

Day 4 - Marquette

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Every scenic turnout we see!

*Scott Falls

*Laughing Whitefish Falls

Start at Travel Marquette, head east on W Washington St. and turn right onto S Front St.

- At the traffic circle, stay on S Front as it becomes US-41S.
- In 1.6 miles, turn left onto M-28 E and continue for 38 miles to Munising.

Head West for Wonder

If you're looking to spend a crisp fall day cruising around the county with a cup of coffee, just head west for prime color viewing. The color change typically occurs first in the west making the drive through [Negaunee and Ishpeming](#) full of fall foliage.

- Start at Travel Marquette, head east on Washington St., turn right onto S Front St.
- At the traffic circle, stay on S Front St. as it becomes US-41 S. In about 6.1 miles, turn right onto Cherry Creek Rd. and turn right on 480.
- Head west for about 18 miles to M-28 in Negaunee and Ishpeming to US-41.

[CR 510 Bridge](#)

With a brief but beautiful drive up US-41, this view requires limited effort for an incredible experience. Park your car to peep the glorious green and auburn leaves overlooking the old steel bridge over the Dead River, and take a minute to snap some gorgeous pictures.

Lakenland Sculpture Park

<https://lakenenland.com/>

2800 E State Highway M28, Marquette, MI 49822

Welcome to one of the most beloved attractions in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Tom Lakenen's **Lakenenland Sculpture Park**. Tom invites you to stop by and see, for yourself, why the Detroit Free Press called Lakenenland, "The coolest unofficial roadside rest stop in the state." His 37 acre

park includes a Sculpture Trail, a winding road through the woods featuring more than 100 of Tom's whimsical, colorful and sometimes "tell it like it is" Metal Art sculptures showcasing his tremendous talent for turning junk metal and scrap iron into awe inspiring, entertaining works of art.

In addition to the Sculpture Trail, Lakenenland also features:

- A bog walk
- A massive timbered framed pavilion
(with the coolest table and fireplace you've ever seen)
- A picnic ground
- Two entertainment stages
- A playground for the kids
- Two fishing ponds
- A brand new timbered "T Shirt shack"
- Direct access to the North Country Trail

And, best of all, Lakenenland is free of charge and open 24 hours a day, seven days a week!

So pass the word and tell your friends near and far, "Don't miss this place!"

Eben Ice Caves/Rock River Canyon Ice Caves

Located in the Rock River Wilderness area of the Hiawatha National Forest

There is an Eben Ice Caves Trail that takes about 30-60 minutes. Might want micro spikes on boots, depending on the time of year.

<https://mikelbclassen.com/eben-ice-caves-alger-county-michigan/>

Here's How to Get There

Set your GPS for Eben Junction (or use Google Maps to find it). From M-94 in Eben Junction, turn north onto Eben Road and drive about 1.5 miles to Frey Road. Turn right on Frey Road and drive to the end (if you can) or if it's a busy day just find a spot to park along the road. It's not unusual to see fifty or more cars parked here on a nice weekend day. Also, Eben Road and Frey Road have yellow signs on them that say "Ice Caves," so keep an eye out for those.

Plan for the Hike to the Caves

This isn't an attraction where you can pull up in your car, walk a few feet and be done. It's not a long hike, but yes, you will have to get out and stretch your legs. And for the pet owners out there, the area is pet-friendly. Each time I've visited the ice caves I've seen more than a few dogs on the trail.

The hike from the parking area to the ice caves is about .75 miles. The first .25 mile stretch is a very flat walk through a farmer's field. The landowners allow people like you and me to pass through the field at no charge. If they ever stopped allowing this, the hike to the ice caves would be *much* longer. In addition, the landowners now offer portable bathrooms in the parking area at no charge. Show your thanks by purchasing a hot beverage or a snack at their concession stand if you're able!

Use Ice Cleats

After a foot of snow got dumped on the area just two days before my recent visit, I asked a friend who lives in nearby Chatam if I should bring snowshoes. "It's never a bad idea to bring the shoes," he said, "but I'm guessing it'll be packed down by then." He was right. Snowshoes would have only made the hike more difficult. So if you have them, bring them in case you happen to visit right after a big snowstorm. Otherwise, wear ice cleats.

