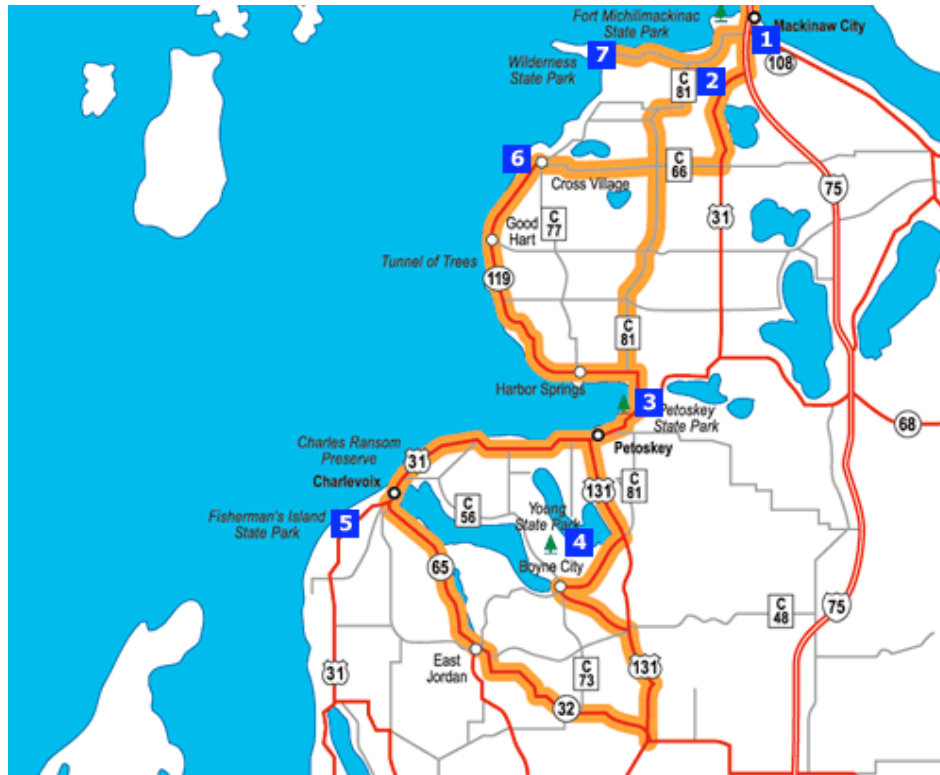


Mackinaw City - Charlevoix - Petoskey



1. Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse

P.O. Box 873
Mackinaw City, MI 49701
Phone: (231)436-4100
Fax: (231)436-4210

Email: mackinacparks@michigan.gov
<http://mackinacparks.com/old-mackinac-point-lighthouse/>

Look around. This is a setting that has inspired generations. With its impressive buff-colored brick walls, large square tower topped with battlements, and elegant fourth order Fresnel lens, this lighthouse-built in 1892-is a source for inspiration. Surrounding it is a beautifully landscaped lawn dotted with vibrant pine trees and the refurbished fog signal station and barn. And then there's the backdrop: Sparkling beach sand, the majestic Straits of Mackinac, and the magnificent Mackinac Bridge, acting as a vista connecting the past, present, and future. Climb the tower and breathe in the spectacular view as generations of lighthouse keepers did before you. Step inside the lighthouse, and hear the Victrola play pre-World War I tunes in a period-

2. Just a Plain Farm

5055 Gill Road
Carp Lake, MI 49718
Phone: (231)537-2302

Email: gordon089@centurytel.net
<http://www.justaplainfarm.com/>

Our family-owned farm market and farm with over 100 acres of vegetables, produce and flowers, u-pick and we pick. Fall hayrides & pumpkin picking as well as fall squash, gourds and ornamental corns. Tour buses, families, senior citizens, school, church, youth and special needs groups and business organizations visit our farm regularly. Open July through November.

styled sitting room. Explore nighttime navigation and Great Lakes' shipwrecks. Interact with hands-on exhibits. Ask questions. Immerse yourself. Inside this stately structure, it's always 1910, so welcome and discover.

3. Petoskey State Park

2475 M-119 Highway
 Petoskey, MI 49770
 Reservations: (800)447-2757
 Phone: (231)347-2311

<http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/details.aspx?id=483&type=SPRK>
<http://www.midnrreservations.com/SearchPark.aspx?ParkID=54>

Petoskey State Park, located on the north end of Little Traverse Bay, is situated on 304 scenic acres and offers a beautiful sandy beach on the bay. The park has two separate modern campgrounds. Tannery Creek offers 98 campsites, and Dunes offers 70 campsites. Metal detecting area.

4. Young State Park

02280 Boyne City Rd.
 Boyne City, MI 49712
 Reservations: (800)447-2757
 Phone: (231)582-7523

<http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/details.aspx?id=512&type=SPRK>
<http://www.midnrreservations.com/SearchPark.aspx?ParkID=69>

Young State Park is located at the east end of beautiful Lake Charlevoix. The park spans over 560 acres in Charlevoix County and is a mix of gently rolling terrain, lowlands, and cedar swamp. The park has 240 modern campsites w/ electricity spread across three campgrounds named Terrace, Oak and Spruce. There are also two mini cabins available for rent. Activities available in the park are boating, fishing, trails for hiking, jogging and nature study plus cross country skiing. Metal detecting area.

