



# MUSEUMS

EXPLORE THE AREA'S HISTORY AT OUR MUSEUMS



**TOTAL TOUR TIME:** 4+ hours (depending on visitation time) 🚗

**TOTAL SITES:** 7 County Museums

**TOUR START:**

The Museums of Manistee County are not defined in this booklet on a direct driving route. Many of the Museums can be explored while enjoying one of the self-guided tours in the book. The Museums in the City of Manistee may both be explored when enjoying the Downtown Sites, East Homes or West Homes tour. The Destination sites have the Museums highlighted on these routes as well.

Most of our Museums contain information about the entire county, however, the community that the Museum is located within has a concentration of artifacts from that community. We welcome you to explore each of our Museums as part of other tours, or explore individually on their own.



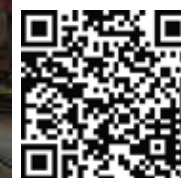
*Each Museum coordinates its own onsite tours. For information and current hours, contact the Museum's listed phone number. Many of our historic Museums are staffed only by volunteers, so we recommend calling ahead to verify open hours.*



## 1 Manistee County Historical Museum: The A.H. Lyman Company

**ARCHITECT:** Unknown  
**CONSTRUCTED:** 1883 & 1885  
**LOCATION:**  
 425 River Street, Manistee, MI  
 231.723.5531

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Dedicated as the Russell Memorial Building, this structure remains as it was in 1905. The A.H. Lyman Drug Co. was the consolidation of three of Manistee's early drug companies, moved to 427 River Street in 1885. The Lyman Co. was the largest drug company north of Grand Rapids by 1890. In 1892



the store expanded and took over 425 River St. and included a school book department. The business continued at this location after the death of Lyman in 1896 under a corporation of employees headed by F.W. White.

The pharmacy portion of the store closed when Mr. White died in 1952. The school book department continued until 1957. In 1961 the White family gave the building to the museum. A special pharmacy exhibit is kept in remembrance of the store's earlier history.

Museum displays include the Lyman Drug Store, period rooms, and one of the most extensive collections of Victorian antiques and photographs in the state.



## 2 Manistee County Historical Museum: The Water Works Museum

**ARCHITECT:** Unknown  
**CONSTRUCTED:** 1882-1883  
**LOCATION:**  
 520 First Street, Manistee, MI  
 231.723.5531

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Construction of the Water Works building began in August 1882 and was completed in July of 1883 with the company beginning to supply water to the City of Manistee later that month. The Water Works facility was used to pump the city's water supply until 1947 when it was decided to change from a steam pumping system to an electric pumping system.

Today the building is preserved as the county's first historical museum and houses logging, railroad, and marine exhibits and memorabilia of Manistee in the nineteenth century. Open July & August with an admission cost of \$1.





### 3 Arcadia Area Historical Museum

**ARCHITECT:** Unknown  
**CONSTRUCTED:** Circa 1880s  
**LOCATION:**  
 3340 Lake Street, Arcadia, MI  
 231.864.3185 | 231.889.4103



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Housed in a beautiful Victorian home built circa 1880s, the Arcadia Historical Museum contains interesting artifacts, furniture and history of Arcadia. Call for tour information.

### 4 Brethren Heritage Museum

**ARCHITECT:** Unknown  
**CONSTRUCTED:** Circa 1930s  
**LOCATION:**  
 17955 Coates Highway, Brethren, MI  
 231-477-5526 | 231-477-5525

Located on the corner of Cart Ave. and Amick Street in Brethren, on the northwest side of Lake Eleanor. Two buildings from the Red Bridge area, an icehouse and store, have been relocated and combined into the present museum. Call for tour information.

### 5 Marilla Museum and Pioneer Place

**ARCHITECT:** Various  
**CONSTRUCTED:** 1889  
**LOCATION:**  
 9911 Marilla Road, Copemish, MI  
 231-362-3263 | 231-378-3123

Located in the former Marilla Schoolhouse, the Marilla Museum & Pioneer Place includes a trapper's log cabin; log house from Yates; a barn with farm machinery; 1800s kitchen; living room; bedroom; school room; 100 year-old, hand-woven quilt; original post office boxes from the Marilla Post Office formerly housed in the Brimmer Store; theater curtain painted by a Marilla school teacher; WWI and WWII artifacts and records; 1800s township seal and a diorama/model of the Marilla area as it was in the 1920s. Call for tour information.



### 6 Kaleva Train Depot

**ARCHITECT:** Unknown  
**CONSTRUCTED:** 1908  
**LOCATION:**  
 Inquire at Bottle House Museum  
 231-362-3481

This completely restored depot for the Manistee and Northeastern Railroad was constructed in 1908 after the previous depot had been burned down some years earlier.



The Village of Kaleva was able to preserve the depot when the railroad systems had quit running trains through Kaleva in 1970. In the late 1990s, the Service Learning class from Brethren High School restored the depot and opened it to the public. Today, it houses several artifacts and railroad memorabilia.

### 7 Kaleva Bottle House Museum

**ARCHITECT:** John Makinen  
**CONSTRUCTED:** Circa 1880s  
**LOCATION:**  
 14551 Wuoksi Avenue, Kaleva, MI

The Kaleva Bottle House is always a popular tourist attraction and is included in the National Historic Register and Ripley's Believe It or Not. Built by John Makinen in 1941 out of 60,000 bottles from the local bottling factory, today it houses an historical museum with many unique showrooms and artifacts of the Kaleva area.

One of the most notable collections on display is the Makinen Tackle Collection. The Makinen Tackle Collection was purchased by the village of Kaleva in 2008 from a collector in Wisconsin. Bill Gregory had assembled an example of every piece that had been made at the Makinen Tackle Factory in Kaleva during the 1950s and 1960s.



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