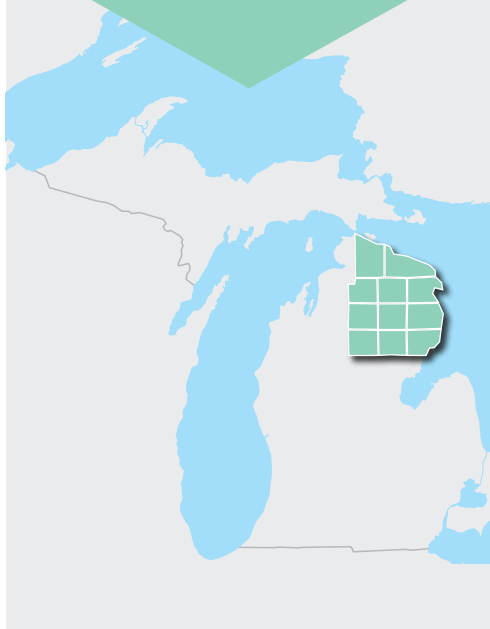


Northeast Michigan

Northeast Michigan is known for its abundant waterways, quaint downtowns, family-friendly safe neighborhoods and natural surroundings. Alpena and the 10 surrounding counties attract people globally with their blend of upscale, small town vibe, affordable cost of living, educational opportunities and abundant cultural and recreational experiences. The city of Alpena is the region's largest city.

Hey Veteran!

- Home to the Region 3 Veteran Community Action Team.
- Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center boasts the largest airspace east of the Mississippi.
- Alpena is home to the Clement C. Van Wagoner VA community-based outpatient clinic.
- Saginaw VA Medical Center is a short drive from the region.
- More than 25,000 veterans call Northeast Michigan home.



No way!

- Iosco County is recognized as the state's premier birding location and is home to rare Kirtland warbler habitat.
- Alpena High School and Cheboygan High School robotics teams qualified for 2015's FIRST Robotics World Championship.
- Camp Grayling is ranked as a premier world-class Joint Maneuver Training Center.
- Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Alpena County has over 200 shipwrecks in the only freshwater National Marine Sanctuary in the world.



Culture

- 200-mile arts and culture trail called "ARTown" along the coast of Lake Huron.
- Over 25 art galleries and more than 18 museums.
- Numerous outdoor and indoor music venues and eight regional playhouses.



Top employers

- Arauco NA (*coming soon!*)
- Alpena Community College
- Alpena Regional Medical Center
- HSB Inspection and Insurance Company
- Kalitta Air

Good times

- US-23 Heritage Route, a Pure Michigan by-way, is a 200-mile recreational touring route along the Lake Huron coast.
- The 22-mile River Road National Scenic Byway extends westward from Lake Huron into the Huron National Forest.
- Visit Colonial Fort Michilimackinac, an 18th-century fort and fur trading village, reconstructed based on historic maps and more than 50 years of archaeological excavations that continue today.
- Ocqueoc Falls is the largest waterfall in the lower peninsula, and you can swim the falls.
- 59 golf courses.

Natural wonders

- Over 350 parks and campgrounds, plus 1.6 million acres of state and national forestland for hunting.
- 160,000 acres of lakes and 4,000 miles of rivers with 200 public water accesses offer endless fishing opportunities.
- Trails abound: 966 miles for hiking, biking and cross-county ski trails; 280 miles for horseback riding; 1,253 for ORV and motorcycles; 1,220 miles for snowmobiles.



Be more smart

- University Center: a "communiversity" partnership of colleges, universities, and industry offering certifications and degrees through the master's degree level.
- Three community colleges.
- Three high schools ranked in top 100 nationally.

