

= M @-@ 22 (Michigan highway) =

M @-@ 22 is a state trunkline highway in the US state of Michigan . It is 116 @. @ 651 miles (187 @. @ 732 km) long and follows the Lake Michigan shoreline of the Leelanau Peninsula , making up a portion of the Lake Michigan Circle Tour . It also passes through the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore . The highway is U @-@ shaped as it rounds the peninsula running through tourist areas in Leland and Suttons Bay in addition to the national park .

M @-@ 22 is an original trunkline designation dating back to the 1919 designation of the system . Reroutings have moved the highway closer to the water between Suttons Bay and Traverse City . A section of the highway used temporarily even was used for another highway , M @-@ 109 . The highway was also named what is now called a Pure Michigan Byway . The route marker is used in marketing by a local business as a symbol of the region .

= = Route description = =

The southern terminus is 3 miles (4 @. @ 8 km) northeast of Manistee and the northern terminus is in Traverse City . In between the trunkline loops north along Lake Michigan to Northport before turning south along the West Arm of Grand Traverse Bay . The road itself comprises numerous turns and hills , making it a very popular drive for tourists visiting the area from areas such as Chicago and Detroit , especially during autumn . The road runs north to the village of Onkama running east and north of Portage Lake before returning north to Arcadia . M @-@ 22 turns northeasterly to curve around the north shore of Crystal Lake after passing through Elberta and Frankfort . South of the Platte River , the highway crosses into the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore . East of Platte Lake , M @-@ 22 turns northward again toward Empire , headquarters of the national park . M @-@ 22 takes the inland route between Little and Big Glen lakes , losing the Lake Michigan Circle Tour designation to M @-@ 109 until the two meet again in Glen Arbor . The roadway follows the shoreline of Pyramid Point and passes east out of the national park before turning north to Leland .

Leland is home to Fishtown , and the ferries to the Manitou Islands off the coast of the Leelanau Peninsula . Continuing northward , M @-@ 22 reaches its northernmost extent in Northport before turning south . It passes through the reservation of the Grand Traverse Band of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians in Peshawbestown , home to one of the tribe 's two casinos . Further south is the community of Suttons Bay located on the small bay of the same name . From here south , the highway runs just off the shore of the Grand Traverse Bay south to Greilickville . Just south of Greilickville , M @-@ 22 enters a section of the city of Traverse City that 's located in Leelanau County , Michigan formed by an acquisition of a neighborhood of Greilickville . Here is the eastern junction between M @-@ 22 and M @-@ 72 . The two highways run concurrently along Grandview Parkway to Division Street . There they meet US 31 / M @-@ 37 and M @-@ 22 ends . A portion of this road has been designated a what is now called a Pure Michigan Scenic Byway by the state of Michigan .

= = Cultural references = =

Broneah Kiteboarding , a company based in Traverse City , has adopted the M @-@ 22 marker as a logo and sells merchandise such as clothing and bumper stickers featuring it . As such , the logo has become a popular symbol for the company as well as a cultural symbol for the western Grand Traverse Bay area .

In 2015 , the readers of USA Today voted M @-@ 22 the " best scenic autumn drive " in the nation , noting that it offers " 116 miles [187 km] of stellar autumn leaf @-@ peeping " .

= = History = =

M @-@ 22 is an original trunkline , dating to the July 1 , 1919 designation of the system . In 1929 ,

the highway was rerouted along the west side of Little Glen Lake , using the modern M @-@ 109 around the lake . M @-@ 22 would be rerouted back around to the present routing the next year , and M @-@ 109 was designated on the west side of the lake in its place .

Until 1936 , M @-@ 22 's route was on Cherry Bend and Center roads in Leelanau County to Suttons Bay . At that time , M @-@ 22 was relocated along the west arm of Grand Traverse Bay onto Center Road up to Crain Hill Road In 1949 , M @-@ 22 was relocated the rest of the way to Suttons Bay , and the former M @-@ 22 on Cherry Bend and Center roads became County Road 633 @.@ and in 1945 , the last gravel stretch of M @-@ 22 from Leland to Northport was paved .

In Traverse City , M @-@ 22 originally started at Front and Union streets going west on Front to Elmwood , turning north onto Elmwood , then west on Bay Street to Greilickville . It was relocated onto the newly built Grand View Parkway in 1952 , from Greilickville to Division Street (relocated US 31) .

= = Major intersections = =