

## Michigan's Roadside Parks

The State of Michigan has more than 80 scenic roadside parks, located primarily on rural state highways. This list provides details about their location and special features. Several parks are featured on the 2009 Department of Transportation map.

Park #	Park Name	Location	Route #	County	Information
1	Deer Lake	8 miles west of AuTrain	M-28	Alger	Located on beautiful Deer Lake.
2	Grand Island Harbor Sc. Turnout	One mile west of Munising	M-28	Alger	Great view of Grand Island in Lake Superior. Viewing platform, stairs to beach, Face in the Rock, Historical Marker for "Lake Superior," Scott Falls across from park.
3	Scott Falls/Rathfoot Park	One mile east of AuTrain	M-28	Alger	
4	Kiva	2 miles south of Kiva	US-41	Alger	
5	Birch Lake	North of Elk Rapids	US-31	Antrim	Access to a small, beautiful inland lake.
6	Standish	3 miles south of Standish	M-13	Arenac	
7	Omer	One mile southwest of Omer	US-23	Arenac	
8	Tioga Creek	West of Three Lakes	M-28	Baraga	Tioga Creek wanders through the park. Trailhead for Tioga Falls starts at the park. Dramatic 80-foot sandstone cliffs provide scenic views of Keweenaw Bay and Lake Superior.
9	Baraga Cliff	4 miles north of Keweenaw Bay	US-41	Baraga	
10	Canyon Falls	One mile south of Alberta	US-41	Baraga	Trailhead to hiking path for Canyon Falls. Beautiful series of falls in deep canyon carved in black rock.
11	Woodland	3 miles east of Woodland	M-66	Barry	
12	Benzie Scenic Turnout	Arcadia	M-22	Benzie	Spectacular views of Lake Michigan with a breathtaking, 180-degree panorama.
13	Benzonia	5 miles south of Benzonia	US-31	Benzie	
14	Artesian Flow	Watervliet	M-140	Berrien	Jonas Roadside Park has artesian spring.
15	Bronson	1.5 miles west of Bronson	US-12	Branch	Historical Marker for "The Old Chicago Road."
16	Burlington	2 miles west of I-69	M-60	Calhoun	
17	Lake Michigan Shores	4 miles northeast of Charlevoix	US-31	Charlevoix	Beautiful views of Big Rock Point and Little Traverse Bay with water access. Connects to Charlevoix-to-Petoskey bike path.
18	Huron Shores	14 miles east of Cheboygan	US-23	Cheboygan	Cover photo on 2009 State Transportation map.
19	Mackinac Straits	7 miles northwest of Cheboygan	US-23	Cheboygan	Halfway between Cheboygan and Mackinaw City.
20	DeTour	8 miles west of DeTour Village	M-134	Chippewa	Beautiful view of Les Cheneaux Islands.
21	Hyde	8 miles west of Escanaba	US-2	Delta	
22	Fumee Creek	4 miles east of Iron Mountain	US-2	Dickinson	View of waterfall from park, new stairs and viewing platform built in 2004.
23	Lennon	One mile north of Lennon	M-13	Genesee	
24	Meridian	7 miles north of Wooden Shoe	M-30	Gladwin	Nicely wooded park on the high banks of Tittabawassee River.

25	Memory Lane	At East City Limits of Bessemer	US-2	Gogebic	Historical Marker for "Gogebic Iron Range," one of the last 3 great iron ore fields in the U.P.
26	Watersmeet	8 miles east of Watersmeet	US-2	Gogebic	
27	Gateway	7.5 miles south of Watersmeet	US-45	Gogebic	
28	Fife Lake	One mile northeast of Fife Lake	US-131	Grand Traverse	
29	Acme	4 miles east of Traverse City	US-31	Grand Traverse	Located on East Arm of Grand Traverse Bay. Part of local township's shoreline preservation efforts.
30	Jonesville	3 miles northeast of Jonesville	US-12	Hillsdale	
31	Keweenaw Scenic Turnout	East of Hancock City Limits	US-41	Houghton	Located at the entrance to the Keweenaw National Historic Park. Great views of the Portage Lake lift bridge.
32	Memorial Airport	4 miles south of Laurium	US-41	Houghton	Historical Marker for "The Copper Country." Virtually the only area in the world with substantial native copper production.
33	Brown	3 miles south of Bay Port	M-25	Huron	Historical Marker for "The Great Fire of 1881." A million acres were devastated in Sanilac and Huron counties.
34	Jenks	2 miles west of Port Austin	M-25	Huron	Features a spectacular view of Saginaw Bay, with beach access, restroom and picnic facilities.
35	Thompson Scenic Turnout	10 miles southwest of Port Austin	M-25	Huron	Thompson Park features 2 large grindstones and access to sandy beach on Saginaw Bay, picnic tables and benches.
36	White Rock	South of Atwater Road, Sherman Twp.	M-25	Huron	Great views of Lake Huron and White Rock. Steps to beach, observation deck, walking trails connecting to non-motorized path on M-25. White Rock is a large, white, off-shore boulder used as a boundary marker to define the territory released by the Native American tribes of Michigan to the United States under the Treaty of Detroit in 1807.
37	Red Cedar	4 miles east of Okemos	M-43	Ingham	Historical Marker for "Grand River Trail" which began as the Grand River Indian Trail and later became a plank road in 1848. Now M-43 (Grand River Avenue).
38	Bellamy Creek	2 miles west of Ionia	M-21	Ionia	Bellamy Creek winds through park, providing an aesthetic setting for many wedding photos and gatherings.
39	Au Gres River	12 miles west of Tawas City	M-55	Iosco	
40	Oscoda	2 miles north of Oscoda	US-23	Iosco	
41	Alpha	6 miles south of Crystal Falls	US-2	Iron	
42	Larson	5 miles east of Iron River	US-2	Iron	Historical Marker for "First Roadside Park," believed to be America's first. Established by Herbert Larson in 1918.
43	Austin Blair	6 miles south of Jackson	US-127	Jackson	Plaque honoring Governor Austin Blair.

