

A photograph of four people on the deck of a sailboat. A man in a blue and white plaid shirt and dark shorts sits on the left, holding a drink. A woman in a light blue shirt and white pants stands next to him, also holding a drink. Two other people, a woman in a white shirt and a man in a striped shirt, are sitting on a white towel on the right, holding drinks. The sailboat has a large red sail and is on a blue sea under a clear blue sky.

Saugatuck Douglas

Water Guide & Map

Saugatuck.
Douglas.
Fennville.





Discover the Art Coast—where Lake Michigan’s sparkling expanse of water stretches all the way to the horizon, and soft, sugar sand beaches beckon people to stroll along the shore. Whether you’re looking to set sail and watch the sunset or simply dig your toes in the sand, it’s all here waiting for you.

From the winding Kalamazoo River to the harbor and Big Lake, there are so many opportunities to enjoy the water in the Saugatuck/Douglas area. We invite you to glide leisurely along our waterways from atop a double-decker paddleboat, charter a sailing or fishing excursion, or explore them on your own in a rented retro runabout or donut boat. No matter how you choose to explore, you’ll find any encounter with our unsalted waves an enthralling experience.

Image: Oval Beach

Beaches

01. Douglas Beach Park

This small neighborhood beach offers a picnic area and prime real estate for watching the sunset.

Parking: Very limited, free.

3099 Lakeshore Dr.,
Douglas

02. Laketown Beach

A quiet spot away from the crowds, this peaceful strip of sand and water has stunning sunset views.

Parking: Limited, free.

6710 142nd Ave.,
Holland

03. Oval Beach

Celebrated and awarded for its beautiful sweep of shoreline, this summertime favorite is a must-visit.

Parking: \$10/day, \$50 season. Or ride the Interurban bus for \$1. Free from Labor Day to Memorial Day.

690 Perryman St.,
Douglas

04. Pier Cove Beach

The ideal beach for families to play, this spot features a small creek for wading, smooth stones for skipping, and great views of Lake Michigan.

Parking: Very limited (10 spots), free.

2290 Lakeshore Dr.,
Fennville

05. Saugatuck Dunes State Park Beach

Get back to nature at this state-owned, pet-friendly park featuring 2.5 miles of secluded beach, 200-foot tall wooded dunes, and plenty of hiking trails. Dogs welcome (on leash).

Parking: State park permit or day-use fee required.

6575 138th Ave.,
Holland

06. West Side County Park

This beach is a beautiful place for picnics, family get-togethers, special events, and sunsets.

Parking: Limited, free.

2152 Lakeshore Dr.,
Fennville



Climb Aboard and Cruise Along

From the vast freshwater expanse of the Big Lake to the scenic Kalamazoo River, our picturesque waterways provide the perfect setting for a relaxing cruise or exhilarating excursion.

Drift among the whitecaps on an authentic tall ship or take a leisurely ride atop a 51-ton double-decker paddlewheel boat where you can enjoy stunning views of Saugatuck and the surrounding natural areas.

Whether you're angling for the thrill of sportfishing, looking for a family-friendly charter, or just want to share the sunset on deck with your special someone, your perfect coastal adventure awaits in the Art Coast.

Experiences

Boating

07. Star of Saugatuck

Take a tour of the Kalamazoo River on this authentic sternwheel paddle boat.

716 Water St.,
Saugatuck | 269.857.4261
saugatuckboatcruises.com

08. TFD Adventure Co.

A unique offering of private boat charters, pontoon rentals, public cruises, and special events.

219 N. Union St.,
Douglas | 616.610.7648
tfadventureco.com

09. Yacht Boat Charters

Take a relaxing ride on a 55-foot Chris Craft Roamer Motor Yacht.

220 Water St. Slip #11,
Saugatuck | 616.836.2603
yachtboatcharters.com

Sailing

10. Sailing on Desire

Enjoy a three-hour private sailing excursion aboard a 41-foot Morgan sailboat.

216 St. Peters Dr. Slip 135,
Douglas | 616.204.2879
sailingondesire.com

11. Sailing Saugatuck

Take a two-hour sailing cruise on the Schooner Serenity, Saugatuck's only authentic tall ship.

219 Union St.,
Douglas | 269.214.2445
sailingsaugatuck.com

12. Seasun Sailing

Add fun to your vacation with a sailing cruise on Lake Michigan. Perfect for special occasions.

Tower Marina,
218 St. Peters Dr.,
Douglas | 616.218.1077
seasunsail.net

13. Sweetwater Sailing

Enjoy views of beaches and blue water as you sail the Kalamazoo River into Lake Michigan.

868 Holland St.,
Saugatuck | 616.836.0306
sweetwatersailing.com

Fishing

14. Best Chance Too Charters

Fish for King and Coho Salmon, Steelhead, Lake Trout, and more with the most winning tournament fishing team on Lake Michigan.

650 Water St.,
Saugatuck | 616.292.4812
bestchancetoo.com

15. Saugatuck Charter Fishing

Fish for Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Steelhead, Coho and King Salmon aboard a 36' Trojan named MIRYHA (pronounced Mariah.)

868 Holland St., Slip #5,
Saugatuck | 616.836.0439
saugatuckcharterfishing.com

Water Crossing

16. Saugatuck Chain Ferry

Last operating hand-cranked ferry in the US. This vessel takes people, pets, and bikes across the Kalamazoo River where the steps to Mt. Baldy and the historic Pump House Museum await. \$2 per person one way.

528 Water St.,
Saugatuck | 269.857.4261



Captain Your Own Adventure

Weave your way through our waterways at your own pace with a rental that lets you man the helm.

