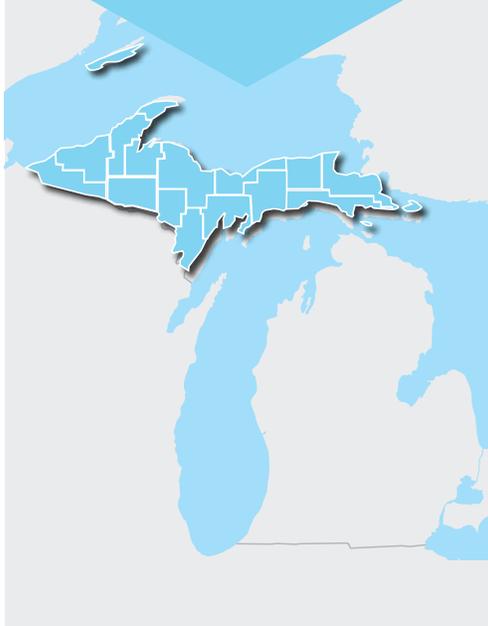


# Upper Peninsula

Bounded on three sides by Great Lakes, the region offers an environment rich in natural beauty, local history, cultural diversity and economic wellbeing. The Marquette area is the largest population center and has become a regional hub for retail, restaurants, education and outdoor recreation.

## Hey Veteran!

- The Straits of Mackinac (pronounced "mack-in-naw") is one of the nation's most important shipping channels, and the brave men and women at Coast Guard Sector Sault Ste. Marie work year-round to keep this strategic waterway navigable.
- Who says the Army are landlubbers! The Army Corps of Engineers maintain the famous "Soo Locks." A destination for nearly a million visitors a year, the locks are a wonder of engineering and a living, breathing history lesson.



## Seriously?

- Marquette was named eighth best small city in America by NerdWallet.
- The Upper Peninsula boasts three national parks, including the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park where 90 miles of trails lead to waterfalls, mountain views and a breathtaking overlook of Lake of the Clouds.
- Michigan's Upper Peninsula is home to almost 200 major named waterfalls, including the gorgeous and roaring Tahquamenon Falls.
- Mackinac Island is the truly "all natural" theme park of America. Limited to transportation of horse and buggy, bicycle or foot, surrounded by water, it will transport you back to Victorian times.
- The UP200 is one of America's premier 12-dog, mid-distance sled dog races and draws mushers from around the United States and Canada.



## Culture

- Watch ships navigate the 21-foot drop between lakes Superior and Huron at the Soo Locks.
- Explore eerie remains of an iron-smelting town at Fayette Historic State Park.
- Learn the stories of sailors and ships who braved the waters of Lake Superior and those who were lost to her menacing waves at the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum. The bell of the famous Edmund Fitzgerald is displayed as a memorial to her lost crew.
- The Museum of Ojibwa Culture uncovers the vivid history of life during the 1860s when the Ojibwa, Huron and French lifestyles met in St. Ignace.

## Good times

- Love the outdoors? Enjoy 1,700 miles of Great Lakes fresh water shoreline and 16,500 square miles of pristine land.
- Standing over treacherous waters, 40 lighthouses dot the U.P., including 12 open to the public.
- Nature lovers can escape to an island on Isle Royal National Park, where unspoiled forests, wilderness lakes and rugged shoreline wait to be explored.
- The Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore encompasses sandstone cliffs, beaches, sand dunes, waterfalls, lakes and forest, not to mention 40 miles of Lake Superior shoreline.
- I think I just saw a moose...and a bear...and a wolf...oh my! Michigan's Upper Peninsula boasts thousands of acres of unspoiled forests, crystal clear lakes and streams, and endless opportunities for outdoor adventure.

## Be more smart

- The Upper Peninsula is home to four universities and five community colleges.
- Lake Superior State University's annual "Banished Words List" receives worldwide media coverage.
- Northern Michigan University is home to a U.S. Olympic Training site, currently providing residents with education and world-class training in Greco-Roman wrestling and weightlifting.



## Top employers

- Cliff's Natural Resources
- Dickinson Health Care System
- Marquette General Hospital/Duke Lifepoint
- Michigan Tech University
- Northern Michigan University