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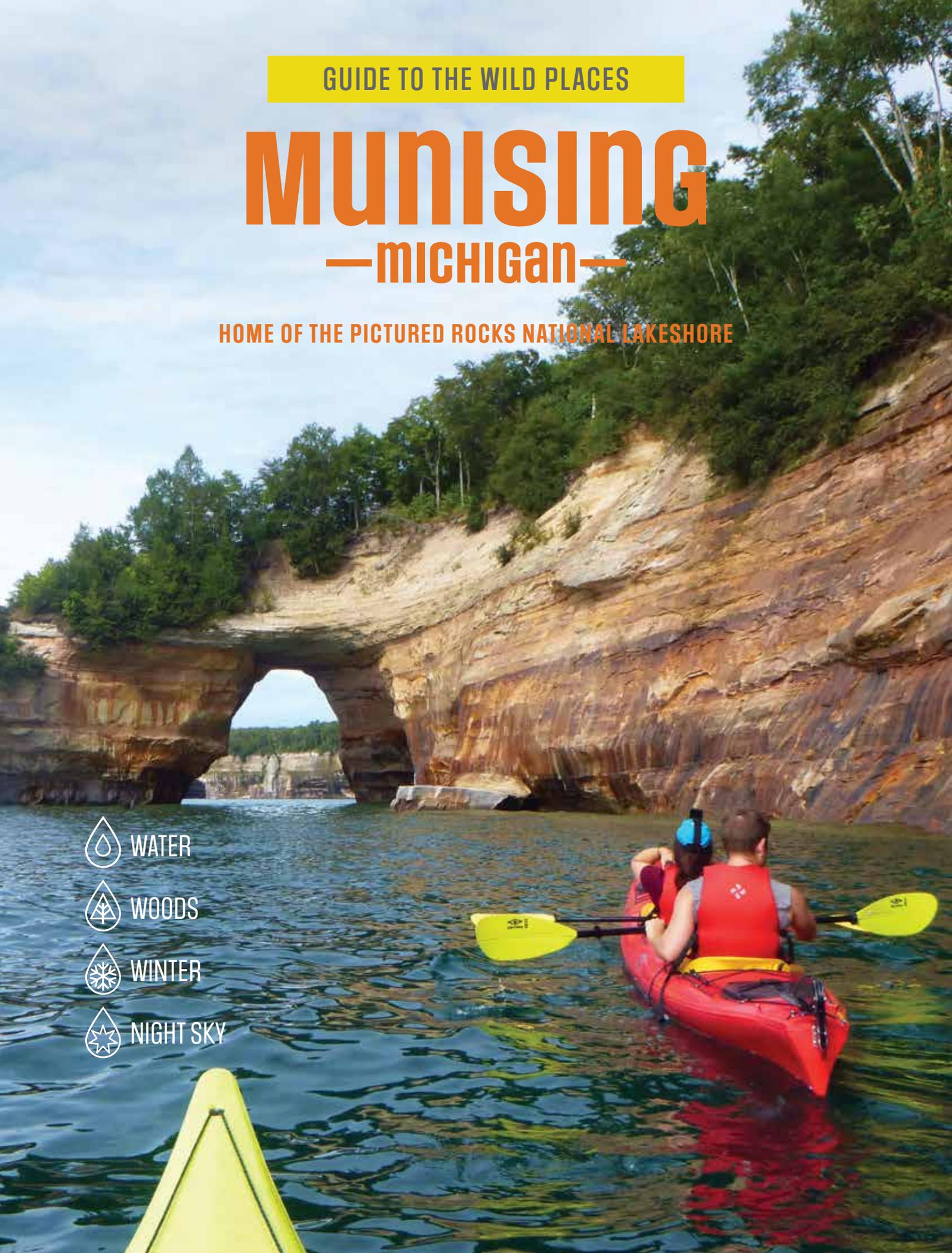
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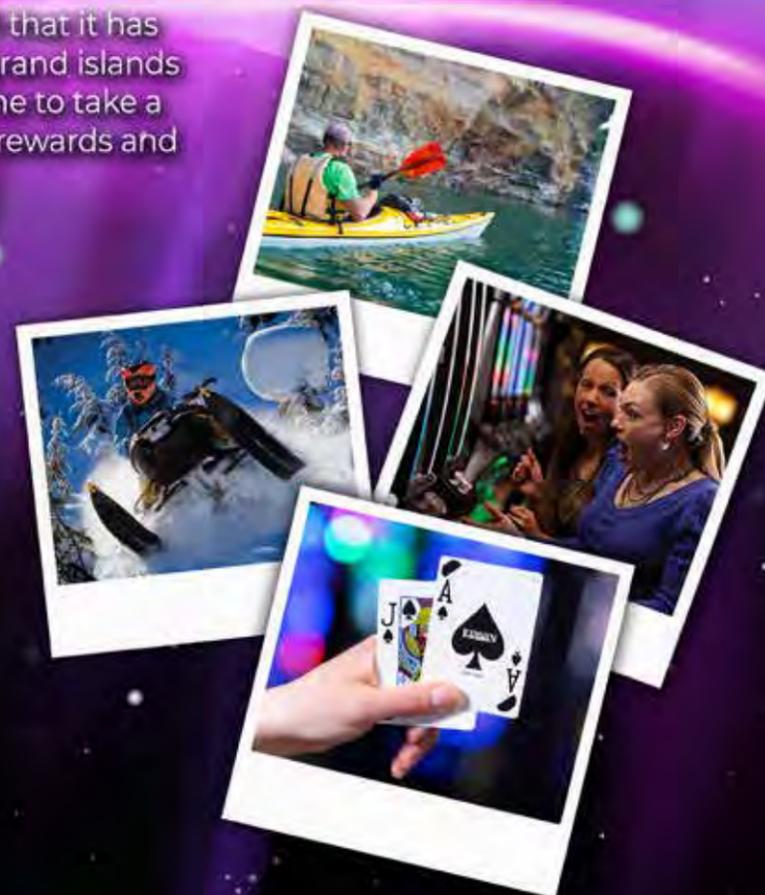
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Munising is home of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Hiawatha National Forest, and Grand Island National Recreational Area in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. We do outdoors BIG here in Munising—all year 'round. So, if you're a veteran of our natural habitats, or if this is your first time in the north country, let this be your guide. We love Munising and we know you'll love it, too!

LATE SPRING, SUMMER OR FALL Take a Pictured Rocks Cruises tour to view the majestic cliffs and rock formations along Lake Superior's shoreline. Or be in control of your own boat and paddle along the cliff face on a guided kayak tour.

HIGHWAY 58 is the scenic route throughout the Pictured Rocks park and connects Munising to the little town of Grand Marais. Miners Castle, Chapel and Beaver basins, the Au Sable Light Station, and the Grand Sable Dunes all have access roads along this winding thoroughfare. It's an especially beautiful route in the fall when bright shades of reds, yellows, and oranges adorn the trees.

GRAND ISLAND Climb aboard a Glass Bottom Boat tour and see historic shipwrecks nearby. Wine and Dine on a Grand Island Lunch and Dinner Cruise. Looking for something a little faster? Tour the island on a jet boat with Riptide Ride.

FOREST TRAILS Be sure to grab a comfortable pair of shoes, as there are miles of gorgeous hiking and biking trails in the national lakeshore and forest.

WATERFALLS The Munising area has over 10 gorgeous ones - most of which require a short walk or hike to access. Our majestic falls range from water trickling into a stream to cascading over cliffs.

LAKE SUPERIOR & BEACHES Looking to unwind on a sandy beach or swim in the big lake? The Miners, Sand Point, and Au Train areas have some of the best beaches you'll find. If you want to do something a little more adventurous, fish, canoe, kayak and enjoy our various inland lakes and rivers.

WINTER SPORTS In the winter, you can snowmobile hundreds of miles of our well-groomed trail system or try out the excellent ski, snowshoe, and winter bike trails. For thrill seekers, visit the Eben Ice Caves and the Pictured Rocks Ice Curtains near Sand Point.

HISTORY & THE ARTS During your visit, learn about Munising's arts and culture by going on a historical photography walk around downtown, checking out the gift shops, and visiting museums and information centers.

FEAST While dining out, be sure to sample fresh Lake Superior whitefish and a pasty, two delicacies of the U.P..

Whatever your adventure is in Munising, we hope you make wonderful memories to last a lifetime.

Need help with trip planning?

Check out our website or give us a call: munising.org | 906-387-1717

RECREATE RESPONSIBLY & LEAVE NO TRACE

It is important to be conscious of the effects our actions may have on plants, water systems, animals, and other people. We all play a vital role in protecting our environment. Thank you.

Please practice these Leave No Trace principles while enjoying Munising's great outdoors.

- 1 Plan ahead & come prepared.
- 2 Travel & camp on durable surfaces, rather than foliage.
- 3 Dispose of waste in receptacles or take it with you.
- 4 Leave what you find.
- 5 Smother & clean up campfires.
- 6 Respect wildlife.
- 7 Be considerate of others.

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BIG WATER

The Munising area can attribute many of its unique geological features to Lake Superior—carving out sandstone cliffs and caves over time.



PICTURED ROCKS NATIONAL LAKESHORE

FOUR SEASONS TO EXPLORE

The Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore stretches 42-miles along the gorgeous Lake Superior shoreline. Not only is Superior the biggest of the Great Lakes, it is also the world's largest freshwater lake by surface area.

The name “Pictured Rocks” comes from the colorful streaks of dissolved minerals that stain the face of the water- and weather-sculpted cliffs.

An array of colors occurs when groundwater seeps through the cracks and trickles down the rock face. Iron (red and orange), copper (blue and green), manganese (brown and black), and limonite (white) are among the most common color-producing minerals.

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore is managed by the National Park Service as one of only four National Lakeshores.

The Pictured Rocks cliffs tower 50 to 200 feet directly from Lake Superior and stretch for about fifteen miles along its 42-mile length. In addition to the cliffs, the lakeshore offers many beautiful beaches, enormous sand dunes, spectacular waterfalls, and historic lighthouses. Within the park, over 100 miles of trails lead to remote lakes, streams, and forest to explore.

The park is open year-round and is truly a four-season recreation destination with ice climbing, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, snowmobiling, ice fishing, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, sightseeing, birding, boating, and camping. The list goes on. Come see for yourself. Words cannot fully describe the natural beauty of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore charges park entrance fees. For info or to purchase passes visit: [RECREATION.GOV](https://www.recreation.gov) or scan the QR code »



Bringing your pet into the park?
See Page 43 for important information.



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The Fuzzy Boyak Welcome Center / Alger County Chamber
129 East Munising Avenue / (906) 387-2138 / [algercountychamber.com](https://www.algercountychamber.com)

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Visitors Centers
Munising: N8391 Sand Point Rd, Munising / (906) 387-3700
Grand Marais: E21090 County Road H-58 / (906) 494-2660
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Superior Knowledge:

Not only is Lake Superior the biggest of the Great Lakes, but it's also the world's largest freshwater lake by surface area. It contains 10% of all the earth's fresh surface water.





GRAND ISLAND NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

HIKE, BIKE, KAYAK, OR TAKE A BOAT

Just a half mile into the pristine waters of Lake Superior, Grand Island was designated a National Recreation Area in 1990.

The 13,500-acre island addition to the Hiawatha National Forest showcases a rich natural and cultural history and offers a unique educational and recreational opportunity for all.

How to Get to the Island

Visitors can get to Grand Island via passenger ferry through Grand Island Ferry Service (see below) or private watercraft. The ferry departs on the hour several times throughout the day from Grand Island Landing on the mainland, located on M-28 about 2½ miles west of the Munising's roundabout. Look for the Grand Island National Recreation Area sign.

Getting Around the Island

Ride the Bus Grand Island bus tours are provided by the Grand Island Ferry Service and offer a 4 hour bus tour on the island that runs once per day until October 9. The narrated excursion includes 10 different points of interest from scenic overlooks and beautiful beaches to historical buildings and nature walks. Please note that some of the stops may require a short walk to the point of interest. Along the route, tourists have been known to see black bears, white-tailed deer and sandhill cranes. Reservations are recommended. Call ahead and arrive 30 minutes prior to the 12 pm departure time.

