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Michigan United States Highway #31

MILE	KM	ITEM	SUMMARY	MILE	KM
0.0	0.0	Welcome to Michigan	Junction of Interstate Highway #75 North to Rudyard and Dafter; to Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Access to Highway #2 West to communities of Brevort, Gulliver and Manistique.	166.5	268.0
0.0	0.0	View from highway	View from highway approaching the Mackinac bridge.	166.5	268.0
0.0	0.0	View from highway	View from highway driving on the Mackinac bridge.	166.5	268.0
0.0	0.0	View from highway	View from highway looking at Fort Michilimackinac. In 1770, Michilimackinac was the first stop for voyagers, and still is. This complete working colonial village is less than a mile from Mackinaw City. A fiddler leads you on a tour of the grounds. Excavations are ongoing within the stockade, as archaeologists uncover artifacts from the original trading hub. Interpreters serve as guides for this 1700's reconstructed fur-trading village and military outpost.	166.5	268.0
0.0	0.0	View from highway	Photo of the Mackinac toll booth over the Straits of Mackinac.	166.5	268.0
0.0	0.0	View from highway	Photo of the Mackinac bridge.	166.5	268.0
0.0	0.0	Access to Mackinac Island	Mackinac Island. Horses, History & Hospitality Because we are first and foremost a horse town, we prohibit personal automobiles to ensure the health and safety of our horses. Enjoy leisurely carriage tours and trail riding or our alternative modes of transportation: biking hiking, sailing, kayaking or simply strolling your way around the Island. For those traveling from pointâ€™s south, follow I-75 north to Mackinac City or St. Ignace and watch for the well-marked exits to your boat dock of choice.	166.5	268.0
4.3	7.0	Mackinaw City	Experience 4 National Historic Sites: Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Historic Mill Creek, & Fort Mackinac. Colonial Michilimackinac is a reconstructed 1715 French fur-trading village and military outpost, later occupied by British military and traders. Today the fort features re-enactments from the British 1770s occupation/American Revolution era. Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse constructed in 1892, this light was originally built to increase the range lights in the area, since navigators approaching from the east could not see Mc Gulpin's Point light, but was no longer needed with the opening of the Big Mackinac Bridge, in 1960 it was converted into a Maritime Museum. Fort Makinac, Michigan's oldest buildings, a 200 year old fortress.	162.2	261.0
4.3	7.0	Mackinaw City	Exit 339. Access to Highway #23 East to city of Cheboygan. Access to the Cheboygan State Park and the P.H. Hoeft State Park - East of the highway. Cheboygan State Park is open all year for a variety of activities. A system of well-marked trails through the park provides access to scenic Lake Huron vistas, glimpses of rare wildflowers and the lake shore species. Modern camping, rustic cabins, tents and teepees are all available within the park. The Little Billy Elliot Creek flows through the park and is known for its trout. Fishing is also plentiful in Duncan Bay. Hoeft State Park is a heavily wooded 300-acre park with a mile of sandy, Lake Huron shoreline. Hoeft State Park has 144 camp sites.	162.2	261.0
4.5	7.3	Services at the highway	West side of the highway.	162.0	260.7
4.9	7.9	View from highway	Exit 338. Access to Mill Creek Historic State Park - East side of the highway. Access to Michigan State Visitor Information Center. Historic Mill Creek, the Straits of Mackinac's first industrial complex, Mill Creek provided sawn lumber for the settlement of Mackinac Island in the 1790s.	161.6	260.1
6.0	9.7	Cheboygan County	Northern boundary.	160.5	258.3
8.1	13.0	View from highway	Exit 336. I-75 continues South to Bay City.Note: This is the actual start of Highway #31. Also called the 'Michigan Circle Tour Route.'The Great Lakes Circle Tour is a designated, scenic road system connecting all of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River. The Circle Tour is over 6,500 miles or 10,500 kilometers long. It encompasses individual lake Circle Tours including New York State's Seaway Trail system. The road route, marked by distinctive green and white signs, is usually the closest major road or highway to the water.	158.5	255.0
