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The Best Nature Escape in the Midwest

Welcome to one of the most beautiful natural areas in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Come and enjoy 35 miles of Lake Michigan's eastern coastline, explore North and South Manitou Islands, and of course climb the dunes!

[2008 Visitors Guide](#) (pdf file, 2,454 kb).

[Current list of Ranger-Led Programs](#) (pdf file, 43 kb).



Philip A. Hart Visitor Center

The Visitor Center is located on M-72 in Empire, MI. Come and learn more about the National Lakeshore. Hearing technology is available at the Front Desk and for Ranger-led Programs - [Click Here](#) for more information. Rangers and volunteers are on duty every day to answer your questions about the park and the surrounding area.

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Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive

Take a drive along the seven-mile Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive to learn about the geology, plant life, and history while you enjoy beautiful views of the dunes and Lake Michigan, Glen Lake, and the Manitou Islands. Stop and enjoy the observation points and picnic areas located along the drive.

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The Dune Climb

Everyone wants to climb the dunes! Head north on M-22 from Empire and take M-109 to The Dune Climb. The whole family will have fun climbing the huge dune of pure wind-blown sand to a beautiful view of Glen Lake. You will also find restrooms, drink and snack vending machines, and the Dune Center