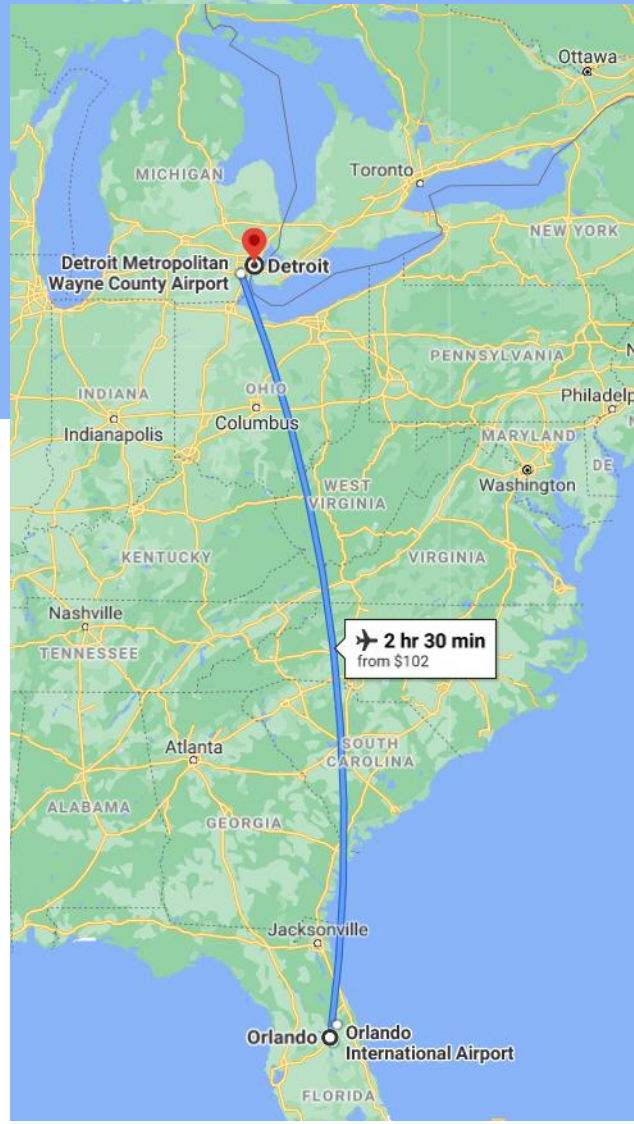
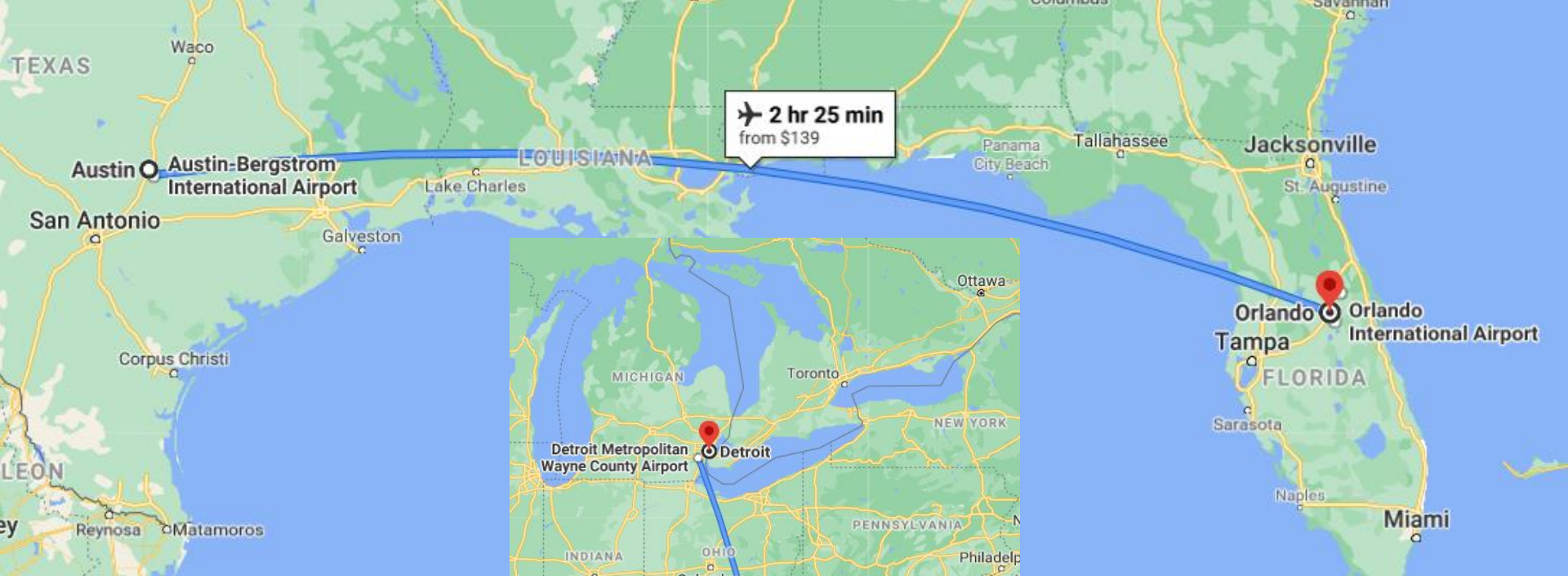


Ed & Rob's Upper Midwest tour 24-30 June 2021

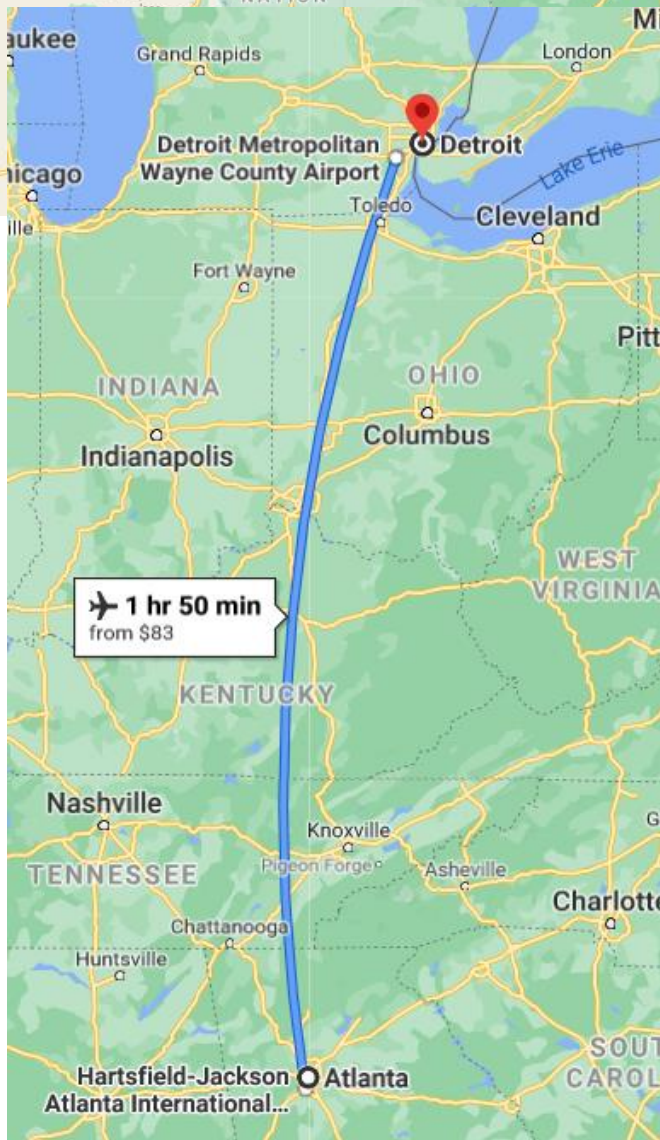
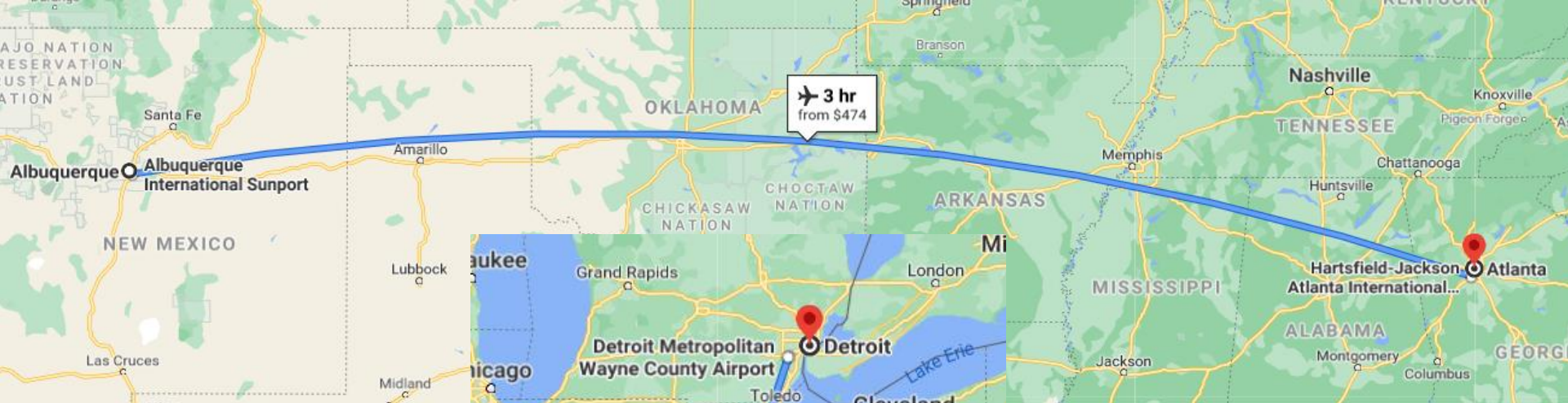


And so another trip begins! A pretty tight schedule, but hey, we're professionals.





Rob's flights looked like this: Austin to Orlando, then Orlando to Detroit. Some delays, but got to Detroit around 7p, several hours after Ed.

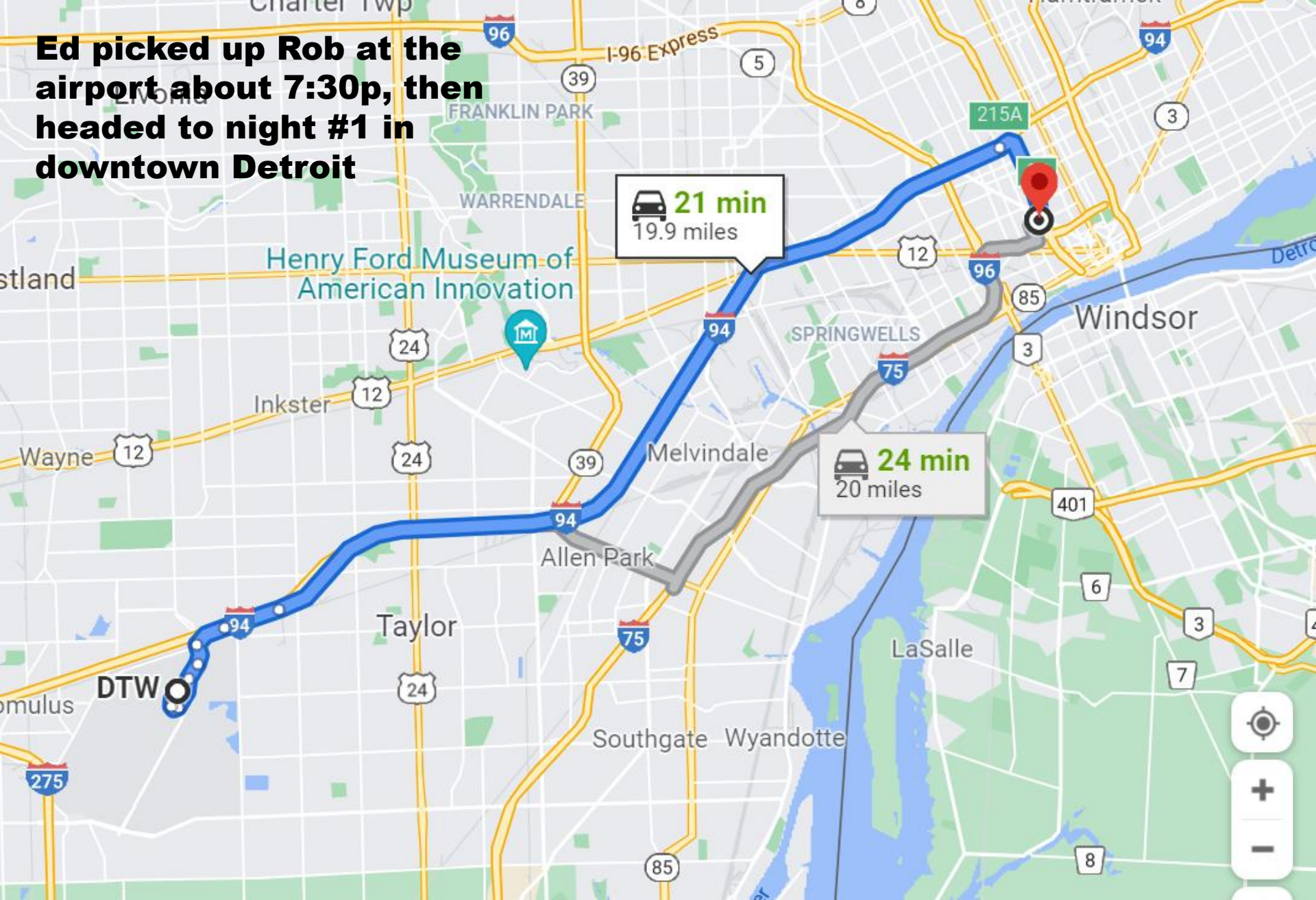


Ed was in Santa Fe, so he went by train to Albuquerque 6/23, spent the night, then caught his flight to Atlanta, and ultimately Detroit



Traveling wearing masks was less than fun, but if it means going or not going, no brainer....

Ed picked up Rob at the airport about 7:30p, then headed to night #1 in downtown Detroit



**Transportation for
this excursion.**





MotorCity Hotel/Casino was a great place to start this trip



Motor City

RIGHT LANE
MUST
TURN RIGHT

EKX 6124

FOCUS

Group of smokers in parking garage



The first (and second) beers of the evening was Bell's Two Hearted American IPA. Fun times. One of those fun moment pictures like on the Stockholm to Turku ferry in 2012. Still young and strong at 65.



I guess the good thing about this carpet is that it doesn't show spills and stains... or maybe it does!

Grabbed a burger in hotel and back to the bar for second beer. Crashed out around midnight.



Day #2, 25 July 2021
Nice view of downtown Detroit from our room



We were heading to the Ford Rogue factory in Dearborn. Had to stop for breakfast first. The Starbucks was closed, so we grabbed juice & coffee at the food center next door about 9am.





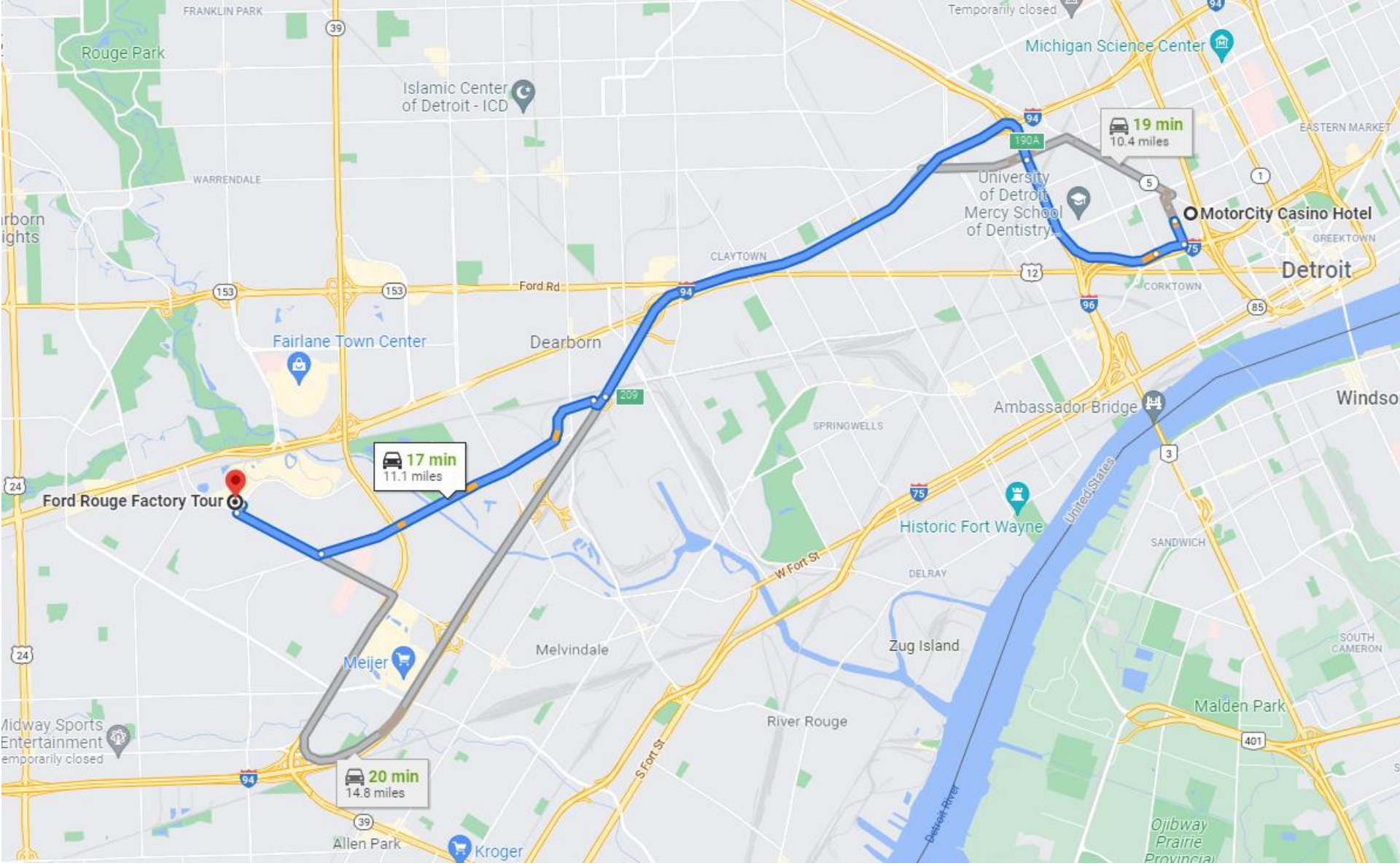
A man with short grey hair and sunglasses, wearing a grey t-shirt and khaki cargo shorts, stands on the sidewalk next to the rear of a grey Toyota Camry. He is holding a small white container in his left hand.

The car is a grey Toyota Camry SE. On the trunk, there is a bottle of orange juice, a white coffee cup with a brown lid, and some food items. The license plate is 'ELL 4053' with 'PURE MICHIGAN' and 'MICHIGAN.COM' text. The car is parked on a street with yellow markings.

A white truck is visible in the background, driving on the street. The truck has 'EQUIPMENT' written on the front.

