Discover the four-season beauty of a Lake Michigan beach
in Door County, Wisconsin, USA

Presented by Glidden Lodge Beach Resort
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“The lakes are something which you are unprepared for; they lie up so high, exposed to the light, and the forest is diminished to a fine fringe on their edges, with here and there a blue mountain, like amethyst jewels set around some jewel of the first water...”

Henry David Thoreau

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Weathered driftwood on the beach at Whitefish Dunes State Park seems to point at Glidden Lodge.
From up the beach looking south you can catch a glimpse of the Glidden Lodge Beach Resort tucked in among the changing autumn colors.

“It is life, I think, to watch the water. A man can learn so many things.”

Nicholas Sparks, The Notebook

At nearby Cave Point County Park visitors have taken to creating sculptures from loose rocks atop an expansive sheet of Niagara Escarpment.
The early morning sun warms the trees and beachfront.

“At sunrise everything is luminous but not clear.”

Norman Maclean, A River Runs Through It and Other Stories
Three and a half miles up the beach from Glidden Lodge the calm waters of Lake Michigan seem to tame the moody autumn skies at Whitefish Dunes State Park.

“Water is sufficient...the spirit moves over water.”

Friedrich Nietzsche, Ecce Homo

Five and a half miles from Glidden Lodge is Cave Point County Park. As you drive into the park you will pass the remains of birch trees, standing tall and unyielding against the sky.
“Water does not resist. Water flows. When you plunge your hand into it, all you feel is a caress. Water is not a solid wall, it will not stop you. But water always goes where it wants to go, and nothing in the end can stand against it. Water is patient. Dripping water wears away a stone. Remember that, my child. Remember you are half water. If you can’t go through an obstacle, go around it. Water does.”

Margaret Atwood, The Penelopiad
On October 31, 2012, the remnants of Hurricane Sandy turned Lake Michigan into a roiling sea.

Cedar trees perch on outcropping of the Niagara Escarpment at Cave Point County Park.

“A lake carries you into recesses of feeling otherwise impenetrable.”

- William Wordsworth

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Whitefish Dunes State Park

Whitefish Dunes features programs, exhibits and brochures on archeology, highlighting the importance of eight significant Prehistoric Native American villages.

Structural replicas of tribal villages can be seen on the hiking trail behind the sand dunes.
In autumn of 2012 the back roads of northern Door bore witness to some of the most stunning color in decades.

“Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree.”

- Emily Bronte

Further down Logerquist Road another scenic vista.
Back roads around Clark Lake are wonderful to travel by auto or bike.

“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.”

Albert Camus

An old maple tree on Highway 57 proudly shows off its foliage.
A trip through Peninsula State Park yields an embarassing array of visual riches.

“Autumn, the year’s last, loveliest smile.”

William Cullen Bryant
Additional facts about our Lake Michigan Beach

Links provided by: Carolyn Rock, Natural Resource Educator, Whitefish Dunes State Park

Great Lakes Ridge and Swale

Exploring Wisconsin’s Great Cliff

Great Lakes Water Levels
http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/greatlakes/hh/greatlakeswaterlevels/

Great Lakes Beach

Whitefish Dunes Geology
http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/specific/whitefish/history/geology.html

Great Lakes Dune


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