles of trails and visit a chapel made of logs and a logging museum.

## IN THE SWING

*Exit 282, Gaylord*

Golfers looking to test their abilities take a swing in Gaylord at **Treetops** and **Otsego resorts**. Even if you don't get an eagle, you can score an elk sighting at **City Elk Park**.

## TIME TRAVEL

*Exit 339, Mackinaw City*

History comes alive at a reconstructed 18th-century fort and fur-trading village. Reenactors fire muskets and cannons at **Colonial Michilimackinac**, part of the Mackinac

State Historic Parks in Mackinaw City. Next door, a guided tour of **1889 Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse** includes a climb to the top of the tower with views of the 5-mile-long Mackinac Bridge that leads to the Upper Peninsula.

## TRIBES AND TUNES

*Exit 344A, St. Ignace*

Learn about Native American culture at the **Museum of Ojibwa Culture** in St. Ignace. Open daily, the museum also includes a longhouse and sculpture park and stands beside the final resting place for Father Jacques Marquette, who founded the city. Local talent serenades crowds at the **Music by the Bay** series at the American Legion Park.



 Colonial Michilimackinac, Mackinaw City

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emancipated John Felix White. Today, Watkins' land hosts a 5-mile walk through the flower-filled meadows of **Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve**.

In Detroit, placards mark the sites of the **Finney Barn** and **George DeBaptiste House**, where abolitionists protected escapees. In another bronze sculpture by Dwight, DeBaptiste leads eight freedom seekers. **Second Baptist Church of Detroit** and the **First Congregational Church of Detroit** sheltered runaways and today share their stories during tours. **St. Matthew's Episcopal Church** also provided refuge.



*Underground Railroad, Battle Creek*



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 Motown Museum, Detroit;  
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 Watkins Lake State Park  
 and County Preserve,  
 Brooklyn; The Charles H.  
 Wright Museum  
 of African American  
 History, Detroit

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Once called the Black Eden of Michigan, resort town Idlewild has welcomed African American guests since 1912. Today, travelers can rent watercraft at Baldwin Canoe Rental to paddle around the town's three lakes and learn more about the area's legacy at Idlewild Historic and Cultural Center.

### **BLACK CULTURE**

Don't fret if you miss the **Detroit Jazz Festival** (Labor Day weekend): Michigan still brims with African American art and history. Stand in Studio A, the same room Motown artists used to belt out hits at **Motown Museum**. A model of a Middle Passage slave ship living quarters forces contemplation of America's ugly past at the **Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History**, while freedom fighters depicted in stained glass highlight perseverance. Visit the **Grand Rapids African American Museum and Archives** to see art in media like fabric, paint and carvings.



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# THE LONG AND SHORT *of* SHORT'S BREWING

The founder of one of the state's most prolific independent craft breweries shares his love of suds, music and staying active in his hometown of Bellaire.



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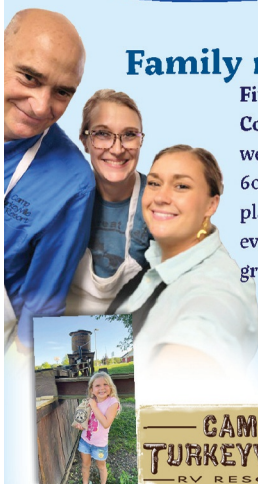


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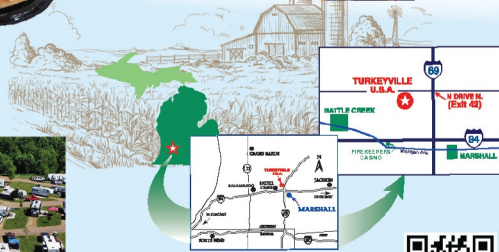
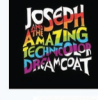
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**WHAT'S IN A NAME?**

The name Huma Lupa Licious comes from *Humulus lupulus*, the hop plant's scientific name, with the addition of "licious."

**Short's Brewing founder**

**Joe Short** loves cracking open a cold one after outdoor adventures in the Chain of Lakes region. The creator of the state's bestselling craft lager (Local's Light) is a visionary community catalyst, a superfan of the band Ween, and the someone who still helps take out the beer-garden trash.

Joe and his wife, Leah, first met as teens. The couple found their sweet spot growing "the biggest of the small breweries and the smallest of the big breweries" as a family enterprise. This means more than expanding the beer portfolio, which includes creative collaborations with Pure Michigan (IPAs) and Grammy-Award-winning musician Billy Strings (nonalcoholic Thirst Mutilator hop water). It's also about making Bellaire (population 1,000) a vibrant place to drink and an even better town to work and raise a family.

**Q: Why was Bellaire the perfect place to start your brewery?**

**A:** I wanted to be close to nature, specifically water. It turns out where I grew up was a pretty hard place to beat. I learned about this old hardware store for sale in Bellaire, and I thought the building was well-suited to become a really cool pub. I envisioned living this life of going mountain biking and water-skiing when I wasn't making beer and having great discussions with people.

**Q: You made all that happen, plus you have a band! Tell us about Braxton Hicks and The Contractions.**

**A:** We have about eight songs. They're all about beer. There's usually a lot of storytelling and humor in between. We lean into the innuendo part of our shtick because eight songs don't last that long.

