

Historical Marker - S407 - Leland Historic District (Fishtown) (Marker ID#:S407)



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Leland Historic District

This commercial fishing district has provided a livelihood for residents of the town for over a century. Fishermen reached the fishing grounds of Lake Michigan by way of the Leland River (Carp River) using small sailboats until the introduction of primitive gas-powered oak boats around 1900. Small fishing shanties and related buildings such as ice and smokehouses were constructed during the peak years of the industry, which spanned the first three decades of the twentieth century. Now gray and weather-beaten, some still serve their original purpose. Other buildings in the district date back to Leland's lumbering and iron smelting era in the latter half of the nineteenth century. Leland continues to be a commercial fishing area as well as the headquarters for transportation to the Manitou Islands.

Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1973 **Erected Date:** 1977

Marker Location

Address: Roughly bounded by the harbor, the park, Main St & Ave A

City: Leland

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Leelanau

Township:

Lat: 45.02282500 / **Long:** -85.76120800

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