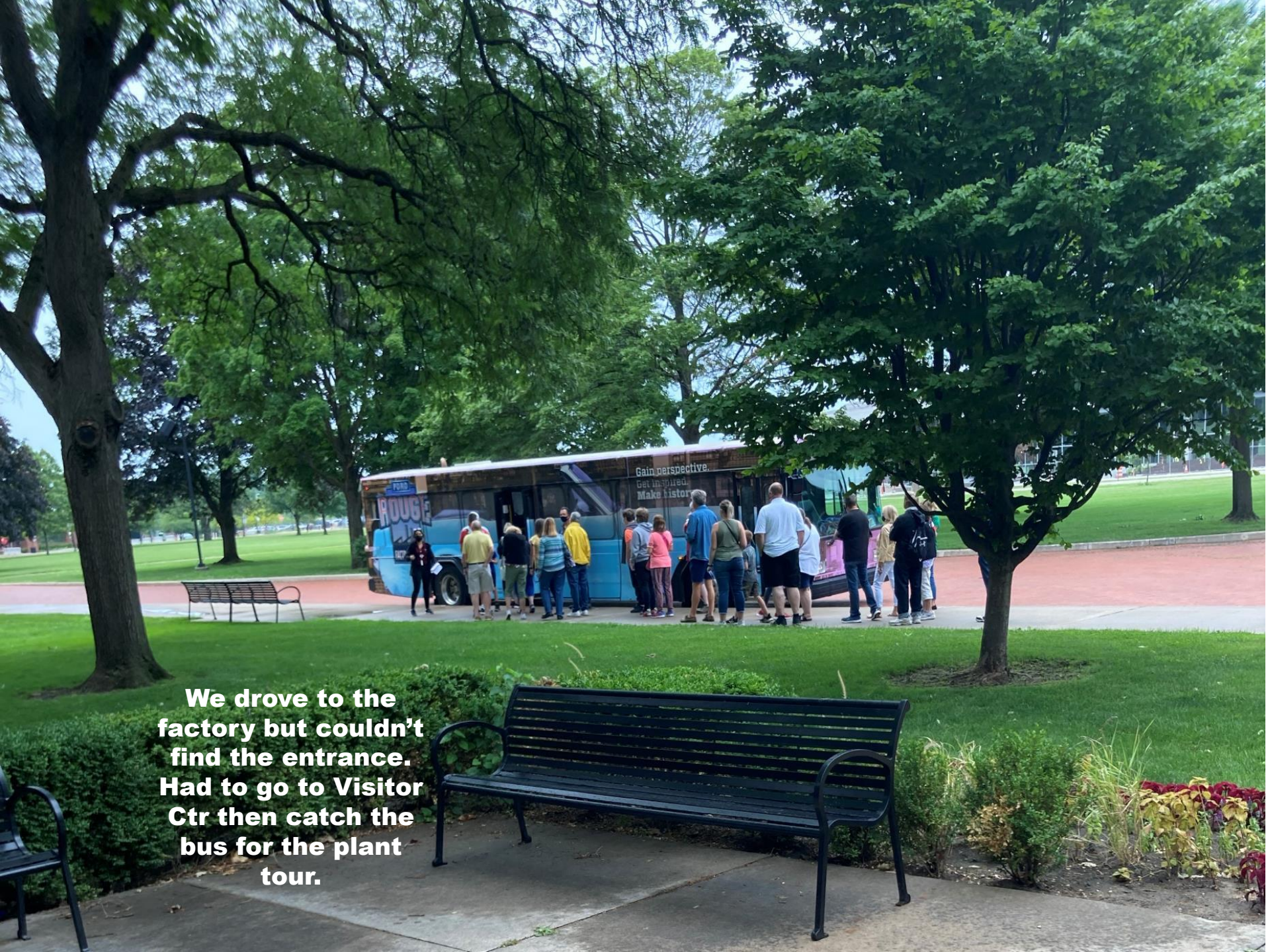
A sign for 'Citizens' is visible in the background, with a green and pink logo.

ELL 4053
PURE MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN.COM



FORD ROUGE FACTORY TOUR





We drove to the factory but couldn't find the entrance. Had to go to Visitor Ctr then catch the bus for the plant tour.



FORD ROUGE FACTORY TOUR

DISCOVER YOUR DRIVE

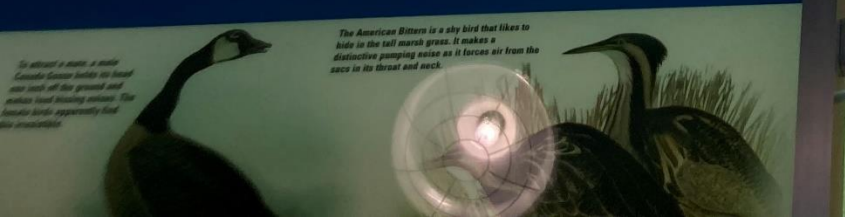
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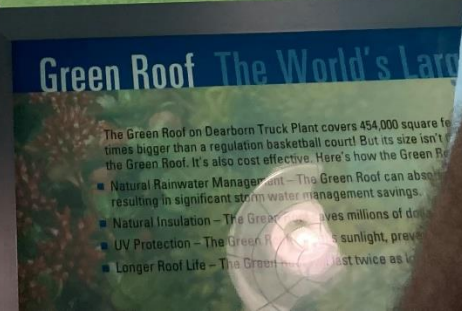
CRAFT

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They really designed the plant to be very eco-friendly.



The American Bittern is a shy bird that likes to hide in the tall marsh grass. It makes a distinctive pumping noise as it forces air from the sacs in its throat and neck.



Green Roof The World's Largest

- The Green Roof on Dearborn Truck Plant covers 454,000 square feet, which is 10 times bigger than a regulation basketball court! But its size isn't the only reason it's so special. The Green Roof is also cost effective. Here's how the Green Roof helps:
- Natural Rainwater Management – The Green Roof can absorb 100% of the rain that falls on it, resulting in significant storm water management savings.
- Natural Insulation – The Green Roof saves millions of dollars in energy costs by providing natural insulation.
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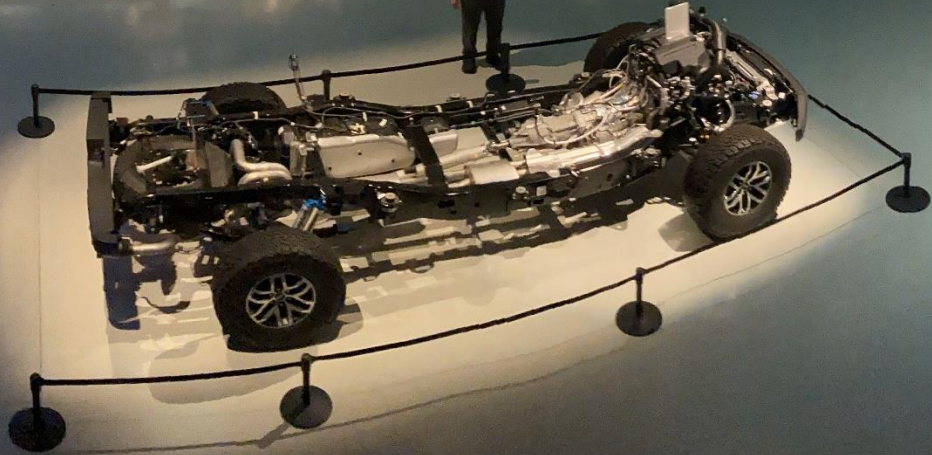
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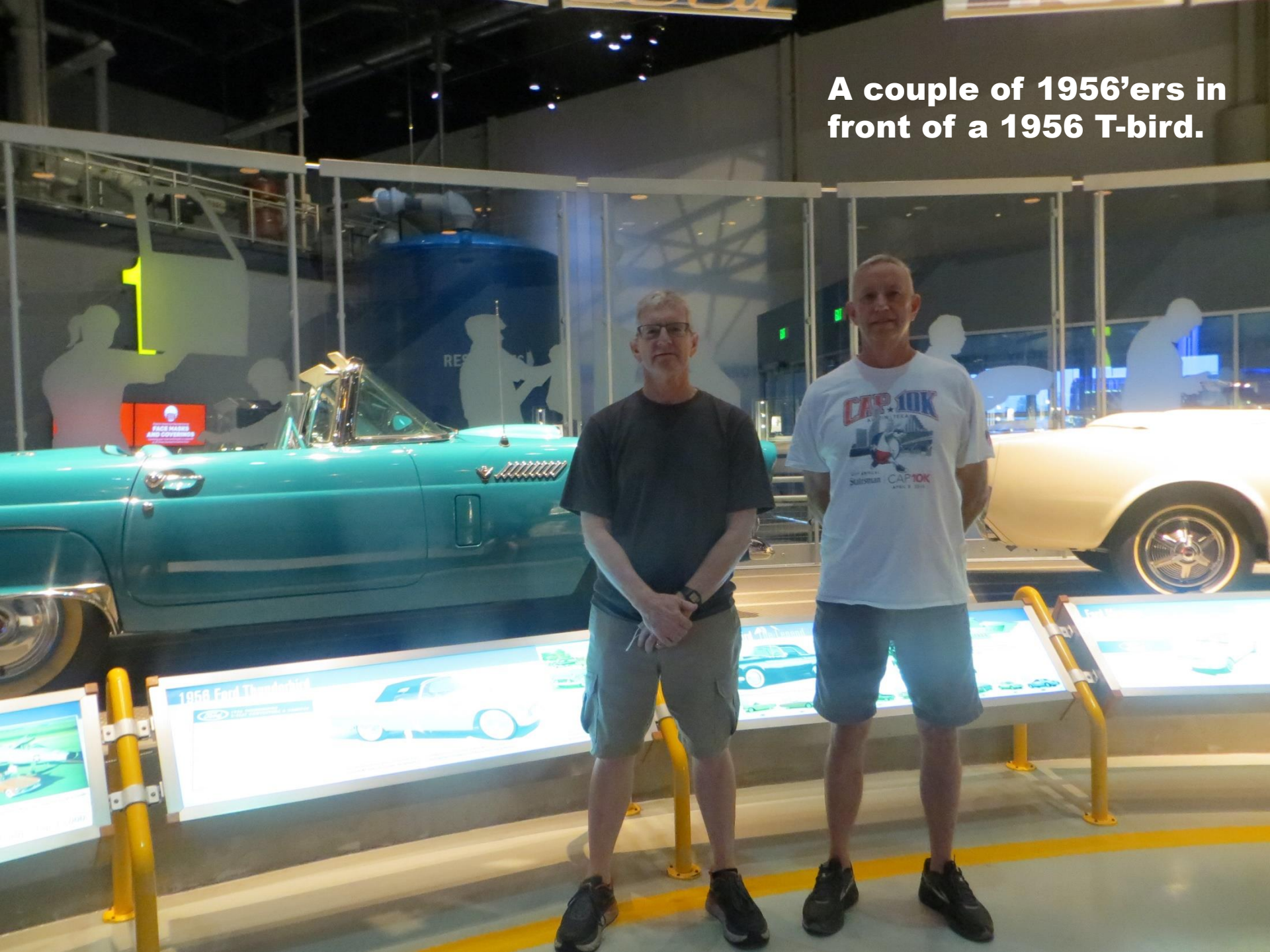
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RESTROOMS



A couple of 1956'ers in front of a 1956 T-bird.





We spent about 2.5 hours walking through the plant watching them make F150's on the assembly line. Was amazing. Photo taking was verboten, found this one online. About 12:30 we went to a BBQ place for some lunch before going to Henry Ford Museum.

NOLI PASTRY

948

CROISSANTS

ICE CREAM

COFFEE

CRONUTS

NOAH'S
SMOKERHOUSE
SOUTHERN STYLE BBQ

**Some ok BBQ, but
not anything
close to Texas
BBQ.**



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**Limo in which JFK was
assassinated**

At the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation

KENNEDY CAR

► 1961 LINCOLN

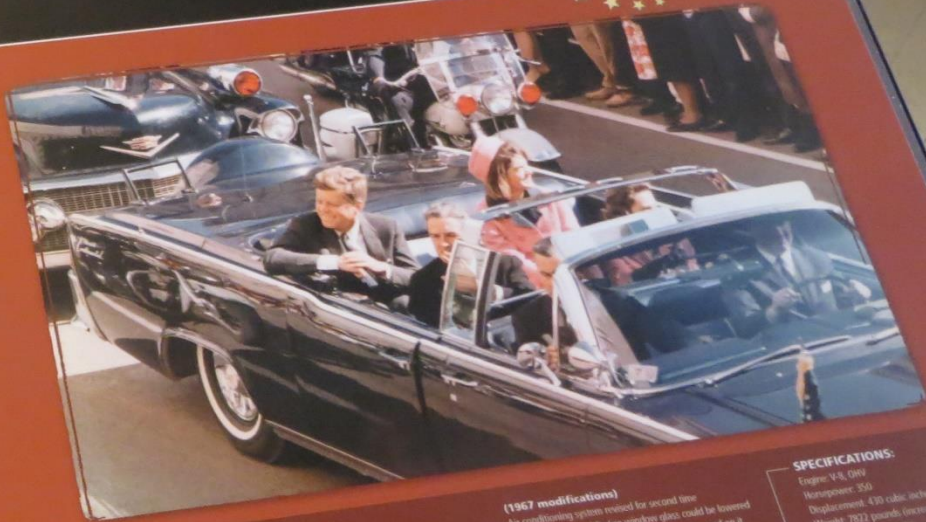
USED FROM: 1961 TO 1977



A tragic event occurs

The modern new four-door convertible seemed well-suited to a young, forward-thinking president. But tragedy struck when President Kennedy was assassinated in November 1963, while riding in this car through the streets of Dallas, Texas.

As the world mourned, the Secret Service quickly took steps to have this vehicle rebuilt so it would better protect future presidents. Later modifications during Johnson's and Nixon's presidencies only served to illustrate the continual tension between the presidents' desire to be seen and Secret Service efforts to protect them.



LOOK FOR:

- Rear handholds for Secret Service agents
- Permanent steel top (1964 rebuild)
- Reinforced rear trunk (1967 modifications)

USED BY:

John F. Kennedy
Occasional use by Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard M. Nixon,
Gerald R. Ford and Jimmy Carter

MADE BY:

Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan
Hess & Eisenhardt Company, Cincinnati, Ohio - customizing and modifications

SPECIAL FEATURES:

(1961)
Different steel, plastic and canvas roof sections for visibility
Rear seat could be hydraulically raised to better view president
Enlarged heating and air conditioning systems
Steps and handholds for Secret Service
Interior floodlights to illuminate president at night
Two-way radio-telephones, one with an encoding "scrambler"
Painted a deep metallic "presidential continental blue"

(1964 rebuild)

Permanent armored steel top
Bullet-proof glass on fixed windows
Armored steel body
Gas tank filled with urethane plastic foam, called "Safom," which minimized risk of explosion if bullets were fired into the tank
Solid aluminum inner "tires" inside pneumatic rubber tires
Could be used if rubber tires were damaged
President Johnson insisted car be painted black

(1967 modifications)

Air conditioning system revised for second time
Right rear door modified so window glass could be lowered
Trunk lid reinforced after President Johnson prepped on it and dented it during campaigning

(Nixon administration modifications)

Special trap door cut into roof so president could poke upper body through and wave to crowds

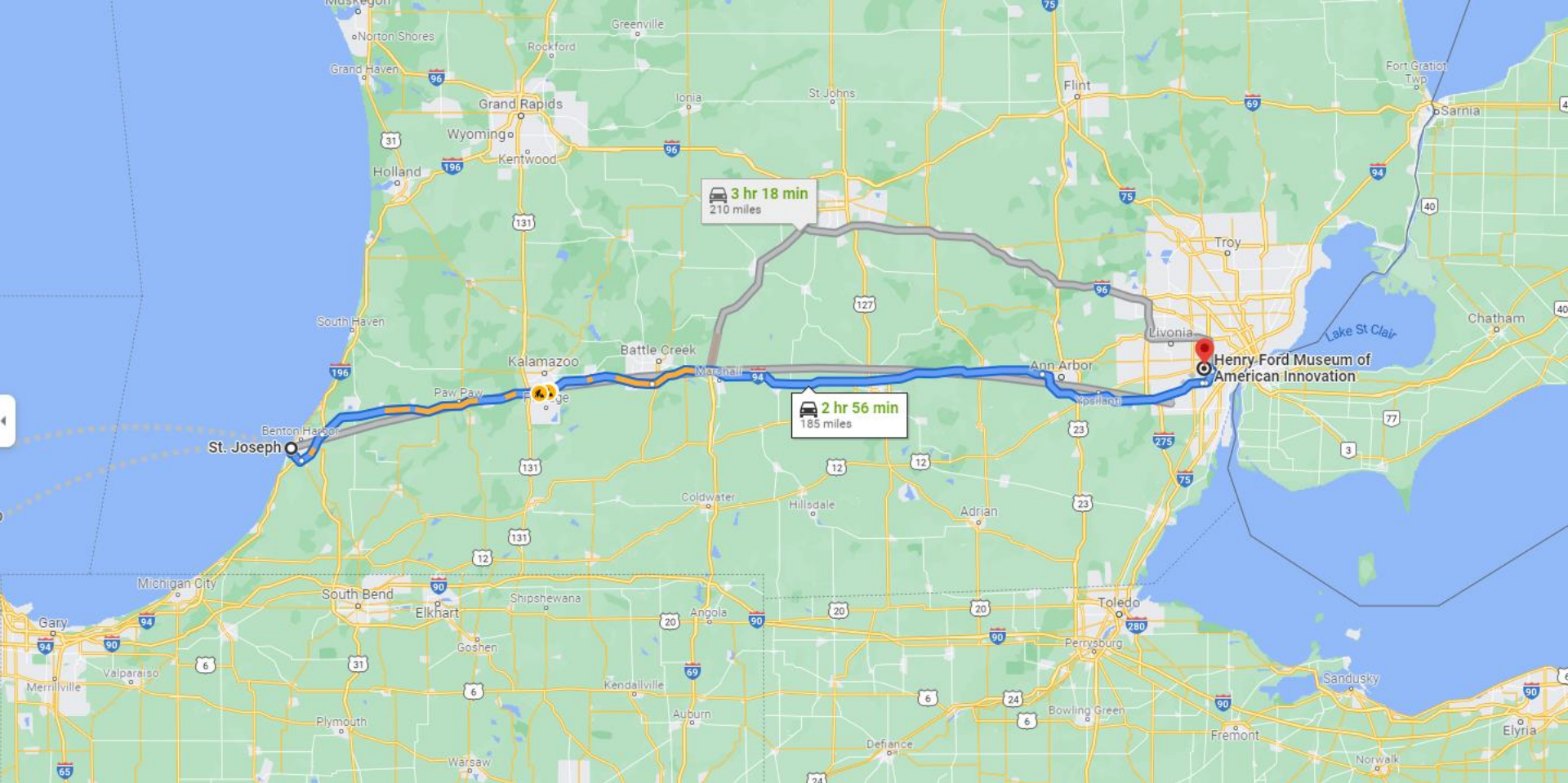
SPECIFICATIONS:

Engine: V-8, 312
Horsepower: 350
Displacement: 430 cubic inches
Weight: 7822 pounds (increased to 9,300 pounds)
Original Cost: \$195,000

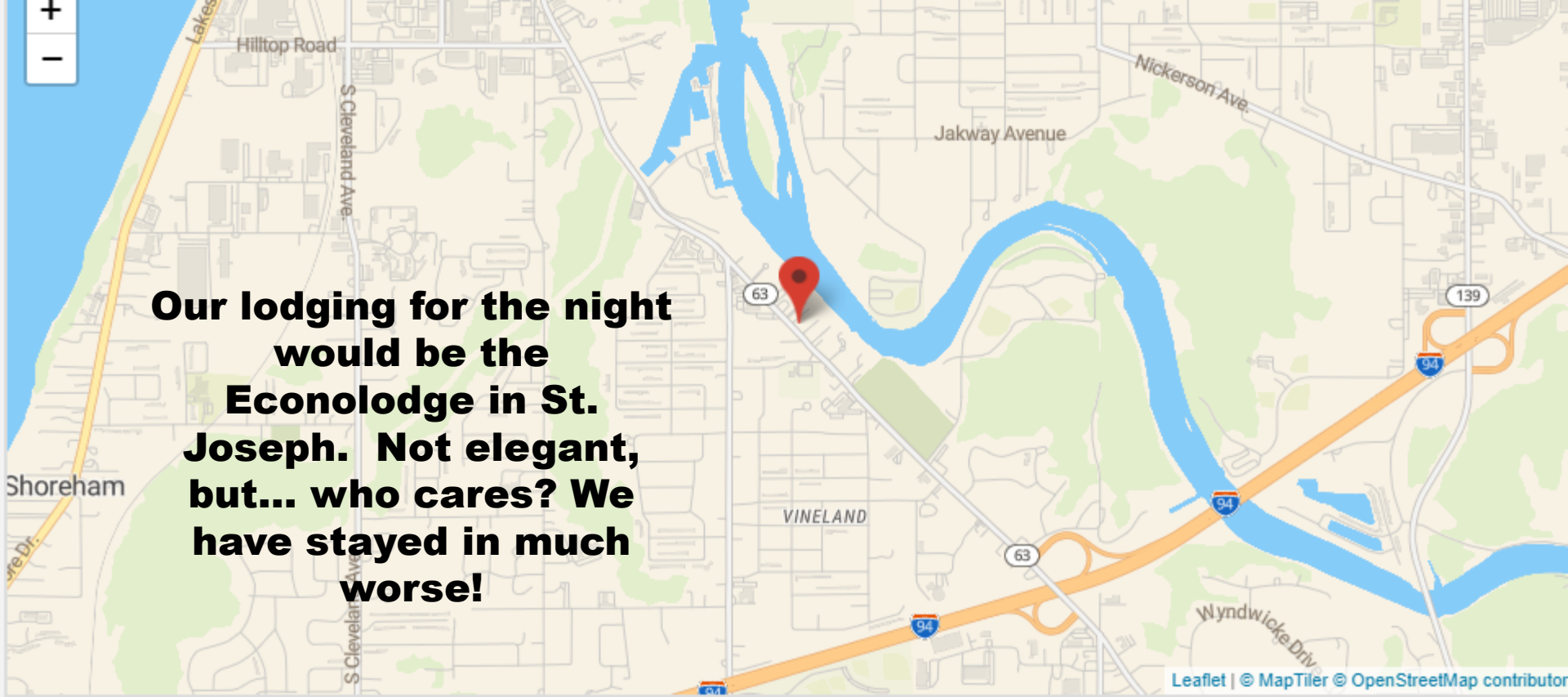
Gift of Ford Motor Company



**The Rosa
Parks bus**

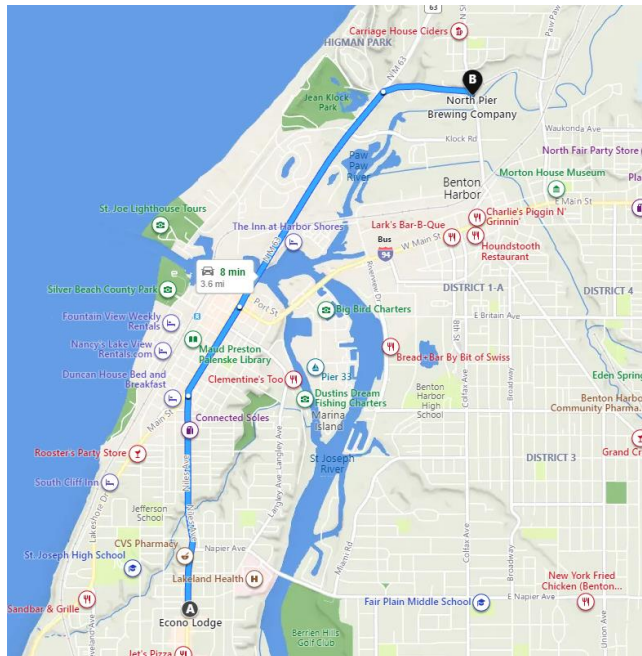


By mid afternoon we were on our way on the 3-hour westward drive to St. Joseph where a number of microbrews awaited us.





