

Northern Michigan

BEAVER ISLAND

2023 - 2024 VISITOR'S GUIDE



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Growing up, I considered myself a part-time islander; my school years were spent on the mainland, and my summers on Beaver Island. With college now behind me, this past year was the first I'd been able to spend entirely on the Island. Aside from work and spending time with family and friends, I've found a number of various hobbies to keep me happy in my year-round home. Here are a few of my favorites that are suitable for both Islanders and visitors alike:

FUN IN THE FOREST

- **Disc Golf:** Grab your discs for an afternoon of friendly competition. This 9-hole course is integrated into the woods surrounding Hideaway Trail, the location of Beaver Island's annual Music Festival.
- **Hammocking:** Find one of many secluded spots on the island to set up your hammock for a relaxing day out in nature. My favorite spots are the top of Mt. Pisgah on Donegal Bay Road and in the trees surrounding St. James Campground.
- **Geocaching:** Explore the Island, find clues, and solve mysteries to find the many hidden geocaches in the area. I recommend downloading the Geocaching app for easy navigation.
- **Foraging:** Beaver Island is home to many edible plants and fungi. Visit the Island in May for morel hunting, July and August for raspberry and blackberry picking, and September for apple harvesting. Enjoy your edible delights as-is or use them to make tasty creations!

WHAT'S ON AT THE WATER

- **Beach Volleyball:** With courts located both at the Public Beach in town and at Donegal Bay, you can enjoy a quick pick-up game during your beach day. Volleyballs are usually available near the net, you can buy/bring your own, or feel free to jump in a game that may already be going on.
- **Rock Hunting:** While Petoskey stones are rare to find on the shores of Beaver Island, there are other unique stones worth searching for, particularly ones that glow. Grab a blacklight to search for and observe the fluorescent phenomenon. Beaches where you may likely stumble across these hidden gems are Iron Ore

Bay, Gull Harbor, and down below the southern Lighthouse. Keep an eye out for the many shades of beach glass as well.

- **Water Sports:** If you want to get out and enjoy Lake Michigan, there are many businesses on the island that rent out paddle boards and kayaks—and even Jet Skis—for the day. Take them out on St. James Harbor or explore one of our seven inland lakes. If you have time, try to find the car bodies on the cusp of the harbor where you can view the frames of old cars purposely sunk to create artificial fishing habitats. If you want an even closer look, you can charter Mike Weed to bring you out for some snorkeling and scuba diving excursions. Don't forget the fishing is great, too.
- **Bonfires:** At the end of the day, warm up by sitting around a campfire while you roast marshmallows and stargaze in a place known for its dark skies and northern lights. The St. James Campground, Wagner Campground, and Lake Genesareth all have public fire pits for use.

INDOOR ENTERTAINMENT

- **Trivia Night:** If you are looking for a brain-teasing activity, find your way to the BI Community Center to partake in bi-weekly 'Trivia Night' where you can test your knowledge, enjoy some drinks and snacks, and maybe even win some great prizes.
- **Cards & Games:** Bring a deck of cards to one of the many eateries on the Island to play some games while you sample the local fare. In the off-season, the brewery hosts 'Euchre Night' on Thursdays, fun for beginners and experts alike. In the Shamrock, enjoy Pool or Shuffleboard. The BI Community Center provides a "hangout" upstairs with a variety of games, puzzles, pool table, and magnificent view of the harbor.
- **Open Mic Night:** Every other Tuesday, the Harbour Bodega sponsors Open Mic Night at the BI Community Center. Come listen to the local talent, or if you're brave enough, perform yourself!
- **Museum Tours:** Both the Old Mormon Print Shop and Marine museums provide a historical perspective of the Island and its cultural origins. We also have a Toy Museum filled with old wonders to look at, new toys to peruse through, and beautiful arts & crafts for sale.

AROUND THE ISLAND

- **Bike Boodle:** Decorate your bike with lights and get ready to listen to some fun music as you participate in an 8-mile bike ride around Donegal Bay and Barney's Lake. You can rent bicycles or E-bikes through Burton Rentals, Lakesports, and BI Boat Rentals. Meet up in town near the bronze circular sculpture and stay afterwards for a nice fire and hangout with other bikers.
- **Mt. Pisgah:** A favorite spot for sunsets and stargazing, visit the three-tier 730' sand dune to get one of the best views of Lake Michigan and some of the surrounding archipelago islands during sunset hours. Whenever there are meteor showers on the radar, or even just a clear night, I find myself coming here to lay down and look up at the stars. The Milky Way is always a treat!
- **Trails:** While there are a plethora of trails to discover on the Island, there are a couple that I frequent with the first being Little Sand Bay Nature Preserve Trail. Located just a bit past Island Airways, this trail takes you first through some fields, then marshlands, and leads you to the beach of Little Sand Bay. Another favorite is Kuebler Trail, which starts at Protar's Tomb, takes you near Barney's Lake Nature Preserve, and leaves you at the end of Donegal Bay.
- **Golfing:** Lazy days in the summer are more often than not filled with golf! At the Beaver Island Golf Course you can partake in a 9-hole course surrounded by trees and foliage (a real obstacle for a novice like me). While it takes almost half the day for us to finish only 9 holes, there is something really relaxing about cracking a cold one and riding around in the golf carts with all your friends.

