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Escape is a collaboration between this hotel, the Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council and Far Ahead Advertising. Our hope is that you will fall in love with our area so that you'll come back again and again to visit us.

Before you leave, make sure to book your next visit in Michigan's Great Southwest.

Special thank you to Joshua Nowicki for photographs used throughout **Escape**.



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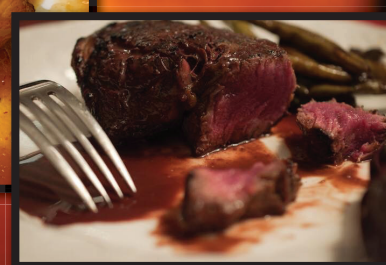
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Dream of your wedding in the countryside and communities of southwest Michigan. Filled with ceremony and reception venues from sugar-sand beaches to vintage barns, rolling vineyards, elegant reception halls and places in between, your wedding is bound to be a beautiful and memorable occasion. The Southwest Michigan

Tourist Council offers solid referrals including rehearsal dinner, DJ, florist, table favors, attendant

gifts, spa services, item rentals, bakeries, transportation, catering and bartending.

Planning early is encouraged, as well as considering the off-season when your guests will not be competing with summer tourists for accommodations. Availability should be higher then and prices lower, and off-season incentives will save you money.

The Tourist Council can also provide you with free hotel-bid service in St. Joseph, Benton Harbor and Stevensville, remembering that space may be extremely limited in summertime. They'll get you started and provide local information for out-of-town guests.

Dream and be inspired by the landscape, golf courses and pleasant hotels; and make this experience forever memorable! Contact Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council to make your dream wedding a reality!

LOCATION:

2300 Pipestone Rd, Benton Harbor, MI
swmichigan.org/weddings and scroll to tabs for
Venues, Details and Incentives
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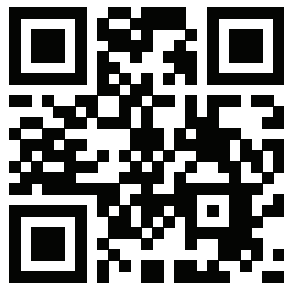
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Southwest Michigan is known for its numerous festivals, concerts and events throughout the year.
Tourists and locals alike enjoy the variety and uniqueness of our events.

Due to Covid-19, many events have been canceled or postponed, but many are going on as planned.
To get the most up-to-date listing of events, go to www.swmichigan.org/events.

Scan the code with your smart phone to quickly open the Events page.



OUR RICH HISTORY



The rich history of Southwest Michigan is just waiting for you to discover! Our roots go deep in this beautiful land. Originally inhabited by Indians, the first known white man coming to our area was Father Jacques Marquette, a French Jesuit priest, who entered the mouth of the St. Joseph River in 1669. However, it was French explorer La Salle who arrived a decade later and built Fort Miami, overlooking the bluff in St. Joseph. The area eventually became the city of St. Joseph. Take some time to explore and learn about our fascinating history while you're here.



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SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN BEER, WINE & SPIRITS

Every land has its makers, those artisans who are crafters of wood, forgers of steel, and tillers of earth. Ours are masters of wine, beer and spirits. An increasing number of these artisans are putting down stakes just off our Lake Michigan shore. It's easy for you to find them. Just follow the Makers Trail. You're just minutes from each one in Southwest Michigan.

What a welcome you'll receive as wine corks are popped or beer kegs and whiskey barrels are tapped!

The makers will pour flights for you and offer plates of savory cheeses, smoky grilled meats, crisp vegetables and creamy chocolate truffles – most from locally sourced ingredients. So take a moment to pause in the whirl of life. It'll make you happy.

The Makers Trail mobile app will guide your journey and offer discounts (see page 12). Makers Trail maps are also available at the front desk of most local hotels.

Visit www.makerstrail.org for an up-to-date list of local makers.

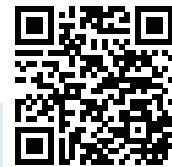
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The landscape of Southwest Michigan is dotted with picturesque vineyards and wineries, and craft breweries have sprung up in abundance throughout our area.

Many of our wines and beers are award-winning and can be sampled at local restaurants, as well as at the wineries and breweries.