Ice cleats (I like Yaktrax, but any of them should help!) can go a long way toward enhancing your Eben Ice Caves experience. Trust me. On any given day, about half the people visiting the caves are wearing cleats, and the other half wish they had them. The main reason is that, with ice cleats, you're able to walk around inside the ice caves on relatively sure footing. And without them, it's a little treacherous. The ice inside the caves is very smooth so traditional rubber boots tend to slide around quite a bit.

But another reason to wear cleats is that the trail out to the caves has some steep ups and downs. You'll see many spots where people slide down hills on their bottoms and then struggle to get up the other side. In short, if you're wearing cleats (like myself and my cohorts were on our last outing) you'll be able to walk right up and down those slippery spots. On my last visit, a college-aged girl looked a little stunned as I walked right by her on a slippery hill and said, "Oh, so that's what it's like when you have traction." Okay, enough about the ice cleats. You get the point!

All in all it's a bit of a trek to the ice caves, but I'd highly recommend checking them out! As far as Michigan ice caves go, these are the most accessible.

Nineteen miles southwest of Munising on M-94 or 29 miles southeast of Marquette in Alger County is Eben Junction. As the name implies, it is little more than a crossroads with a few homes clustered nearby. The attraction of the caves is known by all of the locals and they are willing to give directions to the exact location. There is both a bar and a store on the corner and the people in each place are friendly and informative. To get there, turn north from this corner and go about a mile and a half to where the road turns 90 degrees right. Go around this and follow the road another half-mile until the next 90 degree turn and park. You will be facing an open pasture. There is a parking space here with signs pointing the way.

To Do

Marquette Harbor Lighthouse

300 N Lakeshore Blvd, Marquette, MI 49855

<https://mgtmaritimemuseum.com/marquette-lighthouse>

Lighthouse Tour Information

- All tours must be escorted by museum staff/volunteer
- Tours leave from museum entrance
- Walking tour - must be able to climb 45 steps
- Tour consists of history of Lighthouse Park, Coast Guard, two floors of lighthouse, and catwalk.
- The Lighthouse restoration process is ongoing. The second floor is the latest restoration.
- Tours do not run in inclement weather
- Tour lasts approximately one hour
- All visitors must stay with the tour guide at all times

Tour Times: 11:30 am, 1:00 pm, and 2:30 pm, Tuesday through Sunday (closed Mondays)

Marquette Maritime Museum and Marquette Harbor Lighthouse

are open MAY 13 through OCTOBER 8, 11:00am to 4:00pm,

Tuesday through Sunday (closed Mondays).

Call ahead to reserve lighthouse tour tickets (906) 226-2006.

Purchase tickets at the Museum ticket counter. Tours leave from Museum Building.

