

Shorewood Kiwanis
Places to Visit in the Great Lake State
November 2011

- 1) ***Detroit: Birth of Kiwanis***
Website: <http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/discover/ourhistory>
Fun Fact: Formed on January 21, 1915 at the old Griswold Hotel (located at the corner of Griswold/Grand River)
- 2) ***Dexter: Dexter Cider Mill***
Website: www.dextercidermill.com
Fun Fact: Michigan's oldest continuously operating cider mill, established in 1886
- 3) ***Hell***
Website: www.hellzu.com
Fun Fact: Named on October 13, 1841 by George, send greetings that are singed at the bottom and stamped, "Been through Hell"; a popular post office on April 15, when tax payers ensure their documents are postmarked from Hell!
- 4) ***Chelsea: Jiffy Mix Company***
Website: www.jiffymix.com
Fun Fact: Started in 1930, with free one-hour tours available in their new visitors center (complete with free samples!)
- 5) ***Jackson: Michigan's First State Prison***
Website: www.judygailkrasnow.com/guided_tours
Fun Fact: In operation from 1838 through 1934, Jackson's prison walls were the world's largest; the site is now home to Armory Arts Village, with private tours of the cells, tunnels and solitary confinement, along with a visit to one of the loft apartments (once 36 cells)
- 6) ***Brooklyn: St. Joseph Shrine***
Website: <http://stjosephshrinebrooklyn.catholicweb.com/index.cfm/NewsItem?ID=65101&From=Home>
Fun Fact: Nestled in the hill along Iron Lake are 14 stations of the cross, built between 1932 and 1936 by Mexican artisans, sculpted by wet cement to resemble steps, arch ways and pathways (an art form that can also be seen in the many bridges at McCourtie Park, in Somerset)
- 7) ***Camden Township: Tri-State Marker***
Website: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camden_Township,_Michigan
Fun Fact: Marker indicating the location where Michigan, Indiana and Ohio meet
- 8) ***Marshall: National House Inn***
Website: www.nationalhouseinn.com
Fun Fact: Michigan's oldest Bed & Breakfast; listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- 9) ***Hickory Corners: Gilmore Car Museum***
Website: www.gilmorecarmuseum.org
Fun Fact: Started in 1963 as a hobby, the 90-acre site now includes almost 100 vehicles within 15 buildings, eight historic barns, a re-created 1930's service station, a small train station and nearly three miles of paved roads
- 10) ***Paw Paw: St. Julian Winery***
Website: www.stjulian.com
Fun Fact: Michigan's oldest and largest winery
- 11) ***Paris: Paris Park***
Website: <http://greatlakesgazette.wordpress.com/2011/06/21/curiosity-stop-michigans-eiffel-tower>
Fun Fact: Founded in 1851 and located on the Muskegon River, near the Paris Fish Hatchery, in a replica of the Eiffel Tower, built by high school students in 1980!
- 12) ***Holland: Windmill Island***
Website: www.cityofholland.com/windmillislandgardens
Fun Fact: Features a 249 year old working Dutch Windmill ("De Zwaan") used for grinding flour with wheat grown from West Michigan Farmers