8.5	13.7	Entering Mackinaw State Forest	Northern boundary.	158.0	254.3

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9.8	15.8	View from highway	View from highway driving South.	156.7	252.2
11.7	18.8	Gill Road	Community of Carp Lake. Access to Wilderness State Park - West side of the highway.	154.9	249.2
11.9	19.2	Access to Paradise Lake	East side of the highway. The lake is approximately 2000 acres and is excellent for fishing Northern and Bass as well as Walleye and Perch.	154.6	248.8
15.8	25.5	Community of Levering	Junction of County Roadway #66 West to community of Cross Village.	150.7	242.5
16.1	25.9	Junction of County Roadway #66	East access to city of Cheboygan. Services and gas - West side of the highway. The city of Cheboygan is located on the shoreline of Lake Huron and the banks of the Cheboygan River.	150.4	242.1
18.8	30.2	Services, gas and diesel available		147.8	237.8
18.9	30.4	Access to lodging	East side of the highway.	147.6	237.6
20.4	32.8	Access to Pellston Regional Airport	Services available at the highway.	146.2	235.2
21.5	34.6	Community of Pellston	Access to the business section.	145.0	233.4
21.7	34.9	Junction of County Roadway #C44		144.8	233.1
21.7	35.0	Services, gas and diesel	North side of the highway.	144.8	233.0
21.8	35.1	Point of Information	Crossing Maple River.	144.7	232.9
22.5	36.2	Community of Brutus	Brutus Road - access to Burt Lake Stat Park. Services and gas - East side at the highway. Access to Burt Lake - East of the highway.	144.0	231.8
28.7	46.2	Community of Alanson		137.8	221.8
29.4	47.3	Junction of Highway #68 East	Access to communities of Afton, Tower and Onaway. Services and gas - West side of the highway.	137.1	220.7
31.4	50.5	Community of Oden		135.2	217.5
32.9	53.0	Access to Michigan Fisheries Visitor Information Center	North side of the highway.	133.6	215.0
33.7	54.3	Access to Oden State Fish Hatchery	West side of the highway. This facility is the brown and rainbow trout broodstock station and is a major rearing facility for those two species.	132.8	213.7
33.9	54.6	Community of Conway		132.6	213.4
35.5	57.2	Services, gas and diesel	West side of the highway.	131.0	210.8
36.1	58.1	Access to campgrounds	East side of the highway.	130.4	209.9
36.7	59.0	Pickeral Road	Access to Crooked Lake - East side of the highway.	129.9	209.0
37.2	59.9	Junction of Highway #119	North acces to communities of Harbor Spring and Good Hart. Access to state police - North of the highway.	129.3	208.1
37.7	60.7	Services and fuel at the highway		128.8	207.3
37.9	61.0	Junction of County Roadway #81	East access to community of Clarion.	128.6	207.0
38.8	62.4	Community of Petoskey	Northern limits. Petoskey is a year-round resort community nestled on the shores of Lake Michigan's Little Traverse Bay	127.8	205.6
39.5	63.5		Roadside turnout - paved with scenic viewpoint - West side of the highway. 'Little Traverse Bay - For centuries this region has been the home of Ottawa Indians, whose warriors and orators fought bravely to retain their land. Around 1700 a mission was built by French Jesuits at the famous L'Arbre Croche villages which stretched from Cross Village to Harbor Springs. Petoskey, named for Chief Pe-to-se-ga of the Bear River Band, was first settled in 1852 by Andrew Porter, a Presbyterian missionary. With the coming of the railroad in 1873 it changed rapidly from primitive settlement to one of America's leading summer resort cities. Bay View, the adjoining summer colony, was established in 1875.	127.1	204.5
39.5	63.5		Photo view from roadside turnout of Little Traverse Bay.	127.1	204.5
39.5	63.5	View from highway	View from highway driving South.	126.8	204.0
40.2	64.7	Services and gas	West side at the highway.	126.3	203.3
40.3	64.9	Services and gas	East side at the highway.	126.2	203.1
40.6	65.4	Junction of Highway #131	South access to Boyne Falls, Cadillac and Grand Rapids.	125.9	202.6
43.2	69.6	Community of Bay Harbor	Situated on five miles of Lake Michigan shoreline between Petoskey and Charlevoix Bay	123.3	198.4
43.3	69.7	Gas and diesel	West side at the highway.	123.2	198.3
46.8	75.3	Community of Bayshore		119.7	192.7
47.0	75.7	Services, gas and diesel	Available at the highway.	119.5	192.3