Museum Tickets - \$10/adult; \$8/seniors

Lighthouse Tickets - \$10/adult; \$8/seniors

Both Tickets - \$18/adult; \$15/seniors

Marquette Maritime Museum

300 Lake Shore Bld, Marquette, MI 49855

<https://mgtmaritimemuseum.com/plan-your-visit>

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Warner Falls

GPS: 46.43333, -87.59888

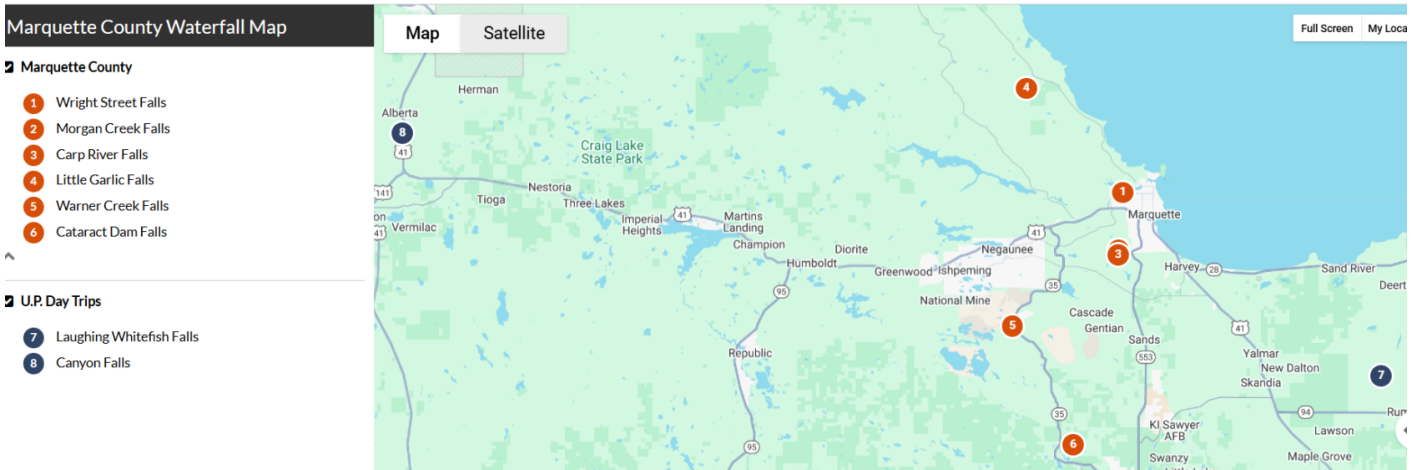
Drive: 16 mi, 22 min (from downtown Marquette)

Drop: 20 ft

[Warner Falls](#) is located just outside of Palmer, 20 miles southwest of Marquette on M-35. While this waterfall can be viewed from the highway, it's best appreciated from a closer vantage point. Park your car past the guard point (fully off of the road), and follow the signage to the trails to see this small but mighty fall among autumn's glorious orange and gold foliage.

Directions:

- Head south on Front St (0.339 mi)
- At the traffic circle exit west on US-41 N (0.523 mi)
- At the next traffic circle, take the third exit onto Grove St (2.21 mi)
- Turn left onto Co Rd 492 (4.33 mi) → Turn left on M-35 South (8.16 mi) → Park on the right side of M-35, the falls are a short trail hike west



Rare Earth Goods & Café

A hidden gem in the heart of Ishpeming. The café pulls double duty as an art co-op and features organic foods, local art, and craft beer alongside your favorite caffeinated beverages.

Address: 200 E Division St, Ishpeming, MI 49849

Old Town Negaunee

You'll find skeletal remains of a once-bustling mining town with nature reclaiming streets, stairwells, and sidewalks that lead to nowhere.

Address: Negaunee Downtown Historic District, Negaunee, MI; Between Peck St and Rail St AND Tobin St and North Teal Lake Ave)

Old Catholic Cemetery

Little more than a sign and a path in the woods now since most of the tombstones were removed in the early 1900s. However, not all the bodies were found, and neighbors have reported commotion in the area.

Address: Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, 1400 Wright St, Marquette, MI 49855

Jilbert Dairy

200 Meeske Ave, Marquette, MI 49855

Thomas Rock Scenic Overlook

County Road 510, Big Bay, MI 49808

This popular vista point is only minutes from downtown Big Bay. From Marquette, take CR 550 approximately 23 miles, then turn left onto CR 510, and in a mile, the entrance will be on the right. This one-mile ADA-accessible trail offers excellent views of Big Bay, Lake Superior, and on a clear day, the Keweenaw Peninsula. Amenities include on-site toilets near the parking lot, and railings and benches along the path. As you walk along the wide trail, keep an eye out for informational

posts describing the local wildlife and plants. Thomas Rock is a nice hike for visitors of most skill levels, as it offers a fun and easy excursion. Family-friendly. Dog-friendly.

Top of the World Scenic Overlook

A scenic overlook where the view is too good not to share! It's also easy to get to if you don't have a lot of time for a long hike. To get there, head out to Harlow Lake via 550 from Marquette. Turn down Harlow Lake Road and drive up the steep dirt road until you see a parking area and trailhead on your right. You can only do this drive in the warmer months because at some point in the winter the road will not be plowed. Once you park, it's a short uphill climb to two huge rock outcroppings with unobstructed views all the way down to Lake Superior. You can see Little Presque Isle, Hogsback Mountain, Sugarloaf Mountain from up here too. Little Fern has made the trek several times and has yet to see the view. We'll have to remedy that one day!