**Q: What does the Short's Brewing mission to "leverage the power of smallness" mean?**

**A:** The power of smallness is our ability to pivot and do things on a dime. We are capable of powerful projects and initiatives to help make the world a better place. As working owners, you can literally touch and feel every part of it.

**Q: And some of Short's early projects have evolved into nonprofit organizations.**

**A:** We started the Short's to Short's Paddle. It's a 27-mile route from the southern Chain of Lakes, which starts in Bellaire behind the brewpub and runs all the way to Elk Rapids, where our production facility is. It's a great way to take in northern Michigan and appreciate the pristine waters and charming communities. That event ended up evolving into a nonprofit called Paddle Antrim [which works to protect county waterways].

**Q: Short's works with lots of interesting ingredients. Have you made any "happy accident" beers?**

**A:** I'm sure there's a ton. Soft Parade Shandy comes to mind. Soft Parade was a popular fruit ale. We were able to blend it with an excess supply of lemonade we had on hand from another project, making it lighter and more crushable.



**SHORTS WITH JOE SHORT**

**MOTTO?**

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**PERSONAL UNIFORM?**

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**FAVORITE BRAND OF MUSTACHE WAX?**

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**GO-TO BREW?**

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**BEST WAY TO START A SUMMER DAY?**

Water-skiing on Elk Lake. I usually go out around 7:30 a.m. before the boat chop fills the lake.

**PERFECT POST-PADDLE BEER?**

Nicie, our wheat ale that we make in the summertime. I've called it the most refreshing beer in the history of the world.

**FAVORITE FOOD ITEM ON THE MENU?**

Sketches of Winkle. It's an amplified Italian sandwich. (All the menu items are named after Ween songs.)

**BEST WEEN ALBUM?**

*White Pepper*, or *Live in Chicago*.

**HIDDEN TALENT?**

Lunch sandwich builder. My son frequently shares half of his "dad-made" sandwich with friends.



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A FIVE-DAY ROAD TRIP ALONG THE SUNSET COAST.

WRITER ANDREA MINARCEK JESSUP



**It's worth taking the long route on** a road trip tour of Michigan's Sunset Coast. The West Michigan Pike historic byway hugs the waterfront of Lake Michigan from the state's southern border to the tip of the Mitt. Originally built in 1911, the drive is more appealing now than ever before. The all-American charm of the small coastal towns remains, along with sandy beaches, hiking trails and lighthouses. But get ready to discover enticing surprises. Local innovative art packs galleries in Saugatuck. Archeologists excavate at an 18th-century military fort and fur-trading settlement at Colonial Michilimackinac in Mackinaw City, and they are on hand to answer questions and show artifacts as weather allows. Time your road trip in spring for peak tulip and cherry seasons. In summer, roadside produce stands overflow with state-grown blueberries, cherries and peaches. Whatever the season, you'll be glad you spent some time taking the scenic route.



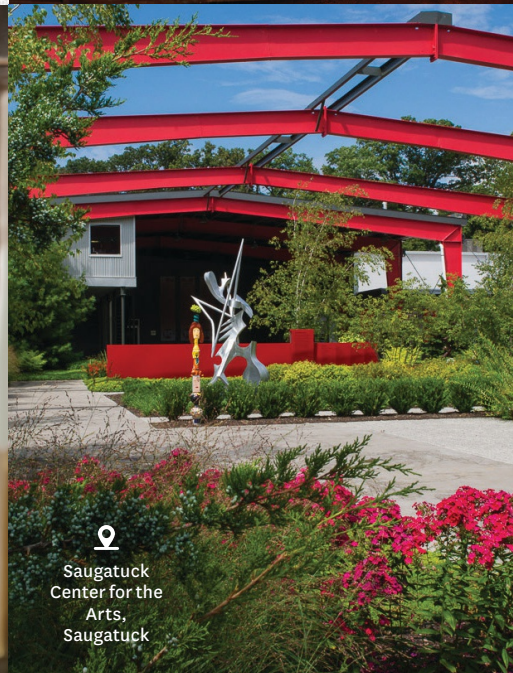
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## Day 1

### NEW BUFFALO TO SAUGATUCK

(75 MILES)

#### BEER CHURCH BREWING COMPANY *New Buffalo*

Every day is Saturday at this brewery where they bake their own bread and serve breakfast until 2 p.m. in a former Civil War-era church.

#### KRASL ART CENTER *St. Joseph*

Anchor your trip in the arts, exploring an outdoor sculpture garden and galleries packed with contemporary works and new artist projects.

#### WILD GINGER FLOWERS AND GIFTS *St. Joseph*

Shop for colorful stationery, fresh floral arrangements and jewelry made from beach glass, or take a wine-and-painting class at this brick-walled hub for local female entrepreneurs.

#### FRIENDS GOOD WILL *South Haven*

The billowing sails and 80-foot-tall mast make this replica 1810 tall ship a floating landmark. Hop aboard a 90-minute sail narrated by crew members dressed in period clothes.

#### SAUGATUCK CENTER FOR THE ARTS *Saugatuck*

You'll find a mix of Broadway and original theater shows on stage; rotating exhibits in the gallery; and summer concerts, art installations and kaleidoscopic gardens outside.

#### RETRO BOAT RENTALS *Saugatuck*

Rent midcentury modern electric boats painted in candy colors at The Old Boat House waterfront bar and restaurant along the Kalamazoo River.