48.8	78.6	View from highway	View from highway driving South.	117.7	189.4
48.9	78.7	Roadside turnout	With scenic view point.	117.6	189.3
51.3	82.5	Roadside turnout	Access to rest area, picnic tables, toilets, viewpoint.	115.3	185.5

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54.4	87.6	Junction of County Roadway #C56	East to community of Horton Bay; to Young State Park. Access to Susan Lake. Young State Park is located at the east end of beautiful Lake Charlevoix. The park spans over 560 acres in Charlevoix County. Lake Charlevoix is stocked annually with rainbow, brown, and lake trout. Mirror Pond provides a good fishing site for children. The pond is stocked with sunfish and rock bass.	112.1	180.4
55.1	88.6	Services and gas	West side at the highway.	111.5	179.4
55.3	89.0	City of Charlevoix	The city of Charlevoix is perched on an isthmus between Lake Michigan and Round Lake, spreading out onto the shores of Lake Charlevoix.	111.2	179.0
56.7	91.3	Junction of Highway #M66	South to communities of East Jordan and Mancelona. Access to the business district of Charlevoix.	109.8	176.7
58.9	94.8	Access to Fisherman Island State Park	West side of the highway. The sites are divided into two locations. Fisherman's Island State Park is a 2,678-acre park in Charlevoix County that features a park road that travels for two and a half miles along the Lake Michigan shoreline. Away from the shoreline, the park's terrain consists of rolling dunes, covered with maple, birch and aspen broken up by bogs of cedar and black spruce. 31 in the north campground and 50 in the south campground	107.6	173.2
62.0	99.7	View from highway	View from highway driving South.	104.6	168.3
65.2	104.9	Access to community of Norwood	West side of the highway.	101.4	163.1
66.7	107.3	Antrim County	Northern boundary. In 1863 the Legislature organized Antrim County, attaching the unorganized counties of Kalkaska, Crawford and Ostego; at the same time the name of the town of Meguzee was changed to Elk Rapids, the county seat.	99.9	160.7
68.8	110.7	Junction of County Roadway #C48	East access to communities of Ellsworth and East Jordan. Access to campgrounds, RV park - East side of the highway.	97.7	157.3
68.8	110.7	Community of Atwood	Services and gas - West side at the highway.	97.7	157.3
73.2	117.8	Community of Eastport	Services, gas and diesel - at the highway.	93.3	150.2
73.3	118.0	Junction of Highway #M88	East access to communities of Central Lake, Belaire and Mancelona. Access to Shanty Creek Ski Area - East of the highway. Shanty Creek Resort & Club is a four-season resort comprised of three unique villages. Summit, Schuss and Cedar River Village.	93.2	150.0
75.7	121.8	Community of Torch Lake	Torch Lake, at 18 miles long , is Michigan's longest lake. Fish species: Lake trout, rock bass, yellow perch, small mouth bass, muskellunge, ciscoes, brown trout, rainbow trout, whitefish.	90.8	146.2
75.9	122.2	Access to Torch Lake Township Park	East side of the highway.	90.6	145.8
81.3	130.9	Point of Information	45th Parallel.	85.2	137.1
82.6	133.0	Cairn Highway		83.9	135.0
85.1	137.0	Access to community of Birch Lake	East of the highway.	81.4	131.0
85.5	137.6	Roadside turnout	Rest area with picnic tables, toilets and a scenic view area of Birch Lake - East side of the highway.	81.0	130.4
86.3	138.8	Williams Drive	Community of Kewadin.	80.3	129.2
88.5	142.5		Community of Elk Rapids. Elk Rapids was platted in 1852 and originally named Stevens, Michigan later to be changed in 1858 to its present name - of Elk Rapids coming from a set of elk horns found in the Meguzee River Rapids. The town of Stevens, and both Meguzee River & Meguzee Lake were renamed to Elk in honor of the elk horns.	78.0	125.5
88.7	142.8	View from highway	View from highway driving South.	77.8	125.2
89.2	143.6	Services and gas	Available at the highway.	77.3	124.4
89.5	144.0	Access to White Water State Park	Access to campgrounds - East side of the highway.	77.1	124.0
91.7	147.6	Grand Traverse County	Northern boundary. The name Grand Traverse comes from the French in the early fur trading days who describe the nine-mile voyager trail along the shore across the foot of Grand Traverse Bay, as Le Grand Traverse or "the long crossing." Originally, it was named Omeena, with the probable meaning, "the point beyond." The County was a part of Mackinaw, but was organized by act approved April 7, 1851, as Grand Traverse County.	74.8	120.4