For starters, North Pier Brewing Company in the next little burb to the north, Harbor Shores







HAPPY GUY
DRY-HOPPED PILSNER
4.6%

OH MY GUAVA
PINK GUAVA KOLSCH
5.3%

TACKLEBOX
IPA
7.5%

GLOWSUN
AMERICAN WHEAT
6.0%

SHOBBAR SESSION
SESSION IPA
4.7%

Somethin' Bout a Goat
German Bock 7.3%

ZUPER KOLSCH
DRY HOPPED KOLSCH
5.0%

COSTA NORTE
Mediterranean

THE HUNTSMAN
SEMI-DRY CIDER
6%

THE CONJURER
BELGIAN GOLDEN STRONG
8.7%

OLD SHUCK
LONDON PORTER
5%

415 AM
WHITE IPA
6%

FIGUREHEAD
DRUIT IPA
6.0%

Strawberry-Kiwi Sour
Kettle Sour 5.0%

DRAFT COCKTAILS

CUT & RUN
Vodka with Lemon, Lime, and Orange

TWO OFF the FIRST
vodka, tea, peach and lemon
5.3%

GOLD COAST TIKI
Rum with Pineapple, Grapefruit, Lime and Ginger

45% NAKED TIKI
Vodka, Mango, Almond, Lemon-Lime SELTZER

- HERRS**
ARCA POCONO
17 TO GO
1. Gibbs
 2. Heim
 3. C. Smith
 4. Dollar
 5. Sanchez
 6. Morfitt
 7. Buford
 8. K. Sieg
 9. Corr
 10. Jankowiak
 11. Huff
 12. Noland
 13. Pompa
 14. Moyer
 15. Richmond
 16. Kitahiller
 17. B. Smith
 18. Wood
 19. D. Thompson
 20. Dautat



Easy on the first one. A Zuper Kölsch (5% abv) at 7:40pm



**Was kinda fun seeing the
drawbridge do its thing
on the way to the next
brewery worthy of our
attention**



Silver Harbor Brewing was the next stop

SILVER HARBOR

BREWING COMPANY



OPEN

HOURS OF OPERATION:
MON - THUR 11:30 - 10PM
FRI - SAT 11:30 - 11:00PM

TIER 1

-PINT - 5⁵⁰ - SAMPLER - 2⁰⁰ -
SO HEFFEN GOOD 4%
German Hefeweizen
TOURIST TRAP 5.1%
Premium American Lager
HOPS, SWEAT & TEARS 6.8%
American IPA
OUT KUMBAYA BROWN 5.4%
Brown Ale
SUNRISE BREAKFAST STOUT 7%
Oatmeal Stout w/ Coffee
SAND MERCHANT 6%
Irish Red Ale
OUT GOOD TIME Z RAZZBERRY WHEAT 5%
Wheat Ale

TIER 2

-SNIFTER - 6⁵⁰ - SAMPLER - 2⁰⁰ -
GRANDMA'S FAVORITE RECIPE 5%
Lactose Kettle Sour w/ Strawberry & Rhubarb
PICK ME, I'M HAZY! 7.5%
New England IPA
PURPLE NURPLE 6.6%
Lactose Kettle Sour w/ Raspberry, blueberry & blackberry
WOBBLY TRAVELER 9%
Scotch Ale
FIVE O'CLOCK PARFAIT 6%
Lactose Kettle Sour w/ boysenberry, blackberry & Vanilla

CIDER

-PINT - 7⁰⁰ - SAMPLER - 2⁰⁰
THE HUNTSMAN 6%

TIER 3

-SNIFTER - 7⁵⁰ - SAMPLER - 2⁰⁰ -
BBA GOLDEN TICKET 9.5%
Double Oatmeal Stout w/ Chocolate
SHIPFACED 12.6%
English Barleywine

TO-GO BEERS

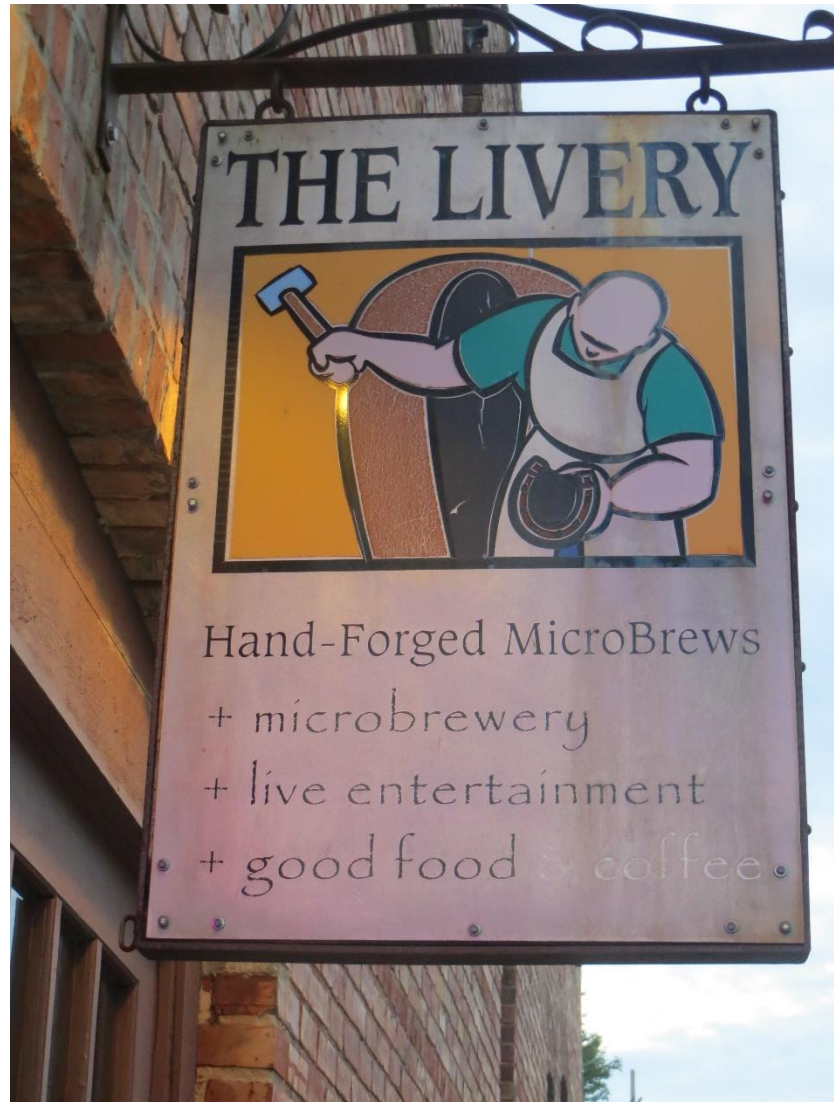
-GROWLER FILLS -
 -TIER 1 - 13⁰⁰ - TIER 2 - 16⁰⁰ - TIER 3 - 22⁰⁰ -
 -CROWLER -
 -TIER 1 - 11¹⁰ - TIER 2 - 13¹⁰ - TIER 3 - 16¹⁰ -
 -4-PACK 16oz CANS -
 -ASK WHAT'S AVAILABLE! -





Dinner and an IPA here

This next place was interesting too. Bar upstairs, spacious outdoor area. Had a couple of beers here.



STANDARD ROTATION: 10oz - \$4.75 / 16oz - \$5.50 / 20oz - \$6.25 + Tax

McGILLIGANS: American IPA - 7%

SILVER QUEEN: Helles Lager - 5.3%

HARBOR SHORES: Amber Ale - 5.6%

TESTER 009: AIPA - 6.8%

LOTUS: Pale Ale - 5.8%

~~LOVE IS LOVE IS LOVE: Guava Pale Ale 5.4%~~

HOUDINI: Pale Ale - 5.6%

TURNED CLOUDS: Wheat Ale - 5.6%

FIRK YEAH! IT'S FRIDAY! TAPPING @ 5:15

"MULGILLIGANS"
MULBERRY IPA

SUMMER MOONLIGHT: Dry Irish Stout - 5% *NITRO + HANDPULL*

SPECIALTIES: 5oz / 10oz - Prices Vary

2019 BBA TRIPPEL WEIZENBOCK: Wheat Bock - 16.5% \$5.75/\$11

NUKE THE FRIDGE: New England DIPA - 8.2% \$7.25/\$13.00

BLACKBERRY RHUBARB SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION - 6% \$7/\$13.00

15TH ANNIVERSARY: Cognac BA Old Ale - 10% \$5.25/\$10

BBA WEE HEAVY: Scotch Ale - 12.5% \$5/\$9.50

LOVE PUMP: Imperial Stout - 9.2% \$3.75/\$11

BOOTS WITH THE FUR: Cider - 7% \$6/\$13.00

VERCHUOSITY: 11.5% \$5.75/\$11
Sour Oak Aged Belgian Amber w/Cherries

*HOUSE / DEMI SEC

Alcoholic liquor shall not be sold furnished to a person unless that person has attained 21 years of age.
PURCHASE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WARNING TO MINORS
2000

Upper Livery & Balcony

250



STANDARD BEER 4.75

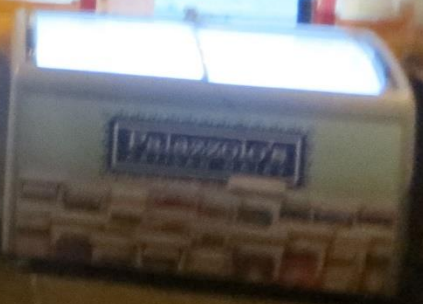
NY GALLAGHER 4.75	PALE ALE 4.75
SILVER OXLEY 4.75	ROCKWATER 4.75
HORIZON 4.75	TURKEY 4.75
CLUSTER 4.75	WHALE 4.75
LOUISIANA 4.75	WHALE 4.75

APPETIZERS

SHRIMP & BREAD 8.99	WINGS 8.99
CHICKEN TENDERS 8.99	VEGETARIAN 8.99
PIZZA 10.99	WINGS 8.99
WINGS 8.99	WINGS 8.99

FRESH PIZZA

Order this way





**Lavatory could
use some work**



Seemingly a quiet Friday night here in Benton Harbor. Guess this place has the potential to be hoppin if there's a live band, but for now it was quiet and relaxing

**A really
cool
table for
any type
of glass**





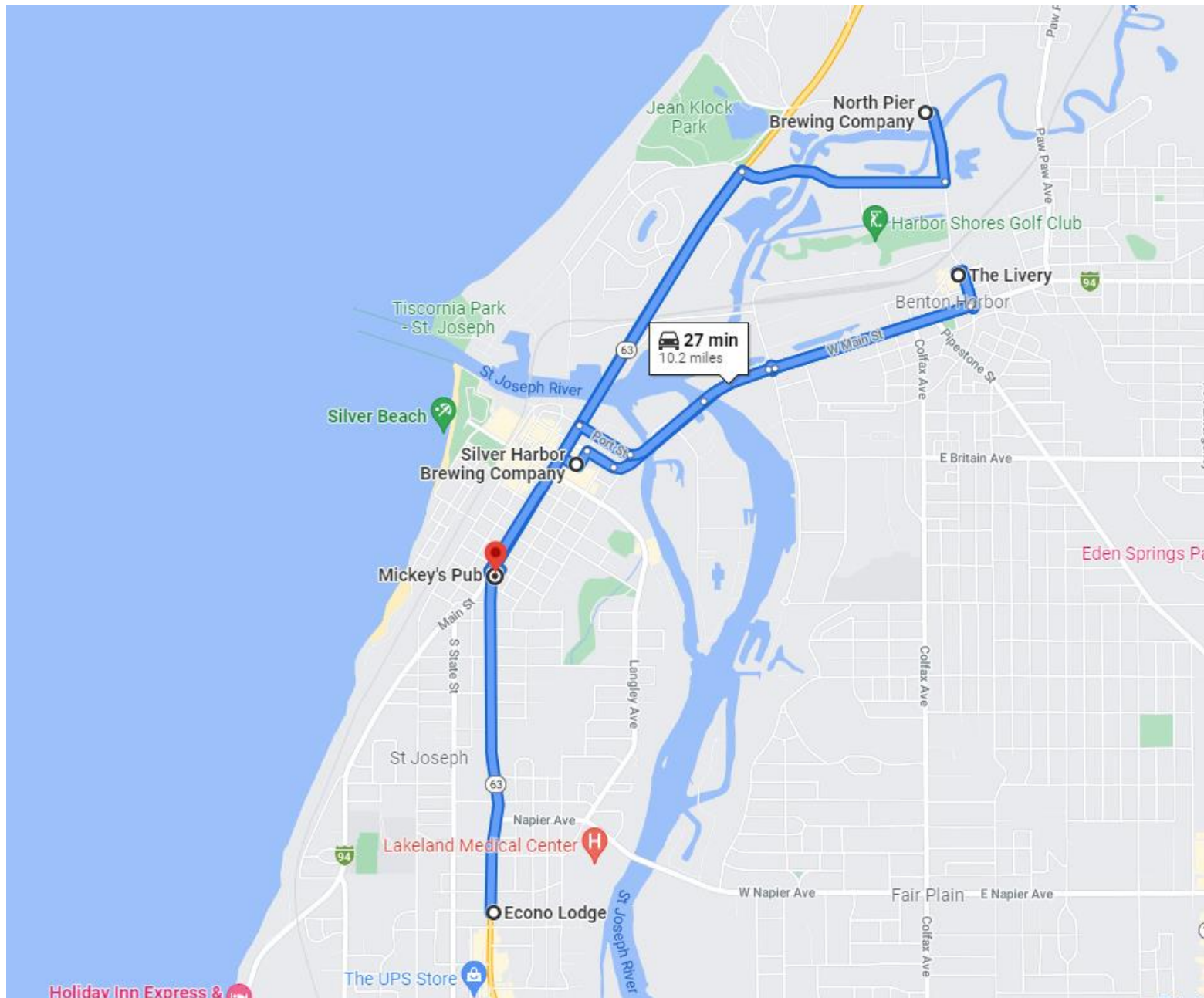
Once again, our uncanny ability to find interesting (?) people kicked in. The man who took this picture was there with his stepson. Still not sure we really understood their story.

Our nightcap for the evening about 10:45pm was a shot of Crown Royal. Oughta help us sleep well at the Econolodge. Oddly enough this place was hoppin.