#### SPLISH SPLASH

*Swim, hike the dunes and build castles in sugar-fine sand at one of Lake Michigan's best waterfronts.*

Outdoor memories await: Sandboard down 260-foot-tall dunes, rent a kayak or stand-up paddleboard, and wander 3 miles of sandy shore at **Warren Dunes State Park** in Sawyer.

At the mouth of the St. Joseph River, **Silver Beach County Park** features a carousel, playground and fountain with multiple cannons shooting water into the air.

Less than 5 miles from downtown Saugatuck, **Oval Beach** receives accolades for its pristine sand, dunes and a 1-mile trail to Mount Baldhead.

**Holland State Park** boasts expansive beaches, two track chairs and a view of Big Red, the iconic lighthouse.

In Traverse City, **Clinch Park Beach** offers kayak and paddleboard rentals across the street from downtown.

#### WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK

##### Modales Wine, Fennville

Stroll the vineyards on this 76-acre farm, then sample some of the Rieslings, Sauvignon Blancs, rosés and Cabernet Francs made here.

##### Virtue Cider, Fennville

The Michigan-apple ciders are for adults, but kids and dogs are welcome to meet the chickens and Gloucestershire Old Spots pigs on this solar-powered farm.

##### Coast 236 Restaurant and Bar, Saugatuck

Seafood is the star at this fine-dining staple, known for its deep wine list, six- and nine-course tasting menus, and romantic back patio.

##### Pennyroyal Cafe and Provisions, Saugatuck

Local seasonal dishes and daily fresh-made pastries draw crowds for brunch and dinner on a tree-lined, landscaped courtyard.



## Day 2 SAUGATUCK TO LUDINGTON

(115 MILES)

### DEZWAAN WINDMILL *Holland*

The only historic Dutch-built windmill in the U.S. (brought over from the Netherlands in 1964) still spins and grinds wheat. In spring, it's surrounded by 150,000 blooming tulips.

### BOARDWALK *Grand Haven*

Follow the 2.5-mile promenade with shops and a restaurant to the end of the pier, where two lighthouses stand guard. At dusk, you'll find a free, half-hour water-and-lights show synchronized to beloved soundtracks (think Motown and ABBA) along the Grand River.

### MUSKEGON LUGE ADVENTURE SPORTS PARK *Muskegon*

Head to Muskegon State Park and soar over the sand dunes on a quarter-mile zipline, ricochet downhill on a wheel-luge track, or climb a 38-foot-high rock wall.

### SILVER LAKE STATE PARK *Mears*

Whip along the waterfront sand dunes on a sandboard or in your own ATV, dune buggy or UTV, or rent one (available by the hour) from Silver Lake Buggy Rentals. Mac Wood's Dune Rides provides guided rides.

### STEARNS PARK BEACH *Ludington*

Watch the SS *Badger's* daily departures and arrivals from this sandy strip along the Lake Michigan shore, a short walk from downtown.

## WHERE TO STAY

### Lake Shore Resort, Saugatuck

Greet the day with breakfast overlooking Lake Michigan, borrow a resort kayak or bike (downtown Saugatuck is 3 miles away), then watch the sunset around a firepit.

### Wickwood Inn, Saugatuck

Guests at this 11-room 1937 Colonial Revival inn can bookend their days with farm-to-table breakfasts and afternoon sweets.

### Harbor House Inn, Grand Haven

Watch the free nightly Grand Haven Musical Fountain's light

## Day 3 LUDINGTON TO GLEN ARBOR

(90 MILES)

### REEL PLEASURE CHARTERS *Manistee*

For more than 40 years, Capt. Larry Scharich has been leading aspiring anglers on half- and full-day fishing trips for trout and salmon on Lake Michigan.

### THE BIG "M" TRAIL *Manistee*

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### SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE

#### *Empire*

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### ART'S TAVERN *Glen Arbor*

A local institution since 1934, Art's is beloved for its burgers, hundreds of college and sports pennants, and the two-headed stuffed fish that watches over it all.

### KAYAK THE CRYSTAL RIVER *Glen Arbor*

Spot bald eagles, otters, white-tailed deer and blue herons on a two- to three-hour paddle along the clear waters of Crystal River in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

show from the spacious screen porch at this friendly 19-room waterfront inn.

### Hotel Indigo, Traverse City

This waterfront IHG hotel with 107 rooms and suites is capped by the rooftop H and L Social bar with sprawling views of Grand Traverse Bay.

### The Earl, Charlevoix

Built in 1959 and updated in 2019, the 56-room boutique hotel sits in a sweet spot, a block away from Round Lake, the channel and Lake Michigan. Soak in the scene from the rooftop Hi Bar or head to the Lo Bar in the lobby for a drink.

