

Free Run Cellars & Round Barn Winery:

These sister wineries share a tasting room in Union Pier. Modeled after Round Barn's property in Baroda, Mich., the space's circular form draws the eye around the outer loop of wine bottles and into the center tasting ring. \$5 will get you a souvenir glass and a taste of seven whites and reds of your choosing.

9185 UNION PIER RD., UNION PIER; 269-469-6885;

ROUNDBARNWINERY.COM, FREERUNCELLARS.COM

New Buffalo Beach: Just a short drive down Whittaker Street, the public beach in New Buffalo welcomes eager sunbathers. Fine-tune your spiking skills at the sand volleyball court or push younger vacationers sky high on the playground swings. A strawberry milkshake from Jake's @ The Beach will cool you off after a long suntanning session.

EAT

Redamak's: By "Bit(ing) into a Legend," you'll partake in the tradition that George and Gladys Redamak began in the late 1940s. Single, double, and even triple hamburgers and cheeseburgers are made to order. 616 E. BUFFALO ST., NEW BUFFALO; 269-469-4522; REDAMAKS.COM

Red Arrow Roadhouse: Tavern-battered cod, Baja shrimp tacos, and country-fried chicken salad are to die for at this authentic roadhouse smack dab between Union Pier and New Buffalo. One of the last few buildings to rock a stucco exterior, the restaurant boasts a crafted wooden bar salvaged from Chicago's East Bank Club.

15710 RED ARROW HWY., UNION PIER; 269-469-3939;

REDARROWROADHOUSE.COM

Timothy's: As the in-house restaurant at the Gordon Beach Inn, chef Timothy Sizer whips up fresh seafood with an Asian flair. Specials like Cilantro Macadamia Pesto Florida Grouper are offered three times a week and can convert the staunchest of seafood haters. 16220 LAKESHORE RD., UNION PIER; 269-469-0900; TIMOTHYSRESTAURANT.COM

Brewster's Italian Café: Fresh ingredients are used to create meatball subs, antipasta salads, meaty pastas and savory pizzas. Strands of white lights and dark wood paneling provide a calm, relaxed setting for sipping a glass of vino before dinner. 11 W. MERCHANT ST., NEW BUFFALO; 269-469-3005

ESCAPE

The Harbor Grand Hotel and Marina Grand Resort: Ben & Jerry's ice cream on call 24/7 is enough to make anyone set up camp at either of these luxury waterfront hotels. Warm wood paneling and prairie-style furniture adorn the redesigned rooms at the Harbor Grand. The mod

Marina Grand condo-hotel offers full-service amenities in simple, sophisticated décor with Scandinavian influences. HARBOR GRAND HOTEL: 111 W. WATER ST., NEW BUFFALO; 888-605-6800; HARBORGRAND.COM. MARINA GRAND RESORT: 600 W. WATER ST., NEW BUFFALO; 877-945-8600; MARINAGRANDRESORT.COM

Gordon Beach Inn: Built in the 1920s, this historic inn features rustic, wood-carved furniture and contemporary amenities (three rooms have Jacuzzi tubs). The inn's private beach is just two blocks down the road. 16220 LAKESHORE RD., UNION PIER; 269-469-0800; GORDONBEACHINN.COM



Clockwise from top: A light lunch at Brewster's Italian Café; the salvaged wooden bar at Red Arrow Roadhouse; grab a burger at Redamak's.