Echo Lake

Echo Lake must be a well-kept secret because we rarely see anyone else out on the trails. This 480-acre Nature Conservancy property is just past Harlow Lake and offers two different hikes for visitors. One is an overlook with views of the colorful woods and the other winds around the peninsula that juts into the lake offering a clear view of the colorful forest. It's also incredibly quiet out here, no road noise at all. The **Peninsula Trail** is .4 miles down to the water and an easy walk. If you have little ones with you or people not as experienced with hiking, this trail is much easier than the Overlook Trail. If you're looking for something a bit more challenging, the **Overlook Trail** is .6 miles and a steady climb up. The forest is quite thick so the view isn't as dramatic as others but it's still beautiful.

Mount Marquette

If you want a view of the lake and the city of Marquette without any hiking, drive up to the top of Mount Marquette. On a clear day, you can see a quilted landscape of autumn colors and the entire city of Marquette, including Northern Michigan University's Superior Dome and the Ore Dock. This point is easy to find using app navigation but drive south of town to 553 and turn on Mt. Marquette Road and drive to the top. This is a one-way road and quite steep so I'd only drive it if you have 4wheel drive.

Mount Marquette, not to be confused with [Marquette Mountain](#), offers an extensive city view accessible by car or on foot, making it ideal for explorers of all ages and abilities. Located just two miles east of downtown Marquette, visitors can reach this scenic spot by turning left on Cliff Power Road. This one-way drive takes you to the top of the mountain and back down to County Road 553.

The road to the summit can be a bit rugged, narrow, and steep, but the short drive is well worth it for the unique vantage point it offers. Note that it's a seasonal road, only open to [snowmobiles](#) in winter. From 1,200 feet up, you can experience Marquette from a different perspective and take in the all-encompassing view of the city and [Lake Superior](#).

To reach the top, follow Mt. Marquette Road as it winds up the mountain. At the summit, park your car and head to the outlook area for a spectacular view. There are several viewing areas: the first requires a few steps up over rocky, uneven terrain, while the second offers easier footing, walking over flatter terrain. Both provide breathtaking panoramic views of Marquette and its surroundings.

Sugarloaf Mountain

Short but sweet — this scenic hike is popular among locals and visitors alike, for good reason.

Standing at an elevation of 470 feet, Sugarloaf Mountain in Marquette, MI offers a unique [outdoor experience](#) with its rocky terrain and [Superior](#) views.

The half-mile trail is well-marked and takes approximately 15 to 30 minutes to reach the top. Take the 'easy' way for tamer terrain or the 'difficult' route for a faster, steeper climb. Be prepared to step over rocks and roots. The climb includes multiple staircases and is rated "moderate" in difficulty. The rewarding sights, however, are worth the effort.

Sugarloaf Mountain is located about six miles north of downtown Marquette on CR 550. Get there by taking Washington Street to Fourth Avenue. Turn north onto Fourth Ave., which becomes Presque Isle Ave and drive .4 miles to Hawley Street. At Hawley Street, turn west (left). Hawley becomes CR 550. Drive about 4.0 miles on Hawley Street/CR-550 to the parking area. A sign that reads "Sugarloaf Mountain" marks the parking area and is easily visible from CR 550.

On a recent hike, my first time to Sugarloaf Mountain, two friends and I took the "difficult" route and made it up in about fifteen minutes. There's an optional "easy" route with a tamer grade that takes a little longer, but both paths up the mountain do require a extra care as rocks and roots stick out of the ground along much of the path.

Most people come to Sugarloaf for the view, but the forest canopy that envelops the trails is worth mentioning. With century old trees and ancient rock outcroppings, this trail reminds me of a few of the better hikes I've done in the rainforests of Australia. It really is a gorgeous area.

As we approached the top, the dirt trail switched to a series of wooden stairs that brought us up to the viewing area. At the top we were rewarded with a stunning view of [Lake Superior](#), Marquette, [Presque Isle Park](#) and Little Presque Isle as well as Hogsback Mountain and the large swath of forest between Marquette and [Big Bay](#).

The summit of Sugarloaf Mountain provides panoramic views from three observation platforms, each with distinct vantage points that offer a serene setting for nature watching and photography.

