



Preparing *to*  
Navigate Manistee!  
*Manistee, Michigan*



## Navigate Manistee

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# PREP

Here are a few extra items you may want on your list, depending on your plans:

- Swimsuits
- Beach/pool towels
- Pool bag
- Beach chairs
- Bikes or scooters
- Walking or hiking shoes
- Sandals or flip flops
- Pool or beach toys
- Face masks (\*required for indoor pools and fitness room)
- Adventure or experience accessories
- Golf clubs
- Snow gear, boots, sleds, and/or skis (seasonal)
- Binoculars

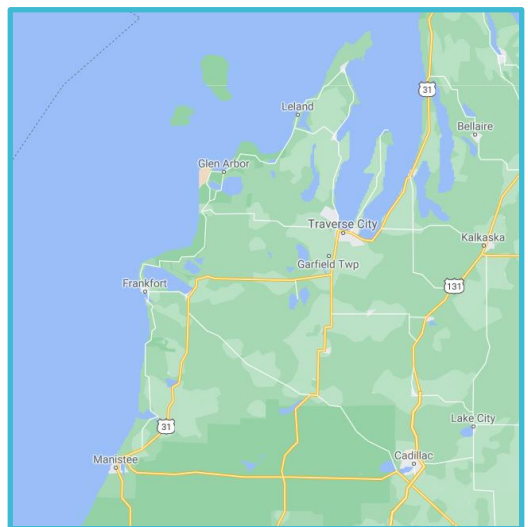
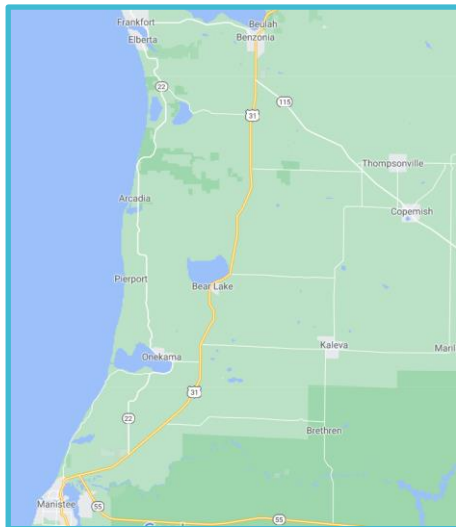
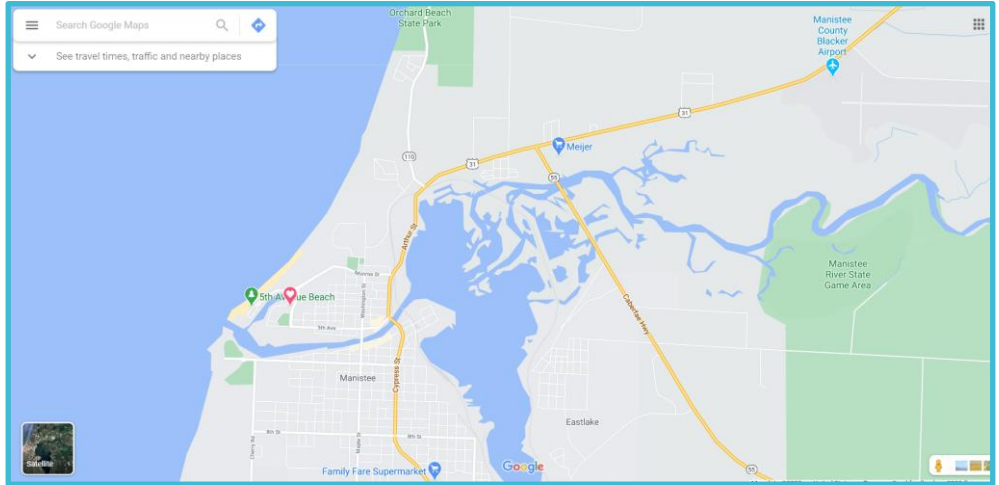
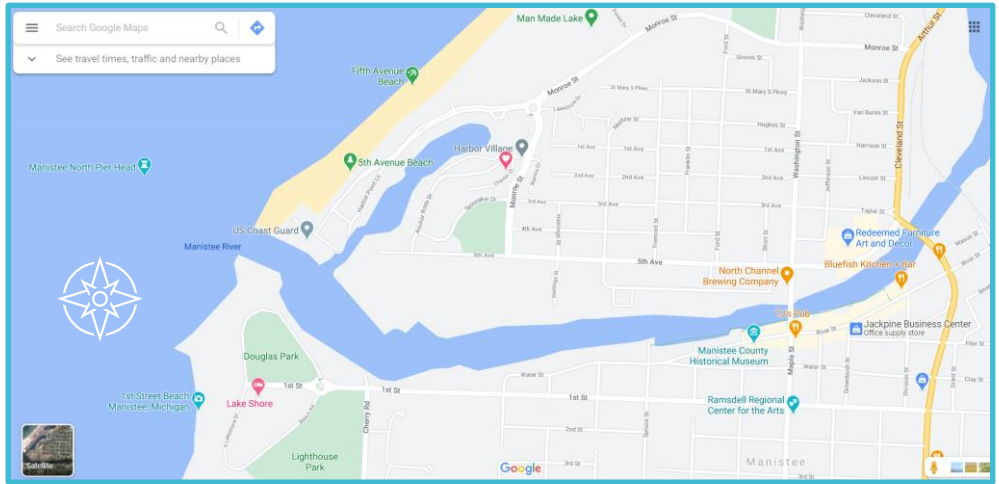
We have a cooler and wagon you may borrow!