Hike/Bike It The island provides a combination of rugged dirt/sand trails and easier gravel roads that will accommodate any level of biker or hiker. More advanced, energetic cyclists can mountain bike the 20-mile main island perimeter route in four to six hours, with time for brief stops and some exploration. Bike rentals are available through the ferry service or bring your own for \$10 per bicycle.

Grand Island Ferry Service:

Reservations recommended. N8016 Grand Island Landing Road, Munising, (906) 387-2600 / grandislandup.com



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1330 Commercial Street, Munising, Phone: (906) 387-2685

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superiorpontoonrentals.com
1208 Commercial Street, Munising, Phone: (906) 387-3100

Grand Island Boat Tours

grandislandboattours.com
(906) 387-4428



Note: Bicycling off roads and trails is not allowed because it damages fragile vegetation.



BOAT TOURS GALORE

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Rich in Native American lore, shipwrecks, lighthouses, and waterfalls, discover a lifestyle that's been shaped by Lake Superior for hundreds of years aboard any of the boat tours that operate out of Munising.

Each boat tour offers intimate views of the area's natural beauty and unique geographical features.



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Glass Bottom Shipwreck Tours – see ad page 3

See real shipwrecks aboard a glass bottom boat! Located on picturesque Munising Bay, discover the shipwrecks of the Alger Underwater Preserve through the clear waters of Lake Superior and view the rock formations of Grand Island. History comes alive as you hear about these turn-of-the-century wrecks. Open Memorial Day Weekend through September, offering 3 trips daily.

shipwrecktours.com
1024 Commercial Street, Munising
Phone: (906) 387-4477

Grand Island Cruises – see ad page 21

Cruise around Grand Island and learn about the Native American tribes, explorers, and fur traders that once called it home. Grand Island – like the Pictured Rocks – is known for its towering sandstone cliffs, caves, and waterfalls. A complimentary meal from the Duck Pond Eatery and Beer Garden is included with the price of your ticket. You can enjoy your food before or after your cruise or take your meal on the cruise boat. Open Memorial Day Weekend through September.

paddlingmichigan.com/grand-island-boat-cruise
1331 West M-28, Munising

Depart from: Duck Pond Eatery & Beer Garden
7974 M-28 West, Christmas
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Pictured Rocks Cruises – see ad back cover

Pictured Rocks Cruises offers three tours: Classic Cruise, Spray Falls Cruise, and Sunset Cruise. Each tour offers spectacular views of the East Channel Lighthouse, Miners Castle, Lovers Leap, and other landmarks in the park. The Spray Falls Cruise takes passengers a little further along the lakeshore to see the additional waterfall. Cruises vary from 2 to 3 hours. Open from mid-May through mid-October.

picturedocks.com
100 City Park Drive, Munising
Phone: (906) 387-2379

Riptide Ride – see ad page 20

Zip around the entirety of Grand Island aboard an exciting jet boat and see gigantic cliffs, waterfalls, the East Channel and Grand Island North lighthouses, and some of the Pictured Rocks. Trips run around 1 ½ hours long. Open Memorial Day Weekend through mid-September.

riptideride.com
1309 Commercial Street, Munising
Phone: (906) 387-8888



KAYAKING PICTURED ROCKS

PICTURED ROCKS AND THE AU TRAIN RIVER

Since Pictured Rocks is best viewed from the water, kayaking gives paddlers intimate views of the sandstone cliffs, sea caves and rock formations.

Pictured Rocks Enormous sandstone cliffs, majestic beaches with pink sand, deep forests, sand dunes, and waterfalls make up the 42-mile-long national lakeshore of Pictured Rocks. In the summer, guided kayak tours are offered every day. Lake Superior can be as dangerous as it is beautiful. There is no shoreline along the rocks and some kayakers have found themselves in situations they had not anticipated. Conditions can change quickly. So, it's highly recommended to go with an experienced guide.

Book with one of the following kayak outfitters for an experience of a lifetime:

Northern Waters Adventures

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Phone: (906) 387-2323
Website: www.northernwaters.com

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Munising, MI 49862
Phone: (906) 387-1695
Website: www.paddlingmichigan.com

Pictured Rocks Kayaking

1348 Commercial St.
Munising, MI 49862
Phone: (906) 387-5500
Website: www.paddlepicturedrocks.com

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County Road H-58
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The Au Train River Canoe Pathway is a slower paced, relaxing trip where you will see and hear more of the natural wilderness.

The Au Train River offers 10 miles of excellent canoeing or kayaking through the Hiawatha National Forest. If you are going to fish, you will need a Michigan fishing license. Enjoy this quiet relaxing trip for the entire family without rapids or portages along the river.

The following outfitters offer canoe and kayak rentals for the Au Train River:

Au Train River & Canoe Rentals

N7163 Forest Lake Road
Au Train, MI 49806
Phone: (906) 869-8738
Website: www.austrainriveradventures.com

Da Yak Shak

N7556 Arbutus Street, Au Train
Phone: (906) 364-8110
Website: <https://upvacation.com/home>

Northwoods Canoe & Kayak Rentals

N7070 Forest Lake Road
Au Train, MI 49806
Phone: (906) 892-8114
Website: www.paddleAuTrain.com

BIG WATER RULES:

- Wear a life preserver.
- If your canoe capsizes, stay with it, and hang on.
- Pack your belongings in waterproof bags and tie them in the canoe.
- Spring weather in the Upper Peninsula changes quickly, so pack extra warm clothing even if you are planning a short trip.
- Leave a trip plan with a friend describing your route, destination, and approximate time of arrival.
- Be courteous and considerate of the area, its inhabitants, and other paddlers.

THE ALGER UNDERWATER PRESERVE

THIS VISUALLY STUNNING PRESERVE IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SHORE OF LAKE SUPERIOR NEAR THE DIVE-FRIENDLY CITY OF MUNISING.

In 1988, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources declared the area an underwater preserve and enacted laws protecting what is left of the shipwrecks and other underwater natural resources.

The Alger Underwater Preserve was the first preserve established in Michigan and offers several unusual attractions including intact shipwrecks, sea caves and underwater interpretive trails. The sea caves are portions of underwater sandstone cliffs where sandstone has been eroded by waves.

Kayakers can explore the many coves and view shipwrecks in the crystal-clear waters of Lake Superior.

Glass Bottom Shipwreck Tours also offer travelers a chance to discover two shipwrecks of the Alger Underwater Preserve through the clear waters of Lake Superior.

Many of the wreck sites located within the Alger Preserve are protected from Superior's temperament by Grand Island. Underwater visibility in the Alger Preserve is considered to be among the best in the Midwest. Thirty feet of visibility at a depth of 100 feet is not uncommon.

Superior Knowledge:

There have been about 350 shipwrecks recorded in Lake Superior.



SHIPWRECKS IN THE ALGER UNDERWATER PRESERVE INCLUDE:

THE BERMUDA - a 150-foot wooden schooner that sank in the spring of 1870 in Murray's Bay on Grand Island, is a very popular dive site for beginners to advanced divers. Although this wreck lies in only 30 feet of water, it is protected from ice and wave damage by Grand Island. The schooner sits upright with her top deck only 12 feet below the water's surface.

THE SMITH MOORE - a 260-foot three-masted steamer which sank in the Munising East Channel in July 1889. She rests intact in about 100 feet of water with visibility of 20-40 feet. Divers with intermediate to advanced skills will enjoy this wreck.

THE HERMAN H. HETTLER - a 235-foot wooden steamer, wrecked in November 1926 when she was seeking shelter in Munising Harbor and slammed into a reef. She is located in 30-40 foot depths with outstanding visibility.

THE KIOWA - a grain carrying 251-foot steel bulk freight steamer, was hit by a gale in November 1929. Because she is located at 20-40 foot depths, on a clear day the huge sections of hull are easily visible from the surface.

THE MANHATTAN - a wood-hulled freighter sank in October 1903 and is now in 20-40 foot depths off the east shore of Grand Island.

THE STEVEN M. SELVICK - a 71-foot steel tug, was intentionally sunk off Trout Point in May 1996 in the Alger Underwater Preserve. She is totally intact in 60 feet of water and rises to within 30 feet of the surface. Captain Peter Lindquist of Shipwreck Diving Tours was responsible, in large part, for adding the Steven M. Selvick to the Alger Underwater Diving Preserve.

For more information on the Alger Underwater Preserve, visit MichiganPreserves.org/alger or shipwrecktours.com.



HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSES

LIFESAVING BEACONS

Munising and the Pictured Rocks area have seven beautiful and historical lighthouses nestled along the shores of Lake Superior.

Even though its only viewable by water, the East Channel Lighthouse on Grand Island is by far the most popular. Its frame resembles an old schoolhouse with photos of the structure adorning posters and cards, many of which

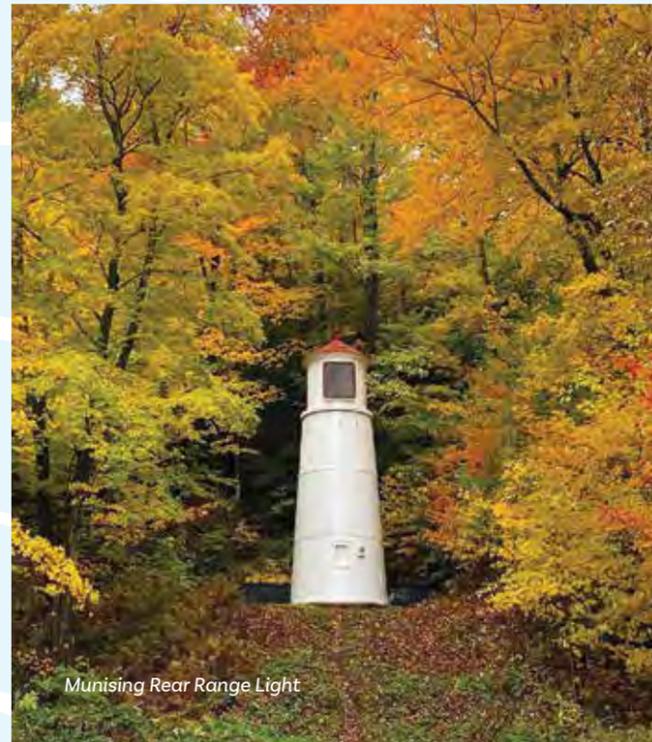
can be found at local gift shops. Though located on private property, the lighthouse can be admired on several boat and kayak tours in the Munising area.



Grand Island East Channel Lighthouse



Munising Front Range Light



Munising Rear Range Light

Superior Knowledge:

Waves of over 40 feet in height have been recorded on Lake Superior.



Munising Front Range Light

Established in 1907 along with the rear light, this active light also has a continuous red light. It is constructed of steel and stands 58 feet in height. The entire lighthouse is painted white. There is also a 1½-story brick building used by the park service. The site is open, but the tower and building are closed to the public. Located along M-28 and Hemlock Street in Munising.

Munising Rear Range Light

Established in 1907, the Munising Rear Range Light was placed to work in combination with the Munising Front Range Light. The rear light was placed on the hillside at the south end of Hemlock Street in Munising. The lighthouse is painted white and stands 33 feet in height. The site is open to the public, but the tower is closed. To visit this lighthouse, take M-28 into Munising and head towards the west side of town.

Grand Island North Lighthouse

Established in 1867, the Grand Island North Light (also known as the Old North Light) is a two-story building made of brick. The Grand Island North Light stands on a 175 foot cliff. This lighthouse may only be viewed by boat. It is currently privately-owned and was beautifully restored by the current owners. The property and lighthouse are closed to the public. This lighthouse is located on the north end of Grand Island.

Au Sable Point Light Station

Established in 1874, this lighthouse is 86 feet high and delivers a strong beacon out over Lake Superior an amazing 18 miles out. The trail is on the historic U.S. Coast Guard road to the light station. There are lighthouse tours (for a small fee) in the summertime beginning mid-June through early October. Tours are scheduled from Wednesday to Sunday. Au Sable Point Light Station is located 12 miles west of Grand Marais where you then walk from the Hurricane River Campground 1 ½ miles east. Walk the hiking trail to the east beginning at the picnic area near the Hurricane River mouth.