94.2	151.6	Community of Yuba		72.3	116.4
95.6	153.8	View from highway	View from highway driving South.	71.0	114.2
97.5	156.9	Access to campgrounds	East side of the highway.	69.0	111.1
98.4	158.4	Community of Acme		68.1	109.6

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98.6	158.7	Junction of Highway #M72	East to communities of Kalkaska, Grayling and Mio. Note: Highway #M72 overlaps Highway #31 at this point.	67.9	109.3
98.7	158.8	Services and diesel	West side at the highway.	67.9	109.2
98.8	159.0	Access to tourist information center	East side of the highway.	67.7	109.0
99.5	160.1	Access to Michigan State Park	With hiking trails - West side of the highway.	67.0	107.9
99.8	160.6	View from highway	View from highway driving South.	66.7	107.4
102.2	164.5	Access to the Traverse City State Park	With campgrounds - East side of the highway. Traverse City State Park is a completely developed, 47 acre, urban park that features a quarter mile of beautiful beach on the East Arm of the Grand Traverse Bay. The Park has 343 sites in a completely wooded mix of hard and soft wood trees, a short drive to all major attractions in the area like Sleeping Bear Dunes, casinos, The Grand Traverse Resort and numerous outstanding golf courses.	64.3	103.5
102.5	165.0	Access to Traverse City State Park beach area	West side of the highway.	64.0	103.0
103.4	166.4		City of Traverse - Northern boundary. Traverse City and many nearby communities have fine historical museums with large collections of items from the pioneer era. Also, some of the area's most interesting historical sites are outdoors and can be combined with a pleasant walk or a scenic drive. A visit to Traverse City's splendid opera house, a stroll through the Grand Traverse Commons or a drive to the historic village of Old Mission.	63.1	101.6
104.3	167.8	Access to North Western Michigan College	West side of the highway.	62.3	100.2
104.6	168.4	Garfield Avenue	Junction of Highway #M37. Note: Highway #M37 overlaps Highway #31 at this point.	61.9	99.6
105.4	169.6	Access to downtown business area of Traverse City		61.1	98.4
105.6	170.0	View from highway	View from highway driving South.	60.9	98.0
106.6	171.5	View from highway	Photo view looking at Grand Traverse Bay.	60.0	96.5
106.7	171.7	Junction of Highway #M72	West access to community of Empire; to the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. Junction of Highway #M22 North to Suttons Bay, Lake Leelanau and Northport. Note: Hwy #M72 overlap ends at this point. Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore encompasses a 60 km (35 mi.) stretch of Lake Michigan's eastern coastline, as well as North and South Manitou Islands.	59.8	96.3
107.8	173.4	Silver Lake Road		58.8	94.6
109.9	176.8	Airport Road		56.7	91.2
113.5	182.6	Junction of Highway #M37	South to communities of Buckley, Mesick and Yuma. Note: Highway #M37 overlap ends at this point.	53.1	85.4
114.2	183.7	Access to Silver Lake	West side of the highway.	52.4	84.3
114.3	184.0	Access to campgrounds	West side of the highway.	52.2	84.0
115.6	186.0	Access to town of Grawn		51.0	82.0
117.8	189.6	Access to Ellis Lake	West side of the highway.	48.7	78.4
119.1	191.7	South Long Lake Road	Services and fuel at the highway. Access to Interlochen State Park - South of the highway. Interlochen State Park Has 490 Campsites (60 rustic - remaining are modern). Situated between Duck and Green Lake, adjacent to National Music Camp.	47.4	76.3
120.5	193.9	Access to forest campgrounds	West side of the highway.	46.0	74.1
121.5	195.6	Benzie County	Eastern boundary.	45.0	72.4
122.5	197.1	Access to Lake Ann Village	West side of the highway. Lake Ann is a small resort town situated in Benzie County.	44.1	70.9
123.5	198.8	Access to Pere Marquette State Forest Campgrounds	East side of the highway. The Pere Marquette State Forest campgrounds encompass lands in the upper lower peninsula on the western side of the state. Campgrounds include hike in sites, horse campsites and site accessible by water. Biking, hiking and groomed cross-country ski trails. ORV scramble area at Long Lake and Carrieville campgrounds.	43.0	69.2
