

Museums in the area

Alden Depot Park and Museum

(Alden) On shore of Torch Lake; 1908 structure features artifacts and photos of the area from mid-1800s. This year's exhibit features photography and photographic equipment; admission is free; donations accepted. Open through Aug.: Thu. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Sat. and Sun. from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. 331-4274.

Arcadia Historical Museum

Restored Victorian house features artifacts from lumber, fishing and furniture industries. Restored rooms include parlor, kitchen and bedroom. Third-floor tower overlooks Lake Michigan. Hours: 11-3 p.m. Thu.-Sat. Free, donations accepted. 22 miles north of Manistee on M-22. 889-4360.

Bellaire Area Historical Society Museum

(Bellaire) Houses artifacts, pictures and maps of Bellaire area from 1865 to 1965; also features extensive newspaper collection from that period. Open through Aug.: Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment. Free, donations accepted, 202 N. Bridge St. 533-8631.

Benzie Historical Museum

(Benzonia) Housed in a century-old church building. Features artifacts pertaining to pioneers who carved a living from a northern Michigan wilderness. Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Sat., through Aug.; \$2 adult, 50 cents for students ages 5-18. Free admission under 5 or museum members. On Traverse Avenue. 882-5539.

Bottle House Museum

Noon-4 p.m. Sat. and Sun.; other times by appointment. Wuoksi and Kauko streets, Kaleva; 362-3793 or 362-2080.

Boyne City Historical Museum

(Boyne City) Town memorabilia, photographs, vintage bottles and tools, among other antiques, Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, also noon-4 p.m. weekends. Free admission; donations accepted. Located at south end of the City Hall building, 319 N. Lake. 582-2839 or 582-6597.

Charlevoix Historical Society, Harsha House Museum

(Charlevoix) Harsha family history, large photo collection, research library and other Charlevoix history. 103 State St.; Open Mon.-Fri. 1 p.m.-4 p.m.; Adults \$1, children 12 and under free. 547-0373.

Charlevoix Railroad Depot Museum

(Charlevoix) Display of maritime and resort life and historic hotels, as well as area railroad history; 305 Chicago Avenue, Depot Beach area.

Open Mon. and Fri. in July and Aug. 1-4 p.m. 547-0373.

Dennos Museum Center

(Traverse City) "Calder for Kids" through Oct. 20. Permanent exhibits include The Thomas A. Rutkowski Discovery Gallery and Power Family Inuit Gallery, 10-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat., 1-5 p.m. Sun.; Dennos Museum Center, NMC, 1525 E. Front St., TC; 995-1055.

East Jordan Portside Art & Historical Museum

(East Jordan) Historic photos, turn-of-the-century clothing, memorabilia from agriculture and lumbering industries also featured. Open Thu.-Sun. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Free, but donations accepted, Elm Pointe Estate off M-66 South toward Charlevoix (located on the lakeshore). 536-2393.

Elk Rapids Area Historical Society Museum

(Elk Rapids) Historical exhibits include photographs, paperwork, books, an 1800s piano and the township's 1883 jail. Open Tue., Thu., Sat. and Sun., 1 p.m.-4 p.m. or by appointment. Free; donations accepted. Lower level of renovated township hall, 401 River St. 264-5692.

Empire Area Museum

(Empire) Replica of a turn-of-the-century saloon, parlor, kitchen and sewing room, one-room school house, and hose house (fire house) with barn full of horse drawn equipment. Open through Labor Day Mon.-Sat. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. and Sun. 1 p.m.-4 p.m.; closed Wed. Donations accepted. In Empire at corner of LaCore Rd. and M-22. 326-5568.

Fife Lake Historical Museum

(Fife Lake) Historical exhibits from lumbering to early farming, including replica kitchen, parlor, bedroom, general store, barber shop and school room. Open Wed.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free; donations are accepted; corner of State St. and Boyd St. 879-3342.

Grand Traverse Heritage Center

(Traverse City) "Paddling Through the Ages" exhibit on canoeing and kayaking through Oct. 4; Heritage Day Sept. 20; permanent exhibits; admission charge \$3 adults 12 and up, \$1.50 for kids 5 and up, kids under five are admitted free. 322 6th St. 995-0313.

