



THE  
GALES

STORM GATHERING

### **Gales Storm Gathering Participants:**

#### **Greetings,**

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone. I wanted to thank you for your support and participation in our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Gales Storm Gathering.

#### **Courses:**

As you may know, we do not have a pre-course signup. We base our course offerings on the conditions present the day that the event takes place. This requires flexibility on the planning from our coaches, but also some flexibility on your part to be ready to go, carpool with other participants, and be prepared to deal with a fluid timetable. While this type of planning is not canonical for most symposiums, it delivers the best learning experience and use of the environment that other Symposiums don't do.

We will have everyone sign up for courses on the evening prior in the 387 Dining Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

**What are we eating?** We partner 387 Restaurant and Beer Parlor for meals. You pay for your meals on site when you show up in Munising on Thursday Evening. The dining hall is upstairs 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

If you signed up for the meal plan, we offer a top rate meal plan through 387 Restaurant and Beer Parlor, this includes breakfast, a sack lunch and dinners that we eat together. You can pick up your lunch right at breakfast. We do this because we want to make it really easy to get ready and get on the water in the morning. We will have a variety of options, including vegetarian.

#### **Where is everyone staying?**

We have a special rate at the Pictured Rocks Inn and Suites. \$90+ tax please mention the Gales to get the rate. It's right next to 387!

**What to bring:**

1. Sea Kayak with full perimeter static (non-bungee) rescue rigging, two bulkheads, and end toggles.
2. Helmet
3. Drysuit or full wetsuit 5/4 weight (farmer john + drytop is ok but honestly a surfing wetsuit would probably be warmer)
4. Warm hat for on the water
5. Pogies or gloves
6. A few drybags for lunch and necessities and a change of warm clothes
7. Sea Kayak Towbelt
8. Paddle + Spare paddle
9. Marine Radio
10. Thermos with warm drink

## **Overview:**

### **Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

#### **4 Day Gales – Paddling in Current St. Mary’s River**

**Where:** Aune Ausberg Campground, Riverside Drive and Mission Rd boat dock. Sault Saint Marie Michigan. The park across from the sea plane dock and south of the diner.

**When do we meet?** Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

NOTE because we will not be in Munising first day, Breakfast and Lunch you are on your own.

This day will provide the opportunity to paddle a sea kayak in current, learn about the dynamics of moving water. The St. Mary’s offers an opportunity to do all of this with a larger group and with more space to do things like rescues and other dynamic skills. Also plastic boats are not required. Whew!

We will be leaving by no later than 2:30PM to return to Munising.

#### **3 Day Gales Munising**

**Oct 5<sup>th</sup> – Oct 7<sup>th</sup>**

**When do we meet the first time?**

8PM Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

**Where do we meet?**

387 Restaurant & Beer Parlour  
400 Cedar St, Munising, MI 49862  
(906) 387-4067  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Dining Hall

**Thurs Evening 8PM Oct 4**, for our Gales Mixer Sponsored by Power of Water at 387 upstairs room. We will have hors d'oeuvres and beer for the participants.

#### **How it works**

Each evening we will have a list of available courses based on the conditions present on Lake Superior. Not all courses will be available each day. For instance if Lake Superior is giving us 15 foot waves, no one is going surfing there, so surfing will not be offered. Conversely if there is no surf, we may try to have everyone go to the Menominee to do some work in the current.

We will list courses and allow students to sign up based on appetite for engagement with the conditions.

### **Course Duration**

Courses are full day but based on the conditions and the location there may be a break and reassess at Noon. River courses are always full day.

### **Leaving a course**

Never ever leave a course or drive off without having sought approval of the lead instructor of the course. We do head counts, and we need to know everyone is off the water safely.

### **Locations**

1. Au Train Beach H-28 -Good Surfing Beach
2. Miners Castle Pictured Rocks, Miners Castle Road Great Starting Point for Coaching Courses along Pictured Rocks
3. Sand Point Beach – Sand Point Road, Great beach to launch and do some journeying along the south side of Grand Island.
4. Menominee River Piers Gorge Norway Michigan. Our Paddling in current course location, full day course
5. St Mary's River Sault Ste. Marie Rotary Park
6. Possible Alternatives based on conditions,
  - a. Grand Marais harbor, MI
  - b. Marquette Presque Isle Park, MI

### **Meals**

- Meals will be available @ 387 Restaraunt & Beer Parlor including sack lunches that you can take with you at breakfast.
- You pay 387 Restaraunt & Beer Parlor for your meals when you arrive either Thurs Night, or Friday Morning.

### **Lodging**

#### **Pictured Rocks Inn**

<http://picturedrocksinn.com/>

Has a room rate for us, please mention The Gales

## **Itinerary**

### **Thurs Oct 4**

8:00 AM – 2:00PM St Mary's River, Sault Saint Marie, MI, Aune Ausberg Campground Paddling in Current 4-Day Gales signup only.

