



## Pedal the Lakeshore

### Free Ranger Guided Bike Tours

### June 23 – August 28, 2009



Ride the winding back roads as we pedal through history. Leave the car behind, and enjoy the fields, forests, and fresh air on your bicycle! As one of the parks selected by the National Park Foundation to promote alternative transportation, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore will be offering seven bike tours per week at four very different locations.

#### **Bicycle Safety and Beach Ride at Platte River Campground**

Hey Kids! Bring your adult(s) and join a ranger for an adventure in fun and safety! This bicycle safety talk will be followed by a short ride through the woods to the beach at the end of Peterson Road; meet at the Platte River Campground Ranger Station parking lot. Tuesdays at 7:00pm (3 miles, 1 hour – easy ride, all ages welcome!)

#### **Recreation and Tourism: Past, Present, and Future!**

Ride through the ages with a ranger on this recreational and scenic opportunity. Join us on a journey through the history of recreation and tourism, discovering how this has changed over time - from 150 years ago and into the future! Wednesdays at 11:00am, Thursdays at 5:00pm (9 miles, 2.5 hours)

#### **Discovering Cultural Landscapes: Port Oneida Rural Historic District**

What is a cultural landscape? Come to Port Oneida to find out as we pedal through the 3,500 acre Port Oneida Rural Historic District, the largest of its kind in the entire nation! Wednesdays at 5:00pm, Fridays at 11:00am (7 miles, 2 hours)

#### **Backroads: Farms and Forests**

South of Empire, we will start at an old school house and ride through an agricultural landscape, visit a ghost town, and transition into the woods at a former logging area, talking about the natural and cultural history along the way! Thursdays at 11:00am, Fridays at 5:00pm (7-10 miles, 2.5 hours)

**Details:** Directions and maps for all rides are on the back.

- Rides are considered moderate in difficulty and strenuous at times. Tours will be on gravel, dirt, and some paved roads. Mountain bike tires are appropriate.
- Helmets are required, and children should be at least 10 years of age.
- Bring sunscreen, bug spray, a camera, water, and something to snack on.
- Please remember that bikes need to be in good working order.

No reservations are needed, and participants need only purchase the park entrance pass to join in the fun (\$10.00 per vehicle valid for seven days or \$20.00 per vehicle for an entire year). When planning to attend a program, be prepared for all kinds of weather and dress appropriately. For more information about the schedule or other Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore activities, please call the Visitor Center at 231-326-5134, ext. 328 or go to [www.nps.gov/slbe](http://www.nps.gov/slbe).

## Directions to Meeting Points

### **Recreation and Tourism: Past, Present, and Future!** Wednesdays at 11am and Thursdays at 5pm.



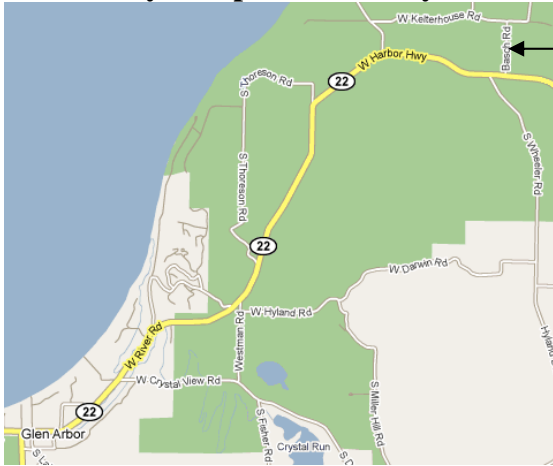
#### **Glen Lake Picnic Area/M-109**

From the Visitor Center in Empire, drive north on M-22, take a left on M-109 and drive 4 miles north.

After passing the Dune Climb, our meeting point will be on the right side at the Glen Lake Picnic Area. If you arrive in Glen Haven, you've gone too far.

**Tour meets at the Glen Lake Picnic Area located near the Dune Climb on M-109.**

### **Discovering Cultural Landscapes: Port Oneida Rural Historic District** Wednesdays at 5pm and Fridays at 11am.



#### **Basch Road/M-22**

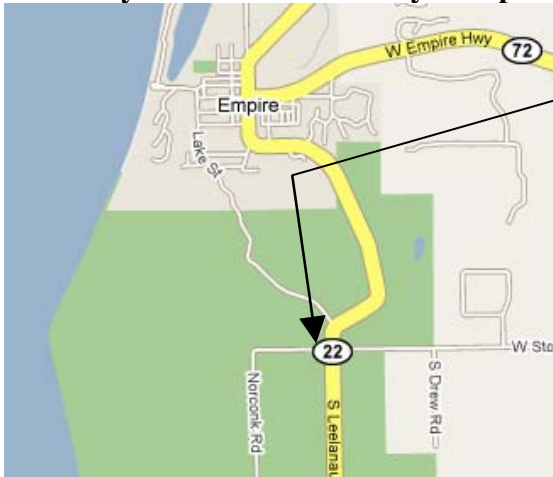
From the Visitor Center in Empire, travel north on M-22 through Glen Arbor.

You will see a sign that says "Port Oneida Rural Historic District," Basch Road is a dirt road on the left, just after a sign marking the "Lawr Farm."

Our meeting point is marked by a picnic area at the corner of M-22 and Basch Road, 14 miles north of Empire. If you pass County Road 669, you've gone too far.

**Tour meets at the corner of M-22 and Basch Road, located north of Glen Arbor.**

### **Backroads: Farms and Forests** Thursdays at 11am and Fridays at 5pm.



#### **Norconk Road/M-22**

From the Visitor Center in Empire, turn left on M-22 (South) and drive 1.5 miles to Norconk/Stormer Road.

Take a right on Norconk Road. Our meeting point is behind the old schoolhouse on this corner. If you pass a lone barn in a field, you've gone too far.

**Tour meets behind the schoolhouse on the corner of M-22 and Norconk/Stormer Road. Located just south of Empire.**