Grand Marais Light Station

The Grand Marais Harbor of Refuge Inner and Outer Lights was established in 1898. This is a square tower with a lantern and is painted white. It stands 55 feet in height and is currently active. The keepers dwelling is now a museum and operated by the Grand Marais Historical Society. It is open to the public from June to September. To visit this light, take CR-702 into downtown Grand Marais, proceed northeast approximately ½ mile. The light can be seen to your right of the road before it ends at the old Grand Marais Lifesaving Station.

Grand Island East Channel Lighthouse

The East Channel Lighthouse is one of Michigan's most recognizable landmarks. This wooden lighthouse dates back to 1868, when it was constructed to guide boats through the narrow channel between the mainland's shoreline (which is now the National Lakeshore) and Grand Island in Munising Bay. The lighthouse was deactivated in 1908. In 2000, 85 volunteers worked diligently for 30 days to restore this beautiful structure. This is a privately-owned structure, with the dwelling, tower and grounds closed to the public. It is best viewed by boat or sea kayak. The lighthouse is located on the southeast shore of Grand Island.

Grand Island Harbor Range Lighthouses

Established in 1867, the Grand Island Harbor Range lights, also known as the "Bay Furnace Lights," are made up of two lights. The front light is located along the edge of the water. There is a hiking trail that leads to this light for easy viewing. The rear light is 50 yards off of M-28 (on the land side). The Hiawatha National Forest offers periodic free tours of the rear light during the summer months. (As it is dependent on staffing, there are no definite days and times from year to year.) For more information, contact the Munising Ranger District Center, 400 E. Munising Ave. or call 906-387-2512. Both lights are now inactive. Traveling from Munising, these lights are located just east of the town of Christmas. Park by the "Welcome to Christmas" sign.

Superior Knowledge:

There is enough water in Lake Superior – 3,000,000,000,000,000, or 3 quadrillion gallons to flood all of North and South America to a depth of one foot.



Au Sable Point Light Station



Grand Island North Light Station



BEACHES OF THE LAKE SUPERIOR SHORELINE

THE GUIDE TO GETTING YOUR TOES WET

Surrounded by Lake Superior, the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore has a number of pristine beaches for you, your family, and friends to enjoy.

Whether you dip your toes in a warm inland lake in the Hiawatha National Forest or cool off on a beach in the Pictured Rocks park, you're certain to find a relaxing spot with gorgeous views.



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HERE ARE SOME OF MUNISING'S BEST BEACHES:

Miners Beach

Visitors are delighted with this one-mile-long picturesque beach. There is a wheelchair accessible boardwalk that leads from the parking lot to the staircase down to the beach. From the top of the staircase there is a beautiful view of Lake Superior. Located six miles east of Munising (on H58), then travel six miles north on Miners Castle Road. *Pets are welcome but must be on a 6-foot leash.*

Twelvemile Beach

This remote beach is another great spot to linger during a long hike. It's also home to a 37-site campground where, it's said, the stargazing at night is absolutely unparalleled. Located 16 miles west of Grand Marais off H-58. *Pets are welcome but must be on a 6-foot leash.*

Chapel Beach

Named by early explorers as La Chapelle, Chapel Rock is a popular formation in the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore next to Chapel Beach. This scenic and sandy beach is a favorite stop for hikers as well as paddlers looking to stretch their legs. Located approximately 15 miles east of Munising off H58 about five miles north to the end of Chapel Road. There's a three-mile hike from the parking lot to Chapel Beach. *Pets are not allowed.*

Mosquito Beach

Mosquito Beach is a popular day-hike destination, about 4 miles round trip from the parking area at the end of Chapel Road. Beautiful sculptured sandstone terraces leading up to the higher cliffs are adjacent to this sand beach. The mouth of the Mosquito River is also here. *Pets are not allowed.*

Sand Point Beach

This gem of a beach is a popular spot for tourists and residents alike and is a great place to watch sunsets. Located near the end of Sand Point Road, just four miles northeast of Munising. *Pets are welcome but must be on a 6-foot leash.*

Au Train Beach

During the summer months, the Au Train River warms up much faster than icy Lake Superior and you will see many people swimming and floating in the river. This popular roadside beach is located about eight miles west of Munising at the yellow flashing light in Au Train. *Pets are welcome but must be on a 6-foot leash.*



Enjoy our natural beauty and please leave our beaches clean.

Superior Knowledge:

Waves of over 40 feet in height have been recorded on Lake Superior.



Superior Knowledge:

The deepest point in Lake Superior is about 40 miles north of Munising and is 1,300 feet (400 meters) below the surface.

Lake Superior has over 400 islands, the largest of which is Isle Royale, with a size of 207 square miles.

The largest underwater formation in Lake Superior is the Superior Shoal, which rises from a depth of over 1,000 feet to within 20 feet of the water surface over a distance of just three miles.



FISHING LAKE SUPERIOR

WHITEFISH, THE BIG DOG

Trout and salmon are prized catches for fishermen on the deep blue waters of Lake Superior. But the local favorite is the whitefish.

Most Lake Superior fishing captains specialize in family fishing and you should end up with a cooler full of excellent eating trout or salmon from the cool, clean waters of Lake Superior. Fishing areas include:

Shelter Bay

Fishing starts within 3-7 miles of the dock in Shelter Bay.

Stannard Rock

Built in 1883, the Stannard Rock lighthouse is on a reef 45 miles out from Shelter Bay. The reef is surrounded by deep waters, creating a natural fish hatchery. At the "Rock," fish ranging from 20-30 pounds are often caught!

Big Reef

The Big Reef is ideal for serious fishermen. This offshore reef near Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore is a great location to troll for trophy-sized lake trout. The deepest waters of Superior are in this area. Limit catches ranging from 20-30 pounds are the norm!

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MUNISING FISHERIES

Located within a block from one another along Commercial Street, there are three fish markets offering fresh Lake Superior whitefish filets, smoked fish, dip, and more.

- VanLandschoot Sons & Fish Market
- Matson's Fisheries
- Brey's Fish Market

Fishing licenses are available at many local businesses. A trout and salmon stamp is required to fish for those species.

Persons under 17 years of age may fish without a license.



Waterfalls

HIKE | BIKE | DRIVE

Within 15 miles of downtown Munising you can find several waterfalls, two of them being visible from the road. If you are hooked and want more falling waters, stop by the Fuzzy Boyak Welcome Center for a map of more!

The Munising area is home to 10 waterfalls—all of which are tranquil, gorgeous places, either nestled among trees or flowing over gigantic sandstone cliffs. Looking for something to do while you wait to board a cruise, kayak the Pictured Rocks, or bike around Grand Island?



Wagner Falls



Mosquito Falls Scott Falls (upper photo), Miners Falls (lower photo)



For ice climbing ops and to see frozen waterfalls see page 34.

Munising Falls

Located about a mile east of downtown, a quick trek on a paved trail up a serene canyon leads to a creek at the base of Munising Falls. There are two sets of stairs that lead to platforms for additional views of the 50-foot waterfall as it drops over a sandstone cliff. This is perhaps the easiest waterfall to get to and is ADA accessible.

Height: 75 feet
Water Source: Munising Creek
Coordinates: 46.4227, -86.6213

Wagner Falls

Wagner Falls is about two miles east of Munising. This waterfall is stunning for those who enjoy photographing waterfalls, or for those who would like to find a peaceful spot to enjoy.

Height: 20 feet
Water Source: Wagner Creek
Coordinates: 46.3877, -86.646

Miners Falls

The fast-flowing Miners River drops nearly 50 feet over a sandstone outcrop, creating Miners Falls - the most powerful waterfall in the Pictured Rocks park. The 1.2-mile round-trip hike is a popular one and great way to see some of the most treasured areas in the park due to the falls' close proximity to Miners Beach and Miners Castle. This waterfall is about 10 miles from downtown Munising.

Height: 35 feet
Water Source: Miners Creek
Coordinates: 46.4746, -86.5315

Au Train Falls

Au Train Falls consist of two sets of falls located on the Au Train River just south of the Cleveland Cliffs basin on M-94. The falls are located approximately 15 miles west of Munising and require an easy 15-minute walk.

Height: 30 feet
Water Source: Au Train River
Coordinates: 46.33591, -86.85110

Horseshoe Falls

Horseshoe Falls is a scenic, privately owned waterfall in Munising. There is an admission fee to visit the falls. It is spring fed, so it may be flowing when the other five falls in the area are not.

Height: 20 feet
Water Source: Unnamed Creek
Coordinates: 46.4029, -86.6427

ROADSIDE WATERFALLS

Please use caution while viewing these waterfalls as both are located off of busy highways.

Alger Falls

Alger Falls is a wonderful waterfall that cascades many small levels before reaching the bottom. Depending on the time of year, best photos for summertime are taken later in the day.

Located next to M-28 a mile east of Munising, across from M-94 junction. Alger Falls is viewable from the side of the road.

Scott Falls

The falls drops about 10 feet over a sandstone cliff into a small pool. The falls can be seen from the highway; across the road from the H.J. Rathfoot State Roadside Park. Super easy access and a fun little waterfall to see and photograph.

Located along highway M-28, this gentle waterfall is located east of Au Train and west of Christmas. Watch for the sign, park, and view.

All the waterfalls mentioned above are leashed-dog friendly



THERE ARE OVER 14 WATERFALLS TO BE FOUND IN AND AROUND MUNISING. EXPLORE!

Have more time on your hands?

For a list of all of the waterfalls in Munising, stop into the Fuzzy Boyak Welcome Center to pick up a complete guide. Info packets are also available 24/7 right outside the front door.

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BIG SKY

When looking north over Lake Superior—especially from any of the areas along the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore—you can see the entire horizon and revel in the broad view of a glorious night sky. And sometimes, if you're lucky, you'll catch the northern lights dancing over the lake.



CHASING NORTHERN LIGHTS

AURORA BOREALIS:

Beautiful ribbons of vibrant light—mostly hues of blues and greens—in the sky.

This phenomenon is caused when energized particles from the sun smash into the earth's upper atmosphere at intense speed. As earth's magnetic field redirects the particles toward the poles (there are southern lights, too), the process transforms into an atmospheric spectacle that dazzles anyone lucky enough to catch the show.

WHEN TO SEE THEM

April / August / October / November are considered the peak months for viewing the northern lights; however, they've been known to appear sporadically throughout the year as well.

Your best bet is to check with the **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Northern Lights Forecaster** at WWW.NOAA.GOV. You'll also want to pay attention to the **National Weather Service** predictions. Remember, the clearer the night, the better visibility.

MYTHOLOGY

AURORA WAS THE GODDESS OF THE SUNRISE AND BOREALIS IS A GREEK WORD FOR WIND. THUS, AURORA BOREALIS, MEANS DAWN WIND.



WHERE TO SEE THEM?

Lake Superior beaches make great viewing areas for the northern lights in the Munising area. If NOAA is predicting solar activity, check out **Sand Point Beach, Miners Beach or Twelvemile Beach** as many people have had luck seeing them at those locations.

Keep in mind that the auroral display is low on the horizon because of the area's latitude, so you don't want to go somewhere deep in the woods where your view can be easily obstructed.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT SUNSETS, TOO!

Nothing compares to catching a sunset over Lake Superior, especially in the Pictured Rocks where rays reflect off towering cliffs and sea caves. We suggest checking out Sand Point Beach and Miners Beach for some of the best views.

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BIG WOODS

Hiking, biking, backpacking, backcountry camping, bird watching— with the 894,836-acre Hiawatha National Forest in our backyard, the woodland pursuits are endless. One thing is for certain, the only way to find yourself is to ‘get lost’ in these big woods.



NORTHERN FORESTS

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Whether you're into silent sports like hiking or biking, or perhaps you prefer to explore the endless acreage on an ATV or snowmobile, there are guidelines to keep you safe.

Please refer to these safety tips, but know that they are the bare minimum. Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or if you need more information.



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SAFETY TIPS: HIKE LIKE A PRO

Do not count on your cell phone. Many areas of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore do not have cellular coverage.

