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Alpena is your base camp for exploring the sunrise side of Northeastern lower Michigan. Centrally located to 3 Dark Sky Preserve Parks, 7 lighthouses, more than 12 discoverable sinkholes, 300,000 acres of open water, 400+ million-year-old fossils, and more than 100 miles of groomed trails; the Alpena area is the place where history and heritage collide with relaxed outdoor adventure. Load up your kayak, telescope, fishing gear, snorkel fins, bird book, hiking boots and bikes and point yourself toward the Sanctuary of the Great Lakes. Where inspiration is found around every bend in the trail, and on every wave that meets the shore.

Photo this page: Sandcastles, kite surfing, sunshine and Lake Huron at Mich-e-ke-wis Beach in the City of Alpena, courtesy Mary Beth Stutzman.
Cover Photo: Lessie Dort floats over the Albany shipwreck in Lake Huron north of Alpena. Photo courtesy Bryan Dort, PhoticZone.
### JANUARY
- **February 27**
  - Thunder Bay International Film Festival
  - Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, Alpena
  - Thunderbayfriends.org

### FEBRUARY
- **February 2**
  - The Ground Hog Classic
  - Austin Bros. Beer Co., Alpena
groundhogclassic.com

### MARCH
- **16th Annual NEMiQDMA Banquet**
  - Alpena
  - nemiqdma.com

### APRIL
- **22**
  - Reel Fun Festival
  - Alpena Aplex, Alpena
  - icefishingalpena.com

### MAY
- **4**
  - Thunder Bay Theatre Break a Leg 5K
  - Downtown, Alpena
  - thunderbaytheatre.com

### JUNE
- **15**
  - 27th Annual Presque Isle Harbor Wooden Boat Show
  - Presque Isle Harbor, Presque Isle
  - presqueisleharborwoodenboatshow.com

### JULY
- **19-28**
  - 45th Annual Michigan Brown Trout Festival
  - Small Boat Harbor, Alpena
  - browntroutfestival.com

### AUGUST
- **9-11**
  - 36th Alpena Antique Tractor & Steam Engine Club Showgroundsg, Alpena
  - alpenaantiquetractor.com

### SEPTEMBER
- **14th Annual Alpena County Fair**
  - Alpena County Fairgrounds
  - facebook.com/alpenafair

### OCTOBER
- **4**
  - A Night at the Lighthouse
  - 40 Mile Point Lighthouse, Rogers City
  - 40milepointlighthouse.org

### Dates are subject to change.

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There is always a hustle and bustle of events taking place in the Sanctuary of the Great Lakes. Take a look at this list of ongoing annual events and be on the lookout for others that pop up during the year. Go to www.visitalpena.com for an up-to-date calendar of events.
People of all ages and levels of ability can enjoy this fun sport. For those who love to hike or jog, it provides a fun winter alternative to these two activities. Snowshoes are a reasonably priced type of equipment ranging from beginning styles, to specific terrain models. Just strap the snowshoes over your regular winter boots and you’re off! Snowshoeing offers a communal experience with nature allowing you to go at your own pace to take in the beauty of the winter landscape. No grooming of trails is necessary for this activity as it is more fun to walk over large amounts of snow.

**Try it out at: Rockport State Recreation Area**

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Northeast Michigan is a perfect cross-country ski destination with elevation levels that are just right. The flat trails with an occasional soft rolling ridge provides just enough change in pace to make for a thoroughly enjoyable outing. Gliding through the forests is a great winter exercise option and gets you outside soaking up the benefits of spending time in nature.

**Try it out at: Trails are groomed at Norway Ridge Pathway, Chippewa Hills Pathway, and the Alpena City Golf Course**

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The adrenaline rush of speeding over crystalline snow has drawn snowmobile enthusiasts away from the warmth of home and into the wilds for generations. Able to cover great distances in short amounts of time; snowmobiling adventures are a popular draw through heavy snowfall months. Northeast Michigan offers a number of trails groomed for the sport, and a few places within the Alpena city limits where snowmobilers can even drive to restaurants. Don’t forget to drive responsibly!

**Try it out at: NEST Trail, Devils Lake trail**

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Fishing is one of the few activities Northeast Michigan residents enjoy all year round. When the lakes freeze over, the boats are put away and the ice augers and fishing shanties come out of storage. Many find the serenity of ice fishing to be the draw, while others enjoy the camaraderie of fishing together. Ice fishing tournaments keep the fun going until spring arrives. Species to be on the lookout for include pike, perch, and walleye to name just a few.

**Try it out at: Long Lake, Grand Lake, Hubbard Lake, Fletcher’s Pond (Floodwaters)**

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And there you have it, 8 simple and fun ways to enjoy the winter months in the Alpena area.

Did you know you can still ride a bike in snow? Fat tire biking is becoming popular in Northeast Michigan as a great way to enjoy two favorites, biking and winter. Fat tire bikes have wider tires making it easier to glide through the snow. Thunder Bay Trails Association grooms a fat tire bike trail behind Northern Lights Arena and hosts the Groundhog Classic fat tire bike race in February. Enjoy winter with this fun sport!

Try it out at: Behind Northern Lights Arena on Woodward Ave.

Snowman Building/Snow Angels: Fun, free, and easy! Sometimes good old-fashioned wholesome fun is just what the doctor ordered. Snowmen and snow angels aren’t limited to children. Take your date night outdoors and head to the nearest park to create a snowman; or drop where you are, and leave your mark as a snow angel in the fresh powder. Whoever happens upon the creation that you leave behind will surely be inspired to smile.

Where: Any local park!

For those who love conquering the cold, winter camping is a fun adventure. Winter camping and hiking spark one’s trailblazing spirit. Nights spent around a campfire, under the crisp starry sky are truly exceptional. Nature wears a new wardrobe in winter, making the camping experience completely unique. Gather some friends and hike into a back-country campsite to create one-of-a-kind memories. Don’t forget to research the proper methods for staying safe and keeping warm in the cold climate.

Try it out at: Negwegon State Park

From the spin of a figure skater, to the drop of a hockey puck, ice skating is an Alpena tradition. Locals grow up skating on frozen ponds and lakes, attending skating practice in the wee hours of the morning, and continuing the tradition with adult league hockey and figure skating. The indoor ice arena in Alpena features two ice rinks offering numerous options for organized skating and free community skate events sponsored by local businesses. Skates are available for rent.

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ELK, GOURMET DINNER AND WINE TASTING EXPERIENCE....

Just a short drive from Alpena you will stumble upon an adventure so unique you’ll want to make sure you don’t forget your camera. Thunder Bay Resort in nearby Hillman is home to Michigan’s only elk viewing carriage ride and gourmet dinner with wine tasting. The experience is one-of-a-kind and has been voted a USA Today “10 Best” and Fox News Online “Top 10 Sleigh Rides in North America”. There is nothing else like it east of the Rocky Mountains. Step back in time to life on the frontier in the mid-1800’s. The outing is literally over the river and through the woods carried on carriages or sleighs drawn by massive draft horses, to see elk in the resort’s 160-acre Elk Preserve.

While you say hello to the elk, Grandma Jan’s son, Spencer, is at the Elk Antler Cabin busily preparing a five-course gourmet feast on 100-year-old wood cook stoves. Furnished in period antiques and trophy mounts, the cabin is the perfect backdrop for dinner and a sampling of wines from nearby wineries in Alpena. It’s a perfect venue for storytelling and learning about these magnificent animals. This must-do activity is available from mid-May through March. Call (800)729-9375 for more information.
One of America’s Best Attractions!

Elk Viewing Carriage Ride, Gourmet Dinner & Wine Tasting Event
Experience a real-life fairy tale as you board a horse drawn carriage and travel over the Thunder Bay River and through the woods to view majestic Elk. Then journey to the beautiful Elk Antler Cabin where Chef Spencer has prepared a stunning, gourmet dinner before your eyes in genuine century old wood cook stoves and enjoy up to six of the region’s delightful wines. Step back in time for a fabulous four hour adventure.

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Thunder Bay Resort’s 18 Hole course is cut from mature forest featuring rolling terrain, woods, and water. You will be challenged to find a course more beautiful or affordable to play on! Our golf carts are equipped with GPS for shot distance, 3D flyovers of every hole, and a digital scorecard to make your experience rewarding.

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There’s no place else on Earth where you can get a photo-op with dinosaurs, dive 100-year old shipwrecks, and take home 400-million-year-old fossils all in one place.

Welcome to Alpena, Michigan! Here are 10 things you will only find here in our northeastern corner of Michigan, on the coast of Lake Huron.

1. **Bob’s Bullpen**  
   125 N. 2nd Ave., Alpena (989) 356-9558  
   Northeast Michigan’s largest one-stop shop for everything comic book and superhero related. Bob’s Bullpen offers an extensive collection of comic books (new and vintage), a one-of-a-kind gathering spot for birthday parties, and a newly opened hot dog joint (adjacent to the comic book shop), aptly named The Bulldog. Owned and operated by professional comic artist, Bob LeFevre, Bob’s impressive resume includes work on Transformers and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, as well many other projects for Hasbro, IDW Comics, Uproar, and his own mini-series through Image Comics.

2. **Dinosaur Gardens**  
   11160 US 23 South, Ossineke (989) 350-1076  
   A great American roadside wonder awaits in the village of Ossineke, just 10 miles south of Alpena. Wander through this world-renowned prehistoric garden with more than 26 different life-size, hand-sculpted dinosaurs tucked away in the forest. After a walk through the park, try a round of 18-hole mini golf at Raptors Mini Golf Retreat, dessert at Ice Ages Frozen Yogurt bar, and shop for souvenirs for the whole family at the gift shop. Dinosaur Gardens has been around for over 80 years and continues to win over the hearts of kids and adults alike during every vacation in the Alpena area!

3. **Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary**  
   Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center  
   500 W. Fletcher St, Alpena (989) 356-8805  
   Dive into this one and only freshwater maritime history center and explore shipwrecks lost in and around Lake Huron’s Thunder Bay, aka “Shipwreck Alley”, without getting wet! An interactive center interprets the story of nearly 200 different shipwrecks protected in our nation’s only freshwater marine sanctuary. Immerse yourself in the stories of these ships and the brave crew that sailed them. Once you have toured the maritime center, get your ticket for the Lady Michigan glass-bottom boat and set sail to view the shipwrecks up close through the boat’s window wells.

4. **Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan**  
   491 Johnson St., Alpena (989) 356-2202  
   Home of Alpena’s cultural past and present. Learn our story—the first Native American settlers, early fishing and logging operations, to fine art, and science. Experience the walk-through exhibits featuring the historic 1890’s Alpena Avenue of Shops, or practice your fossil hunting skills at the outdoor Lafarge Fossil Park exhibit. And, don’t forget to lay back in our state-of-the-art planetarium and take a journey through space!
ROCKPORT STATE RECREATION AREA
End of Rockport Rd., Alpena
Noted as being "Mysterious, remote, rugged, and a park unlike any other", this park offers a little something for everyone! Miles and miles of hiking and biking trails, multiple sinkholes, an abandoned limestone quarry, ancient fossils from the Devonian Period, dark sky designation, deep-water fishing port, and bat hibernaculum are just a few of the many different claims to fame Rockport has to offer. Amenities include picnic tables, vault toilet, and outdoor grills.

LEE'S MINIATURE GOLF
1016 S. State Ave., Alpena (989) 354-0679
Envisioned and brought to life by Alpena resident Lee Reide, Lee's Miniature Golf course opened its doors for business on June 13, 1961. With 90% of the layout comprised of originally designed holes by Lee himself, it's said that Lee's Miniature Golf was once featured in a magazine as one of the most challenging mini golf courses in the nation! We promise you will not find a more unique and loved mini-golf course in the area. Along with plenty of Lake Huron beachfront and dining options nearby, Lee's is Michigan's longest continuously run mini-golf course.

THE ALPENA LIGHT
Harbor Dr. off Chisholm St., Alpena Municipal Boat Harbor, Alpena
The Alpena Light, also known as “Little Red” or “Sputnik”, has roots dating back to 1875 when a temporary light was fashioned out of a white hand lantern suspended on a 25-ft pole to guide ships to the mouth of the Thunder Bay River. It soon became evident that the need for a more stable lighthouse was needed as Alpena’s port became busier and busier, bringing in settlers and lumbermen looking for a new life. After an attempt at new wooden construction in 1877, this light met disaster in a fire in 1888. Another light was suspended on a pole until 1914, when Little Red, as we know it, was built out in the harbor on a concrete foundation with a four-legged steel skeletal frame. You can view Little Red closely from the break wall at the Alpena Harbor.