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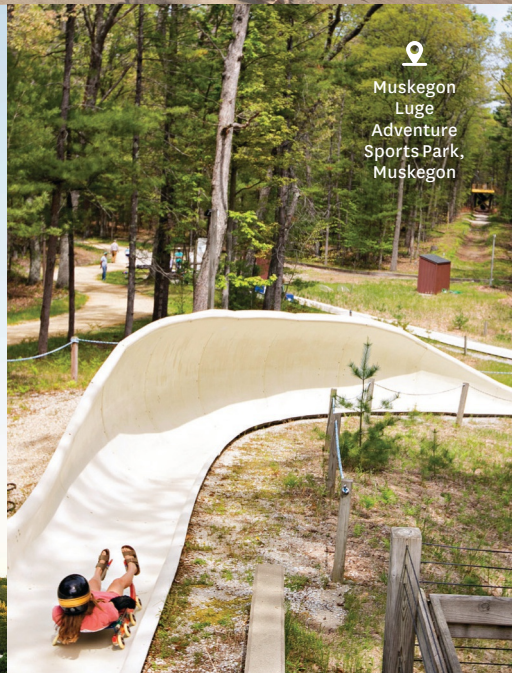
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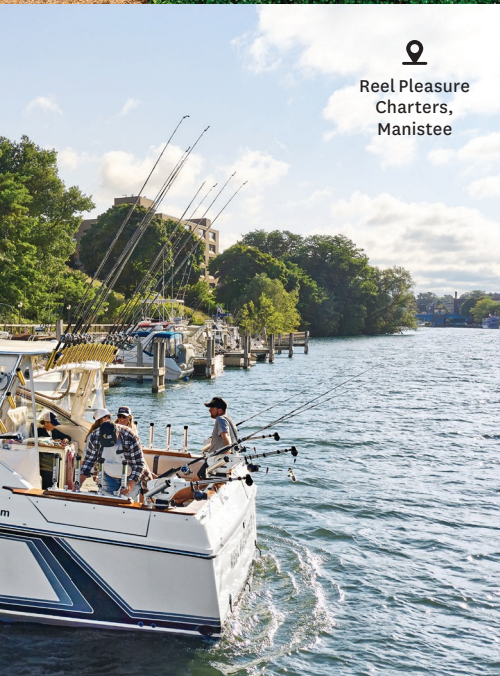
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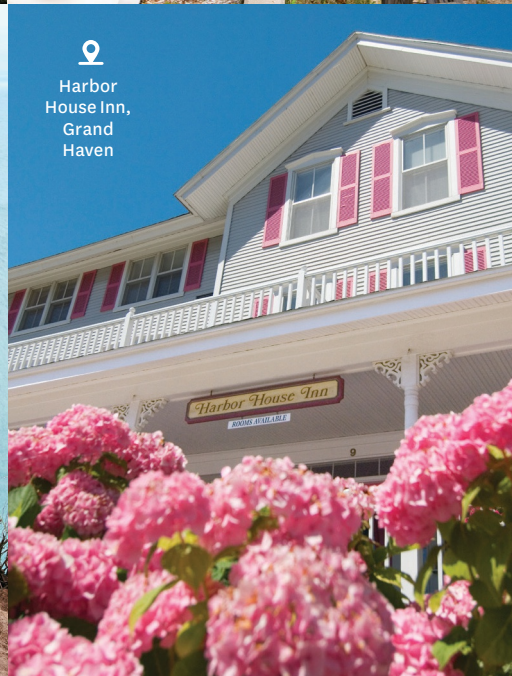
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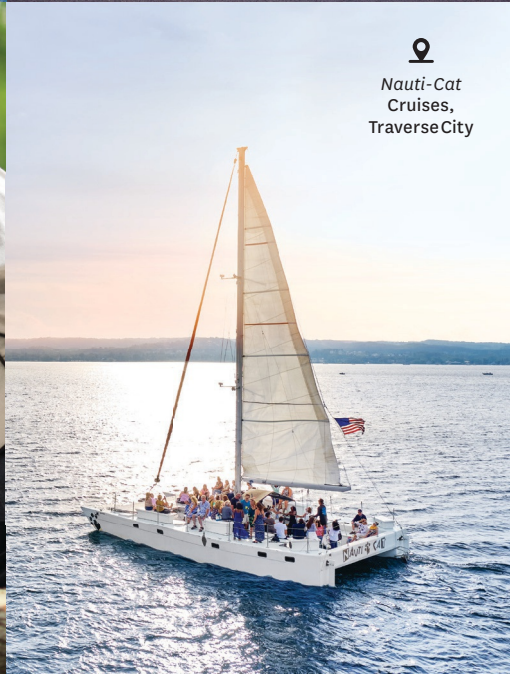
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## Day 4 GLEN ARBOR TO TRAVERSE CITY

(60 MILES ALONG THE LEELANAU PENINSULA)

### PYRAMID POINT *Glen Arbor*

Hike a 2.7-mile loop path across old farm fields, through century-old beech and maple forests, and up sand dunes for a bird's-eye view of Lake Michigan.

### VILLAGE CHEESE SHANTY *Fishtown, Leland*

Fuel a day of hiking, cycling and wine tasting around the Leelanau Peninsula with fresh salads, imported cheeses and a variety of sandwiches from this popular purveyor. The pretzel bread is baked in-house.

### LELAND GAL *Leland*

Cheerful, colorful prints are the common thread at this textile shop, where you can browse locally designed accessories, notebooks, clothes and more.

### LEELANAU STATE PARK *Northport*

In this 1,500-acre park at the tip of the Leelanau Peninsula, you can hike, fish and climb the tower of the restored Grand Traverse Lighthouse for thrilling panoramas.