What sets Beaver Island apart from other islands is the quiet, relaxed pace, the beautiful nature and pristine waters, the friendly waves as you pass by, and the opportunity to create both your own schedule and your own fun. Stepping on the shores of Beaver Island is like stepping back in time, and Island time is the best time. It's been said that you are a stranger here but once, and after you get the sand in your shoes, you'll always come back. The only hurry is in the getting here, so get going and come see us!



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*Chii Miigwetch (Great Thanks)
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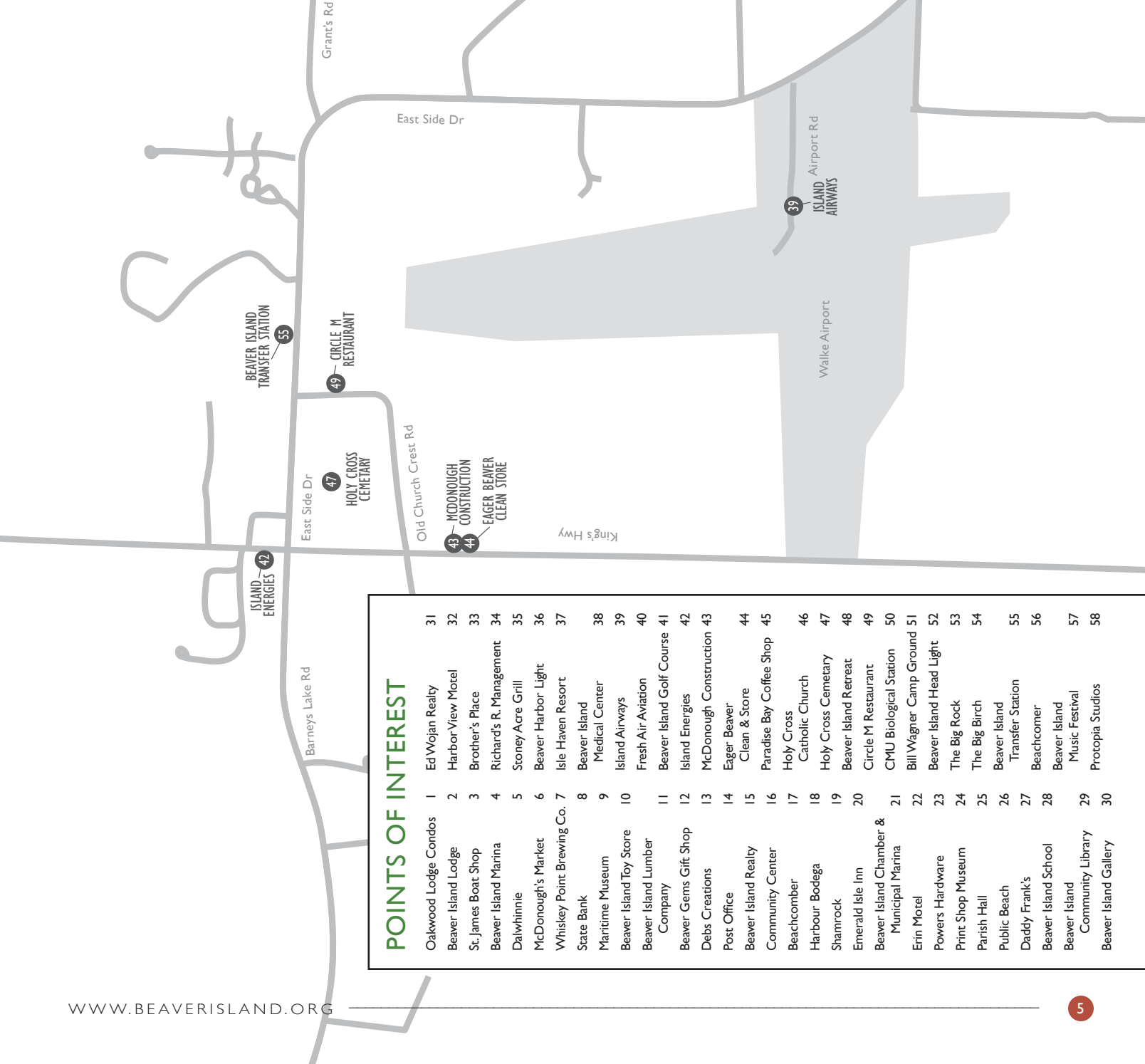
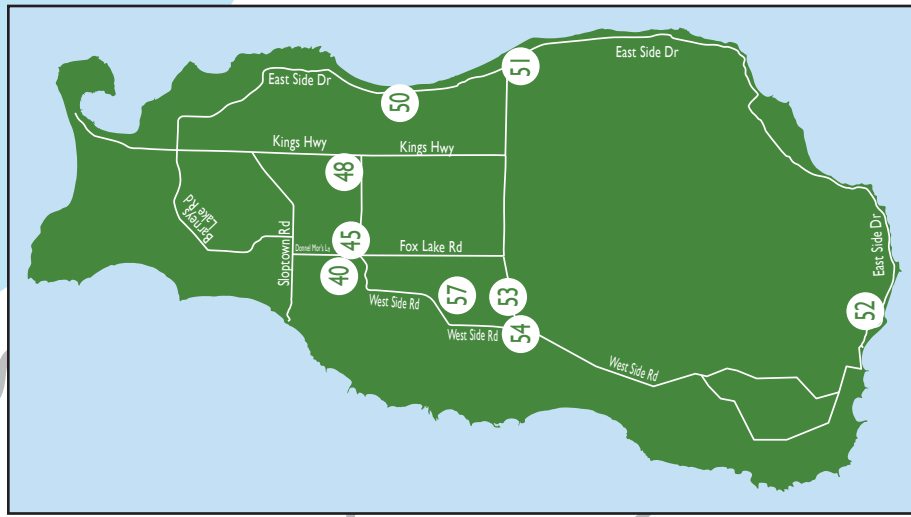
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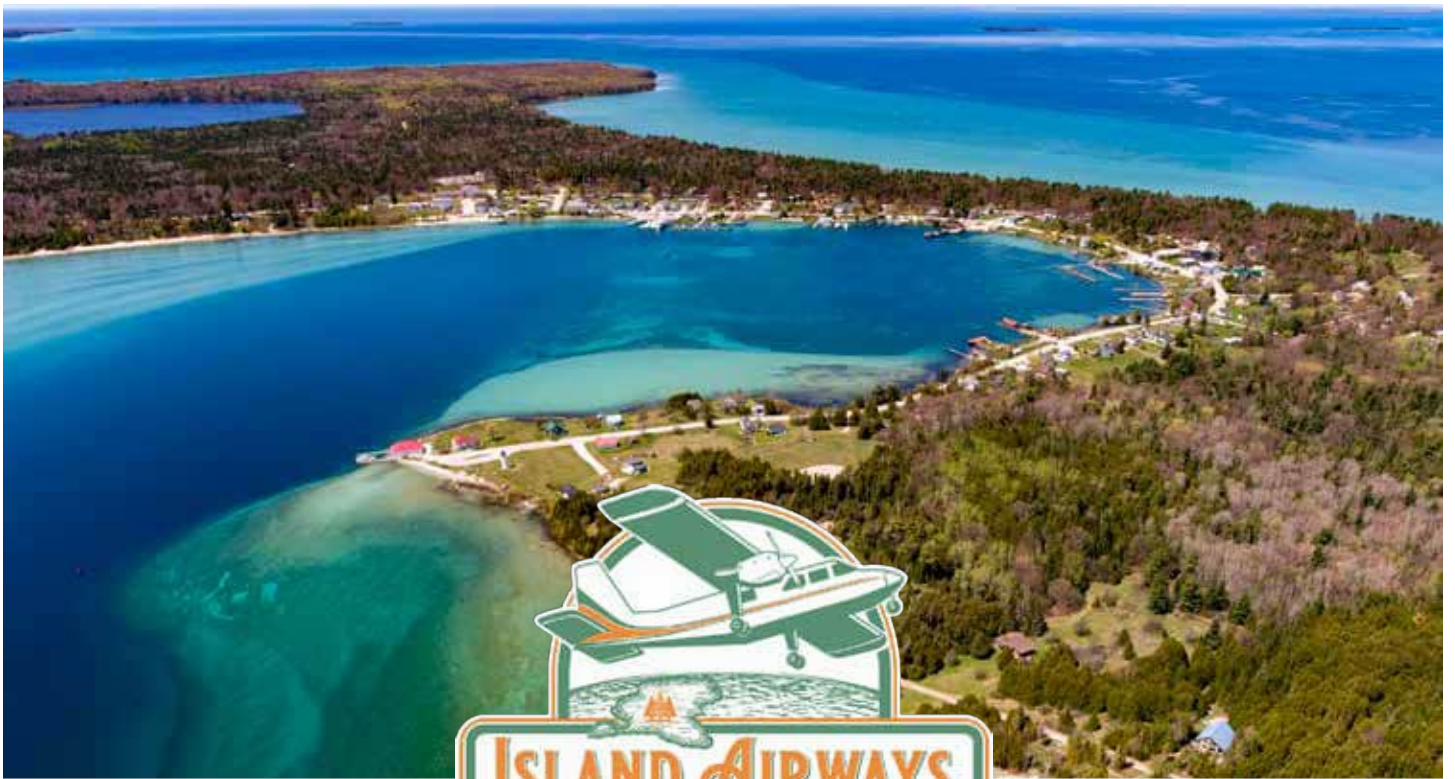
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Two airlines service Beaver Island and fly to and from the island every hour so you have a lots of choices for travel times. 30#'s of luggage is included in the ticket price and additional weight is charged at a nominal fee per pound. Flying to the island from Charlevoix takes approximately 15 minutes.

