

lake michigan

scenic coastal tour

along the M-22 highway

See the Lake Michigan shoreline
at the Arcadia Overlook

Explore one of the most scenic drives in the Midwest and the “Best Scenic Autumn Drive in the USA” as voted by USA Today - 2015. This 100+ mile stretch of road will take you along Lake Michigan and to nine quaint coastal communities through the heart of the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes National Lakeshore.

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**Recommended Start Location:
Downtown Manistee**

Begin your Lake Michigan Scenic Coastal Tour in the heart of Downtown Manistee. Here you can explore the Big Manistee River Channel along the 2-mile Manistee Riverwalk - where there are 18 historic markers that explain much of the natural and industrial history that took place along this coastline along with the Origins Walk at First Street Beach.

1 Orchard Beach State Park  
GPS: 44.283791, -86.313410

Found along M-110 (Lakeshore Drive) on your way towards M-22, you will come across Orchard Beach State Park. It's home to a great seasonal state park (very popular with camping enthusiasts) and a beginner level trail system.

2 Lake Bluff Bird Sanctuary  
GPS: 44.290736, -86.309736

This 76-acre wildlife sanctuary is home to 178 bird species and is one of the most popular northern Michigan destinations for birdwatching on this 5-acre arboretum. Here you will find 2 Michigan champion trees, along with the only sequoia in Michigan. You can also gain access to the Lake Michigan shoreline.

3 Glen Park Mineral Springs  
GPS: 44.368751, -86.209142



Pioneer residents of Onekama were active in the development of the Glen, where the first bona fide resort in Manistee County rose and fell during the late 1800s. The springs on the property had "rare combinations of the curative and health-giving properties," as found in testing. Today, the springs are frequently visited by locals and tourists alike.










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STOPS ALONG THE WAY

-  Hiking Trails
-  Photo Stop
-  Foodie Stop
-  Historic Site
-  Shopping Stop
-  Places to Stay
-  Golf Course

Stay along M-22

1

Arcadia Bluffs Golf Club

14710 Northwood Hwy, Arcadia
(800) 494-8666

2

Coho Resort & Cabins

8175 Portage St, Onekama
(231) 889-4253

3 VACATION RENTAL

Evolve Vacation Rentals @ Portage Point Resort

8567 Portage Point Drive
Onekama | (231) 889-7500

4

Inn at the Alpine

8127 Chippewa Hwy, Bear Lake
(231) 889-4281

5

Little River Casino Resort

2700 Orchard Hwy, Manistee
(866) 466-7338

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Pleasant Valley Resort Motel

17229 Northwood Hwy,
Arcadia | (231) 889-4194

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Portage Lake Motel

4714 Main St, Onekama
(231) 889-4921

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Motel Bear Lake

12273 West St. | 231-224-6273

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Sunset Valley Resort

18726 Burnham Dr, Arcadia
(231) 889-5987

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Travelers Motel

5606 8 Mile Rd, Onekama
(231) 889-7076

11 VACATION RENTAL

West Shore Vacation Rentals

(231) 723-6599

VACATION RENTAL

Anew Management Co.

231-753-8118

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Artesian Well

GPS: 44.376511, -86.227881

Manistee County has two popular artesian wells which have been enjoyed by locals and visitors for many years. This is the first of two wells and is popular amongst the local residents. These water sources are considered to produce some of the purest water in the county.

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Visit "The Point"

GPS: 44.367807, -86.257628

Along Portage Point Drive, west of Downtown Onekama, you will come across the Portage Point Resort. Constructed in 1903, it was built as a premier resort destination for all, and today, it is still living up to its cause. At the end of Portage Point Drive you will find one of the region's top Lake Michigan beach access points where the mouth of Portage Point Lake meets the big lake.

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Walk The Arcadia Marsh

GPS: 44.256221, -86.288922

The awe-inspiring beauty of a Great Lakes Coastal Marsh is yours to enjoy as you walk, hike, canoe or kayak through the 155-acre Arcadia Marsh Nature Preserve. Located just south of the Village of Arcadia on the east side of M-22, it is one of only 15 or so remaining Great Lakes Coastal Marshes along the shoreline of Lake Michigan's Lower Peninsula and is owned, protected and managed by the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy.

It's also a great birding site, hosting over 150 bird species and is a year-round habitat for many fish and aquatic organisms.



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Arcadia Overlook

GPS: 44.427615, -86.247132

As you are driving north through Manistee County on the beautiful scenic highway M-22, you will find yourself "on top of the county" when you reach the Arcadia Overlook (known as "Inspiration Point"). The view doesn't stop here-put on your walking shoes and travel up the 120 steps (80 vertical feet) to the top lookout and gaze out on one of the most picturesque views that truly define Manistee County as "Pure Michigan".