- 13) **Grand Haven: Musical Fountain**
 Website: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grand_Haven_Musical_Fountain
 Fun Fact: Built in 1962 and once the world's largest musical fountain, view over 5,000 water commands in 20 minutes; open Memorial Day through Labor Day
- 14) **Montague: World's Largest Weathervane**
 Website: www.roadsideamerica.com/tip/7291
 Fun Fact: Functioning weathervane at 48 feet tall, with an arrow 26 feet long!
- 15) **Baldwin: Shrine of the Pines**
 Website: www.shrineofthepines.com
 Fun Fact: Located on the banks of the Pere Marquette River, the Shrine is the home to the unique and beautiful lifetime work of Raymond W. Overholzer, (ie: a table made from a 700 pound stump; a rocking chair of roots so perfectly balanced it rocks 55 times with a single "start"; a fireplace constructed of 70 tons of native stone, etc)
- 16) **Malcolm: Gravity Hill**
 Website: www.roadsideamerica.com/tip/19559
 Fun Fact: Defy gravity at Putney Corners as your car rolls up the bottom of a hill; take M-31 North to Joyfield Road, turn left to Putney (the Church marks Putney Corners), turn left toward the bottom of the hill until you see the stop sign in your rearview mirror, place your car in neutral and feel the force bring you back up the hill!
- 17) **Kaleva: Bottle House Museum**
 Website: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_J._Makinen_Bottle_House
 Fun Fact: Built in 1941 by John Makinen, who owned Northern Works Bottling Company, and constructed his home with 60,000 bottles from his factory (clear and brown bottles spell "Happy Home" in the front); listed on the Michigan and National Register of Historic Sites
- 18) **Suttons Bay County: Fountain Point**
 Website: www.fountainpointresort.com
 Fun Fact: Home of a sparkling spring that has been flowing since 1867 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- 19) **Elk Lake: 45th Parallel Monument**
 Website: www.wurlington-bros.com/Museum/45th/Cairn
 Fun Fact: A rock cairn built in 1938 as a tribute to Hugh J. Gray, the founder of an early state tourism association and is made of boulders from each of Michigan's 83 counties (with the source of each contribution engraved on its face)
- 20) **Charlevoix: Castle Farms**
 Website: www.castlefarms.com
 Fun Fact: Built in 1918 by the President of Sears & Roebuck Company, Albert Loeb, as a model farm for raising livestock and later sold to several other families; used in the 1980's and 1990's as a popular concert venue and sold to the current owner in 2001 after years of disrepair; renovated to its original structure in 2005 and an exclusive venue for weddings/festivals/social events and tours
- 21) **Mackinaw City: McGulpin Rock**
 Website: www.visitpetoskeymichigan.com/stories/mcgulpin_rock_mackinaw_city_plymouth_rock_northern_michigan
 Fun Fact: Discovered in 1615 by French explorers and used as a navigational tool (9 feet tall and 54 tons), five years before the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock; located down the hillside from the lighthouse
- 22) **St. Ignace: Mystery Spot**
 Website: www.mysteryspotstignace.com
 Fun Fact: Discovered in 1950 by three surveyors who realized an area 300 foot in diameter had an unusual vortex
- 23) **Manistique: Kitchitikiipi (aka: "Big Spring")**
 Website: www.uptravel.com/index.php?catid=4&member_id=5932
 Fun Fact: 200 feet long and 40 feet deep, Michigan's largest freshwater spring is located in Palms Book State Park and gushes over 10,000 gallons per minute throughout the year at 45 degrees and may be viewed with a self-operated observation raft
- 24) **Ironwood: Copper Peak**
 Website: www.copperpeak.org
 Fun Fact: World's largest ski jump at 26 stories; ride the chairlift to the crest of the hill (36 stories), then take the 18-story elevator to the platform and climb the stairway the remaining 8 stories!
- 25) **Calumet: Quincy Mine Hoist**
 Website: www.quincymine.com
 Fun Fact: Copper Mine founded in 1846; home of the World's largest steam-driven hoist and deepest shaft at 9,260 feet!

26) **Eagle Harbor: The Jam Pot**

Website: www.societystjohn.com

Fun Fact: A Catholic Monastery located on the shores of Lake Superior with homemade baked goods and jams; located next to Jacob's Falls

27) **L'anse: Bishop Baraga Shrine**

Website: www.coppercountry.com/BishopBaraga

Fun Fact: Giant copper figure of Frederic Baraga (aka: the "Snowshoe Priest"), the first Bishop of the Upper Peninsula and an Apostle of the Great Lakes, soaring 60 feet above the bluff, overlooking the Keweenaw Bay

28) **Grand Marais: Devil's Log Slide**

Website: http://hunts-upguide.com/grand_marais_log_slide_overlook.html

Fun Fact: In the late 19th century, logs were slid down the sand dune and loaded on to a lumber schooner; today you can run to shore and try to walk back up...a beautiful view, but quite a test of endurance!

29) **Whitefish Point: Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum**

Website: www.shipwreckmuseum.com

Fun Fact: Located at the Southeastern end of Lake Superior, this is a critical turning point for vessels entering and leaving the largest of our Great Lakes; of the 550+ known Lake Superior shipwrecks, more than 200 are in this vicinity, including the Edmund Fitzgerald (only 15 miles off shore); spend the night in the Keeper's Lodge one of the most unique experiences!

30) **Sault Ste. Marie: Tower of History**

Website: www.thevalleycamp.com/tower-of-history-4/

Fun Fact: Built in 1968 by the Catholic Church as a shrine to Bishop Baraga; 210 feet above the city and Soo Locks with a 360 degree view of the area/freighters (especially the Stewart J. Cort!)

31) **Rogers City: Limestone Quarry**

Website: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rogers_City,_Michigan

Fun Fact: World's largest open-pit limestone quarry (Port of Calcite), located on Lake Huron

32) **Presque Isle County: Ocqueoc Falls**

Website: www.fishweb.com/maps/presqueisle/ocqueoc/falls

Fun Fact: Michigan's only recognized waterfall in the lower peninsula

33) **Indian River: Cross in the Woods**

Website: www.crossinthewoods.com

Fun Fact: Created by Marshall Fredericks, a renowned Michigan sculptor, the structure is 7 tons and 31 feet high; the largest crucifix in the world and one of the most famous, frequently visited shrines in Michigan; listed as one of two National Shrines in the state (the other is Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak)

34) **Grayling: Bottle Cap Museum**

Website: www.bottlecapmuseum.com

Fun Fact: This 1950's style diner has over 10,000 pieces of Coca Cola memorabilia on display