On the island: (example) Beaver Island is 13 miles long and 6 miles wide. If visitors want to traverse the island, transportation on the island is needed. Whether you bring your own car, bikes, or both or if you choose to rent on the island, we strongly recommend having transportation so that the entire island can be enjoyed.

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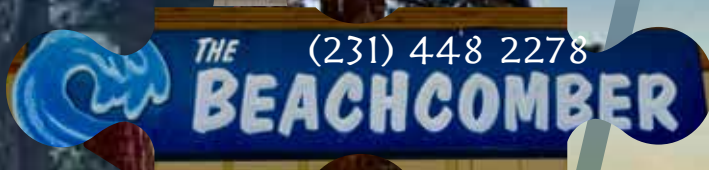
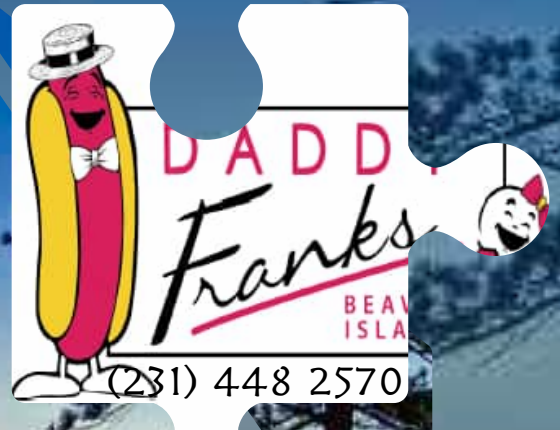
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In 1969, Walter dismantled the mill and moved it to another site. He and his wife Vera envisioned the location as a perfect setting to build a motel for the budding tourism industry. In June of 1971, they welcomed their first guests, and the Harbor View Motel became the favorite vacation rental spot on the

