



**A picture worth a 1000 words - the best way to describe winter beauty in Manistique. Following is Part 2 of places to stop while vacationing in Manistique. We will continue our tour by heading west on US 2.**



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The stops on this trek give us lessons in time, from current to turn of the century and lastly in the 1800s. Start by heading west on US2 then turning north on M149.



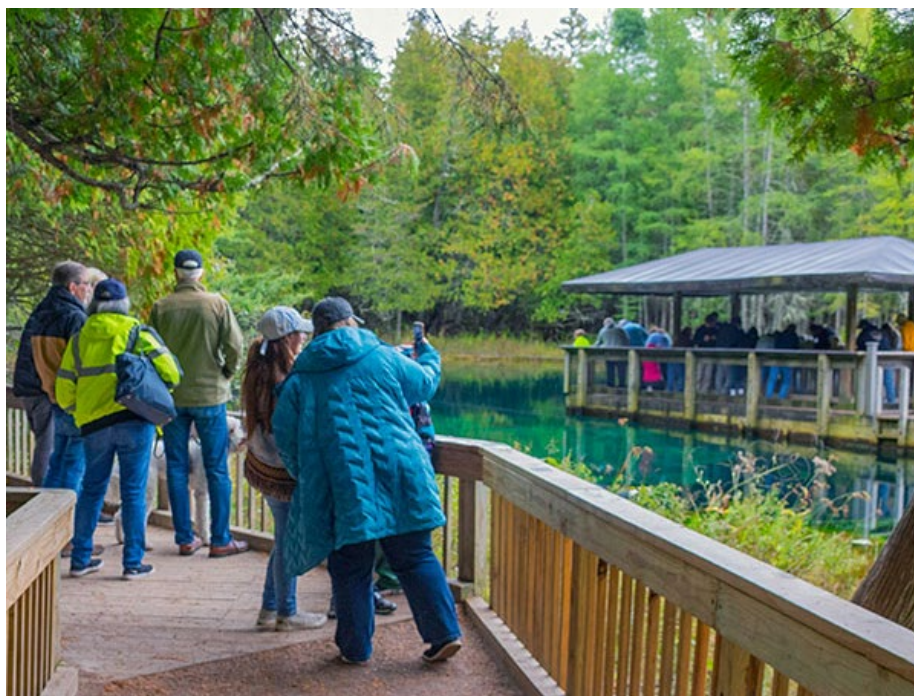
### **Thompson State Fish Hatchery**

Location: 944 S. State Highway M149

Open at no charge to the public. Tours and visitor center are self-guided and open daily, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. This facility was established in 1922 and produces species for both inland and Great Lakes waters.

Currently more than 7.2 million fish have been produced.

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Fish and a clear spring for viewing them are found by staying on M194, heading north.

### **Palms Book State Park (Kitch-iti-kipi, The Big Spring)**

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M-149, Manistique

The state of Michigan was granted purchase of the spring with accompanying land in 1926, under the condition that it be turned into a public park.



Head back to US2, go west then turn south on the Garden Peninsula.

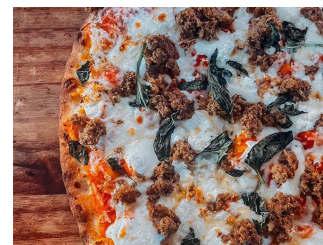
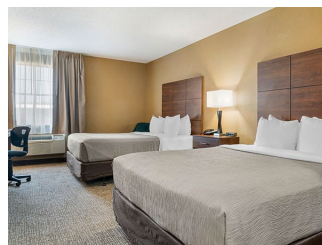
**Fayette Historic State Park & Fayette Historic Townsite**

Location: 4785 II Road - Garden

Fayette, on the Garden Peninsula, is all about history. About 500 people lived in Fayette from 1867 to 1891 while smelting iron for the Jackson Iron Company. The town has been reconstructed into a living museum showing what life was like in the late 19th century. Five miles of hiking trails wind through beech and maple hardwood forests and throughout the historic town site.

***Part three in April Newsletter we go in search of waterways, islands, and nature as we head north of Manistique.***

***Make Manistique your vacation headquarters -  
shop - sleep - dine.***



While waiting for spring - enjoy more winter:

- There are 22 inches of snow on the ground. [Pure Michigan](#)
- Trails are currently in great condition. The snow is powdery and sugary. [SCMTA](#)

- [Manistique's winter playground](#)



*One of winter's safety rules is to stay on the trails. This picture shows what happens if you don't. A deer found itself off trail right onto the roof of Billie and Jerry Leafers home in Curtis.*

## **March 2026 Events**

**FRIENDS OF SENEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

# 2026 WINTER FILM FESTIVAL

**FUN! FREE! FAMILY FRIENDLY!**

ERICKSON CENTER – PINE PERFORMANCE CENTER, CURTIS, MI  
DOORS OPEN 6:00PM | PROGRAMS BEGIN 6:30PM  
FREE – DONATIONS WELCOME

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5**  
**LIVE PRESENTATION: OWLS OF WHITEFISH POINT**

Join Chris Neri and Nova Mackentley for a behind-the-scenes look at more than 25 years of owl banding at Whitefish Point. In this special presentation—offered in partnership by Friends of Whitefish Point and Friends of Seney National Wildlife Refuge—these renowned field biologists and wildlife photographers share stories, images, and research insights that reveal owl migration patterns and what long-term monitoring tells us about change in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12**  
**ALL TOO CLEAR**

Using cutting-edge underwater drones, All Too Clear is an award-winning film that dives beneath the Great Lakes to reveal a startling transformation. As invasive quagga mussels alter entire food webs, scientists race to understand what's being lost—and what hope remains. Visually stunning, the film explores the impact of the quagga mussel on the whitefish population and what scientists are doing to protect our freshwater ecosystems. Eliot Nelson with Michigan Sea Grant will join us to answer questions after the film.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19**  
**RETURN OF THE TRUMPETERS**

Once nearly extinct, trumpeter swans have returned to the Great Lakes thanks to decades of conservation work. This inspiring film traces the remarkable recovery of North America's largest swan—celebrating persistence, partnership, and the power of wetlands to heal when given the chance. This 90 minute film is a project of The Trumpeter Swan Society and funded by a bequest from the James and Patricia Bigley Trust. It was created and produced by Steve Devlin and includes spectacular footage of Seney's swans. A Seney ranger will be on hand to answer questions after the film.

