

# Sleeping Bear Dunes

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National Lakeshore



## RANGER-GUIDED HIKES AND PROGRAMS – OCTOBER 2009

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### Saturday, October 3

**1:00 PM Saturday at the Lakeshore – Fungus Foray (Visitor Center, 2 hours, less than 2 miles round-trip)**

Fall rains and cooler temperatures stimulate the growth of a variety of fungus in our woodlands. Join a ranger to learn about the types of fungus and search for what is out right now. Meet the ranger at the visitor center for an introduction; then car caravan to the starting point for the hike. Brightly colored clothes are recommended for added safety.

### Saturday, October 10

**1:00 PM Saturday at the Lakeshore – Glen Haven Historic Village (Visitor Center, 2 hours, ½ mile round-trip)**

Step back into the colorful past of an historic steamboat stop that operated from 1865 to 1931. Feel the past come back to life through stories on this ranger-guided walking tour of the once bustling village. Meet the ranger at the visitor center for an introduction; then car caravan to the starting point for the hike.

**7:30 PM Historic Beach Patrol (Sleeping Bear Point Maritime Museum, 2 hours, less than 2 miles round-trip)**

Patrol the dark night beach with lanterns and a surfman from the U.S. Lifesaving Service surfman in search of a shipwreck. Dress for the weather.

### Saturday, October 17

**1:00 PM Saturday at the Lakeshore – Great Lakes Geology (Visitor Center, 2 hours, 2 miles round-trip)**

Discover the fascinating geology of the Great Lakes dunes – sand and ice, overlooks and landslides on this ranger-led hike. Meet at the visitor center for an introduction; then car caravan to the starting point for the hike.

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### Friday, October 23

**2:00 PM Artist-in-Residence Program (Visitor Center, 2 hours)**

Ms. Nicole Macdonald, a filmmaker from Detroit, will give a presentation about her experiences over the last three weeks at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore as an Artist-in-Residence.

### Saturday, October 24

**1:00 PM Saturday at the Lakeshore - FUN Fall Frenzy (Visitor Center, 2 hours, less than 2 miles)**

Join a ranger for the second outing of the FUN (Families United with Nature) outdoor activity club. Enjoy the autumn colors and learning about how wild creatures prepare for winter with an afternoon of hiking and hands-on nature activities. Meet the ranger at the visitor center for an introduction; then car caravan to the starting point for the hike. Brightly colored clothes are recommended for added safety.

### Saturday, October 31

**1:00 PM Saturday at the Lakeshore – Aral: History, Mystery, and Murder (Visitor Center, 2 hours, less than 2 miles)**

Explore the site of a once-booming lumber town that vanished. Learn of the hidden history, mystery, and murders and why the town disappeared. Meet the ranger at the visitor center for an introduction; then car caravan to the starting point for the hike. Closed-toed shoes and brightly colored clothes are recommended for added safety.

*NOTE: All ranger-led programs are free. Participants need only purchase the park entrance pass or have an annual pass already to join in the fun. Reservations are not required, but are suggested if you wish to bring a group. Please call 231-326-5134 ext. 330 for details or log onto [www.nps.gov/slbe](http://www.nps.gov/slbe).*



Listening Systems are available for the hearing impaired. Call the Visitor Center at 231-326-5135 ext. 328 for reservations.

Some of these and other park visitor services are made possible through the entrance fees charged under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.