### GRAND TRAVERSE BIKE TOURS *Suttons Bay*

Rent two wheels to cycle the paved Leelanau Trail through vineyards and woods with views of Lake Michigan. Pedal at your own pace or visit up to seven wineries on the Winery and Vineyard Bike Tour.

## WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK

### Cherry Republic, Glen Arbor

Cherry trees shade the courtyard between a quartet of timber-framed buildings shilling all things cherry, including cherry wine, cherry beer and cherry pie ice cream flurries.

### Dune Bird Winery, Northport

With kid-friendly dishes like mac and cheese bites on its tapas menu and a craft espresso bar, Dune Bird caters to families and wine-lovers.

### Moomers, Traverse City

The outdoor patio overlooks the dairy farm (yes, you can literally

## Day 5 TRAVERSE CITY TO MACKINAW CITY (103 MILES)

### DARLING BOTANICAL COMPANY *Traverse City*

Stationery, books and gifts are sold alongside succulents and fresh-cut flowers. You can pick a few favorite plants and build your own terrarium.

### NAUTI-CAT CRUISES *Traverse City*

Lounge in the nets and sunbathe, learn sailing fundamentals (jibbing, tacking, navigating), or toast the sunset with champagne on one of this catamaran's daily two-hour sails of West Grand Traverse Bay.

### DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX

The tree-lined sidewalks of Charlevoix's walkable downtown are dotted with hanging baskets overflowing with blooms. Shop Harwood Gold's maple syrup and products, and vintage goods at True North Interior Design and Antiques.

### PETOSKEY STATE PARK *Petoskey*

Hunt for the state's singular Petoskey and Charlevoix stones (both are kinds of coral; limit 25 pounds of stones per year) on the 1-mile, fossil-strewn stretch of beach between Harbor Springs and Petoskey.

### MACKINAC STATE HISTORIC PARKS *Mackinaw City*

Historical interpreters are on hand to answer questions at Colonial Michilimackinac, a reconstructed 1700s fort and fur-trading village; the Historic Mill Creek sawmill; and the 1889 Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse.

hear the mooing) at this family-owned ice cream parlor. Opt for a tasting flight to try five of their 150-plus flavors.

### That French Place, Charlevoix

Choose from savory buckwheat crepes (like ham and egg or caramelized onion) or sweet crepe combinations (banana and Nutella or

cinnamon and sugar) at this counter-service cafe.

### Maple and Batter, Bay Harbor

Open mornings and afternoons, eggs Benedict, maple-syrup-candied bacon, and pancakes headline the brunch menu at this downtown eatery.




**Here's how to make your next Great Lakes getaway an adventure! These 10 diverse experiences will build your skills, expand your mind and elevate your spirit. Plan now and explore these only-in-Michigan possibilities.**

**WRITER** BRIAN KRAMER



Pointe aux  
Barques Maritime  
Museum,  
Port Hope.  
Lighthouse keepers  
lodge in the  
assistant keeper's  
house.



A photograph of a calm lake with a small island of trees on the left and a handwritten message in the center. The sky is a soft, pale blue, and the water is a light blue with gentle ripples. The trees on the island are bare, suggesting a cool season. The handwritten text is in a dark teal color, written in a cursive script.

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To...



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Au Sable River,  
Grayling




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Village,  
Dearborn

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 Michigan International Speedway, Brooklyn

### ... drive a race car?

Suit up, strap in and peel out on the NASCAR Racing Experience at **Michigan International Speedway** in Brooklyn. You'll zoom around the same 2-mile track where the FireKeepers Casino 400 runs (June 8). After a drivers' meeting and introduction to your vehicle, you'll be burning through banked turns while a radio spotter gives pointers to boost your speed. Not ready to take the wheel? Hang on during a three-lap ride-along with a seasoned instructor.

### ... tend a lighthouse?

Home to 129 lighthouses, the most of any state, Michigan opens several of its coastal guardians to volunteer keepers during the summer. Most programs require at least a weeklong commitment, but longer and shorter shifts are possible. Assistant keepers at two active Lake Huron lighthouses—**Pointe aux Barques Maritime Museum** near Port Hope and offshore **DeTour Reef Light**, a short boat ride from DeTour Village—lead tours, care for the grounds and sleep in historic accommodations as waves lap just outside of the window.

### ... crank up a Model T?

The Ford Motor Company churned out more than 15 million "Tin Lizzies" between 1908 and 1927, and the decidedly old-school driving course at **Gilmore Car Museum** in Hickory Corners teaches time-traveling motorists how to operate these vintage vehicles. During the three-hour class, you'll share a Model T with an instructor and two other students, puttering along the winding roads of the historic campus. (Model T rides are also offered at **Greenfield Village** in Dearborn.)

### ... cast a fly on a river?

Whether you fish from a drift boat or in a pair of waders, the Au Sable River is home to some of the most storied wild trout fishing east of the Rockies. Guides at **North Branch Outing Club** and **Gates Au Sable Lodge**, both in Grayling, teach one-on-one beginner lessons and organize half- and full-day excursions from earliest spring through latest fall. Follow up your day on the water with a satisfying meal and epic fishing stories while relaxing on the porch at either of their rustic lodges.

### ... learn to sail?

You'll find your sea legs during a two-, four- or seven-day course taught by ASA-certified instructors at **Great Lakes Sailing Company** in Traverse City. Learn or master sailing basics, as well as cruising, docking, navigating and other skills, aboard 31- to 40-foot vessels, many of which also offer overnight accommodations. Classes run May through September.



