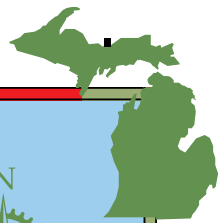


Reddish sandstone cliffs jut out into the crystal clear waters of Lake Superior.



Grand Island Mountain Biking, Hiking and Water Trails

You'll find yourself searching for superlatives when trying to describe your experience on Grand Island. Picture the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore as an island, and that's Grand Island. Most of its shoreline consists of steep, colorful sandstone cliffs, rising to 300 feet in some places, as well as several stunning sandy beaches. Nearby Munising serves as the hub for this recreation paradise with ample lodging, restaurants, stores and boat tours.

The National Forest Service purchased Grand Island from the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company in 1990 and it became part of Hiawatha National Forest. The Forest Service has done an outstanding job of building primitive campsites, rustic lodging and other amenities in scenic areas all around the island that are accessible by land and/or water. The island is about a half-mile from the mainland, near Munising, with a ferry service that runs every hour, on the hour, from mid June to mid September. For more details, visit: GrandIslandUP.com

The 21-mile hiking/mountain biking trail takes you on a scenic tour around the island. The section from Williams Landing to Driftwood Beach shares a gravel road, the rest is primitive two-tracks or natural surface singletrack. Rated one of Michigan's top 10 mountain biking trails, this is a fun 4-to-6-hour day trip by bike or a multi-day backpacking adventure. We rode the trail in a counter-clockwise fashion so the sunlight would illuminate the cliffs along our journey. Mileage markers help you track your progress. The cliff at Northeast Point is a perfect spot to relax, have lunch and enjoy the mindblowing views. Mountain bike and fat bike rentals are available at the ferry dock.

The 25-mile water trail around Grand Island is the best way to view the amazing cliffs, caves and rock formations around the island. Shelter Ridge is the only campsite accessible by water on the island's north side. Remember: this is Lake Superior. Paddle close to shore, avoid rough weather, and always wear a personal floatation device (PFD). There's no cell phone service on the northern half of the island. Kayak launching and rentals are available at the ferry dock.



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Ride along the edge of the cliffs.