Mickey's PUB

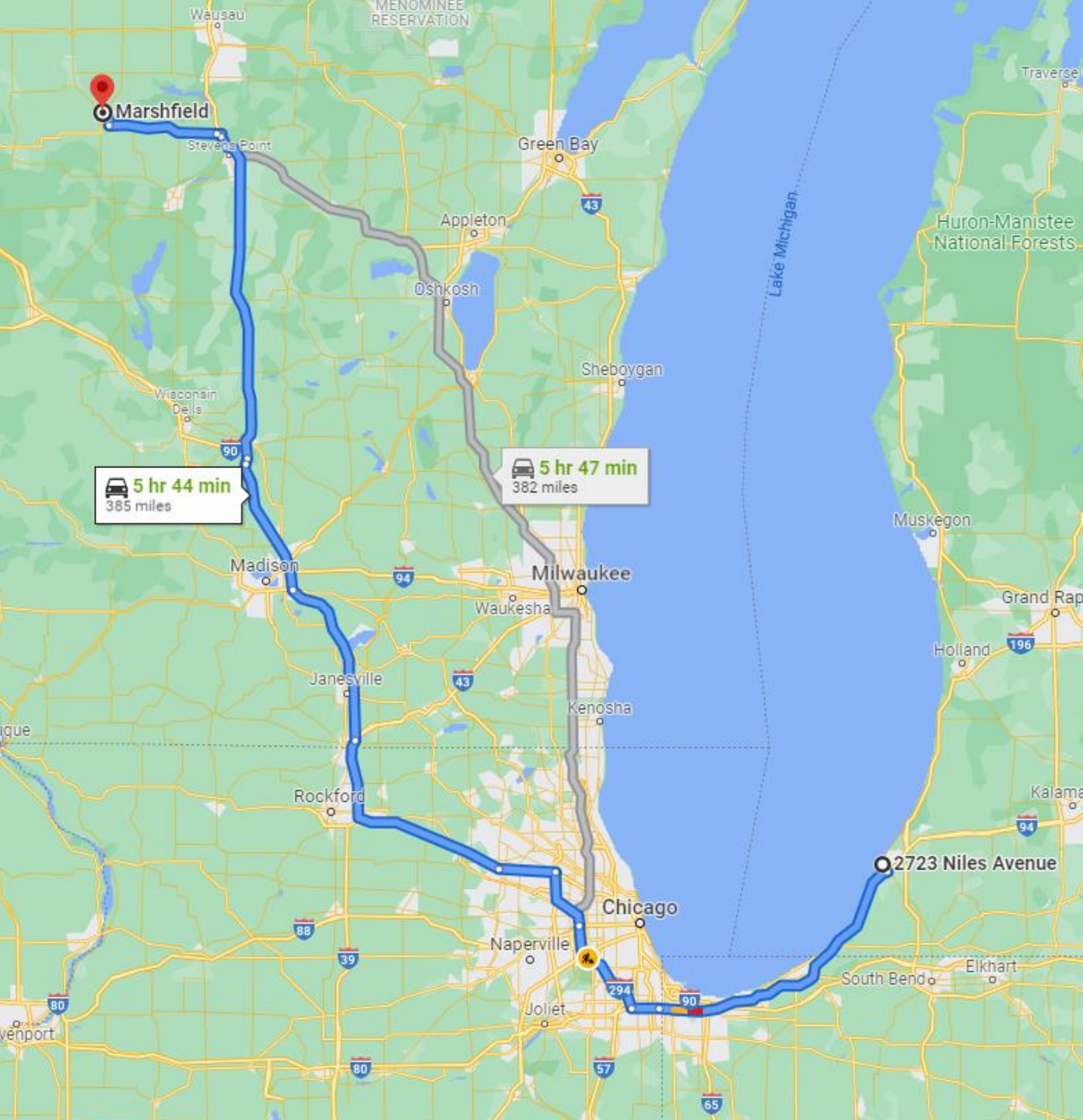




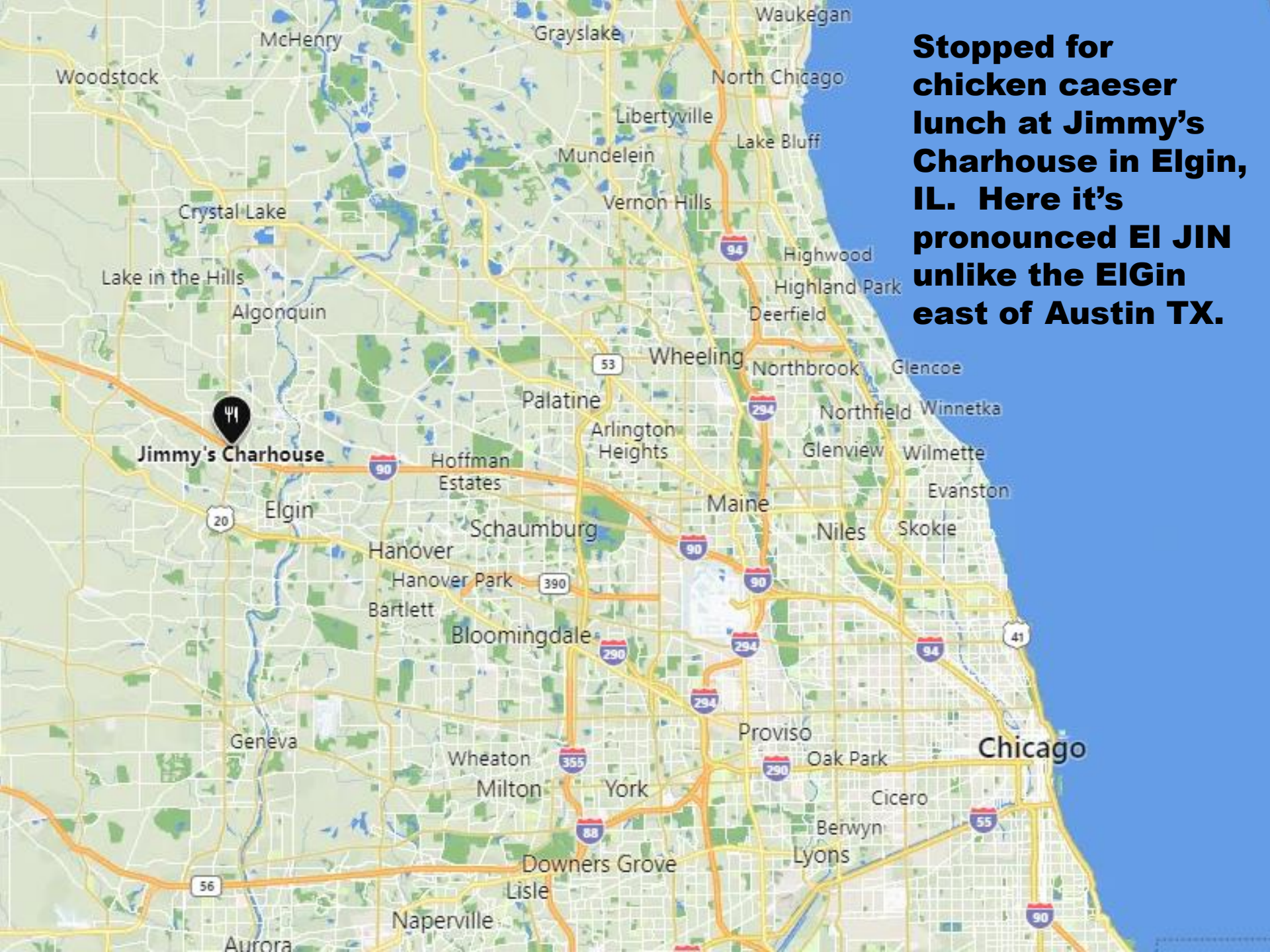
Our visit to St. Joseph, Harbor Shores, and Benton Harbor can be summarized thusly

Day #3, 26 June 2021. Got up and rolling a little after 8am on this chilly, dreary day. Had motel breakfast, then set out to Marshfield, Wisconsin to see Joan's brother & sister-in-law, Bruce & Sharon





Today's trek would take us around the bottom of Lake Michigan through Chicago. Avoiding toll roads proved difficult to get up toward Rockford, IL. We made a couple of detours... and pouring rain didn't help.



**Stopped for
chicken caesar
lunch at Jimmy's
Charhouse in Elgin,
IL. Here it's
pronounced EI JIN
unlike the ElGin
east of Austin TX.**

JIMMY'S CHARHOUSE

STEAKS

CHOPS

SEAFOOD

Curbside Pick-Up
Call us to bring it out
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Curbside Pick-Up
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Pick-Up Spot
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Got to Bruce & Sharon's in Marshfield at 4pm. Had a nice visit and restful time before going to eat. Thanks Bruce & Sharon for your hospitality!



This was a cool place
to go for all things
Wisconsin.



NUTZ DEEP II



SPECIAL BEER OF
THE MILWAUKEE BREWERS

Fried cheese
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brandy old
fashioned
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Day #4, 27 June 2021 Got a 6:30a jump on the day. Next stop, a quick photo op in downtown Wausau, WI where Rob & Joan got married. Some convenience store breakfast items.

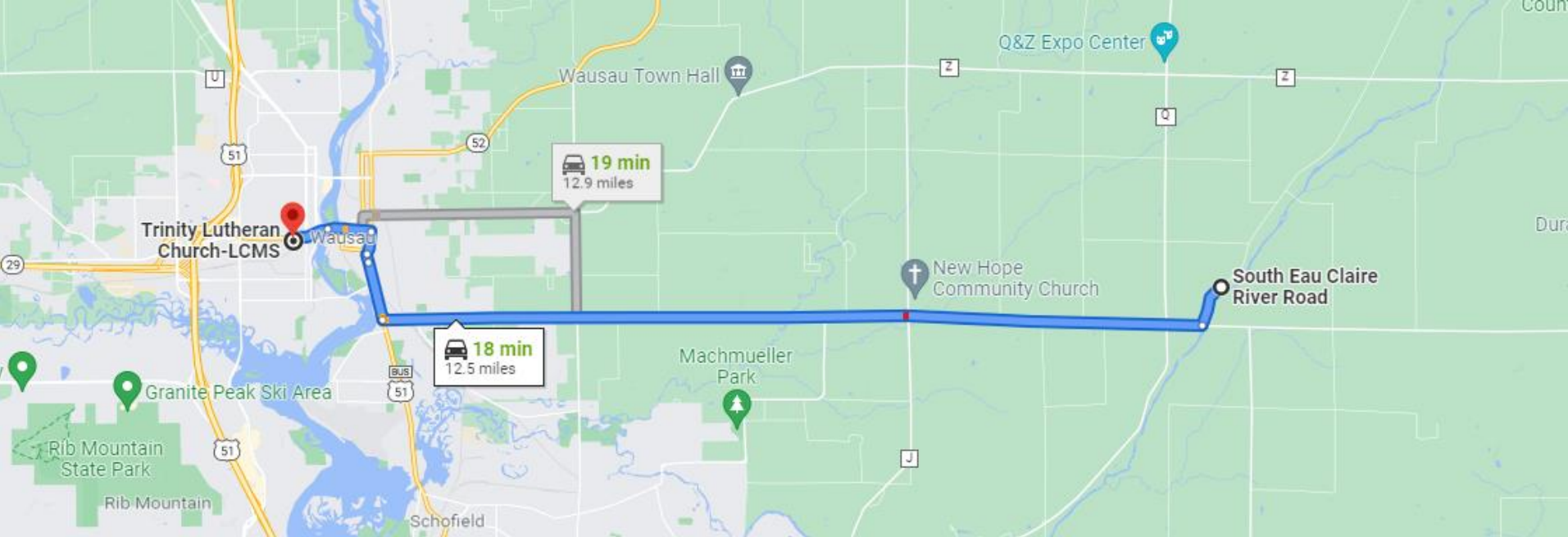




Trinity Lutheran in Wausau, WI where Rob & Joan got married in 1979

Driving along the Eau Claire River





Now out to see where Joan and siblings Bruce and Paula started life



Family house and dairy barn



Then a quarter-mile up the road where the family lived after they got out of farming



About 5 minutes away is this nice park on the Eau Claire River. We were the only visitors here at 8:10a... go figure.

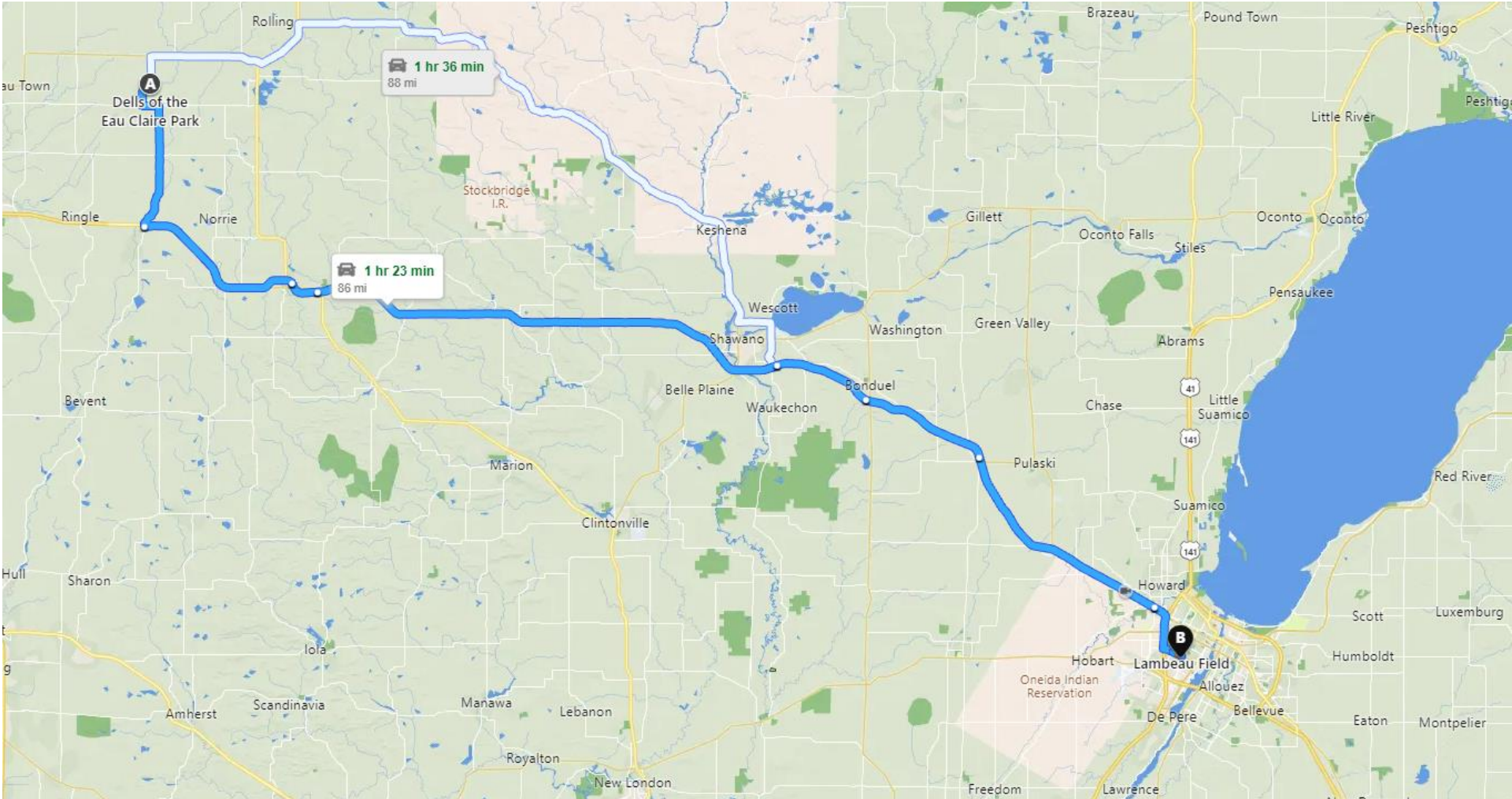


Many-a-family get-together here yesteryear



**Found it funny to
have a picnic table
so near the privy**





Our next stop was for lunch with Rob's nieces SuAnne and Kristin at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, WI, 86 mile trip.

Indeed football central

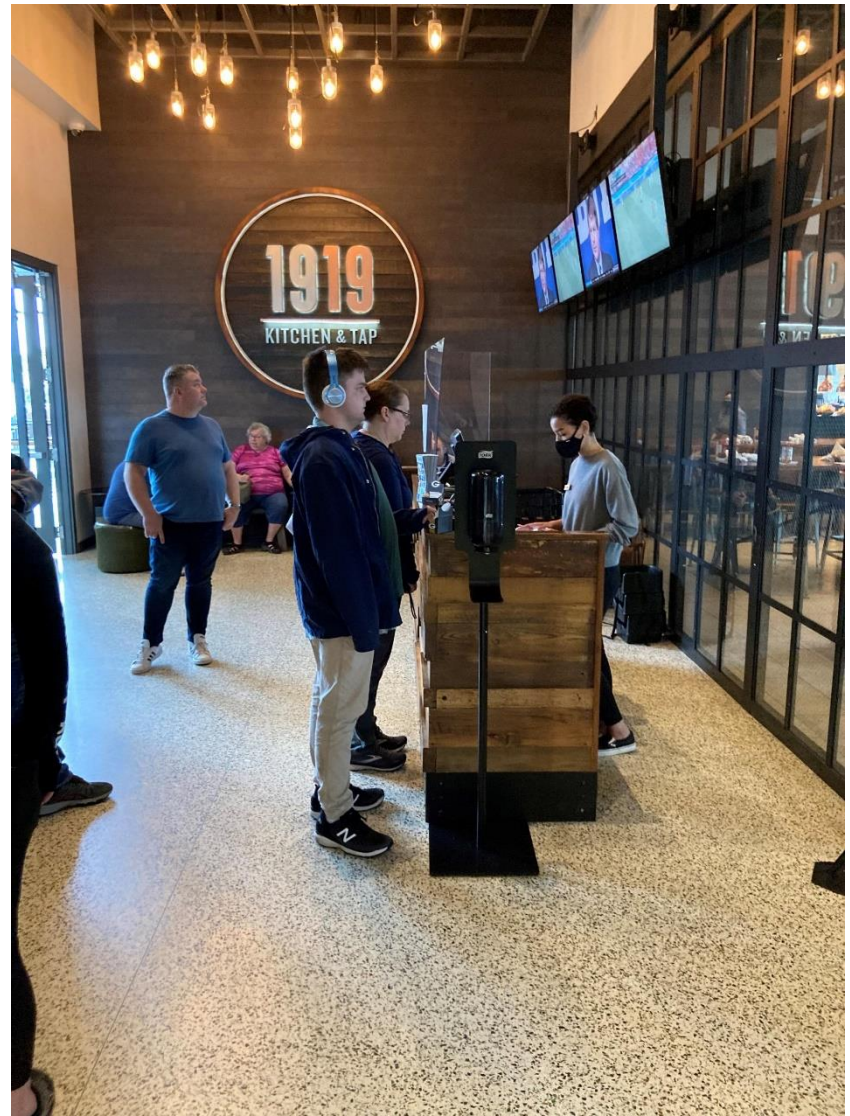


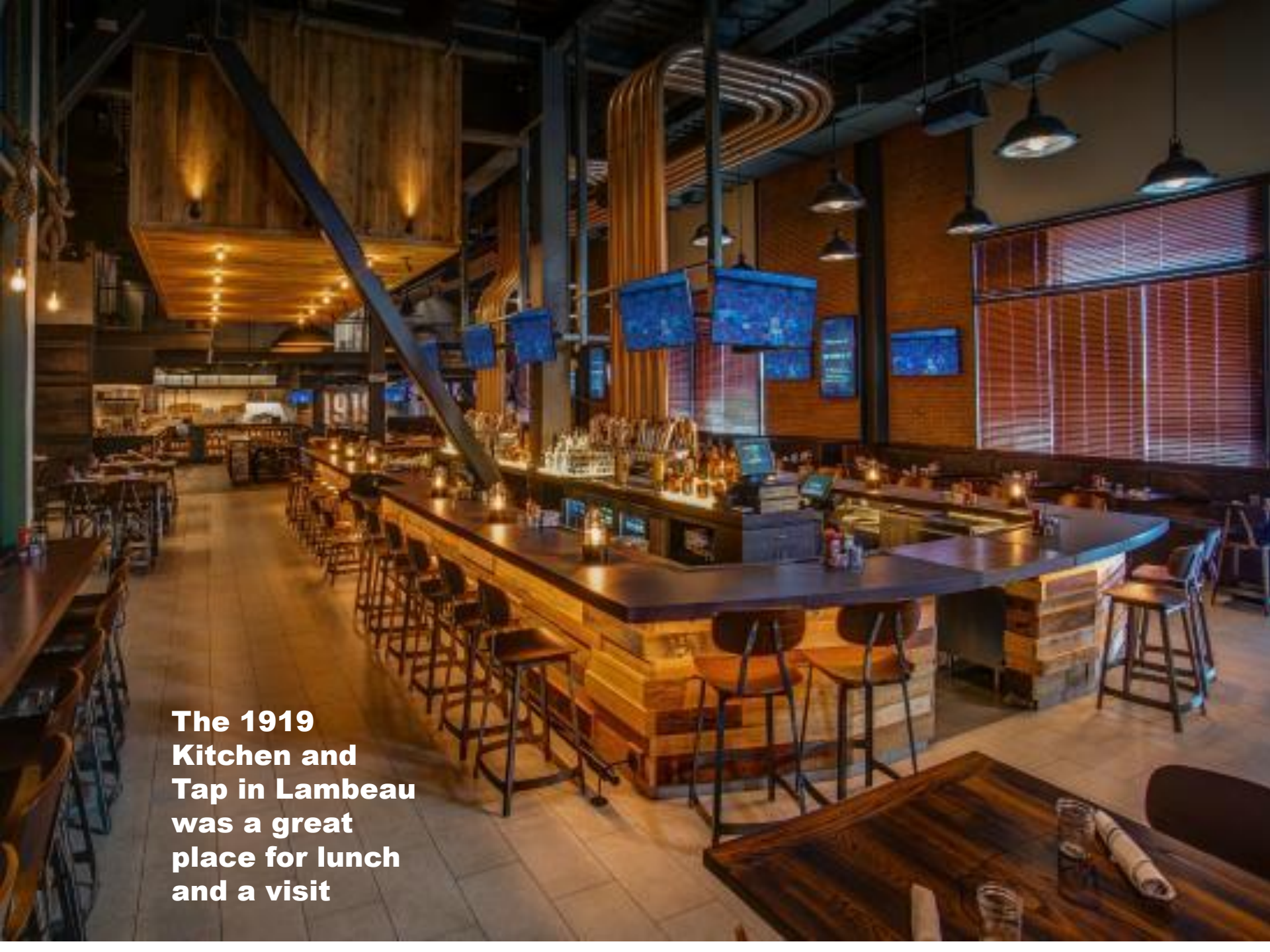
WELCOME TO LAMBEAU FIELD

General Seating

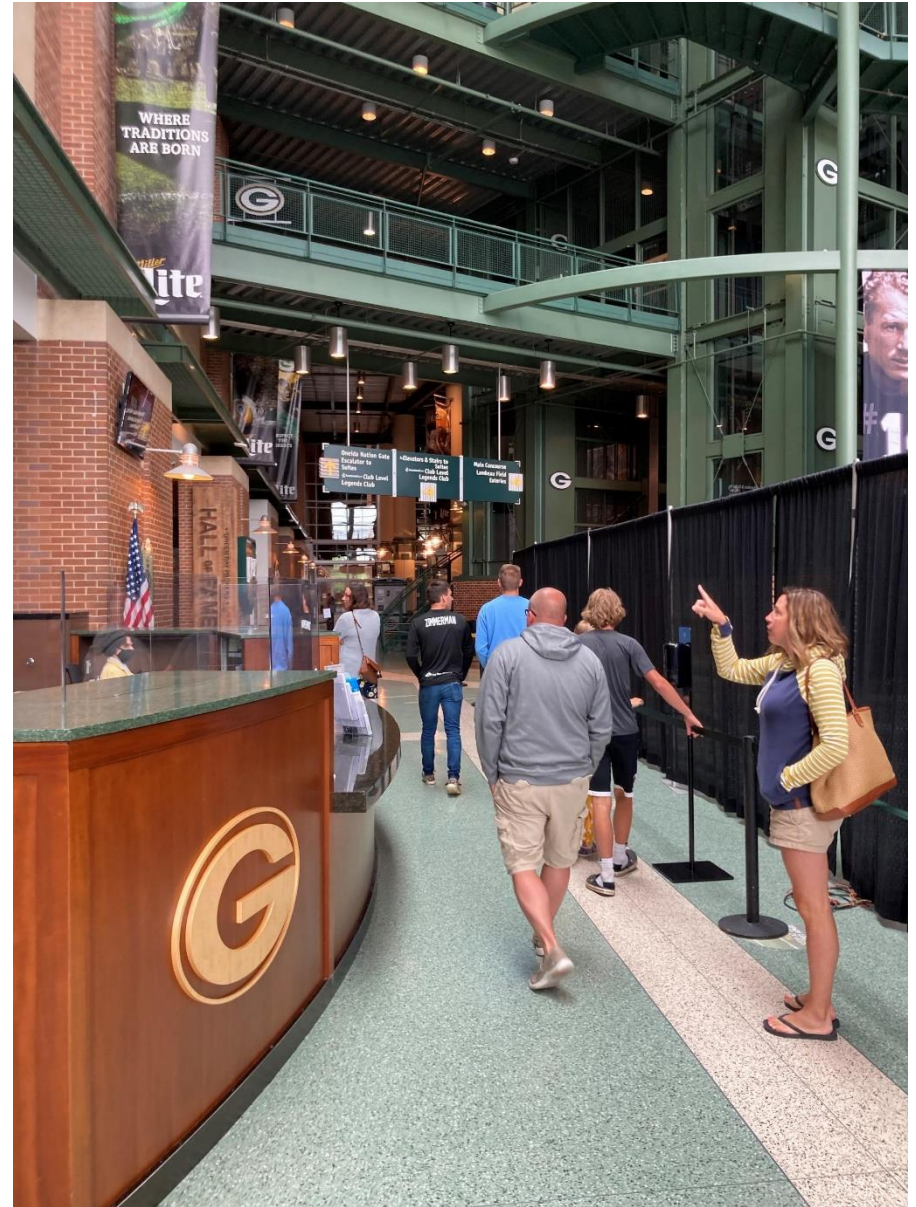
MEAT PACKING CO.







