

Peterson Park



Looks southwest to northwest from a bluff 150 ft above Lake Michigan. View of North and South Fox Islands, Beaver Island (on a clear day), North and South Manitou Islands and the South Manitou Lighthouse. Stairway to the beach below. Playground, volleyball, rest rooms and picnic area.

Directions: Take 201 (Mill Street) north from town. Turn left at Peterson Park Rd.
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Christmas Cove Beach

Hidden away just north of Peterson Park, this site offers a panoramic view of Lake Michigan with picnic area and restrooms. Walk the beach to the north and south.

Directions: Take Scott Rd north off Peterson Park Rd. When the road swings east look for Christmas Cove Road angling back from the left (north) side of the road.

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Northport Visitor Center
204 Rose at 2nd, north of marina
northportvisitorcenter.org

Cathead Bay Beach



This is part of Leelanau State Park and requires a 15-20 minute hike from the State Park trailhead to the beach. You'll be well rewarded with sweeping views of sand dunes and Lake Michigan. There is a mile of wild, uninhabited beach to walk and enjoy. Hike back to the "Overlook" for a great photo opportunity of Lake Michigan and the Fox Islands. Bug spray is suggested on trails, especially after a rain.



Directions: Take 201 (Mill Street) north from town for four miles. The road to the trailhead (Densmore) is just past Woolsey Airport. A Michigan Recreation Passport or fee is required for entrance.

NORTHPORT

BEACHES & VISTAS



Bring your binoculars for spectacular views from the Northport area

Enjoy and walk the beaches on the Little Finger

Haserot Park & Northport Beach

Haserot Park and Haserot Beach are north of the marina. Nice warm beach on the Bay. Northport Beach is south of the marina and has a playground and volleyball court. Picnic tables and grills are available.

Braman Hill



Looks eastward across Grand Traverse Bay. View of Bellows (Gull Island) and Northport Point. Tennis/basketball/pickleball courts, skateboard park and Sportsman's Club. Directions: Take Third Street west from town ½ mile. Turn left and take the road up the hill.

Gill's Pier (Happy Hour Beach)



Beautiful crescent of land that sweeps ¼ mile into Lake Michigan. View the Fox and Manitou Islands and Pyramid Point. There's a bench at the end of the spit for sunset viewing. This land was under five feet of water in 1986 and has regenerated into a beautiful, wild natural area as the lake level has dropped. Walk the sand beach to the north or south. This is not a swimming beach due to the rocks.

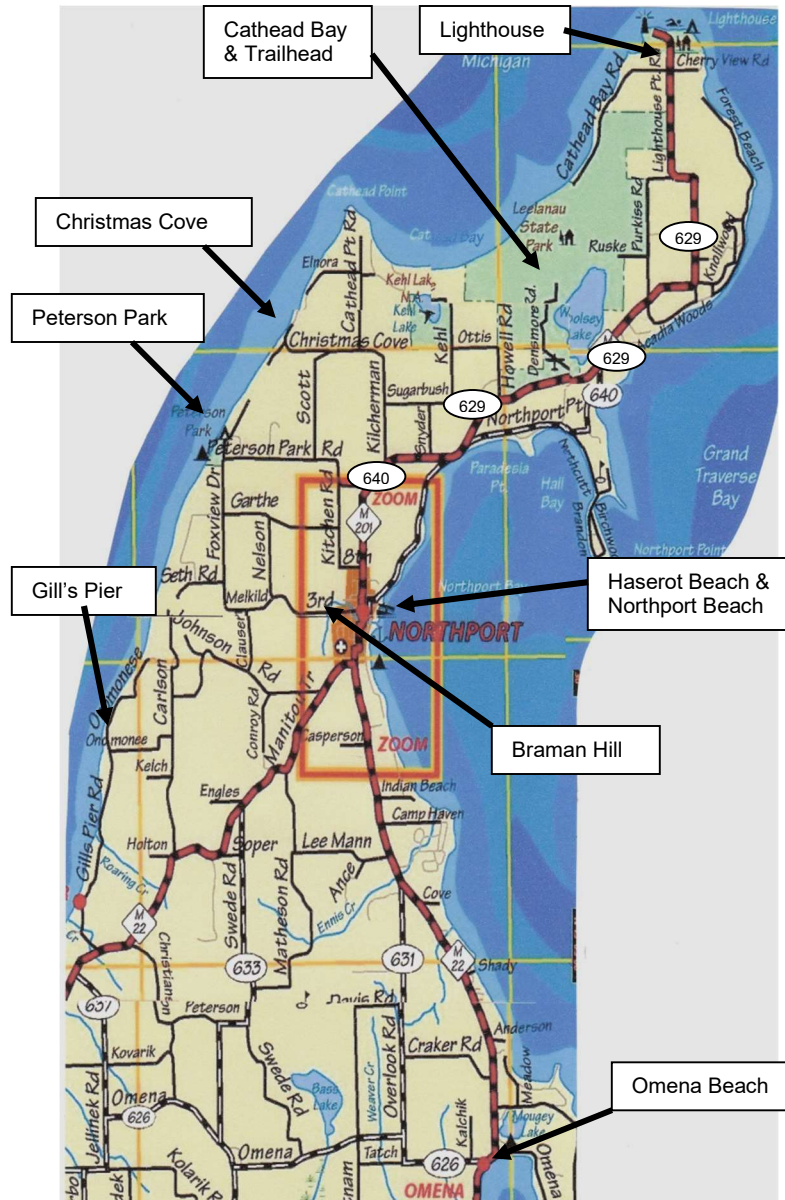
Directions: Take M-22 toward Frankfort/Leland 4.5 miles to Gills Pier Road (across from the *Happy Hour Restaurant*.) Take Gills Pier Road two miles to the end and turn left. For the adventurous driver, cut across Johnson Rd to Carlson and then to Onomonee. Spectacular view of the Lake as you descend on Onomonee to the beach.

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Omena Beach

This small beach in Omena has a playground and shallow warm water on Omena Bay.

Directions: Five miles south of Northport on M-22. (toward Omena, Suttons Bay, Traverse City)



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Leelanau State Park Grand Traverse Lighthouse



View the sunrise and sunset from the tip of the "Little Finger." Over 1,500 acres are waiting for visitors to enjoy. The park has the Grand Traverse Lighthouse Museum, a rustic campground, mini cabins, playground, 8.5 miles of hiking/skiing trails and a picnic area. Petoskey stones can be found along the shoreline. This park is home to many endangered Piping Plover birds, so pets are not allowed along the park shoreline.

Directions: Take 201 (Mill Street) north from town and follow signs (8 miles). A **Recreation Passport is required for entry**, or the entrance fees for **Michigan residents driving a registered Michigan vehicle are a one-time fee of \$19 or \$12 per motorcycle**.

Non-residents pay \$11.00 a day per vehicle or \$40.00/annual/vehicle. This Recreation Passport/fee is also good for the hiking trails to Cathead Bay.

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Leelanau State Park
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Northport, MI. 49670
231-386-5422 (Park)
231-386-7195 (Lighthouse)