

FOR ALL THINGS
UPPER PENINSULA,
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THE UPPER
PENINSULA

POCKET
FREE GUIDE
TO FREE ACTIVITIES IN
THE UPPER PENINSULA

TAKE A PEEK



MANABEZHO FALLS

300+ FREE WATERFALLS

Most of the Upper Peninsula's waterfalls are accessible by foot and several can be reached by wheelchair. Park your vehicle and hike to see magnificent sites such as Black River Falls, Bond Falls, Eagle River Falls or the Great Conglomerate Falls.

40+ FREE LIGHTHOUSES

As you drive along the Great Lakes coasts, pull off the road to see these sentinels that have saved many sailors' lives. Most of our lighthouses have weathered some of the most brutal storms since the mid-1800s. A few charge fees to tour the lighthouse keepers' quarters or museums, but there is no cost to view or photograph them from the outside.



CRISP POINT LIGHTHOUSE



COPPER HARBOR

1,000+ MILES OF FREE BIKING TRAILS

If you like biking, there is no place in Michigan more scenic, more varied in its terrain or more thrilling in its adventures than the Upper Peninsula. Besides 28 designated mountain biking trails, there are thousands of miles of logging roads, abandoned railroad grades, state and national forest trails, single tracks, off-season cross-country ski trails, low-traffic highways and paved road bike trails that welcome lone riders to tour groups. Pedal the U.P. for free.

12,000+ MILES OF FREE WATERWAYS

Put in your kayak or raft and ride the whitewater rapids of the Menominee River. Ease your canoe down the Two-Hearted River, made famous by author Ernest Hemingway. Take a short-day or multi-day kayak trip down the magnificent, 71-mile Manistique River that flows through the Seney National Wildlife Refuge. These are only a sampling of how to spend your free time!



ST. MARYS RIVER

8 FREE THINGS TO DO IN THE U.P.

We specialize in relaxation that doesn't empty your wallet, so don't give up enjoying some time away. You can put together the most carefree vacation ever with these



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1,000+ MILES OF FREE HIKING TRAILS

Whether you are a casual walker in search of some of America's most beautiful wilderness and Great Lakes scenery or want to test your grit on mountain climbs or over long distances, hike the U.P.! The North Country Trail crosses the U.P. from Ironwood to St. Ignace; the Piers Gorge and Canyon Gorge Trails take you to breathtaking waterfalls and the Mt. Arvon trail brings you to the highest point in Michigan.



TAHQUAMENON FALLS STATE PARK



LAKE OF THE CLOUDS

4,300+ FREE LAKES

You probably can't visit all the Upper Peninsula's refreshing inland lakes in your lifetime (although some of you may take this on as a challenge). However, if you like to swim, boat, fish, water ski, kayak or sit by the shore with a good book listening to the haunting call of the loons, you can find free public access, beaches and parks at many of them. The largest inland lake is Lake Gogebic. Other popular places to spend days at a time are the Manistique Lakes, Trout Lake and Portage Lake.

1,000+ MILES OF FREE GREAT LAKES BEACHES

The U.P. is the only place where the land touches three of the largest freshwater lakes in the world — Lake Huron, Lake Michigan and Lake Superior. With 1,700 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, most of it with free access, you will have no trouble finding a place to spread your blanket, toss a Frisbee, build a castle or splash in the water. Our beaches offer a variety of picturesque landscapes from towering dunes, soft, golden sand, black lava boulders and some of the most colorful stones you will ever see. Spectacular sunrises, sunsets and stargazing are additional freebies.



MARQUETTE HARBOR LIGHTHOUSE



MUSEUM OF OJIBWA CULTURE

FREE MUSEUMS

There are several free museums across the Upper Peninsula that house the fascinating history and cultures of this region. As you piece together your travel itinerary, include the Museum of Ojibwa Culture in St. Ignace or The Michigan Iron Industry Museum in Negaunee. Another must-see is one of the region's newest museums, the U.P. Military Museum in Escanaba. Explore all our museums on our website — uptravel.com.