

= M @-@ 203 (Michigan highway) =

M @-@ 203 is a north ? south state trunkline highway in the Upper Peninsula of the US state of Michigan . It connects McLain State Park with US 41 on each end in Hancock and Calumet . The trunkline has existed since commissioning in 1933 except a period of time when it was temporarily decommissioned .

= = Route description = =

The M @-@ 203 designation is maintained by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to provide access to McLain State Park . The trunkline is not listed on the National Highway System , a system of strategically important highways . No section of it is located on the Lake Superior Circle Tour , although it is the closest state trunkline to Lake Superior in the area . The highway runs through forest lands and city streets most of the way , with the section along the Portage Lake Canal being residential most of the way .

= = = Southern section = = =

The southern terminus of M @-@ 203 is at the west end of a pair of one @-@ way streets carrying US 41 through the City of Hancock at the bottom of Quincy Hill . Northbound US 41 follows Quincy Street while southbound traffic is directed along Hancock Street . The two directions merge along Lincoln Drive , and M @-@ 203 is the two @-@ way , western continuation of Quincy Street west of Lincoln Drive , passing north of the St. Joseph Cemetery . M @-@ 203 then runs along the north shore of the Portage Lake Canal turning northward and northwesterly along the canal . South of the canal 's northern entry to Lake Superior , MDOT measured the annual average daily traffic (AADT) at 820 vehicles in 2007 . By Bear Lake Road , M @-@ 203 turns east to the front gate of the state park running parallel to Lake Superior .

= = = McLain State Park = = =

McLain State Park is a Michigan state park on the Keweenaw Peninsula , in the Copper Country . It is located on M @-@ 203 halfway between Hancock and Calumet . The park is on the shore of Lake Superior , and most of the beach areas are rocky . However , a stretch of land on the edge of the park near the Keweenaw Waterway is sandy and good for swimming . This area is known as the Breakwaters , known to some locals as just the " Breakers " .

= = = Northern section = = =

Passing the park gate , M @-@ 203 continues northeasterly . The roadway skirts the northern shore of Bear Lake on the eastern end of the state park . At Lakeshore Drive , M @-@ 203 turns inland running due east to Cloverland Road then turning north and east along Veterans Memorial Highway . Along this section of roadway , the AADT was measured at 440 vehicles in 2007 . The highway follows Veterans Memorial Highway through the neighborhood of Tamarack west of Calumet . From there it continues eastward , following Pine Street north of downtown Calumet , looping back to US 41 / M @-@ 26 . The northern terminus of M @-@ 203 is at the intersection of Pine Street and Calumet Avenue , 17 @. @ 944 miles (28 @. @ 878 km) away from the southern terminus in Hancock .

= = History = =

M @-@ 203 was first designated as a spur route from Hancock north to the state park in 1933 . It was later cancelled as a state highway in 1939 . This cancellation was reversed in late 1940 . At this time , the M @-@ 203 designation was extended from McLain State Park north (on what was

Houghton Co . Rd . 566) to Calumet . A construction project rerouted the roadway near the state park in 1963 . The highway 's routing was moved out of the park proper , bypassing it to the east . The road surface inside the park was partially obliterated in the process . No further changes to M @-@ 203 's routing have been made since .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire highway is in Houghton County .