**The 1919
Kitchen and
Tap in Lambeau
was a great
place for lunch
and a visit**



Then the tour of what parts of the stadium you could get to

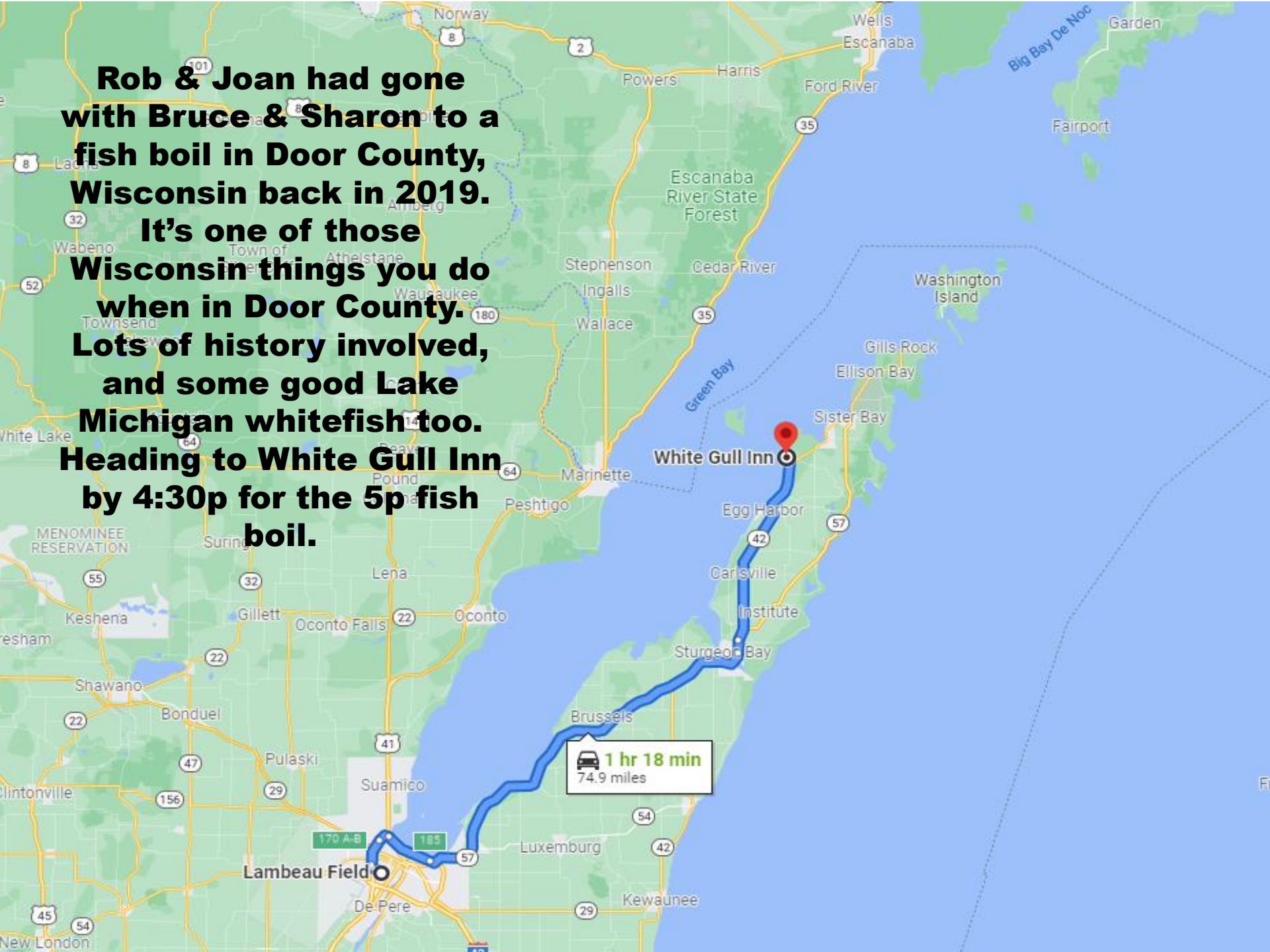
As many sports stadiums have their traditions, one began here at Lambeau on 26 December 1993 called the “Lambeau Leap.” Leroy Butler recovered a fumble and took it to the end zone. He continued his run then leaped up the high wall amongst the fans. Others have done the leap since that day. If you wish to read all about it, find it here: [A brief history of the Lambeau Leap - ABC News \(go.com\)](#) This statue display is where fans can do their own leap as demonstrated by Gus and Adah





**Thanks SuAnne, Bryan, Kristin, Gus,
and Adah for your hospitality!**

Rob & Joan had gone with Bruce & Sharon to a fish boil in Door County, Wisconsin back in 2019. It's one of those Wisconsin things you do when in Door County. Lots of history involved, and some good Lake Michigan whitefish too. Heading to White Gull Inn by 4:30p for the 5p fish boil.



1 hr 18 min
74.9 miles



Got to Fish Creek, WI about 2:30p. Checked out Ephriam and Sister Bay, then drove up to research the ferry situation getting to Washington Island for the night.



This is about 50 yards from the White Gull Inn. Beautiful, serene



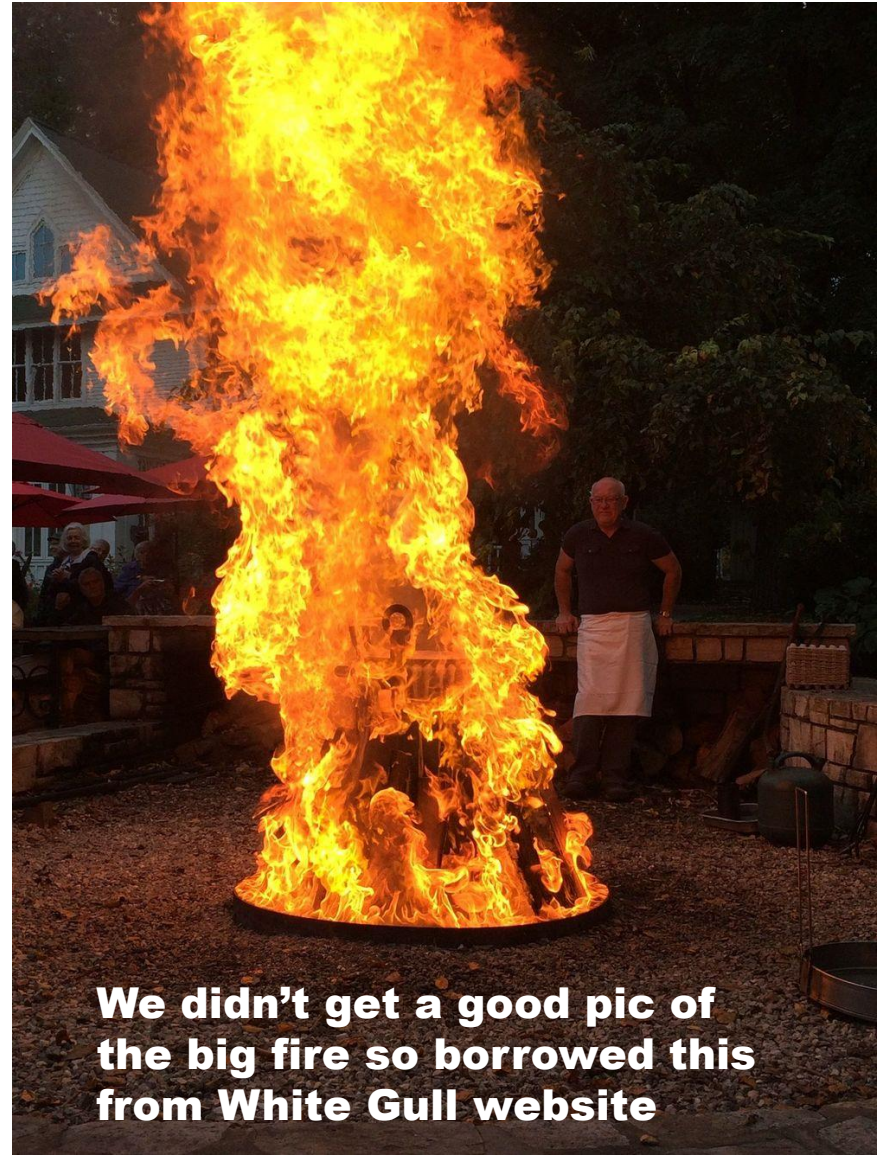
Guests arrive 30 minutes before food serving begins.... you can purchase beer/wine and watch the fish boiling presentation shortly before serving.



We enjoyed a Pallet Jack IPA brewed by Door County Brewing



**First they
boil the
taters, then
the fish**

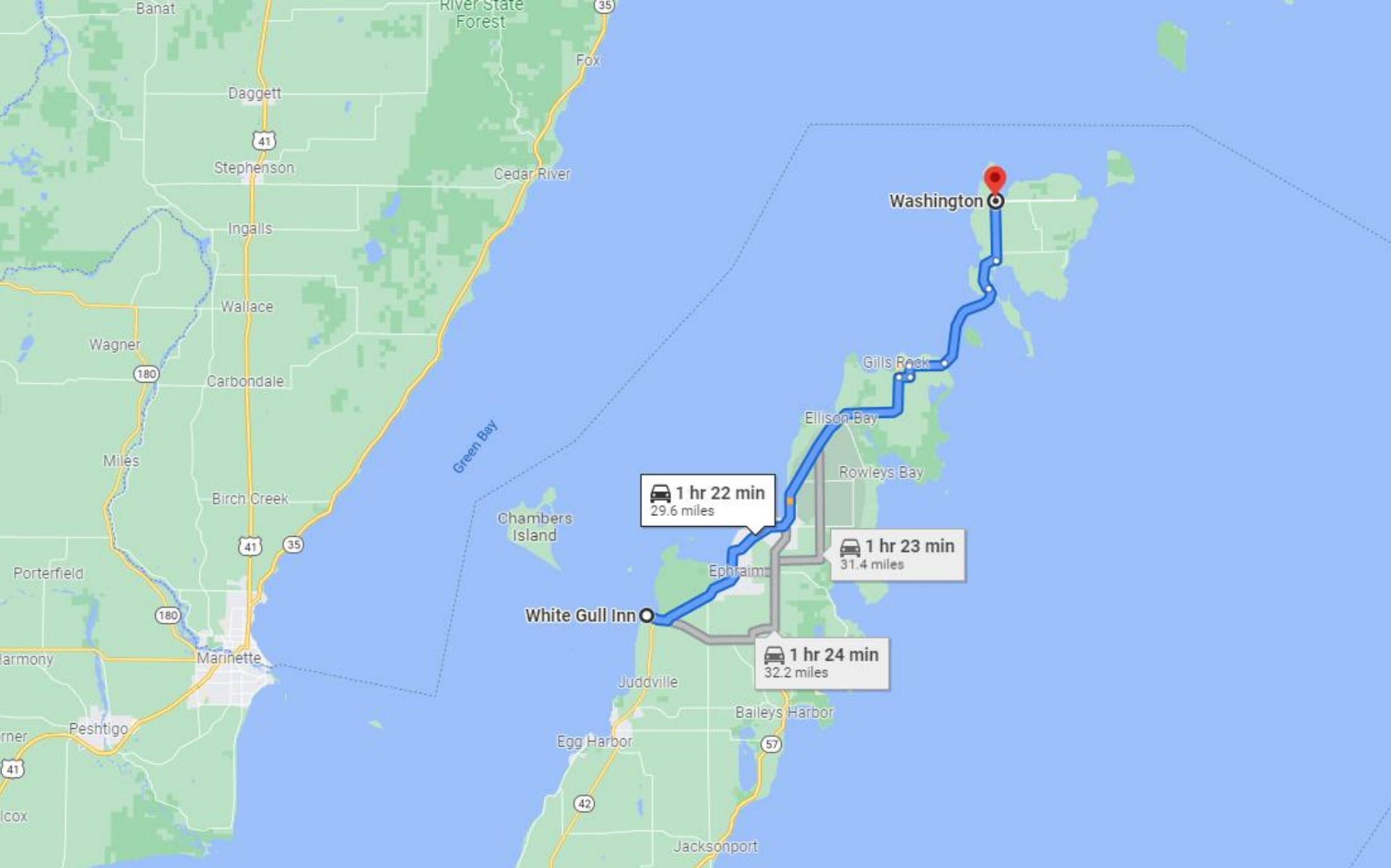


The “story telling” guy does his spiel then hits the fire with kerosine. The fire reaches heavenward and the “pond scum” on top boils over.



**Fish brought
in and
serving
begins**

FOOT WORTH, TEXAS



In our trip planning discussions, we challenge one another to the extreme sometimes... like farthest point we can possibly go up Door County. Hence our plan to spend the night on Washington Island



We planned on catching the last ferry of the night to Washington Island at 8:15p, but we ate quickly enough to catch the 6:45p

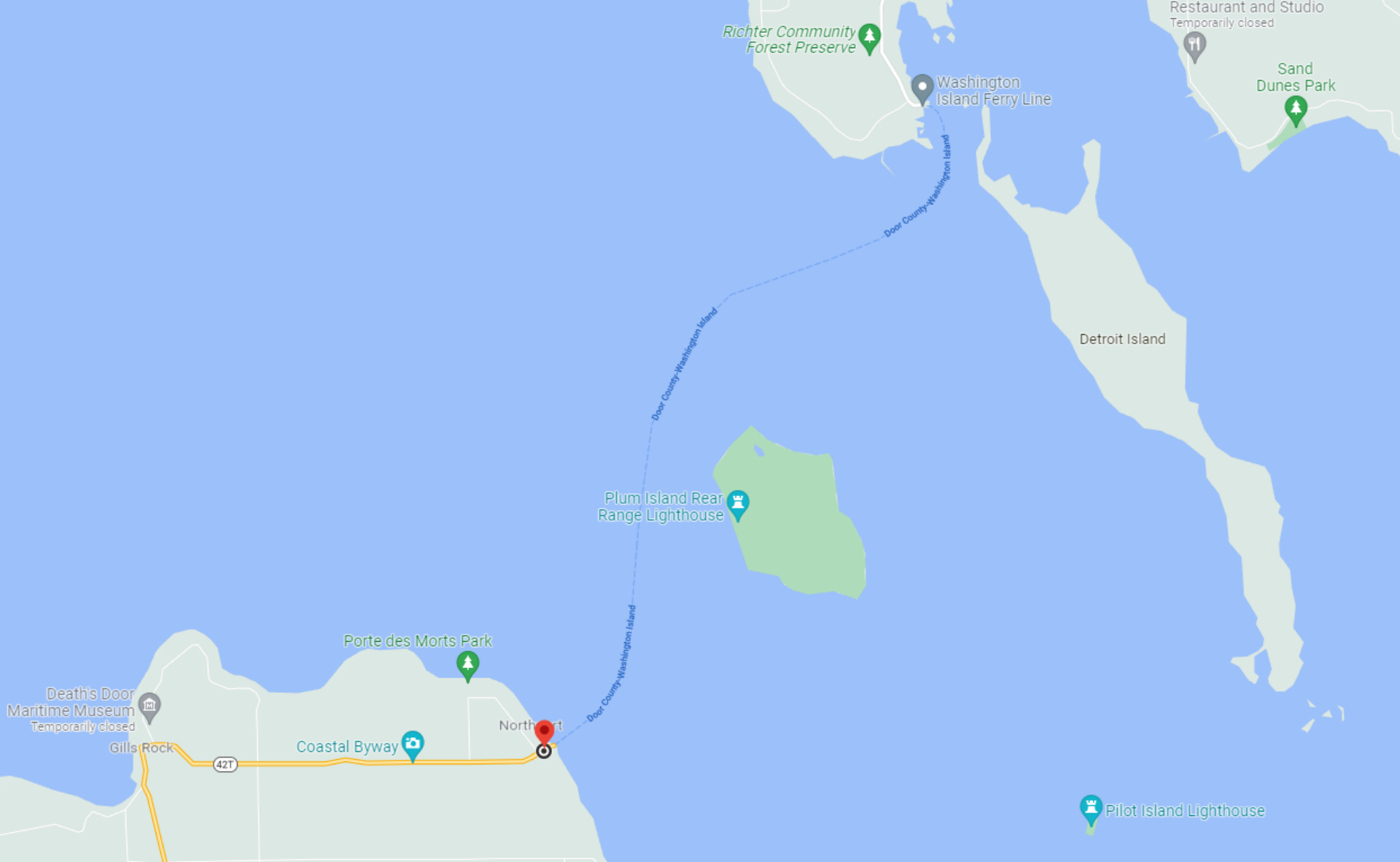


ALE
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About a 45-minute ferry ride to the Island





Washington Island Ferry route

On “approach” to Washington Island about 7:15p





WASHINGTON

ROBERT NOBLE



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Potawatomi Light
First U.S. Government
Lighthouse on Lake Michigan

ROCK ISLAND
STATE PARK



Washington Island was named after the schooner Geo. Washington in the summer of 1816. The Washington was sailing from Mackinac to Green Bay with a contingent of soldiers who were to establish a fort there. The Washington was described at that time as being the largest (100 tons) and finest vessel on the lakes. While anchored in what is now known as Washington Harbor, the officers aboard gave the Island and harbor the name it is known by today.

