

# Alpena, Michigan, USA

Home to nearly 200 sunken ships in crystal-clear freshwater, Alpena is the Great Lakes' most surprising shore day — part shipwreck museum, part small-town Michigan gem.

 Tender (anchor in Thunder Bay)

 Typical call: 7-9 hrs

 US Dollar

 English

## MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrive: \_\_\_\_\_

All aboard: \_\_\_\_\_

Excursion: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Ships anchor in Thunder Bay; shuttle boats to city dock

**Best For:** Shipwreck history, glass-bottom boat tours, walking

**Walk to center:** ~5 min on foot from shuttle landing to downtown

**Don't Miss:** Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center (free admission)

Getting around:  Taxi  ~  Rideshare  Uber, Lyft

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- Glass-Bottom Boat Shipwreck Tour** — Board the Lady Michigan for a narrated 2.5-hour cruise over well-preserved 19th-century wrecks in Thunder Bay.
  - Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center** — Free admission to the national marine sanctuary headquarters.
  - Presque Isle Lighthouse Tour** — Drive or join a guided tour to Old Presque Isle Lighthouse (1840) and the taller New Presque Isle
- Lighthouse (1870) — both open for climbing and...
  - Fossil Hunting at Rockport State Recreation Area** — A former limestone quarry north of town where 400-million-year-old Devonian fossils are exposed in the rock.
  - Downtown Alpena Walk & Local Brews** — Stroll the compact downtown for murals, galleries, and a surprisingly vibrant food and drink scene — including a local brewery, cidery, and winery...

## BEST WALKS

- Waterfront Bi-Path & Heritage Center Loop** 1.5 miles · Easy · 30-45 min — From the city boat harbor, follow the paved Alpena Bi-Path south along the Thunder Bay River to the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, then loop back through the...
- Downtown Art & Mural Walk** 0.75 miles · Easy · 20-30 min — A self-guided loop through Alpena's downtown spotting public murals, galleries, and waterfront parks — grab a coffee or local brew along the way.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

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|-----|------|-----|------|
| Mon | High | Low | Rain |
| Apr | 45°  | 33° | 13d  |
| Jun | 68°  | 55° | 9d   |
| Aug | 74°  | 62° | 11d  |
| Sep | 68°  | 57° | 9d   |
| Oct | 56°  | 46° | 14d  |

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:48AM–8:19PM · Jun 5:46AM–9:22PM · Aug 6:36AM–8:39PM · Sep 7:13AM–7:43PM · Oct 7:50AM–6:47PM

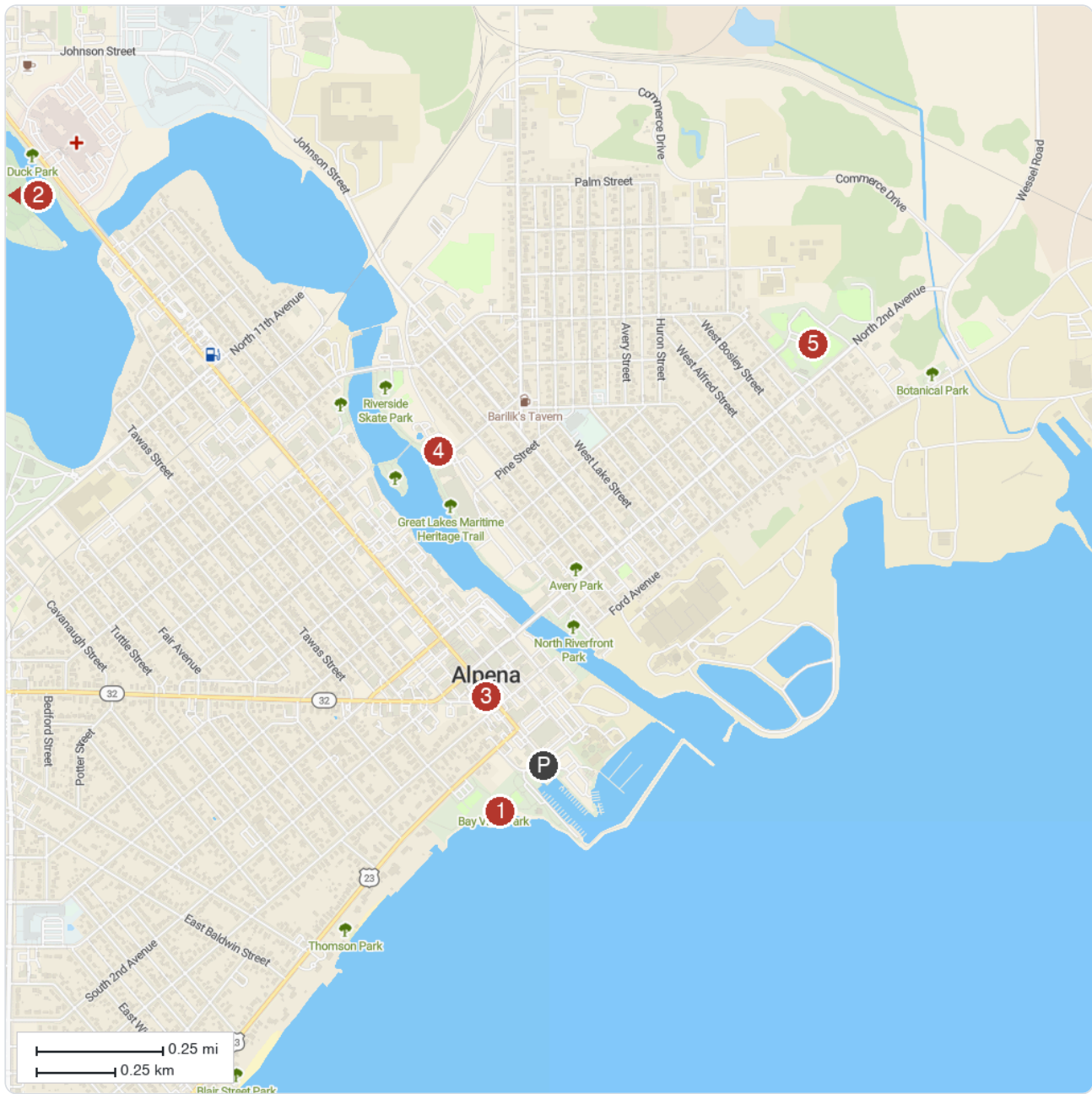
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book the glass-bottom boat early. The Lady Michigan sells out on cruise ship days — reserve before departure or as soon as you board.
- Watch tender timing. All-aboard is strictly enforced with no cruise pier — build in buffer time before your last tender back.
- Dress in layers. Lake Huron weather shifts quickly; even warm summer days can feel cool on the water.
- Downtown is very walkable. The Heritage Center, Bi-Path, and most restaurants are within 10 minutes of the tender landing on foot.
- Lighthouses require transport. Presque Isle is ~22 miles north — join a guided excursion or arrange a rideshare if you want lighthouse visits.
- Cash and cards both work. Alpena is a normal US small city — ATMs and card readers are widely available downtown.

# Alpena, Michigan, USA — Port Map

[cruiseports.org](https://cruiseports.org)

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Bay View Park

3 Downtown Alpena, Michigan

5 McRae Park

2 Island Park

4 Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center

P Cruise port / terminal