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## TRIP 1: BASIC South Manitou Island dock to wreck of Morazan

Whether staying in the Bay or the Weather Station Campground near the South Manitou Island park office, there is some pleasant and leisurely paddling to be found right off the dock or the sandy beach below your campsite.

**NOTE:** From here, all route distances and Mile indications are measured from the South Manitou Island dock.

### Highlights

This short day paddle allows you to explore the 2.5-mile-long white sand beach of South Manitou Harbor, cruise beneath an historic lighthouse, and enjoy several miles of pristine Lake Michigan wilderness shore offering views of the distant Sleeping Bear Dunes. Visit perhaps the only Great Lakes shipwreck into which one can paddle a kayak!



rough to safely visit the *Morazan*, consider another short paddle on the sheltered north side of South Manitou Island, to Popple Campground. Launch from the South Manitou Island dock area but head northeast directly across the mouth of the bay to Gull Point, about 1.5 miles. Turn west here and follow the north shore to Mile 3.9. Land on the beach just east of the northernmost point of South Manitou Island and hike up to Popple Campground for a picnic break before returning the same way. 7.8 miles roundtrip.

### Alternative Trip 1B: Sleeping Bear Dunes Mainland

Even if weather or other complications have prevented you from reaching the Manitou Islands, there is still some

spectacular paddling to be had on the mainland. Launch from the Glen Haven Cannery Boathouse (see Page 6) and paddle northwest to Sleeping Bear Point at Mile 1, then turn southwest and follow the shore. Here is where the namesake dunes begin, towering majestically 450 feet above the water, and extending for the next five miles. Paddle as far as you like, then return the same way.

Alternatively, a one-way paddle trip with a return car shuttle is possible by continuing to the outlet of North Bar Lake at Mile 6.9. Haul your kayaks over the short sand bar usually found here and paddle east about 300 yards across the lake to the boat launch and parking area to your waiting car. 13.8 miles roundtrip.