8:00 PM-9:30 PM Mixer and Course Sign-up

### **Fri Oct 5**

7:00 AM Breakfast and final course assignment

9:00 AM Courses Start

5:00 PM Courses End

6PM Dinner and Evening Course Signup

8:00 Special Presentation

### **Saturday Oct 6**

7:00 AM Breakfast and final course signup

9:00 AM Courses Start

5:00 PM Courses End

6:00 PM Dinner and evening course signup

### **Sunday Oct 7**

8:00 AM Breakfast and final course signup

9:00 AM Courses Start

1:00 PM Courses End

## **Suggestions**

- Buddy up and ride with other students to the launch spot. It will save parking, time and agony.
- Be flexible, our plan is to give you a great experience and this is based on what the weather is doing. It will change. So hang loose, but also speak up so that you get the information you need!
- Know your limits; we always have a way to expose you to conditions without getting you past the point where you are comfortable. We want you to be learning, not frightened.
- Stay warm, and if you are not, speak up, people always have extra gear.

Important Phone #'s

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Please feel free to reach out with any questions

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Keith Wikle

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## MAPS APPENDIX

### 387 Beer Parlor and Restaurant

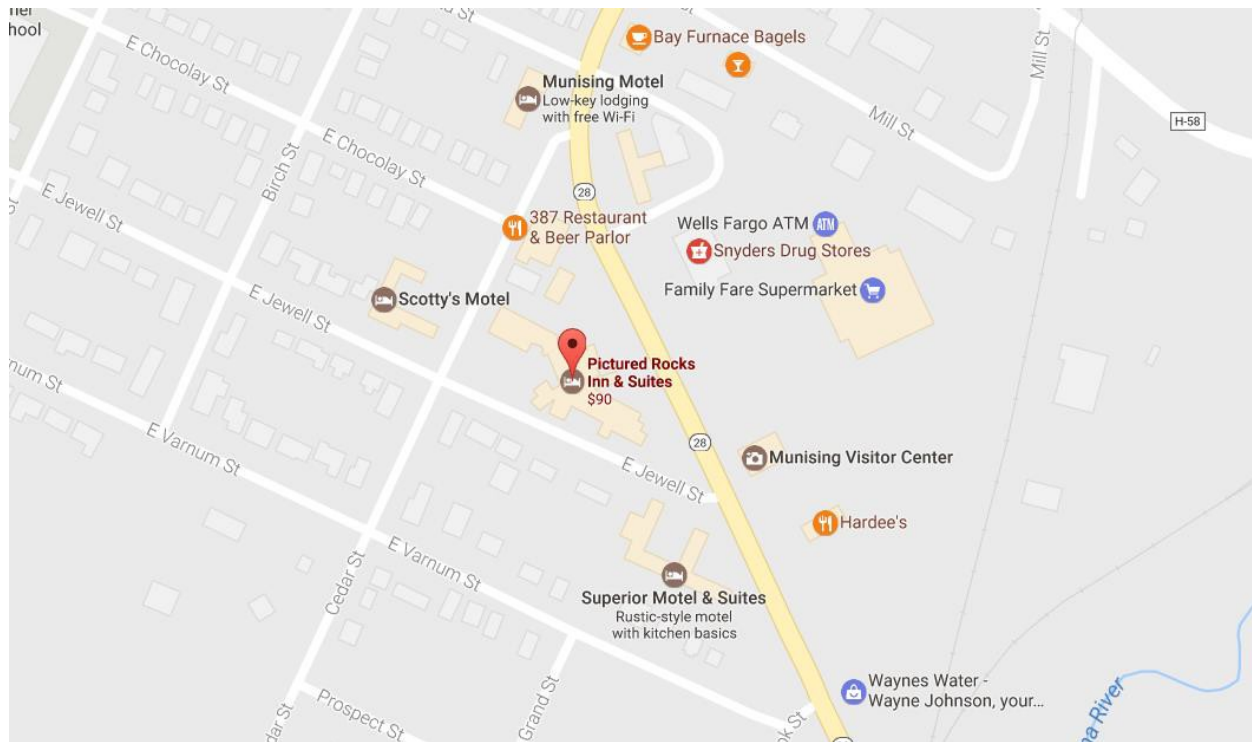


400 Cedar St, Munising, MI 49862

Phone: [\(906\) 387-4067](tel:9063874067)

