

Welcome to Tahquamenon Country

2 Day Trip Itinerary

Welcome to the Tahquamenon Scenic Heritage Byway, a 63-mile journey through Michigan's Eastern Upper Peninsula. The Tahquamenon region is a vast untamed land, but the wind in the ancient forest sighs a song of welcome to all who enter—let the Byway be your guide. WWW.EXPLOREM123.COM

Day 1: Lake Superior Lighthouse Tour

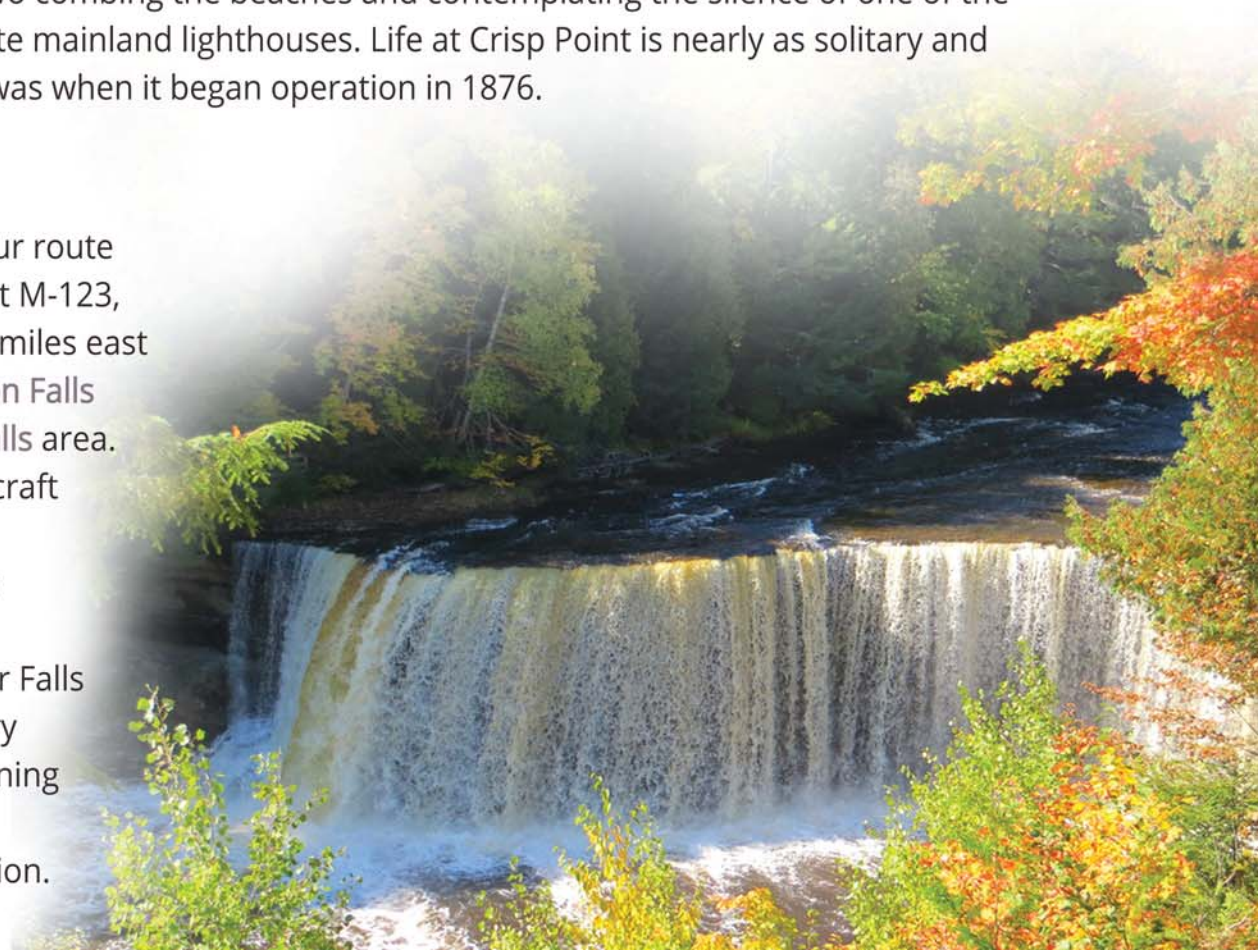
The Byway is home to three unique, historic lighthouses where the water is clean, the air is fresh and the sense of history is as clear and deep as the lake in front of you.

