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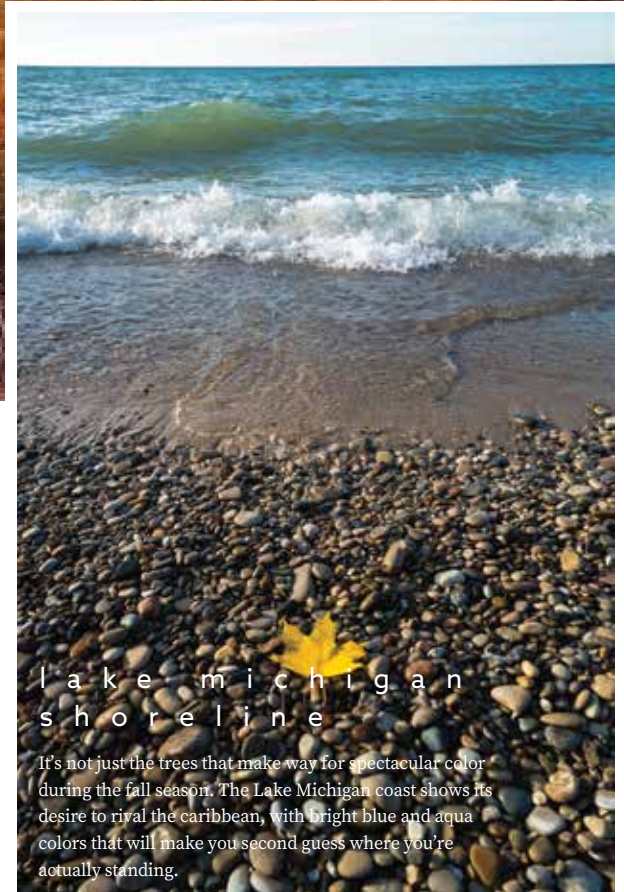
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COASTAL ROUTE

As summer days become shorter and evening temperatures begin to cool on Michigan's Northwest coast, we look forward to sweatshirt weather, nighttime gatherings around a beach bonfire, and of course the spectacular fall color. From mid-September through late October our region becomes a sought-out destination for experiencing the splendor of the autumn season.

Fall festivals, farm stands, craft brews and spirits, apple orchards, scenic tours and more bring travelers to our region from destinations near and far.

In Manistee County our fall color happens in two distinct phases. While our Lake Michigan coastal communities tend to stay greener longer with warmth from the lake, our inland route shows earlier signs of fall color particularly in the higher elevations. Choose the US-31 Inland Route for an early season visit, or the M-22 Coastal Route for a late season fall color tour.



stops ALONG THE WAY

Top spots to stop, shop, eat and relax on your vacation to Manistee County.



The Outpost **A**

The Outpost has been "The lifestyle shop" in Manistee since 1999, specializing in clothing, accessories and more from select brands like The North Face, Patagonia, Kuhl, Lole, Tribal, and more. Also check out their awesome specialty coffee and tea bar in the

(231) 398-5556

OutpostManistee.com

359 River St.
Downtown Manistee

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The Ideal Kitchen **B**

This great spot in Downtown Manistee is "Making your kitchen the ideal place to be." Shelley, The Ideal Kitchen Owner and her great staff are extremely knowledgeable about all the products they carry and can help you find the perfect add-on to your kitchen. They feature great products from KitchenAid, All-Clad, Wusthof, USA Pan, Polish Pottery and much more. Open 7 days.

(231) 398-9895

theidealkitchen.com

421 River St.
Downtown Manistee

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Surroundings **C**

Surroundings sells cigars, cigar accessories, candles, incense and unique gifts. Relax in our smoking lounge and enjoy a cigar. With a large walk-in humidor and Smoke Nights held the first and third Wednesday of each month, Surroundings is a special place where you enter as strangers, but leave as friends.

231-723-0637

423 River St.
Downtown Manistee

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Places to stay in the heart of Manistee

Try any of these great spots in Manistee to call "home base" for your fall color trips

Days Inn

1462 Manistee Hwy
(231) 723-8385

Dempsey Manor B & B

506 Maple St
(616) 802-4588

Instalaunch Cabins & Camp.