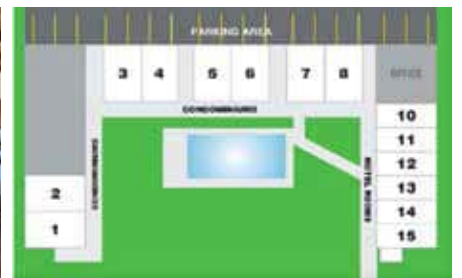
island. Families come back year after year, and then their children bring back their families as well.

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A World Apart

Beaver Island stands out geographically, naturally, and culturally. Surrounded by miles of Lake Michigan waters, this remoteness has kept intact its rural character and slower pace of life, even during Michigan's busy tourist season. For visitors new to its shores, understanding what makes it distinct can help make your experience a meaningful one.

Its leading feature is nature, in great abundance and diversity. It is less a destination for glossy tourist attractions than for sprawling forests and quiet inland lakes; known more for offering spacious white-sand beaches and quiet hiking trails over bustling streets and late-night venues. Elsewhere, resort towns may jump out to impress you - but here, the island asks you to meet it halfway, thoughtfully and respectfully.

Because Beaver Island's infrastructure and ecology are from an earlier time, it asks for a more gentle touch and milder speeds as one explores it. Miles of narrow, graveled country roads take you past old farmsteads and nature preserves, wind-blown sand dunes and beach cottages. The slower you travel, the more you'll notice - and more safely. And though we don't have large crowds here very often, the small-scale nature of our roads and pathways calls on visitors to be mindful of those just around the next corner, so that their taste of this special place can be as ease-filled as yours.

Treasures await for the birdwatcher and amateur botanist, those who love fishing and camping, as well as enthusiasts of sailboarding, boating, and biking. Charter vessels and rental craft are available for excursions to the uninhabited outer islands, whose fields and beaches are home to uncommon plants and birds embedded in sensitive environments that both beckon the curious and encourage mindful exploration. Rare flowers and fliers need their space; and the unspoiled landscapes and waterways remind you to leave nothing behind and take only warm memories with you.

The village of St. James features one of the finest natural harbors in the Great Lakes, with swimming, kayaking, and sailing easily found in the summer months. Skywatching is another treat, with the island being recognized as a Dark Sky-worthy locale, gifting the patient viewer with constellations, shooting stars, and the unexpected display of Northern Lights now and again. Our museums showcase a rich, multi-layered history stretching from ancient indigenous culture through a storied Mormon era, to Irish immigrant settlement and the fish-town heyday of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Shops, bars, restaurants and a brewpub, lodging and rental cottages and secluded retreat centers, glamping and island tours and many other services await you here, for convenience, comfort, and discovery.

Details on many of these offerings can be found in the pages of this Visitors Guide. We invite you to cross the waters, take a deep breath, unwind - and drink in the simple wonders this unique island and archipelago have to give.

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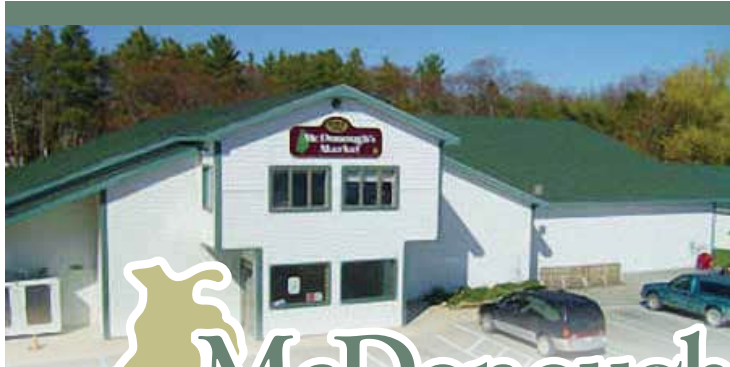
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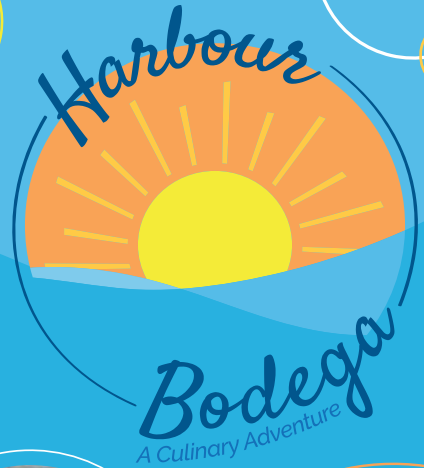
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An introduction to our fascinating Archipelago

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THE ANISHNAABE, LONG BEFORE THE FIRST EUROPEAN SET FOOT ON THESE SHORES, WERE DRAWN TO THE SPIRITUAL AND BOUNTIFUL GIFTS AMIKWAG-ENDAAD AND MICHIGAMI PROVIDED AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EXPLANATORY TIMELINE EVENTS AND TEACHINGS FROM OUR ANCESTORS.

