



COASTAL ROUTE - DIRECTIONS

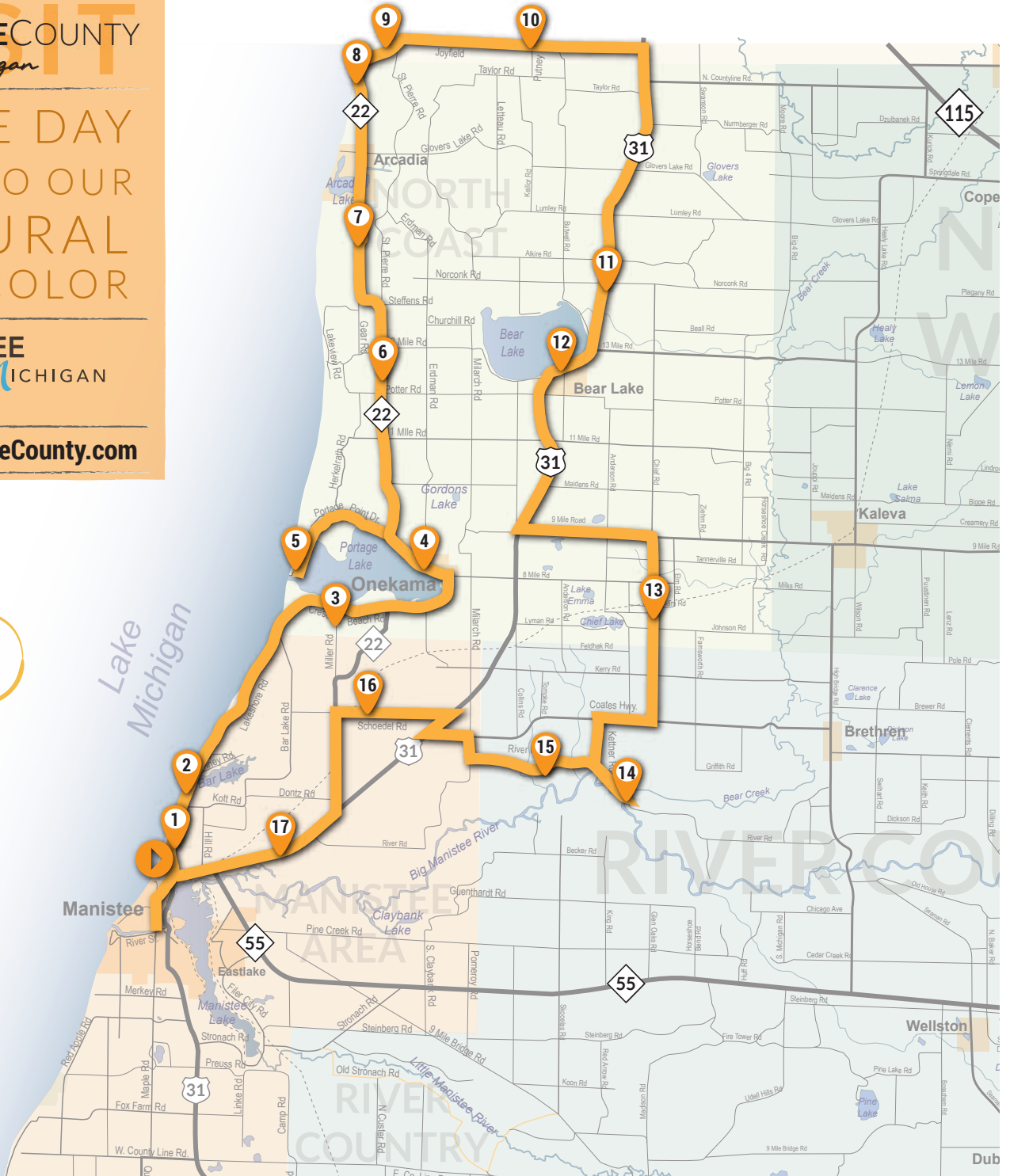
Begin in the City of Manistee and continue on US-31 north until reaching Lakeshore Road (1) Turn north, and continue to Lake Bluff (2). Continue down Lakeshore Road to Miller Road to visit the Art Deck and Camp Tosebo (3). Continue to Onekama via M-22 North (4). Beyond Onekama, take Portage Point Drive to the Portage Point Inn & Lake Michigan (5). Back track to M-22 and continue north to Pierport (6), Arcadia Bluffs (7), The Arcadia Overlook (8) and Arcadia Dunes (9). Turn east on Joyfield to Putney and Gravity Hill (10). Continue to US-31 South until reaching Wee Bee Jammin' (11) and Bear Lake (12). Continue to 9 mile, turning east until reaching Chief Rd. Turning south to Northern Natural Cider House (13). Continue to Coates Hwy turning west until reaching Kettner Rd. Turn south to River Road and continue east to Bear Creek (14). Back track down River Road until reaching Rainbow Bend (15). Take River Road to Milarch, turning north, until reaching Coates, turning west until reaching US-31. Turn north until reaching Schoedel Rd. and Douglas Valley (16). Continue west to M-22, turn south and return to Manistee. Stop for a scenic airplane ride at the airport for a great ride over Lake Michigan (17).

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Begin your coastal tour in the heart of Downtown Manistee. This tour will take you along much of the coastline, returning down US-31 through the heart of Bear Lake and the eastern side of the North Coast Region.