ISLAND PARK
Corner of Chisholm St./US-23 & Johnson St./Long Rapids Rd., Alpena
New York City may have Central Park, but here in Alpena we have Island Park! This little island resides inside of the city limits, within the 500-acre Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary. Five distinctly different ecosystems make up Island Park which features nature trails, fishing platforms, picnic and bird viewing areas, as well as a kayak, canoe, and paddle board launch site.

COVERED WOODEN BRIDGE & WATER TOWER
Corner of Chisholm St./US-23 & Johnson St./Long Rapids Rd., Alpena
Recently constructed in summer of 2015, this hand-hewn wooden bridge and water tower was generously built by Alpena resident Mike Kendziorski, along with family and friends. This beautiful bridge is often the centerpiece for those looking for a picturesque backdrop in the Alpena area. Wedding photos, senior portraits, paddling trips, and hiking adventures are just a few scenarios where this bridge reigns as king. Connecting Duck Park to Island Park, the bridge is not only eye-catching, but also serves an important purpose, connecting us to the beauty and serenity of Island Park.

MAKE A SPLASH’ FISH MURAL
109 W. Chisholm St., Alpena
An aquascape that represents Alpena’s culture and history, a place known for numerous shipwrecks, recreational diving, and plentiful fishing. Originally completed in the summer of 2016 and reconstructed in autumn of 2018 after wind damage, this mural has proven itself to be just as tenacious as Alpena itself! You will find this custom designed, colorful mural in downtown Alpena, adorning the west-facing wall of The Local Basket Case gift shop (inside of the Chisholm Street pocket park).
The great deals, the possibilities of finding a one-of-a-kind treasure, and the thrill of the hunt are just a few of the reasons why antique shopping can be so much fun.

As a region rich in logging, fishing, and maritime history, you never know what you’ll find across the region at local thrift stores and antique markets. Some refer to the antique hunt as ‘buying a memory,’ and search for items that remind them of their childhood. Some search for period pieces to coordinate with the style of home they live in. Yet others just find it fun to discover historic versions of modern-day favorites, or a specific genre of items to add to their collection. Whatever the reason, there are plenty of options for antiquing around the Sanctuary of the Great Lakes. Here’s a round-up of local places to hunt. When you’ve found a few treasures, don’t forget to relax with a local glass of wine or a Michigan micro-brew at one of our many local restaurants!

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Michigan is known as the Great Trails State with more miles of trails than any other state in the nation, and Alpena certainly plays its part in this offering. With more than 100 miles of groomed trails, there is something for every type of trail enthusiast. Whether you walk, hike, mountain bike, trail run, or watch migrating birds and photograph wildflowers, Alpena has a trail or park especially for you.

**CITY PARKS/BEACHES**

**Duck Park and Island Park**  
*Corner of US-23 and Long Rapids Road*  
Located on the city’s 500-acre wildlife sanctuary. Features hand-hewn wooden covered bridge and water tower. Island Park offers nature trails, fishing platforms, and 5 distinctly different ecosystems. Duck Park offers fishing and picnic areas and provides a great vantage point for viewing a large variety of bird species in the sanctuary area. Free public kayak launch. Paddlesport rentals available on-site through Performance Locker.

**Watertower Park Rain Garden**  
*Thunder Bay River at the Ninth Ave. Bridge*  
This rain garden helps the environment by absorbing runoff water that nourishes native plants and prevents sediment runoff. Features a skate park and fishing deck.

**Bay View Park**  
*State St. near Alpena’s Boat Harbor*  
Includes a Fine Arts Band Shell, basketball and tennis courts, play area, picnic area and breakwall walking path with a beautiful view of Lake Huron.

**Mich-E-Ke-Wis Park**  
*State St./US-23 South*  
Swimming beach, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, bike park, children’s playground, picnic area, and activity field.

**Rotary’s Island Mill Park**  
*Thunder Bay River behind NOAA/Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary building.*  
Includes picnic area, gazebo, and fishing platform.

**McRae Park**  
*2nd Ave. & Hueber, adjacent to Nowicki’s Sausage Shoppe*  
Includes ballfields, basketball and tennis courts, play area, picnic area, and shelter building.

**Washington Avenue Park**  
*Washington Ave. at 11th Ave. on Thunder Bay River*  
On the Bi-Path; includes picnic area, and view of the river.

**Blair Street Park**  
*End of Blair St. off State St.*  
Swimming, picnic area, and wooden boardwalk/pier into Lake Huron.

**Starlite Beach**  
*State St. on Lake Huron*  
Swimming, splash park, pavilion, picnic area, playground, indoor restroom and outdoor shower facilities.

**Thomson Park**  
*State St. on Lake Huron*  
Swimming, picnic area, shipwrecks (buoyed) just off shore.

**Arthur E. Sytek Park**  
*Thunder Bay River at the bridge on Bagley St.*  
Wildflower park with kayak/canoe launch site, barrier free fishing deck, picnic tables, and trailhead for the Bi-Path.

Smaller parks include LaMarre Park (fishing deck), Avery Park (resting benches), North Riverfront Park (picnic area and boat ramp), and South Riverfront Park (interpretive signage).

**QUIET COUNTRYSIDE PARKS**

**Manning Hill Park**  
*18 miles west of the City of Alpena, off M-32.*  
Beautiful view countryside, small pavilion, picnic area, great for sledding.

**Sanborn Park/Ossineke Beach**  
*On Lake Huron at the end of Lake St. in Ossineke*  
Swimming beach, playground, picnic area, pavilion.

**Shingaba Shores**  
*On Ossineke Rd. across from Dinosaur Gardens in Ossineke*  
Heritage inspired playground, totem pole, ADA accessible.

**Long Rapids Township Park**  
*Thunder Bay River off M-65*  
7 acres with picnic area and kayak/canoe launch.

**Maple Ridge Township Park**  
*End of LoComb Road, on Thunder Bay River*  
45 rustic acres, pavilion, trails, small river rapids.

**Wolf Creek Park**  
*Off Wolf Creek Road*  
Walking bridge, hiking trail, kayak launch, and pavilion.

**Ocqueoc Falls & Bicentennial Pathway**  
*North of Alpena in Presque Isle Co., off M-68*  
The largest falls in Michigan’s Lower Peninsula. This falls system includes the rejuvenating waterfall, trails, and is ADA accessible.

**CITY SERENITY TRAILS**

**Alpena Bi-Path**  
*18.5 miles long, the path travels through several of Alpena’s scenic city parks and beaches along the Thunder Bay River and Lake Huron. Walk, bike, roller skate.*

**Maritime Heritage Trail**  
*Begin at S. Riverfront Park, behind Armory, Water Street*  
Historically-oriented walking tour along Thunder Bay River in downtown Alpena.
TRANQUIL COUNTRY TRAILS

Besser Natural Area
20 minutes north of Alpena, off E. Grand Lake Road
Hiking trail winds through former Village of Bell. Find remains of historic buildings, virgin stand of white pine, a lagoon and secluded sandy beach. Shipwreck off shore.

Norway Ridge Pathway
5 miles south of Alpena off Werth Rd.
10 miles of forgiving, groomed forest trails. Multiple loops.

Chippewa Hills Pathway
20 miles s.w. of Alpena, corner of Nicholson Hill & Kissau Rd.
Over 14-miles of hilly, heavily wooded, trail loops.

STATE PARKS & DARK SKY PRESERVES

Negwgon State Park
Mysterious, remote and undeveloped, a hidden treasure with 10 miles of hiking trails and sandy beach on Lake Huron. Negwgon is located on US-23, 12 miles north of Harrisville. To get to the park, take Black River road off of US 23 to the east 1.5 miles, turn north on Sand Hill Rd. and go 2.5 miles, turn right or east at the Negwgon State Park sign and go 1.5 miles to day use parking area. No services, back country camping available. A Dark Sky Preserve.

DOG FRIENDLY ALPENA

Alpena is a great place to relax with man’s best friend. The Thomas Stafford Dog Park, opened in 2018, is a welcome addition to the City’s collection of public parks. Two Alpena women, Alisha Manning and Abby O’Bryan, worked together with the City of Alpena to design a dog park for local residents, visitors, and their canine friends. The park is located behind the Post Office along Thunder Bay River. The park features a fenced grassy play area with benches, water spigot, and agility structures. The space offers plenty of room for dogs to run off some energy.

Looking for other places to take your four-legged companions? All of Alpena’s parks, trails, and beaches are dog friendly. Owners are expected to clean up after their pets, and keep their pets on a leash and under their control at all times.

Rockport State Recreation Area
Over 4,237 acres on the shores of Lake Huron north of Alpena at the end of Rockport Road. Includes a deep-water harbor, old 300-acre limestone quarry, series of sinkholes, Stargazing, fishing, rugged trails and fossil hunting (each person allowed to take up to 25 pounds of fossils per year for personal enjoyment). A Dark Sky Preserve.

Thompson’s Harbor State Park
24 miles north of Alpena off US-23, this natural area encompasses 5,000 acres including sand dunes, upland and marsh habitat. Includes one of the largest known populations in the world of the federal and state-threatened dwarf lake iris, Michigan’s state wildflower. 7 1/2 miles of Lake Huron shoreline, 6 miles of trails, unique wildflower species (do not pick flowers). A Dark Sky Preserve.

Unique Parks & Natural Assets

Alpena Township Nature Preserve
North of City of Alpena, at end of Misery Bay Road
133-acre tract of land with 9,632 feet of Lake Huron shoreline. Includes coastal marshes, fens, old growth northern white cedar forests, karst geology, and rare plants. To protect unique plant species, stay on trails and do not pick flowers.

Enjoy All State Parks and Pathways with the Recreation Passport

Enjoy all of Michigan’s state parks, trails, and recreation areas with one easy pass. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources State Recreation Passport is your key to exploring Michigan’s great outdoors while also protecting our natural resources for the next generation. The pass is just $11 when purchased with in-state license tag renewals, or just $9 a day (or $32 annual) for non-residents. The pass allows you to access the many wonderful state-managed trails and parks in Michigan and is good for the whole year. The Recreation Passport can be purchased with the renewal of your license plate tags, at state parks and recreation areas, the Secretary of State office, or online here: https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79134_79210---,00.html
**Featured Hotels & Motels**

**40 Winks Motel & Vacation Rentals**
1021 S. State St., Alpena, (989) 354-5622
[www.40WinksMotel.com](http://www.40WinksMotel.com)
Email: info@40WinksMotel.com

The 40 Winks, located directly across the street from Alpena’s beautiful Starlite Beach and the newly installed public splash park, has been owned and operated by the Barnes family since 1984. All rooms offer free wi-fi, cable TV, refrigerators, and in-room coffee. In addition to traditional accommodations, beginning in Spring 2019, the 40 Winks will offer newly renovated Vacation Suites for stays of 3 days or longer. These 1 and 2 bedroom suites offer separate bedroom and living space as well as a kitchen area with a full size refrigerator, microwave, induction cooktop, coffee maker, toaster, and all dishware, flatware, and cooking utensils. The property is close to public parks, restaurants and grocery.

**Alpena Best Western**
1285 M-32 West, Alpena
1-800-WESTERN, (989) 356-9087

Indoor heated pool, hot tub, fitness center, and game room. Cable, HBO, coffee, microwave, refrigerator, ironing board, blow dryer, shampoo in all rooms. Free breakfast bar featuring Belgium waffles and sausage, gravy and biscuits. Restaurant adjacent. Free internet. Close to restaurants and the hospital.

**Alpena Days Inn**
1496 M-32-West, Alpena
(989) 356-6118
[www.daysinn.com/hotel/04670](http://www.daysinn.com/hotel/04670)
Email: alpenadaysinn@yahoo.com

Free high speed Wi-Fi, indoor pool, whirlpool, deluxe spa rooms, deluxe complimentary continental breakfast, meeting/banquet space up to 60 people. Coffee, irons, refrigerators, hair dryers in all rooms. Close to restaurants, ice arena, high school and shopping centers.

**Alpena Water’s Edge Motel**
1000 State St., Alpena, (989) 354-5495
e-mail: johnpdangis@gmail.com

Magnificent view on the shores of Lake Huron. Superior rooms with free cable TV, Wi-Fi and coffee. Choose from spacious 4-bedroom, fully-furnished villa, single rooms with king or queen beds and full kitchen; doubles with refrigerators and microwave. Enjoy the beach, bonfires, nearby water sports, mini-golf, and restaurants.

**Big Bear Lodge**
2052 U.S. 23 South, Alpena, (989) 354-8573
[www.facebook.com/BigBearAlpena/](http://www.facebook.com/BigBearAlpena/)
e-mail: thebigbear@usa.com

The Big Bear Lodge in Alpena Michigan is a comfortable Mom & Pop accommodation facility where you are welcomed as a friend by Louie & Hanlie. It is situated across from the beautiful sunrise shores of Lake Huron, straight across from Mich-e-ke-wis Park on US Highway 23 S. The cozy and clean bedrooms have a 1950’s style pink bathroom tiles and all the usual amenities. There is ample parking space and the opportunity to relax in the garden, picnic area and children’s playground. Close to restaurants and grocery.