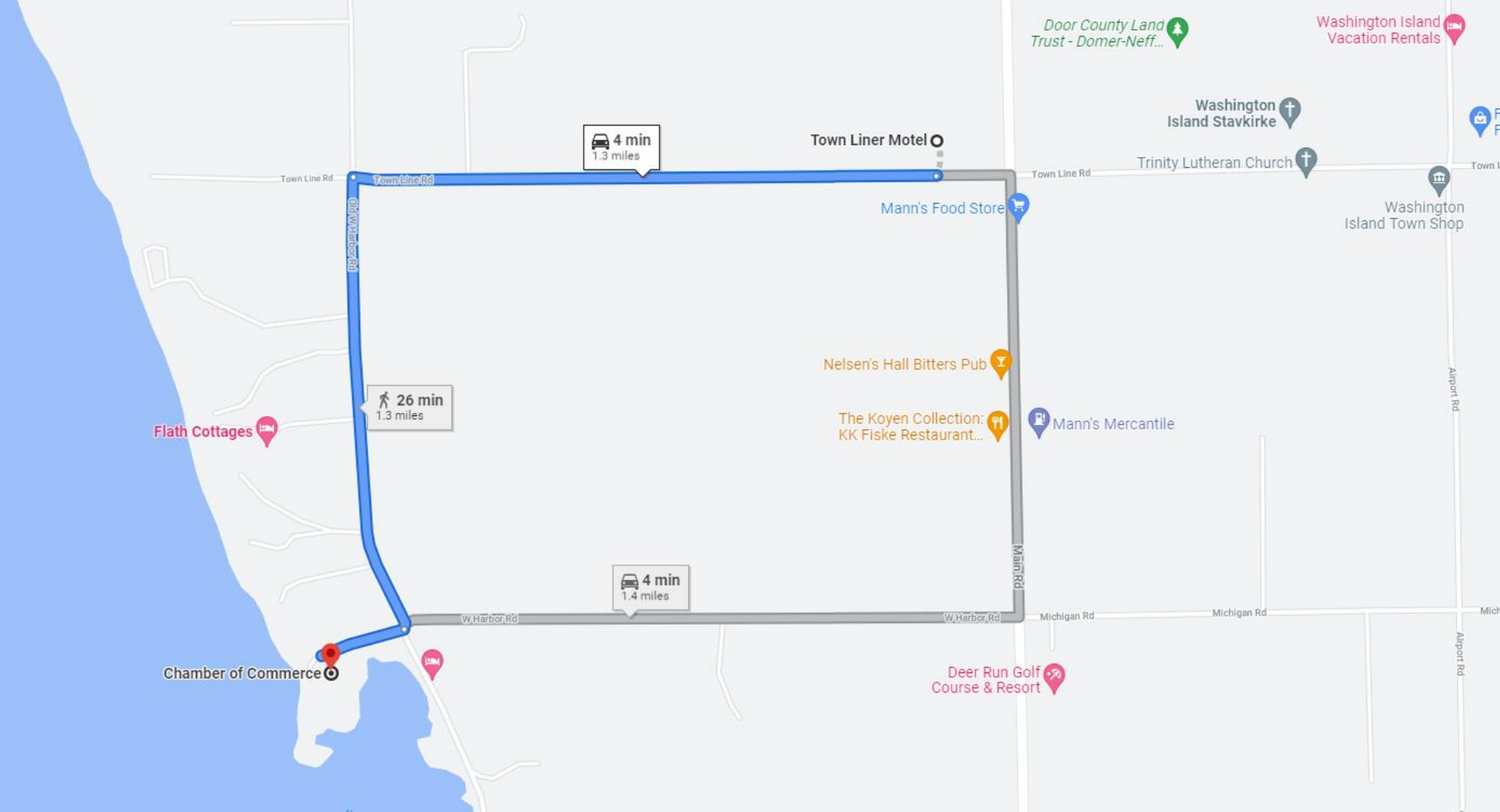
Thank you for respecting the Town Ordinances of no glass beverage containers on the beaches, dogs on leash; observe area signs where dogs are not allowed. Campfires restricted to pit areas. Notice the signs posted—no rock collecting at Schoolhouse Beach. These stones are rare and very special to the Island heritage. Please respect the rights of landowners regarding private property and trespassing. Thank you for not littering and helping to keep our parks and roadsides clean.

Washington Island measures in at 23.51 square miles

- Overnight Dock Facilities
- Foot Trails
- Gravel Roads
- Camping
- Park/Picnic Area
- Birding Habitat
- Public Telephone
- Bike Route
- Information Kiosk
- Public Boat Ramp

Mainland
Ferry Line to Northport (30 min.)

DETROIT ISLAND



Only 1.4 miles from getting off the ferry to the Townliner Motel where we were spending the night. Checked in at 7:30. Had to get to nearby bar for a beer or so. Can't stay out too late as we had to catch the early ferry back to stay on Monday schedule.

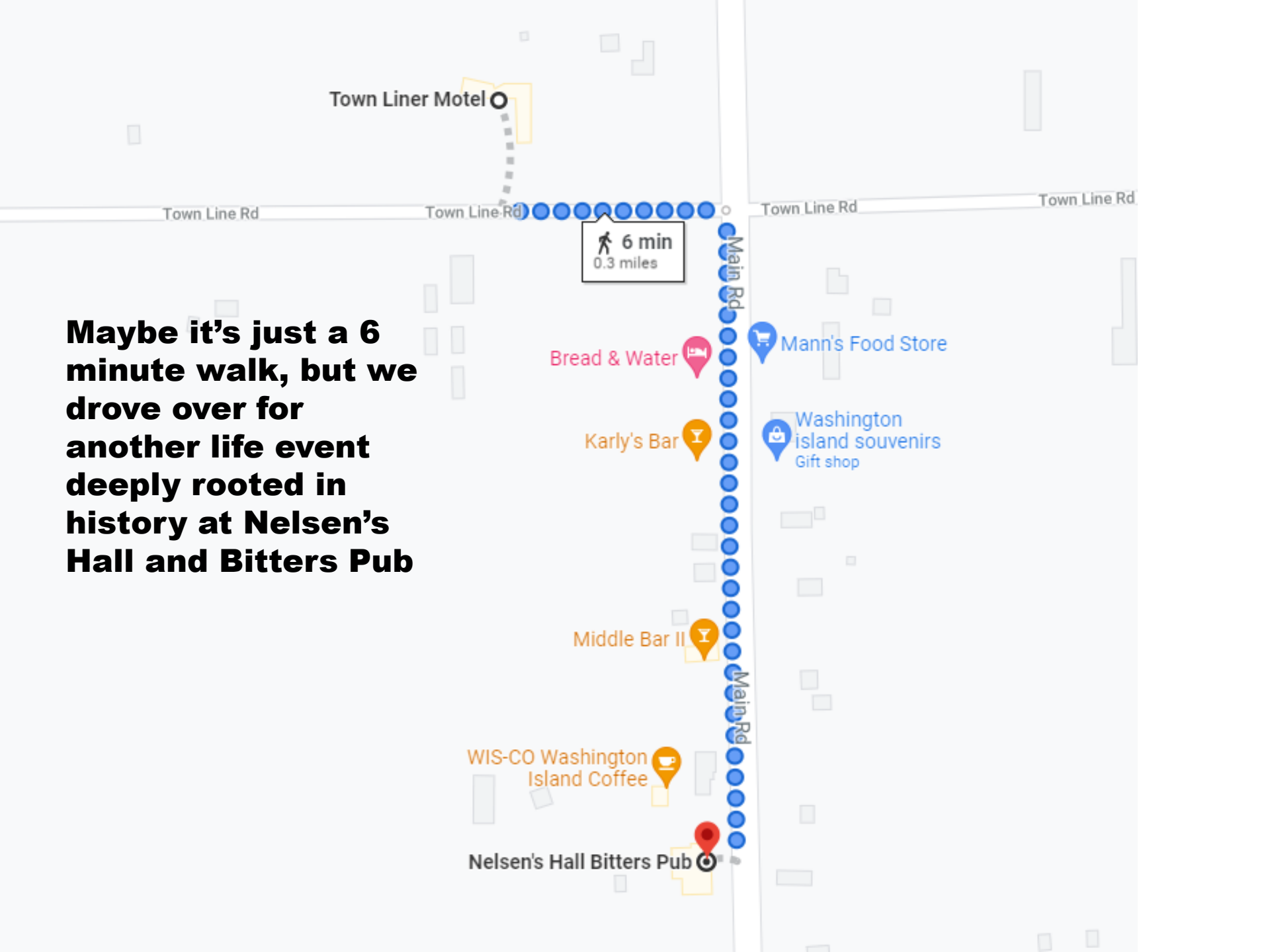


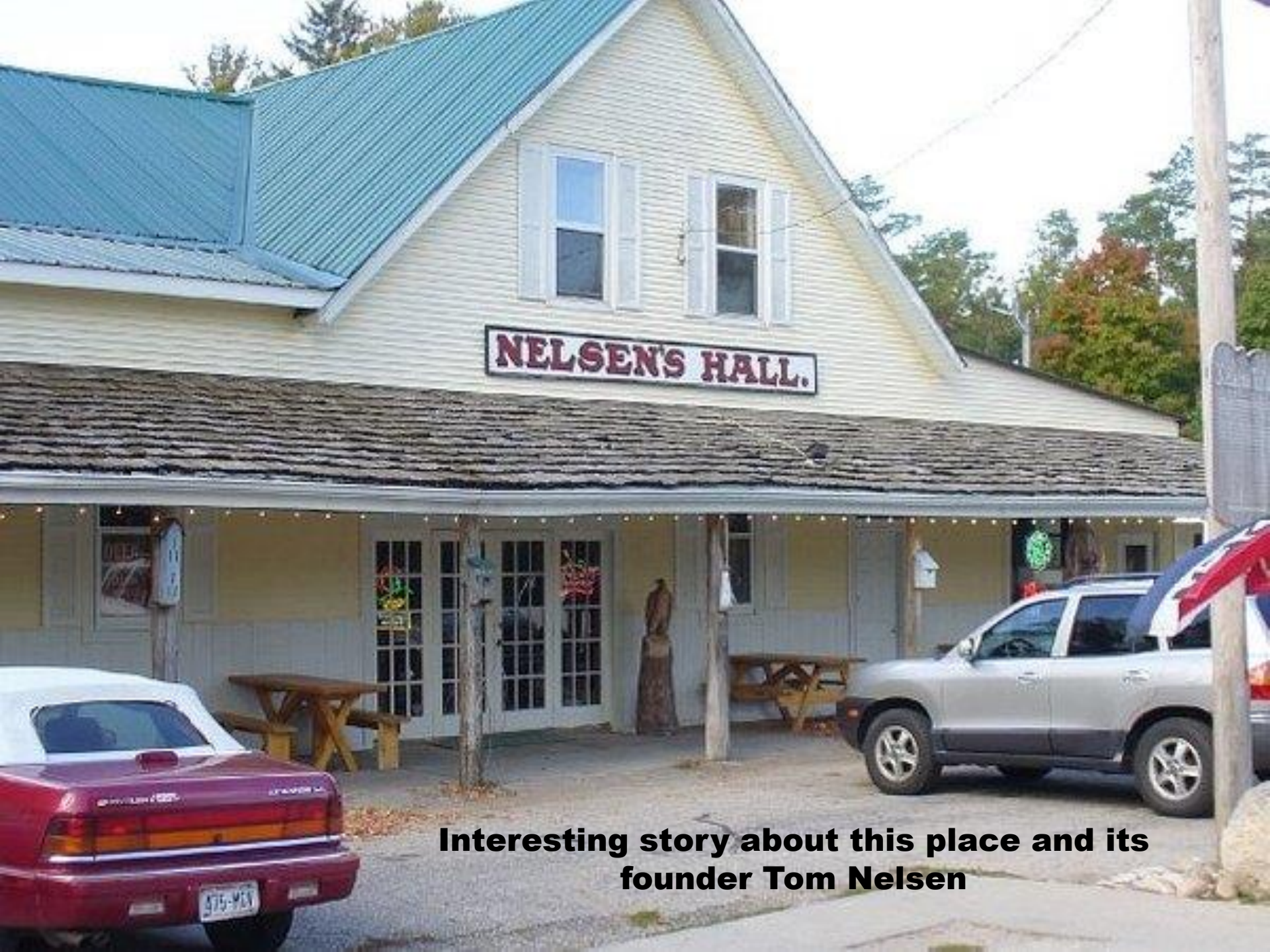
Not a 5-star joint either, this place sufficed for a good night sleep... but first some beer. Got acquainted with the owner who was also a ferry captain.



Sent this picture to the wives to check out their interest in a potential business venture. They were neither interested or amused.

Maybe it's just a 6 minute walk, but we drove over for another life event deeply rooted in history at Nelsen's Hall and Bitters Pub






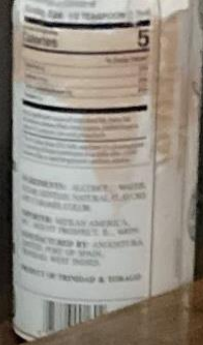
NELSEN'S HALL.

Interesting story about this place and its founder Tom Nelsen

The story says Danish immigrant Tom Nelsen opened this bar in 1899. He served bitters for medicinal purposes... said it cured stomach ailments. That was his argument to continue serving this even during prohibition. He applied for and got a pharmacist license to take care of the islanders. Their “deal” now is for tourists to come here for a shot of bitters and become a club member for which you get a card and sign the official membership book. The website says, “Nelsen’s Hall is the largest purveyor of Angostura Bitters in the world, according to the Guinness Book of Records.”



KORBE
Brandy





(Click on picture for our official toast which you can't hear very well) Another tradition here is to put a thumb tack in a dollar bill and try to make it stick to the ceiling, which of course we tried too.

**Click on
PLAY
arrow**



Bitters Club Member

Nelsen's Hall, Washington Island, WI

Nelsen's Hall

BITTER'S CLUB CERTIFICATE



This certifies that Ed Steen
has taken "the Cure" by consuming the prescribed measure
of bitters and as such is a fully initiated member of the
BITTER'S CLUB. You are now considered a full-fledged Islander and
entitled to mingle, dance, etc. with all the other Islanders.

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Washington Island, WI 54246

Phone (920) 847-2496
Toll Free 1-877-NELSENS

DA 6/28/21

Proprietors:
Robin & Doug

**Though he dated
the card 6/28
when it was
actually 6/27, it's
still official in the
book.**

Nelsen's Hall

BITTER'S CLUB CERTIFICATE



This certifies that Rob Gerlach
has taken "the Cure" by consuming the prescribed measure
of bitters and as such is a fully initiated member of the
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6-27-21 Kayla Simarek
6-27-21 Kathy Simarek
6-27-21 Alexa Simarek
6-27-21 John Rupp
6-27-21 Maggie Forada
6-27-21 ~~Bob~~ Kobler
6-27-21 Rob Gerlach - Austin, Texas
6-27-21 Ed Stein - Santa Fe NM



Hamm's
BEER

ISLAND ORCHARD
CIDER

APPLE CHERRY

NEW GLARUS

MADNESS

PUNK
ASS
CAT

DOOR COUNTY BREWING CO.

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Bitters Club Member
Nelson's Hall, Washington Island, WI

WITH
CARE



HOME BEER VISIT US

KEEP
WISCONSIN
BEER'D

VISIT US

The bitters was 90 proof and small, so we celebrated the remainder of the evening with Door County Brewing's Pallet Jack and Punk Ass Cat IPAs





Day #5 Monday, 28 June 2021. Was a beautiful morning on Washington Island. Planned to be in Escanaba, MI around noon Eastern time, didn't want to miss the first ferry out at 6:45a



Farewell Townliner

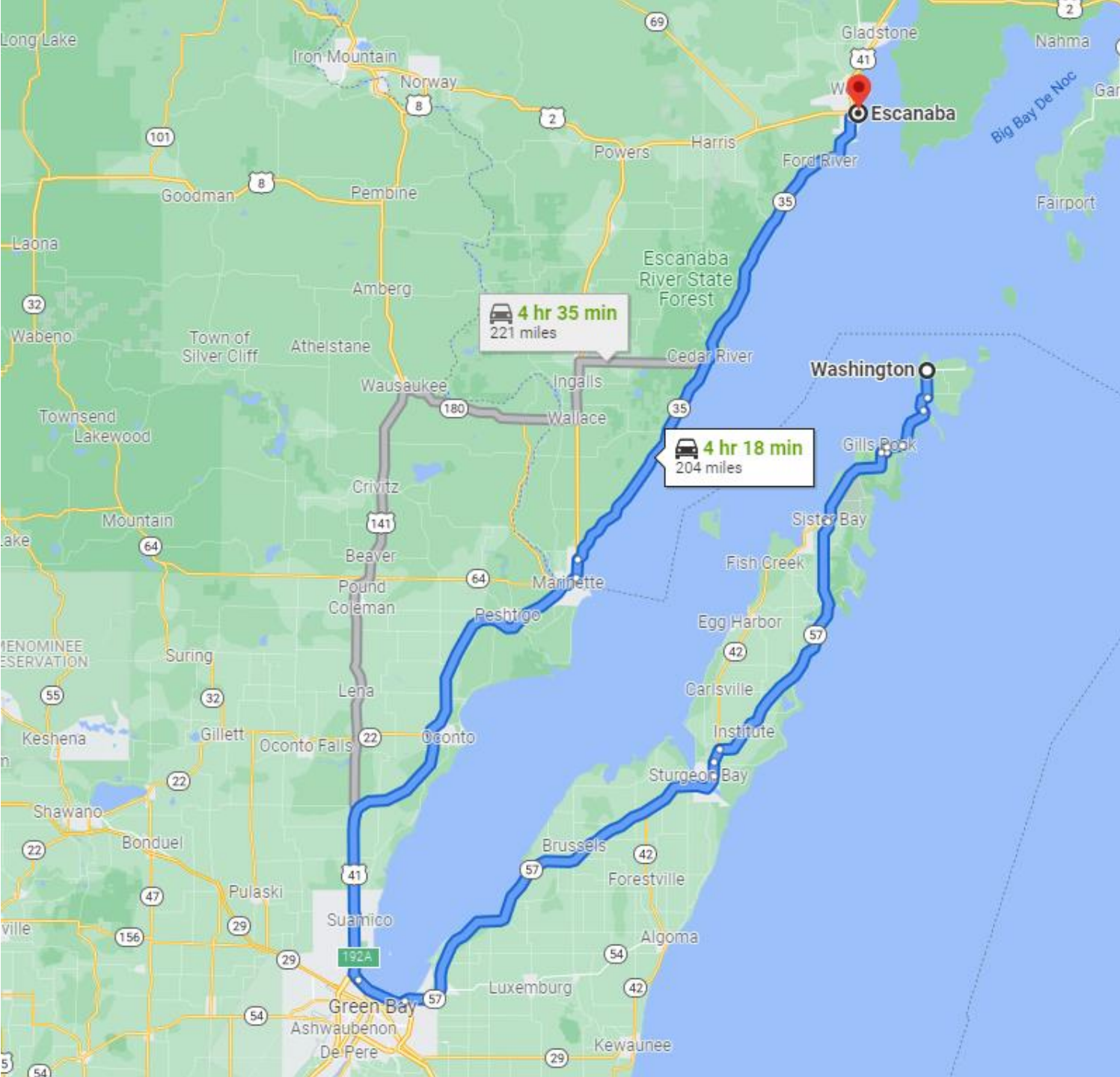


NELSEN'S HALL.