**JOIN US as we celebrate wildlife, science & conservation!**  
Questions? Email us at [trendsattends@seney.org](mailto:trendsattends@seney.org)



**March 6**  
**Kaotica LIVE @ Flatiron Brewing**  
 Flatiron Brewing  
 375 Traders Point Dr  
 #4, Manistique  
 5 - 8pm



**March 7**  
**Little Jiggers Ice Fishing Tournament**  
 Central Park Quarry  
 180 N Maple Street,  
 Manistique  
 10am - 12pm



**March 7**  
**Elks Chili Cook Off**  
 Manistique Elks Lodge #632  
 213 Walnut Street,  
 Manistique



**March 7**  
**Kiwanis Mother & Son Bowling Fun**  
 Ten Pin Alley  
 1005 E Lake Shore Drive - Manistique  
 12 - 3pm



**March 7**  
**Stand Up Comedy @ Flatiron Brewing**  
 Flatiron Brewing  
 375 Traders Point Dr  
 #4, Manistique  
 7pm



**March 9**  
**Bingo Night Benefit**  
 Wheaty's Pub  
 204 S Cedar Street -  
 Manistique  
 6pm



**March 10, 17, and 24**  
**"Making Space" Hands-On Art Class**  
 Lake Effect Community Arts  
 244 S Cedar Street - Manistique  
 6:30 - 8pm



**March 12**  
**Free Family Night Rainbow Circus**  
 Manistique School & Library  
 100 N Cedar Street,  
 5:30pm



**March 12**  
**U.P. Acrylic Pour Class w Linda Paine**  
 Erickson Center for the Arts (Upper Level)  
 9224 Saw-Wa-Quato



**March 13-17**  
**Marley's Irish Pub St. Patricks Celebrations**  
 Marley's Irish Pub  
 127 Walnut Street,



**March 14**  
**St. Patrick's Day Party**  
 VFW Post 4420  
 344 N Maple Street,  
 Manistique



## Have a happy St. Patrick's Day

"May the road rise up to meet you,"  
while enjoying your stay  
in Manistique.



**March 14**  
**St. Patrick's Celebration**  
Big Spring Tavern  
1241 Sawmill Road -  
Manistique



**March 14 and 21**  
**Kids Create!**  
**Children's Art Show**  
Lake Effect Community Arts  
244 S Cedar Street -  
Manistique  
10am - 2pm



**March 14**  
**Beaded Suncatcher Class**  
Lake Effect Community Arts  
244 S Cedar Street -  
Manistique  
1 - 3pm



**March 15**  
**"Tea Abroad!" A High Tea (Dinner)**  
Manistique Elks Lodge  
#632 (Upstairs)  
213 Walnut Street -  
Manistique  
6pm



**March 21**  
**Spring Music Showcase at The Boudrose Lounge**  
The Boudrose Lounge  
375 Traders Point Dr  
#5, Manistique  
6pm



**March 23**  
**Painting Class @ Michigan Made**  
Michigan Made  
215 Oak Street -  
Manistique  
6pm

**March 26**  
**Resin Pour Workshop**  
The Boudrose Lounge  
375 Traders Point Dr #5, Manistique  
6pm





**March 28**  
**Soup Cook-Off**  
Manistique Eagles  
#3755  
104 Walnut Street -  
Manistique  
2 - 6pm

**March 29**  
**Pearl Jewelry**  
**Workshop**  
LaTulip Brewing Co.  
11858W US-2, Cooks,  
MI  
2pm

**March 29**  
**Vietnam War**  
**Veterans Day**  
VFW Post 4420  
344 Maple Street -  
Manistique  
2 - 6pm

**April 4**

**Community Easter Egg Hunt**  
Erickson Center for the Arts  
N9224 Saw-Wa-Quato Street - Curtis  
starting at 1pm



*Trivia, open skate and open swim*  
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For more upcoming March events  
go to [Events and Festivals page](#)

Enjoy a preview of the Thompson State Fish Hatchery  
by [Great Getaways TV](#)





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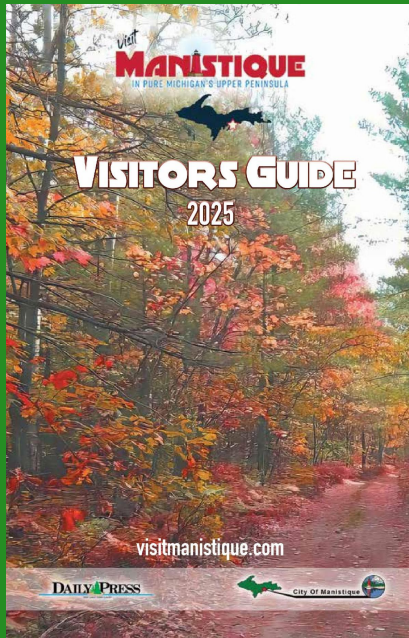
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