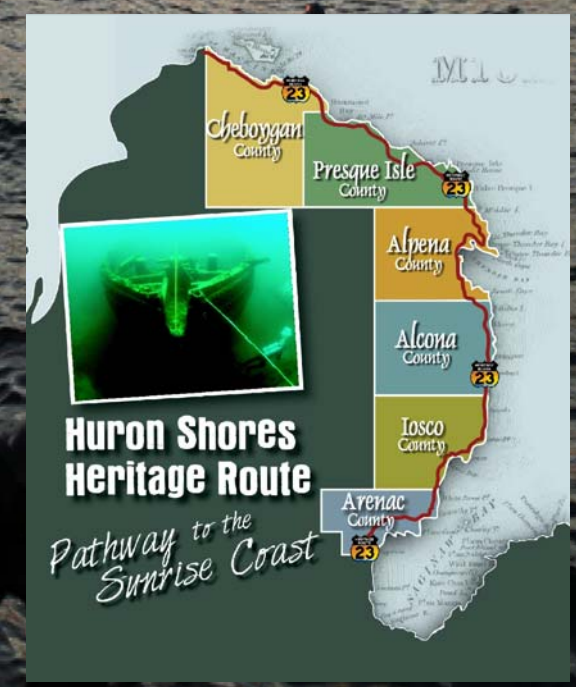


ALPENA COUNTY MICHIGAN



HURON SHORES Heritage Route



Huron Shores Heritage Route
Pathway to the Sunrise Coast

www.us23heritageroute.org

1 Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center/ Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary

Dive in and explore Great Lakes maritime heritage at the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center. Thunder Bay was designated as a national marine sanctuary to protect a nationally significant collection of nearly 200 shipwrecks that lie in Lake Huron off the coast of Alpena County, Michigan. These vessels rest in an area known as Shipwreck Alley and tell stories of the development of the Great Lakes region and the western expansion of the United States. Visitors can fish, kayak, snorkel, or dive the wrecks. If you don't want to get wet, stop by NOAA's Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center in the City of Alpena and experience the interactive Exploring the Shipwreck Century exhibit. The exhibit features a life-size hand-built replica of a portion of a 1800s Great Lakes schooner, a recreation of a shipwreck site, artifact lab, and hundreds of interpretive learning opportunities. www.thunderbay.noaa.gov or call 989-356-8805.

2 City of Alpena Marina

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

3 Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan

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

4 Rockport

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

5 City of Alpena Bi-Path/River Walk

The Alpena Bi-Path is a bicycle and pedestrian pathway system throughout the City. Bike, walk, roller blade and skateboard on the 18 miles of paved pathway and access all the waterfront parks in the city. The Bi-Path follows along the top of the breakwall at the marina, allowing an unobstructed view of Lake Huron. A section follows the shore of the Thunder Bay River through the Alpena County Fairgrounds. The Bi-Path encompasses the Maritime Heritage Trail located along the Thunder Bay River next to the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center and spans the Thunder Bay River to connect the Maritime Heritage Trail to Rotary Island.

6 Downtown Alpena



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



7 Island Park



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

8 Long Lake Park



Long Lake Park is located ten miles north of Alpena, one-half mile off U.S. 23. Situated on the east side of Long Lake, this county park occupies 68 acres. A total of 105 campsites are adjacent to the 5,652 acres of water that make up Long Lake. Water and electricity are available at 80 of these sites with the other 25 sites considered primitive. Park facilities include restrooms/showers, dumping station, concession stand, concrete boat ramp, three docks, nature trails, two pavilions (with electricity), picnic tables, two playgrounds, two swimming beaches, and outdoor trailer storage. Special activities include an annual pig roast and a weekly pot luck dinner. Long Lake Park is open May 15 to September 15. Camping is permitted after September 15 until November 1 on a daily rate schedule. A park caretaker is on-site.