Be conservative with your trip itinerary.

Always let someone know when you will return, whether for an extended backcountry trip or a day hike.

Biting insects such as black flies, mosquitoes, and stable flies can be a nuisance between late May and early September. Long pants, shirts and insect repellent are recommended.

Poison ivy exists in certain parts of the park, especially in drier sandy soils near the shore. Stay on the trail!

Bears and other wildlife may be encountered. Maintain a respectful distance while observing wildlife. Follow safety guidelines for your pets as well. See page 43.

Be alert! Look up! Beech Bark Disease has spread throughout the national lakeshore, resulting in many dead and dying beech trees. Be aware of these trees and the potential for falling branches and trees.

CHECK IT OUT:
[NPS.gov/piro/planyourvisit/safety.htm](https://www.nps.gov/piro/planyourvisit/safety.htm)



SHORT HIKES

GET MOVING A MILE OR LESS

There are hundreds of miles of trails near the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. Come discover our wonderful waterfalls and hiking trails that provide opportunities for tranquility, relaxation, education and fun. Lace up your hiking shoes and head down the trail to adventure.

Not sure where to start?

Stop into the **Fuzzy Boyak Welcome Center** for maps and information. Information is available 24/7 right outside our front door. Find us at: 129 E. Munising Avenue / (906) 387-2138 / algercountychamber.com

For more trail information or to purchase a park pass, stop by one of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Visitors Centers

Munising: N8391 Sand Point Rd, Munising / (906) 387-3700 or Grand Marais: E21090 County Road H-58 / (906) 494-2660 nps.gov/piro

Sand Point Marsh Trail - 0.5 mile loop

Located across from Sand Point Beach, this boardwalk trail takes you through one of the park's most beautiful wetlands. Old beach ridges, a cattail marsh, small ponds, and white cedar and black spruce swamp communities dominate the scene. The best times for wildlife activity are early or late in the day. **Wheelchair accessible. No pets.**

Munising Falls - 800 feet one-way

Walk this paved trail up the cool, shaded sandstone canyon along Munising Creek to the central viewing platform to view the 50-foot waterfall. Two sets of stairs lead to elevated platforms that offer different views of the water as it drops over a sandstone cliff. Please stay on the paved trail. **Going into or behind the falls is prohibited. Pets on a leash allowed on trail and stairs.**

Miners Castle Overlook - Length varies from 200 to 1300 feet one-way

A short walk from the Miners Castle parking lot, Miners Castle can be viewed from 3 different viewing platforms. The two upper platforms are wheelchair accessible. **Pets on a leash are allowed on paved (not dirt) trails in this area and viewing platforms.**

Miners Castle to Miners Beach - 1 mile one-way

Take the North Country Trail from Miners Castle downhill to Miners Beach, crossing the Miners River along the way. Enjoy the beach and then hike back up - or have a friend pick you up in the Miners Beach parking lot. **No pets allowed on the trail.**

White Pine Trail - 0.7-mile loop

Begins at the Little Beaver Lake Campground. The trail includes a stand of 250-300-year-old white pines. On a warm summer day, enjoy the cool, moist microclimate of this area. Watch your step! This trail has some steep erosion in one place. **No pets allowed on the trail.**

Lake Superior Overlook - 50 feet round trip

Offers a beautiful view of Lake Superior and easy access to a beach. The overlook is wheelchair accessible. **Pets are welcome but must be on a 6-foot leash.**

Twelvemile Beach

Access via stairs at Twelvemile Beach Campground day-use parking area. **Pets allowed on a leash.**

Log Slide Overlook Trail - 0.4-mile round trip

The trail leads through mature hardwoods to an old log landing at the former site of the Log Slide. Interpretive exhibits relate the logging and dune building history of the area. Beautiful views of Lake Superior, the Grand Sable Dunes, and Au Sable Lighthouse in the distance. **No pets allowed.**

Grand Sable Dunes Trail - 1.0-mile round trip

Starts at the west end of the Sable Falls parking area. The trail passes an old apple orchard and crosses a bridge over Sable Creek. It then winds uphill through jack pines into an open dune environment. **No pets allowed.**

Sable Falls Trail - 0.6-mile round trip

From the Sable Falls parking lot, this trail starts with 170 steps down to the base of the falls and continues past the falls along Sable Creek to a rock beach on Lake Superior. The first landing on the stairs provides a view of Sable Falls, although the best view is from the bottom. **Pets on a leash allowed on trail and stairs.**



LONG HIKES

HIKES OF MORE THAN A MILE

- Check at a Park Service Visitor Center for current trail conditions.
- Where allowed, pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet.



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Miners Falls Trail - 1.2 mile round trip

This easy trail takes you through the forest to view where the Miners River cascades 50 feet over a sandstone outcrop. Take another 64 steps down to a lower platform. **Pets allowed.**

Chapel Basin / Mosquito Falls Area - 2 to 10 miles round trip

A number of different trails and hikes are available here. Consult a map before you hike in this area. **No pets allowed on any of the trails in this area.**

- **Chapel Falls - 2.4 miles round trip.** Leaving from the Chapel parking lot, this easy hike runs along an old roadbed through upland maple forest to stunning, 60-foot high Chapel Falls. **No pets.**
- **Chapel Rock & Chapel Beach - 6.2 miles round trip (from parking lot).** From Chapel Falls, continue on the trail for another 1.9 miles (one way), to Chapel Rock and Chapel Beach. Take pictures, but keep off Chapel Rock. Return the way you came or make a loop by taking the forest trail back along the north/west side of Chapel Lake. **No pets.**
- **Chapel Loop - Full loop, including Mosquito Falls, is 10 miles.** This popular loop begins at the Chapel parking lot, passes Chapel Falls, Chapel Rock, Chapel Beach and continues along the spectacular Pictured Rocks cliffs to Mosquito River and Beach, and back to the parking lot on the outer loop trail past Mosquito Falls. **No pets.**
- **Mosquito Falls - 2 miles round trip.** From the Chapel parking lot, head towards Mosquito Beach. At 0.3 miles take a side trail that leads 0.7 miles to Mosquito Falls. The Mosquito River cascades in short falls over three rock shelves, the highest being 8 feet. **No pets.**
- **Mosquito Beach - 3.8 miles round trip straight out and back; 4.5 miles via loop back past Mosquito Falls.** Follow the trail from the Chapel parking lot through lowland hemlock and mixed forest to Mosquito Beach. This beautiful beach is bordered by stunning rock cliffs and sandstone terraces. Return on same trail or continue on loop and return past Mosquito Falls. **No pets.**

Beaver Basin Wilderness - 3.2 miles to 5.5 miles round trip

Several hikes can be made in the Beaver Lake area leaving from the trailhead parking lot at the end of Little Beaver Road. This is a beautiful area with potential for wildlife sightings near the water. No pets.

- **Lake Superior - 3.2 miles round trip.** Very pretty hike through a variety of wet and dry forest habitats to Lake Superior and back. **No pets.**
- **Beaver Basin Wilderness - 5.5 mile loop.** Enjoy this scenic hike around the north side of Beaver Lake, along Beaver Creek, and back along Lake Superior. **No pets.**

White Birch Trail - 2.0 miles

Self-guided interpretive trail begins at the east end of Twelvemile Beach Campground and ends on the campground road, one-quarter mile east of the trailhead. The trail explores the natural history of the uplands adjacent to the lake - an environment very different from that near the campground. **Pets allowed.**

Au Sable Light Station - 3.0 miles round trip

Leaving from Hurricane River Campground, walk on the old access road back in time to an isolated Lake Superior lighthouse. Exposed shipwreck remains dot the shoreline, and the quiet light station gives you a feeling of yesteryear where families lived and worked from 1874 to 1958. Guided tours of the lighthouse are available for a small fee. **Pets allowed on road and light station grounds.**

Grand Sable Forest Trail - 2.0 miles round trip

Nice walk between the Grand Sable Visitor Center and the Sable Falls parking lot. The trail offers a stroll through a maple forest and along the edge of old farm fields. **No pets allowed.**

North Country Trail segments (previously called the Lakeshore Trail) - up to 42 miles (through the park)

In addition to some of the trails listed above, there are many other trail segments in the park, like Miners Castle to Sand Point, or Log Slide to Au Sable Light Station. Check the Backcountry Trip Planner map for locations and lengths. **No pets allowed.**



HIAWATHA NATIONAL FOREST DAY HIKES

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Au Train Song Bird Trail

This easy 2 mile interpretive hiking loop next to Au Train Campground offers a unique wildlife watching opportunity. Take the first campground loop to the right and you will find the trailhead near campsite #11. The trail winds through forest and field, along bog and lakeshore, and includes an observation platform on Au Train Lake's Buck Bay. Trail is not groomed in the winter.

Bay De Noc Grand Island National Recreational Trail

The Bay de Noc/Grand Island Trail parallels the Whitefish River, starting from 1/2 to 2 miles east of the river. The trail follows the approximate location of an ancient Chippewa Indian portage route used to carry canoes and supplies between Lake Superior and Lake Michigan. The Bay de Noc/Grand Island Trail begins from a point 2 1/2 miles east of the town of Rapid River and one mile north of US Highway 2 and extends northward for approximately 40 miles terminating at its intersection with State Highway 94 at Ackerman Lake.

Bay Furnace Historic Site and Interpretive Trail

A short 1/8 mile accessible trail encircles the recently stabilized ruins of a blast furnace where pig iron was made between 1870 and 1877. One of the last remaining structures of its kind in the Upper Peninsula, it is also a good place to view Lake Superior and Grand Island. From the village of Christmas about 5 miles west of Munising and M-28 drive west 0.3 mile on M-28 to the campground road. Turn right (north) and drive to the campground. Trail is not groomed in the winter.

Bruno's Run

The Bruno's Run Trail offers a 9-mile (14.48 km) loop ideal for non-motorized uses. Although the trail is not groomed in winter, it does offer a suitable source for experienced non-motorized users who prefer to break their own way. Located about 11 miles south of M-28, Bruno's Run Trail may be reached from the north or the south via Forest Highway 13. The trail may be accessed from both Widewaters and Pete's Lake campgrounds as well as from Forest Highway 13 at Moccasin Lake and Forest Road 2173 at Grassy Lake. Limited parking is available at each site.

North Country National Scenic Trail

The North Country National Scenic Trail runs from Vermont to North Dakota and is approximately 4800 miles long, traversing the Upper Peninsula en-route. Most of the 20 mile Munising/AuTrain portion of the NCT is within the Hiawatha National Forest, winding through a variety of forested ecosystems with interspersed lakes. The Hiawatha's Munising North Country Trail segment runs 20.3 miles from the western Forest Boundary near Eben to M-94. The trail then follows M-94 for 3.3 miles to the Munising Forest Service Visitor Center, where it connects with the Picture Rocks North Country Trail segment. The terrain is rolling and wooded.

>> FOR INFORMATION ON GOING OUT AND ABOUT WITH PETS, SEE PAGE 43.

MOUNTAIN BIKING SILENT SPORT

Looking for a family-friendly trail, a breathtaking trail or a skills park? Munising is becoming a premier destination for mountain biking.

Munising Mountain Bike Park

Munising's premier trail system is located on the west end of Munising just before Hillside Party Store and across from the baseball field, within riding distance of downtown. The trailhead includes bike repair station, picnic area, trail kiosk and pit toilet. At the top of the hill, you will find three different jump trails, a wooden skills park and outer cross-country flow trail. Linking these epic trails and the parking lot is the 1.5-mile ADA accessible gateway loop.

Munising Bay Trail Network - mbtn.org/trails/

Valley Spur Recreation Area

Looking for fast paced flowing singletrack? Find it at Valley Spur's 13 miles of single-track. The trail begins from the parking lot (to the right of the lodge at the top of trail B) and traverses the hills surrounding the trailhead. The lack of large roots or rocks creates a family friendly riding experience. For those looking to push a serious pace and test the limits of their tires, get ready for 12 miles of high-speed berms and rollers. Shorter routes can be created by combining sections of single-track and two track trails. **ValleySpur.org**

Bruno's Run

Bruno's Run is located the farthest from town, about a 15-minute drive down Highway 13. This trail is an old school single-track trail featuring more natural obstacles. A 10-mile looped ride offers outstanding scenery that makes the trail an easy sell. Expect small wild lakes, streams and sections of older growth white pine.