All meals and meetings will be had at 387

## Pictured Rocks Inn and Suites

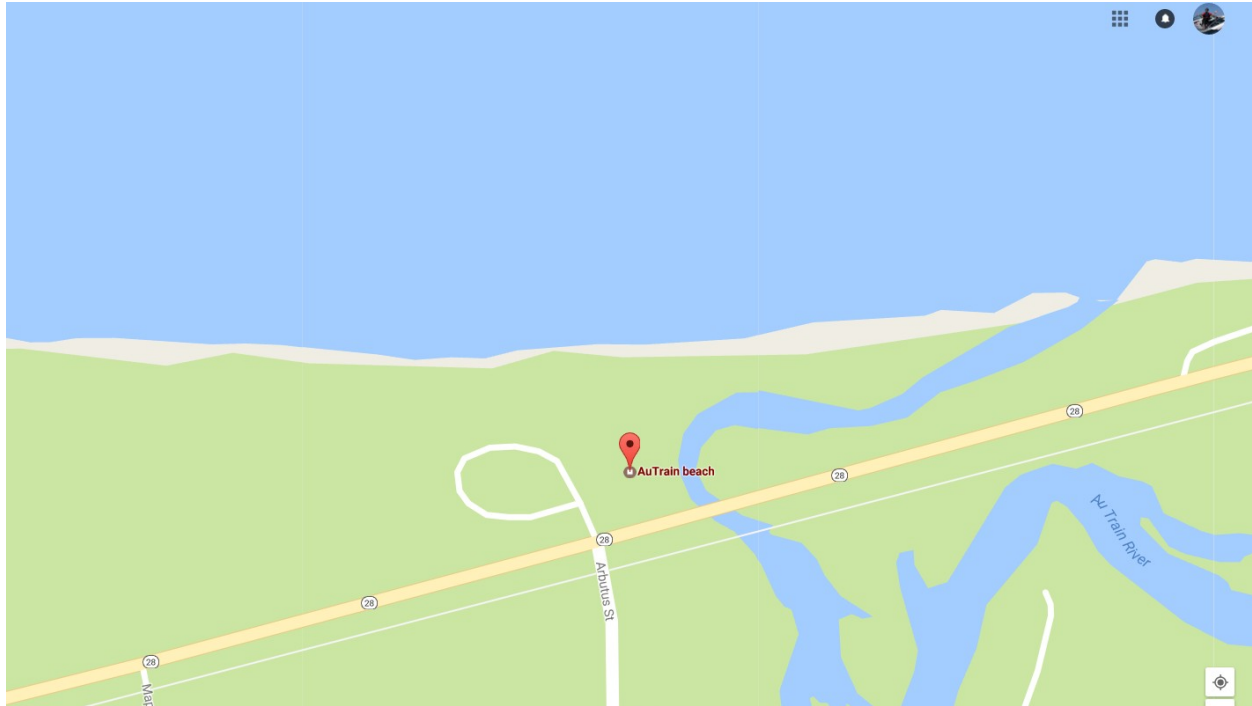


Pictured Rocks Inn is walking distance from 387.

420 M28 East, Munising, MI 49862



## Au Train Beach West



Off H-28 on the north side of the road where Lake Superior is visible.

Directions from 387

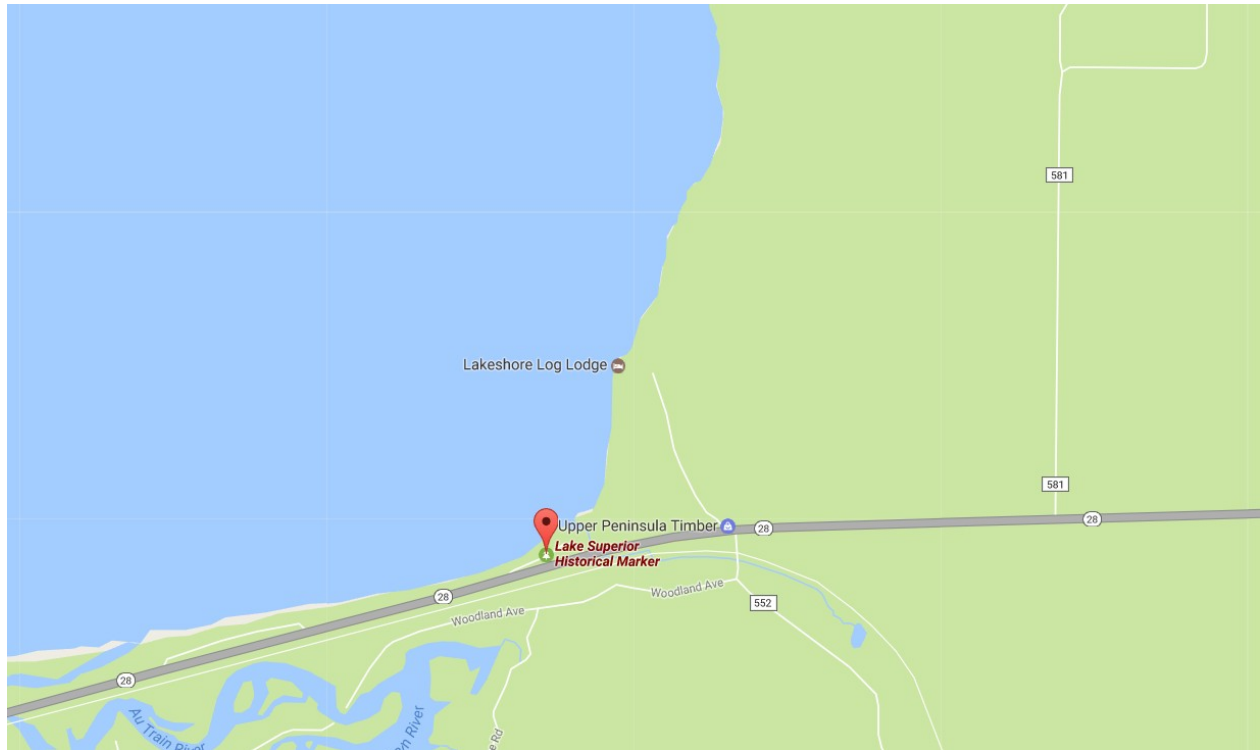
Turn left or North from 387, and then left again onto Munising Ave or H-28 and follow it all the way to Au-Train Beach. 11.5 Miles

Amenities:

Restrooms in the loop.

No water at this launch, fill up at the restaurant.