44	Ada	3 miles east of Ada	M-21	Kent	
45	Esrey	5 miles west of Copper Harbor	M-26	Keweenaw	Historic rock steps and rustic bench pavilions provide great views of Lake Superior. Home to rare conglomerate rock formations.
46	Hebard	One mile west of Copper Harbor	M-26	Keweenaw	
47	Baldwin	7 miles east of Branch	US-10	Lake	
48	Chase	7 miles east of Baldwin	US-10	Lake	
49	Cambridge Junction	2 miles south of US-12	M-50	Lenawee	
50	Old Flowing Well	6 miles east of McMillan	M-28	Luce	
51	British Landing	Mackinac Island	M-185	Mackinac	
52	Cut River Bridge	26 miles west of St. Ignace	US-2	Mackinac	Unique bridge with panoramic views of Lake Michigan, walking paths and access to Cut River and lake via scenic staircase. Great views in all seasons.
53	Gros Cap	8 miles west of St. Ignace	US-2	Mackinac	Historical Marker for "Gros Cap and St. Helena Island." French fishermen settled here in 1850s.
54	Bridge View Scenic Turnout	2.7 miles west of I-75	US-2	Mackinac	The history of US-2 and its use by Native Americans, explorers, settlers and soldiers is chronicled in a sign written in both English and Anishinabe (Native American language). Great views of the Straits of Mackinac.
55	Cooley Bridge	4.7 miles west of M-37	M-55	Manistee	Park is named for Murray Van Wagoner.
56	Lake Superior	2 miles east of US-41	M-28	Marquette	Scenic view and great access to 3 miles of sand beaches. Popular in summer for sunsets, bonfire parties in evening. Stopping point for open water kayakers along Lake Superior.
57	Michigamme	0.3 mile east of Michigamme	M-28/US-41	Marquette	Popular stop for a roadside picnic. Provides a scenic view of Lake Michigamme. Located on the site of the historic Michigamme Mine.
58	Leif Erickson	5 miles south of Republic	M-95	Marquette	Located on the beautiful Michigamme River.
59	Cunard	2 miles west of Hermansville	US-2	Menominee	
60	Marl Lake	4 miles east of Edmore	M-46	Montcalm	Located on beautiful aqua-color Marl Lake. A nature conservatory, along with MDOT property, protects most of the lake from development and preserves the view.
61	Greenville	3 miles east of Greenville	M-57	Montcalm	
62	Sheridan	One mile south of Sheridan	M-66	Montcalm	
63	Hillman	West of Hillman	M-32	Montmorency	
64	Northern Pine	8 miles north of Atlanta	M-33	Montmorency	
65	White River	4 miles east of Hesperia	M-20	Newaygo	
66	White Cloud/Ziegler	4 miles north of Newaygo	M-37	Newaygo	
67	High Rollway	3 miles east of Newaygo	M-82	Newaygo	Great views overlooking Muskegon River - especially beautiful fall color.

68	Zeke Lake	3 miles east of New Era	M-20	Oceana	
69	Ogemaw	7 miles north of Alger	M-33	Ogemaw	
70	Agate Falls	West of Trout Creek	M-28	Ontonagon	Park is located between Bruce Crossing and Trout Creek. Exceptional views of Agate Falls.
71	Ewen Pines	2 miles west of Ewen	M-28	Ontonagon	
72	Military Hills	3 miles south of M-26	US-45	Ontonagon	This park has a plaque on a stone pillar: "In 1864 Abraham Lincoln commissioned this road extending from Green Bay to Fort Wilkins as a military highway to secure copper supplies for the union forces."
73	Agnew	South of Grand Haven	US-31	Ottawa	
74	Grand Lake	16 miles southeast of Rogers City	US-23	Presque Isle	Located on beautiful Grand Lake.
75	Huron Dunes	12 miles north of Huron Beach	US-23	Presque Isle	
76	Four Mile Scenic Turnout	South of Forestville	M-25	Sanilac	Some of the best views of Lake Huron, with stairs from the park on the bluff down to the beach.
77	Lake Huron	South of Port Sanilac	M-25	Sanilac	Great views of Lake Huron, with stairs from the park to the beach. Historical Marker for "Great Lake Storm of 1913" when sudden tragedy took 235 lives and 10 ships sank.
78	Manistique River	One mile south of Germfask	M-77	Schoolcraft	
79	Greenscholl	3 miles south of Blaney Park	US-2	Schoolcraft	
80	Thompson/Rogers Park	4 miles southwest of Manistique	US-2	Schoolcraft	Great view of Lake Michigan with beautiful sandy beach and picnic tables.
81	Vassar	One mile south of Vassar	M-15	Tuscola	
82	Cass River	10 miles east of Richville	M-46	Tuscola	
83	Mesick	4 miles west of Mesick	M-115	Wexford	
84	Hodenpyl Dam Scenic Turnout	South of Mesick	M-37	Wexford	
85	Manistee River	7 miles north of Manton	US-131	Wexford	

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