



Pedal the Lakeshore

Free Ranger Guided Bike Tours



June 25 – August 16, 2008



Come experience the lakeshore! Ride the winding back roads of Sleeping Bear Dunes and pedal through history on old farm roads and former logging roads. Enjoy the fields, forests, and fresh air on your bicycle!

As one of the parks selected by the National Park Foundation and the Ford Motor Company to promote alternative transportation, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore will be offering six bike tours per week at two very different locations. Join us in leaving the car behind and exploring Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore by bike!

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 11:00 am, Fridays at 5:00 pm, Saturdays at 11:00 am **(Directions on back)**.

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 5:00 pm, Fridays at 11:00 am, Saturdays at 5:00 pm **(Directions on back)**.

Details:

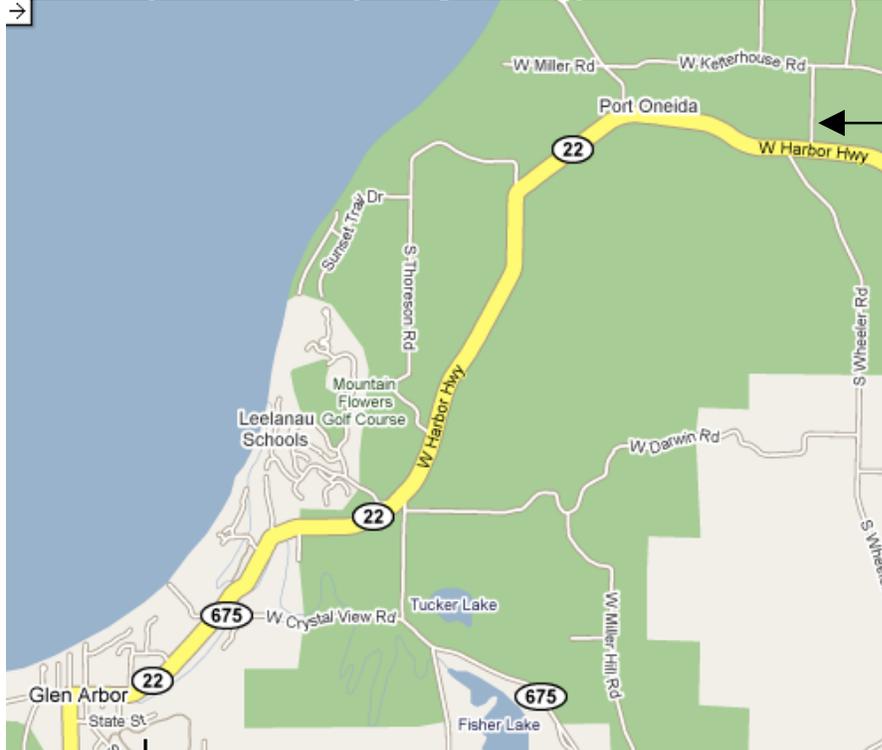
- Rides will be between 8 and 10 miles, and will be considered moderate in difficulty and strenuous at times. Tours will be on gravel, dirt, and some paved roads. Mountain bike tires are appropriate. Please allow 2 hours for our tour.
- Helmets are required and children should be at least 11 years of age.
- Bring sunscreen, bug spray, water, a camera, and maybe something to snack on.
- Please remember that bikes need to be in good working order.

Information about August programs coming later!

No reservations are needed, and participants need only purchase the park entrance pass to join in the fun (\$10 per vehicle valid for seven days or \$20 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.

Directions to Meeting Points

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



Basch Road

From the visitor center in Empire, travel north on M-22 through Glen Arbor.

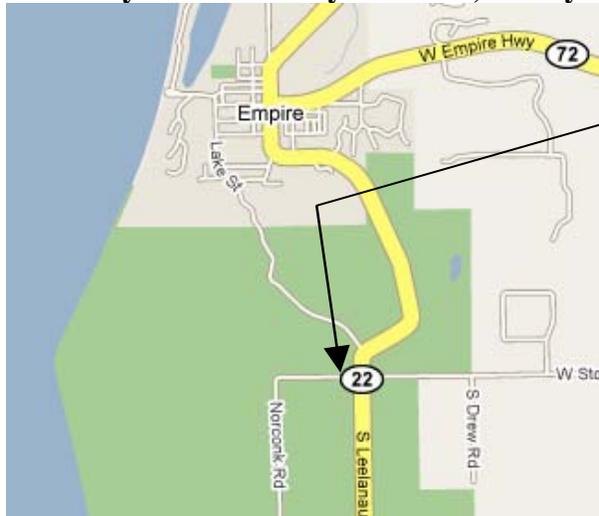
You will see a sign that says “Port Oneida Rural Historic District” Basch Road is a dirt road on the left, just after a sign marking the “Lawr Farm.”

Our meeting area is marked by a small 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 in the Port Oneida Rural Historic District, north of Glen Arbor.

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Norconk Road

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.