

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)...
- **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...

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...
- **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...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	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

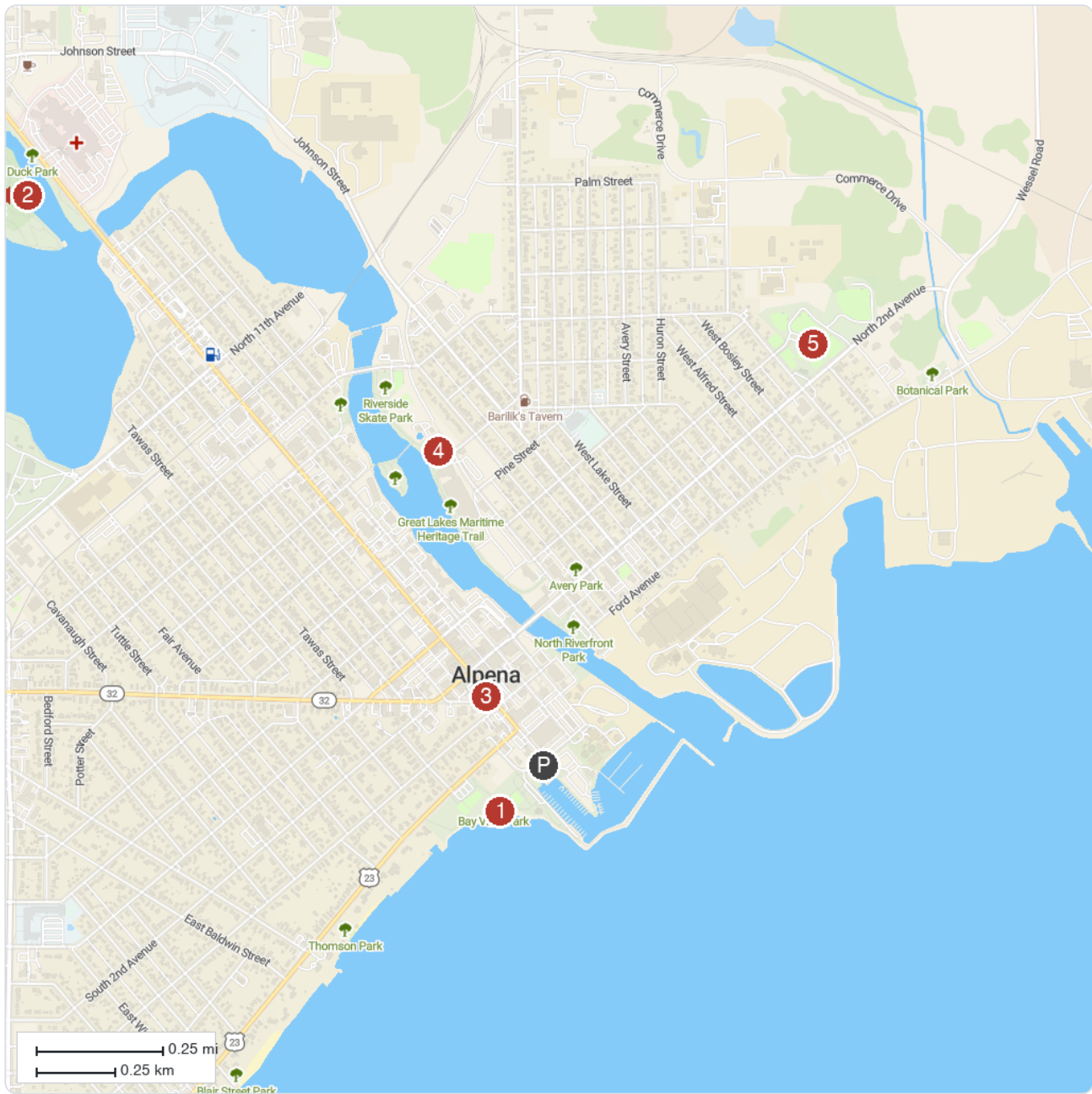
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- 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.

Alpena, Michigan, USA — Port Map

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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