Welcome to the Headlands
AN INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY PARK

The Headlands recreational area is comprised of more than 600 forested acres, 4+ miles of trails and 2+ miles of Lake Michigan shoreline. Here you will find a Northern Michigan wilderness to explore, with more than 200 varieties of wild-flowers and plants alone. The property is also in the north-south migratory pattern for many bird species, particularly raptors; be on the lookout for many interesting winged inhabitants such as Piping Plovers, bald eagles, osprey and terns. On the ground, the Headlands is home to turkeys, deer, coyotes and occasional bear.

INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY PARK

In May 2011, the Headlands became the 6th International Dark Sky Park in the U.S. and the 9th in the world! Protection of the night sky above this magnificent property has been ongoing, and the prestigious designation ensures it will endure. While no camping is allowed, guests are welcome to stay at the Headlands throughout the night to observe the beauty of the sky above in this dark wilderness. Please look for Dark Sky Viewing signs throughout the park to direct you.

Events schedule:
www.MiDarkSkyPark.org
or call (231) 427-1001

VISIT MCGULPIN POINT
LIGHTHOUSE & HISTORIC SITE

Just up the road on Headlands Park Drive is McGulpin Point Lighthouse, an historic site that has been restored to its important past. The county took ownership of the lighthouse in the 2006 and has restored it to period decor, including restoration of the Fresnel lens atop the tower, which offers a commanding view of the Mackinac Bridge. Visit Chi-Sin, "The Big Rock," and step back in time to the place where Native American, French and British cultures came together. Open seasonally, visit website for hours. Visit McGulpinPoint.org