**Dew Drop Inn Motel**
2469 French Road, Alpena, (989) 356-4414
[www.ddimotel.com](http://www.ddimotel.com)
e-mail: contact@ddimotel.com

One mile north of the hospital on US-23 North. These AAA approved rooms feature refrigerators, free high-speed internet access, over 130 channels including HBO, premium in-room coffee and air conditioning. All rooms are ground floor with park-at-your-door convenience and extra space for boat, RV or trailer. Close to restaurants and the hospital.

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites**
225 River Street, Alpena, (989) 340-1800
[www.hiealpena.com](http://www.hiealpena.com)

Located on Thunder Bay River in the heart of downtown, this hotel features oversized guest rooms and suites, luxuriously complimented rich furnishings; and all of the amenities that you have come to expect including a microwave and refrigerator. During your stay, you will enjoy the conveniences of the complimentary Express Start hot breakfast bar featuring trademark cinnamon rolls and the option to make your own pancakes, free Wi-Fi service throughout the hotel and our meeting room, HD televisions, heated indoor swimming pool, fitness center, 24-hour business center and guest laundry.

**Ramada Alpena**
1000 U.S. 23 North, Alpena, (989) 356-2151
e-mail: ramadaalpena@gmail.com

Full-service hotel featuring an indoor recreation area with a heated swimming pool, sauna, whirlpool, game room, putting green, ping pong and pool tables. Restaurant and bar on premises. Meeting and banquet space up to 250 people. Free Wi-Fi. Located close to restaurants, the community college and hospital.

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- alpenadaysinn@yahoo.com
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### Featured Campgrounds & RV

#### Alpena County Fairgrounds
625 S. 11th Ave., Alpena, (989) 356-1847
www.alpenacounty.org

Located on Thunder Bay River right in the middle of the city for easy access to shopping and dining. 69 campsites with electricity. Restrooms, showers, dumping station. Boat launch, kiddie park, bike path, fishing. Storage rental available. Merchants building available for rent.

#### Beaver Lake Campgrounds & County Park
17354 Beaver Lake Park Rd., Lachine, (989) 379-4462
www.alpenacounty.org

56 campsites located 22 miles west of Alpena on M-65 South in Lachine on Beaver Lake. Amenities include 30 and 50 amp electrical service, Wi-Fi, modern restrooms with showers, boat launch, swimming, fishing, picnic area, playground, pavilion, dumping station. Pavilion rental available. Open May 15-October 15.

#### Jack’s Landing Resort
20836 Tennis Rd., Hillman, (989) 742-4370
www.jackslanding.com
e-mail: jackslanding@gmail.com

On the shores of scenic Fletcher Pond. 30 campsites, E/W to rustic. Showers, restrooms, dump and fill stations, propane, boat ramp/launch assist. Store, restaurant, boats, motors, bait and tackle.

#### Long Lake Campgrounds & County Park
10002 Hinks Park Rd., Alpena, (989) 595-2401
www.alpenacounty.org


#### Ossineke State Forest Campground
15 miles south of Alpena on U.S. 23, Ossineke, (989) 734-2543
www.michigan.org/property/ossineke-state-forest-campground-pathway

Sites available on a first-come, first-serve basis. No reservations. 42 sites for tent and small trailer use spaced out generously along Lake Huron. Facilities include a day use area with tables and grill, sandy beaches, and a barrier-free boardwalk out to Lake Huron. Rustic campground includes vault toilets and potable water from well hand pump. Supervised by the MDNR.

#### Sunken Lake Campgrounds & County Park
10300 South Leer Rd., Posen, (989) 379-3055
www.alpenacounty.org

26 miles west of Alpena off M-65 North on Leer Road. 55 campsites, electricity, restrooms, shower, dumping station, picnic area, playground and swimming, fishing. Boat launch, pavilion rental. “No Wake”: canoes, small boats. May 15-October 15.

#### Thunder Bay River State Forest Campground
Indian Reserve Road, Alpena, (989) 734-2543
www.michigan.org/property/thunder-bay-river-state-forest-campground

Sites available on a first-come, first-serve basis. No reservations. 10 sites for tent and small trailer use. Located along the Thunder Bay River providing water access to every campsite. Small boat launch on the campground. Wah-Wah-Tas-See Pathway access. Rustic campground includes vault toilets and potable water from well hand pump. Supervised by the MDNR.

### Other Campgrounds & RV

- Campers Cove RV Park and Canoe Livery
- Paul Bunyan Family Kampground
- Thunder Bay Resort
- Thunder Bay RV Park & Campground

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At Brothers Bay Vacation Home
17293 Brothersbay Rd., Alpena (586) 588-4747
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Hemlock Hills on Mill Pond - The Cabin
14018 Leer Road and 13796 Leer Road, Posen (989) 341-4777
www.hemlockhillsonmillpond.com
Year-round 5 bedroom 3 ½ Bathroom updated in 2016 custom luxury home will sleep up to 13 people and is located on more than 50 acres. The Cabin features a gourmet kitchen, game room with pool table and a laundry room. Unique custom features throughout the fully furnished home with bedding and linens provided. Outside features include an outdoor kitchen, patio, deck and 2nd story balcony overlooking the Thunder Bay River, and a fire pit complete with fully-stocked firewood stand. Explore more than 3 miles of walking trails through beautiful hardwood forest with ancient Hemlock trees. The 180’ boardwalk overlooking Mill Pond gives you ample opportunity to watch the wildlife or a perfect sunset. Kayaks, paddle boat and canoe are included with rental. No Pets allowed. This is one of the finest vacation rental homes in Northeast Michigan.

Hemlock Hills on Mill Pond - The Cottage on Pine Lane
5653 Pine Ln., Posen (989) 341-4777
website: www.hemlockhillsonmillpond.com
e-mail: contact@hemlockhillsonmillpond.com
This open floor plan with one full bath will sleep up to 8 people. The cottage resides on the Thunder Bay River within 500’ of Sunken Lake. The Cottage offers many amenities, including a full kitchen with laundry. The secluded, fully furnished home includes bedding and linens. Fire pit with firewood, and kayaks are included with rental. Pets welcome.

Churchill Pointe Inn
5700 Bennett Rd., Hubbard Lake, (989) 727-2020
www.churchillpointeinn.com
Historic country Inn located directly on the shores of beautiful Hubbard Lake. All rooms have cable, air conditioning, private bath & Wi-Fi. We offer online booking for your convenience. We have two Pontoons available for rental and boat docking available. There is a restaurant and bar on site with dining room overlooking the lake. Please visit website for restaurant hours or to make your room reservation.

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This 5 Bedroom 2 ½ bathroom country home sleeps up to 10 people, and is fully furnished, including bedding and linens. You’ll find all the comforts of home, including a full kitchen and laundry room. The home is located directly on the Historic Elowsky Grist Mill property with a beautiful view of the Thunder Bay River from the front porch. Property is available for weddings, corporate and private events. Fire pit with firewood, kayaks and paddle boat are included with rental. Pets welcome.

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20836 Tennis Rd., Hillman, (989) 742-4370
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Lake Front Cottage
14233 Orchard Point Road, Alpena
(989) 278-0611 or (989) 657-1672
www.lakefrontcottages.com

Exceptionally clean and charming two bedroom cottage sleeps 6, with two queen beds, one sofa bed. Private lot with sandy beach and dock offers great swimming and fishing- perfect for children. Amenities include a fire pit, 14ft. aluminum boat, swings for adults and children, horseshoes, volleyball & badminton court, BBQ grill, picnic table & lawn chairs, storage shed for fishing equipment, covered porch, Wi-Fi, color TV and radio, Netflix, hot water and shower, stove, refrigerator, microwave, cooking & table utensils, and more. All located on beautiful Long Lake.

Oakapiney Beach Cottages
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(734) 395-5583 or (989) 471-2489
www.oakapiney.com
e-mail: oakapiney@aol.com

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Hemlock Hills on Mill Pond - The Sunken Lake Cottage
6121 Evergreen Dr., Posen  (989) 341-4777
www.hemlockhillsonmillpond.com
e-mail: contact@hemlockhillsonmillpond.com

The cozy lake cottage offers 3 Bedrooms and 2 Bathrooms, sleeps up to 10 people and has been recently updated in 2019. Fully furnished cottage includes bedding and linens. Outdoor Living area features gas grill and overlooks the beautiful and tranquil Sunken Lake. Fire pit with firewood, kayaks, small boat and paddle boat are included with rental. Pets welcome.

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www.presqueiselandodge.com
e-mail: innkeeper@presqueiselandodge.com

Built in 1920, historic Presque Isle Lodge is on the National Register of Historic Places and contains the largest known collection of Habitant Log Furniture. Full breakfast served. Private Grand Lake access with boat dock. June through September. The property is tucked into the beautiful Northern Michigan landscape, offering relaxation and adventure.

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Triple H Ranch
5868 Dietz Rd., Alpena, (989) 356-4069
www.hhhranch.com

Home of the Texas Longhorn. Guests to this longhorn ranch stay in a cozy bunkhouse that can sleep up to five. Great family getaway and also ideal for hunting and snowmobile groups. This country property is located in the heart of Maple Ridge Township.

Up North Property Services
135 W. Chisholm St., Alpena
(989) 354-2535
www.upnorthpropertyservices.com
e-mail: upnorthpropertyservices@gmail.com

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Wes-Point Shores Resort
5315 Long Rapids Road, Alpena, (989) 354-8438
www.wespointshores.com
e-mail: info@wespointshores.com

Seven miles from Alpena with an abundance of activities, Wes-Point Shores resort offers fully furnished two and three bedroom cottages. Private docks with boats included in rental. Children’s play area. Small pets allowed. Located on Lake Winyah, part of Thunder Bay River system. Excellent location for fishing.

OTHER CABINS, COTTAGES, RESORTS, BED & BREAKFAST CATEGORY LISTINGS

- Alpena Beach Cabana
- Brothers Bay Retreat
- Bell Bay Hideaway
- Bell Bay Resort
- Bell Bay Shores Summer Home
- Fireside Inn
- Grand Lake Resort
- Grand Lake Waterfront Home
- Grand Sunrise Lakefront Family Home
- Kayakers Lodge
- Lakefront Cottage
- Long Lake Cabin
- Long Lake Hideaway
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**Art in The Loft at Gallery 109**  
109 N. Second Ave., Alpena, (989) 356-4877  
www.artintheloft.org

Art in the Loft at Gallery 109 is the region’s largest fine arts center and gallery featuring the work of many local, regional and nationally recognized artists. Reasonably priced artwork is available in a wide range of media. Over 30 artists exhibit their work in the gallery each season. The Loft offers a variety of art and culinary workshops from beginner to professional for all ages, and a variety of special events are held throughout the year. Art in the Loft is open for two primary exhibit seasons, Summerview Season, which runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day and Winterview Season, which runs from mid-November until the end of January. Additional special theme juried exhibits are also held annually. A month-long Young Artists exhibit is held during the months of April and May. Call ahead or see website for firm dates.

**Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan**  
491 Johnson St., Alpena, (989) 356-2202  
www.bessermuseum.org

Regional AAM Accredited Museum featuring art, history, and science exhibits. History exhibits include: People of Lakes and Forests illustrating the regional Native American heritage, and step back into time to experience an industrial cityscape of late 19th Century Alpena in the Avenue of Shops. Keep all the fossils you find in the Lafarge Fossil Park exhibit featuring 350-million-year-old local geologic remains. Explore local and natural sciences in the flora & fauna exhibit, as well as the night sky in the digital Planetarium. Local, state and national art exhibitions. 19th Century Historic Village on the grounds. Enjoy art exhibits featuring local, national, world-renowned artists. Open year-round, seven days a week. General Admission: $5 adults, $3 youth and seniors. Please call or visit the website for more information.

**Forty-Five North Art Gallery**  
121 N. Second Ave., Alpena, (989) 370-3314  
www.facebook.com/artinalpena

Forty-Five North is an upscale gallery space in a historic, recently renovated building in the heart of downtown. Featuring high quality, original local artwork not displayed anywhere else in Alpena, the art is tastefully displayed and the atmosphere is relaxing and inspiring. View fused glass, colored pencil drawings, jewelry, pottery, woodcarving, watercolors, photography and more. Perfect items for gifts, or to add to your collection. Owners are on-site every day to assist with selection and information about each artist displayed. Open Tuesday through Saturday 11-5. Closed January to Mid-April.