The south-facing observation deck offers views of the city of Marquette, showcasing landmarks such as the [Superior Dome](#), the [Upper Ore Dock](#), and [Presque Isle Park](#).

The east-facing deck overlooks the vast [Lake Superior](#) shoreline with views of [Wetmore Landing](#) and **Little Presque Isle** to the north.

The west-facing platform provides splendid views of the **Huron Mountains** and [Hogsback Mountain](#).

Harlow Lake

No matter the season, this is the spot we got most often. There are tons of trails in this area that are dog-friendly and rarely crowded. Pack some happy hour supplies so after your hike, take in the sunset overlooking the lake. There is a parking area right by this giant outcropping which makes it really easy to climb up and enjoy the view while the sun goes down. No need for 4wheel drive to get to Harlow Lake and trailheads.

Presque Isle Park Overlook

This is one of the most popular places in town and it's easy to see why the first time you visit. It's over 300 acres of forest, trails, and some of the most beautiful views of Lake Superior and fall foliage. Frederick Law Olmstead (yep, Central Park Olmstead) visited Marquette in 1891 and recommended the city leave it alone so the public could enjoy its natural beauty. There's free parking if you want to walk through the park but if you're pressed for time, you can always drive the one-way loop for a gorgeous drive. When we have visitors in town we typically take them here first to do a quick drive through the park and take a walk over the prehistoric Blackrocks formation and photos at Sunset Pointe. We've yet to do it but if you're really brave, you can jump off the Blackrocks into the freezing water.

CR 510 Bridge View

Co Rd 510, Negaunee, MI 49866

Family and dog friendly, use caution. Accessible by car.

Marquette Multi-Use Path

Walking along the Lake Superior shoreline is one of the best things to do in Marquette Michigan during the spring. The Multi-Use Path is a paved network that stretches for more than 17 miles.

From Presque Isle in the north to wooded paths in the south, it passes through some of Marquette's most scenic and historic areas. You can access the trail via Founders Landing Park, Mattson Park, Presque Isle Park, Shiras Park, and South Beach Park. It even connects to the [Noquemanon Trail Network's South Trails](#).

McCarty's Cove

Like a scene out of a movie, you can see Marquette Harbor Lighthouse from the small beach at [McCarty's Cove](#). You can swim from the sandy Lake Superior shoreline — where the water is slightly warmer than at other beaches on the lake — to the lagoon and rock islands.

Summer is the best time to go because there's a lifeguard on duty. Along the beach are volleyball nets, benches, a picnic area, and a playground.

Presque Isle Park

Visiting [Presque Isle Park](#) is one of the best things to do in Marquette Michigan during the summer because of everything that it offers. It features a few pebble beaches where you can swim when the waters are calm. You can launch canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards from these beaches as well.

A unique feature in the park, [Black Rocks](#) is an ancient rock formation that's about 1.7 billion years old. Standing 20 to 30 feet above the surface of Lake Superior, it's a spot where many locals and visitors go cliff jumping.

Presque Isle Park has a 2-mile loop — Peter White Dr. — that closes to vehicle traffic at certain times of the day so that visitors can bike and walk the park without worry. You can learn about plants and wildlife on the interpretive signs of the Bog Walk and Nature Trail.

On top of these activities, you can climb The Pinnacle, a rock formation situated just beyond the observation deck.

Little Presque Isle

Worth the 15-mile drive, [Little Presque Isle](#) is northwest of downtown Marquette. With heavily timbered forests, rugged cliffs, and sandy beaches, the locals consider it a crown jewel of Lake Superior.

Because of that, the peninsula offers hiking, swimming, and wildlife viewing in a single place. ***You have the opportunity to [watch the Northern Lights at night, and the sky is clearer than some other places because it's away from the city lights.](#)***

Michigan Iron Industry Museum

Among the many free attractions, the [Michigan Iron Industry Museum](#) is one of the best things to do in Marquette Michigan. It overlooks the Carp River and is the site of the first iron forge in the region.

Open Wednesdays through Saturdays, the museum rests amid the forest gorges of Marquette Iron Range. You can take a 1 to 2-hour tour of the temporary and permanent exhibits, as well as interpretive trails.