5. Fisherman's Island State Park

Bells Bay Road
 Charlevoix, MI 49720
 Reservations: (800)447-2757
 Phone: (231)547-6641

<http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/details.aspx?id=447&type=SPRK>
<http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/details.aspx?id=306&type=SPTR>

6. Legs Inn

6425 Lakeshore Drive (M-119)
 PO Box 157
 Cross Village, MI 49723
 Phone: (231) 526-2281
 Fax: (231) 526-2281

Email: info@legsinn.com
<http://www.legsinn.com>

<http://www.midnrreservations.com/SearchPark.aspx?ParkID=28>

Fisherman's Island State Park is a 2,678-acre park in Charlevoix County that features a park road that travels for two and a half miles along the Lake Michigan shoreline. Away from the shoreline, the park's terrain consists of rolling dunes, covered with maple, birch and aspen broken up by bogs of cedar and black spruce.

The Legs Inn is called a monument to nature, built on a bluff overlooking Lake Michigan. Polish cuisine is a specialty as well as American dishes. The Legs Inn also has comfortable cottages with two bedroom equipped for a vacation away from crowds. Sandy beach, boat ramp, close to boat rentals, grills, picnic tables. Legs Inn was named a Top Ten Staff Favorite "Bonus Find" by COASTAL LIVING magazine in 2006. Open May thru the third week in October.

7. Wilderness State Park

903 Wilderness Park Drive
 Carp Lake, MI 49718
 Reservations: (800)447-2757
 Phone: (231)436-5381
 Fax: (231)436-5900

<http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/details.aspx?id=509&type=SPRK>
<http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/details.aspx?id=150&type=SPTR>
<http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/details.aspx?id=148&type=SPTR>
<http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/details.aspx?id=149&type=SPTR>

We have 250 modern campsites, rustic cabins and bunkhouses. Picnicking and boat launch. Numerous hiking and bicycle trails. Cross-country skiing. Campground open April - December. Come check out our miles and miles of Lake Michigan shoreline in our 8500 acre State Park. Metal detecting area.

This Northwestern Michigan fall color tour includes hilly, forested countryside, charming resort towns nestled along the sparkling blue waters of Lake Michigan, breathtaking views, fresh air and colorful wildlife.

Best enjoyed: Late September to Mid-October
 Approximate Length: 150 miles

Before departing Mackinaw City visit **Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse**. Just a few hundred feet east of the Mackinac Bridge in Mackinaw City, the castle-like structure guided ships through the Straits of Mackinac from 1892 to 1957. Fifty-one steps and an 11 rung vertical ladder lift you four stories to the top of the lighthouse.

Depart Mackinaw City south on I-75. Take Exit #336 and continue south on US-31. **Just A Plain Farm**, 1.5 miles west of Carp Lake on Gill Road, offers an opportunity to take a hay ride, try the corn maze, enjoy cider and donuts

or a number of other fall activities.

Continue south on US-31 to Levering Road (C-66), turn right and head west to Pleasantview Rd (C-81). Turn left on C-81 and head south to M-119. Take a left on M-119 and head towards Petoskey. **Petoskey State Park** is located on the north end of Little Traverse Bay, and is situated on 304 scenic acres, offering a beautiful sandy beach on the bay.



Depart Petoskey south on US-131 to M-75 at Walloon Lake. Follow M-75 south to Boyne City on the southeastern tip of beautiful Lake Charlevoix. **Young State Park** is located just north of Boyne City on Lake Charlevoix and offers a beach, fishing, hiking and picnicking.

Continue south on M-75 back to US-131 at Boyne Falls. Follow US-131 south to M-32. Turn right onto M-32 heading northwest to East Jordan where the road becomes M-66. Follow M-66 north to Charlevoix. **Fisherman's Island State Park**, just south of Charlevoix, features a park road that travels for two and a half miles along the Lake Michigan shoreline.

Follow US-31 north out of Charlevoix back to Petoskey. Throughout this stretch, US-31 runs along the Lake Michigan shoreline where the water is almost always visible. Just north of Bay View, follow M-119 to Harbor Springs. As you leave Harbor Springs, M-119 becomes the "Tunnel of Trees", one of Michigan's most spectacular drives. This 20 mile section twists and turns under a canopy of trees as it follows the cliffs above Lake Michigan to Cross Village.

If you are ready for a meal, try **Legs Inn** located in Cross Village. This whimsical restaurant features a Polish menu with Old World dishes and outdoor garden dining overlooking Lake Michigan.

Follow C-66 east out of Cross Village to C-81. Turn left and head north back to Mackinaw City. Before heading back to Mackinaw City turn left at Wilderness Park Drive for a visit to **Wilderness State Park**. The park offers 8,000 acres of wilderness area plus a beautiful shoreline providing great places to observe nature from its numerous trails.