## Au Train Beach East (lake superior historic marker)



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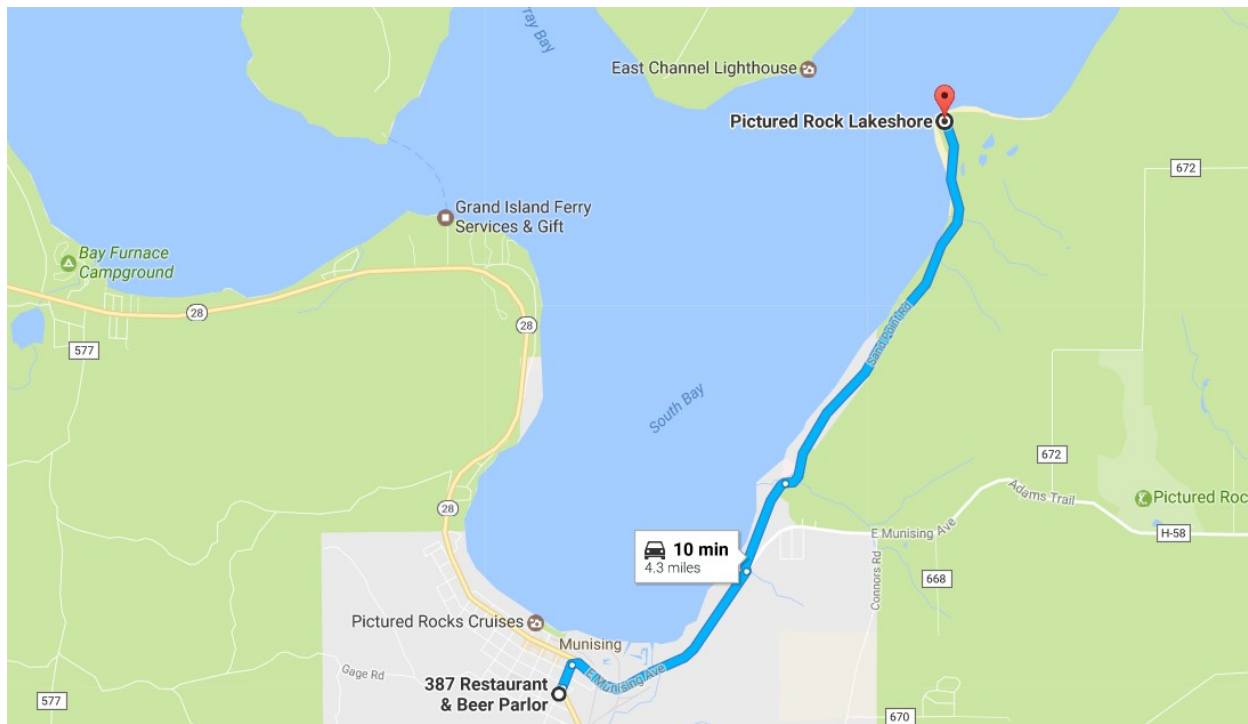
Turn left or North from 387, and then left again onto Munising Ave or H-28 and follow it all the way to Au-Train Beach. 11 Miles.

This is actually one long continuous beach with two parking lots. The Lake Superior Historical Marker is how it is named on Google Maps, and the marker is on the cliffs just above the high water mark.

### Amenities:

Picnic Tables No restrooms, no water.

