

MANISTEE COUNTY
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Along Michigan's most scenic highway

M-22

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116

*Miles along the
Lake Michigan Shoreline*

Throughout the year visitors and locals alike flock to Michigan's west coast to experience some of the most picturesque landscape that Mother Nature has to offer.





Photo: 22 North Photography

Sleeping Bear Dunes...

Voted Good Morning America's "Most Beautiful Place in America" in 2011.

In the fall, vibrant colors and farm markets line the road of this scenic highway. Manistee County is the gateway to the Scenic Michigan Highway M-22. Begin your journey in Manistee County and drive north along Lake Michigan. Traffic will slow down and you will quickly realize you and your fellow travelers are all on this road to enjoy the simple pleasures of life and the beautiful landscape that surrounds you.

As you continue north from Manistee County's Coastal Fall Color Tour, you are met with the rolling terrain that provides many moments of panoramic colorscapes.

The M-22 Scenic Highway's Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore was voted the "Most Beautiful Place in America" by Good Morning America in 2011. Since that point in time, the region has boomed by adding new and vibrant businesses to the coastal communities along the route.

Some of the top communities along the way are Glen Arbor, home to Cherry Republic, and we cannot forget about Leland, home to the famous "Fishtown" where shops and dining spots are located right along the coast and Lake Michigan.

No matter what season you find yourself exploring the Lake Michigan coastline and the M-22 Scenic Highway, you are sure to

find an incredible sense of community and relaxation that is unlike any other spot in the Midwest.

Turn up the radio, roll the windows down, smell the fresh, clean, Northern Michigan air, and enjoy your ride along some of the most beautiful roads in the Country.



The Northwest Michigan region is famous for its ability to grow high quality wines. Here we have outlined many along (or near) the M-22 scenic highway. See the location on the map & details on the following pages.



M-22 Coastal Route - Central Section

Continuing north along M-22, voted the Best Scenic Autumn Drive by USA Today in 2015, the central section of the M-22 scenic highway will take you through the heart of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, which was voted the Most Beautiful Place in America by Good Morning America in 2011.

stops ALONG THE WAY

Top spots to stop, shop, eat, and relax on your vacation along M-22

Stormcloud Brewing Co.



Brewing Belgian inspired ales, also serving handcrafted cider and wine. The Frankfort Pub near Lake Michigan features flatbread pizzas, small plate apps, soups, salads, sandwiches, specialty popcorn. Tour the Brewery and Tasting Room.

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(231) 352-0118

stormcloudbrewing.com

Pub: 303 Main Street, Frankfort
Brewery & Tasting Room: 366 Parkview Lane.

Riverside Canoe Trips



Come experience the beautiful Platte River. Only 45 minutes north of Manistee-halfway between Frankfort and Empire on M-22 at the Platte River Bridge. We offer Canoeing, Kayaking, Tubing, Rafting, and Boating. Our "Family Friendly" Lower Platte trip ends at the SUGAR SAND beach of Platte River Point on Lake Michigan. Open with river trips thru Mid-Oct.

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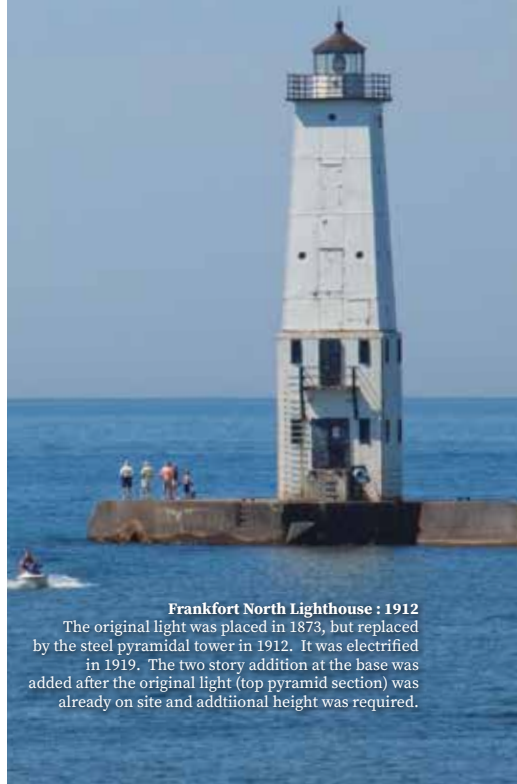
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1 EXPLORE ELBERTA : When you are nearly 10 minutes from Frankfort, you will drive through a chute of trees and see Elberta (1) and Frankfort (2) in the distance, flanked by the burnt oranges and reds against the aqua water of Lake Michigan.

