

Fastest, Most Scenic

Easy Routes To Florida

Sunny skies and balmy breezes are expected to lure an estimated 675,000 Michigan residents to Florida this winter—almost 30 per cent more than last winter's number of Michigan "Sunshine State" vacationers, according to Automobile Club of Michigan.

Traveling should be easier than ever this winter for Michiganders heading to Florida by car. Two new sections of I-75 recently opened in the Toledo area will eliminate the freeway detour via Toledo city streets that has previously plagued drivers with traffic delays.

The Walt Disney World, near Orlando, still seems to be Florida's hottest tourist attraction. But it will probably get some competition from the "Wild Kingdom," a 1,000-acre, \$26 million re-creation of Africa's geography and wildlife, which will open by late spring northwest of Clermont in central Florida.

Wildlife enthusiasts will also be able to visit the newly reopened Shark Valley section of the Everglades National Park this winter. A tourist's bargain, this remote, northernmost area of the Everglades costs only \$2 a car to see. The entrance fee includes parking and a guided tour.

SEVERAL NEW campgrounds have sprung up around the state this year, and Miami has gained a new luxury hotel with the recent opening of the \$7.5 million Marriott. Nightlife is livelier in Pensacola, thanks to the newly completed entertainment and dining complex in the city's historic Seville Square district.

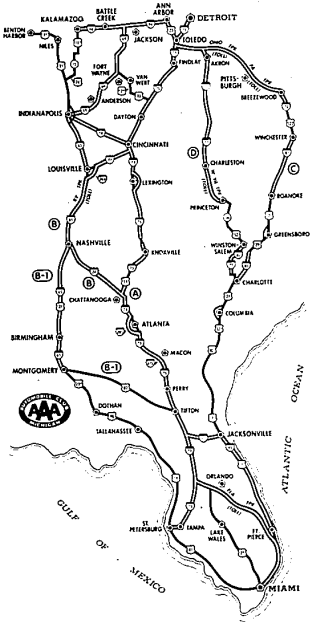
By relying on direct interstate routes, Auto Club estimates that most southern Michigan drivers can reach the Florida state line in two days. At least three days should be allowed if Miami is the destination.

Auto Club shows on the accompanying map the four easiest and safest routes to Florida, one including a partial alternate. They have been labeled the A, B, C, and D routes.

ROUTE A, which follows I-75 through Cincinnati, Knoxville and Atlanta, is the most direct way to Miami and the Tampa area for eastern Michigan drivers. At 1,402 miles, it is the shortest of all recommended routes between Detroit and Miami and includes 1,346 miles of four-lane highway. The toll cost is \$4.70.

Motorists using Route A may encounter a delay in northern Kentucky where a one-mile stretch of I-75-I-71 is closed for construction work. A six-lane detour, three lanes in each direction, is in use. Minor delays may also occur further south where gaps in I-75 cause traffic to funnel onto conventional roads.

Route B is the most direct way to Florida for western Michigan drivers who will travel near Fort Wayne or Indianapolis, then south through Louisville, Nashville, Chattanooga and Atlanta.



The map shows four routes (A, B, C, D) from Michigan to Florida. Route A is the most direct, following I-75 through Cincinnati, Knoxville, and Atlanta to Miami. Route B is the most direct for western Michigan, passing through Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Louisville, Nashville, Chattanooga, and Atlanta. Routes C and D are also shown, passing through various states like Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama. The map includes major cities and highways throughout the Eastern and Southern United States.

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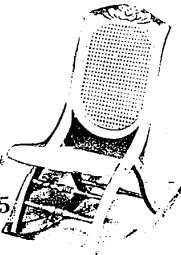
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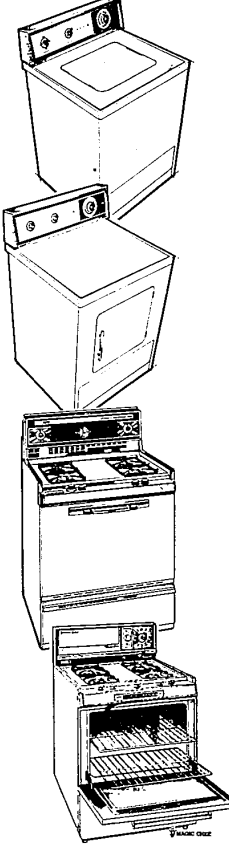
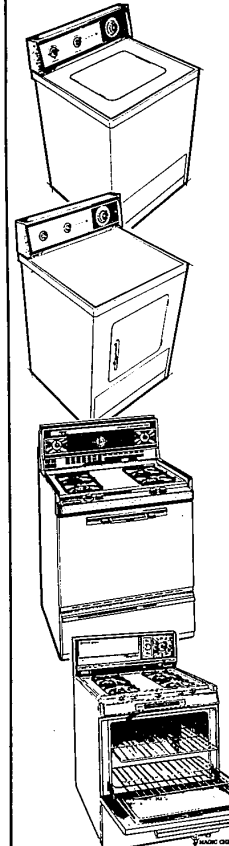
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