Big Bay Point Lighthouse

Lighthouse and B&B! Includes a spa.

Located 25 miles north of the historic town of Marquette and nestled on the cliffs of Lake Superior, rests the Big Bay Point Lighthouse Inn.

A great place for adults in search of a secluded retreat from modern life. This unique bed-and-breakfast inn is one of the few surviving resident lighthouses Inns in the country and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

GPS coordinates are W 87.40.480 North 46.50.280 If your GPS takes you onto a two track road through the woods, turn back to the paved road. Lighthouse Rd is now paved.

All RESERVATIONS need to be made through our secure website and not over the phone or in person. Our cell service can be spotty, so please send us an email, and we can coordinate a time to call you. Email: bigbaypointlighthouse@gmail.com

Huron Island Lighthouse

[Forest Dr, Skanee, 49962](#)

A great trip for history buffs, the Huron Islands are eight rocky islands within Lake Superior. Built in 1868, the Huron Island Lighthouse is a granite school-styled structure isolated on one of the Huron Islands just 3 miles off Michigan's Coast. The Huron Island Lighthouse is listed as part of the National Register of Historic Places.

<https://lighthousefriends.com/light.asp?ID=729>

Presque Isle Harbor Breakwater Lighthouse

[Upper Harbor Lighthouse, Marquette, 49855](#)

Planning a trip to Presque Isle Park? Be sure to check out Presque Isle Harbor Breakwater Light, located at the end of breakwater stones, before you enter the park. The Lighthouse is still currently active, using its red beacon to guide iron ore freighters into the harbor.

<https://www.lighthousefriends.com/light.asp?ID=573>

Stannard Rock Lighthouse

<https://stannardrock.org/>

Discovered by Captain Charles C. Stannard, Stannard Rock is a massive and treacherous reef formation located 42 miles north of Marquette in Lake Superior— Nicknamed the loneliest place in North America. Stannard Lighthouse was built in 1877 to protect sailors from crashing into the dangerous reef. The lighthouse is owned by [Superior Watershed Partnership](#) and used for international (US/Canada) climate research. SWP Staff uses data collected through monitoring to devise climate adaptation plans for regional coastal communities. Stannard Rock is protected under the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act.

<https://www.lakesuperior.com/the-lake/maritime/333-stannard-rock-lighthouse-the-loneliest-place-on-the-continent/>

As maritime activity increased, the potential danger of the reef grew; it was just south of the Sault-to-Duluth shipping lane. Mariners dubbed it “one of the most treacherous reefs in the entire Great Lakes.”

Ore Docks

Lower Harbor Ore Dock

The Lower Harbor Ore Dock is one of Marquette’s most iconic landmarks. A stone’s throw from downtown Marquette, this mammoth concrete & steel structure in [Lake Superior](#) represents the city’s maritime and mining past.

Constructed in the late 19th century, the Lower Harbor Ore Dock was part of a network of docks that facilitated the transportation of iron ore from the mines of Michigan's Upper Peninsula to steel mills across the Great Lakes region. At its peak, Marquette was one of the largest shipping ports for iron ore in the United States, and the ore dock played a crucial role in this trade. Today, it’s the perfect spot for a classic Marquette photo-op.

Upper Harbor Ore Dock

If you’re looking for a unique pastime while in town, take a moment to watch a freighter loading iron ore pellets at Marquette’s Upper Harbor Ore Dock. Built in 1912, the Presque Isle Dock, as it’s also referred to, is still in use today. Find arrival and departure information, current locations and other details of incoming ships on [MarineTraffic.com](#) to plan for your outing accordingly.

This steel-framed dock is 1,250 feet long and 60 feet wide, with the top deck sitting 75 feet above the water level. It contains 200 pockets, each of which has a capacity of 250 tons of ore, for a total storage capacity of 50,000 tons. Supporting the dock is a foundation of 10,000 wooden piles enclosed by a 12-inch thick timber sheet plank wall filled with sand. Each year approximately 9.5 to 10 million tons of ore are shipped from this dock.