## Complimentary Starter Items

- Dishwasher pods (8)
- Toilet paper (6)
- Paper Towels (2)
- Tissue (3)
- Dish soap
- Sponge
- Laundry detergent
- Trash bags
- Hand soap (at each sink)
- Coffee filters (8)

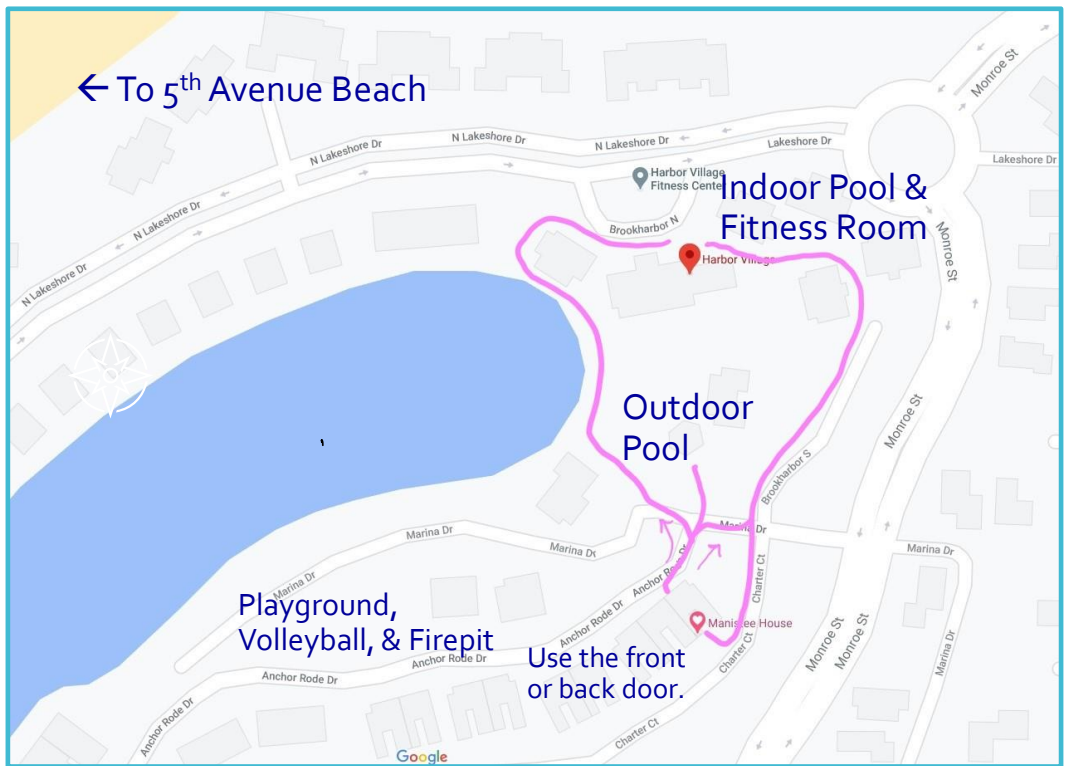
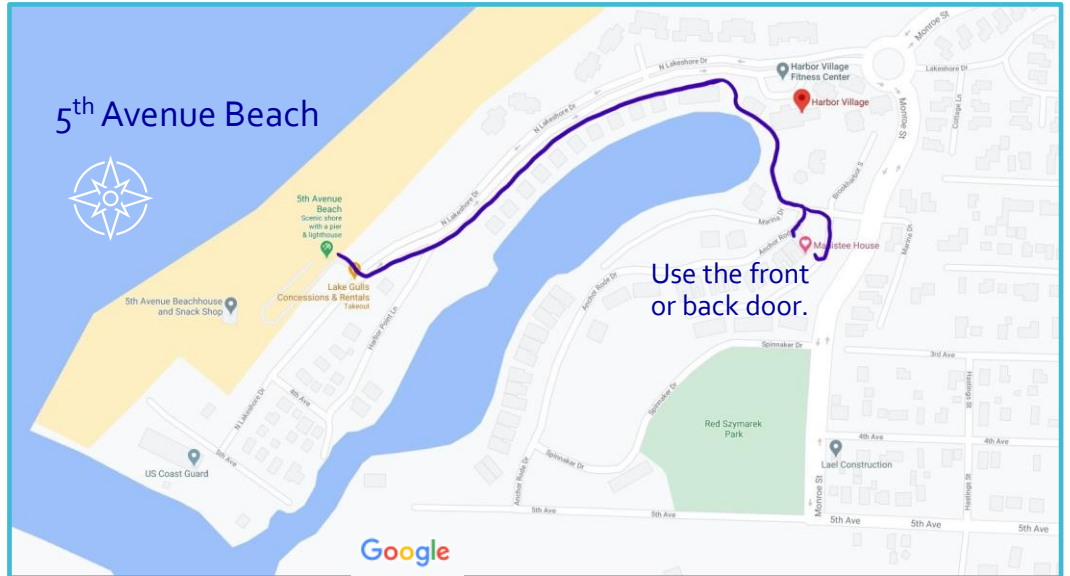
\*We have filtered water.

# MANISTEE and NW Michigan 49660



# HARBOR VILLAGE

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EAT | notable places we've enjoyed, but certainly not the only options.

- [North Channel Brewing Company](#) | Great atmosphere with local beer and pub food. Limited sidewalk seating.
- [Taco 'Bout It Mexican Fusion](#) | In spite of being from Chicago with taqueria's galore, we were pleasantly surprised with how much we love the food! Menu is minimal, but the flavor and bites are huge! Special Margaritas and Michigan brews on tap... you can't go wrong. Fun atmosphere and sidewalk dining too.
- [The Fillmore](#) | What can we say – wood fired pizza, burgers and spirits!
- [Diner-21](#) | A.K.A. M-31 Diner, this is the perfect breakfast/brunch diner with great service! Outdoor patio too. For some reason, the sign in front say Captains Corner; consider it a Manistee staple sign ☺.