## Sand Point

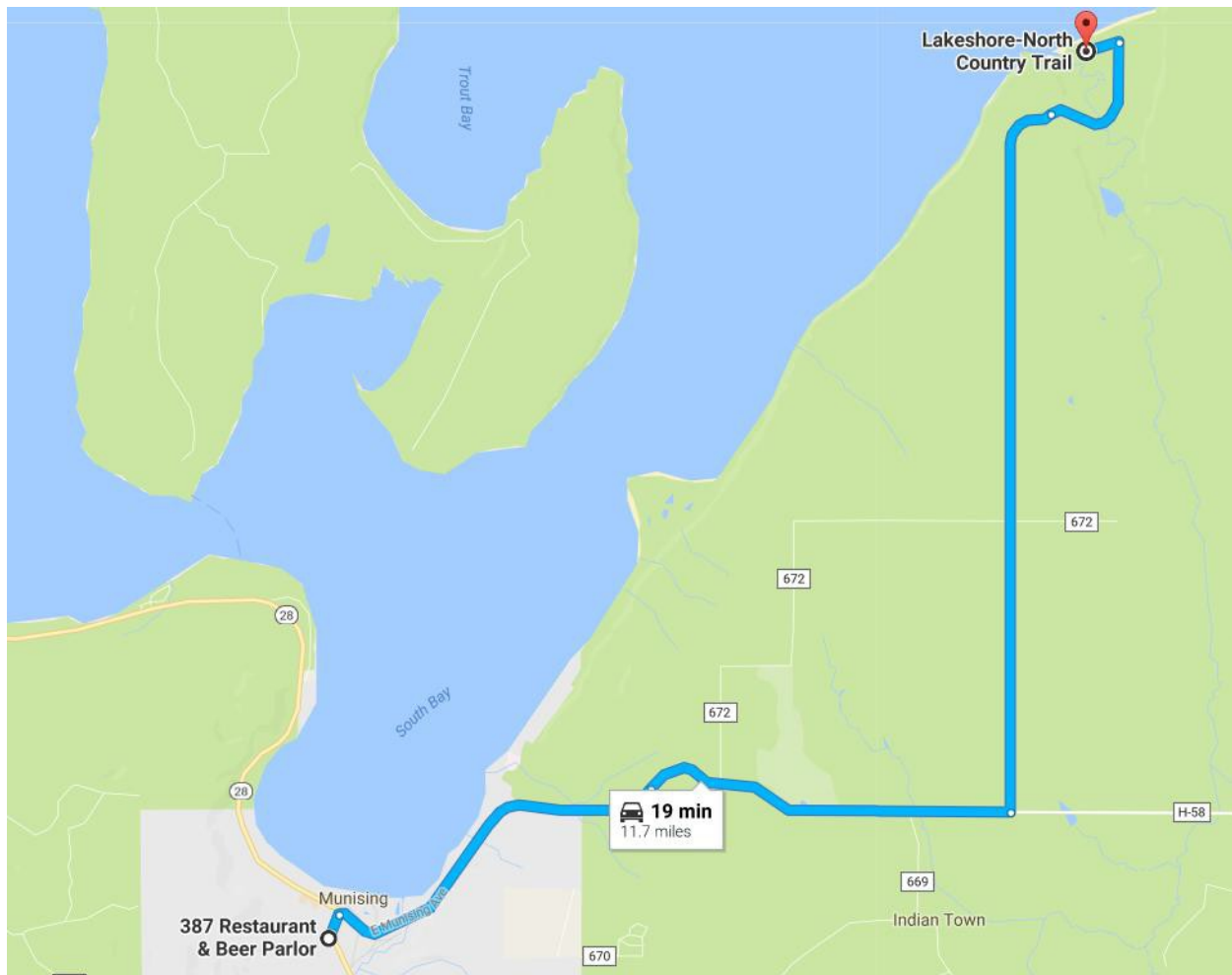


Sand Point is only 4.3 miles from 387. It is reached by leaving the restaurant and turning right onto H28 or Munising Ave and then making a left onto Sand Pt Rd. This road is pretty long and then leaves you right at the beach. It also has the medical center if you need it. The road is only 35 mph and then 25 as you get into the park and drive slow. The Park Rangers appreciate it. Grand Island is easily accessible from this launch spot.

### Amenities

Restrooms. No water.