RISE AND SHINE

- Rise early and enjoy a hearty breakfast in Paradise or Newberry. Gas up the car and grab snacks and drinks for an all day adventure.
- Journey about 1.5 hours from Paradise or Newberry via M-123, County Road 500 and County Road 412 to visit the remote Crisp Point Lighthouse. Most of this drive will be on unpaved roads with no services, but it's worth the trip.
- Spend an hour or two combing the beaches and contemplating the silence of one of the region's most remote mainland lighthouses. Life at Crisp Point is nearly as solitary and remote today as it was when it began operation in 1876.

GRAB LUNCH

- Carefully retrace your route back to pavement at M-123, then travel about 5 miles east to the Tahquamenon Falls State Park Upper Falls area.
- Enjoy a meal and a craft brewed beer at the Tahquamenon Falls Brewery and Pub, located in the Upper Falls parking area. History buffs will enjoy learning about the owners' deep ties to the region.



- After lunch take up to an hour to enjoy a short stroll along a paved path to witness the roar and spray of the mighty Tahquamenon's Upper Falls.

EXPLORE MORE

- Travel east to the town of Paradise on Lake Superior, then north to Whitefish Point. Spend up to 3 hours exploring the **Whitefish Point Lighthouse** and the **Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum**. Climb the lighthouse tower to view freighters making the turn -around the point. Known as the Shipwreck Coast, the area is home to over 200 wrecks, including the famous 1975 loss of the Edmund Fitzgerald.
- Retrace your route to Paradise and enjoy dinner from a handful of locally owned restaurants.



Don't Miss: Whitefish Point Bird Observatory

Birdwatchers from all over the nation gather for a chance to experience songbirds, waterfowl, birds of prey, and owls. Catch them during spring migration and visitors may find a rare species of bird awaiting conditions favorable to cross Lake Superior. WWW.WPBO.ORG

- After dinner, head south along M -123 and the **Curly Lewis Memorial Highway** for a scenic one-hour drive along Whitefish Bay until you reach **Point Iroquois Lighthouse**. Linger at the sand beach for a gorgeous sunset over Whitefish Point.



Day 2: Tahquamenon Family Attractions

Tahquamenon time is family time. Here's a day of activities sure to please all ages.

RISE AND SHINE

- Enjoy breakfast in Newberry.
- Travel 8 miles north from Newberry via M-123 and H407 to **Oswald's Bear Ranch**. Explore the habits and habitat of black bears at the largest ranch of its kind in the country. Observe the bears from raised platforms with a barrier-free view. Enter a naming contest for the newborn cubs. oswaldsbearranch.com



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- Return to Newberry and gather a picnic lunch.
- From Newberry travel about a half hour via M-123, M-28 and Soo Junction Road to the Toonerville Trolley Train tours.
- Hop aboard the Toonerville Trolley for a two-hour round trip journey via narrow gauge railroad through deep forest to a picnic spot on the Tahquamenon River. Watch for bears, moose and more along the route. trainandboattours.com
- From Soo Junction continue on to Wildridge Riding Stables near Paradise, a one-hour journey via M-28 and M-123. Experience the deep forest of Tahquamenon Country on horseback during a 1 or 2 hour guided ride on the gentle horses at Wildridge Riding Stables. Call ahead for reservations 906-492-3213.

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- From Wildridge, continue a few miles west on M-123 to the Tahquamenon Falls State Park Lower Falls area.
- Rent a rowboat and cross a short distance to an island that splits the mighty river into two sets of falls and rapids. Explore the island on foot via boardwalks and trails. Return to the mainland and scoop up an ice cream cone at the park concessions.
- Enjoy a well earned meal and refreshment at the Tahquamenon Falls Brewery and Pub, located 4 miles west of the Lower Falls area, or return to Paradise to explore its dining options.



Don't Miss: Tahquamenon Logging Museum

Visit the 29-acre campus of the Tahquamenon Logging Museum in Newberry to catch a glimpse of the lifestyle and equipment that helped build the homes and industry of the Midwest. Be sure to take a stroll along the boardwalk on the Tahquamenon River. Call 906-293-5777 for a schedule of events.