35) **Oscoda: Kiwanis Monument**

Website: www.us23heritageroute.org

Fun Fact: Erected in 1931, the monument honors the Kiwanis of Michigan for donating seven million red pine seedlings as part of a reforestation project now dominating nearly 10,000 acres (planted between 1928 and 1930 these trees stand 70 to 80 feet tall and add one row of branches per year)

36) **McBain: Stoney Corners Wind Farm**

Website: www.heritagewindenergy.com/projects

Fun Fact: Located in a farming community and created in 2008, with more than 30 wind turbines being stored and sold to municipal and co-operatives across the state (including DTE); overall heights range from 407-473 feet (from ground to blade tip); per Mark Prisby, "the landscape shows where old meets new!"

37) **Midland: The Tridge**

Website: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Tridge

Fun Fact: Three-way foot bridge constructed in 1981 and the most famous landmark in the downtown area

38) **St. Louis: Middle of the Mitten**

Website: www.stlouismi.com

Fun Fact: Geographic center of the lower peninsula

- 39) **Elm Hall: Post Office**
 Website: www.flickr.com/photos/62667925@N07/6208527814
 Fun Fact: Michigan's smallest post office and among the smallest in the country
- 40) **St. John: Crosby Mint Farm**
 Website: www.crosbymintfarm.com
 Fun Fact: Michigan's oldest and smallest mint farm
- 41) **Frankenmuth: Michigan's Own Military and Space Museum**
 Website: www.michigansmilitarymuseum.com
 Fun Fact: Started in 1980 by Stan Bozich as a tribute to honor Michigan soldiers, sailors and aviators who fought in the Spanish American War, World War I, American North Russia Expeditionary Force ("Polar Bears"), World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War and the War on Terrorism. It also includes exhibits devoted to Michigan's Astronauts, Governors, Cross Recipients and 28 individual Medal of Honor Recipients
- 42) **Gagetown: Thumb Octagon Barn**
 Website: www.thumboctagonbarn.org
 Fun Fact: Built in 1895 as a unique "round barn", it now serves as an agricultural museum and is listed on the Michigan State Registry of Historic Sites
- 43) **Durand: Michigan Railroad History Museum**
 Website: www.durandstation.org
 Fun Fact: Originally built in 1903 and threatened to close after decades of decline; in 1979, the local citizens successfully rallied to keep the station active and since then became the State's Railroad History Museum!
- 44) **Port Huron: Thomas Edison Depot**
 Website: www.phmuseum.org/drupal/about/depot
 Fun Fact: Opened in 2001, the museum is housed inside the historic Fort Gratiot depot built in 1858 by the Grand Trunk Railway, and is the actual depot that Thomas Edison worked out of as a news butcher between 1859 and 1863; outside the depot is a restored baggage car with a recreation of Edison's chemistry lab and printing shop
- 45) **Metamora: Whitehorse Inn**
 Website: www.historicwhitehorseinn.com
 Fun Fact: Michigan's oldest continuously operating restaurant
- 46) **Lake Angelus: McMath-Hulbert Solar Observatory**
 Website: www.mcmathhulbert.org
 Fun Fact: Closed since 2004 and now celebrating their 75th anniversary, the observatory is looking to continue the facility's rich history and education for astronomical research; the best time to visit is Sunday
- 47) **Detroit: Piquette Model T Museum**
 Website: www.tplex.org
 Fun Fact: Built in 1904, this plant may be the most significant auto-heritage site in the world as the first building built for Ford Motor Company and the birthplace of the Model T!
- 48) **Detroit: Old Michigan Theater**
 Website: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michigan_Building
 Fun Fact: Constructed in 1925 and closed in 1976, the theater held over 4,000 patrons; rather than demolish the structure, it was converted to a three-story parking garage, with the ornate ceiling, lobby and ticket booth still intact; ironically, the site is home to Henry Ford's first garage and is now a popular tailgating location for the Detroit Lions!
- 49) **Detroit: Dossin Great Lakes Museum (Belle Isle)**
 Website: <http://www.detroithistorical.org/main/dossin>
 Fun Fact: Celebrating their 50th anniversary with many maritime-themed events planned, including, "Tribute to the Edmund Fitzgerald", on Sunday, November 5th from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm; experience many rare artifacts, including the reconstructed pilot house of the Great Lakes freighter, *S.S. William Clay Ford*, the *Miss Pepsi* championship hydroplane, and one of the largest known collection of scale model ships in the world
- 50) **Detroit: The Parade Company**
 Website: www.theparade.org
 Fun Fact: Founded in 1924 and now called, America's Thanksgiving Day Parade, with over 1,500 volunteers; take a behind-the-scenes tour of the studio that houses the colorful floats/costumes, including the largest collection of antique papier-mache heads!