20 Park Ave
(231) 723-3901

Lakeshore Motel

101 S Lakeshore Dr
(231) 723-2667

Little River Casino Resort

2700 Orchard Hwy (Point 19 on map)
(231) 723-1535

Manistee Hotel

200 Arthur St
(231) 887-4500

Manistee Inn & Marina

378 River St
(231) 723-4000

Manistee National Golf & Resort

4797 Grant Hwy
(231) 398-0123

Microtel Inn & Suites

226 E Parkdale Ave
(231) 398-0008

Ramsdell Inn

399 River St
(231) 398-7901

Riverside Motel & Marina

520 Water St
(231) 723-3554

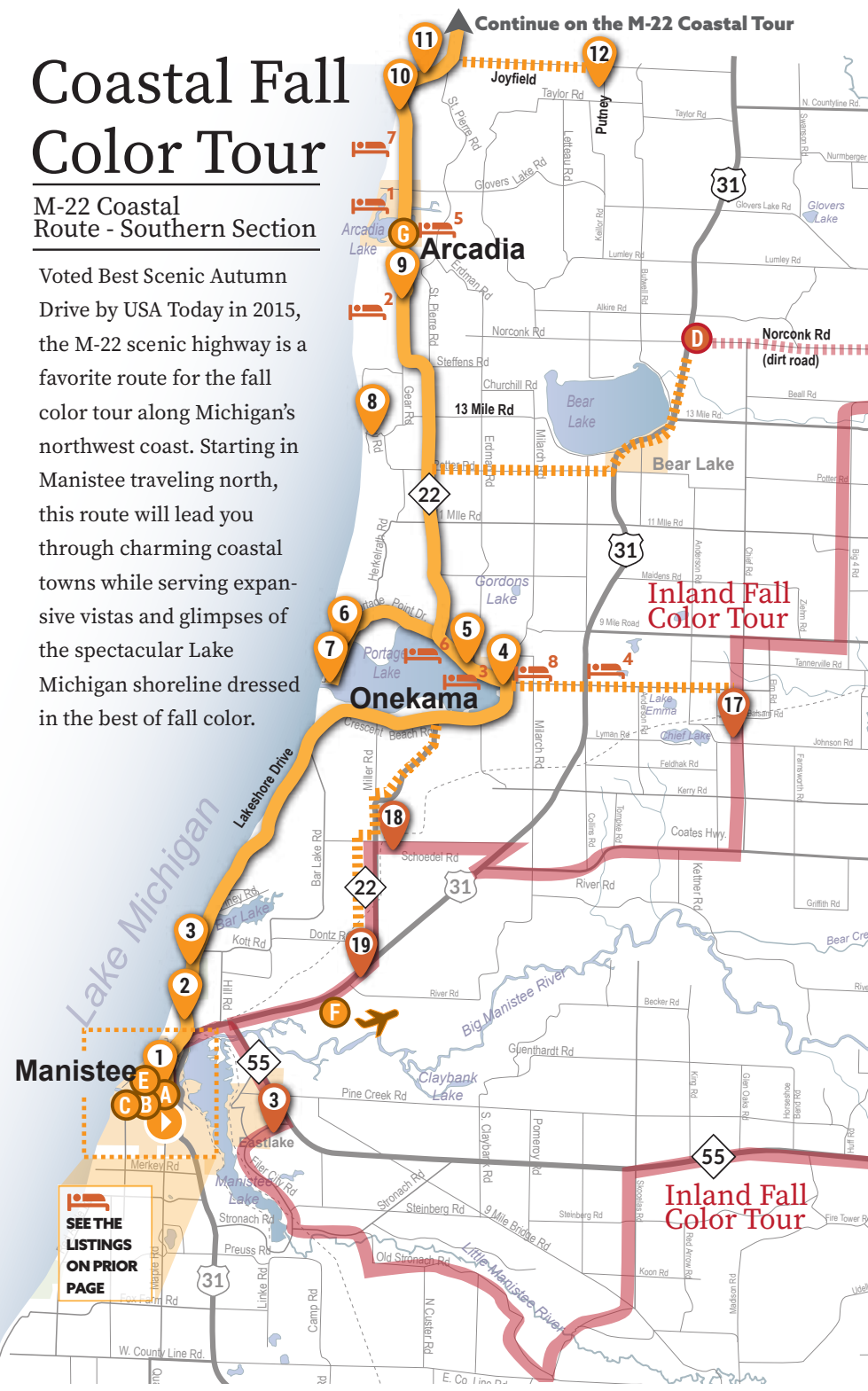
Super 8

220 Arthur St
(231) 794-6140

Coastal Fall Color Tour

M-22 Coastal Route - Southern Section

Voted Best Scenic Autumn Drive by USA Today in 2015, the M-22 scenic highway is a favorite route for the fall color tour along Michigan's northwest coast. Starting in Manistee traveling north, this route will lead you through charming coastal towns while serving expansive vistas and glimpses of the spectacular Lake Michigan shoreline dressed in the best of fall color.



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Inn Fun Cruises E



Experience Lake Michigan in an all new way. Enjoy a PRIVATE day or evening cruise in total relaxation aboard their 28-foot boat. They provide light, local snacks and beverages – all you need to bring is a camera and someone special. A perfect addition to any vacation or any special occasion.

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231-889-4281 | www.innfuncruises.com
PORT: Downtown Manistee at Taco 'Bout It.