125.5	202.0	View from highway	View from highway driving South.	41.0	66.0
127.4	205.1	Access to community of Thompsonville	South side of the highway.	39.1	62.9

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127.9	205.8	Access to state forest campgrounds	East side of the highway.	38.7	62.2
131.0	210.8	Community of Honor		35.5	57.2
131.2	211.2	Access to County Roadway #677		35.3	56.8
131.6	211.8	Services and gas	Available at the highway.	34.9	56.2
131.7	212.0	Access to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	West of the highway.	34.8	56.0
131.8	212.1	View from highway	Photo view of the Honor business district.	34.7	55.9
132.4	213.1	Point of Information	Crossing the Platte River. The Platte River is a small to medium size tributary to Lake Michigan run with both steelhead and salmon. It is also a fine trout fishery with good hatches of mayflies, caddis, and stoneflies.	34.1	54.9
132.9	213.9	Platte Road	Public access to Platte Lake.	33.6	54.1
135.0	217.3	Access to lodging	West side of the highway.	31.5	50.7
136.3	219.4		Welcome to community of Beulah.	30.2	48.6
137.5	221.3		Welcome to the community of Benzonia.	29.0	46.7
138.0	222.1	Junctioin of Highway #M115	West access to community of Frankfort. Services, gas and diesel - at the highway. Access to Betsie River, and campgrounds.	28.5	45.9
138.7	223.2	Access to lodging	West side of the highway.	27.8	44.8
139.0	223.7	Access to campgrounds	West side of the highway.	27.5	44.3
139.1	223.9	Point of Information	Crossing the Betsie River.	27.4	44.1
140.1	225.4	Junction of Highway #M115	East access to communities of Copemish, Cadillac and Farewell.	26.5	42.6
142.5	229.3	View from highway	View from highway driving South.	24.0	38.7
143.6	231.1	Access to roadside turnout	State rest area with picnic area, BBQ's and washrooms.	22.9	36.9
145.2	233.7	Manistee County	Northern boundary. Coastline villages include Onekama, Arcadia and Bear Lake. Inland communities near smaller Inland Lakes, include Copemish, Kaleva, Brethren and Wellston. Manistee, the Victorian Port City, with itâ€™s many Victorian buildings and homes called 'Painted Ladies' is located on Lake Michigan, Manistee Lake, and the winding Manistee River.	21.3	34.3
146.8	236.3	Access to town of Arcadia	West side of the highway.	19.7	31.7
147.3	237.0	Access to RV park campground	West side of the highway.	19.3	31.0
149.4	240.5	Access to rv park campground	West side of the highway.	17.1	27.5
149.9	241.3	View from highway	View from highway driving South.	16.6	26.7
151.1	243.2	Services and fuel	East side of the highway.	15.4	24.8
151.6	243.9		Community of Bear Lake. Access to community of Wildwood and Pierport - West of the highway. Bear Lake a quiet community surrounds the 1,800 acre lake where fishing, swimming, sailing, and boating are enjoyed.	15.0	24.1
152.2	245.0	Services, gas and diesel	West side of the highway.	14.3	23.0
152.3	245.1	Access to lodging	East side of the highway.	14.2	22.9
153.9	247.6	Services, gas and diesel	East side of the highway.	12.7	20.4
156.8	252.4	Access to community of Onekama	West side of the highway.	9.7	15.6
157.8	254.0	Access to community of Norwalk	East of the highway.	8.7	14.0
159.4	256.5	View from highway	View from highway driving South.	7.1	11.5
160.9	259.0	Access to community of Brethren	East of the highway.	5.6	9.0
161.4	259.8	View from highway	View from highway driving South.	5.1	8.2
163.6	263.2	Junction of Highway #M22	North to communitites of Elberta, Empire and Glen Arbor. Access to the Homestead Ski Area - North of the highway.	3.0	4.8
165.7	266.7	Services, gas and diesel	Available at the highway.	0.8	1.3
166.5	268.0	City of Parkdale	Junction of Highway #55 South to East Lake and Lake City. Access to Orchard Beach State Park - West of the highway. Access to Roadway #110 North to community of Bar Lake. Highway #31 continues South to city of Manistee. Orchard Beach State Park Camping: 167 campsites, one mini cabin, two paved handicap sites and two rest room and shower buildings.	0.0	0.0
166.5	268.0	Start / Finish of Highway Travel Guide - S&e	For continuation of this highway visit MilebyMile.com, Michigan US Highway 31, Section 2. City of Manistee (Junction of Highway #55) to Michigan/Indiana State Line.	0.0	0.0