- [TJ's Pub](#) | A classic in the historic Ramsdell Inn.
- [The Painted Lady Saloon](#) | Unique and fun saloon, comfort food, outdoor eating.
- [Big Al's Pizza](#) | A regional pizza favorite with subs, sandwiches, and Mexican food to boot. Outdoor patio seating too.
- [Bluefish Kitchen + Bar](#) | A nice place for finer dining with outdoor patio seating.
- [La Riviera Mexican Grill](#) | Very traditional cantina style food and menu.
- [Chopo's Northside Bar](#) | Supposed to have great burgers and fish. Just up the street, so we'll have to try it.
- [Knickers Restaurant & Pub](#) | Inside the Manistee Golf & Country Club, it's not fancy or pretentious, and has an award winning (and great) all you can eat Friday Night Fish Fry! Prices are very reasonable.
- [Bungalow Inn](#) | Another Manistee favorite with a well-rounded menu, laidback atmosphere, and bar with tv's.
- [Goody's Juice and Java](#) | Juice, coffee, breakfast, and sandwiches.
- [The Outpost](#) | A high end outfitters/clothing store, yet with a locally roasted and brewed coffee and tea shop.
- [The Daily Bakehouse](#) | Fresh baked breads and limited sweet treats. Check out their Facebook page every day to see what they're making.

