

Munising Area Partnership for Development
Summer :: 3-Day Agenda

Day 1 - One with Nature

- Visit the Welcome Center to find out “What’s new” Pick up your passport for fun and coupons in Alger County. Get ready for a great day!
- Stretch your legs with a few short walks to Munising Falls and Wagner Falls. Look for the little toads and frogs along the river banks. Stand back as dozens of baby turtles hatch and make their way to the waters. Ah, youth.
- After a morning of nature take a bite out of history with a delicious pastie. Find out why these hearty meat pies were the mainstays of many U.P. miners lunches.
- Ready for another walk? Expend some of those fresh calories with a hike through the Hiawatha National Forest. If you time your stay just right, you may pick wild Michigan strawberries or asparagus. They are the sweetest you will ever have.
- Experience a million dollar sunset over Munising Bay at the Navigator Restaurant. Remember to request a window seat or the patio. If you are very quiet, you may even hear the sun sizzle as she hits the water.
- It’s time to check into your hotel of choice. Drop off your bags and immediately head for the hot tub. Your legs and feet will thank you. Tomorrow is another full day.
- If camping is more your style, Munising offers a city campground right on Lake Superior. A moonlight dip is sure to please.

Day 2 - The Lakeshore

- Start you day with a great cup of Lake Superior Fog Lifter coffee from the Falling Rock Bookstore and Café. They have delicious pastry treats and plenty of books to pick up about the area.
- Cross the street and take an incredible journey. The Pictured Rocks Boat Cruise will take you by masterpieces of rock formations and colors created by the mighty waters of Lake Superior. The sturdy captain will fill you ears with stories of legend and lore. Make sure to stop into the gift shop for a gift for Aunt Jane. You also may elect to take the Sunset cruise and watch as the shore line becomes a rich glow of golden copper.
- Time for lunch! Nothing can beat a VanLandschoot whitefish sandwich from Sydney’s. The VanLandschoots are a local fishing family determined to provide only the best quality whitefish. If you like, stop by the Fish House and take a few pounds home with you.
- Now that you have seen the National Lakeshore by sea, take a drive and experience it by land or rent a kayak and trace your route in and out of the rocks. Nothing beats multiple perspectives of the same thing. Wave at the afternoon cruise passengers from atop the Miners Castle look out. There are plenty of hikes and photo opportunities along the way.
- Did you say your camera battery is out of juice? Head to the heart of downtown Munising, Elm Street, and visit locally owned Putvin’s Drug Store. They not only have all of your camera needs they have all of the supplies for the bumps and bruises you may have collected over the past few days.
- Ah, dinner at last. For a unique dining experience, head to the Dog Patch. Li’l Abner and all of his friends

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will be there to greet you. Pick from a delectable menu that includes a Luv me Tenderloin and an Ari Sari gyro sandwich.

- Maybe a nightcap before you head back to the hotel. Walk a block down to Shooters and have a glass of whatever makes you happy. If you are a sports fan, if a game is being played some where, you can probably find it at Shooters.
- Back at your room, lay your head down on you comfortable pillow and think of all of the fun you had today. And there is more tomorrow.
- Are you here over the Fourth of July? Nothing beats the Munising festivities. A fun filled day of Parades, both human and pet, a carnival down at the Bay Shore. Get drenched at the famous Fire department water fights. Watch as the firemen split into to groups and literally see who can withstand the full force of a loaded fire hose.
- Finally, throw a blanket down on the grass of the Bay Shore, relax and enjoy the spectacular fireworks display. You will feel like you are part of the show.

Day 3 - Grand Island

- Wake up before any one else listen for the loons as you sift through the new assortment of rocks and agates wished up along the shore line.
- No visit would be complete with out a visit to the Munising Bakery for a stiff cup of coffee and a delicious home made breakfast or doughnut. The bakery also sells frozen pasties so you may take some home to your friends.
- Head on over to Grand Island via the Grand Island Ferry service. One you get there you may hike, bike or take an air conditioned bus tour of the Island provided by ALTRAN. Grand Island is rich in history and is the home of two very unique and important Lighthouses.
- Remember to bring your binoculars. Grand Island and Alger County are the summer homes of Sand Hill Cranes and King Fishers. Check them off you Audubon list of birds to see.
- Any one for SCUBA? Dive down to the see the shipwrecks in the Alger Preserve. Get close to any of the three ships whose journeys were cut short by the mighty Lake Superior.
- Swimming sure can make you hungry. Good thing for the Coffee Cantata. There you can warm up with a cup of Friendship Coffee or cool down by having it over ice. A large array of fresh salads, sandwiches and pizzas will fight off any hunger. Maybe a little scoop of ice cream for dessert is in order, also.
- The afternoon should be spent visiting all of Munising's lovely Antique, Craft or Gift Shops. This is a great opportunity to stock up on unique birthday and holiday gifts that you can't find anywhere else.
- Experience the roar of the motor bikes as they race to speeds over 100mph.
- One last dinner....unless you change your mind and want to stay, because there is still more to do around Munising Bay.