Oral histories and archeological discoveries tell the story of a continuous occupation of the Nayaano-nibiimaang Gichigamiin (The Five Freshwater Seas, or the Great Lakes Region) throughout the Nipissing Transgression. Stretching back to the Paleo-Indian and Archaic Periods which included the start the Copper Trade, to the Woodland and Mississippian Periods that included Moundbuilders, and up to and through Modern times, the Great Lakes have been home to countless Native peoples. Today this land is home to the indigenous peoples known as

the Anishinaabek, which include the Ojibwa (Chippewa), Odawa (Ottawa), and the Bodewademi (Potawatomi), also known as the Niswi-mishkodewinan (Council of Three Fires). These Algonquin speakers, in their migration stories, followed the Menomin back to the Great Lakes thousands of years of prior to the European Age of Exploration beginning in the 1490's. The first physical contact between French voyageurs and Anishinaabek occurred in the early 1600's while the French were scouting what they called "New France". As the French established themselves, so to was the North American Fur Trade that included the construction of forts such as Fort Michilimackinac in 1715. Beaver Island (Amikwag-endaad or Isle du Castor) was a prosperous trading and refuge site.

The Odawa were no strangers to War and warriors are respected highly in Anishinaabek culture. Thus, when tensions between the British and French over competing colonial claims to ownership of Indigenous lands resulted in the 1754 seven-year "French and Indian War," a

misnomer of a war between the British and French, many Odawa warriors from the Beaver Islands willingly fought for the French. Fort Michilimackinac surrendered to the British in 1760, and France surrender lands around the Great Lakes to the British with the Treaty of Paris in 1763. The shift in allegiance for the Beaver Island Odawa and Ojibwe did not come easy but was helped with the gift of a solid silver medal of King George III, given to Beaver Island's Grand Chief to ensure allegiance to Britain. Shortly after the American Revolutionary War began in 1775, the Beaver Island Odawa again went to War but this time as allies of the British under General John Burgoyne. After the Revolutionary War, Beaver Island, along with the area identified as the "Northwest Area," were ceded by England to the United States. Nevertheless, the Beaver Island Indians continued in their allegiance to Britain in the War of 1812, with them once again picking the losing side. Beaver Island Odawa did not ally with the U.S. Government until joining the Union Army of the Civil War in 1861, and have remained allies of the United States in

all wars to modern day.

In 1830, despite the commitments of the Northwest Ordinance requiring the “Utmost Good Faith,” President Andrew Jackson signed the Indian Removal Act, which was an existential threat to the Anishinaabek. Clans from Waganakising (Land of Crooked Trees) witnessed their Potawatomi brothers of the three fires forced from their lands and removed on the Trail of Death in 1838. Odawa and Ojibwe leaders were fortunate to utilize educated tribal members like Kanapima, a critical translator for the Anishnaabek in the Treaty negotiations of 1836 and the subsequent 1855 Treaty of Detroit, to obtain the right for Anishnaabe to remain in their homelands. The 1836 Treaty of Washington remains historically significant, as it reserved the right for the Anishinaabek to hunt and fish and gather resources until the “lands were needed for settlement”, for which these rights have been reaffirmed by the ongoing 50 years (1973-2023) of litigation in United States vs. Michigan. Father Baraga landed near Indian Point in 1832 and converted many Island Anishnaabe to Catholicism. The European influence and culture shifted natives from hunting and gathering nomads to those that then include churches, schools, and conventional homes, felt throughout the Archipelago and the immediate mainland Indian settlements such as Harbor Springs, Kewadin and Peshawbestown. From 1832 on through to the mid 1900’s, Anishnaabe were subject to forced removal by both the federal and state government to assimilating state and religious institutions. Native children were taken to assimilating schools such as the Holy Childhood School in Harbor Springs, the Isabella Indian School in Mount Pleasant and various other schools located in the north & west, all designed “to kill the Indian and save the man” (a brutal aphorism of Indian School administrators). This practice continued through to the modern day with the removal of indigenous children

from their homes for non-Indian adoption, all resulting in a profound dislocation of not only the person but also the near annihilation of Indigenous culture. The land allotment Treaty of 1855 was signed by Chief Kinwabekisze and Chief Pazhikwaywedong (Peaine), who had become the subordinate Chief of the Christian natives. This treaty allotted 40-80 acres of land to several Odawa and Ojibwe Bands (including the “Beaver Island Indians”) and allowed them to work, fish, and own land in trust status with the new Irish immigrants seeking land under various settler statutes. Most natives lost their trust land due to non-payment of taxes, lack of fluency with the English language (or simply not knowing they had a right to exempt their land from taxation), theft from other landowners, or seizure by corporations or the government. The Chiefs Kinwabekisze of Beaver Island and the Archipelago, were instrumental in protecting the Anishnaabe of the islands throughout this time.

The Odawa hardships escalated in 1910 when the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs outlawed Indian religion, language, and ceremonies. This law (which was not repealed until 1934) did not stop the 1923 Ceremony of Unity on Nezewabegon (High Island), otherwise known as the Ceremony of the Sun or the Sun Dance. Since stories began, the Beaver Island Archipelago has been a sacred and highly spiritual land of the Anishinaabek and other Indigenous peoples. In 1924 the Indian Citizenship Act was passed, but it would take another 40 plus years for Native Americans to have the right to vote. Anishnaabe could not vote but could be taxed out of their trust lands. Hundreds of court battles to regain stolen lands and treaty rights retained by Anishnaabek through treaties followed. In 1980 the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians was re-recognized by the U.S. Government as a sovereign nation with reservation lands, including Beaver Island. In 1994, the Little

Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians was reaffirmed by the U.S. Government as a sovereign nation with reservation lands that included Garden and High Island.