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www.ghostislebrewery.com

Grande Mere Inn

5800 Red Arrow Hwy, Stevensville
grandemereinn.com

Haymarket Brewing

9301 Red Arrow Hwy, Bridgman
haymarketbrewing.com

Lehman's Farmhouse

204 N. Redbud Trail, Buchanan
www.lehmansfarmhouse.com

The Livery Microbrewery

190 5th St, Benton Harbor
liverybrew.com

Niles Brewing Company

206 E. Main Street, Niles
nilesbrewing.com

North Pier Brewing Company

670 North Shore Dr,
Benton Harbor
northpierbrewing.com

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9151 First St, Baroda
roundbarnpublichouse.com

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Winery, Distillery & Brewery

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10983 Hills Rd, Baroda
roundbarnwinery.com

Silver Harbor Brewing Company

721 Pleasant St, St. Joseph
silverharborbrewing.com

Tapistry Brewing

4236 Lake St, Bridgman
tapistrybrewing.com

Transient Artisan Ales

4229 Lake St, Bridgman
transientartisanales.com

Watermark Brewing Company

5781 St. Joseph Ave, Stevensville
watermarkbrewing.com

DISTILLERIES:

Iron Shoe Distillery

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facebook.com/IronShoeDistillery

Journeyman Distillery

109 Generations Dr, Three Oaks
journeymandistillery.com

Round Barn Filling Station

3401 Friday Road, Coloma
roundbarn.com

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Winery, Distillery & Brewery Baroda Tasting Room & Estate

10983 Hills Rd, Baroda
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WINERIES:

12 Corners Vineyards

1201 N. Benton Center Rd,
Benton Harbor
12corners.com

Baroda Founders Wine Cellar

8963 Hills Rd, Baroda
415 State St., St. Joseph
founderswinecellar.com

Chill Hill

8986 First Street, Baroda
chillhill.net

Contessa Wine Cellars

3235 Friday Rd, Coloma
contessawinecellars.com

Dablon Vineyards

111 W. Shawnee Rd, Baroda
Dablon.com

Domaine Berrien Cellars

398 E. Lemon Creek Rd,
Berrien Springs
domaineberrien.com

Free Run Cellars

10062 Burgoyne Rd,
Berrien Springs
freeruncellars.com

Gravity

10220 Lauer Rd, Baroda
gravitywine.com

Hickory Creek Winery

750 Browntown Rd, Buchanan
hickorycreekwinery.com

Karma Vista Vineyards

6991 Ryno Rd, Coloma
karmavista.com

Lake Michigan Vintners

2774 E. Empire Ave., Benton Harbor
lakemichiganvintners.com

Lazy Ballerina Winery

315 State St, St. Joseph
4209 Lake Street, Bridgman
lazyballerinawinery.com

Lehman's Orchard

2280 Portage Rd, Niles
lehmansorchard.com

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Brewery & Farmhouse

204 N. Red Bud Trl, Buchanan
lehmansfarmhouse.com

Lemon Creek Winery

533 E. Lemon Creek Rd,
Berrien Springs
lemoncreekwinery.com

Moonrise Winery

7785 Hill Rd, Watervliet
moonrisewinery.com

Red Top Winery

482 E. Snow Rd, Baroda
redtopwinery.com

Round Barn Filling Station

3401 Friday Road, Coloma
roundbarn.com

Round Barn, Free Run

Cellars & Tabor Hill Tasting Room

9185 Union Pier Rd., Union Pier
roundbarn.com/locations/tasting-room

Round Barn Winery

10983 Hills Rd, Baroda
roundbarnwinery.com

St. Julian Tasting Room

9145 Union Pier Rd., Union Pier
stjulian.com

Tabor Hill Champagne Cellar

10243 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman
taborhill.com

Tabor Hill Winery & Restaurant

185 Mount Tabor Rd, Buchanan
taborhill.com

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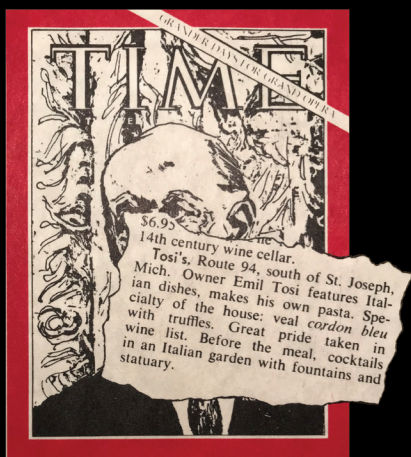
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LOCATION:
2300 N Benton Center Rd,
Benton Harbor
 Free parking
 Entrance fee: \$3/adult;
 free for children under 12
sarett.com
 (269) 927-4832