**Studio Rubedo**  
101 Sable St., Alpena, MI 49707 Alpena, (845) 706-6403  
www.studiorubedo.com

Studio Rubedo is a contemporary art gallery and artist workshop featuring the ongoing art of Brian Schorn. The gallery also exhibits other emerging and established artists of all disciplines through invitation and juried competitions. Additionally, Studio Rubedo offers open studio hours and educational workshops, while serving as a general gathering space for anyone interested in the arts. Studio Rubedo’s mission is to transmute matter and mind for the benefit of all. It is open Friday and Saturday from 11am–6 pm, and by appointment. See www.studiorubedo.com for more details.

**Thunder Bay Arts Council & Gallery**  
127 W. Chisholm St., Alpena, (989) 356-6678  
www.thunderbayarts.org

Visit the Thunder Bay Arts Council’s new gallery! Exhibits change every six weeks and feature local artists. See website for hours and more information. TBAC is located on Chisholm Street between Second and Third Ave. in the heart of downtown. The Council also hosts several live music events throughout the year, held at various locations around the community.

VisitAlpena.com
Founded in 1871, Alpena began as an early commercial fishing port and soon grew to be one of the nation’s most profitable lumber harvesting locations. Lumber camps dotted the region and logs were floated down the Thunder Bay River to the harbor where they were sawn and/or loaded on ships to help build the rest of the nation. The first commercial harvest of timber began during the winter of 1858-59. At its peak, Alpena shipped out billions of board feet of lumber. Alpena was a thriving port ushering between 1,500 and 2,000 ships in and out of Thunder Bay annually in her busiest years.

Alpena has been ahead of other communities with the acquirement of modern conveniences. Historic Alpena installed its first telephone just 3 years after Alexander Graham Bell received his patent; and electricity arrived just two years after Thomas Edison developed the light bulb. By the late 1890s the lumbering wealth began to wane. The residents of this oasis of the north...
refused to let Alpena fade off into the distance as did so many other lumbering towns. This earned Alpena the nickname, “The Boom Town that Forgot to Bust.” With a tenacious pioneering spirit and hardy trailblazing ambition, Alpena has always had a knack for reinventing herself to sustain the livelihood of residents and visitors alike.

From lumbering, Alpena moved into other ventures such as manufacturing and mining. Alpena is home to one of the world’s largest shale quarries, Lafarge North America - Alpena Plant. Shale and limestone are extracted from the earth and mixed with other ingredients to make raw cement which is shipped out from Alpena via freighters on the Great Lakes. Alpena is also home to the world headquarters of Besser Manufacturing Co. In the early 1900s, Alpena residents Herman Besser and his son Jesse revolutionized the concrete building industry with the invention of advanced concrete block making machinery. Today Besser Company continues to supply the world with modern versions of this machinery. Additionally, you will find the United State’s only freshwater marine sanctuary here in Alpena. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary protects hundreds of historic shipwrecks resting on Lake Huron’s floor. Divers, snorkelers, kayakers, history buffs, and everyone in between venture to Alpena to learn the story these wrecks share. A state-of-the-art regional medical center, community college, strong business climate, and community-oriented infrastructure make Alpena an ideal location for business, vacation, and residency.

Today Alpena is known as The Sanctuary of the Great Lakes. Positioned as the hub of a 4-county region, Alpena is a dynamic area revered for authentic experiences and serves as your destination base-camp for a sincerely genuine, warm, and inspiring escape. It provides comfort for families rediscovering those things that matter most in life as they refresh and reconnect in a modern community that is insulated from the stress of the busy world. It is a place where cultural heritage and history collide with relaxed outdoor adventure. Alpena is a refuge from the noise of life. See for yourself what our trailblazing forefathers fell in love with. A thriving lifestyle, quietly nestled between intriguing emerald forests and tranquil clear blue waters.
**Alpena, Our Backstory**

**5 Historic Points of Interest**

**Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan**
See the Besser concrete block-making machinery and learn more about the Besser Company story.
491 Johnson St, Alpena

**Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center & Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary**
See shipwreck artifacts from various wrecks in Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary. See some of the wrecks laying at rest in Lake Huron from the Lady Michigan, glass-bottom boat.
500 West Fletcher St., Alpena

**John Lau Saloon**
Alpena’s oldest original saloon still standing from our lumber boomtown days. Ask about the ghost story.
414 N 2nd Ave, Alpena

**Rockport State Recreation Area**
The south entrance to the park includes the limestone quarry (abandoned in 1948), deep water port and pier from the Great Lakes Lime & Stone Company (later known as Kelly Island Lime and Transport). The north entrance to the park includes the ghost Village of Bell and cemetery, a small lumber town abandoned by 1900.
South Entrance: US-23 North, to Rockport Road, follow to the end.
North Entrance: US-23 North to Grand Lake Road, follow East Grand Lake Road, Park entrance is on the right just before Bell Bay Road.

**Lighthouses**
The tallest accessible and oldest accessible lighthouses on the Great Lakes are within 1 mile of each other just north of Alpena.
Old Presque Isle Lighthouse, 5295 E Grand Lake Rd, Presque Isle
New Presque Isle Lighthouse, 4500 E Grand Lake Rd, Presque Isle

Hop aboard the glass-bottom boat Lady Michigan to see the shipwrecks of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, courtesy Bryan Dort, PhoticZone.

Besser Museum’s village takes you back through the pages of Alpena’s history, courtesy Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan.

Alpena’s oldest restaurant establishment is John A. Lau Saloon, dating back to early Alpena lumbering days, courtesy John A. Lau Saloon.
Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary’s Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center
500 W. Fletcher St., Alpena (989) 356-8805
www.thunderbay.noaa.gov

The Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary preserves a national treasure, nearly 200 historic shipwrecks in and around the bay. Lake Huron’s cold, fresh water preserves many of these shipwrecks intact and in water depths ranging from a few inches to 200 feet, making the sanctuary a popular destination for divers, snorkelers and kayakers. You can explore the history and archaeology of these wrecks at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, the Sanctuary’s 20,000 square foot river front headquarters. Exhibits on Great Lakes maritime history and shipwrecks include the “Exploring the Shipwreck Century” exhibit, a 9,000 square ft. permanent exhibit where visitors can experience elements of a traditional maritime museum combined with a hands-on discovery center featuring life-sized recreations of an historic Great Lakes schooner and shipwreck sites, artifact displays, and interactive learning stations on technology, diving, and Great Lakes ecology. Also featuring a sanctuary store, state of the art education spaces, high-definition theater, and archaeological conservation lab, the admission-free Center is a great destination and the best place to begin exploring Thunder Bay. Please call ahead for information on hours of operations and special events. Wreck locations are available on our website. While visiting Alpena, you may also want to explore the Thunder Bay Sanctuary Research Collection, one of the largest archival collections of Great Lakes maritime history in existence, located at the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library, or visit www.alpenalibrary.org.

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Cedar Panning Co.
4820 French Rd., Alpena, (989) 464-7718
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1016 State Street (US 23), Alpena, (989) 354-0679
www.facebook.com/leesminiaturegolf
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Alpena Pedal & Paddle Rentals by Performance Locker
1302 S. State Ave. (US 23 South), Alpena, (989) 884-1702
www.performancelocker.com/rentals
email: info@performancelocker.com
Men’s and women’s vintage-style beach cruisers and children’s bikes as well as child trailers and tag-alongs are available. Helmets included. Visit the Alpena Pedal & Paddle Outpost at the Duck Park or book online at www.performancelocker.com/rentals. Start your adventure on the adjoining 18.5 mile long Alpena Bi-Path or grab a map and head downtown for an afternoon of shopping and dining. Visit the website for easy online scheduling. Canoes and kayaks also available. Off-site rentals also available.

Friends of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary Bike Rental
500 W. Fletcher St., Alpena, (989) 356-8805, ext. 18
www.thunderbay.noaa.gov
email: friends@thunderbayfriends.org
Explore the Maritime Heritage Trail, follow the 18.5 mile long Alpena Bi-Path, or head out on your own self-guided tour of Alpena on bike starting at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center! A great selection of Raleigh bikes are available for hourly or daily rental. Burley “tag-along” child trailer also available.

OTHER BIKE RENTALS
Thunder Bay Resort

BOAT RENTALS & MARINAS
Churchill Pointe Inn
5700 Bennett Rd, Hubbard Lake, (989) 727-2020
Pontoon boat rental. Please call to reserve.

Dodge Marine and Storage
2111 Long Lake Park Rd., Alpena, (989) 595-5040
www.dodgemarine.com
Pontoon, fishing boats and wave runner rentals available. Located on Long Lake. Full service center and boating supplies.

Fletcher’s Landing
5614 Emils Landing Road, Hillman, (989) 742-4166
www.fletcherslanding.com

Jack’s Landing Resort
20836 Tennis Rd., Hillman, (989) 742-4370
www.jackslanding.com
Located on the shores of scenic Fletcher Pond. Restaurant, bait and tackle store, propane. Boats, motors, and ice shanty rentals.

Viking Marine
4968 N Hubbard Lake Rd, Spruce (989) 727-2797
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Boat rentals available. Located on Hubbard Lake. Hours are Monday- Saturday 9 am- 6 pm.

OTHER BOAT RENTALS & MARINAS
Hubbard Lake Marine
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CANOE, KAYAK, STAND UP PADDLE BOARD RENTALS
Alpena Adventures
3001 Werth Road, Alpena, (989) 464-7241
www.alpenaadventures.com
Create a personalized adventure just for you and your group. Alpena Adventures uses all that Northeast Michigan has to offer from lakes, rivers, streams, and trails. We offer kayak rentals, overnight kayak/camping adventure, family shipwreck snorkeling adventure, shipwreck diving, sinkhole hiking adventures and lighthouse tours. We have a customized adventure for all ages.

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Duck Park, Alpena, (989) 884-1702
www.performancelocker.com/rentals
email: info@performancelocker.com
Canoes, kayaks, and stand up paddleboards available for hourly, daily, and off-site rental from Duck Park on Thunder Bay River’s 500-acre Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary. All rentals come with safety equipment. Also available for rent are canoes, kayaks and bikes. Private group excursions are available upon request. Stop by the Outpost at the park or book online.

Dodge Marine and Storage
2111 Long Lake Park Rd., Alpena, (989) 595-5040
www.dodgemarine.com
Stand Up Paddle boards are available for full day, multi-day, and weekly rental. Also available for rent are pontoons, fishing boats, and wave runners.

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Harborside Cycle & Sport
125 N State Ave, Alpena, (989) 354-4999
www.harborsidecycle.com
email: info@harborsidecycle.com
Enjoy the groomed trails of Northeast Michigan with all the gear you need to head out on your adventure. Cross country ski and snowshoes available for daily rental. Staff can recommend trails and locations that will provide an excellent experience. Hours are Monday 10 am – 6 pm, Tuesday 10 am – 5 pm, Wednesday & Thursday 10 am – 6 pm, Friday 10 am – 5 am, Saturday 10 am – 2 pm.

OTHER SKI RENTAL
Thunder Bay Resort
FISHING THE WATERS OF THE ALPENA AREA

Paul Gohlke visits his favorite bass fishing spot, courtesy Steve Jakubcin

Nothing is more authentic to the Alpena area than fishing. When the morning sun is peeking out from a blanketed horizon, the silhouette of a rod and reel can be seen casting along Thunder Bay River on your way into town. As the Autumn leaves bluster about the September breeze, they clear a line of vision toward the ripples on the lakes, lapping urgently at the hull of a bass boat near a weed bed. As winter embraces the region in her crystalline veil, the tip-ups and shanties come out to keep ice fisherman busy until the big thaw.

Office break rooms across the region are ripe with weekend fishing tales and enthusiasm builds as Spring warmth liquefies the lakes and anglers get their boats ready for the season. A bike ride along the city’s Bi-Path will yield a view of friends and families, young and old, standing along the banks of Thunder Bay River. A skill-set passed on from generation to generation, fishing is Alpena’s oldest tradition. The first settlement in the area was a fishing village on Thunder Bay Island in Lake Huron just of the coast of modern-day Alpena. Fishing has always been, and continues to be, a central element of our culture and local lifestyle.

Cast a line with us! Like any angler worth his salt, we aren’t going to give away our favorite fishing hole, but we will give you some tips on the most unique fishing spots you can enjoy during your next family vacation. Go to VisitAlpena.com to find out more about fishing in the Alpena area.

FISHING CHARTERS & BAIT

Aboard Bounty Sportfishing Charters
4029 El Cajon Beach Rd. Alpena, (989) 354-3855
Join Capt. Larry Sanderson on a 252 Mako fishing charter for up to 6 fishermen and women. Catch salmon, lake trout, steelhead, and brown trout. U.S. Coast Guard certified. Private marine toilet. If no answer - they’re out fishing, please leave a message. Meet at the Alpena Small Boat Harbor. Follow US 23 to Downtown Alpena and take Chisholm St. to the Harbor Entrance. 30 years’ experience.