Douglas Valley 18 Winery & Tasting Room

Douglas Valley is Manistee County's and Michigan's first vineyard community. Our vast selection of wines and hard ciders are available for tasting at the tasting house (point 18). We also feature live music on Sundays during the summer months. If you don't want to make the trip out to the farm, be sure to visit our tasting room located at 431 River Street in Downtown Manistee.

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(231) 887-3333 | douglasvalley.net
5375 Douglas Valley, Manistee



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(231) 889-0352
8011 1st St, Onekama
macbethandcompany.com

MacBeth & Company 4

Gift and clothing boutique featuring delightfully unexpected products you'll love, presents for every occasion and dazzling customer service. Open weekends Labor Day thru Christmas.



1 RIVER STREET DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES
Shop and dine in the historic buildings of downtown Manistee. You will be greeted by friendly merchants who hand picked an eclectic inventory of their favorite things for you. If it's your lucky day, you just may see a freighter winding its way through the Manistee River Channel.

2 M-110 LAKESHORE DRIVE
One of Manistee's most unique routes, follow the winding Lakeshore Drive beginning in Manistee and ending in Onekama. Want autumn colors galore? Try this one out on a mid-October day.

3 ORCHARD BEACH STATE PARK TRAILS
The park offers a great hike for the casual hiker. It's quick and scenic with many information stations along the trails. Learn about the natural history of the State Park and Manistee County shoreline. This is also a great spot for a morning cross country ski in the winter months. The nature trails are part of the state park, therefore a state park passport is required. You can obtain a pass at the ranger station in the park.

18 DOUGLAS VALLEY WINERY:
(5375 Douglas Valley Drive)
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19 LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT:
(2700 Orchard Highway)
When you escape to Little River Casino Resort, you'll find all the slots, video gaming and live table games you love. In addition there are concerts, live entertainment, a spa, and restaurants to choose from.

4 DOWNTOWN ONEKAMA AND MACBETH & COMPANY
Known as the "two lake town" Onekama is home to numerous shops and great spots to stop and grab a bite to eat. One "must stop shop" is most certainly MacBeth and Company. Home to many made in Michigan lifestyle products, MacBeth is a great spot to pick up your Northern Michigan keepsake.

17 NORTHERN NATURAL CIDER:
(7220 Chief Rd., Kaleva)
Featuring 14 flavors of premium hard cider plus 13 wines including Chardonnay, Riesling and Dry Riesling. Growlers and iced hard apple cider are fan faves as well, for the visitors to the roomy, comfortable tasting room. Also offering live music on their outdoor stage.

5 GLEN PARK MINERAL SPRINGS
The area around the springs was platted Glen Park in 1916 and was later deeded back to Onekama Township for public access. Today, Glen Springs is one of the most picturesque places in Michigan. The Springs are located off of 4th Avenue in Onekama.

6 ARTESIAN WELL ON PORTAGE POINT DRIVE
Explore Portage Lake and Lake Michigan from this beautiful spot. Also check out the Artesian well along Portage Point Drive on your way to the Inn, or back towards M-22. It is about .25 miles down the road on the south side from the intersection of M-22 and Portage Point Drive. It contains some of the freshest spring-fed water you will find in Michigan.



Portage Point Resort: 1903
One of the most iconic family travel destinations in Manistee County

7 PORTAGE POINT RESORT
Known as the sister resort to the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Portage Point Inn has been a destination for families since the turn of the 20th Century.

8 PIERPORT/OLD FACEFULL
As you continue north along M-22, you will come across a whole host of farm markets and fruit stands during the fall season. Pick your giant pumpkins and take them home for carving. You will also find many seasonal vegetables available that were grown by 4th and 5th generation farming families in Manistee County.

9 ARCADIA BLUFFS GOLF CLUB
This is one of the top 10 public golf courses in the Country. It welcomes golfers from across the globe to play its greens every year. The Lodge contains a wonderful restaurant, and bar area with spectacular views across the rolling manicured fairways, eventually dropping off into the rolling waves of Lake Michigan. Many who have gazed out from the deck have said that this view is one that defines "Pure Michigan."

More cool spots near the route

D Wee Bee Jammin'
Taste local jam and artisan products made in Michigan.

F Scenic Air Tours
To experience the magic of the fall season in Manistee County, make sure to take a scenic air tour. Orchard Beach Aviation offers private scenic tours by plane of the fall foliage surrounding Lake Michigan beaches, Manistee and Portage Lake. See amber-hued fields and brilliantly colored forests. There is no better way to experience the colors than from a birds-eye view. \$30/person.

