

Beaver Island, Michigan, USA

Lake Michigan's largest island offers a rare step off the grid — wild beaches, deep Irish roots, and a quirky past that saw a self-proclaimed Mormon king rule these shores in the 1850s.

 **Tender (St. James Harbor)**  **Typical call: 6–8 hrs**  **US Dollar**  **English**  **Small-ship itineraries**

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to St. James Harbor municipal dock

Best For: Nature, history, cycling, beaches, stargazing

Walk to center: 0–2 min from tender dock to St. James village

Don't Miss: Mormon Print Shop Museum & Beaver Head Lighthouse

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  **Varies by distance**

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Mormon Print Shop Museum** — Explore the island's remarkable past: Native American life, 19th-century Irish settlement, and the story of James...
- **Beaver Head Lighthouse Hike** — A scenic drive or bike ride to the island's southern tip leads to the 1851 Beaver Head Lighthouse.
- **Kayaking & Paddleboarding** — Rentals in St.
- **Birding Trail** — Beaver Island sits on a major migratory flyway.
- **Marine Museum & Heritage Park** — The Marine Museum — housed in a former net shed — documents Beaver Island's Great Lakes fishing and shipbuilding...

BEST WALKS

- **St. James Village Stroll** 0.5 mi · Easy · 20–30 min — Walk the compact waterfront village from the municipal dock past the Marine Museum, Mormon Print Shop Museum, local shops, and...
- **Big Sand Bay Trail** 2 mi round trip · Easy · 1 hr — A quiet forest trail leading to one of Beaver Island's most remote and pristine beaches on Lake Michigan — ideal for a peaceful swim...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	49°	34°	11d
Jun	70°	52°	10d
Aug	75°	57°	9d
Sep	68°	50°	10d
Oct	56°	42°	11d

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
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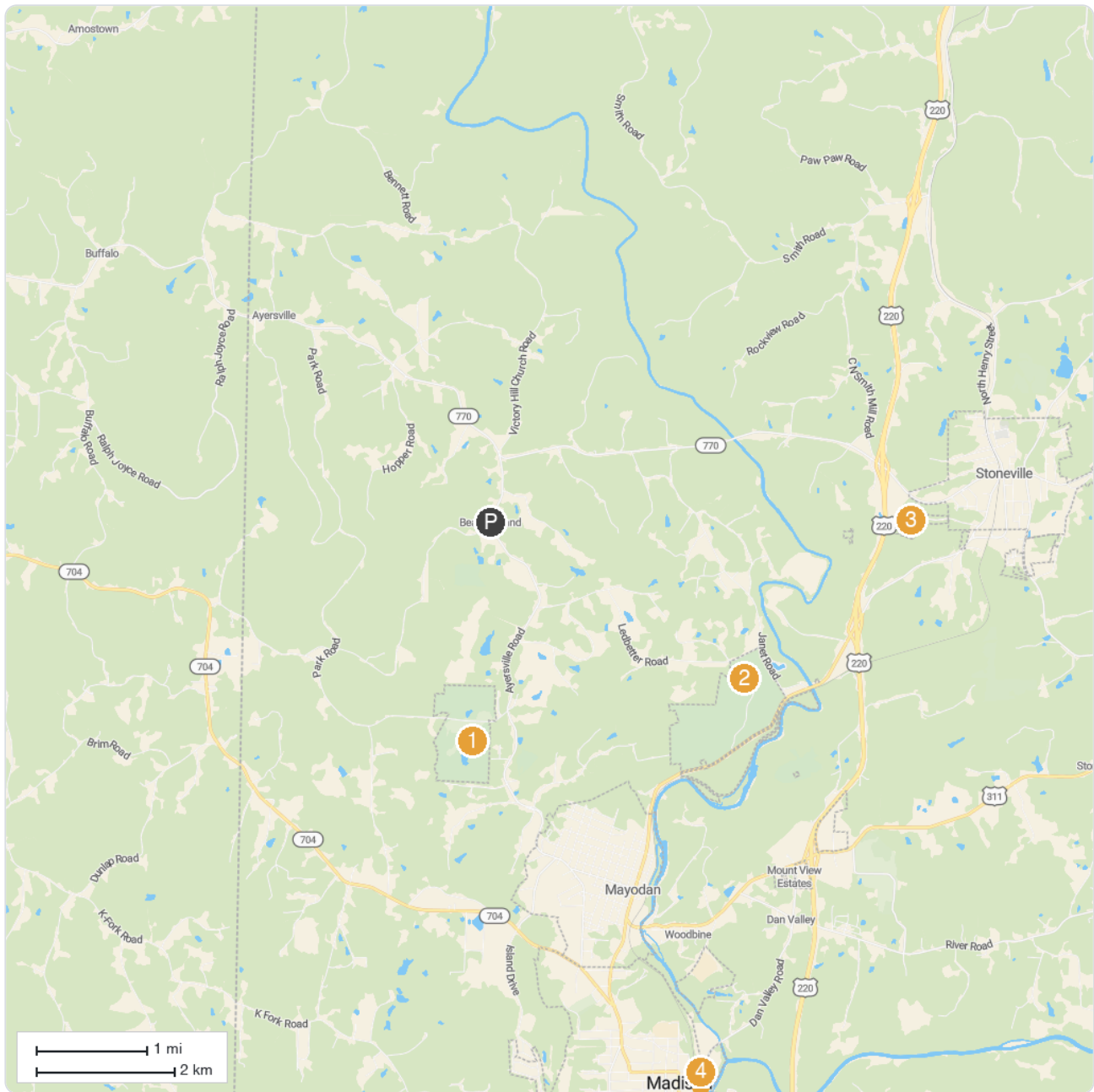
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Small ships only. Beaver Island calls are exclusive to expedition and small-ship cruises (typically under 250 passengers). Verify your ship tenders here before booking excursions.
- Bring cash. Card acceptance is limited on the island. An ATM is available in St. James but stock up before leaving the mainland.
- Rent a bike. The island has 100+ miles of forest roads and bike-friendly tracks. A rental bike opens up beaches and landmarks well beyond the village.

Beaver Island, 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 Farris Memorial Park** Farris Memorial Park is a peaceful green space for reflection.
- 3 Stoneville Memorial Park** Stoneville Memorial Park is a quiet park with open spaces.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Mayo River State Park** Mayo River State Park offers hiking, fishing, and river recreation.
- 4 Mad Town Tubing** Mad Town Tubing offers exciting river tubing adventures.