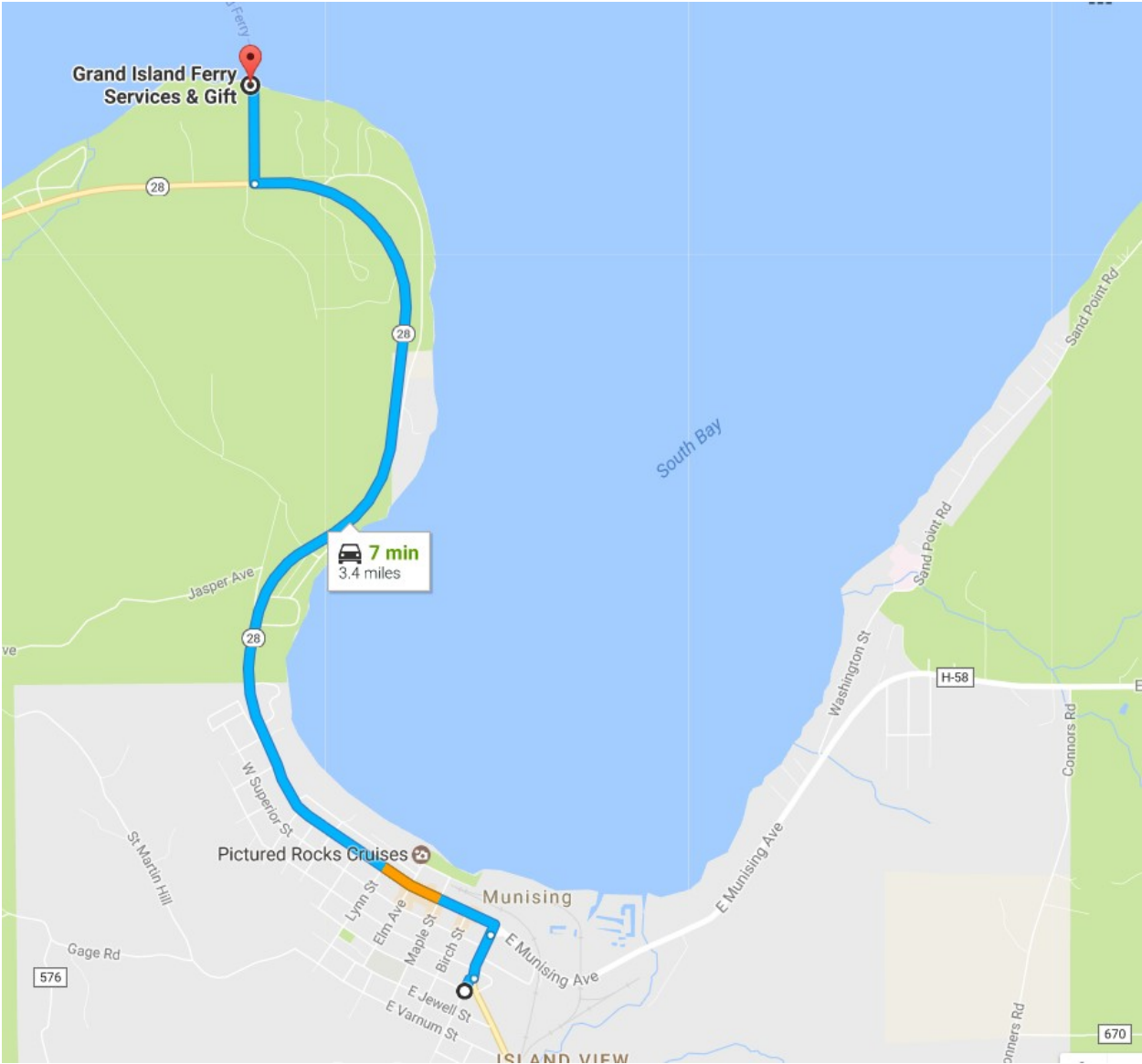
## Miners Castle



Miners Castle is reached from 387 by turning left on Cedar Street or North, and then taking Munising Ave east or right out of town until you are on Adams Trail. You then turn left on Miners Castle Rd. It's about 20 minutes, or 11.7 Miles. The parking lot dead ends at a wooded trail with a steep set of stairs down to the beach. You want to make sure you have help loading and unloading your kayak down these stairs. So don't do it by yourself.

Amenities: Restrooms. No water.

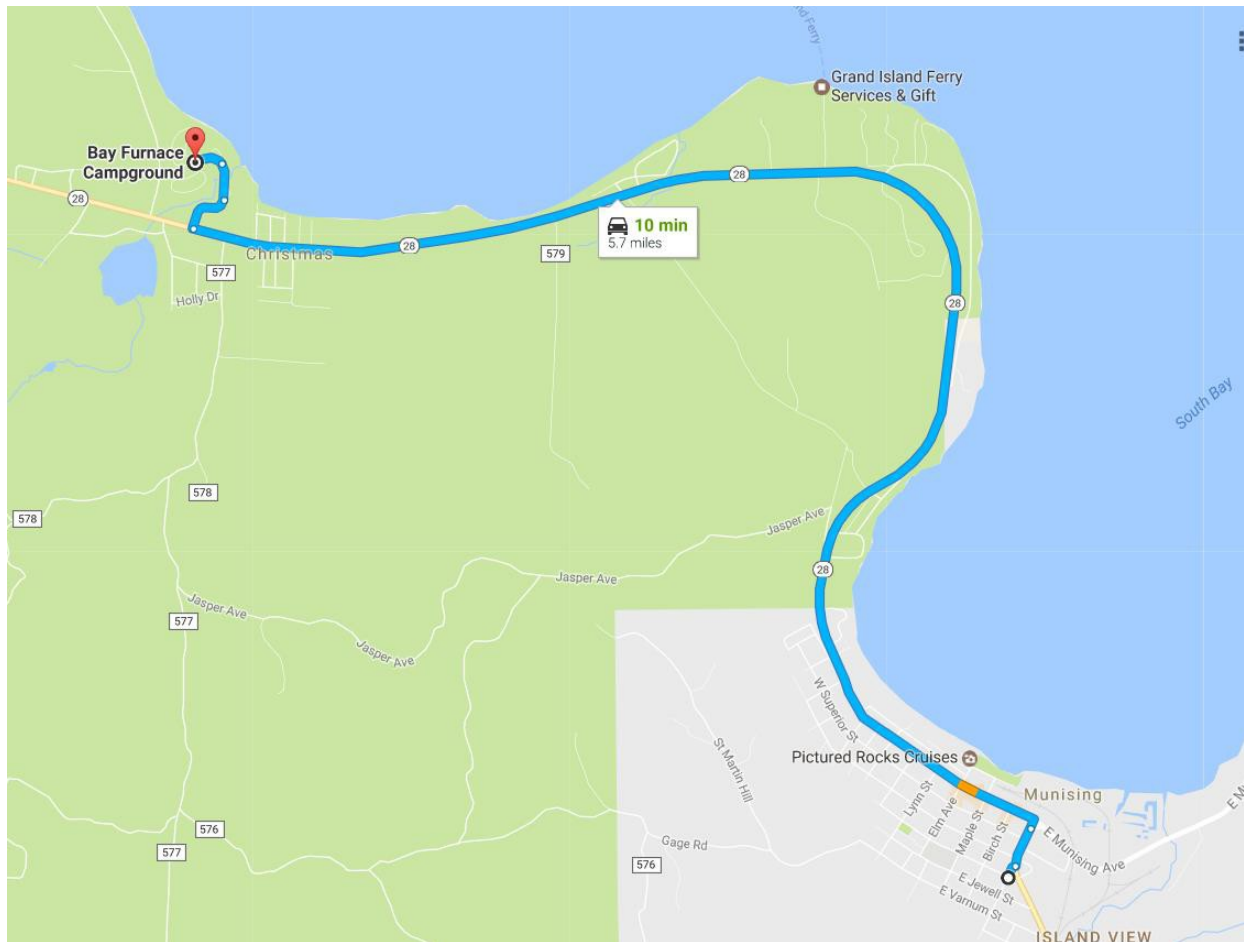
**Grand Island Ferry Service**



Grand Island Ferry Dock is reached by turning left out of 387 (north and then turning left (west) on H28 or Munising Ave. The Ferry Dock is on Grand Island Landing Road 3.5 miles on your right.

Amenities: Restrooms, No water.