- 1** Begin by taking the scenic drive along Lakeshore Drive. **Michigan Highway M-110** is a "branded" highway amongst the locals and you will frequently see signs of pride indicating you are on this beautiful tree-covered stretch of road - similar to what you would expect to see on M-22, but on a smaller scale.
- 2** **Lake Bluff Bird Sanctuary:** This jewel on Lake Michigan's shore boasts over 1500 feet of Lake Michigan Frontage on its 76 acres in Manistee County. Originally landscaped as an arboretum, many notable specimens have been preserved such as California Redwood, Ginko, and two Michigan Champion Trees, a Giant Sequoia and Sycamore. You will also marvel at the diverse collection of birds that congregate at this location.
- 3** **Stop at the Art Deck & Camp Tosebo:** Just off of M-110 on Miller Road, you will come across Camp Tosebo and the always unique "Art Deck." Founding member and sculptor Les Scruggs, who shows his work at his Art Deck studio on Miller Road has created and massed a unique collection of fine art and has installed it throughout the forest within the grounds of Camp Tosebo.
- 4** **Explore Onekama, Shop at MacBeth & Taste at Linebacks:** Explore the small community of Onekama, the area's "Two Lake Town." Shop at MacBeth and Company, a wonderful boutique store that offers many made-in-Michigan goods and unique decor for your cottage or home. Just down the road, you will find Linebacks, offering great Michigan wines for purchase and tasting.
- 5** **Continue to Portage Point & the Artesian Well:** Known as the sister resort to the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Portage Point Inn has been a destination for families since the turn of the 20th Century. Explore Portage Lake and Lake Michigan from this beautiful spot. Also check out the Artesian well along Portage Point Drive on your way to the Inn, or back towards
- M-22. It is about .25 miles down the road on the south side from the intersection of M-22 and Portage Point Drive. It contains some of the freshest spring-fed water you will find in Michigan.
- 6** **Pierport Markets:** As you continue north along M-22, you will come across a whole host of farm markets and fruit stands during the fall season. Pick your giant pumpkins and take them home for carving. You will also find many seasonal vegetables available that were grown by 4th and 5th generation farming families in Manistee County.
- 7** **Arcadia Bluffs Golf Club:** This is one of the top 10 public golf courses in the Country. It welcomes golfers from across the globe to play its greens every year. The Lodge contains a wonderful restaurant, and bar area with spectacular views across the rolling manicured fairways, eventually dropping off into the rolling waves of Lake Michigan. Many who have gazed out from the deck have said that this view is one that defines "Pure Michigan."
- 8** **The Arcadia Overlook:** We mentioned that the view from Arcadia Bluffs is one of the views that defines "Pure Michigan," well, this is another one of those cases. You will see the parking lot packed during the fall as people climb up the 120 steps to the top of the scenic overlook. You will see clearly down to Onekama and Manistee in the distance. The rolling hills and tapestry of color is sure to make it into the family photo album, or at the very least, a check-in and cover photo update on Facebook!
- 9** **Old Baldy & The Arcadia Dunes:** This will take about 2 hours to hike out and back, but if you are up to it, the dunes are beautiful during the fall season. The trails leading up to the overlook are spectacular and the color is sure to impress. The cherry on top, is the panoramic view of Lake Michigan. You will feel like you are at Sleeping Bear Dunes but with a fraction of the people. The St. Pierre Trailhead (across the road) is also a great hike or fall mountain bike ride.
- 10** **Joyfield Road and Gravity Hill.** Visit the special section of Putney Rd. known as Gravity Hill and try to answer the age-old question, "If the car is in neutral, why does it seem to be rolling up a hill?" Some call it an optical illusion, others call it a mystical anomaly. Try it on a skateboard or bike too. Putney Rd. crosses Joyfield Rd. between US-31 and M-22. Travel south from Joyfield Rd. and stop at a point 150 to 200 ft. beyond the "Stop Ahead" sign on the east side of the road, then put your car in neutral. You will roll all the way back up the hill to the Blaine Christian Church. And take time to enjoy the view of rolling hills, orchards and farms along the way.
- 11** **Wee Bee Jammin' and Serendipity.** As you turn back for Manistee along US-31, you will drive through the heart of Bear Lake. Just before you arrive in the immediate area of Bear Lake, you will come across Wee Bee Jammin' (11) This is a great Made in Michigan Artisan store, featuring their own Jams and Honey along with many other great products. As you continue into Bear Lake, you will come across Serendipity, (12) home of fine home goods and artisan creations from across the area.
- 13** **Northern Natural Cider House** features 14 flavors of premium hard cider plus 13 wines including Chardonnay, Riesling and Dry Riesling. Growlers and iced hard apple cider are fan faves as well, for the visitors to the roomy, comfortable tasting room.
- 14** **Bear Creek and Rainbow Bend Explore the Shores Sites:** Close together along River
- 15** Road, these two Explore the Shores sites are perfect for anyone looking to learn more about the fisheries and wildlife of the Big Manistee River basin.
- 16** **Douglas Valley Winery & Market:** This is a MUST stop location during the fall months. Douglas Valley hosts Fall Harvest Days during the fall color season, featuring live music, wine tasting, apple picking, games for kids, and of course a hay ride that the entire family will enjoy. Throughout the season, they also feature live music on the porch. **Check their website and facebook page for details. See their Feature Spotlight on the prior page.**
- 17** **Scenic Fall Color Tour Flight:** End the day skimming across the fall-kissed trees on your way out to Lake Michigan with a fall color flight. Take off from the Manistee Blacker Airport and turn west towards the lake for an unforgettable journey. Starting at only \$30 per person, this is an amazing sightseeing flight that is perfect for people of all ages. Call ahead and rese.