

## 1 Standish Historic Depot & Welcome Center



Located at the gateway to the US 23 Huron Shores Heritage Route, this newly restored MI Central R.R. Depot, built in 1889, is also the newest State "Welcome Center." Inside displays contain railroad artifacts and depot memorabilia. Special displays change monthly. Outside are two vintage British rail coaches open for viewing. Begin your Huron Shores trip by stopping in at the Standish Depot! Located at the corner of US 23 and M-61 in Standish. Open daily.

## 2 Rifle River



Numerous rapids make this stream one of the Lower Peninsula's fastest and one of the state's most popular trout fishing and canoeing destinations. Perfect for birders and wildlife viewing enthusiasts. An MDNR public access site is located on the south edge of Omer, just off US 23. Several private canoe liveries are also located along the Rifle River.

## 3 Old Courthouse & Masonic Hall: Omer



Currently on the National Register of Historic Places, the building was built in 1890 and served as the county's first courthouse. When the county seat was moved to Standish, it became the local Masonic

lodge. Visitors can see Arenac's first jail as well as an 1890's era barber shop. Old Masonic, city, and township records make it an excellent source of genealogical information.

## 4 Arenac County Historical Museum & Genealogical Society



Inside this 1883 church are recreations of a rural school room, bedroom and parlor, apothecary shop, a country store and vintage apparel. The 2-story museum also features

railroading and commercial fishing exhibits and is the genealogy center for the area. The museum also houses information on Historical Charity Island. Location: 304 E. Michigan Avenue, Au Gres. Open weekends 1:00 to 4:00 from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend.

## 5 Saganing Eagles Landing Casino



Michigan's newest place to play! With over 800 exciting slots and a variety of electronic table games, there are plenty of ways to hit it big close to home. At 32,000 square feet, this comfortable and convenient casino is the natural choice for fun and games. Location: 2690 Worth Road, off M-13, just south of Standish. [www.saganingeagleslanding.com](http://www.saganingeagleslanding.com).

## 6 Au Gres River/Lake Launch & Breakwall



There's plenty of parking (300 spaces for vehicles and trailers) at the Au Gres DNR boat launch located just in from the mouth of the Au Gres River. With 4 concrete ramps and loading docks, it doesn't take long to get on and off Saginaw Bay. The facility ends on a point jutting out into Lake Huron. It offers a scenic view of the Lake Huron coastline, especially for those using the long pier. A terrific year-round location for both hiking and bird watching. Location: just east of the City of Au Gres.

## 7 Au Gres Riverfront Park & Campground



This shaded 23-acre city-owned park and campground is just a short distance from the MDNRE Au Gres River boat launch and Lake Huron breakwall. A paved walkway and wooden bridge connect it to downtown Au Gres. The campground

has 119 sites with full hook-ups. Location: just north of US23 on the northern edge of Au Gres. Reservations: [cityofaugres@centurytel.net](mailto:cityofaugres@centurytel.net). (989) 876-8811.

## 8 Charity Island National Wildlife Refuge



222-acre Charity Island, the largest island in Saginaw Bay, is part of the "Michigan Islands National Wildlife Refuge". Its isolated beaches and unique hardwood forest provide excellent habitat for rare and

protected plants, animals and songbirds. There is also an historic lighthouse on the island that is under private ownership. The island is located approximately 10 miles off-shore and easily accessible from the Au Gres Boat Launch or a privately run ferry service.

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## 9 Maple Ridge Historic School House



The interior of this fully restored 1904 one-room schoolhouse takes you back in time to ink wells and slate chalk boards. Artifacts include period wall maps, wall alphabets, text books and more. Stop in and browse an interesting collection of period class photos. Directions: From US 23, take M-65 to Maple Ridge Road and turn left.

## 10 Arenac County Parks

Daily pass needed for Pte Au Gres Park and Oasis Lake Park. Pass available at parks or at the Arenac County Courthouse (989) 846-6188.



### Pte Au Gres Park



Located on Lake Huron. A great sandy beach, picnic and play areas. Three pavilions, volleyball, horseshoe pits, and barrier-free boardwalk

available. 17 rustic campsites and 5 rustic cabins each with sleeping accommodations for four adults. Reservations: (989) 846-6188. Location: southeast of Au Gres on Rumsey Road.

### Oasis Lake Park



A 207-acre site with a 22 acre lake. The park offers swimming, fishing, picnic areas, children's playground, beach volleyball, and horseshoe pits. 25 rustic campsites available. Location: M-76 between Sterling and Alger.

### Youngman Park



This lovely 46-acre wooded area is made up of fully mature trees and is adjacent to a softball field. There are numerous opportunities for hiking and appreciating the natural habitat. Location: from the corner of US 23 and M-61, east 3.5 miles to Arenac State Road, then north 2 miles. Watch for signs.

## TOURISM INFORMATION

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### Standish Historic Depot & Welcome Center

107 N Main St (US 23)  
Standish, MI  
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### Standish Area Chamber of Commerce

[www.standishchamber.com](http://www.standishchamber.com)  
(989) 846-STOP (7867)

### Au Gres Chamber of Commerce

[www.augreschamber.com](http://www.augreschamber.com) [www.cityofaugres-mi.org](http://www.cityofaugres-mi.org)  
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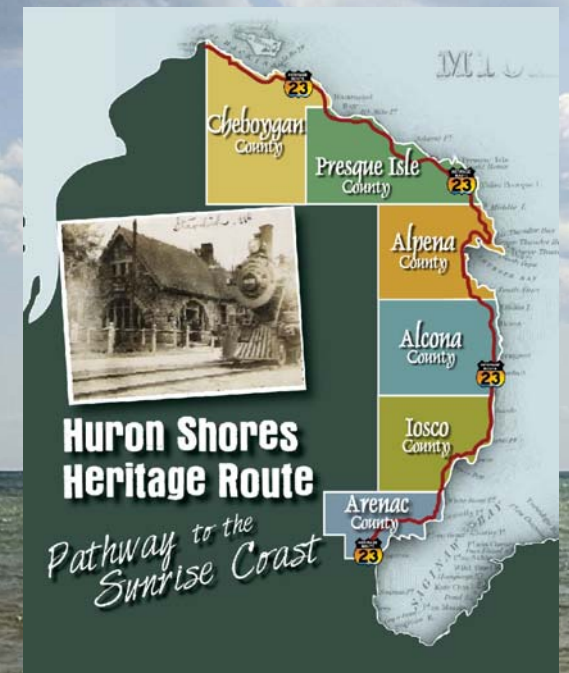


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**Huron Shores Heritage Route**

Paved Roads ———  
 Unpaved Roads - - - - -

Boat Launch	Canoe/Kayak Launch (non-motorized only)
Recreation Site	Playground
Canoeing/Kayaking	Wildlife Viewing
Camping	Scenic Viewing
Restrooms	Fishing
Drinking Water	Walking Trails
Picnic	Au Sable State Forest
Swimming	<small>(Key refers to symbols used on map and back of brochure)</small>

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