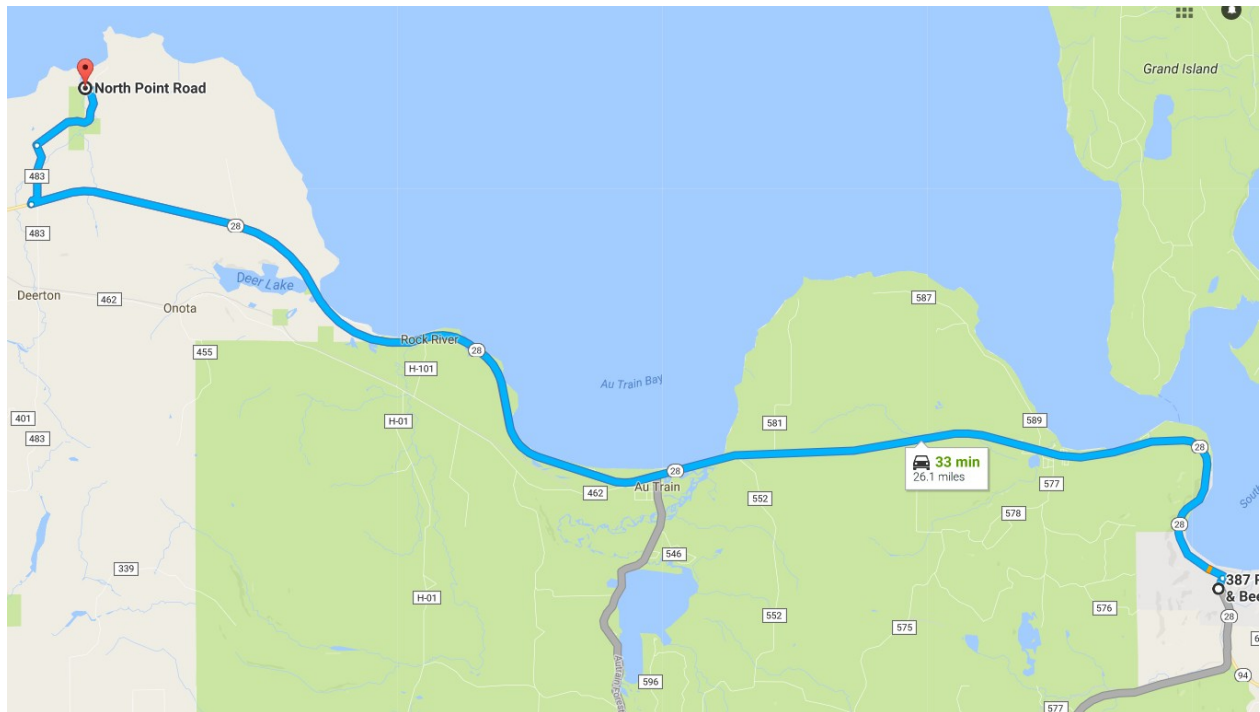
## Bay Furnace



Bay Furnace is a scenic site just west of Munising and the Grand Island Ferry Dock off of H-28. It is just under 6 miles from 387. Turn left onto Cedar Street and then left again on Munising Ave/H-28. Turn right into the Bay Furnace area, it is well marked.

Amenities. Pit Toilets. No Water.

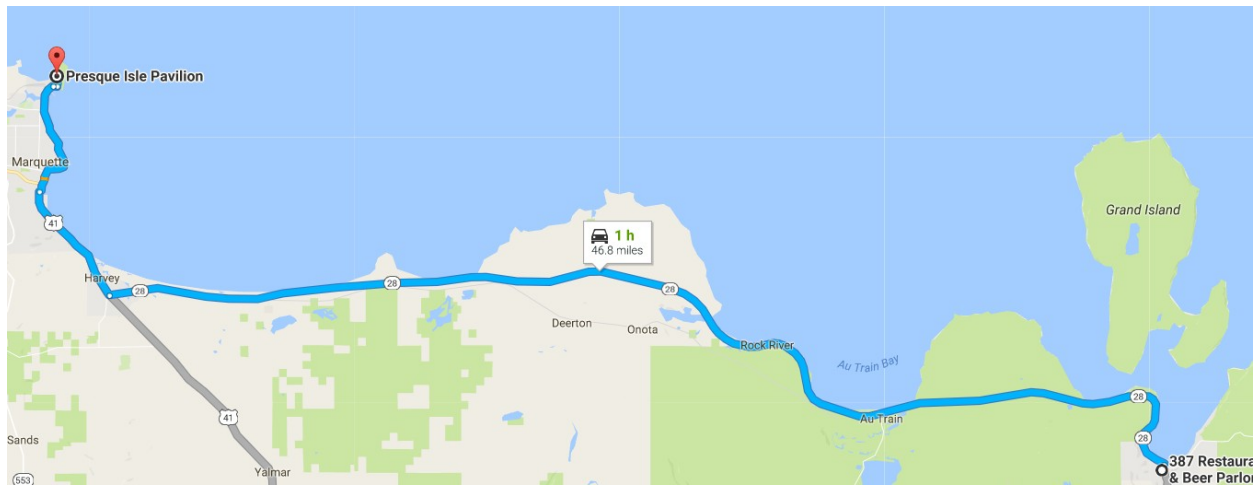
## Laughing Whitefish River



The Laughing Whitefish River is a sheltered water location off of North Point road that lets into Lake Superior. It is 26 miles from 387. Around 30 minute drive time. Drive north or Left on Cedar Street. Then turn left on H-28 to drive along Lake Superior. Turn Right on CR 483 and then turn left on North Point Rd.