COVID has affected Manistee restaurants as it has elsewhere in the country. Manistee is very much reliant on tourism and out-of-town families visiting grandparents, little of which happened this year and during the winter holidays. We thankful for these establishments because without them, it would make it that much harder to entice and support the needs of visitors like ourselves.

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SHOP |  
many  
adorable, fun  
shops along  
River Street  
and nearby,  
where these  
are just a few  
favorites!

- [Gliks](#) | Fun, trendy, outdoor brands, shoes, adults and kids
- [Glenwood Market](#) | great homemade breads and pies, (seasonal), local salsas, honeys, chocolates, and Michigan tourism tees, and collectibles.
- [Redeemed](#) | Redeemed house decorations; very inspirational, unique, and fun!
- [Alex Doucett's](#) | Great boutique with home, garden, and clothing.
- Gift shops along River Street
- [Port City Organics Real Food Market and Wellness Center](#) | Local produce, groceries, and wellness
- [Happy Owl Book Store](#) |
- [The Ideal Kitchen](#) | Gadgets and unique gifts for the kitchen and cook!
- [Port City Emporium](#) | Gifts with vintage, repurposed, and handmade artisan gifts.
- [Snyder's Shoes](#) | Amazing outdoor and casual shoes. Stop in the basement for their discounted shoes.
- [The Outpost](#) | Outdoor brand clothing and gear.
- [Manistee Beverage Company](#) | It is what you think with beer, wine, and spirits largely Michigan, but not only!

These are only the ones that come to mind. Shop the many unique stores, including antique stores, used bookstores, and a gaming/toy store too!

## GROCERIES & QUICK STOPS

- [Meijer](#) | One stop shop for EVERYTHING – groceries, spirits, school supplies, housewares, clothes, shoes, camping, beauty, and the list goes on! It's the Michigan go-to "grocery" store.
- [Family Fare](#) | Standard Spartan-owned grocery store without the footprint of Meijer. Good when you only need groceries.
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- [Save-A-Lot](#) | Discount grocery store.
- [Dunham's Sport](#) | Sporting goods store.
- Dollar Tree
- Dollar General
- Rite Aid

# PLACES OF INTEREST

## LOCAL

5th Avenue Beach | 1st Street Beach & Douglas Park | Manistee Riverwalk | Orchard Beach State Park | Magoon Creek Natural Area & Sundling Park | Little River Casino | SS City of Milwaukee Museum | Manistee County Historical Museum | Manistee Golf & Country Club | Manistee National Golf & Resort | Manistee Lake (Stronach boat launch) | North Channel Brewing Co. |

## OUTER MANISTEE

Manistee National Forest | Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area | Big M Recreation Area | Big Manistee River | Little Manistee River | Arcadia Marsh Nature Preserve | Arcadia Dunes: C.S. Mott Nature Preserve | Onekama | Arcadia | Caberfae Peaks | Crystal Mountain (year-round/summer activities and music) | Marilla Trailhead | Michigan Legacy Art Park | Iron Fish Distillery |

## NORTHWEST MICHIGAN

Sleeping Bear Dunes & National Lakeshore | Frankfort | Leland | Glen Arbor | Leelanau County, MI | Northport | Traverse City | M-22 Scenic Drive |