Farewell Nelsen's



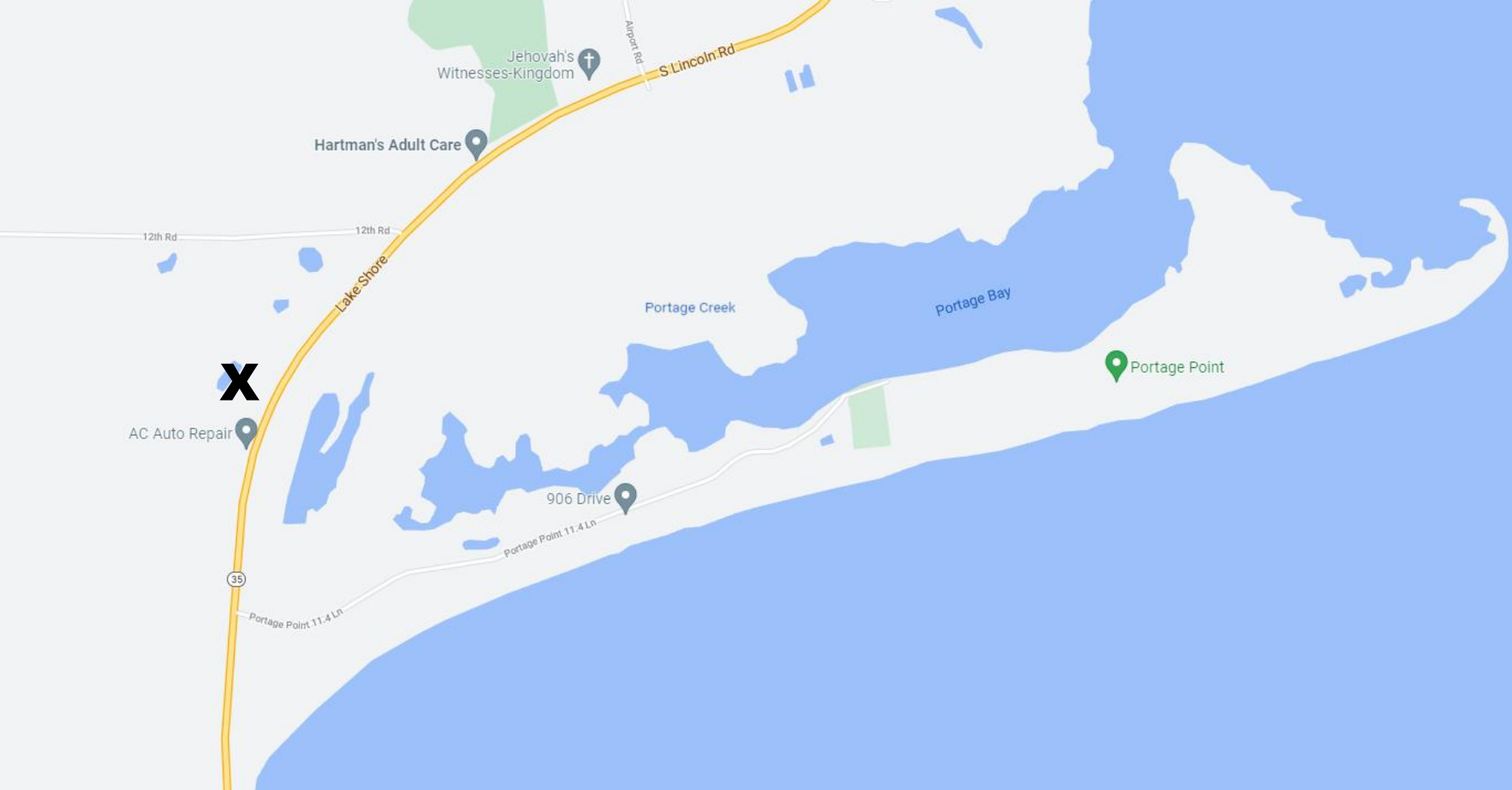
So not to miss the 6:45a ferry ride, we got to the dock at 5:50a. We were 2nd in line. Was a beautiful morning to walk around seeing the island slowly come to life.



While its only 30 miles or so from Washington Island to Escanaba, MI by water, there is no ferry service, and our car was not amphibious. We opted for the 204 mile route.

We talked about going through UP to Owen Sound in SW Ontario, Canada as we did in 2008 to see if the “beer bitches” were still at Jason’s Bar. The only bar either of us ever visited that caught fire while we were there. Fire trucks, et al. Because of Covid restrictions we didn’t go into Canada this trip.





So why Escanaba you ask? Rob's co-worker/friend Kris is from Escanaba and was going to be at her home place (marked with X) when we drove through enroute to Mackinac. We had a great visit with Kris, Ragan, and family for a few hours. They rolled out the Escanaba red carpet for us.



We got to Kris's family home about 12:15. Got the full tour then headed toward Ludington Park to enjoy the beautiful day. Kris picked up sandwiches and her husband Ragan had a whole smorgasbord of local beer choices we sampled. All that mixed with lively conversation made for a great afternoon.

**Ragan
masters the
art of the
pour.**

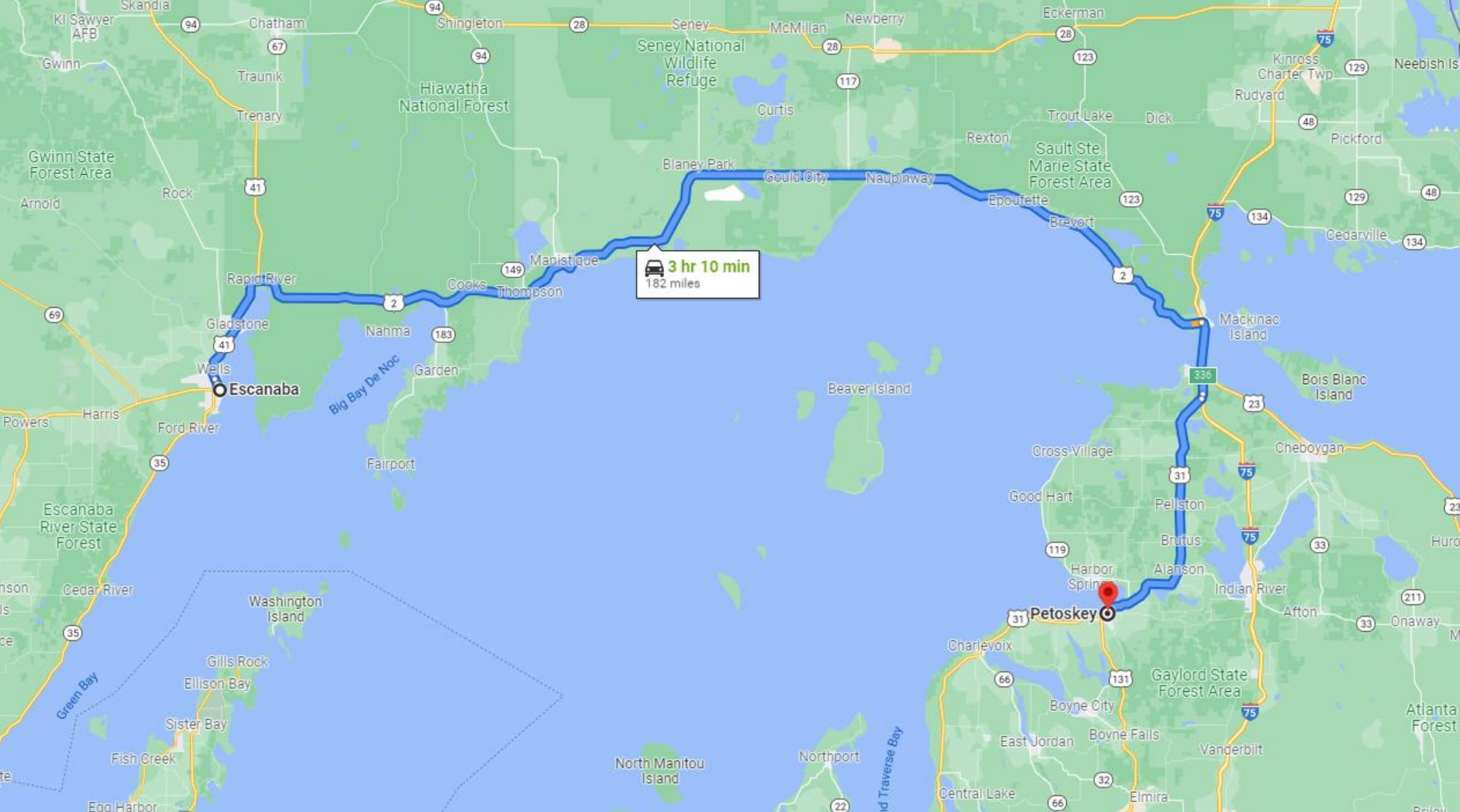




Kris poses with the world travelers



**Thanks
Kris,
Ragan,
Hunter, and
Braeden for
your
hospitality!**



We left Escanaba about 2:30p to get to Petoskey, Michigan for the night. Why Petoskey you ask? Ed's former student Kristen (flute) and her husband Josh (violin/viola) are both professionals in the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra/Opera. They were in Petoskey for a good part of the summer as instructors and performers at the Bay View Association Music Festival. People come from near and far to study music and enjoy concerts by the instructors. A really unique fine arts community.



Got checked in at the Apple Tree Inn in Petoskey 6p-ish. Heading over to Petoskey Brewing for dinner and drinks with Kristen and Josh.

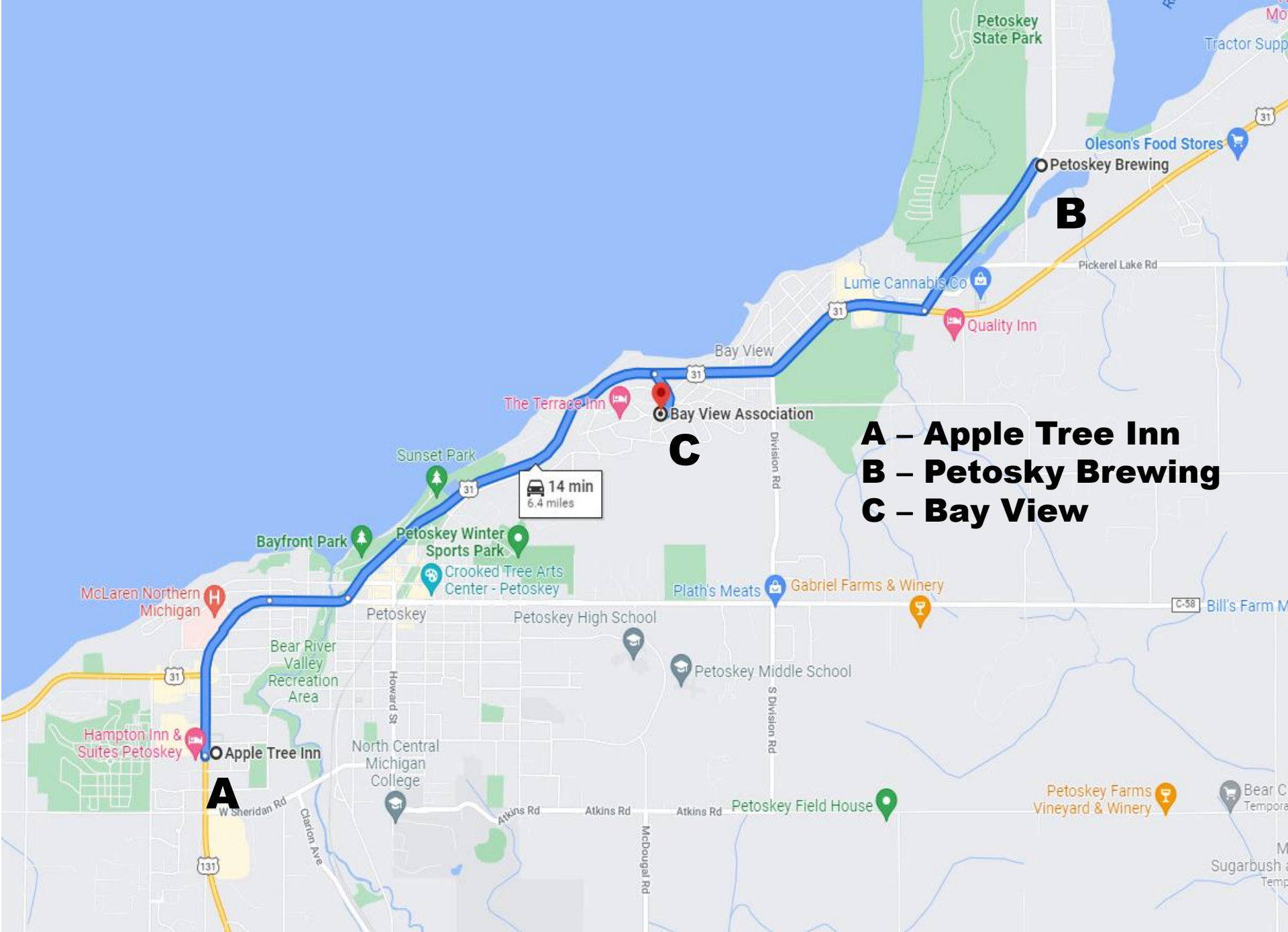
Nice view from our balcony



Regarding Petoskey Brewing Co...A brewery rich in Northern Michigan history

The building known as the “Old Brewery” was first completed in 1898 and was used to brew Petoskey Sparkle beer until 1915. It wasn’t until 2012, under the new ownership of and complete renovation by Patrick Dowd and Lou Gostinger, that beer once again flowed within the walls of the “Old Brewery”.

(didn’t get a picture of the place, but the food and beer were both very good, as was the visit with Kristen & Josh)



A – Apple Tree Inn
B – Petosky Brewing
C – Bay View

14 min
6.4 miles



Josh and Kristin on the grounds of Bay View. They gave us a tour of the beautiful campus. In addition to being distinguished musicians, Josh is an avid hunter and meat cutter. Quite the Renaissance Man.

**Kristen's studio
at Bay View.**



**Rob got to take
the organ in the
chapel/auditorium
for a spin**

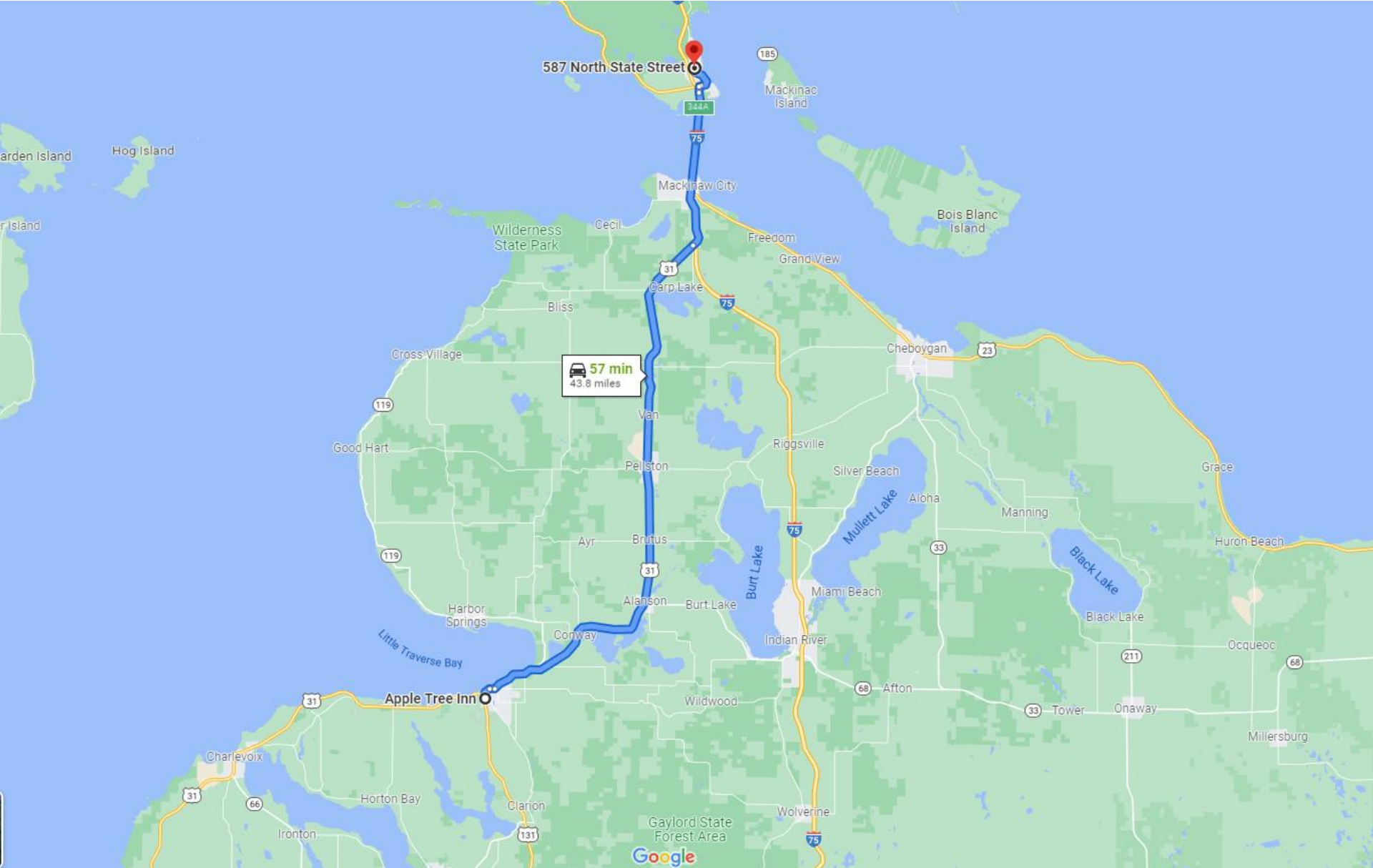






Evelyn Hall on Bay View campus

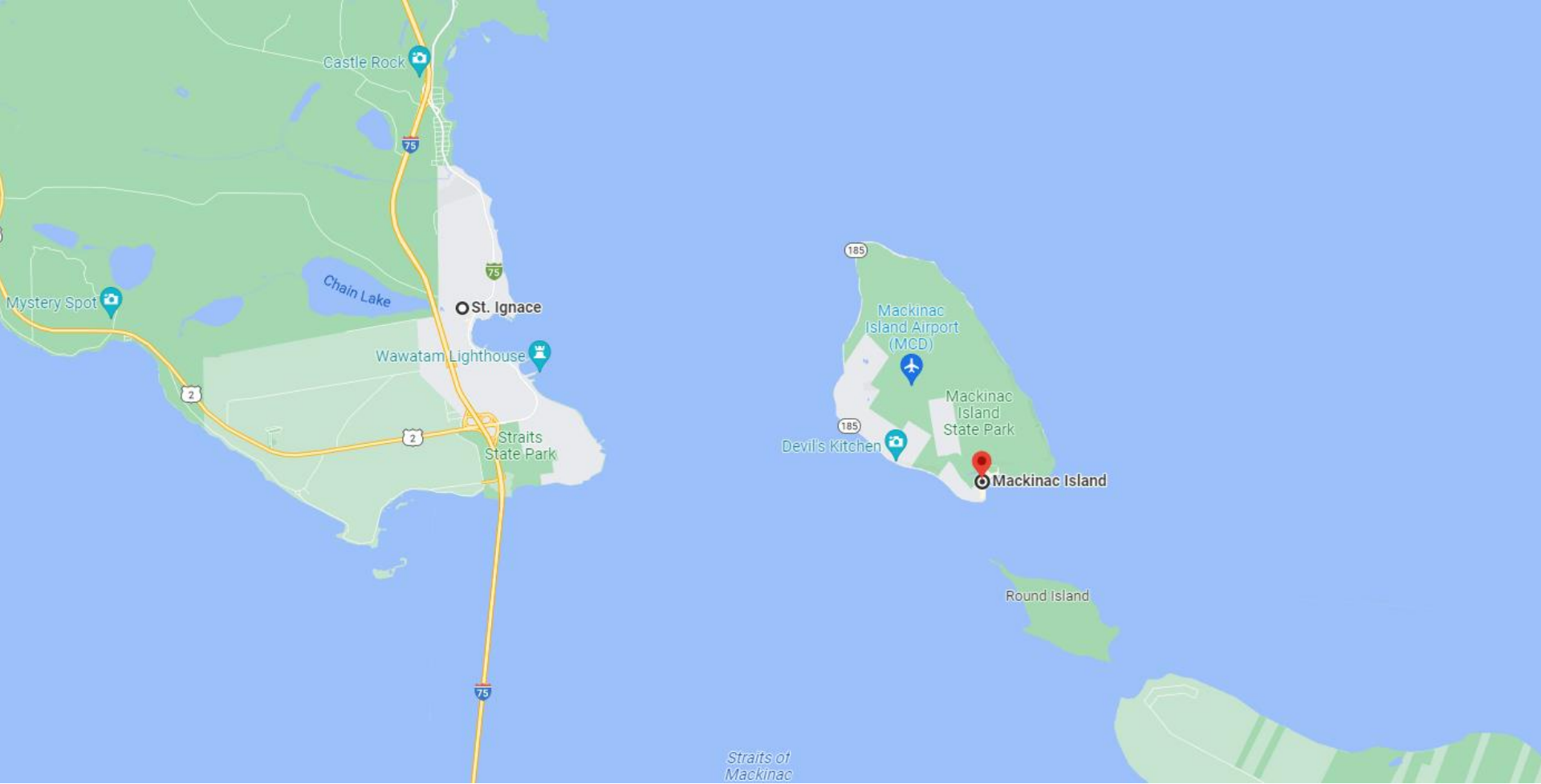
Thank you Kristen & Josh for your hospitality! We said our goodbyes and headed back to the motel. Stopped at a convenience store for some beer then sat on our patio to imbibe and review a great day.



Day #6, 29 June 2021. Our goal was Mackinac Island. There are no motorized vehicles on the island. You have to get there by ferry in St. Ignace, Michigan. We would be meeting Kris and family again in as well as another co-worker/friend, Susan and her family.