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5614 Emils Landing Rd., Hillman, (989) 742-4166
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Jack’s Landing Resort
20836 Tennis Rd, Hillman, (989) 742-4370
www.jackslanding.com
email: jackslanding@gmail.com
Jacks Landing – the original landing of the flood waters – offers a complete array of lodging, camping and services to make for an enjoyable getaway. We offer twenty 14-foot Lund Fishing Boats with 6 horse power motors and three 18-foot pontoon boats with 25 horse power motors. Considering ice fishing this winter? Why go anywhere but Fletcher Pond? Rent one of our 4 x 8 propane heated ice shanties and fish in comfort! Whether you are an avid fisherman or want to introduce your family to ice fishing, this is a great winter activity.

Trout Scout Charters
Alpena, (989) 657-2681
www.troutscoutcharters.com
e-mail: retherfe@gmail.com
Licensed Fishing Charter & Guide Service. Fish with Capt. Ed Retherford aboard the Trout Scout out of Alpena or Presque Isle. He is the most experienced captain on Lake Huron and the boat is fully equipped for your comfort. Trout Scout participates in Michigan’s Catch & Cook program, call for details.

Kilfish Charters
Alpena, Presque Isle, Harrisville
Phone: (734) 223-0341
website: www.kilfishcharters.com
e-mail: kilfishcharters@gmail.com
Salmon and Trout charters on Lake Huron in Northeast Michigan out of Alpena, Presque Isle or Harrisville. Captain Phil Paquette has 34 years of charter and tournament fishing. Trips available from the beginning of May through the end of October.

FISHING CHARTERS & BAIT OTHER

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Northern Drifters Guide Service
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VisitAlpena.com
Alpena County Plaza Pool
3303 S. Third Ave., Alpena, (989) 354-8287
www.alpenaplazapool.com
Swimming lessons from infant to adult, open swims, lap and exercise swims, senior fitness classes, water boot camp and any age (family fun) swims. Water walking, rehabilitation, water aerobics and Body Sculpt classes are also offered. The pool is also available for private rental. Find them on Facebook.

Northern Lights Arena
751 Woodward Ave, Alpena, (989) 358-0652
www.northernlightsarena.com
email: keli@northernlightsarena.com
Alpena is home to a state-of-the-art indoor ice skating facility, Northern Lights Arena. Built in 2003, this arena offers two first-class official NHL sized skate rinks for hockey tournaments, figure skating, and open skating to the public. These skate rinks are open year round so whether you are feeling the wintery Michigan spirit in July or December, come down and skate your cares away as you make Pure Michigan memories right here in Alpena! Find out more about Northern Lights Arena in our blog, The Ice is Nice at Northern Lights Arena. An indoor walking track is also available at the arena.

Performance Locker
1302 S. State Avenue (U.S. 23), Alpena, (989) 884-1702
www.performancelocker.com
email: info@performancelocker.com
Alpena’s only dedicated personal training fitness studio offering personal training classes and coaching; nutrition workshops; yoga (gentle, hot, chakra, vinyasa, stand up paddleboard yoga); traditional mat and Reformer Pilates; and outdoor adventure excursions all with experienced and credentialed professionals. Beginner to advanced levels welcome. Convenient online scheduling available at performancelocker.com.

Alpena Golf Club
1135 E. Golf Course Rd., Alpena, (989) 354-5052

River’s Edge Golf Club
6373 Werth Rd., Alpena, Pro Shop: (989) 354-4312, Clubhouse: (989) 354-5558

Thunder Bay Resort
27800 M-32, Hillman, 1-800-729-9375 or (989) 742-4502

White Pine National Golf Resort
3450 N. Hubbard Lake Rd., Spruce, (989) 736-3279

Alpena’s “Little Red” Beacon
Little Red is the only lighthouse within the City of Alpena. The steel skeletal-style lighthouse is viewable from Alpena’s boat harbor and breakwall. Built in 1914, it replaced earlier wooden structures which guided ships to safe port since the late 1800’s. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2006.

New Presque Isle Lighthouse
4500 E. Grand Lake Rd., Presque Isle, (989) 595-9917 or (989) 595-2752
www.presqueisletwp.org
The New Presque Isle Lighthouse was built in 1870 and is the tallest lighthouse tower accessible by the public on the Great Lakes. The original 3rd Order Fresnel Lens, a gift shop, and museum displays are located in the connected keeper’s quarters. Visitors may climb the 130 steps to the top of the tower for a breathtaking, panoramic view. Situated on a 99-acre township park featuring a playground, picnic area, pavilion, and nature trails, the buildings and grounds are open to the public from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., mid-May through mid-October. We are open 7 days a week from June 15 through September 3 and open Friday - Monday the rest of the season. Admission is free, although a nominal fee is charged for tower climbs. The 1905 Keeper’s House, located on the grounds of the New Presque Isle Lighthouse, has been fully restored and serves as a museum operated by the Presque Isle Township Museum Society. Supported by members and volunteers, the house is open to the public Friday - Monday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., from May 25 through September 3. Free admission; donations accepted. (989) 787-0814
Old Presque Isle Lighthouse
5295 E. Grand Lake Rd., Presque Isle, (989) 595-6979 or (989) 595-2752
www.presqueisletwp.org
The Old Presque Isle Lighthouse is one of the oldest surviving publicly accessible lighthouses on the Great Lakes. Built in 1840, the harbor light operated until 1871, when the keeper transferred to a new, taller lighthouse a mile to the north (the New Presque Isle Lighthouse). Visitors can climb the hand-hewn stone steps of the 30-feet-tall tower for a beautiful view of Lake Huron and Presque Isle Harbor. They can also ring the 1896 bell from the Lansing City Hall clock tower and pose for a photo with head and hands in an old set of stocks. The keeper’s dwelling is a hands-on museum and gift shop. The buildings and park grounds are open to the public, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., mid-May through mid-October. We are open 7 days a week from June 15 through September 3 and open Friday-Monday the rest of the season. Admission is free, although a nominal fee is charged for tower climbs.

40-Mile Point Lighthouse
County Park Road, Rogers City
www.40milepointlighthouse.org
Previous to 1897, the Lake Huron coast between Thunder Bay and Mackinaw was dark, thus a need for a light station at Forty Mile Point ensuring mariners would never be out of viewing range of a lighthouse. The light is 40 miles sailing distance from Mackinaw Point and Thunder Bay. Follow “Shipwreck Trail” to see the part of the Joseph S. Fay remaining on the beach; one of the 27 wooden ships that sank during a fierce storm in 1905. 150’ of her hull rests on the beach near the Lighthouse. Other features include steamer Calcite pilot house, a picnic area, swimming beach and nature trails.

Sturgeon Point Lighthouse
Point Road, Harrisville
www.alconahistoricalsociety.com
Until the early 20th Century, northern Michigan was almost completely dependent on waterborne commerce for all of its needs. Thousands of sailing vessels and early steamers plied the Great Lakes at a time when there were almost no aids of navigation to guide them along the dangerous coastline with its treacherous rocks, shoals and reefs. One such reef extends 1-1/2 miles out into Lake Huron at Sturgeon Point, just north of Harrisville. In 1869, the Lighthouse Service began construction of the lighthouse at Sturgeon Point to mark this hazard. Sturgeon Point Lighthouse became operational in the spring of 1870. The keeper’s house is now a maritime museum which is open to the public on weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day Weekend. The lighthouse tower is open to the public Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11a.m. to 3:30p.m. for a fee. The grounds are open all year.

Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse
Thunder Bay Island is situated in the center of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Lake Huron. In 1846, the first store in Alpena County was built on the island to support a fishing community, which harvested twelve thousand barrels of fish. At this time, 160 inhabitants called the island home, and operated a fleet of 31 fishing boats. The first light tower established on the island was constructed in 1832, making it the second oldest light tower still standing on Lake Huron. The station was placed on the National Historic Register in 1984. The lighthouse is not open to the public but can be viewed via boat from the water.

Middle Island Lighthouse
Middle Island Light Station is located in Lake Huron, halfway between Thunder Bay Island and Presque Isle. There are seven buildings on the island, including a light tower, Keepers Quarters, an Oil House, Tool Garage, a Fog Horn building and two brick privies. The light is 78 feet above low water and can be seen for 17 miles. The lighthouse can be viewed via boat from the water.

Snowmobiling
The Alpena Snowdrifters Club is under contract with the MDNR to sign, brush and groom 93 miles of snowmobile trail in the Alpena area. There are presently three staging areas for snowmobilers to park and ride from. In addition to the Devils Lake-a series of trails in a state forest, there are three other trails in the system. For trail conditions, a map and more visit the Alpena Snowdrifters Club’s website at www.alpenasnowdrifters.org.

Marksmanship
Alpena Sportsman’s Club
4260 M-32, Alpena, (989) 354-2582
14 station sporting clays, trap, skeet, archery, 3-D archery, 100 to 600-yard rifle ranges, handgun and muzzleloader range. Open to the public year-round.

Sailing School
Alpena Youth Sailing Club
102 S. 3rd Ave., Alpena, (989) 354-2175
website: www.alpenayouthsailingclub.com
e-mail: pwilson@alpenaagency.com
Sailing lessons for kids and adults- ages 8 and up.

New Presque Isle Lighthouse, courtesy Kyle Taylor
Whether you’re looking for homemade comfort food, a gourmet treat, or somewhere in between, you’ll find it in Northeast Michigan. Cosmopolitan flair, classic hearty favorites and eclectic creations are never more than a short walk or drive away. Foodies will be pleased to know that Alpena features a number of professional chefs as well as experienced proprietors who have one main goal in mind, pleasing your taste buds! Many use farm fresh ingredients and locally caught fish. Here is your guide for local flavors to savor.

### ASIAN
- Chee-Ping Chinese & Thai Restaurant
- Mandarin Garden
- Grand China Buffet
- Jimmy Chen’s Hunan Chinese Restaurant

### AMERICAN
- Jacks Landing Restaurant
  20836 Tennis Road, Hillman, (989) 742-4370
  www.jackslanding.com
  This resort located on Fletcher’s Pond features an on-site restaurant that serves up a full menu of home-cooked meals to satisfy your appetite. You’ll enjoy breakfast and mouthwatering prime rib dinners, paired with a nice selection of wines and beers. Please note this facility is only open May through September. Piker’s Cove Bar is located right below the restaurant. Spend the evening trading fishing stories and the scoop on the latest water hot spots, while you play pool and shuffleboard. Pikers Cove Bar is open in the evening, Thursday through Saturday, in season.

### OTHER AMERICAN
- Big Boy Restaurant
- The Bulldog Hot Dog Joint
- Gen-Ar’s
- The Owl’s Nest Gourmet Burgers
- Twin Acres 19th Hole Restaurant
- North End Restaurant
- Smokey’s
- Van Pamel’s Hometown Diner

**Thunder Bay River Restaurant**
1315 W. Chisholm Street, Alpena, (989) 340-0831
www.zmenu.com/thunder-bay-river-restaurant-alpena-online-menu/
A trip to Thunder Bay River Restaurant is just like visiting Grandma’s house. 90% of the food coming out of the kitchen is from scratch. Homemade baked goods, jams, soups and much more. Located on Thunder Bay River, this restaurant is a great place to

**The Parker House**
24732 US Highway 23 South, Presque Isle, (989) 595-6484
www.facebook.com/ParkerHouseMI
This nostalgic Northern Michigan resort features breakfast and lunch comfort food, a hand-dipped ice cream shop and cabins available for rent. Enjoy views of Long Lake with family and friends while dining on homemade pancakes, pork chops, or pie.
**BAR & GRILL**

**CW's Restaurant & Sneakers Bar**  
1000 US-23, Alpena, (989) 356-2151  
[www.cwalpena.com](http://www.cwalpena.com)  
Tantalize your taste buds, appease your appetite and humble your hunger at CW's Restaurant. This restaurant and bar, located inside the Ramada Inn of Alpena, offers all of your favorite, good old-fashioned American foods, some of which even come with a twist to keep things fun. For lunch, dinner, and even Sunday brunch. Friendly and talented servers, hosts, and cooks make sure that you can kick back in a fun environment while enjoying delicious food.

**JJ's Steak & Pizza House**  
411 N. 2nd Ave. Alpena, (989) 356-1666  
[www.jjspizzas.com](http://www.jjspizzas.com)  
Casual dining with a family-friendly atmosphere. The menu has something for everyone including world famous pizza and hoagies, steaks, burgers, pasta, ribs, a full bar, and more. Décor has Up North feel. Delivery of full menu available.

