



Lake Michigan Recreation Area

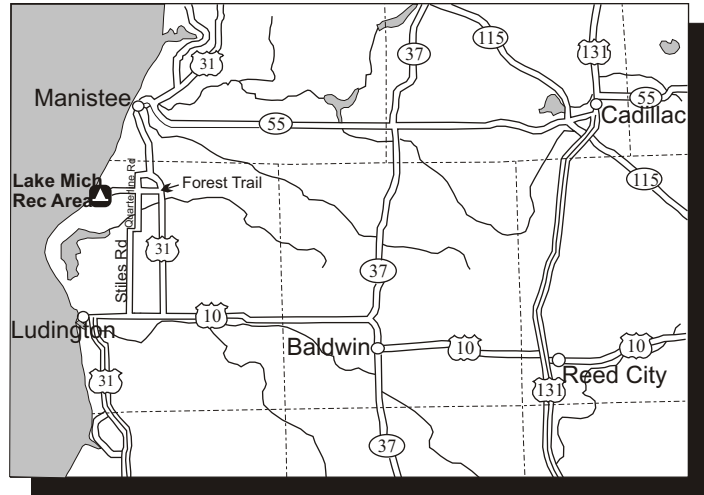
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The popular Lake Michigan Recreation Area is comprised of family and group campsites that are both scenic and natural. The Recreation Area adjoins Lake Michigan to the west and Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area to the south. Picnicking opportunities, 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.



NATIONAL FOREST ACCESS CAMPGROUND

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

- 101 Paved spurs (odd #'s barrier free)
- 8 Vault toilet buildings
- 2 Flush toilet buildings
- 101 Fire Rings
- 101 Tables
- 3 Hand pumps
- 12 Water fountains
- 2 Observation decks
- 3 Group camping sites
- 3 1/2 Miles of graveled bicycle/hiking trails
- Picnic site with playground
- Swimming beach
- Amphitheater

SEASON

The managed season is from May 15 through October 1. However, camping is allowed year-round, unless closed by snowfall. Please check with the Manistee Ranger Station regarding dates outside the managed season (231-723-2211 or TTY 231-723-0124).

FEES

For the latest information regarding fees and condition of the facility, contact the Manistee Ranger District at (231) 723-2211 or (231) 723-0124 TTY. 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 sites are for up to 25 people; and for groups larger than 25 people. For group reservations or individual sites in the Oak Loop only, contact Reserve America at (877) 444-6777. Minimum reservations of 2 consecutive days are required. The picnic/parking areas are fee sites. A vehicle pass is required and can be purchased at the Manistee Ranger Station, the Supervisor's Office in Cadillac and other district offices.

CONSIDERATIONS

Camping is limited to 14 continuous days and you must occupy the site every day.

To avoid resource damage, camping is allowed at designated sites only.

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.

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