NMU & MARQUETTE ATTRACTIONS

We are glad you have the opportunity to visit Marquette. We understand that you may not have much time in the area due to travel. So, to assist you in making the most of your time in the area, we would like to take the opportunity to point out some local and tourist favorites that contribute to Marquette being the “Biggest Small Town in the Upper Peninsula.” Most are a short drive or walk from campus. If you have more time to spend in Marquette during your visit, you can download our Cadet Attractions Guide here.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Sugar Loaf Mountain: This is a famous Marquette attraction being voted the “Best In-Town Hike” in 2014. Sugar Loaf offers a great view of the city of Marquette, Lake Superior, and the beautiful U.P. forest/wildlife. Stairs provide an easier route for visitors of all ages. For more information: http://www.co.marquette.mi.us/departments/planning/sugarloaf_mountain.php#.VdXJOWrUxxA

Hogback Mountain: Hogback offers a more rustic route and a higher view of Marquette and beautiful Lake Superior. The trail leading up Hogback Mountain is moderately challenging and visitors should be prepared for a half-day-long trip if planning to reach the top. For more information: http://www.travelmarquettemichigan.com/category/recreation/hiking/
**NMU Golf Course:** An 18 hole, 72-par golf course covering 6,800 yards of beautiful Marquette land. Power and pull carts and equipment rentals are available. The course offers rolling terrain, water hazards, and wooded areas for the perfect golf experience. There is also a golf shop and driving range on site.  
*For more information: http://www.nmu.edu/golfcourse/node/1*

**NMU Outdoor Recreation Center:** The ORC leads outdoor adventure trips around the local area, holds lessons on outdoor recreational activities such as rock climbing, camping, and paddle sports, and also offers equipment rentals (kayaks, backpacks, snowshoes, skis and much more).  
*For more information: http://www.nmu.edu/sportsrecsports/node/96*

**Presque Isle Park:** This local park favorite is close to campus, and it offers a variety of fun things to do for visitors of all ages. Charcoal grills are on site and available for public use. The park has biking/hiking trails for outdoor adventure-seekers, infamous volcanic “Black Rocks” for jumping into Lake Superior, beach access, a playground for kids, and a great view of Marquette.  
*For more information: http://www.mqtcty.org/parks-presque-isle.php*

**Tourist Park:** This is the closest campground to campus. It is located along Dead River and amenities at the campground include restrooms, hot showers, water/electric, picnic tables, and a playground.  
*For more information: http://www.mqtcty.org/parks.php*

**Little Presque Isle:** Little Presque has been called “the crown jewel of Lake Superior” due to its natural beauty, sandy beaches, and shoreline cliffs overlooking Lake Superior. To get to the island, it is a short walk through hip-deep water. This makes the island a quaint and peaceful attraction.  
*For more information: http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-31154_31260-54018--,00.html*

**Marquette Maritime Museum:** A great place to learn about Great Lakes Maritime history and view the shipwreck displays. Tours of the Harbor Lighthouse are available, and the pier is open for walking in good weather conditions.  
*For more information: https://mqtmaritimemuseum.com/*

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**
Beaumier Upper Peninsula Heritage Center: NMU’s historical museum and educational facility features exhibits specifically honoring Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. For more information: http://www.nmu.edu/beaumierheritagecenter/home-page

DeVos Art Museum: Part of the NMU School of Art & Design, the DeVos Art Museum features regional, national, and international contemporary art. Located right campus. For more information: http://art.nmu.edu/department/museum/

Marquette may be small in size, but not short on restaurant options. There is something for everyone! International and traditional favorites are only minutes away from campus.

Aubree’s Pizzeria & Grill: Great pizza, great atmosphere and right in the heart of Marquette. For more information: http://www.aubrees.com/

Babycakes: Popular downtown bakery. Well-known for their muffins and strong cups of coffee. For more information: http://www.yelp.com/biz/babycakes-muffin-company-marquette

Donckers: Soda Fountain, ice cream and gift shop, candy counter & restaurant all-in-one location. For more information: http://www.donckersonline.com/

Frosty Treats: One-stop-shop for ice cream favorites (NOTE: cash only). For more information: http://www.yelp.com/biz/frosty-treats-marquette

Hudson’s Classic Grill: Retro throw-back burger, fries, and shake American food restaurant. For more information: http://hudsonsmarquette.com/


Jean Kay’s Pasties: Pasties are considered the food staple of the U.P. and they are right next to campus. For more information: http://jeankayspasties.com/

Portside Inn: Full American menu with Maritime theme and décor. For more information: http://theportsideinn.com/

Rice Paddy: Well-priced Thai food, only a quick walk from campus. For more information: http://www.eatricepaddy.com/

Sol Azteca: Authentic Mexican food and a restaurant with a view. For more information: http://www.yelp.com/biz/sol-azteca-marquette-2

Stucko’s: Great burgers and all your BBQ favorites. For more information: http://stuckospub.com/

Third Street Bagel: Bagels, breakfast sandwiches, and coffee shop. For more information: http://www.thirdstbagel.com/
Vango’s: Another great pizza location and also authentic Greek cuisine. For more information: http://www.vangospizza.com/

OTHER FUN THINGS TO DO

MOUNTAIN BIKING: There are numerous trails around Marquette to bike around. Whether your interest is in downhill, rough terrain, or relaxing rides, there is a special place in Marquette for you.

WATER SPORTS & BEACH FUN: With Lake Superior surrounding all of Marquette, water sports are always a fun time and only moments away from campus. Kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, boating, and swimming are among some of the top favorites. Equipment rentals are available at the NMU Outdoor Recreation Center. There are also a number of beaches around Marquette if you would rather enjoy a nice, relaxing afternoon with your toes in the sand.

CAMPING: There are two major campgrounds near Marquette—Tourist Park and Gitche Gumee. For more information:
Tourist Park: http://mqtcty.org/parks-tourist.php

HUNTING & FISHING: Students can register their firearms with Public Safety and utilize approved land during hunting seasons. Fishing in any one of Marquette’s lakes and rivers is a favorite pastime in Marquette all year round!

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