Over the centuries, war, displacement, new religions, genocide, prejudice, and loss of culture have all taken their toll on the native heritage and occupation of the Beaver Island Archipelago. But we, the next generation of survivors, are still here. Today you will find the descendants of Anishinaabek families that include the Kenwabikise, Wabanimkee, Napont, Cornstalk, Anthony, Maudrie and more—continuing in the stewardship of their ancestral lands.

To learn more, please visit the Beaver Island Historical Society Museum, the Beaver Island District Library, or download the Beaver Island App.

*Chii Miigwetch
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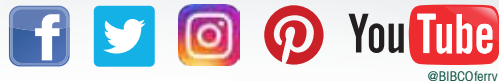
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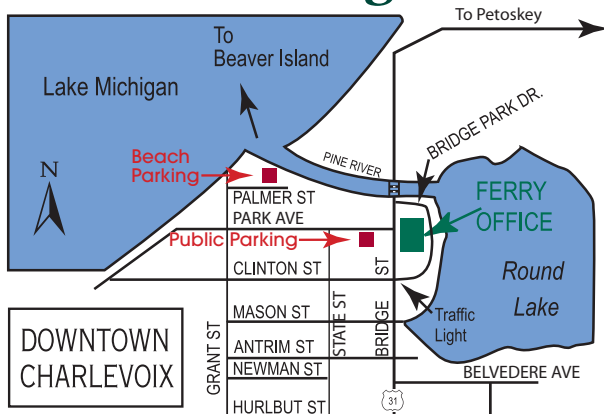
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APRIL							MAY							JUNE						
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Departures

DEPARTING CHARLEVOIX		DEPARTING BEAVER ISLAND	
11:30 AM	ONE TRIP	8:20 AM	
2:30 PM	ONE TRIP *May 21st additional 5:20 PM departure from Beaver Island	11:20 AM	
11:30 AM 5:30 PM	TWO TRIPS	8:20 AM 2:20 PM	
8:30 AM	ONE TRIP	11:20 AM	
8:30 AM	ONE TRIP	5:20 PM	
8:30 AM 2:30 PM 5:30 PM	TWO TRIPS *June 5th Beaver Islander will depart 11:20am - June 8th 8:30am *September 5th NO 5:20 PM departure from Beaver Island	11:20 AM 5:20 PM	
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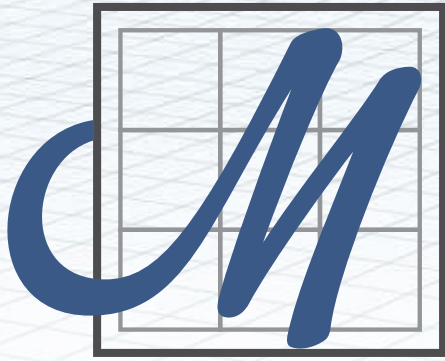
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Please purchase hunting and fishing licenses before you arrive. Licenses are not available for sale on the Island.

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Beaver Island Birding

The Beaver Island Birding Trail was designed to give birders the resources to explore year-round. Over 200 species of birds are documented on the island's birding list. The BIBT includes examples of each of the Island's diverse habitats along more than 100 miles of roads and over 12,000 acres of public lands. Birding during spring migration (mid-to late-May) is excellent. During the breeding season, Common Loon pairs can be observed easily without disturbing the birds. Many songbird species nest here, including a host of warblers, thrushes, flycatchers, tanagers and others. Fall birding is equally productive. During the winter it is not uncommon to view Snowy Owls, Pine Grosbeaks, and Rough-legged Hawks who venture south. (BIBT QR Code or visit on BIBT Facebook).



Keep this island in good health
Our lakes and forests are our wealth
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In order to follow through
To keep our island looking new:

We've got to make sure to take care of our trash
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Let's keep this island glistening

We appreciate your help while you enjoy your stay
Remember to have fun but keep pollution at bay

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Anishinaabe Language

meas a léiriú agus a chothú: Respect and sustain.
Gaelic Language

*Created by the 2022 Beaver Island Community
School Model UN Students*

BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Welcomes You to Our Past



Explore our history, find out about the Beaver Island King, fishing, shipwrecks, island life, natural history, our Irish heritage, and much more.

The Historical Society currently operates two museums on the Island: the Print Shop Museum and the Marine Museum and two historical sites: Heritage Park and the Protar Home. We offer several resources and services to our visitors, including genealogical research, copies of archival photos, and a series of historical journals and other books for purchase. We host many events throughout the year to promote the Island's history.

MUSEUM HOURS

Summer Hours 11-5 PM | Fall Hours 1-4 on the Weekends
Please call ahead to confirm availability. Private Museum tours are available after hours or season. Please call the Print Shop to make arrangements.

