

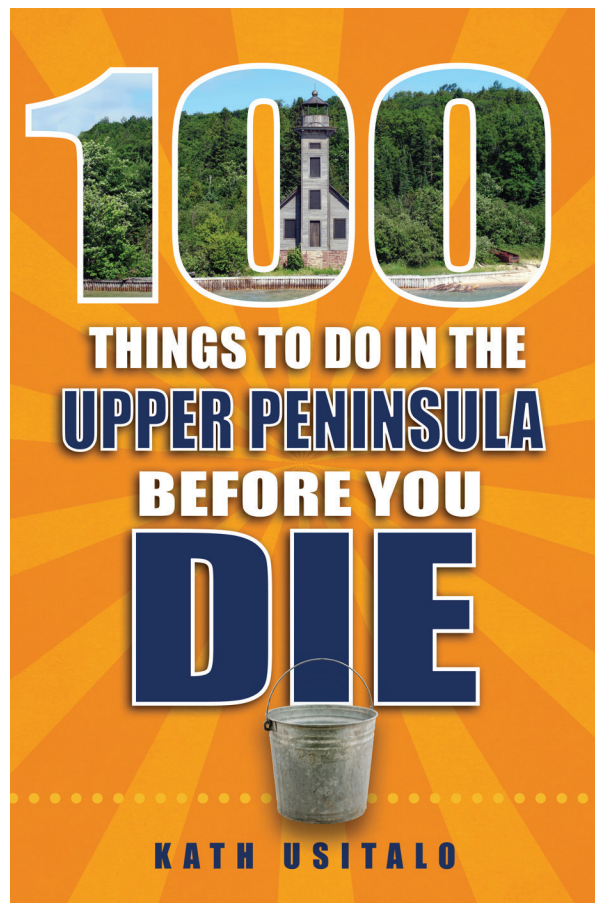
# 100 Things to Do in the Upper Peninsula Before You Die

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Touring Michigan's Upper Peninsula (UP) is like taking a two-week trip by station wagon. Not in terms of time—you can sample plenty if four days is all you have. It's about stepping back and appreciating a place of raw scenic beauty dotted with roadside attractions, blinker-light towns, rustic cabins, and hand-painted signs advertising smoked fish and homemade jam.

With *100 Things to Do in the Upper Peninsula Before You Die*, discover a land mostly surrounded by the Great Lakes of Huron, Michigan, and Superior, and linked to the state's mitten-shaped Lower Peninsula by a five-mile suspension bridge spanning the Straits of Mackinac. The UP surprises with Victorian-era and car-free Mackinac Island; millions of acres of forests, waterfalls, and wildlife; remnants of the prosperous copper mining era; and 1,700 miles of spectacular shoreline. It's home to about 306,000 hardy Yoopers (UP-ers), just 3 percent of Michigan's population across a third of the state's territory. Cell phone service can be spotty and the top speed along two-lane highways is 55 mph—all the better to slow down and embrace the UP, whether you're in search of extreme sports experiences, soft adventure, or a simple slice of solitude.



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