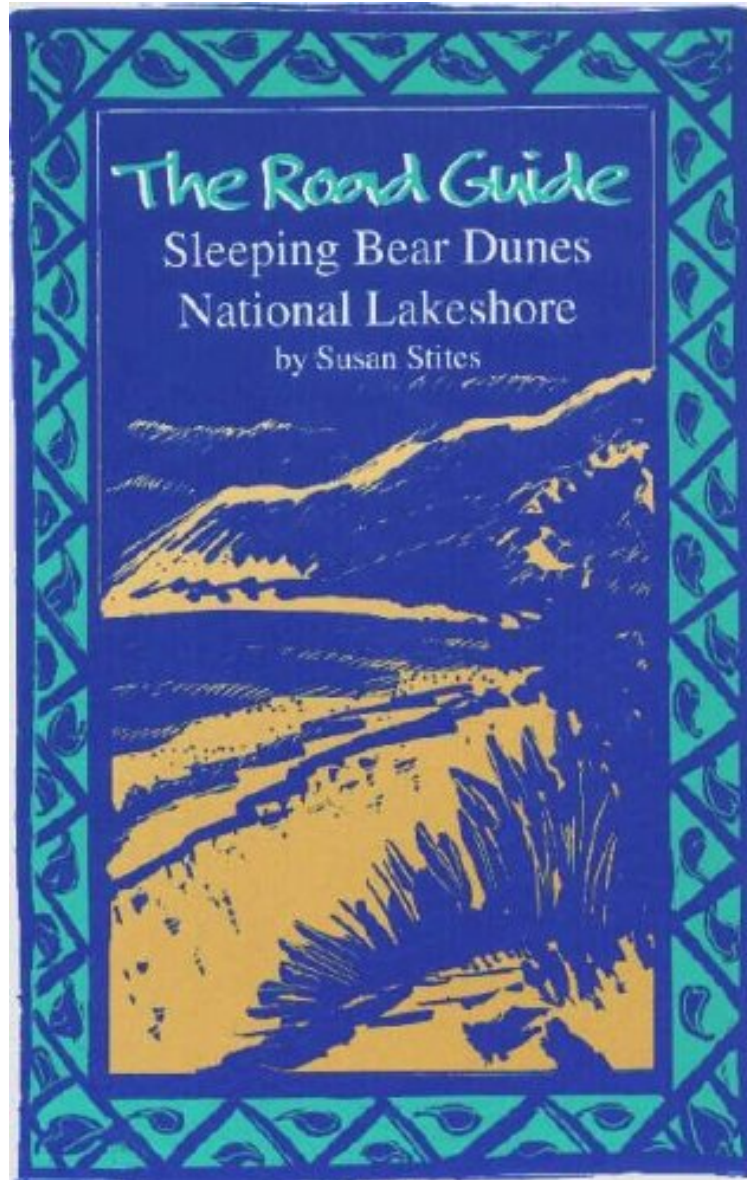


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The Road Guide to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore is a handy reference that includes driving directions and mileage to popular locations within the Park. Locate the hiking trails, secluded beaches, maritime museums, campgrounds, exhibits and scenic vistas easily. Read the geology of dune formation and descriptions of regional endangered plants and animals. Learn about local lumbering and shipping history. The book includes history of the U.S. Lifesaving Station and a map to shipwrecks of the perilous Manitou Passage. The story of the Ghost town, Glen Haven revives images of the company town and families who logged the region to help build the expanding nation.. Included are ferry schedules for both South and North Manitou Islands with a quick summary of sites to visit on the islands. This guide book contains the information needed to fully explore and enjoy this National treasure. The memorable legend of the Sleeping Bear is written in full text as it was told by Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indian member Kenny Pheasant. Photos, maps, contact phone numbers, hours of operation and other necessary information are packed into 60 pages.

From the Author A field guide for visitors exploring Michigan's Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, located in Michigan's Northern Lower Peninsula on the shores of Lake Michigan. The Sleeping Bear Dune, estimated to be 2,000 years old, has long been a regional landmark, first to the Native Americans as they traveled from camp to hunting grounds and then by early French explorers traveling the coast of Lake Michigan. The landmark is described as a large sand mound covered with a cluster of trees resembling a Sleeping Bear. Visiting this National Lakeshore is more than seeing the Dune. There are miles of dunes, many are perched along the coastline offering great 400 foot vistas of Lake Michigan and the Manitou Islands. There are Dunes to climb, sunbathe on, burrow in, walk over, or just photograph. Sleeping Bear Dunes is a life-long inspiration and spirit rekindler for me. The Legend of Sleeping Bear, so beautifully told by Grand Traverse Ottawa and Chippewa Tribe member, Kenny Pheasant, immediately reveals the Native American respect for the power of the basic elements - fire, water and land. Lakeshore ear Dune As the legend plays out, it is the land that claims the mother bear, symbolically sleeping on a perched dune overlooking her cubs, who are transformed into the Manitou Islands. So, it is the land that inspires me to research the who, what, where and how of Sleeping Bear to share with others visiting the Dune Country of Michigan. Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. Who can resist the call of the dunes? A tour of this National Lakeshore will take you to historic Lighthouses, through hardwood forests, around marshes, over rivers and to the tops of 400-foot dunes. You can spend quiet times on walking trails or cool off in small or great lakes. Hike, sail, swim, walk, ski, bike, picnic, canoe, camp, skip stones, search for Petoskey stones, or visit museums,. the activities are endless. Or maybe what you're looking for is no activity except another layer of sun-tan oil and a quick trip to Z-land before dinner. There are places where you will be undisturbed. For hikers, that quiet spot on top of Pyramid Point speaks through the elements of a geologic time before ours. You can hear it again on Empire Bluff and on Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive as you view the Sleeping Bear and her Cubs, the Manitou Islands. You'll get a sense of nature by watching the sand hills give up their edges to the wind, or perhaps feel the stinging sand on your skin carried by gusts off Lake Michigan. Nature is here. Peering from the cliff of a dune out onto the horizon, the only obstruction to your view is the earth's curve. Let the motion of each wave lull you to join the rhythm of this Great Lake, these Great Dunes, and this moment in time. Crystal River gently flows from a small inland lake to the Great Lake. You can canoe this crystal clear river and catch the glimmer of salmon in the fall, shore your canoe for Morel mushroom hunting in the spring, or exchange dipping your paddles for a dip in the river to cool your heels from the summer heat. As you listen to the waves and sand, the river and wind let the calmness of nature gently relax your body and relieve your mind of daily worries. They are miles away too. This is the home of legends. The Sleeping Bear rests here overlooking her cubs, The Manitou Islands. The Lost Daughter of Leelanau appears on misty mornings appearing to glide over the water. The Ghost Fleet of The Manitou Passage lie motionless on the sandy Lake Michigan bottom. The legends live on through your photos and your memories. Let the lingering whisper of The Sleeping Bear call your sensitivity to nature awake - and when you leave, call you back to her again.