9 Northern Lights Arena & Thunder Bay Recreation Center



Northern Lights Arena, a class-A facility with 2 sheets of ice offering open ice skating, drop-in hockey, and figure skating and is home ice for the Alpena Wildcats (high school hockey) and the Alpena Thunder (Junior class hockey). A 1/8 mile walking track is free to the public. For more information, please call Northern Lights Arena at 989-356-1878.

Thunder Bay Community Recreation Center is a state-of-the-art facility featuring a gymnasium, four regulation-sized tennis courts, and two multi-purpose rooms. TBRC also has an aerobics area and locker facilities. The Recreation Center offers an active schedule of sports and fitness classes. The Thunder Bay Community Recreation Center offers a year-round schedule of classes, athletic leagues, and camps for all ages. For more information, please call the Thunder Bay Recreation Center at 989-354-6164.

10a Paul Bunyan



10b Shinga-ba-Shores

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

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

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

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

TOURIST INFORMATION



Alpena Convention & Visitors Bureau
www.alpenacvb.com 235 W Chishom St
 1-800-4-ALPENA Alpena, MI 49707
 989-354-4181

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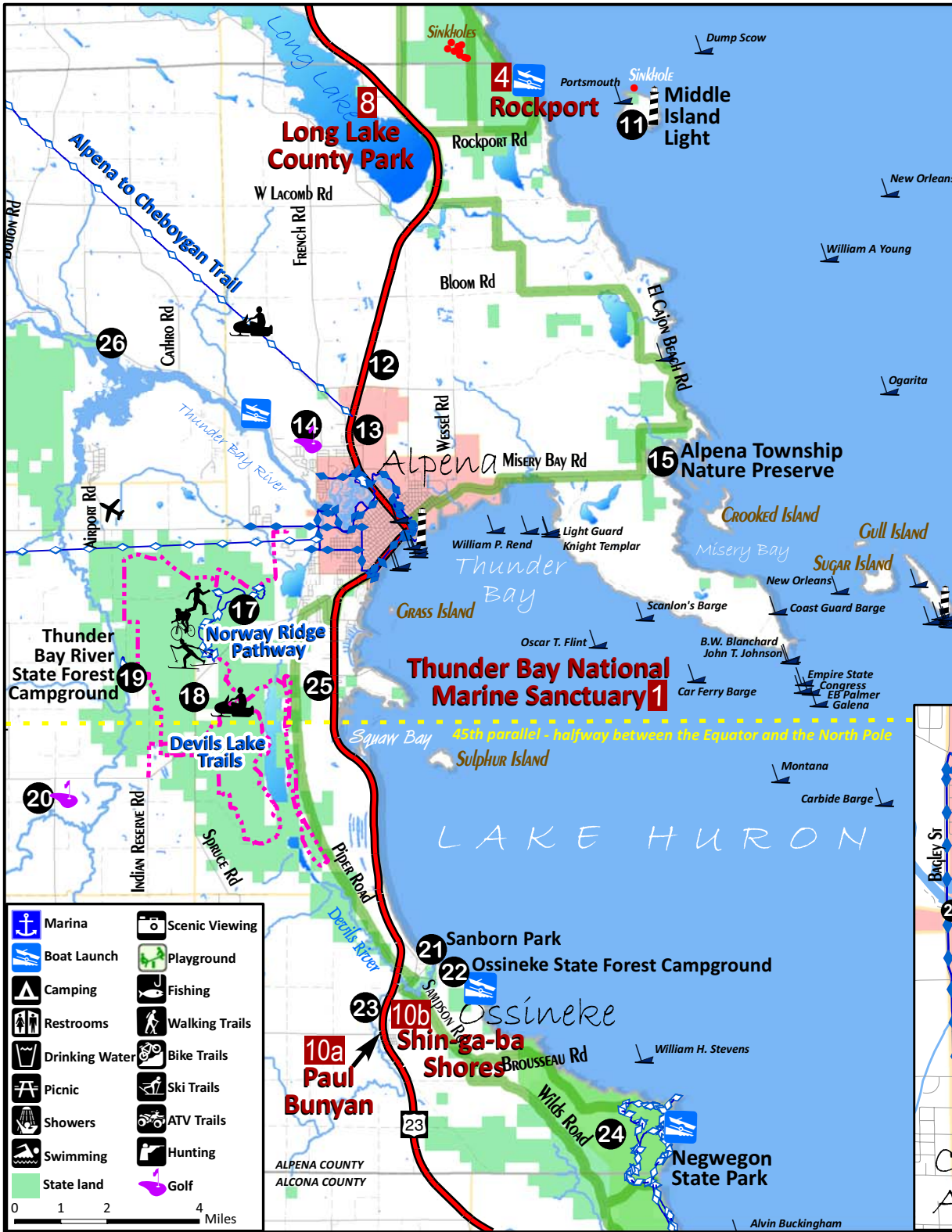
1-10 Featured attractions described on reverse