PRINT SHOP MUSEUM
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Beaver Island Historical Society

MUSEUM WEEK

JULY 16 - 22, 2023



This year, enjoy our
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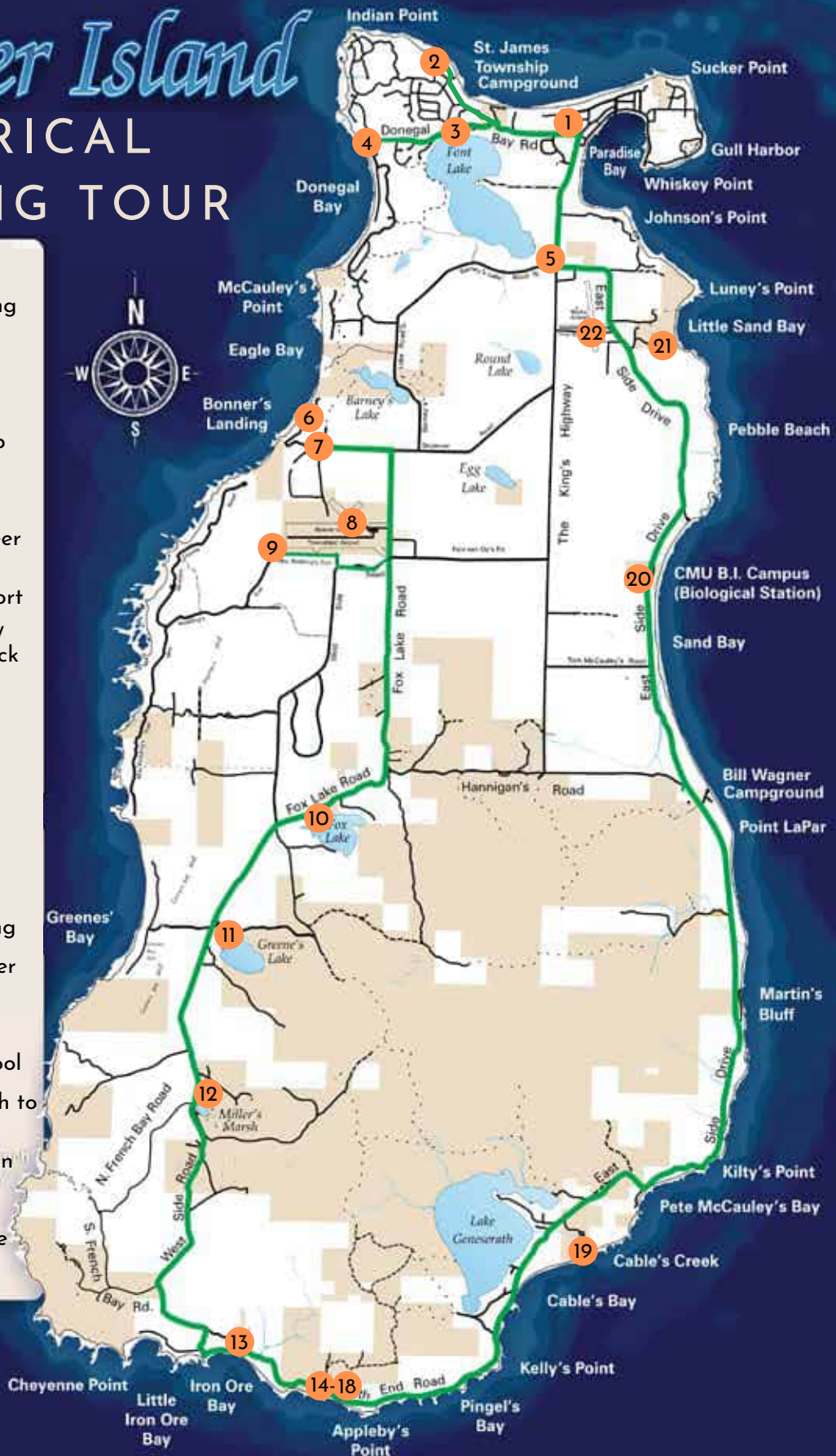
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Beaver Island

HISTORICAL DRIVING TOUR

- 1 Heritage Park
- 2 Baraga's Landing
- 3 Font Lake
- 4 Port St. James Association
- 5 Peaine Township Hall
- 6 Protar's Tomb
- 7 Railroad Engineer Cross
- 8 Townships' Airport
- 9 Angeline's Bluff/ Observation Deck
- 10 The Big Rock
- 11 Greene's Lake
- 12 Miller's Marsh
- 13 Iron Ore Bay
- 14 Beaver Head Lighthouse
- 15 Lighthouse Keepers' Dwelling
- 16 Lighthouse Tower
- 17 Lighthouse Fog Signal
- 18 Lighthouse School
- 19 Lake Geneserath to Cable Bay
- 20 Central Michigan University
- 21 Peter "Doney" Gallagher House
- 22 Welke Airport



Events SCHEDULED ON BEAVER ISLAND

May 26 - 28	Warblers on the Water
May 27	"Is Everybody Happy"- Hall Party
June 23 - 26	Bike Festival
June 24	Sustainability Fair
July 4	Parade, Fireworks
July 8	Glen McDonough Concert
July 16 - 22	Museum Week
July 20 - 23	BI music festival
July 27 - August 5	Baroque on Beaver
August 11-13	Homecoming weekend
August 17	Beaver Island Community Center Gala
September 8-9	Irish Feile
September 13-14	Harvest on the Harbor- Fall Celebration

Beaver Island Performing Arts Alliance

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Tuesday July 4 | Pre-Fireworks

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Jewell Gillespie Park, Free

Saturday July 8 | 7:30

**BEAVER ISLAND JAZZ SERIES:
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Ticketed Reserved Seating Only*

Tuesday July 11 | 7:30

Thursday July 12 | 7:30

**SEARCHING FOR EDEN: A
PLAY BY JAMES STILL**

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Wednesday August 2 | 3:00-5:00

**BEAVER ISLAND JAZZ SERIES:
THE ST JAMES JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

*Happy Hour Jazz Standards
Whiskey Point Brewing Company
Ticketed Reserved and Open Seating*

Wednesday August 23 | 7:30

**BEAVER ISLAND JAZZ SERIES:
THIRD COAST SWING BAND**

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Sunday December 3 | 4:00

**FESTIVE CHEER: A
HOLIDAY CONCERT**

*Presented in partnership with the BIC Center
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In Partnership with the Beaver Island Community

ENTERTAINMENT

Throughout each year a variety of events are enjoyed by Islanders and visitors alike.