With several outfitters and boat rental establishments, we'll have you shipshape and charting your own course in no time.

No matter the size of your party or how you plan to make some waves, we have the perfect vessel for your adventure. Small parties can cruise in nostalgic style on a classic retro

runabout boat, while larger groups will love navigating the waters on a Duffy, pontoon, or tritoon boat. And for those looking for a more active way to explore the water, kayaks and paddle boards also can be rented—no experience necessary.

Rentals

17. Big Lake Outfitters

Stand up paddle boards, kayaks and bikes rentals, delivered directly to you! Charter Fishing available.

219 N. Union St.,
Douglas | 269.857.4762
biglakeoutfitters.com

18. Retro Boat Rentals

Rent a vintage runabout, Pontoon, Donut, or Duffy boat. Home of the Old Boat House waterfront bar and restaurant.

730 Water St.,
Saugatuck | 616.405.6688
retroboatrentals.com

19. Retro Boat Pontoon Rentals

Pontoon boat rentals. Bring your own coolers and snacks for a day of fun on the water, located near the Red Dock cafe.

219 N. Union St.,
Douglas | 269.857.4762
retroboatrentals.com

20. Makin' Waves Boat Rentals

Offering clean, comfortable, and luxurious 20' pontoon boats and 3-passenger jet skis for rental.

220 Water St.,
Saugatuck | 269.998.9142
makinwavesboatrental.com

21. Third Coast Paddling

Enjoy a day of fun on the water with kayak or paddleboard rentals.

26 Bayou Dr.,
Wade's Bayou Park,
Douglas | 269.468.9399
thirdcoastpaddling.com

22. Water Trail Ventures

Rent kayaks or camp along the Kalamazoo River.

3151 57th St.,
Fennville | 269.547.1884
watertrailventures.com



Welcoming All Boats to the Art Coast

Experience our stunning coastal landscape and small-town charm from an entirely different perspective. With sculptured sand dunes lining the Lake Michigan shoreline and a scenic river harbor, Saugatuck/Douglas has long been a favorite destination for boating enthusiasts.

Enjoy the simple pleasures of sunshine, water views, and a cool breeze, along with a top-notch culinary and beverage scene in the Art Coast of Michigan. Whether you're yachting or sailing, our area is home to a number of places where you can rent a transient boat slip.

Marinas + Docks

23. Coghlin Park

Limited, free, secure dockage available to access downtown Saugatuck restaurants and shopping from the water.

60 Griffith St.,
Saugatuck | 269.857.2603
saugatuckcity.com

24. Coral Gables Marina

15 seasonal slips with an on-site restaurant.

220 Water St.,
Saugatuck | 269.857.2162
coralgablessaugatuck.com

25. Douglas Marina

Seasonal slips, transient slips, park, restrooms.

201 Washington St.,
Douglas | 269.857.1438
douglasmi.gov

26. Safe Harbor Saugatuck Yacht Service

54 seasonal slips, 2 transient slips pump out service.

868 Holland St.,
Saugatuck | 269.857.4550
towermarine.com

27. Safe Harbor Tower Marina

Docking for boats up to 100' and includes water and electric hook-up. Pump out service available.

216 St. Peters Dr.,
Saugatuck | 269.857.4550
towermarine.com

28. Sergeant Marina

Deep-water slips with 30- & 50-amp electric service up to 50'. Mid-grade gas & premium diesel, ice, in-slip pump-outs, clubhouse, bathrooms and showers, gated parking, wireless internet. Limited transient slips, reservations recommended.

31 Butler St.,
Saugatuck | 269.857.2873
sergeantmarina.com

29. Shore Harbor Marina

Boutique marina featuring seasonal mooring for boats 20-90', and on-site restaurant.

876 Holland St.,
Saugatuck | 269.501.5393
shoreharbormarina.com

30. Singapore Yacht Club

48 slips accommodating 14' to 22' beam boats when the regular user is out.

219 N. Union St.,
Douglas | 269.857.2442
singaporeyachtclub.com

31. Wade's Bayou

Limited, free, secure dockage available to access downtown Douglas restaurants and shopping from the water.

52 Bayou St. #22,
Douglas | 269.857.1438
douglasmi.gov

Boating Responsibly

Have fun. Stay safe. We invite you to enjoy the waters of the Kalamazoo River and Lake Michigan. The map below outlines specific guidelines of the harbor area for your safety and others. When boating on your own, always keep an eye on the weather, as it can change quickly along the coast of Lake Michigan.

Safety Points

- 1 Always operate at a safe speed (especially in crowded areas), stay alert, and steer clear of large vessels and watercraft that can be restricted in their ability to stop or turn.
- 2 Slow – no wake speed within 100 feet of the shoreline, moored and anchored watercraft, pier, person, raft, swimming area, and swimmers.
- 3 Avoid alcohol. Operating a boat while intoxicated is illegal.
- 4 Stay alert – five short blasts from a horn/whistle are a danger signal. One prolonged blast for large boats rounding riverbends or leaving dockage.
- 5 When downstream in the Saugatuck Harbor or on your way through the channel to Lake Michigan, if on a Human Powered Craft (HPC), stay in the HPC safe zone between the red buoys and the South or West shoreline.
- 6 Upstream provides the best natural areas for HPC to explore.
- 7 Ensure there is a personal flotation device (PFD) for each member of your party.
- 8 In case of emergency, call 911.



Map Key

- Safe HPC Zone
- = Chain Ferry Crossing
- No Wake Buoys
- ||| Boat Slips

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