2 DOWNTOWN FRANKFORT & STORMCLOUD BREWING COMPANY: When you make your way around Betsie Lake, you will head straight down Main Street through the heart of the downtown, where there are great opportunities to grab lunch, take in some shopping and see the historic **Frankfort lighthouse at the waterfront park.** If you have time, be sure to drive down Forest and Leelanau Avenues and enjoy the abundance of restored Victorian homes that adorn these streets. Many are painted in vibrant colors with lush landscaping and wrap-around porches.



Frankfort North Lighthouse : 1912
The original light was placed in 1873, but replaced by the steel pyramidal tower in 1912. It was electrified in 1919. The two story addition at the base was added after the original light (top pyramid section) was already on site and additional height was required.

Photo: 22 North Photography



Sleeping Bear Dunes Overlook Along Scenic Drive
High atop the rolling dunes, you will have the opportunity to look out over the beautiful Lake Michigan waters.

3 THE POINT BETSIE LIGHTHOUSE: Considered one of the most famous and oldest standing landmarks in all of Benzie County, the Point Betsie Lighthouse marks the southern nautical entrance to the Manitou Passage. It was built in 1858 and may be toured on Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Day to Columbus Day in the early afternoons.

4 6 7 THE SLEEPING BEAR SAND DUNES NATURE TRAILS: Miles of sandy beaches, bluffs that tower 450' above Lake Michigan, lush forests and crystal clear inland lakes await you on this stretch of your Michigan Fall Color Tour! If you feel like stretching your legs, feel free to get out and enjoy the hiking trails of Old Indian Trail (13), Platte Plains (14) or the Empire Bluff Trail (15). All explore the deep hardwoods of the National Lakeshore ending on the shores of Lake Michigan on the rolling sands of the dunes. Each trail hike can take 1.0-1.5 hours.

5 RIVERSIDE CANOE TRIPS ALONG THE PLATTE RIVER: Perfectly located right at M-22 and the Platte River Crossing, Riverside Canoe Trips offers a variety of river trips along the Platte River. They are open through Mid-October, so you should be able to get into some beautiful fall color along the river. Reservations are suggested: Call 231.325.5622 for details and trip information.

8 EMPIRE: Quaint shops, small cafes and outdoor activities are contained within and surround the Village of Empire! Here you will also find information on the entire National Lakeshore at the Visitors Center/Park Headquarters East of Empire.

9 SLEEPING BEAR SAND DUNES SCENIC DRIVE: Find yourself high atop the Lake Michigan shoreline and explore the National Lakeshore's Scenic Drive. This 7.4 mile drive loops you through the forest and along the coastline. A national park vehicle pass is required for trail and scenic drive use and costs \$25 (\$20/motorcycle). Passes are good for 7 days, or an annual pass can be purchased for \$45.

10 THE DUNE CLIMB ALONG M-109: As you leave the scenic drive, a few miles north you will come across the Dune Climb. This is again a great spot to stop and enjoy the fall color and clear waters of Glen Lake in the distance. The Dune Climb is a great spot to snap a photo of the entire family.

Wineries

1 St. Ambrose Cellars
40 years of beekeeping led them to make Mead. From there, they added wine, and now cider.

2 Cherry Republic
Enjoy five complimentary tastings from their main menu, or for \$7, you can try their special reserve wines.

3 Glen Arbor Wines
Taste their wines (sparkling, red, white and rose) and cider in their quaint tasting house.

4 M-22 Wine
Blackstar Farms teamed up with M-22 to develop 13 great wine selections to choose from.

5 Good Harbor Vineyards
Good Harbor has been producing award winning wines since 1980.

Wineries

6 Laurentide Winery

White, red, rose, fruit and sparkling wines make up their menu.

7 Amoritas Vineyards

8 varieties of white wines and one cider make up their tasting room.

8 Boathouse Vineyards

Open since 2012, their tasting house features a variety of wine tasting options overlooking Lake Leelanau.