**OTHER BAR & GRILL**

- Cattails Bar & Grille  
- The Clubhouse Bar & Grill at Thunder Bay Resort  
- Hide-A-Way Tavern & Grill  
- The Mountain Bar & Grill  
- Sandbar & Grill  
- Bolton Ridge Bar & Grill

**BREWERY, WINERY & CIDER**

**Austin Brothers Beer Company**  
821 W. Miller St., Alpena, (989) 340-2300  
[www.austinbrosbeerco.com](http://www.austinbrosbeerco.com)  
At Austin Brothers, fresh and local are words we cook by. We are unashamedly passionate about the food and beer we create. Using the best ingredients and suppliers, our beers are crafted and created in a sustainable, creative, and innovative environment. If you’re looking for quality and integrity in the food you enjoy- look no further.

**Thunder Bay Winery**  
Address: 109 N. Second Ave., Alpena, (989) 358-9463  
[www.thunderbaywinery.com](http://www.thunderbaywinery.com)  
Thunder Bay Winery’s wine tasting room is located in the historic Center Building of bustling downtown Alpena. With its huge front windows that overlook Second Avenue, it’s an easy place to spend the afternoon people watching. It’s also the perfect place to bring a few friends and have a date night, or you can even arrange to bring a group and enjoy sampling wine in a private room. The friendly, professional and knowledgeable staff really makes the experience authentic as you learn the history of the wine- from the fruit being picked in the nearby local vineyard, to how the flavors are created and melded, right down to the genuine aging in oak barrels. It’s the perfect place to enjoy a night on the town.

**OTHER BREWERY, WINERY & CIDER**

- Knaebe’s Mmmunchy Krunchy Apple Farm Twisted Roots Cider  
- Stoney Acres Winery

**BREAKFAST & MORE**

- C.I.A Restaurant  
- Connie’s Café  
- Nick’s Southside Diner

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- Wine by the Glass  
- Wine Cocktails  
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A Member of the Sunrise Side Wine & Hops Trail

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COFFEE CAFÉ

As You Wish Gourmet Eatery
104 N. Second Ave., Alpena, 989-340-1744
www.asyouwisheatery.com
Daily eatery in downtown Alpena with breakfast, lunch, and pick up dinner options. Wraps and salad always available, and specials throughout the week include homemade ramen noodles, taco bar, and sushi.

Cabin Creek Coffee
Downtown: 201 N 2nd Ave, Alpena, (989) 356-5613
cabincreakoffeealpena.com
Cabin Creek Coffee serves soups, salads, sandwiches and a variety of fresh coffee drinks and smoothies. Both locations provide a relaxed coffee shop atmosphere and friendly baristas greet you with a smile. The Downtown location has a cozy conference room for small meetings. Catering services are also available for your next event.

OTHER COFFEE
Biggby Coffee

CUISINE – Upscale Casual & Cocktails

The Fresh Palate Gourmet
109 N 2nd Ave, Alpena, (989) 358-1400
www.freshpalategourmet.com
Owned and operated by Chef Eric Peterson, who trained at the Western Culinary Institute in Portland, OR and the 5 Star Jardinière in San Francisco, the Fresh Palate is destination for gourmet style farm-to-table dining. Located in the Center Building in the heart of Downtown Alpena, The Fresh Palate brings west coast fusion to life with locally-grown farm fresh ingredients. Many selections blend different combinations like Mexican flavor and the simple Italian approach that lets the freshness of an ingredient speak for itself. Enjoy hearty favorites as well as vegan and gluten-free options. A full service bar will round out your meal with craft cocktails, Michigan microbrews, or the perfect wine pairing. The Fresh Palate also hosts many events such as the Sunrise Suds Tap Takeover brew festival. Check their website for current dates.

Churchill Pointe Inn
5700 Bennett Road, Hubbard Lake, (989)727-2020
www.churchillpointeinn.com
Overlooking beautiful Hubbard Lake, Churchill Pointe Inn has been serving high quality and fresh cuisine and offering comfortable lodging in the best traditions of Northern Michigan hospitality since 1927. Although dress is casual, the spacious dining room covered in white linen tablecloths presents gracious views of the lake from every table. Whether you are looking to have a romantic evening out or just coming in from a day on the Lake, we invite everyone to come and let us take care of you. Our extensive menu has something for everyone to enjoy from fresh lake fish, grilled to order steaks, sautéed chicken classics to pastas, gluten free options, and vegetarian dishes, there is something for all tastes. Please come down to our cocktail bar during your stay, and indulge in a few of your favorite drinks, or choose one of our signature drinks. Our wine menu offers fine wines from around the world that are hand selected and paired with our menu so every dish can be accented with the perfect bottle.

The Courtyard Ristorante & Old Roost Lounge
2024 U.S. 23 South, Alpena, (989) 356-9511
www.courtyardristorante.com
Only the freshest meats, fish and vegetables are used in the Courtyard kitchen. Owners Lora and Chris Carlson have sought out first class suppliers to ensure the quality of their product is second to none. Their fresh fish program is one such way that allows them to order and receive fresh fish six days a week, ensuring perfection of product. They also adjust their menu four times a year to coincide with the changing seasons and quality of produce. From the moment you walk through the door you will be received with a welcoming spirit comparable to coming home. They rely heavily on their wonderful, hardworking staff to help create this warm, hometown spirit and are very pleased to watch them convey these sentiments of kindness and appreciation to guests.

John A. Lau Saloon
414 N. 2nd Ave. Alpena, (989) 354-6898
www.johnalausaloon.com
Established in 1892, this is Alpena’s oldest saloon. Enjoy upscale dining with a casual, historic atmosphere. Lucky visitors might also catch a glimpse of Agnes, the saloon’s resident ghost.

OTHER CUISINE – Upscale Casual & Cocktails

Hubbard Lake Roadhouse,
White Pine National Golf
The Portage Restaurant
Rosa’s Lookout Inn

DELIS/SANDWICHES

Across the Bay Café
Take 5 Deli
Jimmy John’s Gourmet Subs
Subway (3 locations)
Neiman’s Corner Café
FOOD TRUCK & STAND (SEASONAL)

Hungry Hippie
1001 S State Ave, Alpena, (989) 340-1428
www.facebook.com/HungryHippieAlpena

The Hungry Hippie is a fun, 60’s inspired food stand restaurant across from Lee’s Mini Golf and Starlite Beach in Alpena. It serves up grilled cheese sandwiches, food bowls, tacos, and smoothies with a groovy smile. Enjoy outdoor seating or take your Hippie to go.

OTHER FOOD TRUCK & STAND

5 Bad Hens
Unlucky Cat Café

GROCERY & MARKET

The Alpena Farmer’s Market
Located at Mich-e-ke-wis Park in Alpena, (989) 356-5995
www.alpenafarmersmarket.org

Make a memorable picnic with the fruits of local farmers’ labors, brought to town at the Alpena Farmer’s Market, at Mich-e-ke-wis Park. See what’s new each week! The Summer market is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 8 am – 1 pm mid May-mid October. The Winter market at the Alpena Mall is open Saturdays from 10 am-2 pm mid October-April.

Jimmie Garant’s Party Store
1226 W. Chisholm St. Alpena, (989) 354-4366

Serving Alpena for over 65 years, Jimmie Garant’s Party Store is your one stop shop for a wide variety of domestic and craft beers, kegs, liquor, wine, lottery, beverages, snacks, and more. Conveniently located on Chisholm St. within city limits.

OTHER GROCERY & MARKET

Neiman’s Family Market
Perch’s IGA
Walmart SuperCenter
Meijer
Kipfmiller’s Produce & Meats (seasonal)
Marine Meat Market
Long Lake Supermarket

ICE CREAM/SWEETS

Downtown Scoops
101 N. 2nd Ave. Alpena, (989) 340-0274
www.facebook.com/downtownscoops/

Downtown Scoops makes its home in historic Downtown Alpena, offering 24 flavors of hand-dipped ice cream, as well as shakes, malts, mixers and sundaes. They also carry apparel, gifts, souvenirs, locally made jams, maple syrup, habanero jellies, honey and barbecue sauce. Once the Holiday season arrives you can find hot chocolate floats, gift boxes, ornaments and décor. Open every day of the week from March through December.

North Country Candy & Gifts
1045 N Bagley St, Alpena, (989) 354-8231
www.northcountrycandyandgifts.com

From hand dipped chocolates and ice cream, to espresso and Michigan gifts, North Country Candy & Gifts is the perfect place to please the whole family. Fresh roasted Hubbard Lake Coffee in a variety of familiar and special blends, fresh caramel corn in a multitude of delectable flavors, and gift baskets make North Country a unique stop on your Alpena Adventure.

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Experience Alpena like a local on our YouTube channel
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- Mangos Mexican Cuisine
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- Friars Pizza
- Komo’s Pizzeria
- Little Caesars Pizza
- Mancino’s Pizza & Grinders
- Pizza Hut

**PUBS & BARS**

**Bogarts Tavern**
2085 Werth Rd. Alpena, (989) 356-9921
Local tavern with pool tables, darts, Keno, TVs for viewing your favorite sporting event, karaoke every Saturday, and the famous Bogie Burger.

**The Nucleus Lounge**
109 N 2nd Ave, Alpena, (989) 358-1400
[www.freshpalategourmet.com/nucleus-lounge](http://www.freshpalategourmet.com/nucleus-lounge)
Sit back and relax with good food, good drinks, and a great vibe. The Nucleus Lounge is located inside the Center Building in the heart of Downtown Alpena. Enjoy your favorite cocktail, try a signature creation, micro-brew or wine, and order off the Fresh Palate menu which provides hearty favorites as well as vegan and gluten-free options. Catch the game on the big screens, or listen to live music performed by local and well-known bands.

**OTHER PUBS & BARS**
- Chief’s Bar & Grill
- Barilik’s
- Black Sheep Pub

**QUICK & FAMILIAR**

**Culvers of Alpena**
1061 M-32 West, Alpena, (989) 358-6678
[www.culvers.com/restaurants/alpena](http://www.culvers.com/restaurants/alpena)
While Culver’s is famous for ButterBurgers and Fresh Frozen Custard, our menu offers something truly special for everyone. For the Culver’s co-founders it was only natural to build on their supper club roots, to create a menu with a breadth of offerings to please every guest. Whether it’s our hand-battered North Atlantic Cod, Crispy Chicken Sandwich, genuine Wisconsin Cheese Curds or seasonal sweet-and-summery Lemon Ice, Culver’s has given guests something to rave about since the start. Always made fresh, and always delicious.

**OTHER QUICK & FAMILIAR**
- Ben’s Soft Pretzels (Meijer)
- Burger King
- Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill & Bar
- Arby’s of Alpena
- John Boy’s
- McDonald’s (3 locations)
- Kentucky Fried Chicken
- North Coney Island
- Nowicki’s Sausage Shoppe
- Taco Bell
- Wendy’s Old Fashioned Hamburgers

**RETAIL & BOUTIQUE SHOPPING**

**Harborside Cycle & Sport**
125 N State Ave, Alpena, (989) 354-4999
[www.harborsidecycle.com](http://www.harborsidecycle.com)
email: info@harborsidecycle.com
Hours: Monday 10 am – 6 pm, Tuesday 10 am – 5 pm, Wednesday & Thursday 10 am – 6 pm, Friday 10 am – 5 am, Saturday 10 am – 2 pm.
Full service bike and outdoor adventure gear outfitter. A full range of road, mountain, cross, fat, and electric bikes is available for purchase. Get advice on the best gear for you. Cross-country skis, Canoes, stand up paddle boards, kayaks, and kite surfing equipment is also available for purchase. You can also enjoy the groomed trails of Northeast Michigan with all the gear you need to head out on your adventure. Cross country ski and snowshoes available for daily rental in the winter season. Staff can also recommend trails and locations that will provide an excellent experience. Check their website for upcoming events.
The Local Basket Case
109 W Chisholm St, Alpena, (989) 354-0425
www.the-local-basket-case-llc.mysopify.com
Hours: Monday through Saturday - 10 am to 6 pm,
Sunday - 11 am - 5 pm
The Local Basket Case is a family owned business originating in downtown Alpena, and now with additional locations in Tawas and Rockford. We offer all Michigan made products and clothing that promotes Alpena and Michigan. The Local Basket Case offers unique handmade gifts and clothing that ranges from onesies to adult XXXL. Find unique Michigan-themed items, handmade gifts, and apparel to show off your Mitten Pride!

Re-Tails Boutique at Huron Humane Society
3510 Woodward, Alpena, 989-356-4794
www.huronhumanesocietyinc.org/retailsboutique
Hours: Tuesday through Sunday - 11 am to 6 pm
A quirky, upscale boutique, Re-Tails specializes in upcycled furniture, interesting home decor, Grounds & Hounds Coffee Company products, small-batch candles, fine toiletries, and unique accessories. Talented local artists provide much of Re-Tails merchandise, so you can purchase a quintessentially Northern Michigan gift for yourself or a loved one while supporting the Huron Humane Society, which runs Re-Tails Boutique as a year-round fundraiser for the animals it serves. The Boutique is located at Huron Humane Society.

