



# The Great Lakes State

# Michigan

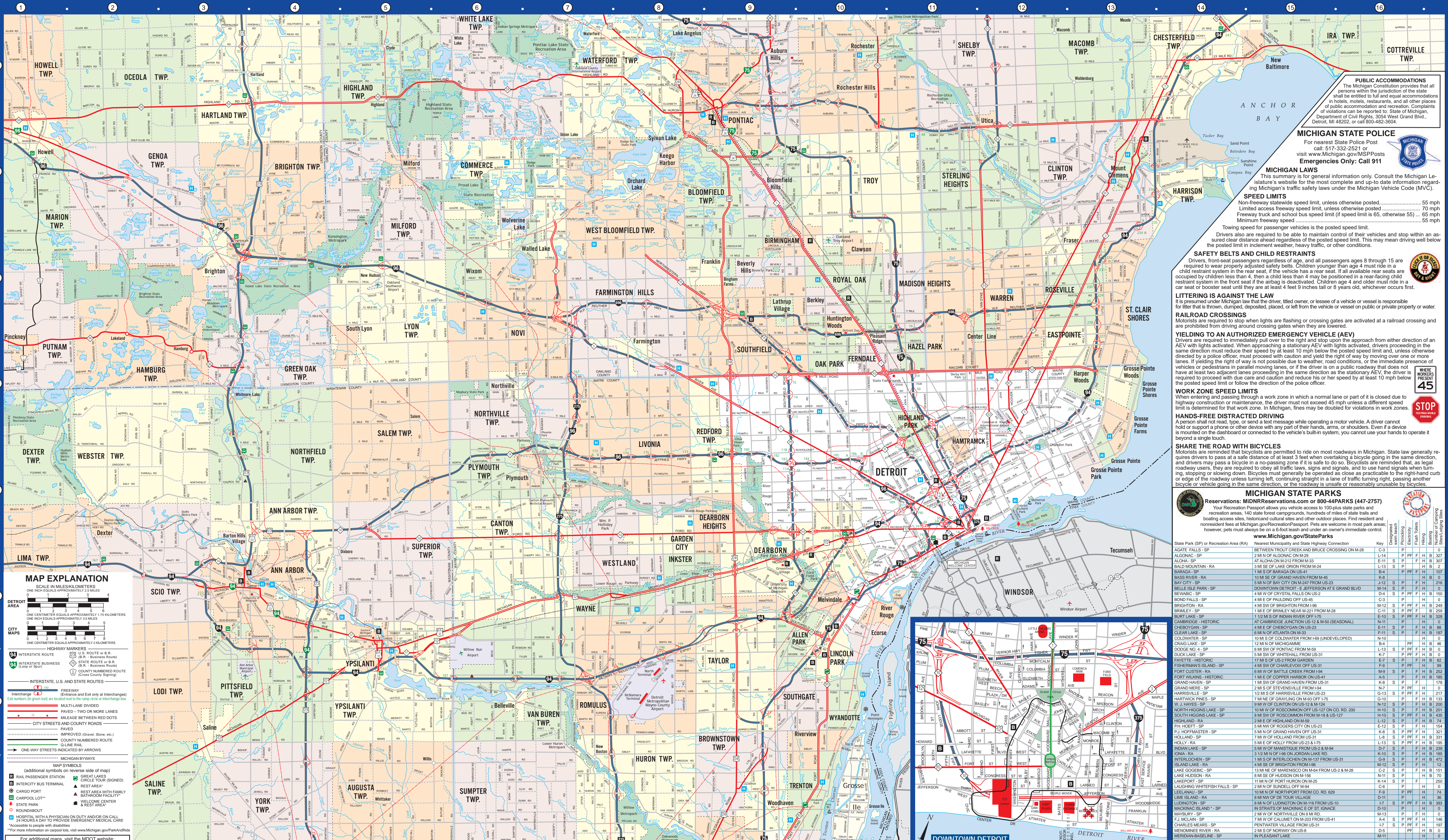


Welcome to Michigan, a state overflowing with great places to visit, things to do and people to see. As our motto beckons,

**"If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you."**

Indeed, Michigan's beautiful peninsulas provide a unique assortment of terrains, seasons and activities to enjoy. Between the shorelines and state lines, there's something for everyone. And, as you seek out Michigan's diverse offerings, you can rely on a well-developed system of roads, airports, lake ports, rail, and buses — all working in concert to help you have a great time in the Great Lakes State.

PURE MICHIGAN



**PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS**  
The Michigan Constitution provides that all persons within its jurisdiction... shall be entitled to full and equal accommodations in hotels, motels, restaurants, and other places of public accommodation and recreation.

