

# *Sunrises and Sunsets*

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Sunrise. Sunset. Always an ever-changing entrancing spectacle. If you are fortunate enough to be in the Leelanau peninsula, these times are truly a Rite of Passage. Simply sublime and free for the taking! The most alluring thing about sunrises and sunsets in the county are that they can be even more beautiful over the waters surrounding this special finger-jutting peninsula surrounded by Lake Michigan's might. It is a time for quietness; both to view the first glimpse of an often pinkish globe emerging from the eastern sky, and to salute "Good Evening" watching the sun-fantastic slip deeply into the western horizon.

On the peninsula you may have the immense privilege of viewing both of nature's solar dramas unfold, morning and evening, if so desired, over water. Getting off the beaten track, although few so civilized as to be overused, you can find private vistas over her bays and the Great Lake, where its beauty can take your breath away.







"Two at Sunset" - Unpublished - Jim Burnham



Sunrise touches Grand Traverse Bay before the hills are gently awakened. One notices a lightening in the east, which gradually turns into a pinkish hue, and then—sunrise. A vast ball of crimson begins to blaze over the waters and land, the beginning of a new day. A delight of waking to a sunrise over water!

As one travels through the gentle hills and valleys as sunset nears, one is bathed in an immense golden glow, which slowly gives way to evening's quiet darkness. Each season of the Leelanau is fresh, offering both the visitor and resident something new to discover, experience and enjoy.

Sunsets that dip under Lake Michigan's horizon can be described only as majestic, thought provoking as one watches this fiery ball slip deeper and deeper into the vista. The changing colors of the sky giving way to the enhancing darkness and perhaps a crackling bonfire to enjoy along some secluded beach....



"Fire in the Sky" - 9/19/2005 - Keith Burnham





1/24/2008 - Keith Burnham





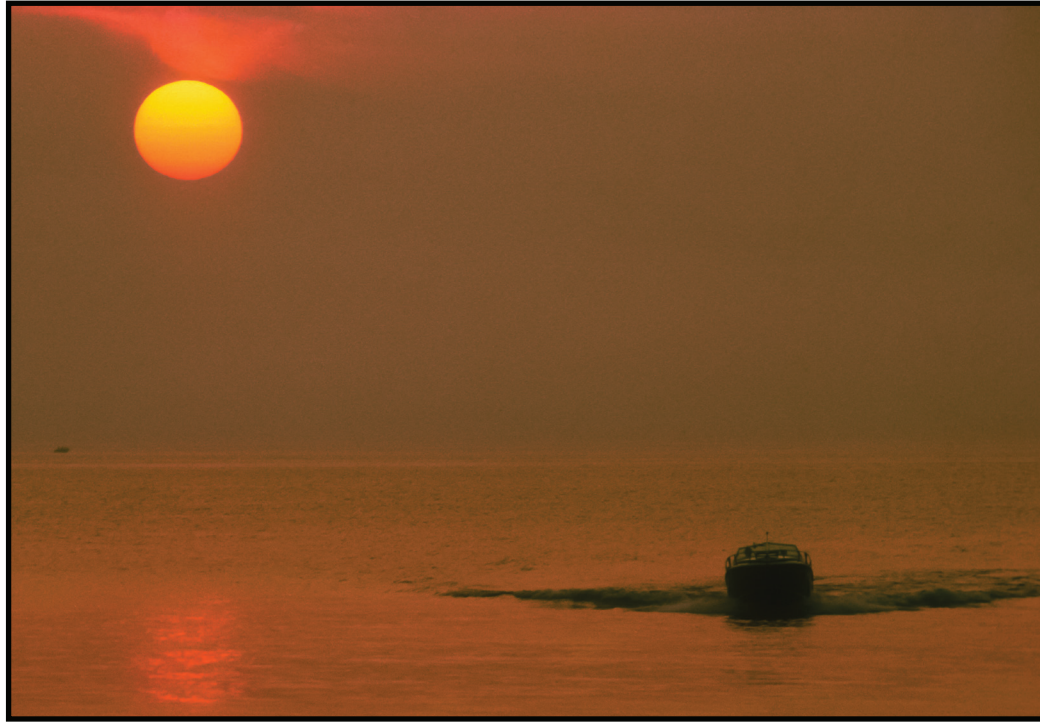
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"Predawn Sky Over the Narrows" - 10/12/2002 - Keith Burnham





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