9 Chateau Fontaine

Overlooking the vineyard, the tasting room features Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Riesling, Gewurztraminer, Pinot Noir, and Merlot.

10 Bel Lago Vineyards

Beautiful views of Lake Leelanau can be expected when tasting hard ciders, fruit wines, whites & reds.

11 Verterra Winery

Located in downtown Leland across from Bluebird Restaurant in a historic building, featuring a large variety of wines.

12 Bluestone Vineyards

This modern designed tasting room offers panoramic views of the vineyard along with an outdoor terrace.

13 45 North Vinyard

Relaxing, warm and comfortable. Also offers winery tours.

11 HISTORIC VILLAGE OF GLEN HAVEN: Here you can visit the Sleeping Bear Point Coast Guard Station Maritime Museum as well as many beautifully restored century-old buildings. Next to the Museum you will also find a trail (The Dunes Trail) which gives you another opportunity to hike the Lakeshore.

12 GLEN ARBOR: As you arrive in Glen Arbor, you will find yourself in a bustling little village that thrives throughout the year. Rent bikes, scooters, or just walk around the village and visit destination places like the M-22 shop, Cherry Republic and much more! Also take in the few wine tasting stops in the heart of this quaint coastal community.

13 PYRAMID POINT: Just off of Port Oneida Road. Here you will take the walking path through the hardwoods and pop out high atop the bluff with picturesque views of the Manitou Islands and Good Harbor Bay. A must stop if you have the time and want to experience superb fall color and a Lake Michigan Sunset. Keep in mind, if you do stop, it takes about 90 minutes to go out and back and will delay your arrival to Leland. Some shops will be closed before you arrive if it is later in the afternoon.

14 LELAND & FISHTOWN: Once you arrive in Leland, you will find excellent shopping, dining and local attractions as well as Historic Fishtown. Fishtown

celebrates Northern Michigan's commercial fishing heritage and is alive and well in this small community. Fishtown is one of the last remaining commercial fishing villages in the State of Michigan and is now integrated with clothing boutiques, art galleries and specialty food shops.

15 GRAND TRAVERSE LIGHTHOUSE & LEELANAU STATE PARK: North of M-22 and Northport, you will come across a beautiful nature area with one of the oldest lighthouses in the region.

16 SUTTONS BAY: After taking in a few wine stops following your visit to the Grand Traverse Light and Leelanau State Park, you will come across Suttons Bay. A great coastal community with shopping, galleries and unique dining stops, this is a must stop after a day of color tours along M-22. Make sure to stop by HopLot which is open year round and is home to an outdoor beer garden and a never-ending bonfire.

RETURN TO MANISTEE COUNTY: You have just traversed all of the 116 mile M-22 Scenic Highway (and some great detours and stops along the way). Take a turn down Front Street in Traverse City and explore the shopping and dining options, or just swing south and head back to Manistee County via US-31. You are only about an hour from Downtown Manistee.



Historic Fishtown in Leland
Shops and restaurants are found along the waters leading to Lake Michigan in Downtown Leland.



Grand Traverse Light : 1858
Located in the Leelanau State Park, the Grand Traverse Lighthouse is one of the oldest lighthouses in Michigan.



M-22 Coastal Route - North Section

Continuing north from Leland, you will come across Northport and Woolsey Lake Road to the Grand Traverse Lighthouse, on the northern tip of the Leelanau Peninsula. From there swing south through Suttons Bay where you can return to Manistee Co. via US-31 South.

RETURN to Manistee County - 1 hour drive

Wineries

14 Aurora Cellars

Their beautiful historic inspired tasting room and outdoor seating is a great way to spend the day.

15 Green Bird Organic Cellars

Taste wine from Michigan's only certified organic vineyard.

16 Leelanau Wine Cellars

Free wine tasting since 1974, this is one of the most established wineries in the region.

17 Silver Leaf Vineyard

18 Raftshol Vineyards

19 French Valley Vineyards

Waterfront views of Grand Traverse Bay featuring their award winning wine.

20 Black Star Farms

A MUST stop in the region, Black Star Farms features a diverse selection of wine and dining options.

21 MAWBY Vineyards

Offering complimentary pours and a paid flight option for visitors.

22 Willow Vineyard

23 Ciccone Vineyard

24 Shady Lane Cellars

Offering great wine options and a beautiful outdoor tasting area.