### ... brew beer?

You can add brewmaster to your resume after a four-hour Brew On Premise experience hosted by **Saugatuck Brewing Company** in their main facility. Start a batch of IPA, summer wheat, porter or other style of beer, then return after fermentation (three to four weeks) to bottle your beverage. You can even design custom labels for your debut collection of at least sixty 22-ounce bottles.

### ... go on an artist's retreat?

For nearly a century, the peaceful pines and placid lakes at **Interlochen Center for the Arts** in Interlochen have inspired creativity for learners young and young at heart. Unplug on the 1,200-acre campus throughout the summer during faculty-led retreats focused on acoustic guitar, choral singing, creative writing, plein-air painting and other artistic endeavors.

### ... shoot the rapids?

Outfitter **True North Outpost** in Norway knows where to find the UP's finest outdoor adventures, including Michigan's Class IV whitewater rafting trails. Follow your personal guide on a private Mini Expedition through the granite bluffs of Piers Gorge on the Menominee River. In addition to braving wild waters, you'll explore uninhabited islands, hike untrodden trails, try river-surfing and camp under a stunning night sky.

### ... reel in a big one?

Seasoned anglers share their expertise on half- and whole-day fishing charters that launch from docks all along the Michigan coast. Depending on the season and your piscatory interests, Capt. Steve Jones and his crew based out of Lexington will take you out on Lake Huron aboard the **Predator** for salmon or guide you around Lake St. Clair for walleye, bass or perch.



Zingerman's  
Bakehouse,  
Ann Arbor

### ... work dough like a pro?

Go behind the scenes at Ann Arbor's beloved Bake! at **Zingerman's Bakehouse** and discover the delicious secrets of kneading dough and crimping pie crust. Four-hour, one-day and weekend classes, such as Ohh-la-la Croissants and Who You Calling a Cream Puff, set you up in their commercial kitchen with expert instructors, exclusive recipes and professional equipment. Individual and virtual classes are also available.



Have you ever wanted to...



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for the Arts,  
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## Quick Hits

*Even on a tight schedule, you'll find inspiration a'plenty at these drop-in experiences.*

Artisans demonstrate glassblowing every Saturday and Sunday at **Flint Institute of Arts**, creating pieces from start to finish and sharing fascinating bits of science and history. At **Gates Au Sable Lodge** in Grayling, the staff is usually able to step outside to the banks of the Au Sable River and provide free fly-casting demos almost every day of the season. Whatever your ability, you can join mini workshops Wednesdays through Sundays at **Detroit Institute of Arts**; recent projects have included pet portraits, Pop Art jacket pins and puppets.



# NATURE'S



Bay Harbor  
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FOR SUBPAR SCORES.

WRITER GARY THOMPSON

# COURSES



# WATER YOU LOOKING FOR?

## MARQUETTE GOLF CLUB MARQUETTE

You might get a superiority complex after playing the two courses here—both offer fantastic views of Lake Superior. The Heritage is more forgiving, with sprawling greens, few water hazards and a nearly century-old front nine. Greywalls, carved out of rugged UP wilderness, tests golfers with elevation changes and tough terrain.

## ARCADIA BLUFFS ARCADIA

The Dozen, a 12-hole layout opening in 2025, joins two existing courses, The Bluffs (with stunning Lake Michigan vistas) and The South. Get a taste of links-style play on The Bluffs—it's open and undulating, with wide fairways and sod-wall bunkers. The South Course incorporates bygone design features like rectangular tees, squared-off greens and ribbony sand traps.

## LAKEVIEW HILLS COUNTRY CLUB AND RESORT LEXINGTON

With Lake Huron on the horizon, navigate two 18-hole courses connected by a tunnel. The South Course tests golfers' short games with subtle greens. The North Course features trees and ponds, plus views to drink in.

## LAKEWOOD SHORES GOLF RESORT OSCODA

Complete a golf triple play near Lake Huron. The Gailes mimics Scotland's seaside links, including double greens, burns and long fescue grass. Blackshire is compact and classic. The Serradella is a walk in the park—wide fairways, few hazards, large greens and more than 50,000 flowers.


## LAKE ERIE METROPARK GOLF COURSE BROWNSTOWN

It's water, water everywhere at this course set on a swath of land where the Detroit River flows into Lake Erie. Sue Nyquist's design brings water into view—and into play—on almost every hole, including the par-3 sixth, which requires a confident, accurate tee shot to keep your ball dry.



 Marquette Golf Club, Marquette



 Arcadia Bluffs, Arcadia





## “FORE!” IN THE FOREST

### FOREST DUNES GOLF CLUB ROSCOMMON

Swing from your heels to conquer Tom Weiskopf’s Forest Dunes course, which changes its personality between the front nine and back nine. The Loop keeps you on your toes by playing in the opposite direction from the day before. The Bootlegger invites you to kick off your spikes for 10 holes of pitch-and-putt fun.

### SHEPHERD’S HOLLOW GOLF CLUB CLARKSTON

To tweak an old saying, you can see the forest from the tees on this course,

which routes 27 holes through a heavily wooded property that could easily accommodate twice that many. The natural, minimalist design requires golfers to use a little imagination and play unusual shots from their bags of tricks and sticks.