**MICHIGAN STATE POLICE**  
For nearest State Police Post, call 517-332-2521 or visit www.michigan.gov/MSP/Posts. Emergencies Only: Call 911.

**MICHIGAN LAWS**  
This summary is for general information only. Consult the Michigan Legislature's website for the most complete and up-to-date information regarding Michigan's traffic safety laws under the Michigan Vehicle Code (MVC).

**SPEED LIMITS**  
Non-freeway speed limit, unless otherwise posted: 55 mph  
Limited access freeway speed limit, unless otherwise posted: 70 mph  
Freeway truck and school bus speed limit (if speed limit is 65, otherwise 55): 65 mph  
Minimum freeway speed: 40 mph

**TOWING SPEED FOR PASSENGER VEHICLES IS THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT.**  
Drivers also are required to be able to maintain control of their vehicles and stop within an assured clear distance ahead regardless of the posted speed limit. This may mean driving well below the posted speed limit or to slow down to the posted speed limit, or other conditions.

**SAFETY BELTS AND CHILD RESTRAINTS**  
Drivers, front-seat passengers regardless of age, and all passengers ages 8 through 15 are required to wear properly adjusted safety belts. Children younger than age 4 must ride in an approved child restraint system in the rear seat. If the vehicle has a rear seat, it all children must be occupied by children less than 4, then a child less than 4 may be positioned in a rear-facing child restraint system in the front seat if the airbag is deactivated. Children age 4 and older must ride in a car seat or booster seat until they are at least 4 feet 9 inches tall or 8 years old, whichever occurs first.

**LITTERING IS AGAINST THE LAW**  
It is presumed under Michigan law that the driver, titled owner, or lessee of a vehicle or vessel is responsible for litter that is thrown, dumped, deposited, placed, or left from the vehicle or vessel on public or private property or water.

**RAILROAD CROSSINGS**  
Motorists are required to stop when lights are flashing or crossing gates are activated at a railroad crossing and are prohibited from driving around crossing gates.

**YIELDING TO AN AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE (AEV)**  
Drivers are required to immediately pull over to the right and stop upon the approach from either direction of an AEV with lights activated. When approaching a vehicle with flashing lights activated, drivers proceeding in the same direction must reduce their speed by at least 10 mph below the posted speed limit and, unless otherwise directed by police officers, must proceed with caution and yield the right of way by moving over one or more lanes. If yielding the right of way is not possible due to weather, roadway conditions, or the immediate presence of vehicles or pedestrians in parallel moving lanes, or if the driver on a public roadway that does not have at least two adjacent lanes proceeding in the same direction as the stationary AEV, the driver is required to proceed with due care and caution and reduce his or her speed by at least 10 mph below the posted speed limit or follow the direction of the roadway law enforcement officer.

**WORK ZONE SPEED LIMITS**  
When entering and passing through a work zone in which a normal state or part of it is closed due to highway construction or maintenance, the driver must not exceed 45 mph, unless a greater speed limit is determined for that work zone. In Michigan, fines may be doubled for violations in work zones.

**HANDS-FREE DISTRACTED DRIVING**  
A person shall not read, type, or send a text message while operating a motor vehicle. A driver cannot hold or support a phone or other device with any part of their hands, arms, or shoulders. Even if a device is mounted on the dashboard or connected to the vehicle's built-in system, you cannot use your hands to operate it beyond a limited touch.

**SHARE THE ROAD WITH BICYCLES**  
Motorists are reminded that bicyclists are permitted to ride on most roadways in Michigan. State law generally requires drivers to pass at a safe distance of at least 3 feet when overtaking a bicycle going in the same direction, and drivers who pass a bicycle in a no-passing zone if it is safe to do so. Bicyclists must be alerted that, as legal roadway users, they are required to obey all traffic laws, signs and signals, and to use hand signals when turning, stopping or slowing down. Bicyclists must generally be operated in the same direction as the right-of-way curb or edge of the roadway unless turning left, continuing straight in a lane of traffic turning right, passing another bicyclist, or vehicle going in the same direction of the roadway is limited or reasonably unusable by the bicyclist.

**MICHIGAN STATE PARKS**  
Reservations: MIDNRReservations.com or 800-44PARKS (447-2757)  
Your Recreation Passport allows you vehicle access to 100-plus state parks and recreational areas, 140 state forest campgrounds, hundreds of miles of state trails and boating access sites, historical cultural sites and other outdoor places. Find resident and nonresident fees at Michigan.gov/StateParks. Fees are welcome in most park areas, however, pets must always be on a 6-foot leash and under an owner's immediate control.

