Jake it to go Upscale groceries and gourmet delis in favorite harbors satisfy your inner culinary connoisseur while maximizing your water time.

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SPARE NO TIME on land this season, and get thee to your watercraft. With help from the thoughtful spots below, you can pack a picnic and stay out as long as you want.

Union Pier's wooden-floored Whistle Stop bills itself as a gourmet deli with enlightened foods. Indeed, with juicy rotisserie chickens, house-made breads and baked goods, and aisles packed with wines, cheeses and nicely packaged comestibles, who could ask for more? 5700 Red Arrow Highway, (269) 469-6700.

At Lucy's Market in Grand Haven you'll find big deli sandwiches made with Boar's Head products, but don't miss grandma's chicken salad with dried cherries, grapes, pine nuts, celery, onion and secret dressing. 133 Columbus Ave., (616) 850-2665.

Pentwater's **Durand Wine Co.** boasts a huge selection of well-priced wines, beers, cheeses and imported cigars. 161 Hancock, (231) 869-5520.

Seek out local produce and hand-cut steaks at Cenzo's Fresh Market & Spirits on the marina. 40 W. 6th St., (231) 869-4044.

Along Traverse City's Gourmet Row, you'll find deli, gorgeous steaks, chops, seafood and a beautiful wine selection at **Burritt's Fresh Markets**. 509 W. Front St., (231) 946-3300. Or a few steps up the street, you'll find crusty sandwiches, salads and other well-prepared takeout from **Mary's Kitchen Port**. 539 W. Front St., (231) 941-0525.

Across the street is **Maxbauer's After Hours**, which offers beer, wine, sandwiches, meats and my fave, Hunter's sausage. 542 W. Front St., (231) 947-6779. Back toward town a few blocks is the venerable former railroad station, **Folgarelli's Market/Deli/Wine Shop**, whose full line of deli delights comes from all corners of the world. 424 W. Front St., (231) 941-7651.

I love the ever-changing dinners to go, crusty baguettes, quiche and local wines (representing 32 vineyards and counting) at Silvertree Deli/Wine Shop in downtown Suttons Bay. 119 St. Joseph St., M-22, (231) 271-2271. Around the peninsula in Leland, try the smoked whitefish spread from Carlson's Fish Market. 205 W. River St. in historic Fishtown, (231) 256-9801.



Get anything else you want at the full-line grocer and wine shop, Leland Mercantile. 102 N. Main St., (231) 256-9030. For a mere \$2 apiece you can snare seven different gourmet mini-sandwiches on Italian rolls, to mention fine wines for \$10 or under, at the Elk Rapids Wine Shop. 100 River St., (231) 264-9000.

Check out **Sonny's**, where fabulous pizzas await at Torch Lake. 2786 U.S. 31 North in Torch Lake Village, Kewadin, (231) 599-2357. Or check out **Sonny's Ironton Market** near the ferry. 3619 North M-66, Charlevoix, (231) 547-2444 or -2448.

Two-fisted sandwiches and bistro to-go are reasons why **Scovie's Gourmet Deli** is a must-stop in Charlevoix. 111 Bridge St., (231) 237-7827; as is **Esperance**, where sommelier Pram Archaya will steer you toward his fave fine wines and other high-end edibles. 12853 North U.S. 31, (231) 237-9300.

Don't miss the ready-to-devour eats on display at the effervescent **Galley Gourmet**, Bay Harbor's upscale market.

Up in Harbor Springs, Cornichons is a sparkling, Euro-style deli with divine soups, sandwiches, entrees, cheeses, breads and all things to go. 248 State St., (231) 242-0020.

Scope out the pile of panini sandwiches — 35 in all — that Mark Marcaccio's **18th Street Deli Panini & Pasta** creates, along with pasta, soups, salads, catering and marina delivery. It's on the Nautical Mile in St. Clair Shores. *24605 Jefferson Ave.*, (586) 777-1818.

Monroe's Erie Party Shoppe in Bolles Harbor offers lipsmacking Oliver's pizzas. 6838 Laplaisance Road, (734) 457-0006.

About 200 feet east is Chef Silverio Conte's **Bolles Harbor Café**, home of the best burger in southeast Michigan. 3986 Laplaisance Road, (734) 457-2233.

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