Many locals of Irish descent take charge of regular celebrations, starting with a full schedule of St. Patrick's Day fun. The 'Bite of Beaver' Island food fest in October also includes a craft show and fun run, helping to cap our spectacular fall color season.

The Community Center, across from the ferry dock in the "heart of downtown," is home to a variety of events ranging from current films, comedy shows, musical productions, concerts, live theater, and more.

Three music festivals share the Island's long summer days and cool comfortable evenings, while numerous talented local artists and craft persons call Beaver Island their home.

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JULY 1 **THE 30 STEPS**

TERRY LOWER TRIO JULY 8
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AUGUST 5 **EXIT 282** ROCK & ROLL **DRAG BINGO** AUGUST 10 & 11

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BIC CENTER & WVBI
BROTHER'S RETREAT **SUMMER GALA** AUGUST 17

AUGUST 26 **DAVE BENNETT** AND HIS QUARTET
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THE BYRNE BROTHERS SEPTEMBER 8
SEPTEMBER 9 **AOIFE SCOTT**

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- ☐ Take three selfies on your favorite Island trail.
- ☐ Walk all or part of the history trail...take a picture of your favorite historic spot (even if it is not on the trail).
- ☐ Rainy day? Take a picture of jigsaw puzzle you are working on, or a book you are reading, or of the family card / board game.
- ☐ Visit the museums and take a picture of your favorite exhibit.
- ☐ Snap a picture of the most unique Beaver Island vehicle you encounter.
- ☐ What is your favorite meal on BI?
- ☐ Favorite picnic spot? Picture with your picnic all set up.
- ☐ Best sunrise?
- ☐ Most stunning sunset?
- ☐ Favorite "off the beaten path" discovery?
- ☐ Pictures of three birds you have never seen before
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- ☐ Selfie departing Beaver Island on the plane or boat – see you again soon.

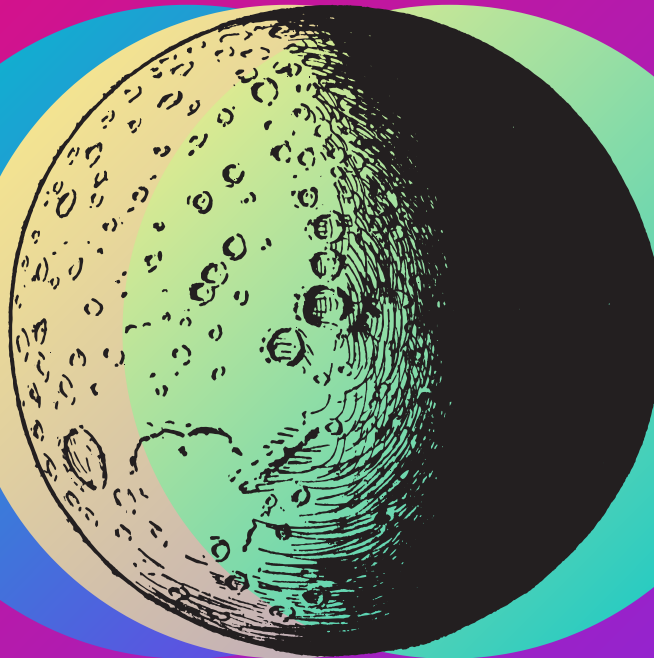
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Most importantly have fun!

HELPFUL INFORMATION:

- ☐ This is not a timed event. You are on "Island Time" relax, enjoy, and have fun.
- ☐ Please do not damage any natural resources in your adventure.
- ☐ Be sure to take a Beaver Island map with you.
- ☐ Cell phones do not work all over Beaver Island.
- ☐ Stop at the Chamber office (located in community center) to get a visitor's guide
- ☐ Beaver Island customs:
 - Wave at all passing cars
 - If you get lost or your car breaks down, wave at any car and Islanders will stop to help
 - Boodle: a drive around Beaver Island with your favorite people to view the natural beauty of the Island
- ☐ Feel free to add other adventures to your hunt. Ideas:
 - Prettiest tree
 - Most colorful wildflower
 - Petoskey stones or beach glass found!
 - Selfies at all the inland lakes
 - Snap a photo at every beach you swim or walk
 - Fishing or hunting pictures
 - Picture of your favorite thing on BI – place, person, house, tree, flower! What is the best?
 - Pictures of the scenery on your favorite bike-riding, jogging, or walking route on Beaver Island
 - Wildflower photos
 - Wildlife photo hunt – deer, rabbits, turkeys, fish, birds, turtles, squirrels, and more
 - Boats in the harbor
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 - Airplanes of Beaver Island – visit both airports for some plane spotting

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- Dalwhinnie Bakery and Restaurant
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- Island Energies
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