

GREAT LAKES

# SHIPWRECK MUSEUM



WHITEFISH POINT  
MICHIGAN

# Edmund Fitzgerald Exhibit



Photo by Bob Campbell

In the summer of 1995, the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society together with families of the *Fitzgerald's* crew, Canadian Navy and the National Geographic Society raised the bell to honor the 29 men lost on November 10, 1975.

Today the ship's bell can be seen in the Shipwreck Museum gallery. It serves not only as a tribute to the *Fitzgerald's* crew, but as a reminder of the 30,000 men, women and children lost to shipwreck on the Great Lakes.

## THE LEGEND LIVES ON



Recovered Bell on display as a memorial to her lost crew.

Of the 6000 ships lost on the Great Lakes, the *Edmund Fitzgerald* remains the most famous and mysterious.

The *Fitzgerald* lies twisted and broken just 17-miles from Whitefish Point, at a depth of 535 feet.

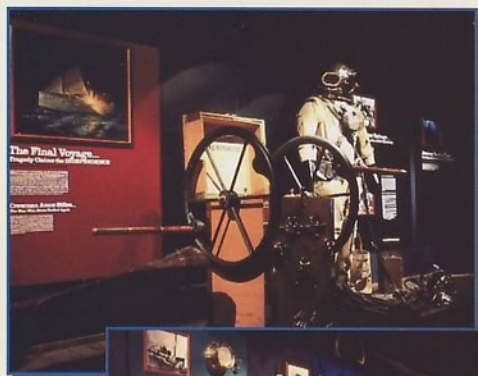


Photo by Al Kamuda  
Detroit Free Press





## SHIPWRECK MUSEUM



Superior's fury. Deceivably beautiful Lake Superior's unrelenting fury has earned the reputation of being the most treacherous of the Great Lakes.

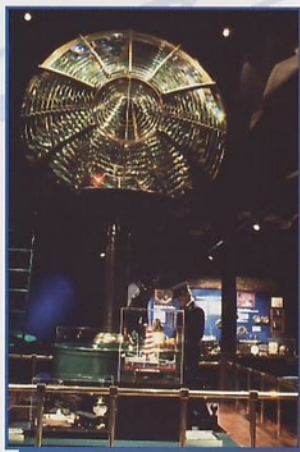
Throughout the museum complex, visitors will see maritime legends come to life. Artifacts and exhibits tell stories of sailors and ships who braved the waters of Superior and those who were lost to its menacing waves.

### • Video Theatre:

Enjoy an original short film on the history of the Edmund Fitzgerald and raising of the bell.

### • Scenic overlooks

Provide visitors with spectacular views and access to Lake Superior's pristine shoreline.



## RESTORED WHITEFISH POINT LIGHT STATION ESTABLISHED IN 1849

Whitefish Point is the oldest active light on Lake Superior. The Keepers Quarters Dwelling attached to the light has been fully restored and is open for tours.

Constructed in 1861 at the order of President Lincoln, exhibits reflect the life of the lightkeeper and his family at the turn of the century, circa 1890-1920.



## WHITEFISH POINT USCG LIFEBOAT STATION

Established in 1923, the United States Coast Guard Lifeboat Station at Whitefish Point reflects a time when highly trained and dedicated surfmen often risked their lives to render assistance to those in peril along Lake Superior's Shipwreck Coast. New exhibits.



Surfboat on display in restored boathouse.



## SHIPWRECK COAST MUSEUM STORE

The finest maritime gift store in Michigan offering many exclusive lighthouse gifts, art, Great Lakes and maritime history books and video, top quality apparel and a full inventory of specialty nautical items are available in the store, through mail order and our online catalog. Toll free 888-492-3747.



## OVERNIGHT LODGING ON SUPERIOR'S SHIPWRECK COAST

Spend a night or two in the adaptively restored 1923 US Coast Guard Lifeboat Station Crews Quarters located next to the oldest operating Lighthouse on Lake Superior. Each of the five themed rooms has a private bath, entertainment center with full satellite technology yet retain their historic charm. Open year round.

For information call toll free 888-492-3747



## OTHER AREA ATTRACTIONS

### Tahquamenon Falls

One of the largest waterfalls west of Niagara, this is a magnificent natural attraction for everyone. The falls are located 20 miles southwest of the museum.



### Centennial Cranberry Farm Est. 1876

Visit the oldest working cranberry farm in the state. Owned and operated by the same family since 1876. Enjoy a tour of the bogs, fresh cranberries, a new gift shop with unique gifts. Located 1 mile south of the museum.

### Crisp Point Lighthouse

One of the first four original Life Saving Stations. Built in 1875. Crisp Point Lighthouse is located 13 miles west of Whitefish Point. The tower can be climbed on weekends. (906) 492-3206.

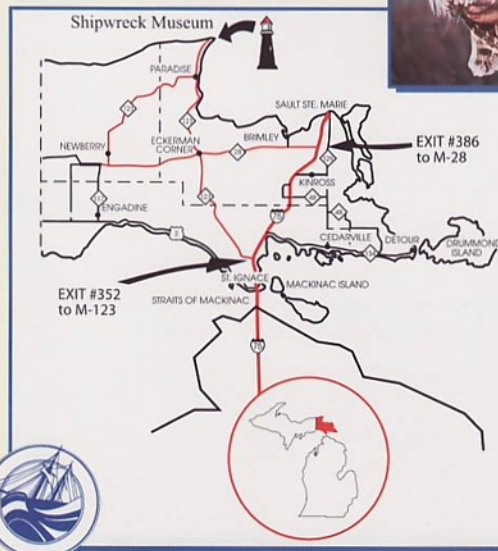
### Kewadin Casinos

Offering Vegas-style gaming, dining, lodging and entertainment, open 24 hours a day. Six locations to serve you; Sault Ste. Marie, Hessel, St. Ignace, Manistique, Christmas and Detroit.



### Whitefish Point Bird Observatory

Among the leading observatories in the country, offering a unique glimpse at the spectacular migration of Hawks, Loons, Eagles, Falcons, and many Song Bird species. Interpretive Center and Gift Shop.



"Home of one of the best small museums in America."  
— *Money Magazine*

"The most compelling Michigan maritime and lighthouse museum." — *Midwest Living*

"...an excellent collection for those fascinated by sunken ships."  
— *Boston Globe*

## Where Shipwreck Legends Come to Life!

Open every day May 1st to October 31st  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Open by appointment during off season.

For more information call toll free:

800-635-1742

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