

= M @-@ 48 (Michigan highway) =

M @-@ 48 is an east ? west state trunkline highway in the Upper Peninsula (UP) of the US state of Michigan . It connects Rudyard with Pickford and continues to the far eastern end of the UP . The highway runs for 43 @. @ 723 miles (70 @. @ 365 km) through rural parts of Chippewa County , including along the county line with Mackinac County . Between 580 and 1 @, @ 800 vehicles a day use the roadway daily .

The highway was designated by 1919 along a route that ran much farther west in the UP . Within its first decade , M @-@ 48 was extended to end at a point north of Newberry . Since the 1960s , it has had its current configuration . A section of roadway that was previously used as part of the western end of the highway was redesignated as a section H @-@ 40 in the 1970s .

= = Route description = =

M @-@ 48 currently starts at an interchange with I @-@ 75 in the Rudyard area . The highway runs west from the interchange into Rudyard where it turns south , running concurrently with county road H @-@ 63 . M @-@ 48 turns eastward south of town along 22 Mile Road through fields . At Meridian Road , M @-@ 48 turns south along M @-@ 129 through the community of Pickford . South of town , M @-@ 48 / M @-@ 129 runs long the Chippewa ? Mackinac county line and crosses the Munuscong River . M @-@ 48 turns east at 26 Mile Road into Chippewa County . The highway zig @-@ zags through rural areas in the southeast of the county . It follows Hanna and 28 Mile roads to Stalwart . In that community , M @-@ 48 runs south on Reynolds Road to a corner on the Chippewa ? Mackinac county line where the highway turns back east toward the Goetzville area running through the Lake Superior State Forest . After one last north ? south segment , M @-@ 48 terminates at a junction with M @-@ 134 west of DeTour Village near Albany Harbor .

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) maintains M @-@ 48 like all other parts of the state trunkline highway system under its jurisdiction . As a part of these responsibilities , the department tracks the volume of traffic along its roads using a metric called average annual daily traffic (AADT) . This measurement is a calculation of the average traffic levels for a roadway segment on any average day of the year . In 2009 , MDOT figured that between 580 and 1 @, @ 800 vehicles a day used sections of M @-@ 48 . In addition , the department has added the portion of M @-@ 48 between the northern M @-@ 129 junction and M @-@ 134 to the Lake Huron Circle Tour , a scenic drive that loops around the lake . No part of the highway has been added to the National Highway System , a network of roads important to the country 's economy , defense , and mobility .

= = History = =

On July 1 , 1919 , M @-@ 48 ran from Rexton to Trout Lake and eastward on to Rudyard . The highway continued to Goetzville and ran to DeTour Village at the eastern tip of the UP . By 1927 , the western end was moved to a point north of Newberry . M @-@ 48 was extended along US Highway 2 (US 2) to Garnet . From there , M @-@ 48 ran north to M @-@ 28 east of Newberry . It turned west along M @-@ 28 into Newberry and then north to Four Mile Corner . In the mid @-@ 1930s , M @-@ 28 's routing through the Newberry area was shifted . As a result of this shift , the section of M @-@ 28 / M @-@ 48 in downtown was renumbered M @-@ 28A / M @-@ 48 . In the early 1940s , US 2 was moved to a new routing along the Lake Michigan shoreline . In the process , the US 2 / M @-@ 48 concurrency was eliminated . By the same time , M @-@ 48 was truncated when M @-@ 134 was designated east to the DeTour area . By the end of the decade , M @-@ 48 was truncated and rerouted on its western end , replacing the contemporary M @-@ 117 south of Rexton to US 2 in Epoufette . All of M @-@ 48 west of US 2 was turned over to local jurisdiction and removed from the state highway system , save a section made part of M @-@ 123 in late 1960 or early 1961 . A few years later , M @-@ 48 was extended along a former section of US 2 into Rudyard to connect to the newly opened I @-@ 75 / US 2 freeway in 1963 . After October 1970 , the

former M @-@ 48 west of the current highway was designated as a part of the County @-@ Designated Highway System .

= = Major intersections = =