Food Stops along M-22

Amigos Mexican Restaurant (231) 889-7133 | 5151 Main St.

Featuring real authentic Mexican food, just like they cook up in Mexico. Flavorful, delicious and very unique.

Blue Slipper Tavern (231) 889-7101 | 8058 1st St.

A historic tavern established in the mid 1880s.

Bowen's Creek 17015 6th St., Arcadia

Freshly brewed, expertly crafted, hot and cold coffee and tea drinks, unique flavor combinations in hand-crafted crepes, and scratch-made beignets.

The Glenwood (231) 889-3734 | 4604 Main St.

"Distinctive Dining Prepared to Your Liking". Serving 7 nights a week beginning at 4 pm. Reservations are recommended for dine in.

Ketch 22 Cafe 17073 Northwood Hwy., Arcadia

Ketch 22 creates authentic, fresh American cuisine with a creative culinary twist. Their food truck serves just the right bites to fuel your Northern Michigan adventure.

Lahey's Pub at Historic Portage Point Inn (231) 889-7320 | 8513 Portage Pt.

Serving Michigan craft beer, wine and your favorite cocktails. Featuring specialty menus with fresh local favorites such as appetizers, pizzas, salads & wraps.

Onekama EZ Market (231) 889-4514 | 5357 Main St.

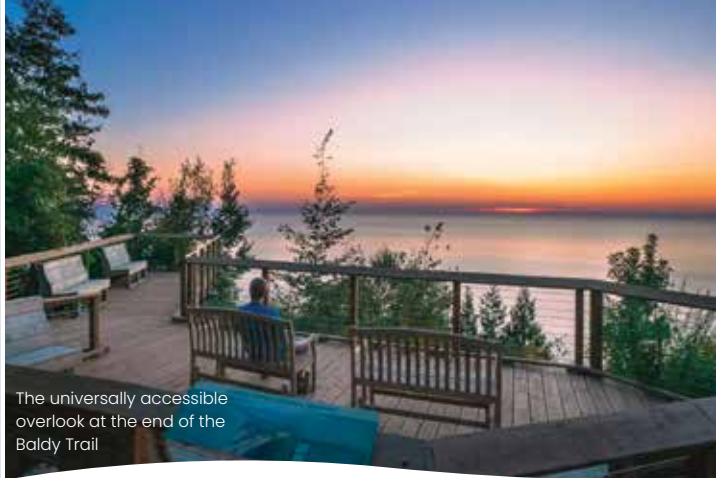
Freshly crafted food, ready to grab and go. Daily specials and full deli.

Sweet Vibes Treats & Eats (231) 655-9708 | 4825 Main St.

Enjoy ice cream, hot dogs, and burgers. Dine in or take out.

Yellow Dog Cafe (231) 508-5008 | 4805 Main St.

Cool, eclectic and fun. The Yellow Dog Cafe features a fresh menu of sandwiches, wraps and baked goods.



The universally accessible overlook at the end of the Baldy Trail

8 Old Baldy Trails

GPS: 44.535531, -86.225751

Enjoy this beautiful trail system as it looks out onto Lake Michigan. The hike begins in the dense hardwoods and ends out on the beautiful dune bluffs of Lake Michigan. This is a great place for an afternoon picnic or a run with the family pet! This is also a great spot to enjoy trail riding.

9 Explore Elberta

GPS: 44.619312, -86.223873

When you are nearly 10 minutes from Frankfort, you will drive through a chute of trees and see Elberta and Frankfort in the distance, flanked by 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.

10 Walk around Downtown Frankfort

GPS: 44.632181, -86.239510

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.



Foodie & Brew 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.