Amenities: None

## Marquette Middle Bay Presque Isle



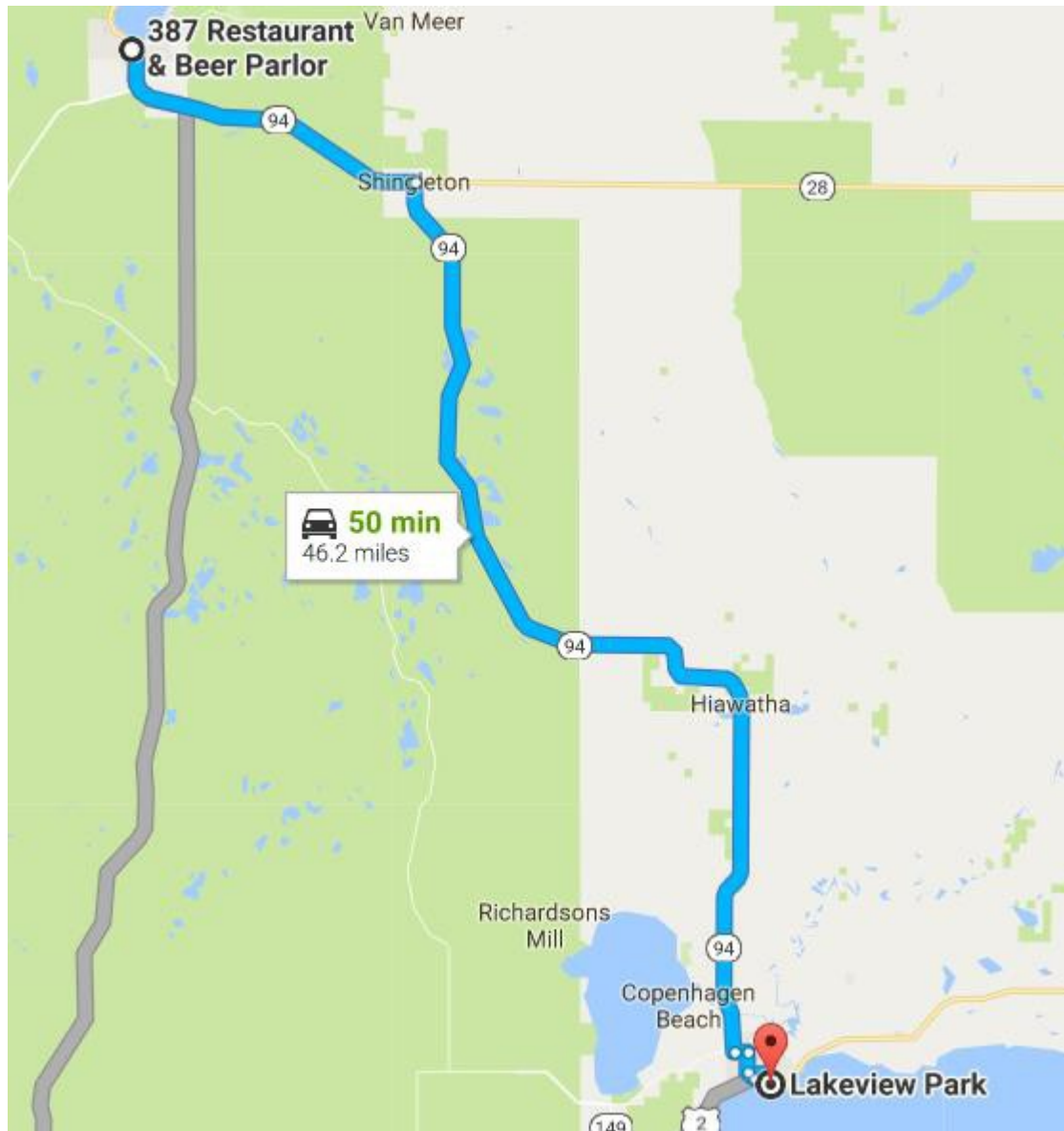
Some days when the surf is right, an hour drive is totally worth it. Or if the wind is so bad out of the north east, Middle Bay is a great location.

Turn right out of 387 onto cedar street (north), turn left on H-28, then follow this for 27 miles until you get to US 41 N, turn right onto US 41 N 4 miles, then turn right onto Lakeshore Blvd 4 miles Look for the pavilion at Presque Isle.

Amenities: Full heated indoor restrooms, water.



## Manistique Surf Spot Lake View Park



The wind is sometimes out of the south. Well we go to Manistique when it's out of the South. Lakeview park is 46.2 miles away from Munising. Leave 387 from Cedar street then turn right onto H-28. Follow H-28 and then M-94 until you get to Shingleton, then turn right to stay on M-94. Once in Manistique, turn right on Deer street. Then turn right onto Chippewa Ave, then turn left onto Harbor view drive. Next turn left onto Highway 2. Then Turn right into Lakeview Park.

Also note that instructors may choose to meet further up the Manistique River Mouth.

Amenities: Toilets.