Grand Traverse Lighthouse

(Northport) Climb the 47-foot tower for a view of the Fox Islands and the Manitou Passage. The complex includes the 1858 lighthouse building (now a museum), fog signal building, an oil house and beachstone planters. Michigan State Park Motor Vehicle Permit required for entry to lighthouse grounds. Daily pass for parking is \$4. Museum admission charge: \$2, adults; \$1 children; under five free. Open in May, 12 p.m.-4

p.m., open through Labor Day, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. 386-7195.

Great Lakes Children's Museum

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Sat., 1-5 p.m. Sun.; \$4, free for children under 2; 336 West Front St., TC; 932-4526.

Guntzville's Spirit of the Woods Museum

(U.S. 31, south of Elk Rapids) North American wildlife and Native American artifacts in a diorama setting. 2 for \$5 adults, \$1 students under 12; \$2, high school students, seniors. Open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Sat., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. 264-5597.

Kalkaska County Historical Museum

(Kalkaska) Historical relics including an 1898 car built in Kalkaska and a home-constructed smokehouse made from a hollowed-out cedar log. Open Wed.-Sat. 1 4 p.m. in July and Aug. Donations accepted. In the Old Depot next to the Trout fountain in downtown Kalkaska. 258-9719.

Leelanau Historical Museum

(Leland) Historical displays about early settlement of and life on the Leelanau Peninsula, including a hands-on display of old toys. Portrait exhibit by Fred Petroskey. Currently under renovations. Summer hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tue.-Sat., Sun. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Closed Mon. \$1 for adults, \$.50 for students; 203 E. Cedar St. 256-7475.

Little Traverse History Museum

(Petoskey) Ottawa artifacts, exhibits on early lumbering, and personal papers of Ernest Hemingway featured; museum housed in former train station built in 1892. Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sat., closed Sun. \$1 adult, children free; At the Waterfront. 347-2620.

Manistee County Historical Museum

(Manistee) Extensive collection of local history, logging, railroad and maritime antiques. Victorian period rooms including a country general store and drugstore. Lyman Building. In May, open Tue.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. through Sept., open on Mon. Admission \$2 each or \$5 family. Waterworks Building; 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tues.-Sat. (July through Aug. 31), donations accepted. 723-5531.

The Music House

(Acme) Restored, automated and rare instruments. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sun. 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day Tue. until 7:30 p.m. Adults \$8, children ages 6-16 \$2.50, children under six admitted free. Between Acme and Elk Rapids, 7377 U.S. 31 N. 938-9300.

Otsego County Historical Society Museum

(Gaylord) Exhibits of Otsego County's past, including reproductions of a kitchen and bedroom. Housed in

an old cigar factory with a tin ceiling. Donations accepted. Open Tue.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m.-4 p.m., located at 320 W. Main. 732-4568.

Raven Hill Discovery Center

(East Jordan) Hands-on museum with emphasis on science, history and the arts; features exhibits of old tools, toys and games, quilts, paintings and sculpture; displays of skulls, furs, and shells; room with live animals (spiders to ferrets) to touch. Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays, 12-4 p.m. Sat., 2-4 p.m. Sun. or by appointment, \$4 admission, 4503 Fuller Rd. 536-3369.

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Visitor's Center

(Empire) Philip A. Hart Visitor Center features human and natural history of the Sleeping Bear Dunes area; no admission. Open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. 9922 Front St. Empire. 326-5134.

Sleeping Bear Point Coast Guard Station Maritime Museum

(Glen Haven) Features history of U.S. Coast Guard life-saving and services. Open 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. daily; park use fee (\$7 week or \$15 year) required for entry. In Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, M-209 near Glen Haven. 326-5134.

South Manitou Visitors Center

(South Manitou Island) National Park Service museum depicts history of the island, its settlers and inhabitants. Open daily during daylight hours; free museum admission, but Sleeping Bear Dune National Lakeshore park entrance pass required (\$15/yr. or \$7/wk). 334-3976.

This Ole Farm Museum

(Northwest of Buckley) Farm setting. Departments for all age groups. Guided tours. Group reservations required. Donations only. 11459 Pavlis Rd. 269-3672.



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