We got to the Star Line boat heading to Mackinac Island at 11a and boarded for the ride over.



About a half-hour ride from the dock in St. Ignace to Mackinac Island

**The Mackinac
Bridge, aka “Big
Mac” or “Mighty
Mac” was completed
in 1957.**









STAR LINE

VISITOR'S CENTER



Mackinac Island has been a tourist attraction since the 19th Century. Mackinac is from Ojibwe and basically means, “big turtle.” There are no motorized vehicles on the 4.35 sq mile island, just bicycles and horse-drawn wagons... and many tourists. Expensive lodging if you choose that route.





WELCOME
MACKINAC ISLAND
STATE PARK

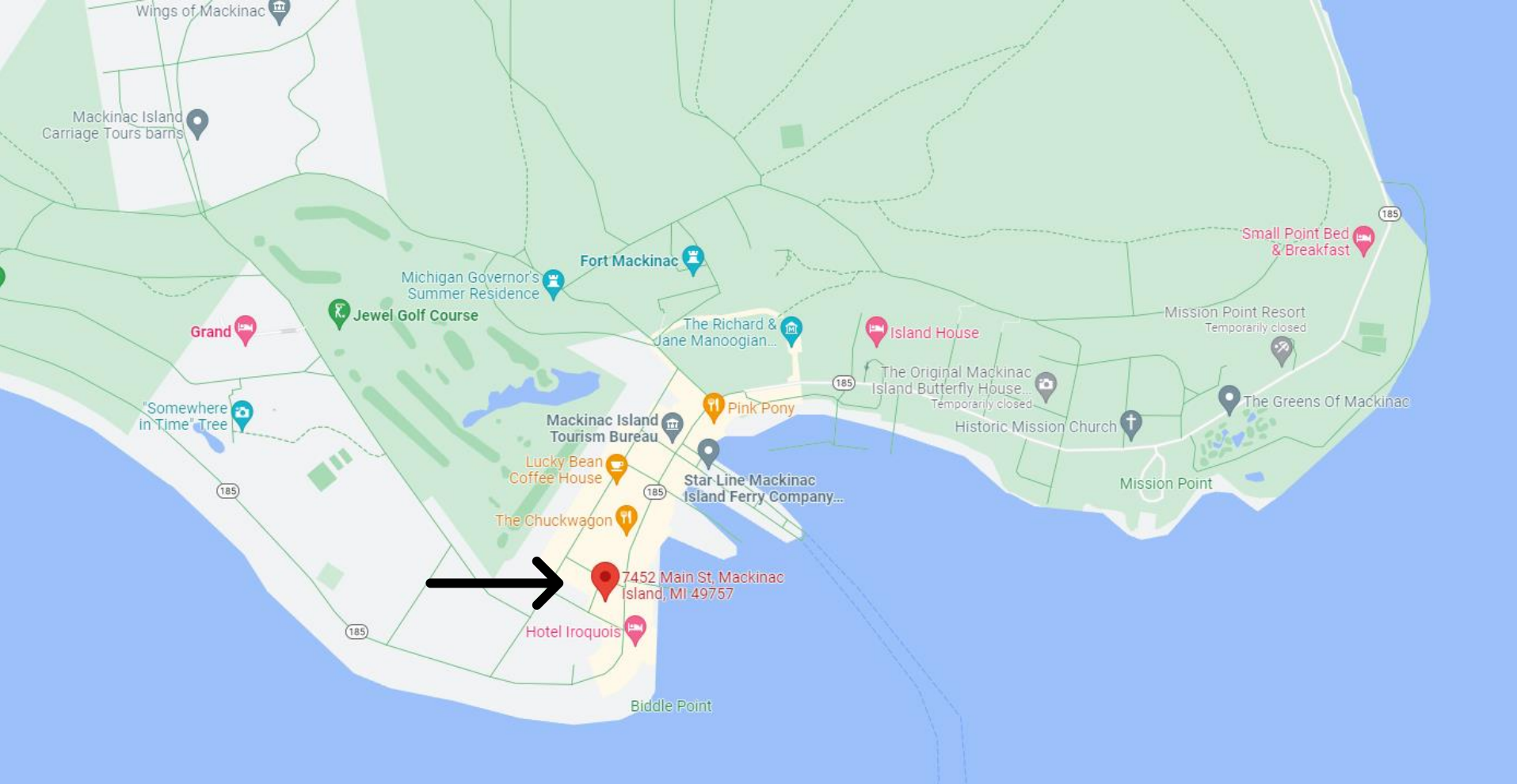
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→ VISITOR'S CENTER







Lunch and beer with Kris & Susan and families at Great Turtle Brewery & Distillery.

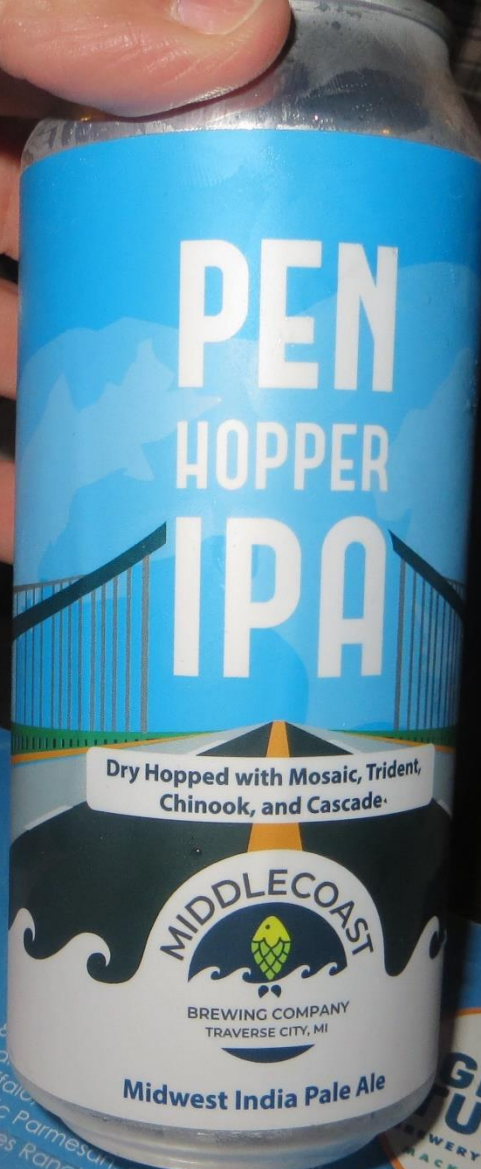


GREAT TURTLE

BREWERY & DISTILLERY



**This was
our
beer(s) of
choice
with
lunch**



GRAZING

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*Our Farm
Brewery
is bone-in c
naked or w
Buffalo Skt
Garlic Parm
Includes Ra*

Beer Che
Trio of house
Horseradish
Boursin Style

Giant Bay
Colossal, soft
with warm N
Cream Ale d

Poutine
Golden fries
and house-m

Beer Batter
Beer battered
a side of Boor

*no
Buffalo
Garlic Parmesan or Asian Ginger.
Includes Ranch or Bleu cheese dressing. 16*



Parmesan Brussels Sprouts
Flash fried with diced ba
shaved Parmesan, on
balsamic glaze. 12

Island Calamari
Golden fried
rings and

Lunch



Kris and Susan



WHAT'S ON TAP?

Great Turtle Signature Beer
No Cars Allowed Cream Ale
Petal Fast IPA
Hoban Street Slout
Mackinac Summer Sour
LOVE OUR BEER? TAKE SOME HOME!
4 PACKS AND GROWERS AVAILABLE

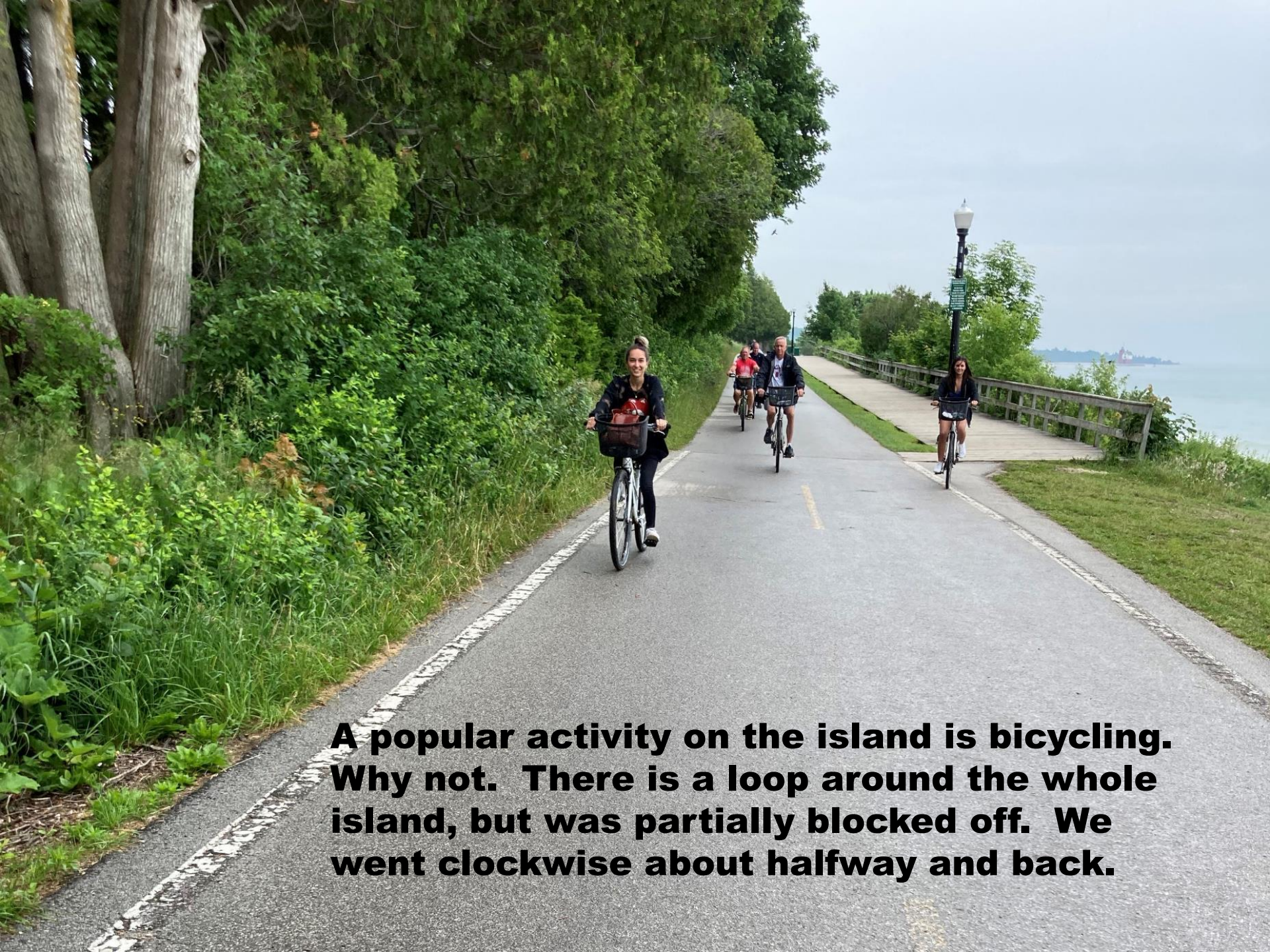
Other Michigan Favorites
Beck's Two Row
Pilsener
E.B. Rowing Kolden
Blue Bird
New Holland Dragon's MA Who
Right Brain
Brewery Vision Big Red Cog
St. Ambrose

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**Susan
and
family**





A popular activity on the island is bicycling. Why not. There is a loop around the whole island, but was partially blocked off. We went clockwise about halfway and back.





	distance in miles
▲ Battlefield	1/2
▲ Airport	2
▲ Cemeteries	2
▲ Skull Cave	2 1/2
▲ Fort Holmes	2 1/2
▲ Fort Mackinac	2 1/2
Arch Rock	3
City	3 1/2
City	4 1/2

We stopped and rested awhile before heading back. Nice place to relax on the beach.







On the return half





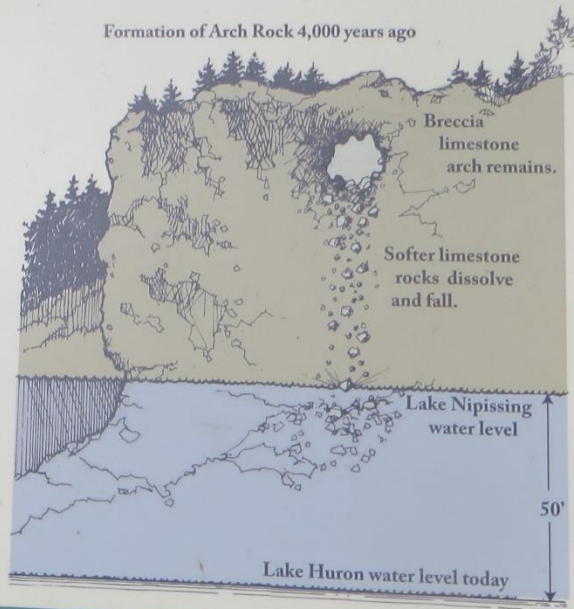
Next visit was to the Arch Rock

ARCH ROCK

Arch Rock is the most dazzling example of Mackinac Island's breccia formations. It once stood as a solid mass 100 feet above lake level. About 4,000 years ago the lake waters slowly dissolved the softer material that extended to the center of the formation. As the lake erosion cut away its base, the middle of the stack slowly crumbled into the water leaving the firm breccia limestone arch.



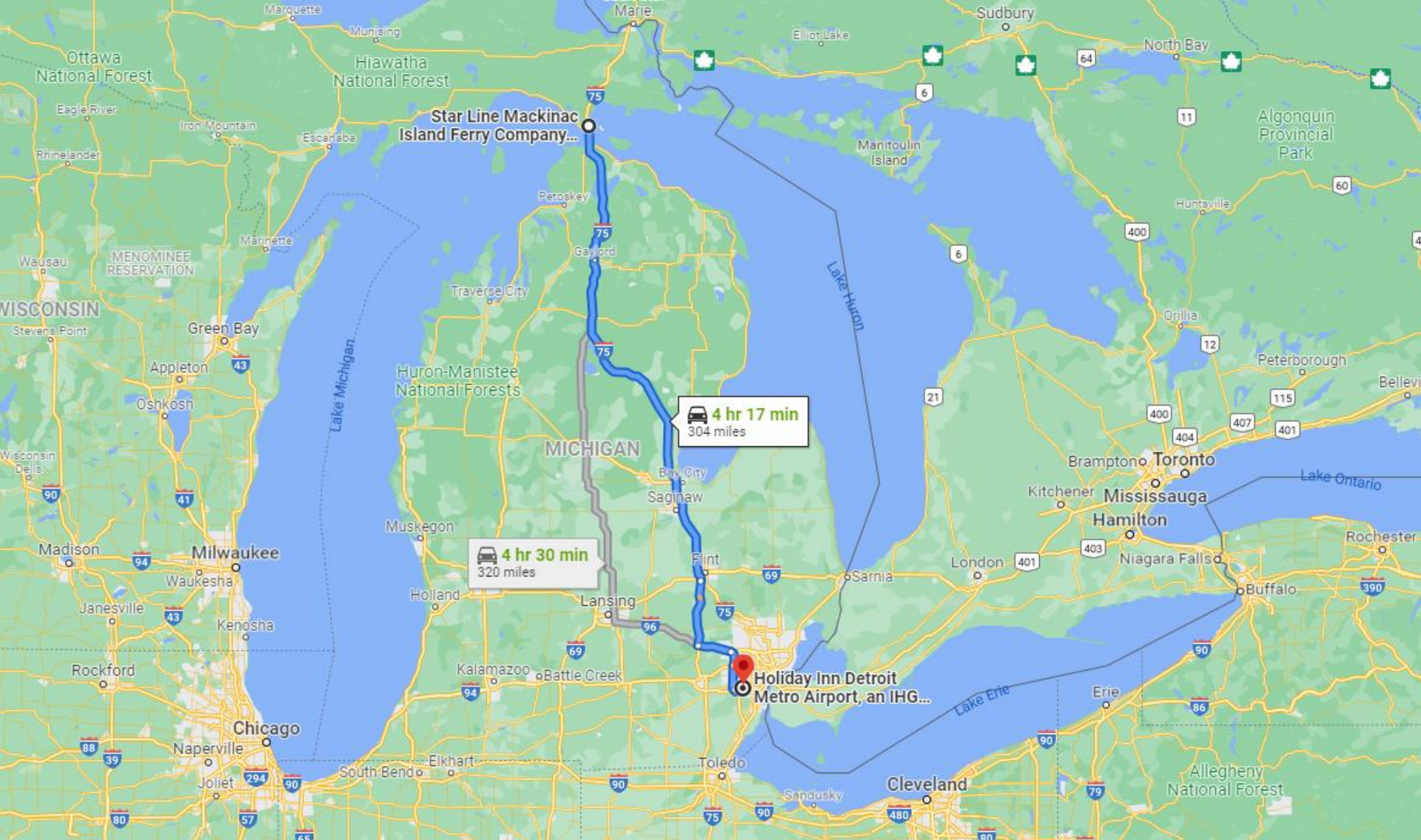
Formation of Arch Rock 4,000 years ago



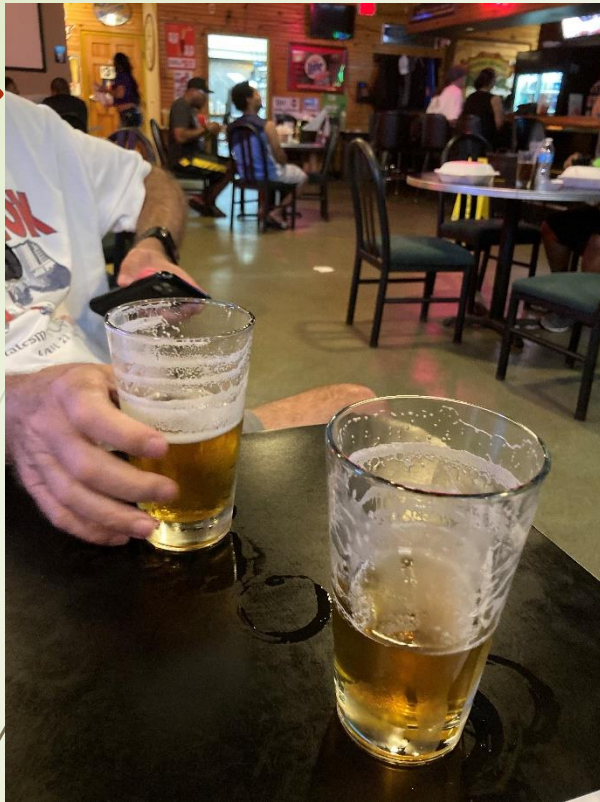
MADE POSSIBLE BY A GIFT FROM MACKINAC ASSOCIATES







Turned in bikes and bid farewell to Kris, Susan, and their families. Thanks for your hospitality Kris, Ragan, Hunter, Braeden, Susan, Kurt, Keely, and Keaton! On the road toward Detroit around 4p.



Dropped car off at Enterprise Car place by the airport 8:30p-ish. Grand total of 1,647 miles. Got to the Holiday Inn Express and proceeded to find a place with beer & food. The first place we went had beer but no food. Walked a ways to find Big Boy Restaurant & Bakery for some food before buying some beer at a nearby convenience store for the evening. Ed had an early flight out on the 30th, Rob's flight was a little later that morning. Thus concludes our 2021 mancation.

Other trips these guys have made





Great Lakes 2008



**Euro 2010 (Little Circle)
Bratislava, Slovakia, Croatia, etc**



Northeast 2009



Mid-Atlantic 2011



Scandinavia 2012 (Big Circle)



Out west road trip 2013



Oklahoma "trunk trip" Nov 2013



**Check the box
- a.k.a. Deep
South 2014**



50th state beer – Alaska 2014



San Diego 2015



Euro 2015 – Ed's dad's WW2 route





Euro 2016



Costa Rica 2017

Philadelphia 2018



And of course, 2002 and 2004 the car-lined banks of the Little Flora Creek in Egypt Mills (north of Cape Girardeau, MO)



And our new Wednesday night hangout: Copper Top Tavern – Pre-covid





**North-Central
California 2019**



Texas Gulf Coast 2020 (in time of Covid)



Once again, thanks to our lovely wives for blessing our annual mancation adventures



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