Hiawatha National Forest - 906-387-2512

[FS.USDA.gov/recarea/hiawatha/recarea/?recid=13327](https://fs.usda.gov/recarea/hiawatha/recarea/?recid=13327)

Grand Island Recreation Area

Start this ride off with a short trip on the Grand Island Ferry over to Grand Island. The outer biking loop takes you along breathtaking 150-foot cliff tops, past secluded beaches, and historic sites. The terrain is made up both of improved and unimproved two tracks. The loop is passable by mountain, gravel, and fat bikes. Most riders are able to tackle the loop between 2-4 hours.

Grand Island Ferry Service - 906-387-2600

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Snow Biking on the Munising Bay Trail Network

There is a 3.5-mile route across the road from Valley Spur on two track roads in the forest. That parking lot can be utilized for snow biking but all trail use is across M94. Look for pink ribbons and signage at the valley spur trailhead/MBTN trailer.

The Munising Mountain Bike Park offers beginners and intermediates an opportunity jump, teeter totter, etc. or to ride around. Advanced riders have a black diamond trail with gap jumps and roll downs. All trails are non-motorized and open to bikers and hikers.

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SKIING, SNOWSHOEING & SLEDDING

SELF-PROPELLED POWER



Piles of snow blankets Michigan's Upper Peninsula every year, providing countless outdoor opportunities in a wintry wonderland.

Although Munising is considered "the snowmobile capital of the Midwest," the area also offers pristine cross-country ski and snowshoe trails that people of all skill levels can enjoy.

Valley Spur / X-Country Skiing & Snowshoeing

Valley Spur is a favorite Alger County destination for cross-country skiers and snowshoers in the winter. The 27-mile trail system is groomed daily or as needed for both skate and classic ski from December through March. Valley spur consists of 10 loops varying in level in the Hiawatha National Forest and provides a variety of beautiful and serene scenery. Most of these loops are used for mountain bike and hiking trails in the summertime

The Snowman Snowshoe Trail at Valley Spur is a 1.8-mile loop of moderate difficulty. Since the course can be challenging at times, it helps to have crampon style snowshoes, but it's not mandatory. Valley Spur is located off M-94 approximately 5 miles west of Munising. A trail map is posted in the lodge at the trailhead, throughout the trail system and is also available online.

McKeever Hills Cross-Country Ski Trail / X-Country Skiing

McKeever Hills Cross-Country Ski Trail offers loops for all skill levels, including many downhill runs. Six miles of trail pass beside several lakes and through various forest types. The route is open daily during daylight hours from December through April, depending on snow conditions. No trail fee is required. Trail loops are packed and groomed once a week or as conditions allow. Trail segments are well-marked starting at the trailhead and at each trail junction.

Hiawatha Slopes in Chatham / Downhill Skiing & Snowboarding & Sledding

Hiawatha Slopes Ski Hill is in the woodland hills of Rock River Township, about 15 miles from Munising. The ski hill is easily accessible and a cost-effective winter activity for all ages. Sledding is free on the east slope, while skiing and snowboarding can be enjoyed on the western slope for a \$5 tow rope use fee. Seasonal passes for singles and families are also available.

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore / X-Country Skiing & Snowshoeing

The Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore offers two groomed and tracked cross-country ski trail areas with multiple loops. One is near Munising on the park's west end and the other is near Grand Marais on the eastern end of the park. The park's trails range from easy to difficult and wind more than 20 miles through a breathtaking landscape of diverse habitat with each trail offering a variety of loop lengths for a gentle day ski or quick workout. All lakeshore trails are designed for diagonal stride only – skating is not permitted. Snowshoe users can enjoy the 1.75-mile-long loop travels through various habitats of beech, maple, and conifer forests. The snowshoe trail is adjacent to the Munising cross-country ski trails. A Park Pass is needed.

Bruno's Run / Snowshoeing & X-Country Skiing (ungroomed)

Bruno's Run is a 9-mile loop perfect for hiking and mountain biking in the warmer seasons and snowshoeing during the winter. Although the trail is not groomed in winter for cross-country skiing, it allows skiers to travel a path less beaten. The trail winds its way past a host of small lakes imprinted in this relatively young glacial plain, taking adventurers over gently rolling country. Further along, the trail runs over foothills, along overlooks and through valleys. Bruno's Run Trail may be reached from the north or the south via Forest Highway 13. The trail may be accessed from both Widewaters and Pete's Lake campgrounds as well as from Forest Highway 13 at Moccasin Lake and Forest Road 2173 at Grassy Lake.



ICE CLIMBING

ICE FORMATIONS & FROZEN WATERFALLS

Munising is home to the Michigan Ice Fest, the largest ice climbing festival in the Midwest.

Our multitude of great waterfalls and porous sandstone cliffs in which the water seeps through make the sport possible. Ice has typically formed along the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Grand Island, and numerous waterfalls from late December and remained until early April.

For Climbing call Down Wind Sports at 906.387.8020.

Eben Ice Caves

The Eben Ice Caves form each winter as water drips through the walls of the Rock River Gorge. Although not "true" caves, they are made up of vertical walls of ice formed by the seeping water, making this a great place to explore. The ice caves are located 15 miles west of Munising. The trek to the ice caves is roughly a 1-mile round trip walk. If there is no fresh snow and you don't plan on getting off the beaten track, snowshoes aren't a necessity. However, ice cleats are highly recommended.

To get to the vicinity by car from Munising, take Highway M-94 west about 17 miles to Eben Junction. There you will see the New Moon Bar. Turn right and travel north approximately 2 miles on the narrow gravel road. Turn right onto Frey Street and that will lead you to a parking area.

Grand Island

Ice on the Grand Island cliffs can be viewed from the Sand Point beaches. Walking on Lake Superior or across Munising Bay is not recommended - EVER - due to unknown ice thickness, thin and shifting ice, hidden underwater currents, and open water. No one can tell you if the ice is safe to walk on.

Sand Point

The ice curtains, known for thick formations of yellow, blue, or white ice, are the most popular. The easiest ice to access can be found along the Pictured Rocks escarpment between Munising Fall and Sand Point along Sand Point Road. You can find ice columns and blue ice curtains from 20 to 50 feet tall. Park at Munising Falls or Sand Point and walk along the road. Spikes, ice cleats, or snow shoes recommended. NO ice climbing on Munising Falls or travel beyond the railings. Keep off groomed ski trails. **Leashed dogs are allowed on this trail. Parking is prohibited along Sand Point Road.**

BE PREPARED & STAY SAFE

Ice cleats are critical for visiting these areas to avoid slipping or falling while adventuring to and around the formations and can be purchased or rented from numerous local businesses.



Munising Falls

Munising Falls is one of the easiest waterfalls to visit and is in the western most portion of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. The falls are equally, if not more, impressive during the winter as the water freezes. Follow H-58 east to the Washington Street Junction. Falls is located across from the hospital. Walk the paved ¼-mile trail to the shaded sandstone canyon along Munising Creek to the base of the beautiful falls. Two sets of stairs lead to elevated platforms enabling views of the 50-foot waterfall which drops over a sandstone cliff. The trail is fully accessible to the central falls viewing platform. **Leashed dogs are allowed on the trail.**

Wagner Falls

Wagner Falls is a beautiful and easily accessible waterfall with a height of 20 feet. The water source for the falls is Wagner Creek. This waterfall is stunning for those who enjoy photographing waterfalls, or for those who would like to find a peaceful spot to enjoy. **Leashed dogs are allowed at this waterfall.**



GEAR RENTALS AND CLASSES

Winter Gear Rentals & Classes

Down Wind Sports

112 Elm Ave., Munising, MI 49862
(906) 387-8020 • downwindsports.com
facebook.com/Down-Wind-Sports-188245891079
Down Wind Sports is an outdoor specialty retailer in the Upper Peninsula with a store right in downtown Munising. Aside from an array of outdoor gear, Down Wind Sports also offers guided ice climbing classes throughout the winter months and hosts Michigan Ice Fest, the largest festival of its kind held in the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

South Bay Outfitters

120 Superior St., Munising, MI 49862
(906) 387-4004
facebook.com/South-Bay-Outfitters-1027868240579020
Also located in downtown Munising is South Bay Outfitters, a full-service bike retail, rental and repair shop that also offers camping and backpacking supplies. South Bay Outfitters offers ski rentals as well for all ages.

Snowmobile & ATV Rentals

Munising Snowmobile Rentals

E10160 M-28 • Wetmore, MI 49895
(906) 387-4300
www.munisingssnowmobilerentals.com
Munising Snowmobile Rentals is located just outside of Munising, near hundreds of miles of groomed trails which allow you to ride North, South, East and West - including along the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. Along with snowmobiles, helmets, jackets, and bibs are also available to rent.

Renze Power Sports

9650 Prospect St.
Munising, MI 49862
(906) 387-3920 • renzpower.com
Renze Power Sports is a power sports dealership serving the Munising area, offering the best in new and pre-owned ATV, boat, snowmobile and other power sports vehicles. Renze Power Sports' friendly and knowledgeable sales, financing, service, and parts departments are ready to offer outstanding service at every point, from assisting while you're making your choice to ongoing maintenance and customization.

SNOWMOBILING

One reason Alger County is one of the country's premium snowmobiling areas is the amount of snowfall it receives. A 13-year study shows the area receives an average of 232.9 inches of white stuff each year.

Due to lake-effect conditions, snow generally accumulates earlier and stays on the ground longer than most other areas. There are now over 300 miles of well-groomed trails that allow riders to travel through some of the most pristine and beautiful areas nature has to offer anywhere in the world. There are 10 trails which are groomed seven days a week, depending on the prevailing conditions. On these trails, a rider can travel to all parts of the county, visiting lakes, streams, waterfalls, forest, and any number of other scenic sites.

Our snowmobile trail system reaches from Shingleton to Grand Marais, Seney, Marquette, Chatham, Manistique, and Rapid River. The local trails also connect with trails from the surrounding counties, which allows riders the option of choosing trips of various lengths. All of this thanks to the coordinated efforts of federal, state, and local entities. These groups realized long ago the importance of snowmobiling and have worked together to combine the areas enormous natural resources with these many miles of beautiful trails waiting for you to enjoy.

Snowmobiling at Pictured Rocks

Snowmobiling is a popular activity in and around Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. A number of unplowed roads lead to major points of interest within the park, particularly Miners Castle and Log Slide. Snowmobiles are permitted on unplowed park roads used by motorists in summer, as well as the frozen waters of Lake Superior and Grand Sable Lake. These unplowed roads (and the shoulders of plowed park roads) are open to snowmobiling in conformance with state law.

Snowmobiles are prohibited from cross-country travel and travelling on park trails (off road/trail travel). In other words, snowmobiles are not permitted where motor vehicles are not allowed in summer. *For more information, visit [NPS.gov/piro/planyourvisit/snowmobiling.htm](https://www.nps.gov/piro/planyourvisit/snowmobiling.htm)*

PLEASE DRIVE RESPONSIBLY

Always be aware of the presence of pedestrians. Remember, small children may play on snowbanks and can quickly appear in your traffic lane. Be prepared to react and drive safely when visiting areas where people are gathered.

DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE.

DOWNTOWN

Welcome to pictureque downtown Munising! Nestled between majestic water and woods, we invite you explore and enjoy our quaint and uniquely creative & fun northern town!

EVENTS!

Late May - Early October

Munising Farmers' & Artisans' Market Mondays / Bayshore Park

Vendors offer locally grown fruits & vegetables, honey products, maple syrup, bakery items, jams & jellies, perennials, cut flowers, plant starts, as well as art & fine crafts including jewelry, pottery, photography, paintings & prints, fiber, soaps & lotions, wood products & more!

