

Sip of the Northern Mitt
The Leelanau Peninsula, Michigan
June 10-14, 2026

The Leelanau Peninsula, located in northwestern Michigan and jutting into Lake Michigan just north of Traverse City, is a scenic region renowned for its natural beauty, rich agricultural heritage, and vibrant recreational opportunities. Historically, the peninsula's unique microclimate—shaped by the surrounding Lake Michigan —created ideal conditions for fruit farming, which gradually evolved into a thriving viticulture industry. Since the 1970s, Leelanau has become one of Michigan's premier wine regions, home to more than thirty vineyards and wineries producing award-winning wines.

Beyond its vineyards, the Leelanau Peninsula offers a wealth of recreational activities. Visitors and residents alike enjoy hiking and biking through the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, kayaking along crystal-clear inland lakes, and exploring charming waterfront towns like Leland and Suttons Bay. In every season, Leelanau blends its deep-rooted agricultural legacy with outdoor adventure, making it a beloved destination for wine lovers, nature enthusiasts, and vacationers seeking a quintessential northern Michigan experience.

The rally campground is located approximately 8 miles from downtown Traverse City, a regional hub for recreation, shopping, dining and craft breweries.

Rally Campground: Holiday RV Park and Campground

4860 US-31, Traverse City, MI 49685

To reserve:

- Go to www.holidayparktc.com then click on the "Make Online Reservations" button at the top.

- Enter the information requested and promotional/group code: "Airstream Grapes & Grains" (it will require an exact match) Click "Search Availability." It will bring up the site types set aside for the group.

- Click the "Add" button and pay the deposit.

If there are any problems, the campground will be answering the phones beginning at 9 am EST. If there is no answer, please leave a message and they will get back to them as quickly as they can.

Rally Hosts: Julie Tsangaris (734)474-0404 and Peter Tsangaris (734)846-0361

Rally Home: The Rally Home will be the area around the Hosts' campsite (Site 141). This will be the location for check-in. The Wednesday potluck reception, and Thursday and Friday dinners will be held at the pavilion in the campground. The nightly campfires will be held in front of the pavilion

The rally fee includes: This rally will feature a "pot luck" (main course provided) welcome dinner with an educational talk from the owners of one of the original Leelanau wineries, wine tasting visits to six distinct wineries over the next two full days of the rally (bus transportation included), catered dinners on the nights of the tours at the campground, light snacks and water on buses between tastings, a "free" day on Saturday for attendees to enjoy the rest of the Leelanau Peninsula and surrounding area (Traverse City and the Mission Peninsula) with an option of going a group meet up at a local craft brewery for local music and a late pizza lunch. This rally will be primarily focused on wine, but there are several craft breweries, distilleries and cider distilleries in the immediate area for rally attendees to visit on their own.

The buses will leave for the wine tastings at 11:30 am each day. Breakfast and lunch are not included in the rally fee, although there will be food provided at one winery each day.

For additional information about the Leelanau Peninsula, Traverse City and Sleeping Bear Dunes, please see the following:

The Leelanau Peninsula Wine Trail <https://lpwines.com/>
Traverse City <https://www.michigan.org/city/traverse-city>
Sleeping Bear Dunes <https://www.nps.gov/slbe/index.htm>

Nearest Hospital/Emergency Room:

Munson Medical Emergency Room

1105 6th Street

Traverse City, MI 49684

(231)935-5000

Nearest Urgent Care:

Munson Walk-In Clinic/Urgent Care

3074 N. US 31 S

Traverse City, MI 49684

(231)929-1234

Nearest Veterinary Clinic:

Bay Area Pet Hospital

844 E. Front Street

Traverse City, MI 49686

(231)922-0911

DISCLAIMER: ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION HAS INHERENT RISKS. ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IS VOLUNTARY AT ALL PARTS OF THIS RALLY. THE HOSTS, GRAPES & GRAINS, AND ACI ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR CHOICES AND ACTIONS. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOURSELF. ATTENDANCE AT GROUP EVENTS, AT THE CAMPSITE OR OTHERWISE, IS NOT MANDATORY TO ATTEND THE RALLY. HAVE A PLAN TO GET BACK SAFELY TO YOUR AIRSTREAM.

For those arriving early or staying late, here are some suggested non-scheduled activities as well:

Biking - Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore has 22 miles of a hard-surface multi-use trail (see link above); additionally Traverse City has excellent bike trails maintained by TART. One of the more fun trails is the Leelanau Trail from Traverse City to Suttons Bay. This 17 mile trail (34 mile roundtrip) starts in Traverse City or at one of the trailheads along the way. The Boardman trail is a shorter trail around Boardman Lake. Information on TART trails can be found at <https://traversetrails.org/>

Mission Peninsula - spend an afternoon exploring Old Mission, the smaller of the region's two peninsulas, that stretches 19 miles into Lake Michigan. Enjoy expansive fruit farms and views. There are world class wineries on the Old Mission, with tasting options. Some suggestions are Mari Vineyards, Hawthorne Vineyard, Brys Estate Vineyards (known for their reds), 2 Lads and Bowers Harbor. For a sunset with a glass of wine, stop last at Bonobo's Winery. The Mission Point Lighthouse is at the peninsula's tip, just yards south of the 45th parallel.

Golf - There are numerous golf courses in the region, some of which are truly spectacular. Consider Arcadia Bluffs, Elmbrook, Emerald Vale, Lochenheath, and the Grand Traverse Resorts three courses, The Bear, The Wolverine, and Spruce Run. Advance reservations are recommended. See <http://www.tcgolfguide.com> for more information.

Shopping - the villages on the Leelanau (Suttons Bay, Northport, Leland, Glen Arbor and Empire) all have lovely shops. Front Street is the place to shop in Traverse City.

TENTATIVE RALLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Arrive and checkin at Rally home (Site 141)

6:30 pm - Welcome potluck (main course provided)
Educational/Orientational talk by the owners of one of the original five wineries on the Leelanau Peninsula

Followed by campfire

Thursday, June 11, 2026

11:30 am Trolleys leave campground for winery tours

12:00 pm Arrival at Rove Winery at the Gallagher Estate

1:30 pm Leave Rove Winery

1:45 pm Arrive at Brengman Family Wines

3:15 pm Depart Brengman Family Wines

3:30 pm Arrive at MAWBY Sparkling Wines and Big/Little Winery

5:00 pm Depart MAWBY Sparkling Wines

5:30 pm Arrive back at Holiday RV Park and Campground

6:30 pm Dinner at Pavilion, followed by campfire

Friday, June 12, 2026

11:30 am Trolleys leave campground for winery tours

12:00 pm Arrive at either 45 North Winery or Bel Lago Vineyards and Winery

1:30 pm Depart those wineries

1:45 pm Both trolleys arrive at French Valley

3:15 pm Trolleys depart French Valley

3:30 pm Arrive at either 45 North Winery or Bel Lago Vineyards and Winery

5:00 pm Depart either 45 North Winery or Bel Lago Vineyards and Winery

5:30 pm Arrive back at Holiday RV Park and Campground

6:30 pm Dinner at Pavilion, followed by campfire

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Free day

2:00 pm - Optional meetup at Lake Ann Brewing for local music and beer. Pizza provided for late lunch.

Dinner on your own.

Evening rally wrap up host site - BYOB and snacks to share.