

# M-22 LAKE MICHIGAN MICHIGAN COASTAL TOUR



## Lake Michigan Coastal Tour

Continuing north from Arcadia along M-22 and the Manistee County Natural Wonders Tour, you will make your way along the "Best Scenic Autumn Drive" as voted by USA Today and through the "Most Beautiful Place in America" as voted by Good Morning America in the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

If you are a first-timer on M-22 or frequent visitor, there is always something new to discover and explore along our beautiful lakeshore.

MANISTEE COUNTY  
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8+  
HOURS

15  
TOUR  
STOPS

75  
MILES

MAP KEY

OFFICIAL TOUR STOPS

- Tour Stops Along The Route
- Recommended Route

STOPS ALONG THE WAY

- Detour route to great stops off M-22
- Hiking Trails

- Photo Stop
- Foodie Stop
- Craft Beer, Wine, Spirits
- Historic Site
- Shopping Stop
- Golf Course
- Watersport Rentals

**Visit The Official Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes Visitors Center**  
Pick up your day-use parking/permits and gather all of the hiking and trail maps you will need for your trip. 9922 W. Front St. Empire 231.326.4700



### Wineries along M-22

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

### Golf along M-22

- Dunes' Golf Club (1)**  
18 holes of relaxing, playable golf at only 5730 yards.
- Manitou Passage Golf Club (2)**  
An Arnold Palmer Signature Course that plays 6,668 from the tips with a par 71.
- Sugar Loaf - The Old Course (3)**  
A classic course layout at 6,787 yards and a par of 72.

### Central Section scenic highway M-22



**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 Good Harbor Vineyards**

Good Harbor has been producing award-winning wines since 1980.

**5 French Valley Vineyard**

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**

**10 Bel Lago Vineyards**

**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.

**Foodie Stop**  
**The Cabbage Shed : (231) 352-9843 | 198 Frankfort Ave.**  
*Dine right on the water at the Cabbage Shed with classic American favorites. Be sure to try their Famous Shed Borscht soup and wrap up your lunch or dinner with the Shed Sundae. Be sure to also stop in for some live music on the patio.*

**2 DOWNTOWN FRANKFORT**

When you make your way around Betsie Lake, you will turn left 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.



**Beer Stop**  
**STORMCLOUD BREWING CO.**  
**(231) 352-0118 | 303 Main St.**  
*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.*

**3 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.



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**4 5 6 SLEEPING BEAR SAND DUNES HIKING 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 M-22 Scenic Coastal Tour! If you feel like stretching your legs, feel free to get out and enjoy the hiking trails of **Old Indian Trail (4)**, **Platte Plains (5)** or the **Empire Bluff Trail (6)**. 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.

**Foodie Stop**  
**The Manitou Restaurant**  
**(231) 882-4761 | 4349 N. Scenic Hwy.**  
*A casual atmosphere featuring artfully prepared favorites like great lakes yellow perch, fresh whitefish, nutty rainbow trout, crispy duck with homemade cherry sauce, BBQ ribs, char grilled steaks and lobster tail.*

**Watersport Stop**  
**Riverside Canoe Trips**  
**(231) 325-5622 | 5042 N. Scenic Hwy.**  
*Get out and enjoy some time on the famous Platte River, a perfect float for all ages. Located right on M-22, offering rafting, kayaking, canoeing, tubing and boating. The lower Platte River trip ends right on Lake Michigan and is a perfect way to spend a summer afternoon. The total trip time is about 2-3 hours.*

**7 EXPLORE EMPIRE**

Quaint shops, small cafes and outdoor activities are contained within and surround the Village of Empire! Be sure to stop at the Empire Area Museum and their 6 historic buildings showcasing turn-of-the-century 1900s life in the area.

**Foodie Stop**  
**Joe's Friendly Tavern : (231) 326-5506 | 11015 W. Front St.**  
*Home to the best burger in Northern Michigan as voted by the viewers of 7/4 News, their award winning burgers have been featured in national publications and papers. You must try them if you stop at Joe's.*

**8 PIERCE STOCKING SCENIC DRIVE**



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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.

**GLEN ARBOR FOOD STOPS**

**Cherry Republic**  
**(231) 226-3014 | 5109 S. Lake St.**  
*A popular favorite in Glen Arbor, Cherry Republic features a great eatery and ALL THINGS Cherries! Pies, treats, and more!*

**Good Harbor Grill**  
**(231) 334-3555 | 6584 Western Ave.**  
*Nautical-themed American eatery dispenses local fare with global spices amid warm wood panel walls.*

**GLEN ARBOR SHOPPING STOPS**

**Cottage Book Shop**  
**(231) 334-4223 | 5989 S. Lake St.**  
*They have something for every reader in their beautifully restored log cabin storefront in the heart of Glen Arbor.*

**Glen Arbor Arts Center**  
**(231) 334-6112 | 6031 S. Lake St.**  
*Stop in to see the latest featured artists in their gallery or sign up for a class.*

**M-22 Store**  
**(231) 334-4425 | 6295 W. Western Ave.**  
*Grab your official M-22 gear at the HQ for the M-22 Brand. Lifestyle clothing, accessories and much more.*



## 9 THE DUNE CLIMB

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 scenery and clear waters of Glen Lake in the distance. The Dune Climb is a great spot to snap a photo of the entire family.

## 10 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.

## 11 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.

## 12 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 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.

## 13 EXPLORE LELAND & HISTORIC 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.

 **Foodie Stop**  
**The Cove : (231) 256-9834 | 111 W. River St.**  
 Waterfront dining in the heart of Fishtown specializing in serving fresh Lake Michigan whitefish, prime cuts and their famous seafood chowder. Known for the signature cocktail, "The Chubby Mary."

 **Foodie & Market Stop**  
**Market M22 : (231) 228-6422 | 497 E. Harbor Hwy.**  
 Tap into an upscale deli experience combined with the charm of all that Northern Michigan has to offer. Featuring fresh and artfully prepared breakfast, lunch and dinner favorites along with their award winning Detroit style pizza, this is a must stop for a quick bite and to meander through the store.

## 14 GRAND TRAVERSE LIGHT & 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.

## 15 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 exploring M-22.

 **Beer Stop**  
**Hop Lot Brewing Co. & Beer Garden**  
 (231) 866-4445 | 658 S W Bay Shore Dr.  
 Open year round and home to an outdoor beer garden and a never-ending bonfire. They also offer a fresh menu and 15+ beers and ciders on tap!

 **END of self-guided tour**, from Suttons Bay you may continue south along M-22 until reaching Traverse City, and return to Manistee via US-31 south.



-  **Verterra Winery**  
 Located in downtown Leland across from Bluebird Restaurant in a historic building, featuring a large variety of wines.
-  **Soul Squeeze Cellars**
-  **Bluestone Vineyards**
-  **45 North Vinyard**
-  **Aurora Cellars**
-  **Green Bird Organic Cellars**  
 Taste wine from Michigan's only certified organic vineyard.
-  **Leelanau Wine Cellars**  
 Free wine tasting since 1974, this is one of the most established wineries in the region.
-  **Silver Leaf Vineyard**
-  **Raftshol Vineyards**
-  **French Valley Vineyards**
-  **Black Star Farms**  
 A MUST stop in the region, Black Star Farms features a diverse selection of wine and dining options.
-  **MAWBY Vineyards**
-  **Willow Vineyard**
-  **Ciccione Vineyard**
-  **Shady Lane Cellars**

