M @-@ 129 is a state trunkline highway in the Upper Peninsula ( UP ) of the US state of Michigan . It runs from Cedarville to Sault Ste . Marie . South of Nine Mile Road in Chippewa County ( and in all of Mackinac County ) , M @-@ 129 overlays the Michigan Meridian . The section of M @-@ 129 that overlays the meridian is named Meridian Road . The highway between M @-@ 48 and the northern terminus is a part of the larger Lake Huron Circle Tour .

Originally a part of M @-@ 12 and US Highway 2 ( US 2 ), the current roadway was formerly designated M @-@ 5 from 1930 until 1939. Two other highways were also previously designated M @-@ 129. The first was in the western UP in the late 1920s; it was replaced by M @-@ 64. The second was in the Keweenaw Peninsula and was replaced by M @-@ 26.

## = = Route description = =

M @-@ 129 starts at an intersection between Meridian Road and M @-@ 134 in Cedarville . This intersection is northwest of Lake Huron and a ferry connection to the 4 @-@ mile (  $6\ km$  ) long La Salle Island , part of Les Cheneaux Islands . The islands are a quiet tourist destination that Hunt 's Guide to Michigan 's Upper Peninsula describes as " off the beaten tourist track " and full of " low @-@ key charm " . From here north , M @-@ 129 follows the Michigan Meridian on Meridian Road . The highway forms part of the north ? south Mackinac ? Chippewa county line as it approaches the community of Pickford . South of Pickford , M @-@ 129 and M @-@ 48 merge along Meridian Road at 26 Mile Road . M @-@ 129 picks up the Lake Huron Circle Tour designation and the two roads cross together over the Munuscong River , which empties into Munuscong Lake , a part of the St. Marys River . These two highways run concurrently through Pickford to 22 Mile Road .

At 22 Mile Road , M @-@ 48 turns westerly and M @-@ 129 continues north . This intersection is also the location of the Munscong Golf Club . M @-@ 129 meets the eastern termini of M @-@ 80 and M @-@ 28 at 17 Mile Road and 9 Mile Road , respectively . Just before meeting 9 Mile Road , M @-@ 129 jogs to the east , leaving Meridian Road to meet up with McKnight Road , which runs parallel to the Michigan Meridian . McKnight Road and I @-@ 75 run roughly parallel approaching Sault Ste . Marie from the south . At 3 Mile Road , M @-@ 129 enters the city of Sault Ste . Marie east of the southern terminus of BS I @-@ 75 , and the roadway is renamed Ashmun Street . When BS I @-@ 75 meets Ashmun Street , M @-@ 129 ends and BS I @-@ 75 takes over the Ashmun Street name into downtown . M @-@ 129 ends south of the Lake Superior State University campus , home of the annual Banished Words List .

## = = History = =

The modern M @-@ 129 was originally part of M @-@ 12 from 1919 until 1926 and US 2 from 1926 to 1933.

## = = = Previous designations = = =

The first usage of M @-@ 129 on a highway in Michigan was on a roadway connecting Lake Gogebic State Park to Marenisco and south to the Wisconsin state line; this routing was designated M @-@ 64 in 1930 . The second usage was for a highway in the Keweenaw Peninsula connecting Phoenix with Eagle Harbor . This second designation was extended in 1933 to Copper Harbor and replaced by M @-@ 26 in 1935 .

## = = = Current designation = = =

M @-@ 5 was used as the designation for the former US 2 in Mackinac and Chippewa counties until 1939, when it was redesignated as M @-@ 129 on maps. The last gravel sections of roadway were paved in 1960 south of Sault Ste. Marie, and the highway was truncated to end at M @-@  $^{\circ}$ 

134 in Cedarville in 1963 . Previous to this , the highway continued south into downtown Cedarville on Merdian Road . A small realignment moved the northern terminus to a new intersection with BS I @-@ 75 in Sault Ste . Marie in late 1967 .

= = Major intersections = =