### BUCKS RUN GOLF CLUB MT. PLEASANT

Hunt for birdies amid artfully sculpted holes that skirt the Chippewa River, picturesque lakes and natural wetlands. You’ll remember the par-3 eighth hole’s beautiful views and two-tiered green nestled between Lake Fisher and a swath of woods. On the signature par-four 18th hole, the lake dares you to hit it over the water.

### BLACK LAKE GOLF CLUB ONAWAY

Opened in 2000, the 18-hole layout consistently makes lists of top public courses in America. It’s owned by the United Auto Workers and designed by master course whisperer Rees Jones, who let his creation flow with the natural terrain: “The holes were here, we just had to find them,” Jones says.

### THE WOODS MACKINAC ISLAND

It’s the back nine of The Jewel, the 18-hole course at the legendary Grand Hotel. Because The Woods is more than a mile from the front nine, called The Grand, you ride a horse-drawn carriage to the 10th tee (no cars on Mackinac). Tree-lined fairways create a secluded feel, with views of Mackinac Bridge and the UP.



**FROM TOP**  
Black Lake  
Golf Club, Onaway;  
Shepherd’s  
Hollow Golf Club,  
Clarkston







**FROM TOP**  
American Dunes,  
Grand Haven;  
Treetops Resort,  
Gaylord

## OPEN ENDEAVORS

### **SWEETGRASS AT ISLAND RESORT GOLF** HARRIS

Recent course-of-the-year awards displayed in the pro shop validate Sweetgrass' stellar reputation. Expect parkland openness, striking greens (like the 15th's island design), and spectacular par 5s to finish the front and back nines. Owned by the Hannahville Indian Community, the course holes are named for Potawatomi clans, villages, allies, medicines and symbols.

### **AMERICAN DUNES GRAND HAVEN**

Jack Nicklaus reinvented the property's existing course (the Grand Haven Golf Club), clearing trees to open up views and separating holes with expansive sand areas that resemble moonscapes. Opened in 2021, American Dunes commemorates the birthplace of the Folds of Honor. Yearly profits help support families of fallen and disabled service members.

### **THE CARDINAL AT ST. JOHN'S RESORT** PLYMOUTH

New in 2024, it's metro Detroit's first public championship course in more than 20 years.

Designer Raymond Hearn was inspired by layouts from a century ago (his design preserved trees just as old) and created an experience that blends challenging golf with the beauty of landscape architecture. One of the most memorable holes is the panoramic and picturesque par-4 sixth.

### **EAGLE EYE GOLF BATH**

It doesn't get much more wide-open than the daunting island green of the par-three 17th hole at the Eagle Eye course. Five other layouts suit your golf appetite: Play Hawk Hollow's 27 holes, Timber Ridge's 18, Woodside's 12, or The Falcon's nine links-style holes. The Little Hawk course is just for putting.

### **GULL LAKE VIEW GOLF RESORT** AUGUSTA

Binge-golf on six highly rated 18-hole courses. The 1960s-era East, West and Bedford Valley courses claim seniority, and the newer Stonehedge North and South courses offer drama. But it's the baby of the family, Stoa in Brae, that cries for attention. Raised up Simba-like by one of the county's highest points, the layout is expansive and windswept.





## STAY AND PLAY

These resorts deliver more than thrilling rounds of golf. Check into ace accommodations and tap into the lodging's amenities, which could include a swimming pool, spa, zipline, restaurant, and rentals like a stand-up paddleboard and mountain bike.

### BOYNE MOUNTAIN BOYNE FALLS

Inigorating vistas follow you like a caddie on The Alpine course, which starts at the mountain's summit and descends to Deer Lake. You'll spy plenty of furry and feathered friends too.

### CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN THOMPSONVILLE

On the Mountain Ridge course, do a slow roll to the 16th tee—there's a scenic overlook along the

cart path. Pause again at the 17th tee to marvel at seemingly endless trees.

### GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT ACME

The Wolverine, designed by Gary Player, shows off northern Michigan's range of natural beauty. Wetlands dot the low-lying front nine, while highland hardwoods and views of East Grand Traverse Bay await on the back nine.

### HARBOR SHORES GOLF COURSE BENTON HARBOR

The only Jack Nicklaus Signature course on Lake Michigan traverses four diverse terrains—inland, dunes, woodlands and river. Turn around for a view of the lake before teeing off on the par-5 ninth hole.

### THE HIGHLANDS AT HARBOR SPRINGS HARBOR SPRINGS

Doon Brae, a new nine-hole, par-3 course by

Michigan-based designer Ray Hearn, promises fun for all skill levels. Hearn is also helping revamp the Donald Ross Memorial course to better replicate Ross' signature holes.

### THE HOMESTEAD GLEN ARBOR

Arnold Palmer considered the eighth hole at Manitou Passage one of his best par-5 designs ever. Like the rest of the front nine, it wanders a scenic route framed by fescue grasses, hardwoods and pines.

### INN AT BAY HARBOR BAY HARBOR

The Links, one of three 9-hole courses, conjures up seaside courses on Ireland's Atlantic coastline. The layout hugs Lake Michigan, its magnificent water views framed by towering bluffs.

