

Museums in the region

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.

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) "Tradition and Transformation: The Art of Japan" through June 22; "Old Master Paintings from the Detroit Institute of Arts" June 28-Sept. 7; "Calder for Kids" June 28-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. Opens June 1,



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The Victorian display is among permanent exhibits at the Grand Traverse Heritage Center.

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. Opens Memorial Day 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 weekends from Memorial Day to July 1 1 p.m.-4 p.m., from July 1 to 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

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