



# AREA DAY TRIPS

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## **Oden State Fish Hatchery/Crooked Lake Area/Alanson**

East of Harbor Springs and north of Petoskey is the Crooked Lake/Alanson area located along US-131. Near the intersection of West Conway Road and US-131 is the township park, located along the shores of Crooked Lake. A sandy beach and picnic area make this a perfect afternoon stop for lunch in the sun. Just north, the Oden State Fish Hatchery is not only educational, but both interesting and for everyone. See local fish in the hatchery raised in a controlled environment as well as in the stream. Travel further along US-131 to Alanson and visit the antique shops and rustic retailers in the small village of Alanson. Be sure to visit the Dutch Oven Bakery for their famous cinnamon bread.

## **The Tunnel of Trees**

Head north from Harbor Springs along M-119 through the famous Tunnel of Trees. This state historic highway snakes its way along the twists and turns of the Lake Michigan Shoreline. Along the way, visit Pond Hill Farm just minutes north of Harbor Springs for organic produce, canned goods, and free hayrides. Continue north and you won't miss Good Hart, a small tourist village complete with picture perfect general store. For a picnic along the beach, stop in at the general store for a sandwich or salad and then turn right onto Lamkin Drive just north of the store. Make a sharp right at the bottom of the hill and you'll find yourself at the township park. Seven miles north of Good Hart is Cross Village, home to Leg's Inn, featuring authentic Polish cuisine and live music throughout the summer.

## **Petoskey and Charlevoix**

Across Little Traverse Bay from Harbor Springs are the bustling resort towns of Petoskey and Charlevoix. Be sure to visit Petoskey's fabulous Gaslight Shopping District for unique finds. Follow US-31 south to Charlevoix and walk the waterfront, admiring the marina district and the surrounding beauty. Be sure to grab a drink along the Pine River Channel at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant. Castle Farms in Charlevoix offer visitors the opportunity to experience a medieval castle, now operating as a museum and event destination.

## **Mackinac Island**

Follow US-31 north all the way until it merges with I-75 and you'll run right into Mackinaw City. Mackinaw City is your portal for daily ferry trips to beautiful Mackinac Island, a tiny island bordered by Lakes Michigan and Huron where fudge is abundant, natural beauty rich, and history preserved in the grandest of fashions. You'll soon notice that you've stepped back in time to a place where motorized vehicles are not permitted. Enjoy the peace and tranquility only found on Mackinac Island.

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