## TRAILS AND CAMPING

Northern Michigan Trails | Big M Recreation Area | Orchard Beach State Park | Lake Michigan Recreation Area | Lake Michigan Recreation Camping Map | Camping in Federal Parks | The Outbound Collective |

## TOURS

Manistee Historical Self-Guided Walking Tours | Historic Trolley Tours | Manistee Historic Sites Tours via YouTube | Scenic Air Tours | Brews and Spirits Self Guided Tour | Leelanau Peninsula Wine Trail | Old Mission Peninsula Wine Trail (Traverse City) |

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## MORE PLANNING LINKS

### TOURISM

**Visit Manistee County | Pure Michigan | Manistee County Vacation Guide** | My Michigan Beach | Michigan DNR | | City of Manistee | City Marina | Places to Eat | History of Manistee | Outdoor Michigan, Northwest | Manistee County Winter Trails | Manistee County Fall Color Tours | Manistee County Fishing | Manistee County Golf | Michigan State Parks Parking Passport\* | USDA Passes\* |

\*MI State Parks and Recreation Areas typically require a daily entrance fee (i.e. Non-Resident \$9/day vs \$34/yr). For entrance into Federal land areas (i.e. Recreation Trails within Manistee National Forest), it might be cheaper to pay the daily rate versus the \$80/yr; 4th/5th graders get a free pass through August 2021).

### ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Complete Guide to Manistee, MI: 28 Best Things to Do for the Most Unforgettable Family Trip | 7 Ways to Find Your Winter Fun in Manistee | Exploring the Huron-Manistee National Forest | The Udell History in Manistee County | The Sand Industry in Manistee | Fat Biking the Swedish Fiddle Loop | Toni's Top Ten | Big M's Outer Loop | Industries of Manistee County | 4 Gorgeous Color Tours That Wind Through the Heart of Manistee | Tourism Is Driving Economic Development in Manistee County | Water and Lake Life in Manistee County (fishing) |

### RENTALS

Manistee Adventures (local) | Pine River Paddle Sports | Crystal Adventures | Wilderness Canoe Trips, Big Manistee River | Riverside Canoes |

TIPS FOR PACKING | a prep guide

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## SAMPLE DAY TRIPS

35 m | **ARCADIA DUNES: THE CS MOTT NATURE PRESERVE** has several hiking trails through the woods to the beach and dunes (one is an accessible trail), depending on your interest.

We went through woods, grasslands, and dunes to experience the view from atop! You can see Frankfort if you look north. On the way there, we stopped at the Arcadia Marsh Nature Preserve to enjoy the extensive boardwalk over the marsh to the other side. Afterwards, you could easily travel north an extra 15 minutes for food or snacks in Frankfort!

1 hr 15 m | **SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE** is a breathtaking mirage of dunes and the Lake that makes you think "we're almost there!" Check it out on a cooler or Fall day as it is a work-out. Afterwards, grab a bite in Empire, travel a hint north to Glen Arbor, or backtrack to Frankfort.

50 m | **FRANKFORT** is an idyllic beach town to grab food and drinks (try Storm Cloud Brewing Company). Save room for ice cream from the many creameries in a 1-mile stretch! Enjoy it as you walk to the beach.

1 hr 30 m | **LELAND'S HISTORIC FISHTOWN** is picturesque in every way where you must try its divine whitefish dip! Enjoy the food, shopping, wine tasting rooms, and if you're feeling adventurous, boat to South Manitou Island. This is a destination trip, so you could couple it with a visit to Traverse City, Glen Arbor, or Northport. Otherwise, to break it up, stop in Beulah situated on beautiful Crystal Lake to grab a snack or food. We enjoyed Five Shores Brewing in their outdoor space.

4 h RT + stops | Explore Northwest Michigan using M-22 as a guide. Stop along charming lakeside towns or drive to Northport, the most northern peninsula of this NW region. Loop southeast and enjoy dinner in hip and scenic Traverse City before heading back to Manistee. This is definitely an all-day trip!

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