

Sports

Northport Creek Golf Course

355 W. Eighth St. 231-386-1088
Nine hole, par 35 course on 63 acres of a solar powered golf course. Senior rates for 60 years and older; junior rates for 17 years and under. Driving range.

Braman Hill Recreation Area

On Third St, ½ mile west of Mill Street

Tennis (four courts)
Skateboard Park
Basketball (two courts)

Pool, Jacuzzi, Fitness Room

215 S. High Street 231-386-5141
Northport Highlands Pool and Fitness Center. Open M-F--8a-12p and 4p-7p; Closed Saturday and Sunday. Heated indoor pool, hot tub, classes, open swim. Available for parties. Walk-ins welcome.

Athletic Field

Third St, ½ mile west of Mill Street

Soccer
Baseball/Softball

Pickleball and Baseball

Ransom St., west of the fire hall, between 7th and 8th Street

Pickleball (two courts)
Baseball (one diamond)

School Walking Track

104 S. Wing The 2nd floor walking track inside the school is **CLOSED** until school reopens in the fall, due to repairs in the gym and parking lot.

Sportsman's Club

At Braman Hill, take 3rd St. west of Mill Street, about ½ mile. Turn left to the hill and drive to the top. **Archery, gun/pistol shooting range and clay shooting** are open to the public. Contact Jack Moorlag/231-218-2324, for membership. Sponsors the annual Scott Brow Fishing Derby, the last Saturday in April.

North Shore Outfitters

119 Waukazoo 231-386-1222
Rentals of bikes, ebikes, pontoon boats, kayaks, water mats and stand-up paddleboards. Sells beach and cottage essentials, clothing and M-22 gear.

Northport Fitness Center

109 E. Nagonaba 231-386-9096
Open M-F 6a-7p, Saturday 7a-4p.
Daily, weekly, walk-in rates and monthly, quarterly, 6 month and annual memberships. Cardio and weight resistance machines. Personal trainer on site. Classes available; walk-ins welcome.

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NORTHPORT

HIKING, BIKING, FITNESS & SPORTS

Hiking Trails

Leelanau State Park

Over eight miles of well-marked trails run from Mud Lake to Cathead Beach. Includes Cathead Bay dune, Fox Island and overlook. Michigan Recreation Passport or fee is required for vehicle/motorcycle entry.

Braman Hill/Nagonaba Footpath

Take 3rd street west from town about ½ mile. Turn left to Braman Hill and go to the top, to overlook Grand Traverse Bay. Nagonaba Footpath runs ½ mile from Braman Hill to the west end of Nagonaba in Northport.

Houdek Dunes

Leelanau Conservancy land, 337 acres preserved in 1998. Active dunes, stabilized dunes, pitted and perched dunes. Six miles south of Northport on M-22 west (toward Leland/Frankfort). Has a four mile, figure-8, well-marked trail.

Kehl Lake

Leelanau Conservancy land, 279 acres preserved in 1990. 1,800 feet of undeveloped lakeshore. Fish bass and pike. View Eastern white pines over 200 years old, "marker trees", platform, and shoreline to mixed forest to wetland habitat. Over 100 bird species have been spotted here. Hike the 2-4 miles of marked trails.

Biking

To the Lighthouse

One of the most popular routes. About 17 miles round trip on fairly level roads. There are rideable shoulders **most** of the way. Restrooms, water, snacks and picnic area.

Bike & Hike – Leelanau State Park

4.5 miles north to the State Park trailhead and then up to 8 more miles of hiking trails. Restrooms and water at the trailhead.

Cross the Spine to Peterson Park

Ascend two hundred feet to cross the peninsula to the western shoreline at Peterson Park. Take either Third street or Eighth street, west from town. There are moderate to steep hills in the western part of the peninsula. Beautiful views of Lake Michigan, the Fox and Manitou Islands; with restrooms and picnic area.

Braman Hill

About 1/2 mile west on Third street. For the vigorous, the top of Braman Hill offers wonderful views of the Bay and surrounding countryside.

Houdek Dunes



The Shore Route to the Lighthouse

Follow scenic (mostly shaded) North Shore Drive from town. This runs about two miles along the bay. The last 1/2 mile is unpaved but hard-packed. This will join CR 640 at “the bight”. Continue two more miles on CR 640 past Northport Point golf course to CR 629 and then on to the Lighthouse.

Tour de Leelanau Loops

Test your skills against the professional riders who raced 109 miles through Leelanau County, averaging over 25 mph. There are two “short” parts of the race in Leelanau Township you can try:

Carlson – M-22 – Swede Loop This 10.5 mile loop takes you past Peterson Park, north of town and then back through Northport to your start point. The pros did it in about 25 minutes. Park at M-22 and Carlson or at M-22 and Swede.

Christianson-Peterson-Swede Loop 14.7 miles starting from the highest point on the course at Christianson and Peterson back to Swede and Peterson. Starts with a 50 mph descent (for the pros) down Christianson to M-22 and finishes with a 2 mile climb to Swede and Peterson. The pros did it in 36 minutes. Park your vehicle at Christianson and Peterson or at Peterson and Swede.

NOTE: See Visitor Center handout titled: “Biking, Hiking or Birding at Leelanau Conservancy Areas in/near Northport.”