G Arcadia Marsh Nature Preserve
Newly opened in summer of 2019. This all new universally accessible trail meanders through the beautiful Arcadia Marsh. This 1.5 mile (round trip) boardwalk allows visitors and locals to explore the native wildlife and learn about the species that live there. Information stations and scenic overlooks are located along the entire trail system.

Manistee Dining

The Fillmore

Great food, including wood-fired pizza, locally sourced ingredients and an exciting selection of Michigan Beers, Wine, & Craft Cocktails with Michigan Spirits.

Bluefish Kitchen

Featuring an extensive wine list, craft beer and artisan cocktails, hand-cut steaks, farm-to-table and artisan fare, and a large selection of Great Lakes fish artfully prepared by their team of chefs.

T.J.'s Pub

Offering fresh lunch & dinner menus with many Michigan products and a large selection of liquor and bottled beer & wine.

North Channel Brewing Company

Texas-inspired BBQ and southern specialties, and also features tacos, burgers, macaroni and cheeses, salads, and 12 rotating taps.

Onekama Dining

Yellow Dog Cafe

Simple, clean food crafted with locally sourced ingredients. Enjoy delicious breakfast sandwiches, frittatas, muffins, scones, soups, salads & sandwiches.

Shirley's Place

Daily Specials, Broasted Chicken, Homemade Soups, Pizza, Subs and more plus Full Bar, Beer & Wine. Casual, family-and-friends atmosphere.



Arcadia Overlook, also known as Inspiration Point
Just north of the Manistee County line, the Overlook allows for panoramic Lake Michigan views across much of the County. At dusk, you can see the lights of the Onekama Harbor.

10 ARCADIA OVERLOOK
The view from Arcadia Bluffs is one of the views that defines "Pure Michigan". You will see the parking lot packed during the fall as people climb up the 120 steps to the top of the scenic overlook. You can see clearly down to Onekama and Manistee in the distance.

12 GRAVITY HILL
Visit the special section of Putney Rd. known as Gravity Hill and try to answer the age-old question, "If the car is in neutral, why does it seem to be rolling up a hill?" Some call it an optical illusion, others call it a mystical anomaly. Try it on a skateboard or bike too. Putney Rd. crosses Joyfield Rd. between US 31 and M-22. Travel south from Joyfield Rd. and stop at a point 150 to 200 ft. beyond the "Stop Ahead" sign on the east side of the road, then put your car in neutral. You will roll all the way back up the hill to the Blaine Christian Church.

11 OLD BALDY UNIVERSAL ACCESS TRAIL TO THE BLUFF
This universally accessible trail is about 0.5 miles and will take you to the overlook (pictured here). All skill levels are encouraged to experience this incredible trail. If you have more time, and are up to the challenge, hike the complete trail to the Old Baldy Dune. This will take about 2 hours to hike out and back. The trails leading up to the overlook are spectacular and the color is sure to impress. You will feel like you are at Sleeping Bear Dunes but with a fraction of the people.



Old Baldy Trail
The overlook is a beautiful spot for taking in an evening sunset or just a nice place to get out and stretch your legs after sitting in the car.



QUAINT PLACES TO STAY ALONG THE COASTAL ROUTE

- 1 Arcadia House B&B**
17304 Northwood Hwy, Arcadia
(231) 889-4394
- 2 Arcadia Bluffs Golf Club**
14710 Northwood Hwy, Arcadia
(231) 889-3001
- 3 Green Buoy Resort**
5190 Main St, Onekama
(231) 889-7325
- 4 Inn at the Alpine**
8127 Chippewa Hwy, Bear Lake
(231) 889-4281
- 5 Pleasant Valley Resort Motel**
17229 Northwood Hwy, Arcadia
(231) 889-4194
- 6 Portage Lake Motel**
4714 Main St, Onekama
(231) 889-4921
- 7 Sunset Valley Resort**
18726 Burnham Dr, Arcadia
(231) 889-5987
- 8 Travelers Motel**
5606 8 Mile Rd, Onekama
(231) 889-7076

Explore the coast by land, water or sky!

When we think of embarking on a fall color tour, often we envision packing the car, snacks in tow, charting a course along a scenic highway, with a destination somewhere north. Manistee County ranks high amongst popular fall color tour destinations in the state of Michigan, but not just because of our scenic by-ways. Our region offers one of the most diverse locations for experiencing the wonders of the fall season from many unique perspectives.

This year, when planning your fall color tour, think outside of the box (in this case the box is your car) and explore the colors of our coastal region in one of these unique ways.

VACATION RENTALS SERVING THE AREA

CENTURY 21 Boardwalk Vacation Rentals
(231) 645-7368

Crystal Adventures Vacation Prop.
(231) 378-2831

West Shore Vacation Rentals
(231) 723-6599

Crystal Vacation Rentals
(231) 864-4020

Portage Point Resort
(231) 889-7500

Unsalted Vacations
(616) 224-0005