June - August

Concert in the Park Series / Munising

Tuesdays at 6:30
Outdoor concerts in Bayshore Park featuring a wide variety of musical performances. AlgerParksRecDept.com

February

Michigan Ice Fest / Munising February 7-11, 2024

If you are an ice climbing novice or an expert, this is one event you do not want to miss. Many events planned each day: downwindsports.com/icefest
Down Wind Sports: (906) 226-7112 or (906) 387-8025 for all the details.

Trenary Outhouse Classic / Trenary Last Saturday in February

Build an outhouse to race or join the crowd in downtown Trenary to cheer on your favorites! trenaryouthouseclassic.com.

March

Taste & Glide / Munising 1st Saturday in March

Taste and Glide is at the Valley Spur in Munising. Ski or snowshoe to B Trail where a lodge, food, beverages and music await you.

June

Pictured Rocks Days / Munising June 8-9, 2024

Held at Munising's Bayshore Park on the second weekend in June! The Alger County Chamber of Commerce's event offers Free Music, Vendors, Food Vendors, Bounce Houses, Beer Tent, Smokey Bear, Petting Zoo and Interpretive Demonstration & Informational Booths. Held in conjunction with Pictured Rocks Cruises' event "Yoopers Ride Free" on both days.

Pictured Rocks Road Race / Munising June 30, 2024, starting at 8am

The 49th Annual Pictured Rocks Road Race features a 1/2 marathon and 10k route that travels along a combination of paved roads and two-track trails. The race starts and ends in the heart of Munising at Bayshore Park. New for 2024, the 1/2 marathon is race #1 of the Taste the Lake Trifecta running series!

July

Fireworks on the Bay, Munising July 4, 2024 at Dusk

Come watch the best fireworks show in Michigan's Upper Peninsula at the Bayshore Park.

Beer on the Bay Craft Beer Tasting Festival / Munising July 27, 2024, 2pm - 6pm

algercountychamber.com for details.

All events are subject to change. Please check prior to arrival!

algercountychamber.com • Or call (906) 387-2138 for event updates

August

Alger County Fair / Chatham August 2-4, 2024

County Fairgrounds, Chatham algercountyfair.com

Grand Marais Music & Arts Festival / Grand Marais August 9-11, 2024

Music, crafts, food, and fun! grandmaraismichigan.com/festival.php

September

Munising Bay Cruisers Classic Car Show / Munising September 21, 2024, 10am - 4pm

Free admission. View 100 plus classic cars. Local businesses and a variety of vendors will be available for food and merchandise. Cars will be judged with awards and prizes given to conclude the show. Car Cruise is on Friday, Car Show is on Saturday.

December

Rekindle the Spirit / Munising First Thursday following Thanksgiving

Downtown Munising's kickoff holiday event! Activities include pictures with Santa and other holiday characters, old-fashioned wagon rides, hot cocoa, a parade, music, tree lighting, business decorating content, and more! algercountychamber.com for details.

DOWNTOWN ARTS & CULTURE



Dig into Munising's rich culture by checking out the numerous art displays found throughout the area.

Shadows From Munising's Past

Four historic photos can be found on different establishments in downtown Munising. These images are of Munising residents/visitors. Francis Putvin (who is placed on Putvin Drug Store) is the only one named. A woman with a fishing pole is located on Pictured Rocks Cruises' building next to the gift shop's entrance, a tall man pictured next to a bicycle is on the Fuzzy Boyak Welcome Center building and the carpenter is located on Madigan's Ace Hardware. The background of each photo reflects the building they're placed on.

Scenes From Munising's Past

The historic photography walk in downtown Munising consists of 13 installations starting near the Munising City Dock and are placed along Elm Avenue, Superior and Maple streets. The installations stay up year-round.

Prohibition Mural

A large mural depicting a real-life still bust in Prohibition-era Munising was installed on the east side of Whiskey Dick's, formerly known as Moh's Pub. 109 Elm Ave., Munising

Munising Murals

Five murals are found on several buildings off Superior Street and M-28 in downtown Munising. There's one on Miss Good Stitch's building facing M-28 that depicts waterfalls and the great outdoors, along with four other murals that are placed on Madigan's Ace Hardware, Hiawatha Telephone Company, and at 116 W. Superior Street. Themes include the history of Munising, popular outdoor activities, and the history of communications, and nature and northern lights.

All projects were spearheaded by the Greater Munising Bay Partnership/Alger County Chamber of Commerce and the Munising Downtown Development Authority with funding from a variety of grants and other local and regional organizations.

Alger County Sheriff's Office

This mural-located on the Alger Co. Sheriff Department's building at 101 E. Varnum St, in Munising showcases two Michigan State Constables horseback in the early 1900s. The old Munising Railway Co. Depot is seen behind the officers, which was located near the city dock and destroyed by fire in 1956.

Munising's Art in the Alley

Munising's seasonal art exhibit contains 97 reproduced works of art from Alger County residents, over 20 art banners from Munising's 4-12th grade art classes, annual and perennial plants and flowers, and more! New art added in 2024. 1/2 block south of Munising Avenue (M-28) running from Elm Avenue to Maple Street.

Binsfeld Bayshore Park Murals

Several murals are on the west and east sides of the bathroom building near the pavilion at Munising's Binsfeld Bayshore Park, right next to the Pictured Rocks Cruises' office. The displays give a salute to the history of boating on the bay and events at the park.

Grand Marais - Art in the Park

This is an historic photography walk adjacent to and behind the old post office along with a beautiful wind harp in Grand Marais.

Maritime Alley

12 installations in Munising of historic-themed illustrations of the unique lifestyle defined by Lake Superior. Find the alley 1/2 block south of Munising Ave (M-28), running from Maple Street to Birch Street. Display is up year-round.

AROUND TOWN

FOOD TRUCKS

A couple of essential food trucks—coffee! and seafood!—have popped up in downtown Munising. Belly up and grab a quick bite or fresh morning brew served up by local entrepreneurs.

Cap'n Ron's Fish & Chips

Sitting next to the family's namesake fishery at 1336 Commercial Drive in Munising, Cap'n Ron is dishing up fresh whitefish and trout caught directly from the big lake. Crispy fried filets paired with french fries, smoky fish dip and pita chips, fresh fish sandwiches, and more—Cap'n Ron will treat your taste buds right.

The Fish Basket

For fresh-caught fish and chips (with gluten-free breading), whitefish tacos and sandwiches, check out the fabulous Fish Basket. Located at 206 East Superior Street, Munising.

NEW! - Rustic Grounds Coffee

Located next to City Hall at 319 East Superior Street, Rustic Grounds is a cute little vintage trailer that has been converted to craft coffee central. From classic drip coffee to a variety of iced and specialty drinks, get your morning—or midday—revved up at Rustic Grounds.

AT THE BEACH

TREASURE TROVE:

Hunting for Lake Superior Agates and Yooperlites®

The “Great Lakes State” is loaded with treasures and gems found on Michigan’s many beaches. Rock hounds from all over the globe can bring a piece of the Upper Peninsula back home after exploring the shoreline for Lake Superior agates and the ever-popular Yooperlites®.

What Are Yooperlites®?

In 2017, U.P. native Erik Rintamaki unearthed a sodalite-rich syenite rock that's fluorescent under ultraviolet light early one morning, trademarking his discover as a “Yooperlite.” “The real magic of Yooperlites® is unlocked when they're displayed under ultraviolet light. 365nm longwave lights work best for making that glow ‘pop’, but not all UV lights give the same results,” according to Rintamaki's website www.yooperlites.com.

Where Can I Find Them?

One of the best places to find agates and Yooperlites® is at Agate Beach near Woodland Park Campground in Grand Marais, which is about 50 miles east of Munising. Some rock hounds have also had luck in the public beaches in Christmas (5 miles west of Munising) and Au Train (10 miles west of Christmas).

... NOTE ...

It is illegal to take anything from any National Park or area, including the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

AROUND THE AREA

GEOCACHING

Another fun recreational activity is geocaching, in which participants use a GPS receiver, a cell phone or other navigational devices to hide and seek containers, called “geocaches” or “caches”, at specific locations marked by coordinates all over the world! For more information on where to muster Munising's caches, check out www.geocaching.com.

RAINY DAY ACTIVITIES

The weather in Munising area can be unpredictable. Don't fret! There are plenty of options for those looking to stay warm and dry.

Fire Up Your Brain!

Learn about Munising and the National Lakeshore at the **Pictured Rocks Interpretive Center and Gift Shop**. Take a self-guided tour of the exhibits and watch a narrated 13-minute video on the local fishing industry and the Pictured Rocks. Open daily 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. 100 Munising Ave, Munising (906) 387-1900.

Alger County Historical Society

Opened in the former Washington Grade School, it features exhibits about Grand Island, Munising Woodenware, a fur trader's cabin, a blacksmith shop and more! Open Tuesday–Saturday, 11 am–4 pm. 1496 Washington St., Munising (906) 387-4308.

Lace Up

Alger Centennial Ice Arena has ice skating for all ages and drop in hockey. So, lace-em up and get ready for fun! Call (906) 387-3169 for public skate times.

Embrace the Rain

Sometimes there's nothing so refreshing as a gentle rain. Hiking a trail when the drops are falling is a completely different experience than a dry day because the sounds and smells of the forest add to the sensory experience of a forest bath. Grab an umbrella or a rain jacket and relax into it. Need rain gear? **Downwind Sports** can help. See their ad on page 57.

Warm Up!

Enjoy a delicious pastry and a cup of coffee that's brewed from beans roasted right on site. While you're there, check out the gallery of local photographers on the walls of the historical building that is **Gallery Coffee Company**. 120 Elm Ave., Munising. (906) 387-8010.

Grab a book, bring home a piece of art, sip on a coffee or enjoy a delightful sandwich and cup of soup at **Falling Rock Café & Bookstore** 104 E. Munising Ave., Munising. (906) 387-3008.

FUN FOR KIDS

A small list of ideas for HIGH-energy littles.

Mini Golf

Miners Falls Mini Golf / Munising
E9958 HWY M-28
(906) 387-4653

An 18-hole championship mini golf course with wild and fun features. Finish your round with some premium ice cream!

Boat Tours

Pictured Rocks Cruises, Glass Bottom Shipwreck Tours, and Riptide Ride are all kid friendly tours in the Munising area.

Sasquatch Hunt

Spot a Pair of Yooper Yetis in Downtown Munising
Can you find them both? (There is also one more just over 1/2 mile northwest of downtown.)

Bowling

Happy's Place
Munising's beloved bowling alley with lanes for the kids and a lounge for parents. 124 E. Munising Ave., Munising (906) 387-2695

Playgrounds

Superior Playland / Munising
413 Maple Street
This indoor playground is a great place for play dates for ages 0-12. Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm, weekends 10 am to 3 pm.

Lynn Street Tot Lot / Munising

Corner of Lynn & Chocoley Streets

Mather Elementary School Playground / Munising

411 Elm Avenue

Wetmore Playground / Wetmore

3 miles east of Munising

Family Fun

Horseshoe Falls / Munising
602 Bell Avenue
Find the gnomes. Win prizes. Feed the fish & ducks. Wander the gardens and gift shop.



DOWNTOWN NIGHTLIFE!

Whether you're looking for something fun to do after a sunset cruise or dining out at one of Munising's fine establishments, the little town is home to craft breweries, bars and a beautiful venue space where live music and entertainment can be enjoyed year-round in the heart of downtown.



THOMAS JOHN DOLASKI IV, PHOTOGRAPHER

Coffeehouse by day and venue by night, **Gallery Coffee Company** sits on the corner of Elm Avenue and Superior Street in a large, refurbished brick building. The refined tin ceiling and hardwood floors preserve the structure's historical attributes while colorful photographs featuring the area's impressive landscapes—like the Pictured Rocks—adorn the walls. The stage is centrally located for live performances and at night, there's a full-service bar. Here, you'll see a blend of local performers and bands from across the globe.

Whisky Dick's, which is across the street from Gallery Coffee Company, and the **Barge Inn**—two blocks to the east, are also options if you want pool tables, darts, mixed drinks, and good company. Both establishments often have bands on the weekends, especially during the summer and fall.

