



# Lake Michigan Recreation Area

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The popular Lake Michigan Recreation Area is comprised of family and group campsites that are both scenic and natural. The Recreation Area adjoins Lake Michigan to the west and Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area to the south. Picnicking opportunities, hiking on the arrowhead trail, bicycling, and beautiful sandy beaches await the outdoor enthusiast.

## LOCATION

Lake Michigan Recreation Area is located in Mason County, Michigan. The nearest community is Manistee, about 13 miles northeast.

## ACCESS

From the north, take US-31 south 10 miles from its junction with M-55 in Manistee, then right on Forest Trail 5629 for 8 miles to the site.

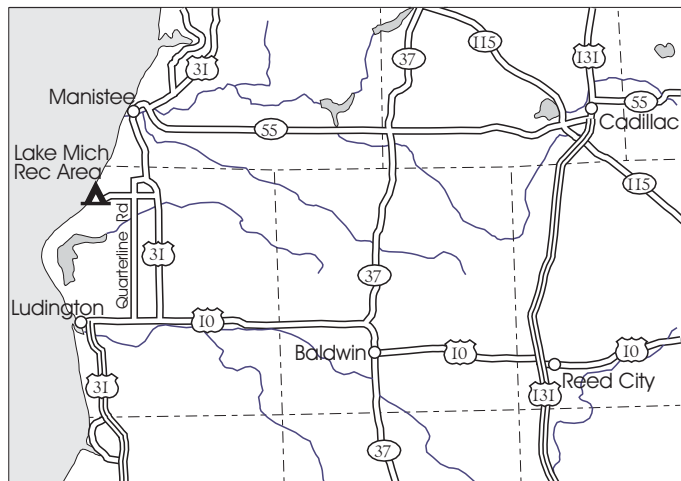
From the south, take US-31 north 11 1/2 miles from its junction with US-10 at Scottville, then left on Forest Trail 5629 for 8 miles to the site.

## FACILITIES AVAILABLE

- 100 Paved spurs (odd-#'s barrier free)
- 8 Vault toilet buildings
- 2 Flush toilet buildings
- 100 Fire rings
- 100 Tables
- 4 Hand pumps
- 12 Water fountains
- 2 Observation decks
- 3 Group sites
- 3 1/2 miles of graveled bicycle/hiking trails
- 2 Pay phones
- Picnic site with playground
- Swimming beach

## SEASON

The season is from May 15 through October 1. However, the area is open year around unless closed by snowfall. Please check with the Manistee Ranger Station regarding dates outside the summer season.



## FEES

For the latest information regarding fees and condition of the facility, contact the Ranger Station at Manistee (231-723-2211 or TTY 231-723-0124). The campsites during the summer season, allows up to 8 people and 2 vehicles per site. The fee changes for some campsites outside the summer season. Group campsite are for up to 25 people; and for groups larger than 25 people. For group reservations, contact Reserve America at (877)-444-6777. Minimum reservations of 2 consecutive days are required.

The picnic area is a fee demonstration pilot site. A vehicle pass is required and can be purchased at the Manistee Ranger Station, the Huron Manistee Supervisor's Office, and other district offices.

## CONSIDERATIONS

Care should be taken to keep the area clean and in the condition it was found, so visitors are asked to please pack out what they pack in. Dogs Must Be Leashed.

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