

Traverse City

MOTORCYCLE ROUTES



Tour One: **LEELANAU LOOP** – 89 miles

This ride navigates the beautiful peninsula shorelines of Leelanau County including the shore of West Grand Traverse Bay and Lake Michigan. You will ride through unique and charming port towns along the route offering fun places to stop for food and refreshments. If you desire to ride more, adding the Benzie County tour to this route, starting from Empire, will add another 40 miles approx. for a total ride of 129 miles.

Worthwhile detours:

Lighthouse Point – continue north from Northport on 201
Peterson Park – continue north from Northport on 201 and turn left on Peterson Park Rd.
Sleeping Bear Dunes – from Glen Arbor take 109 and you will discover Glen Haven Beach and Pierce Stocking Drive – beautiful drive through the dunes with stops along the way to capture incredible dune and Lake Michigan views (\$5.00 per person)
Fishtown – Leland’s historic district featuring rustic shanties and docks now full of galleries and unique shops.

Notable stops along the ride:

Suttons Bay

- 1 Boone’s Prime Time Pub
102 N. St. Josephs St. (M-22)
231-271-6688

Peshawbestown

- 2 Leelanau Sands Casino
2521 N. West Bay Shore Dr. (M-22)
231-271-4104

Omena

- 3 Knot Just a Bar
5015 N. West Bay Shore Dr. (M-22)
231-386-7393

Northport

- 4 Stubbs Sweetwater Grill
115 Waukazoo
231-386-7611
- 5 Fischer’s Happy Hour Tavern
7144 N. Manitou Trail (M-22)
231-386-9923

Leland

- 6 Bluebird Restaurant
102 E. River
231-256-9081
(smoke free)
- 7 The Cove
111 W. River
231-256-9834

Glen Arbor

- 8 Boone Dock’s
5858 S. Manitou (M-22)
231-334-6444
- 9 Cherry Republic
6026 S. Lake
231-334-3150

Empire

- 10 Friendly Tavern
11015 W. Front St.
231-326-5506
- Along M-72
11 Hayloft Inn
5100 E. Traverse Hwy (M-72)
231-941-0832

Tour Two: **LAKE LEELANAU LAKESHORE** – 46 miles

Looking for a quick ride that still captures some of the beauty of Leelanau County? This ride will bring you along the shore of West Grand Traverse Bay to the quaint port town of Suttons Bay. From there you cut to the interior of the Leelanau Peninsula and traverse the west shoreline of beautiful Lake Leelanau passing through farm land and rolling terrain.

Notable stops along the ride:

Suttons Bay

- 1 Boone’s Prime Time Pub
102 N. St. Joseph (M-22)
231-271-6688

Lake Leelanau

- 12 Dick’s Poorhouse
103 W. Philip (204)
231-256-9912

Cedar

- 13 Cedar Tavern
9039 S. Kasson (651)
231-228-7445

Tour Three: **BENZIE COUNTY**
87 miles

This tour takes you on a westward route out of Traverse City straight to the Lake Michigan shoreline then heads south into Benzie County through the wooded Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore. You will ride along the west shore of Crystal Lake and into the town of Frankfort and the pretty Betsy Bay. This tour is a great add on to the Leelanau Loop (connecting in Empire) which would add about 40 miles to make your total ride around 129 miles.

Notable stops along the ride:

Empire

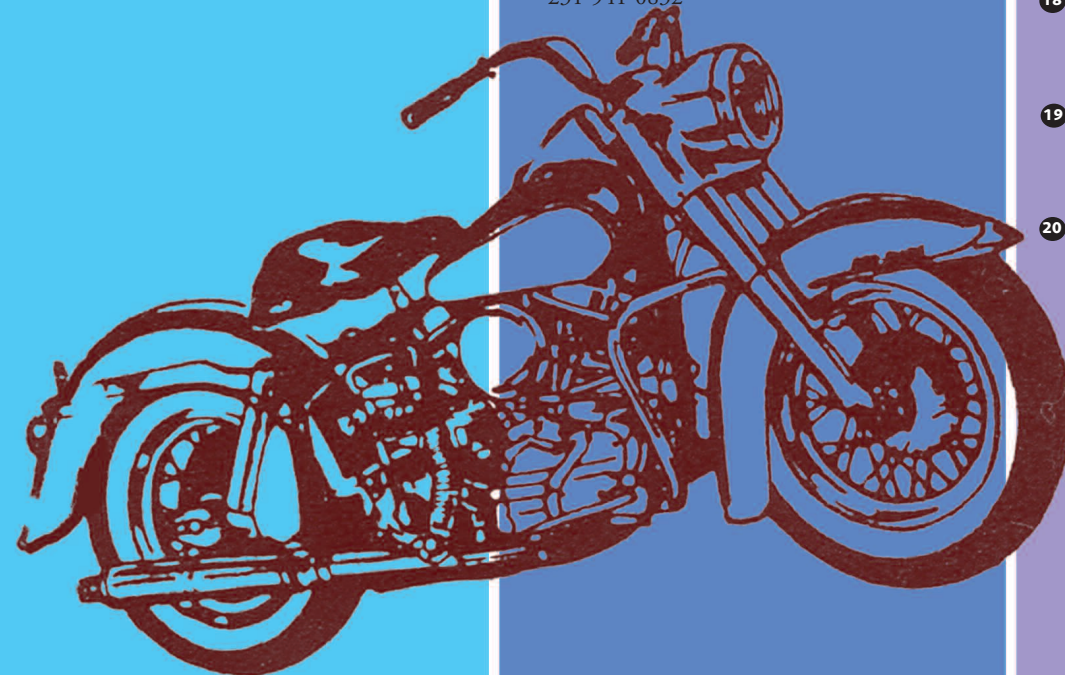
- 10 Friendly Tavern
11015 W. Front St.
231-326-5506

Frankfort

- 14 Dinghy’s Restaurant
415 Main St.
231-352-4702

Along M-72

- 11 Hayloft Inn
5100 E. Traverse Hwy (M-72)
231-941-0832



Tour four: **ON A MISSION**
37 miles

This is a great ride close to Traverse City. The beautiful Old Mission Peninsula divides the East and West arms of Grand Traverse Bay. Riding along Center Rd. provides some great elevated views of both bays as you ride along cherry orchards and vineyards. At the end of the drive is a park and the Old Mission Lighthouse. As an option to Center Rd., for your trip out or on the return, you can choose to ride along the water on either Bluff Rd. along the East Bay or Peninsula Dr. along the West Bay.

Notable stops along the ride:

- 15 Peninsula Grill
14091 Center Rd.
231-223-7200

- 15 Bad Dog Deli
14091 Center Rd.
231-223-9364

- 17 The Bowery
13512 Peninsula Dr.
231-223-4222

- 18 The Boathouse
14039 Peninsula Dr.
231-223-4030

- 19 Old Mission Tavern
17015 Center Rd.
231-223-7280

- 20 Old Mission General Store
18250 Mission Rd.
231-223-4310

Tour Four: **TORCH TRIANGLE**
68 miles

This tour takes you to the east and north of Traverse City heading north on 31 through Elk Rapids and onward to the northern tip of Torch Lake, rated as one of the most beautiful inland lakes in the world for its amazing colors. The ride continues along the east shoreline of the lake before catching M-72 for your ride back to Traverse City.

Worthwhile detour:

About midway down the east shore of Torch Lake you can take a quick detour on 620 riding into the town of Bellaire where there are a number of nice shops and restaurants.

Notable stops along the ride:

Elk Rapids

- 21 Pearls New Orleans Kitchen
617 Ames
231-264-0530

Bellaire

- 22 Lulu’s
213 N. Bridge St.
231-533-5252

- 23 Shorts Brewing Co.
121 N. Bridge St.
231-533-6622

- 24 Bellaire Bar and Restaurant
217 N. Bridge
231-533-6536

- 25 The Lakeview Restaurant
Shanty Creek Resorts
One Shanty Creek Dr.
231-587-5690

Williamsburg

- 26 Turtle Creek Casino
7735 E. M-72
231-267-9574

Note: Mileage for each tour is approximate and is determined from downtown Traverse City. Please obey all traffic laws.