Looking for something a little more low key? **East Channel Brewing Company** and **ByGeorge Brewing Company**, two locally-owned and operated craft breweries in town, both provide live music and entertainment throughout the year. Not a big beer fan? No problem! The breweries offer a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

During the warmer seasons, **East Channel** is home to the **Cooking Carberry's Woodfired Pizza**. Pizzas can be ordered until 9 p.m. every day. Be sure to try the savory blueberry, a local favorite!

ByGeorge's sister company, **Driftwood Deli**, which is adjacent to the brewery, also serves delicious food, such as paninis, sandwiches, vegetarian options, wings and more. They also have a takeout cooler if you want a quick bite to eat or something for later after enjoying a craft beverage at the brewery.

FIND YOURSELF IN MUNISING



Animal Planet's "Finding Bigfoot" filmed an episode in the Munising area after interviewing locals who claimed to have been continuously stalked by Sasquatch. A couple of businesses have paid tribute to the local lore by having their very own big foot statues on their premises. Can you find all three? Photo ops!

Tag your travels: #Munising

- 01 City Police / Fire Department
- 02 Mill Street Laundry
- 03 County Courthouse / Sheriff's Department
- 05 Pat's Foods
- 06 Hospital
- 07 Post Office
- 08 ATM
- 10 Pharmacy
- 11 Bayshore Park / Grills / Sightseeing
- 12 Munising Range Lighthouses
- 13 City Hall
- 14 Funeral Home
- 16 Community Center

- 17 Fuzzy Boyak Welcome Center / Chamber of Commerce
- 18 Hiawatha National Forest Headquarters
- 19 Walk-in Clinic

For a comprehensive map of our local businesses, use this QR code:



FUZZY BOYAK WELCOME CENTER

Visit us downtown for free maps, pamphlets, and info about the Pictured Rocks and the Munising area.

129 E. Munising Avenue
(906) 387-2138
algercountychamber.com

Information is available outside the door 24/7.

DOWNTOWN FERMENTS

Grown-up refreshments by local masters in their fields. Prost!

East Channel Brewing Company is a quaint brewery that offers up to 10 taps of handcrafted beer. They also host weekly live music. Customers can enjoy delicious Carberry's Wood Fired Pizza located within the brewery or bring in their own food to enjoy with their beverage from the bar. 209 Maple St, (906) 387-3007, eastchannelbrewery.com

By George Brewing Company provides a selection of custom craft beer, wine, and cider-based products. They are attached to Driftwood Deli and offer an in-house experience as well as takeout options. 231 E Superior Street, (906) 387-2739, bygeorgebrewing.com

Upper Peninsula Inspired Winery Upper Peninsula Inspired Winery is a specialty gourmet wine, liquor, and food shop featuring beer and wine tasting, candy, cheese, sauce, jam, honey, maple syrup, and signature gifts from the U.P. 321 E Superior St., (906) 387-1387

The Barge Inn provides all popular brands of liquors, ice-cold beer, upper peninsula microbrews, 10 TV monitors, and indoor/outdoor seating. And don't forget the karaoke and the occasional live music! 206 W. Superior Street, (906) 387-4869

Whisky Dick's Formerly Moh's Pub, features domestic, import, regional and local brews with a full bar and plenty of whiskey to choose from. They also feature drink specials daily. Be sure to check out their live music schedule! 109 Elm Avenue, (906) 387-8400



JOSH OLALDE, PHOTOGRAPHER

DISPENSARIES

Recreational marijuana is legal in Michigan.

The products for therapeutic purposes were legalized in 2008, and cannabis for recreational use was passed in 2018. Each municipality has the right to allow or restrict recreational cannabis sales. Despite legalization, it cannot be consumed just anywhere. Marijuana consumption on public property or public places (e.g., schools, hospitals, parks, cars, and bars) is banned and can be considered a civil infraction.

Before you light up, follow these simple guidelines:

Marijuana remains an *illegal substance* on a federal level. Its use is outlawed on federal lands like the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and Hiawatha National Forest.

Adult individuals can transport their legal possession limit in a motorized vehicle if their cannabis products are kept in a sealed container or stored in the trunk of the car.

It is a crime to operate a car under the influence of cannabis or smoke pot inside a vehicle. It is prohibited to export cannabis or mail it across the state lines. This is a federal crime and carries a penalty, as well.

Marijuana consumption is allowed on private property but you must have permission from property owner (example: hotels, AirBnBs, etc.).

There are currently two recreational cannabis companies in the Munising area:

The Fire Station 404 M-28, Munising (906) 441-1028, 906fire.com

Higher Love 220 M-28, Munising (906) 387-5683, findhigherlove.com

Pet-friendly Places

Furry family members are welcome in the Munising area! Please make sure you know the rules to keep your pet, other visitors and our wildlife safe. To make it easy, here's a list of pet-friendly outdoor areas. Enjoy!

PICTURED ROCKS NATIONAL LAKESHORE

- All Roads, Parking Lots and Picnic Areas
- Sand Point Beach
- Munising Falls Trail
- Miners Falls Trail
- Miners Castle - paved trail to overlooks
- Miners Beach

- Au Sable Access Road to the Light Station
- Lake Superior Overlook and Beach
- Sable Falls Trail and Beach
- Two drive-in campgrounds: Twelvemile Beach and Hurricane River
- Lake Superior beaches directly in front of the campground and day-use areas

WATERFALLS

- Miners Falls
- Horseshoe Falls
- Munising Falls
- Alger Falls
- Wagner Falls
- Scott Falls
- Rock River Falls
- AuTrain Falls
- Sable Falls
- Laughing Whitefish Falls

HIAWATHA NATIONAL FOREST AND NEARBY AREAS

- Valley Spur (Only permitted in the summer and fall seasons)
- Bruno's Run
- Munising Bike Park
- Grand Island

Service Animals that have been individually trained to perform specific tasks for the benefit of persons with disabilities are allowed throughout the Pictured Rocks park and other areas.

Emotional Support/Therapy Animals are **not** service animals under the Americans with Disabilities Act and may only access the same areas as pets. They cannot access visitor centers, backcountry trails, or other areas closed to pets.

Also, remember the following:

- Pets are not allowed in visitor centers.
- Pet food is also bear food. Store pet food in your vehicle.
- Ask yourself, 'Is your dog up to it?' Activity level and terrain may be dramatically different than what they are used to.
- Talk to your vet about giving your dog a Lyme vaccination in case he comes in contact with ticks.
- Bring the leash. Leash up when you're in a developed recreation site, close to other campers, or in an area where your dog could encounter wildlife.
- Consider a sturdy harness instead of a neck collar. Many dogs have no concept of heights.

Keep in Mind...PLEASE REMEMBER to Follow the B.A.R.K. Ranger rules:

- Bag your pet's poop (and discard in a garbage can)
- Always have your pet on a leash no longer than 6 feet (even on beaches and when swimming).
- Respect wildlife (keep a respectful distance from any animals you may encounter)
- Know where you can go (You are responsible to know where pets are and are not permitted)

Pictured Rocks Cruises and Glass Bottom Shipwreck Tours will board your pet while you enjoy their cruise.

Grand Island Boat Tours allows well-behaved dogs aboard at their discretion. Please call first to let the captain know about your furry friend. (906) 387-4428



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RECREATE RESPONSIBLY
& LEAVE NO TRACE

Sustainable Tourism

RECREATING RESPONSIBLY IN MUNISING

Surrounded by the rugged wilderness of the Hiawatha National Forest and Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, it's no secret that Munising boasts outdoor adventure. With hundreds of thousands of people visiting every year to enjoy these natural treasures, we all need to do our part to protect it for future generations.

"Tourism is an essential part of our local economy and employs many people in our small northern town," remarks Cori Ann Cearley, president of the Munising Visitors Bureau.

"That being said, it is our job as stewards of our community to help educate people who visit on best practices and safety measures. If we are going to promote tourism, we need to also promote sustainability and safety. The two go hand in hand."

The Hiawatha National Forest is managed by the U.S. Forest Service and the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore is overseen by the National Park Service. Both organizations, along with the Munising Visitors Bureau, recommend keeping the Leave No Trace principles in mind while visiting the area.

Leave No Trace Principles

1. Plan ahead & come prepared.
2. Travel & camp on durable surfaces, rather than foliage.
3. Dispose of waste in receptacles or take it with you.
4. Leave what you find.
5. Smother & clean up campfires.
6. Respect wildlife.
7. Be considerate of others.

Also, stick to designated trails. Erosion destroys!



THE ALGER COUNTY HERITAGE CENTER
1496 Washington Street, Munising

OPEN
Tuesday through Saturday
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Entrance to building and grounds is free although donations are requested.

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Also available at the Center are passbook stamps for the lighthouses and range lights in our area.



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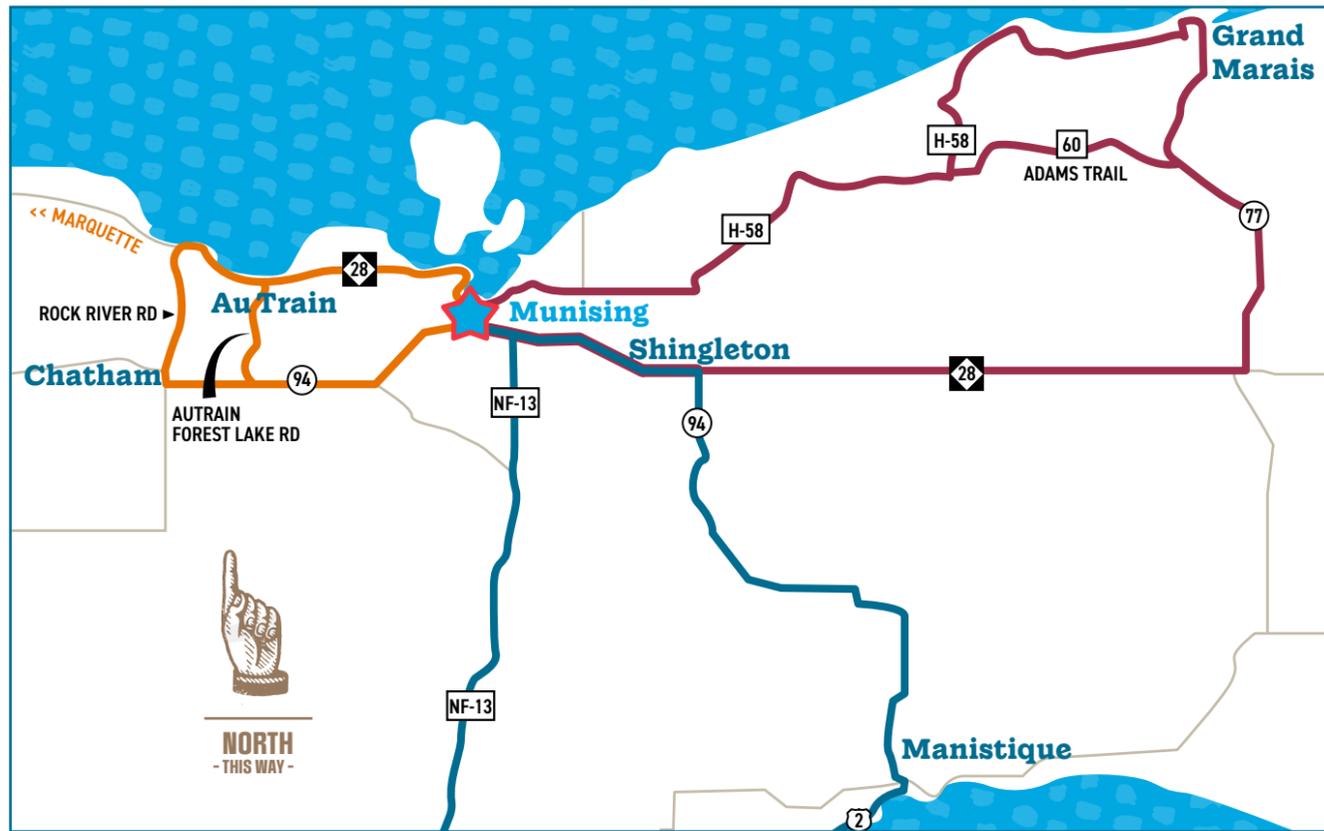
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Option 1 H58 - M77 - Adams Trail • 98 miles
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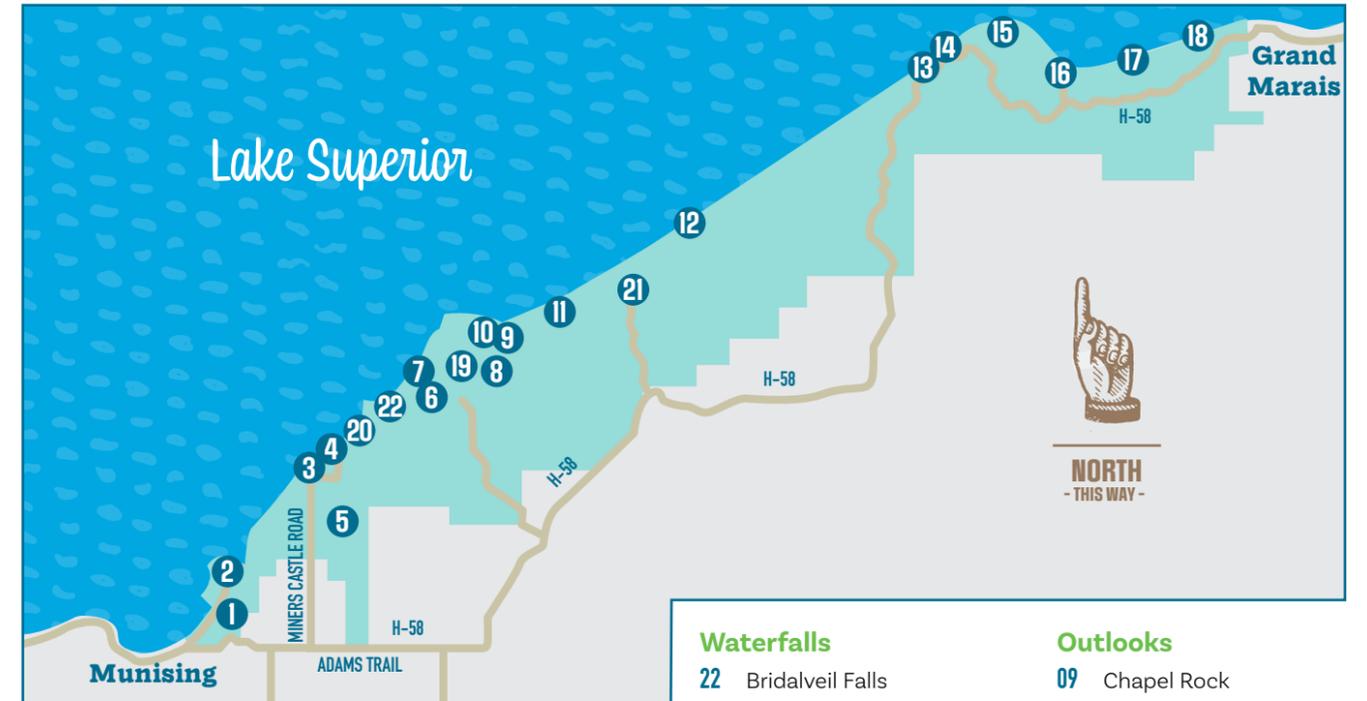
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Munising to Grand Marais