### SHANTY CREEK RESORT BELLAIRE

Of the five courses, it's The Legend, designed by Arnold Palmer, that presents a great challenge,

which can be more difficult for less experienced golfers. But the Cedar River course tends to appeal to a broader range of players and elicits the most *oohs* and *aahs*, thanks to its breathtaking landscape.

### TREETOPS RESORT GAYLORD

This five-part symphony of courses reaches a crescendo with Masterpiece, designer Robert Trent Jones Sr.'s magnum opus. The songbird's-eye view from the tee of the par-3 sixth hole gave the resort its name.

### TULLYMORE GOLF RESORT STANWOOD

In designing the St. Ives course, Jerry Matthews finished what a glacier started, carving holes out of woodlands, wetlands and rugged highlands. On the third tee, look back and feast your eyes.

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St. Ives course  
at Tullymore Golf  
Resort, Stanwood





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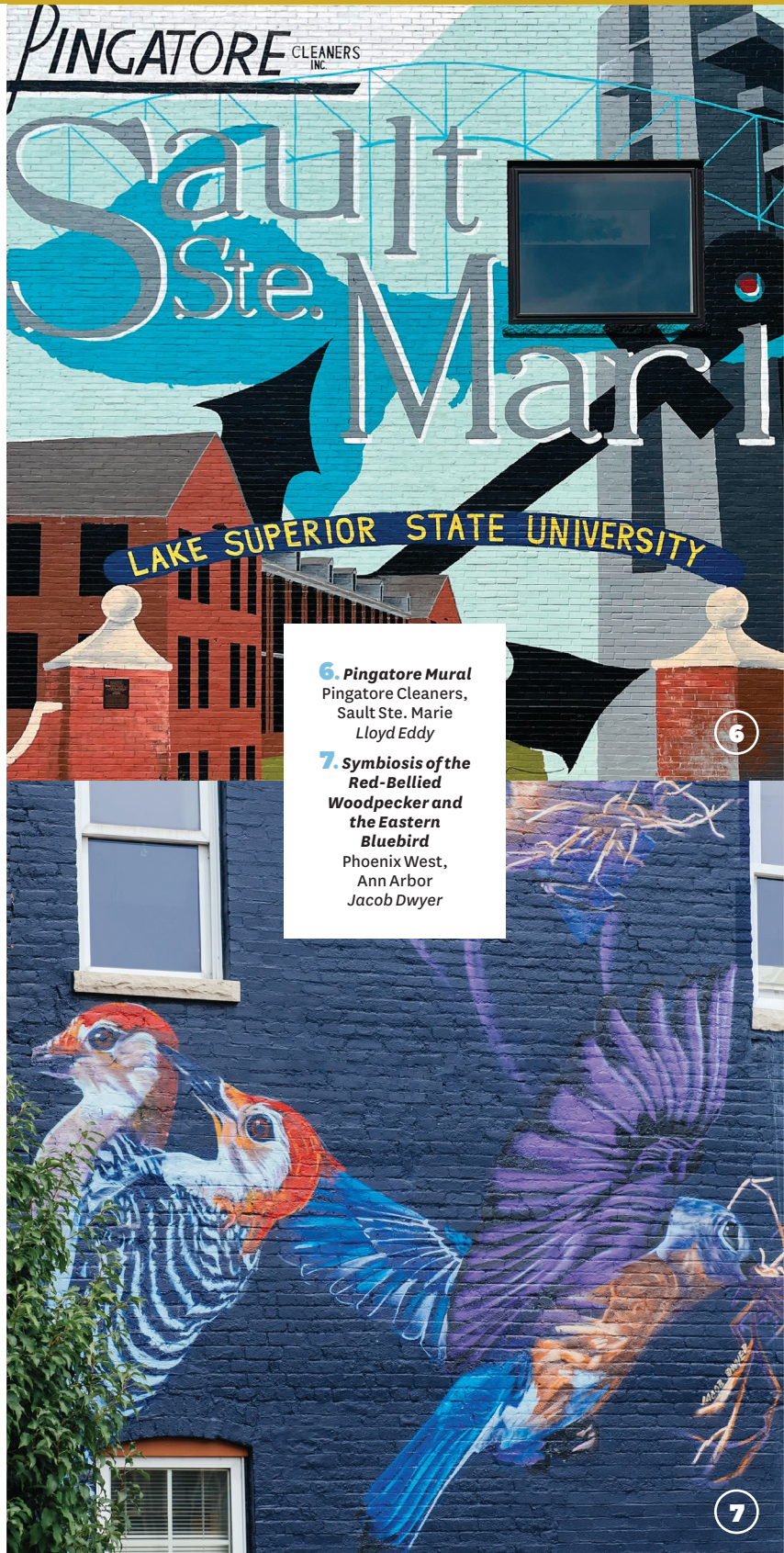


### CHALK TALK

David Zinn, a professional sidewalk chalk artist, uses existing cracks, rocks, weeds and even sewer covers to create 3D art in and around Ann Arbor. The compulsive doodler has a cast of characters he draws, like Sluggo (above); Philomena, a flying pig; and Nadine, a mouse. Chalk creations can last a few hours, days or weeks depending on the weather. Zinn has several permanent installations, including *Story Time* inside the Ann Arbor District Library (Youth Section). He's also hidden a dozen animals within the University of Michigan Museum of Natural History.



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