OTHER OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

- 11 Middle Island Light**
Lighthouse trips 989-619-1013. Narrated 3-4 hour tour includes boat ride, nature walk, and lighthouse viewing. May - October. www.lighthousefestival.org.
 - 12 Alpena Township Park**
Three Little League baseball fields.
 - 13 JJ's Awesome Acres**
Mini-golf, go-karts, bumper boats, air bounce, flight simulator and game room. 1120 US 23 North. 989-354-4414. www.jjawesomeacres.com.
 - 14 Alpena Golf Club**
Public golf course. 1135 Golf Course Road. 989-354-5052. www.alpenagolfclub.com
 - 15 Alpena Township Nature Preserve**
133 acre natural area off Misery Bay Road.
 - 16 Thunder Bay Island Light**
No public access.
 - 17 Norway Ridge Pathway**
4.5 miles of hiking, mountain biking and groomed ski trails. Trailhead off Werth Road.
 - 18 Devils Lake Trails**
26 miles of groomed snowmobile trails.
 - 19 Thunder Bay River State Forest Campground**
Located on Indian Reserve Road.
 - 20 River's Edge Golf Club**
Public golf course. 6373 Werth Road. 989-354-4312. www.riversedgealpena.com.
 - 21 Sanborn Park**
Local park located in Ossineke.
 - 22 Ossineke State Forest Campground**
Rustic campground with 42 sites available on a first come, first serve basis. Day use area with Lake Huron
 - 23 Dinosaur Gardens**
Prehistoric zoo and mini-golf. 11160 US 23 South. 989-471-5477. www.dinosaurgardensllc.com.
 - 24 Negwegon State Park**
Undeveloped State Park with nature trails.
 - 25 Thunder Bay RV Park & Campground**
4250 US 23 South. (989) 354-2528.
 - 26 Campers Cove RV Park & Canoe Livery**
5005 Long Rapids Road. (989)356-3708. camperscove@charterinternet.com
- Fishing and scuba diving charters also available. Please contact the Alpena CVB (989) 354-4181.

PARKS: CITY OF ALPENA

- 27 Duck Park**
- 28 Wildlife Sanctuary**
- 29 Sytek Park**
- 30 Alpena County Fairgrounds**
- 31 Washington Avenue Park**
- 32 Riverside Skate Park**
- 33 LaMarre Park**
- 34 Rotary Island Mill Park**
- 35 McRae Park**
- 36 Avery Park**
- 37 North Riverfront Park**
- 38 South Riverfront Park**
- 39 Bayview Park**
- 40 Thomson Park**
- 41 Blair Street Park**
- 42 Starlite Beach**
- 43 Mich-e-ke-wis Park**



Marina	Scenic Viewing
Boat Launch	Playground
Camping	Fishing
Restrooms	Walking Trails
Drinking Water	Bike Trails
Picnic	Ski Trails
Showers	ATV Trails
Swimming	Hunting
State land	Golf



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Paved Non-Motorized Trail
Unpaved Multi-Use Trail
Snowmobile Trail
Huron Greenways
Footpath