Orehenge

Twice a year, locals and visitors in Marquette have the opportunity to witness a stunning natural spectacle—the sunrise aligning perfectly with the center of the historic Lower Harbor Ore Dock. Affectionately dubbed "Orehenge" by locals, this event typically takes place around November 21st and January 20th. However, catching this phenomenon requires a stroke of luck, as it hinges on clear weather conditions.

Observers can expect the sun to rise from the left corner of the Ore Dock, passing through its center before reaching the top-right corner. The optimal viewing time is around 8:26 AM when the

sun breaks the horizon and becomes centered within the Ore Dock. To fully appreciate the spectacle, it's advisable to arrive around 8:00 AM, as some of the most brilliant colors tend to appear before the sun emerges fully.

Ore Docks

The pocket ore dock of the Lake Superior and Ishpeming Railroad in Marquette represents a historically significant engineering feat. It was the first such dock of its type constructed on the Upper Great Lakes and is the only operating ore-loading facility in Marquette's harbors. Iron ore ships are loaded daily.

Presque Isle Gazebo and Lookout

Black Rocks

Lower Harbor Ore Dock

Shopping

NORTHERN LIGHTS GLASS - 415 N. Third, Marquette, MI 49855

M-F: 11A-8P - SAT: 12-8P - SUN: 12-5P

WATSSON AND WATSSON JEWELERS - 118 W Washington St, #100, Marquette, MI 49855

M-F: 10A-5:30P - SAT: 10A-4P

THE GALLERY - 130 W Washington St, Marquette, MI 49855

Open seven days a week.

906 AND COMPANY - 125 W Washington St, Marquette, MI 49855

Candles and boutique.

FANCY-FREE - 131 East Michigan St, Marquette, MI 49855

An eclectic collection of artists in store.

YOOPER SHIRTS - 503 North 3rd Street, Marquette, MI 49855

READ MY LIPS - 131 W Washington, Suite B, Marquette, MI 49855

Romance bookstore.

TOUCH OF FINLAND - 2853 US-41, Marquette, MI 49855

<https://www.touchoffinland.com/> \$\$\$\$

Food

Donckers (GF!)

137 W Washington St

Marquette, MI 49855

(906) 226-6110

Mon - Sat 7am to 7 pm, Sun 8 am to 4 pm

Honey Haven Baking Co (GF Exclusively!!) - 603 N 3rd St, Marquette, MI 49855

The Delft Bistro (GF!) - 139 W Washington St, Marquette, MI 49855

Third Coast Pizzeria (GF!) - 227 W Washington St, Marquette, MI 49855

Iron Bay Restaurant & Drinkery (GF!) - 105 E Washington St, Marquette, MI 49855

Café Bodgea (GF!) - 517 N 3rd St, Marquette, MI 49855

Lagniappe Cajun Creole Eatery (GF!) - 145 Washington Street, Marquette, MI 49855

Trenary Toast Cafe (GF!) - 153 W Washington St, Marquette, MI 49855

Smelted Pizza x Matt's on Presque (GF!) - 1635 Presque Isle Ave, Marquette, MI 49855

Babycakes Muffin Company (GF!) - 223 W Washington, Marquette, MI 49855

****Portside Inn** - 239 W washington, Marquette, 49855 - <https://theportsideinn.com/menu/>

Discover Public Art in Marquette

By [Christine Steele](#) on Jul. 16, 2024

The stunning nature all around isn't the only eye-catching beauty to appreciate in Marquette. From the serpent of Blackrocks to Anishinaabe-inspired water-giving-life scene, public art is on the rise in Marquette County.

“NATURAL”

CORNER OF NORTH THIRD AND WEST OHIO STREETS

Artists: Lead artist Mia Tavonatti

Painted by Tara Tavonatti, Michele Tuccini, Sabrina Langdon, Taryn Okesson, Emmalene Oysti and Patty Gagnon

There is perhaps no better word to describe the surroundings of Marquette, as this stunning mural shows. “Natural,” was the word chosen for this Power of Words Project—from 15 others submitted—that best depicts the region.

One look, and you’ll see why.

Mondrian mural

Photo Credit: Taryn Okesson & @jamielcote

MONDRIAN GARAGE

ON NORTHERN LIGHTS GLASS 415 N. THIRD ST.