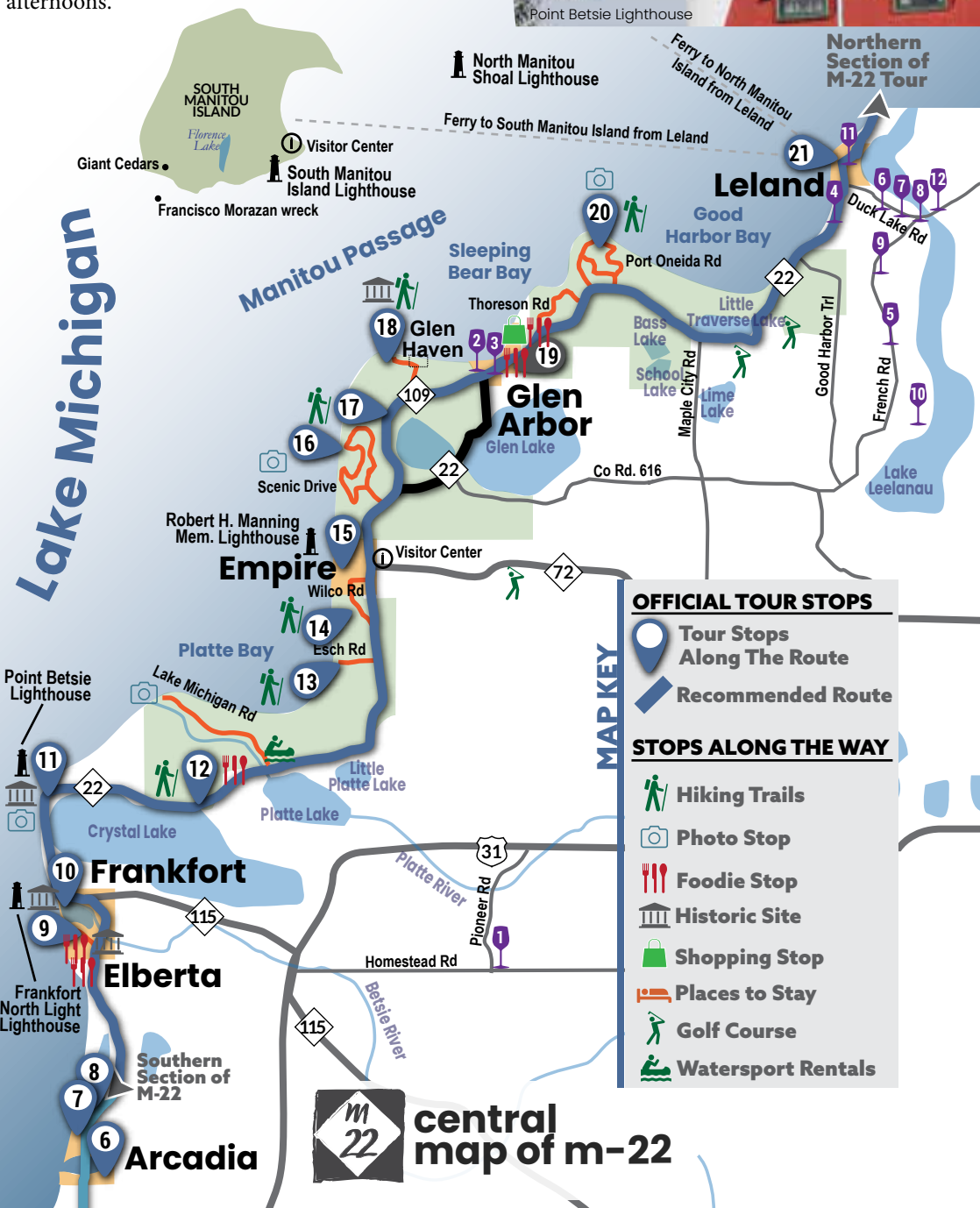
11 Point Betsie Lighthouse

GPS: 44.690522, -86.254681

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.



Climb and tour Point Betsie Lighthouse



Winery Stops near 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.

1 St. Ambrose Cellars

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

2 Cherry Republic

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 Road Cellars

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

10 Bel Lago Vineyards

12 13 14 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 (12), Platte Plains (13) or the Empire Bluff Trail (14). 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. Most trips are about 2-3 hours.

15 Explore Empire GPS: 44.812499, -86.058626

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.

16 Pierce Stocking 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.

17 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.

The scenic overlook along Pierce Stocking Drive in the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes National Lakeshore



Photo: 22 North Photography



Beautiful Leland overlooking Lake Michigan

Photo: alexeys/istock.com


18 **Glen Haven** 
GPS: 44.903575, -86.027245

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.

19 **Glen Arbor**
GPS: 44.897727, -85.988995

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.

 **Foodie & Shopping Stop**
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!

 **Shopping Stop**
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.


20 **Pyramid Point** 
GPS: 44.967026, -85.924019

Just off of Port Oneida Road, 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 a superb 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.

21 **Leland & Historic Fishtown**
GPS: 45.022917, -85.760110

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.

22 Grand Traverse Light & Leelanau State Park


GPS: 45.208579, -85.545452


North of M-22 and Northport, you will come across a beautiful nature area with one of the oldest lighthouses in the region.

23 Suttons Bay

GPS: 44.977152, -85.650877

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.

 Foodie & 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.



11 Verterra Winery

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

12 Soul Squeeze Cellars

13 Bluestone Vineyards

14 45 North Vineyard

15 Aurora Cellars

16 Green Bird Organic Cellars

Taste wine from Michigan's only certified organic vineyard.

17 Leelanau Wine Cellars

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

18 Silver Leaf Vineyard

19 Raftshol Vineyards

20 French Valley Vineyards

21 Black Star Farms

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

22 MAWBY Vineyards

23 Willow Vineyard

24 Ciccone Vineyard

25 Shady Lane Cellars