

Lake of the Clouds

Ontonagon, MI



Lake of the Clouds is a lake located in Ontonagon County in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan within the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park. The lake is situated in a valley between two ridges in the Porcupine Mountains. Surrounded by virgin wilderness and stunning vistas, the lake is a popular destination for hikers, campers, and fishermen.

The lake is a prominent feature of the park, and can be viewed at the Lake of the Clouds Overlook at the west terminus of former Michigan highway M-107. The state park occasionally hosts a nighttime sky watch at the lake. The lake is fed from the east end by the Carp River Inlet and the outflow from the western end is the Carp River, which empties into Lake Superior on the boundary between Ontonagon and Gogebic County.

If you're driving along M-107 to or from Lake of the Clouds, take the time to stop at MEAD MINE along M-107. Here you can enter about 100 feet of an old copper mine shaft. It's on the road's south side, just opposite the pleasant picnic area and historical marker on a hill over Lake Superior. There's a sunset view of Lake Superior from here.



Directions

This is about a 90 minute drive.

1. Turn RIGHT out of the drive toward Watersmeet. Go 4 miles.
2. Turn LEFT onto US 45 and proceed through Watersmeet.
3. At the 4-way stop, turn RIGHT onto US 2 toward Marenisco, MI. Go 22 miles.
4. Turn RIGHT onto M64 N. Go 18 miles.
5. Turn RIGHT onto M28/M64 for 4 miles.
6. Turn LEFT on MI07 for 26 miles and proceed to Lake of the Clouds.