Rusty Petunia’s Marketplace
123 W Chisholm St, Alpena, (989) 340-2194
www.facebook.com/rustypetuniasmarketplace
email: rustypetunias@hotmail.com
Hours: Monday through Saturday - 10 am – 6 pm
Located in Downtown Alpena, Rusty Petunia’s is a delightful home goods store filled to the brim with décor items for your home or cottage, gift ideas, and other treasures. Find popular styles and the perfect pieces for your home or cottage. Also check out the unique textile items, jewelry, and artisan-made furniture.

Pace & Hong Auctions
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www.pacehongauctions.com
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Bill Pace and Herman Hong bring over five decades of combined business experience to Pace & Hong Auctions. Partners on projects for 25 years, they take great pride in an ethical approach to their work, superior customer service and a personal involvement in each sale. They specialize in year-round events at their 6,000 sq. ft. building in Alpena where they are the only auctioneers in the area equipped to take live internet bids from over 600,000 registered bidders around the country. Check their website for more information about items up for bid including antiques and collectibles, estate items, vehicles, business liquidations, residential items, farms and acreage, sportsmen’s items and more.

Traveling Ladders
102 N 2nd Ave, Alpena, (989) 356-6020
www.facebook.com/travelingladders
Hours: 11 am – 5 pm
Formerly Sepull’s Pharmacy, an Alpena landmark Since 1920, Traveling Ladders is located in the heart of the downtown. Traveling Ladders has a wrap-around balcony, tin ceilings and traveling ladders leading to ceiling high shelves, full of old medicine bottles and boxes of yesteryear. In addition to the beauty of the building itself, you will find antiques, vintage style, wonderful home accents and gift ideas. This quaint local shop is the perfect place to find that special item you will treasure forever.

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Emery Enterprises
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Master’s- LaLonde Shoes
Soaps & Such
Yarns to Go
Noise & Toys
Olivet Book & Gift
Bolenz Jewelry
The Alpena Mall
The Sugar & Spice Shop
Myers Fashions
Wild Wild West Tobacco
E.J.’s Custom Cards & Treasures
St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store
Salvation Army Thrift Store
John Henry’s Antiques Mall
Habitat ReStore
Holy Smokes Tobacco & Cigar Shop
Goodwill

SCUBA DIVING & SNORKELING
Alpena Adventures
3001 Werth Road, Alpena, (989) 464-7241
https://alpenaadventures.com
Create a personalized adventure just for you and your group. Alpena Adventures uses all that Northeast Michigan has to offer from lakes, rivers, streams, and trails. We offer kayak rentals, overnight kayak/camping adventure, family shipwreck snorkeling adventure, shipwreck diving, sinkhole hiking adventures and lighthouse tours. We have a customized adventure for all ages.

Great Lakes Divers
400 Cedar St. Alpena, (989) 916-9990
www.greatlakesdivers.com
E-mail: info@greatlakesdivers.com
Centrally located in downtown Alpena, Michigan, Great Lakes Divers has been facilitating underwater adventures in Northeast Michigan and Lake Huron for over 40 years. Book your shipwreck adventure with them today. Great Lakes Divers operates a full-service dive shop, offering sales, dive instruction, air-fills, rentals, repairs, salvage, and dive and snorkel charters.

OTHER DIVING & SNORKELING
Thunder Bay Scuba
MORE OUTDOOR RECREATION

TOURS

Customized Tours and Excursions
420 N. Second Ave, Alpena, (989) 340-2288
www.VisitAlpena.com

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www.alpenaadventures.com

Alpena Shipwreck Tours aboard Glass Bottom Boat
500 W. Fletcher St., Alpena, (888) 469-4696
www.AlpenaShipwreckTours.com

Sinkholes

Lighthouse Tours

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1617 Airport Rd., Alpena, (800) 221-1212, (989) 354-2907
website: www.alpenaairport.com

City Cab Company
(989) 358-8294
24-hour service, 7 days a week.

South Bay Car Rental & Plowman’s Collision
3146 US 23 Alpena, (989) 356-9641
www.plowmanscollision.net

Thunder Bay Taxi Corp.
(989) 354-4601

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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Thunder Bay Transportation Trolley Service 989-354-4596

TRANSPORTATION, OTHER

Hudson Motor Sales Car Rental
Indian Trails Bus (Walmart Parking Lot)

VENUES & CATERING

Art in the Loft
109 N. 2nd Ave. Suite 300 Alpena, (989) 356-4877
www.artintheloft.org
E-mail: gallery109@artintheloft.org

Art in the Loft fine arts center and gallery is located on the third floor of the historic Center Building in downtown Alpena. The gallery has over 7,000 square feet of open loft space with original wood floors, brick walls, and a stunning bird’s eye view of Thunder Bay through the plethora of large windows. Between the authentic old industrial style and the great art pieces adorning the walls, it doesn’t take much effort to turn this loft into a sophisticated wedding paradise. A modern kitchen area is also available for catering use.
Churchill Pointe Inn
5700 Bennett Rd. Hubbard Lake, (989) 727-2020
www.churchillpointeinn.com
Churchill Pointe Inn is a historic 1920’s era country inn centered on a picturesque peninsula, overlooking beautiful Hubbard Lake. Use the sparkling lake as your backdrop and Churchill Pointe Inn as your stage. Hold the ceremony either at the arbor or along the lakeshore. An in-house chef will help you design a personalized menu for your reception dinner that can be held on a large outdoor deck, on the lush lawn, or in the inn’s dining room. There are eight rooms available for overnight lodging.

The Fletcher Street Depot
124 W. Fletcher St. Alpena, (989) 341-4451
www.thefletcherstreetdepot.com
Whether you are a bride or groom with dreams of how you want your special day to look, a company planning a special event, or a parent who wants to give their child the perfect birthday…Fletcher Street Depot will create it just for you. Their goal is to design the perfect back drop for your event that you and your guests will never forget. You can also count on them for rental needs, from chair covers to linens. Call to set up a consultation.

Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center
500 W. Fletcher St. Alpena, (989) 356-8805
https://thunderbay.noaa.gov/maritime/glmhc.html
Host your ceremony or reception on the Heritage Center’s rooftop for a first-class view of the Thunder Bay River. If you would rather be under shelter, arrange a cocktail party style reception right inside of the maritime museum, or place a tent behind the center along the river. The life-sized recreation of a historic Great Lakes schooner inside the center makes for one-of-a-kind photo opportunities. You can utilize the indoor theater for special slideshows of the bride and groom. Take advantage of the Lady Michigan glass bottom boat to give your guests something truly unique to remember.

Hemlock Hills on Mill Pond
13796 Leer Rd. Posen, (989) 341-4777
www.hemlockhillsonmillpond.com
E-mail: contact@hemlockhillsonmillpond.com
Northeast Michigan’s Most Unique Wedding Venue. With the Historic Elowsky Grist Mill on the Thunder Bay River as the backdrop, the picture opportunities are endless. The Venue Barn, originally built in the early 1900’s was refurbished in 2016. Three-night rental includes the Mill House that sleeps up to 10 people, the Bunkhouse that can sleep up to 34 people along with the Pavilion that has bathrooms, warming kitchen, bar and meeting area. Five camper sites with electric are also available. You can rent their three other vacation homes and make it a perfect destination wedding.

Presque Isle Lodge Bed & Breakfast
8211 E. Grand Lake Rd. Presque Isle, (989) 595-6970 (summer) (231) 929-4684 (winter)
www.presqueiselande.com
E-mail: inkeeper@presqueiselande.com
Hand-hewn from pine logs prior to the advent of electricity, the over 10,000 square foot Presque Isle Lodge with its large stone fireplace is a perfect setting for your wedding. Your hosts, the Spencers, can help you arrange all aspects of your special day, from flowers to food to personal touches for your guests. Whether you hold your ceremony in front of the fireplace surrounded by family and friends, outdoors on the hill near Grand Lake, or in a wooded setting with serene Lotus Pond as a background, the Presque Isle Lodge will provide an intimate, unforgettable setting for your wedding celebrations.

Ramada Inn
1000 US 23 North Alpena, (989) 356-2151
www.ramadaalpena.com
Three different size reception spaces are available to accommodate your wedding party needs. The Huron Room seats 48, the Superior Room seats 60, and the Michigan Room seats 90. Need more space than that? No worries. All three rooms can be opened to create the Great Lakes Room to seat 200 people at oval tables. Amenities include Sneakers bar and/or a portable bar inside your banquet room, PA systems, dance floor, DJ area, table linen & skirt, microphones, and catering options. All while being conveniently located inside a full-service hotel for all your out of town guests.

JJ’s Catering & Rental
119 Fletcher St. Alpena, (989) 356-5177
www.jjscateringandrental.com
Full service catering for any event – large or small. JJ’s offers a wide range of menu selections and service from plated meals and buffets to drop-off service. Also offering a full line of rental items including tents, tables, chairs, linens, and more.

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Alpena County Fairgrounds
Alpena County Library
Antique Tractor & Steam Engine Club
Fireside Inn
Fremont Catering
J&M Catering
Lucas Catering
Northern Shore Lodge
St. Anne Parish Hall
Thunder Bay Resort
American Legion Hall Post #65 District 19
Knights of Columbus Hall
McRae Park
Sportsmen’s Club

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Fire ...................................................... (989) 356-7252
U.S. Coast Guard ..................................... (989) 356-1850
Alpena City Public Safety Facility
501 W. Chisholm, Alpena
Fire/Ambulance-Business ......................... (989) 354-1800
Police-Business ................................. (989) 354-1800
Alpena County Sheriff
320 Johnson, Alpena ......................... (989) 354-9830
Michigan State Police
3283 W. Washington, Alpena .............. (989) 354-4101
VisitAlpena.com
SHALLOW SHIPWRECKS AT-A-GLANCE

Alpena is home to Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, the nation’s only freshwater marine sanctuary. This national treasure protects nearly 200 historic shipwrecks in Lake Huron. The lake’s cold, fresh water preserves many of these shipwrecks intact and in water depths ranging from a few inches to 200 feet, making the sanctuary a popular destination for divers, snorkelers and kayakers. If you’re heading out for an adventure to view the shipwrecks, here is a round-up of some of the wrecks found in shallow waters, easily assessable by kayak or stand up paddleboard.

**American Union**
- **Location:** off the coast of Thompson Harbor State Park, GPS: N45°21.412’ W83°35.368’
- **Thompson Harbor State Park can be found by following highway US 23 about 25 miles north of Alpena. Follow the park entrance along Trailhead Road to the boat launch. The American Union is marked by a buoy.**
- **Depth:** 10 ft.
- **Paddle Distance from shore:** 2 miles

**Albany**
- **Location:** Albany Bay is just south of Presque Isle Harbor, GPS: N45°19.396’ W83°27.508’
- **A trailhead behind Presque Isle Cemetery leads you to the beach after a ¼ mile hike, the Albany is marked by a buoy.**
- **Depth:** 4 ft.
- **Paddle Distance from Shore:** ¾ mile

**Portland**
- **Location:** Bell Bay-Besser Natural Area, GPS: N45°14.929’ W83°24.450’
- **Take US 23 north of Alpena to Grand Lake Road, turn right at the first intersection (look for the sign board). Continue following Grand Lake Road to Besser Natural Area turn off (look for the DNR signs on the right side of the road). Park in the gravel lot and follow the foot trail to the beach. Follow the shore to the north. The wreck is located 250 feet offshore to the northeast, and marked by a buoy.**
- **Depth:** 8 ft.
- **Paddle Distance from shore:** 250 ft.

**Shamrock**
- **Location:** Thunder Bay, GPS: N45° 03.077’ W83° 26.052’
- **Along the Lake Huron Shore in Thunder Bay just off the coast of the City of Alpena, the Shamrock is located northeast of the Blair Street Pier (parking near shoreline available), and marked by a buoy.**
- **Depth:** 11 ft.
- **Paddle Distance:** 42 miles

**Harvey Bissell**
- **Location:** Thunder Bay, GPS: N45°32.87’ W83°25.603’
- **Lies outside of the City of Alpena Boat Harbor on Lake Huron (parking lot at boat harbor open to public), and is marked by a buoy.**
- **Depth:** 12 ft.
- **Paddle Distance from Shore:** 162 ft.

**John F. Warner**
- **Location:** Thunder Bay, GPS: N45° 03.050’ W83° 26.128’
- **Lies in Thunder Bay between Blair Street Pier (parking near shoreline) and the Alpena Boat Harbor (parking lot open to public), and is marked by a buoy.**
- **Depth:** 9 ft.
- **Paddle Distance from Shore:** 126 ft.

