

## Area museums

### Alden Depot Park and Museum

in Alden on shore of Torch Lake; 1908 structure features this year's exhibit features photography and photographic equipment; Open Memorial Day to Labor Day Thurs. 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 June through September: Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment. Free, donations accepted, 202 N. Bridge St., 533-8631.

### Benzie Area Historical Museum

Benzonia. Artifacts pertaining to pioneers who carved a living from a northern Michigan wilderness. Open May through December, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through Labor Day; 6941 Traverse Ave., one block west of U.S. 31, 882-5539.

### Boyne City Historical Museum

Boyne City, town memorabilia, photographs, vintage bottles and tools, Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

weekdays, also noon-4 p.m. weekends. Located at south end of the City Hall building, 319 N. Lake, 582-2839 or 582-6597.

**Charlevoix Historical Society, Harsha House Museum**, large photo collection, research library, 1917 working player piano; spring, fall and winter hours: 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Wed., Fri.-Sat., Thurs. through Christmas; summer (mid-June-Labor Day) hours: 1-4 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; Adults \$1, children 12 and under free; 103 State Street, 547-0373.

**Charlevoix Railroad Depot Museum** Display of maritime and resort life and historic hotels, as well as area railroad history, 305 Chicago Avenue, Depot Beach area; call for hours, 547-0373.

**Dennos Museum Center** Traverse City. "Wit and Wine; A new look at Ancient Iranian Ceramics from the Arthur M. Sackler Foundation" until Sept. 5; "Stop It: Sculpture for the Wine Bottle" until Sept. 5; "Ultra-Realistic Sculpture, 2nd Edition" by Marc Sijan until Sept. 5; "A Growing Legacy - New Museum Collection Acquisitions" until Sept. 5; "American Painting" from Detroit Institute of Art, one-year showing beginning Sept. 19;

permanent Inuit (Eskimo) prints and sculpture; Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1 p.m.-5 p.m.; \$4 adults, \$2 children. Northwestern Michigan College, 1701 E. Front St., 995-1055.

**East Jordan Portside Art & Historical Museum** East Jordan, memorabilia from agriculture and lumbering industries also featured, summer hours: Thurs.-Sun. 1 p.m.-4 p.m.; September and October, Sat.-Sun. 1-4 p.m., free, but donations accepted, Elm Pointe Estate off M-66 South toward Charlevoix, 536-2393.

**Elk Rapids Area Historical Society Museum** Elk Rapids. Historical exhibits include photographs, books, an 1800s piano and the township's 1883 jail. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day Tue., Thu., Sat. and Sun., 2 p.m.-4 p.m. or by appointment; after Labor Day, Sat.-Sun. 2-4 p.m., 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 rooms, 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, daily, 1 p.m.-4 p.m., closed Wed., Labor Day through Heritage Day (Oct. 9), weekends, 1-4 p.m. Corner of LaCore Rd. and M-22, 326-5568.

**Fife Lake Historical Museum** Fife Lake. Exhibits from lumbering to early farming, including room replicas, general store, barber shop and school room; Open through Labor Day Wed.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., corner of State and Boyd streets, 879-3342.

**Grand Traverse Lighthouse** Northport. Climb the 47-foot tower for a view of the Fox Islands and the Manitou Passage. Complex includes 1858 lighthouse building, fog signal building, an oil house and beach-stone planters. Air diaphone fog horn demonstrations every Saturday. Michigan State Park Motor Vehicle Permit required for entry to lighthouse grounds. Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. until Labor Day, noon-4 p.m. Labor Day through Oct., 386-7195.

**Great Lakes Children's Museum** Traverse City. Hands-on children's museum. Temporary exhibits change every four months. "Toy Tech" through Labor Day. Classes, special events and programs offered. Museum open year-round: Sept.-May, Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., closed Monday; June-Aug., Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday-Monday 1-5 p.m.,

\$5 per person ages 2 and up. 336 W. Front Street, www.great-lakeskids.org, 932-4526.

**Guntzville's Spirit of the Woods Museum** U.S. 31, two miles south of Elk Rapids. North American wildlife and Native American artifacts in a diorama setting. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat., call to confirm, 264-5597.

**Heritage Center** Traverse City. "One with the Land: The Anishnabek Peoples of Grand Traverse Bay" until Sept. 25; fabric of the ages, antique buttons, scale model trains, Victorian parlor and sewing machines; kids' corner; Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; free admission May 2004 to March 2005 as part of Carnegie Centennial Celebration. 322 Sixth St., 935-0313.

**Kalkaska County Historical Museum** Kalkaska. Historical relics including an 1898 car built in Kalkaska and a home-constructed smokehouse. Open Wed.-Sat. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. in June, July and August. Closed September. 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, hands-on display of old toys; "Log Cabin Quilts: From Vernacular to Visionary" until Oct. 30; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue.-Sat. through Labor Day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Sat. or by appointment after Labor Day, 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. 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. June through Sept., open on Mon.; donations accepted, 723-5531.

**Mesick Area Museum** Mesick. A collection of home furnishings dating back to the 1800s, antiques and farm implements. Open Saturday of Labor Day weekend, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Other times by appointment. Located in the old Sandy MacDonald Restaurant in downtown Mesick on M-115.

**The Music House** Acme. Restored, automated and rare instruments. Miniature model of

Traverse City originally constructed in 1932. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun. noon-4 p.m. through Oct. 31; November-December, Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun. noon-4 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 June 1-Sept. 4 Tues.-Sat. 1-5 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. New exhibit "Beyond Jurassic Park: Exploring Geologic History." Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays Memorial Day to Labor Day, year-round weekends, noon-4 p.m. Sat., 2-4 p.m. Sun. or by appointment, \$4 admission, 4503 Fuller Rd., 536-3369.

**Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Visitors 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 during summer months, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. remainder of the year, 9922 Front St. Empire, 326-5134.

**Sleeping Bear Point Coast Guard Station Maritime Museum** Glen Haven. Features history of U.S. Coast Guard lifesaving efforts and their daily lives. Open seasonally 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. daily; park use fee (\$10 week or \$20 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 through early October; free museum admission but Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore park entrance pass required (\$20/yr. or \$10/wk), 334-3976.

**This Ole Farm Museum** northwest of Buckley. Active farm with attractions for all ages, collection of more than 3,000 antiques. Guided tours and demonstrations. Group reservations required. 11459 Pavlis Road, 269-3672.

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