Beaches

- 12 Twelvemile Beach
- 14 Hurricane River
- 10 Chapel Beach
- 04 Miners Beach
- 07 Mosquito Beach
- 02 Sand Point Beach

Hiking

- 21 Beaver Basin
- 19 Chapel Basin

Lighthouses

- 15 Au Sable Light Station

Waterfalls

- 22 Bridalveil Falls
- 08 Chapel Falls
- 20 Elliot Falls
- 05 Miners Falls
- 06 Mosquito Falls
- 01 Munising Falls Visitor Center
- 18 Sable Falls
- 11 Spray Falls

Outlooks

- 09 Chapel Rock
- 16 Log Slide Overlook
- 03 Miners Castle Overlook
- 13 Lake Superior Overlook
- 17 Grand Sable Lake Dunes



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AuTrain Just West of Munising

Waterfalls

- 04 Au Train Falls
- 05 Laughing Whitefish Falls
- 01 Rock River Falls
- 03 Scott Falls

Beach

- 02 Au Train Beach

EXPLORE MORE!

The U.P. Bucket List



9 Must-Do's Near Munising!

Within driving distance from cities like Chicago, Minneapolis, and Milwaukee, the U.P. is a great road trip for anyone cruising from west. Once you arrive, tour a historic mine and ride a trolley to Michigan's largest waterfall, all before kayaking through magical sea caves of the Pictured Rocks—the pot of gold at the end of your journey.



1. Tour the Soo Locks by Boat

Sault Ste. Marie, 122 miles from Munising



Managed and operated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Soo Locks sit at the northern end of the St. Marys River connecting Lake Superior and Lake Huron. The Locks make it possible for boats, of all sizes, to travel between Superior and the lower Great Lakes. See the Locks in action and share the river with a freighter upon a narrated boat tour.



2. Explore the ancient Black Rocks

Marquette, 45 miles from Munising



This prehistoric rock formation at Presque Isle Park is a must see when visiting the area. Located in Marquette – the largest city in the U.P., the park is known around the world, with Blackrocks being the top destination. Visitors can admire views on top of the rocks or jump from 10 to 15-foot cliffs into the crystal waters of Lake Superior.



3. Tour a historic mine

Keweenaw Peninsula, 142 miles from Munising



The industrial copper boom began in the early 1840s with hundreds of companies flocking to the Keweenaw Peninsula – the northwestern most part of the U.P. – after word got out that the area oozed with deposits. Several of the historic mines now offer tours, giving patrons a glimpse into where miners spent their long days hammering and blasting rock to extract copper.

5. Visit a ghost town

Garden Peninsula, 65 miles from Munising



Fayette Historic State Park is a museum village that has preserved the area's history of when it was a bustling iron smelting company town in the 1800s. The park includes 22 historic buildings and museum exhibits. Visitors can take guided tours or self-guided walks.

6. Glide over the Big Springs

Manistique, 45 miles from Munising



Kitch-iti-kipi ("KITCHI-tee-KI-pee" with short "i"s), also known as "The Big Spring," is Michigan's largest natural freshwater spring. Its original name was the "Mirror of Heaven" given to it by the early Native Americans. The spring is 200 feet across and 40 feet deep and is a constant 45 degrees, year-round. To see the springs, there is a raft available year-round for self-guided tours. Located within Palm Brook State Park.



7. Trolley around Tahquamenon Falls

Paradise, 88 miles from Munising



Tahquamenon Falls are the largest waterfalls east of the Mississippi. The Upper Falls has a drop of nearly 50 feet and is more than 200 feet across. Four miles downstream is the Lower Falls, a series of five smaller falls cascading around an island.

8. Get your photo taken with bear cubs

Newberry, 60 miles from Munising



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9. Discover shipwrecks

Whitefish Point, 115 miles from Munising



At the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum visitors see dramatic shipwreck legends come to life. Artifacts and exhibits tell stories of sailors and ships that braved the waters of Lake Superior and those that were lost to its treacherous waves. The bell of the famous Edmund Fitzgerald is displayed in the museum as a memorial to her lost crew. You'll also see the oldest lighthouse on the shores of Superior.



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| Border Grill | 203 E. Munising Ave. 906-387-3505 | Fresh Mexican | Lunch, Dinner |
| Buckhorn Resort (See ad page 55) | N3919 Buckhorn Dr. 906-387-3559 | Steak, fish, burgers, sandwiches, broasted chicken and pork chops. Alcohol served | Lunch, Dinner |
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| Dogpatch Restaurant (See ad page 55) | 325 E. Superior St. 906-387-9948 | Full menu: steak, fish, burgers, sandwiches. Alcohol served. | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner |
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| Bear Trap Inn (See ad page 46) | N7294 CR H15 906-452-6364 | Full menu: steaks, fish, burgers, sandwiches. Alcohol served | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner |

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| Brownstone Inn | E4635 M28 West 906-892-8332 | Full menu: steaks, fish, seafood, burgers, sandwiches daily specials. Reservations recommended. Alcohol served | Lunch, Dinner |
| Northwoods Outpost | N7627 Arbutus St. (906) 892-8273 | Pizza and sandwiches, ice cream. Take-out only. | Lunch, Dinner |

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| Foggy's Steakhouse & Lounge | E7876 M28 West 906-387-3357 | Full menu: steaks, fish, burgers, pizza. Alcohol served. "Grill Your Own Steaks" 38 | Lunch, Dinner |
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| <p>See Ad Pg. 31</p>  | <p>420 M28 E. • Munising 906-387-2493 • PicturedRocksInn.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65 rooms • 2 blocks to beach • 2 blocks to Trail • Pool/Spa • Lounge • Kitchenettes Available • In-room Amenities • Air Conditioning • Handicap Accessible • Coffee in Lobby • Gift Shop • WIFI |
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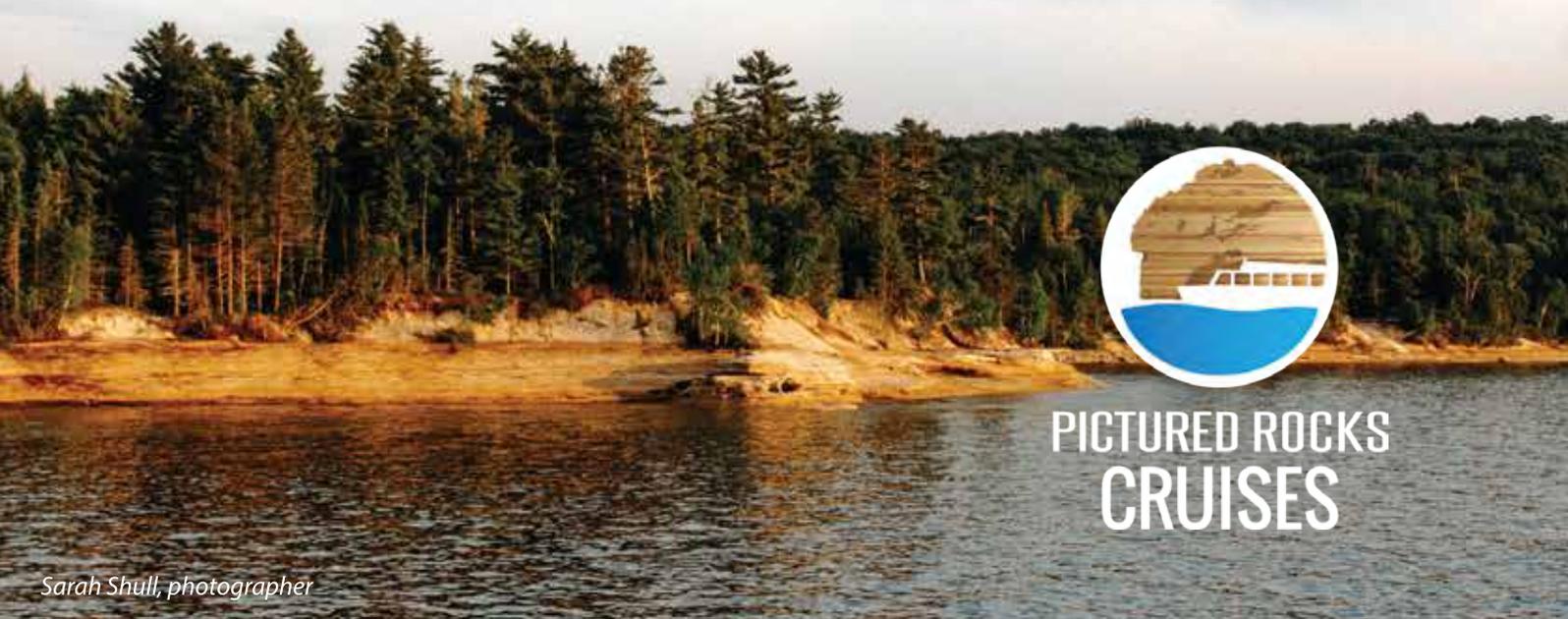
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