Artist: Taryn Okesson

Look for this cheery Red-winged Blackbird and Mondrian-inspired color block design when you’re exploring about on Third Street. The sight can’t help but make you smile. Snap a selfie in front of this iconic piece that brightens neighborhood faces.

UPCM mural

Photo Credit: Kim Aisthorpe (By Kingirl / Studio South MQT)

“IT’S ALL ABOUT LOVE!”

MARQUETTE CHILDREN’S MUSEUM 123 W. BARAGA AVE.

Artist: Josh Everingham

Inspired by a graffiti mural she discovered while visiting her daughter in Austin, Texas, Children’s Museum director Nheena Ittner wanted to bring a similar style mural to Marquette. The Austin

mural's simple saying "I love you very much," sprayed graffiti-style on a wall, had become a popular selfie spot and stop on tours in that city.

"It became this iconic thing and I just loved that idea of something as simple as that," Ittner said.

Marquette's iteration "It's All About Love" has since become a popular spot for families, couples, wedding shots, and more.

Blackrocks mural

Photo Credit: Sawftsea / Chelsea Monaghan

"KEVIN," THE SAW WHET OWL

LOCATION: BLACKROCKS BREWERY 424 N. THIRD ST & BREWING FACILITY 950 W. WASHINGTON ST.

Artist: Sawftsea

Slithering across the back wall of Blackrocks Brewery's production facility is the mysterious Blackrocks Serpent. Birthed from the depths of local tattoo artist Shawn Wolfman's imagination, the mural draws on the mysteries of the deep, dark waters of Lake Superior. While there is no official name for the serpent, Wolfman said some around town call it Sigmund the Sea Monster.

After meeting Sigmund and seeing where the magic is brewed, make your way over to the pub to say hello to newcomer, "Kevin," the Northern Saw Whet Owl, a permanent visitor on the patio at Blackrocks Brewery brought to life by artist Chelsea Monaghan (@Sawftsea). Snap a selfie in front of this cute, feathered creature while you toast to your Northwoods adventure or plan your next one.

downtown mural

"LIVING THE GOOD LIFE" "MINO BIMAADIZIWIN"

PETER WHITE PUBLIC LIBRARY CORNER OF THIRD AND RIDGE STREETS

Artist: Chelsea Monaghan (@Sawftsea) with direction of Glen Bressette Jr. and his father, Glen Bressette Sr.

A celebration of Anishinaabe heritage, this gorgeous display honors Water Walker Josephine Mandamin, who walked more than 10,000 miles on sacred water walks around the perimeter of all five Great Lakes. Sacred water, fire, Thunderbird, turtle, and birch tree all feature prominently in Anishinaabe teachings.

Loyaltees mural

Photo Credit: @kfunkit & @rowdelaney

EVOLVE & STAY INVOLVED

LOYALTEES CUSTOM APPAREL 321 S. FRONT ST.

Artist: Chelsea Monaghan (@Sawftsea)

Inspire positive vibes with a selfie in front of this colorful symbol of unity and hope designed by LoyalTees owner Brandon Sayen and artist Sawftsea. Hidden syllabics of Anishinaabe words were added by Northern Michigan University Professor Jud Sojourn. The mural welcomes visitors and residents into Marquette with a message of inclusivity.

Rare Earth mural

Photo Credit: @poetickuma

RAINBOW WINGS

RARE EARTH GOODS 200 DIVISION ST., ISHPEMING

Artist: Owner Pamela Perkins

Spread your wings at this eclectic and delicious local cafe with a pic in front of this colorful, uplifting selfie wall.

Thrift Shops

Goodwill: 3125 US-41, 49855; MON-SAT: 10-6

Salvation Army: 1009 W Baraga, 49855: MON-SAT: 10-6

Pak Ratz Thrift Shop: 1310 S Front St, 49855; MON-SAT: 10-5

St. Vincent de Paul thrift Store: 2119 Presque Isle, 49855; M-F: 10-5; SAT: 9-5

Good Old Dayz Antiques and Estate Liquidation:

Silver Creek Thrift: 219 silver creek rd, harvey, mi 49855

Fancy Free: 131 East Michigan St, 49855: 110 w washington st, 49855