



# **IRON MOUNTAIN, MI AREA INFORMATION**

<u>Iron Mountain, MI</u> is located within the Menominee Iron-Bearing District, which covers southern Dickinson County and extends westward into Iron County. Iron ore was discovered in Dickinson County in 1849 and Iron County in 1851. The population was 7,624 in 2010 Census.

Iron Mountain is known for its delicious pasties, Bocce Ball Tournaments, World Cup Ski Jumps, and outdoor sports. Whether you enjoy golf, skiing, fishing, snowmobile, ATVs, hiking, canoeing or kayaking, the beautiful Upper Peninsula of Michigan offers it all.

Local news is available online with The Daily News



# Transportation

#### By Car

It is easy to drive and park around Iron Mountain.

#### By Bike

By road, trail, or path, on two wheels is one of the best ways to see the Iron Mountain region. There are over 500 <u>bike trails</u> in Iron Mountain.

#### **By Bus**

<u>Indian Trails</u> provides daily intercity bus service between St. Ignace and Ironwood, Michigan.

#### By Air

The Iron Mountain area is served by <u>Ford Airport</u> (airport code: KIMT). Commercial air travel is provided by SkyWest Airlines, providing jet service as Delta Connection.



# **Schools**

Generally, to register your child for school you will need to have a passport and/or birth certificate, proof of immunizations, any applicable past school records and proof of residency. Most public schools have boundary areas, and you must show proof (i.e. copy of lease or home purchase agreement) to be allowed to register in that particular school. Please always confirm requirements with the school you are interested in before assuming that your child will be able to attend that school.

Grade level in the public school system is determined by the age of the child. Typically, the child must be 5 years old by September 1st to enter kindergarten. School districts may be very strict about the age requirement, but inquire with the school district you are interested in to determine if there are any exemptions for foreign students who are ahead in grade level. You may also want to ask about any gifted or advanced programs as well as their English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs. Some elementary schools also offer a pre-Kindergarten program for children who miss the September 1st requirement. You may inquire at the school districts for availability.

# Contact your IOR Destination Services Consultant for more assistance with schooling questions.

## Public, Private, and Preschools

A list of public schools in Iron Mountain can be viewed here.

A list of private schools in the Iron Mountain area can be viewed here.

A directory of preschools in the Iron Mountain area can be viewed here.

#### **Additional Resources**

- <u>www.greatschools.org</u>
- <u>www.eschoolprofile.com</u>
- <u>www.schooltree.org</u>

## **Colleges/Universities**

<u>Bay College West</u>



## **Area Rental Properties**

The supply of rental properties through typical online sources such as Zillow and Realtor.com is not sufficient to predict the cost of rentals in the area. However, a local realtor does provide a few sample properties to gage the property types and prices. <u>http://www.stephensandassoc.com/rentals/</u>

## **Area Recreation**

- <u>Iron Mountain Farmer's and Artisan's Market</u> summer market Saturdays 8-12pm May-Oct. Winter market Every 2nd Saturday 8-12pm Oct-April
- Norway Speedway Racing features late model, street stock, and slammer stock car racing on a 1/3 mile paved oval track.
- <u>The Cornish Pump</u> is the largest steam-driven pumping engine built in the USA. It is a National and Michigan Historic Site. The Cornish Pump also displays a large collection of underground mining equipment and contains the Museum Gift Shop.
- You will never forget the thrilling experience of visiting the <u>Iron Mountain</u> <u>Iron Mine</u>. Watch expert miners operate modern mining machinery as you ride on the underground trains.
- <u>Millie Mine</u> is an Iron Mountain Wildlife viewing site area with information on Upper Peninsula bats. A covered mine shaft allows bats to enter and leave the shaft where they hibernate in the winter months. Best viewing times are approximately May and September.



• More recreation in the area <u>here</u>

## Registration

## **Obtaining a Driver's License**

In the US, a driver's license is issued by each individual state and not by the federal government. Since there is no national identity card in the USA, and many Americans don't have a passport or carry around a birth certificate, a driver's license issued by your state is often the only official piece of identification for many citizens. Since 9/11, you will need to show a valid driver's license or State ID card to enter many big office buildings.

You are allowed to drive in Michigan as long as your license, from your native country, remains valid. An International Driving Permit is strongly suggested because it acts as a translation for your information, but these documents are not required. New Michigan residents who are age 18 or older and wish to drive must obtain a Michigan driver's license upon moving to the state or obtaining employment with the intent of remaining in the state.

For general information and instructions on <u>how to obtain</u> an official state ID card or driver's license, visit the Michigan <u>Secretary of State Website</u>.

You can find the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) location closest to you using this DMV locator.

Your Destination Services Consultant will also assist you with the proper procedure.