

# Porcupine Mountains Trip

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## Ultimate Michigan UP Road Trip Itinerary – Detailed Edition

(July 26 – August 5, 2025)

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### **Day 1: Saturday, July 26, 2025**

**Shelby, OH → Mackinaw City, MI**

 Overnight: Tee-Pee Campground, Mackinaw City (Showers, Electric Hookup)

- **Miles/Time:** 420 miles / ~7 hrs
  - **Fuel Stops:** Toledo, MI / Gaylord, MI (top off)
  - **Major Stops:**
    - Stretch break in Ann Arbor (optional coffee/food)
    - Big Boy Monument photo-op (near Mackinaw City)
  - **Dinner Options:** Dixie Saloon, Darrow's Family Restaurant
  - **Scooter ride:** Mackinaw waterfront (Heritage Trail short ride)
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### **Day 2: Sunday, July 27, 2025**

**Mackinaw City → Tahquamenon Falls → Two Hearted River SF Campground**


 Overnight: Two Hearted River Campground (Rustic, No Hookups)

- **Miles/Time:** 105 miles / ~2.5 hrs
- **Fuel Stop:** Newberry, MI
- **Major Stops:**

- Cross Mackinac Bridge
  - Tahquamenon Falls (Upper & Lower Falls – hike + brewpub lunch)
  - **Scooter ride:** Mini ride around Paradise if desired
  - **Evening:** Arrive at Two Hearted, rustic camp, starry night skies 🌌
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## **Day 3: Monday, July 28, 2025**


**Two Hearted → Crisp Point Lighthouse → Grand Marais (Woodland Park CG)**

 Overnight: Woodland Park Campground, Grand Marais (Showers, Electric Hookup)

- **Miles/Time:** ~107 miles (gravel + paved) / ~3 hrs
  - **Fuel Stop:** Newberry (top off) before heading west
  - **Major Stops:**
    - Crisp Point Lighthouse visit (BEAUTIFUL remote beach)
    - Mouth of Two Hearted River stop (picnic/lunch)
  - **Scooter ride:** Grand Marais Beach Boardwalk trail at sunset 🌅
  - **Dinner Options:** Dunes Saloon, Lake Superior Brewing Co.
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## **Day 4: Tuesday, July 29, 2025**

**Grand Marais → Munising → Marquette (Tourist Park CG)**

 Overnight: Tourist Park Campground, Marquette (Showers, Electric Hookup)

- **Miles/Time:** ~95 miles / ~2 hrs
- **Fuel Stop:** Munising
- **Major Stops:**
  - Log Slide Overlook (mini hike)
  - Miners Castle Cliffs + Miners Beach
  - Munising Falls quick visit

- **Scooter ride:** Marquette's Lakefront Trail and Ore Dock
  - **Dinner Options:** Donckers Deli, Lagniappe Cajun Eatery
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## Day 5: Wednesday, July 30, 2025

**Marquette → Copper Harbor (Fort Wilkins SP Campground)**

Overnight: Fort Wilkins East Loop, Copper Harbor (Showers, Electric Hookup)

- **Miles/Time:** ~165 miles / ~3.5 hrs
  - **Fuel Stop:** Baraga, MI
  - **Major Stops:**
    - Lakenenland Sculpture Park
    - Da Yoopers Tourist Trap
    - Quincy Mine overlook
    - Drive US-41 Tunnel of Trees near Copper Harbor 🌳
  - **Scooter ride:** Ride around Copper Harbor (Harbor Haus area)
  - **Dinner Options:** Mariner North, or Harbor Haus (German-inspired)
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## Day 6: Thursday, July 31, 2025

**Copper Harbor → Keweenaw Rocket Range → Porcupine Mountains (Tiny Quill House)**


Overnight: Tiny Quill House (Lilly Pond, near Mirror Lake)

- **Miles/Time:** ~110 miles / ~2.5 hrs
  - **Fuel Stop:** Ontonagon
  - **Major Stops:**
    - Keweenaw Rocket Range hike (High Rock Bay)
    - Jampot Monastery Bakery Stop (fresh muffins + jam)
  - **Scooter ride:** Quiet ride along lakeside near Tiny Quill House if safe/allowed
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## **Day 7: Friday, August 1, 2025**

### **Full Day: Porcupine Mountains Exploration**

 Overnight: Tiny Quill House

- **Major Activities:**
    - Lake of the Clouds Overlook (short hike)
    - Escarpment Trail mini-hike (great views)
    - Kayak rental at Union Bay (half-day paddle on Lake Superior or Union River)
  - **Dinner:** Cook at cabin (pastas, veggies, simple campfire meal)
  - **Relax:** Lakeside campfire, starry night 
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## **Day 8: Saturday, August 2, 2025**

### **Tiny Quill House → Union Bay Campground (Porkies)**

 Overnight: Union Bay Campground (Showers, Electric Hookup)

- **Miles/Time:** Short Drive (~20 miles / ~30 min)
  - **Major Activities:**
    - Summit Peak hike (tower lookout)
    - Presque Isle waterfalls (Manabezho, Manido, Nawadaha Falls)
  - **Scooter ride:** Internal campground or Union Bay area ride
  - **Dinner:** Konteka Black Bear Resort (pizza/salads)
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## **Day 9: Sunday, August 3, 2025**

### **Porcupine Mountains → Garden, MI (Fayette Historic SP)**

 Overnight: Fayette Historic SP Campground (Showers, Electric Hookup)

- **Miles/Time:** ~190 miles / ~4 hrs
  - **Fuel Stop:** Escanaba
  - **Major Stops:**
    - Kitch-iti-kipi Big Spring (self-pull raft ride)
    - Fayette Historic Ghost Town Exploration
  - **Scooter ride:** Fayette Townsite easy ride
  - **Dinner:** Campfire dinner or simple town option
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## Day 10: Monday, August 4, 2025

**Garden → Bay City, MI (Cozy Quiet Island Lighthouse)**

Overnight: Cozy Quiet Island Lighthouse (Unique Stay)

- **Miles/Time:** ~260 miles / ~4.5 hrs
  - **Fuel Stop:** Gaylord or Standish
  - **Major Stops:**
    - Mackinac Bridge crossing again
    - Tunnel of Trees Scenic Route (optional detour)
  - **Dinner:** Brooklyn Boyz Pizza, Old City Hall, or waterfront Bay City dining
  - **Relax:** Waterfront at Lighthouse Stay
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## Day 11: Tuesday, August 5, 2025

**Bay City → Shelby, OH (Home)**

Home Sweet Home

- **Miles/Time:** ~170 miles / ~3 hrs
  - **Brunch Stop (optional):** Harvey's Grill & Bar or diners along I-75
  - **Final Fuel Stop:** Near Detroit/Toledo border
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## **Quick Essentials Reminder**

- **Refuel** when below half a tank in remote areas
  - **Charge Jackery** during daily drives
  - **Use Offline Google Maps + MAPS.ME backup**
  - **Keep snacks, water, emergency gear accessible in truck**
  - **Carry cash** for rural stores/campgrounds (not everywhere takes cards)
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