**Bay City**
- **Location:** Thunder Bay, GPS: N45° 03.369’ W83° 25.605’
- ** Lies outside of the Alpena Boat Harbor on Lake Huron (parking lot open to public), and is marked by a buoy.**
- **Depth:** 12 ft.
- **Paddle Distance from Shore:** 146 ft.
Let’s have fun!

Canoe, kayak, stand up paddleboard. Are you using the right vessel?

We want to make sure you enjoy your adventures safely. With the great variety of activities in the Alpena area, there is plenty to keep you busy. When paddling through the Sanctuary of the Great Lakes, whether it be on a river, inland lake or the big lake, make sure you are using the right vessel to ensure the safest possible experience. In this guide we provide an overview of the most common types of paddle-powered personal boats and safety tips to consider before heading out for your next adventure.

Sea Kayaks
Ideal for: Great Lakes, Ocean, large bodies of water
Activities: Viewing shallow shipwrecks in Lake Huron, paddling long distances

Standard sea kayaks are typically long and narrow with the top being mostly enclosed except for a small cockpit. They are built to take on big open water (oceans, Great Lakes, etc). The key feature of a sea kayak is that the paddler is sealed into the boat by a spray skirt to prevent water from splashing into the cockpit. Sea kayaks have bulkheads, or interior “walls” that separate the bow and stern sections from the cockpit, and create watertight “floatation” chambers. These chambers keep the kayak from sinking even if they’re packed with gear. Sea kayaks can fairly easily be rolled or tipped back upright if capsized (with practice). Even if a paddler cannot get back in the kayak after dumping, the boat can be used as a floatation support device.

Sit-on-Top Kayak
Ideal for: Great Lakes, slow moving rivers, inland lakes
Activities: Warm weather water fun, viewing shipwrecks in Lake Huron, Thunder Bay River

Sit-on-top kayaks are tough, almost unsinkable, and inexpensive. The maneuverability of an ordinary SOT kayak is slow, hard work and the open design doesn’t keep you warm or dry, but the great thing is if you dump - you can easily scramble back on or use the SOT as a floatation support device. One major drawback of the SOT is that the paddler could be chilled by the wind if significant wave action splashes them.

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A sea kayak is a safe way to view Lake Huron shipwrecks. Make your trip enjoyable and safe. Lake Huron kayak, photo courtesy Gary Irving.

Sit-on-top kayaks are versatile and can serve as a floatation support device if the paddler flips. PORTLAND shipwreck in Bell Bay, photo courtesy Sue Peterman.
Recreational kayaks (general purpose kayaks)
Ideal for: Inland lakes, slower moving rivers
Activities: flatwater kayaking, slow moving river touring, calm inland lake paddling

Recreational kayaks are generally lighter, wider and shorter than sea kayaks, have a large and easily-accessible cockpit, and DO NOT have bulkheads or sufficient floatation to keep the boat afloat when full of water. Some sprayskirts can be attached to a recreational kayak, which would keep splashes off your lap, but won’t keep the lake out if you dump, or the boat afloat if you take on water. These kayaks are very stable in slow moving water and are great for relaxing outings and touring inland lakes and river systems. On the Great Lakes these kayaks are a liability unless the water is flat. If this type of kayak takes on water, there is a high chance it will sink, leaving the kayaker stranded.

A canoe is a great workhorse paddle vessel and; used for centuries as a way of transporting people and supplies. Thunder Bay River canoe paddle.

Canoe
Ideal for: Flat water, Inland lakes, slower moving rivers
Activities: Fishing rivers and inland lakes, river paddling, quiet inland lake paddling

A canoe is heavier and wider than a kayak, open on top with high side walls, seldom less than 33.5 inches wide, and capable of carrying a heavy load. Their high sides allow more room for gear and people than a kayak, but the sidewall height makes them hard to control in windy conditions on open water. If awash with water, a canoe will also sink. A capsized canoe can be flipped upright with practice but is not an easy task. A canoe is a great vehicle for a small family or for carrying fishing gear or camping supplies.

Stand Up Paddleboard
Ideal for: Great Lakes, Oceans, inland lakes, rivers
Activities: Great Lake and ocean exploration, shipwreck viewing, surfing, rivers, inland lakes

SUP (stand up paddleboarding) uses a surf style board and a long paddle. While originally made popular by surfer Laird Hamilton as he used the paddle to help him catch the waves found in Hawaii, SUP is not only for surfing, but a variety of activities. Stand up paddling can be on flat water lakes, rivers, on the Great Lakes or in the ocean. Being able to stand fully erect on a SUP allows the paddler to have a better vantage point for viewing what is beneath the surface. Fun fact: shark sightings skyrocketed along the ocean coastlines when stand up paddleboarding became popular. A person standing on a SUP has a better view of what lies below the surface than someone sitting in a kayak or other small boat. A SUP is easy to maneuver and also doubles as a floatation device.

This makes a SUP an ideal craft to take out to view shallow shipwrecks in Lake Huron. When paddling on Lake Huron, always use a leash to attach to the board. When paddling on a river, a leash that drags in the water is not recommended because it could easily become entangled in logs or weeds and pull the paddler under.

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BIG LAKE SAFETY
TIPS FOR PADDLING IN THE GREAT LAKES

• Check the weather before heading out on Lake Huron. Anything over 8-10 MPH winds can create significant waves that can easily overtake a kayak.

• Pull the kayak or SUP into knee-deep water and get in quickly. Approach the incoming breakers head-on with a strong forward stroke. Taking the waves sideways will cause the vessel and/or the paddler to flip.

• Always wear a life jacket (PFD). There are many different styles (vest, belt pack, Co2 charged, etc.)

• It is a good idea to wear something brightly colored (that contrasts with the water color) in the event someone needs to search for you.

• If using a SUP on the Great Lakes, use a leash. A leash attaches the SUP to the paddler so if the paddler dumps, the SUP will not float away. (NOTE: do NOT use a leash that drags in the water when SUP paddling on a river, as it could get tangled in weeds or logs and pull the paddler under)

• Stay within a swimmable distance of shore and out of high wind and waves until you've mastered the skills necessary to handle rougher water.

• 100Rule. Consider air and water temperatures when heading out. If the air temperature plus the water temperature equals 100 or greater, your risk of hypothermia is lowered (as long as you are within 30 minutes of dry land/safety). Wear a wet or dry suit if hypothermia is a risk, in the event of falling in. The US Coast Guard warns that water temps below 60F can induce cold water shock.

• If you dump in cold water that is over your head, blow your emergency whistle and consider floating/huddling to conserve energy. Only attempt to swim toward shore if you are confident you can make it or the water is not terribly deep. Keep in mind that the Great Lakes act more like an ocean than an inland lake; and cold water can cause you to gasp for air, increase blood pressure and heart rate, leading to exhaustion and heart failure.

• Learn how to identify Rip Currents.

• Have a fall-out plan. A fear of many beginning paddlers is falling into the water. It’s important to remember that a spill can and may occur ANY TIME you are out on the water. Learn how to wet exit and how to re-enter your paddle vessel. The more you practice in calm water, the more you’ll be able to keep your head in a real-life situation.

• Paddle with a buddy, carry a whistle, an extra paddle and an extra life preserver for the group. You never know when a paddle may break, or a series of unfortunate events may leave you floating.

• Alert someone on land as to your location plans and expected time of return. In the event that you do not return by a specified late cut-off time, your land contact person will be tasked with searching for you and/or alerting emergency services.

• Onshore vs. Offshore breeze. Onshore breeze is any wind that blows from a large body of water toward or onto land. Offshore wind refers to any wind blowing from land out over open water. An onshore breeze may make it a little harder to paddle out, but will make paddling toward shore easier. An Offshore breeze will make paddling out very easy, and will make it more difficult to get back to shore.

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ROGERS CITY - Located 38 miles north of Alpena, Rogers City is known as the “Nautical City” and is also home to the annual Nautical Festival every summer. Rogers City is known to be a peaceful escape from the hustle and bustle of big city life, offering up pristine beaches and peaceful city streets. One of Roger City’s biggest claims to fame is Port of Calcite, the world’s largest open pit limestone quarry and one of the largest shipping ports on the Great Lakes.

FUN FACT
ROGERS CITY WAS ONCE A HOTBED FOR ALCOHOL SALES DURING THE PROHIBITION ERA, THIS WAS DUE TO ITS CONVENIENT LAKESIDE LOCATION AND PROXIMITY TO CANADA.

POSEN - Located 25 miles north of Alpena, the village of Posen was built on the backbone of hardworking immigrants from Poland. Coined the “Potato Capital of Michigan” due to the abundance of potato farms in the area, residents and visitors from near and far have been celebrating the annual Posen Potato Festival every September for over 60 years. There is much more to Posen than just potatoes though. Elowsky Grist Mill at Hemlock Hills on Mill Pond provides a look into the inner workings of an old-fashion grain mill, so be sure to check it out!

FUN FACT
THIS AGRICULTURAL VILLAGE WAS CONSTRUCTED DURING THE LUMBER HARVEST BOOM IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN, WHEN LUMBER DIED OUT, THE POLISH VILLAGERS PROSPERED IN THEIR NATIVE TRADE OF FARMING THE LANDS AND CONTINUE TO DO SO TO THIS DAY.

ONAWAY - Located 59 miles northwest of Alpena, Onaway grew as Alpena and many of the other neighboring communities; through the lumbering industry at the turn of the century. Famous for being known as the “Sturgeon Capital of Michigan”, Black Lake is a popular attraction for fishing this species. One of Onaway’s greatest treasures resides just outside of the town center, Ocqueoc Falls. The largest falls in Michigan’s lower peninsula and the only universally-accessible waterfall in the United States.

HILLMAN - Located only 23 miles west of Alpena, Hillman (formerly known as Brush Creek in the 1880’s) continues to honor heritage and traditions. You will find the village of Hillman celebrating VJ Day (victory over Japan in WWII) every September 2nd, complete with parade and Heritage Day at the historic Brush Creek Mill. Speaking of the historic Brush Creek Mill, don’t miss out on the Mill’s year-round fun for family-friendly events, arts & crafts, and more! On a fishing mission? Fletcher Pond in Hillman is the go-to spot for bass, pike, perch, and pan fish.

FUN FACT
FLETCHER POND IS POPULAR FOR LARGEMOUTH BASS DUE TO THE ‘POND’S’ 9,000 ACRES OF FLOODED CEDAR TREE FOREST.

HARRISVILLE - Located 32 miles south of Alpena on US-23 and well known for its formidable annual arts & crafts show, Harrisville Harmony Weekend. Harrisville is a gem residing on the shores of Lake Huron. Designated as a “Harbor of Refuge” on Lake Huron by the U.S. Coast Guard, the towering Cape Cod style Sturgeon Point Lighthouse just north of the village helped numerous ships find safe harbor throughout its years of operation. Residing just on the edge of Huron National Forest, Harrisville provides plenty of outdoor recreational opportunities for fishing, cross country skiing, hunting, and fishing.

FUN FACT
THE MARINE CITY SHIPWRECK LIES JUST ONE MILE NORTH OF THE STURGEON POINT LIGHTHOUSE IN ONLY 5 FT. OF WATER. NOT FAR FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE, YOU WILL ALSO FIND THE OLD BAILEY SCHOOLHOUSE, ONE OF THE FEW REMAINING ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSES STILL STANDING IN MICHIGAN.

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The Alpena Area Convention & Visitors Bureau hosts two contests annually that are designed to showcase the experiences of real-life people enjoying the Alpena area. Inspire others and possibly with some cash!

Fresh Takes Video Contest: Submit a 30-second to 2-minute video showcasing the beautiful destination of Alpena area and Northeast Michigan. See visitalpena.com/freshtakes for complete rules & guidelines.

Visitor’s Guide Photo Contest: Submit photos from your genuine Alpena area adventures for a chance to be featured in inspirational stories about Alpena or even on the cover of the next Visitor’s Guide!


These contests are open to all ages. You do not need to be a resident of Alpena, Michigan to enter. All entries are to be authentic and genuine to the Alpena area focusing on ONE or more of the following areas presenting Alpena as the Sanctuary of the Great Lakes. A place where history and heritage collide with relaxed outdoor adventure. A place to escape the stress of everyday life, where one can leave their cares behind to relax, restore and rejuvenate while exploring:

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- Outdoor Recreation & Lifestyles (silent sports: biking, fishing, hiking, kayaking, yoga, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, swimming, camping, hammocking, canoeing, stand up paddleboarding, snorkeling, diving, stargazing, bird watching, etc.)
- Environment (natural landscape, enjoying the outdoors, scenery, farm-to-table, unique local natural features/locations, etc.)

For more information about these contests contact Mary Beth Stutzman at the Alpena Area Convention & Visitors Bureau via email at marybeth@visitalpena.com.
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