SARETT NATURE CENTER

Come and enjoy the beauty of nature at Sarett Nature Center, with over 1,000 scenic acres and eight miles of trails. Boardwalks, observation platforms, and an easily accessible barrier-free walkway offer up-close views of wetland wildlife and habitats without getting your feet wet. As you wander along the trail system, you can see wet forests, cattail marshes, shrub-carrs, and even a fen, a unique alkaline wetland. Great views of the Paw Paw River below can be seen from the trails running along its bluff. One of the most popular activities is birding, with over 300 species named on the Berrien County checklist. Cross-country skis and snowshoe rentals are available for those who want to partake of winter's beauty.

Sarett offers live animal displays, a butterfly house during the warm months, a nature play area for kids, and informational displays. Sarett requests that you enjoy the trails without pets, picnicking, picking wildflowers, biking, or other disturbances to the natural setting.



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BERRIEN REOPENS COALITION

A community-wide collaborative effort to assist companies of all sizes in a planned and thoughtful restart of the local economy. Visit www.berrienreopens.org to learn more.

BUY LOCAL BERRIEN!

The Buy Local Berrien! Facebook Group was launched by the SW MI Regional Chamber to inspire the community to rally behind our local businesses and share safe and creative ways to support them through the shutdown. It has amassed nearly 10,000 active followers and continues to encourage consumers to explore local options. Visit Facebook and search **Buy Local Berrien!** to learn more.

SEE ST. JOSEPH

We partnered with CrazeVR Virtual Tours, St. Joseph Today, and Holt Bosse to create a one-of-a-kind singular virtual front-end for St. Joseph so that shoppers can experience the beauty of downtown from the comfort of their home. See more at www.seestjoseph.com.

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN SAFE

Southwest Michigan Safe seeks to encourage public, private, and nonprofit entities throughout SW MI to uphold a basic set of health and safety recommendations. Entities that take the pledge are entitled to branded window decals and other visual reinforcement signifying their commitment to protecting public health. Visit www.swmisafe.org and take the pledge today!

Stay Safe



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LOVE CREEK NATURE CENTER & COUNTY PARK

More natural beauty awaits you at Love Creek Nature Center and County Park. Love Creek winds its way through a beautiful, rolling 200-acre natural area outside Berrien Springs.

Six miles of hiking trails provide access to a variety of habitats. The Berrien County Parks Commission's Naturalist Service is based there and activities are available throughout the year. Visitors are required to stay on trails, and picking or removing wildflowers or other plants is not permitted. Leashed dogs are permitted on trails when snow conditions do not exist.

Love Creek offers outstanding cross-country skiing, with groomed trails for both classic and skate-style skiing. Rental equipment for classic-style skiing is available in youth and adult sizes. Love Creek also provides mountain bikers with access to a 3.5-mile beginning/intermediate level mountain bike trail from spring through fall. The mountain bike trail is groomed for fat tire biking and fat bike rentals are available.

Love Creek has a Nature Center Building (check website for times open) and the Trillium Room, an inviting space for your next event, meeting or gathering.

LOCATION:

**9292 Huckleberry Rd,
Berrien Center, MI**

Nature Center Building open:

Wed.-Sun., 10am-5pm

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September 19, 2020

Luminary Festival

Stroll through the beautiful candlelit streets as 1,000 luminaries light your way as you shop in downtown St. Joseph.

November 20, 2020

Window Wonderland

Dozens of store fronts will participate in this holiday window decorating event. Gift hunters will appreciate the unique selections, special prices, and festive shopping that evening and throughout December

December 4, 2020

St. Joseph Chili Tour

Warm up in downtown St. Joseph with the annual chili cookoff tour.

January

Winter Beer Fest

Outdoor craft beer event (21 and older)

Late January

Magical Ice Festival

Professional ice carving competition.

Late January

March Mannequins

Volunteers pose perfectly still like mannequins in downtown storefront windows.

March



When summer ends, it's a great time to come back to Southwest Michigan. The countryside is beautiful and offers ice fishing, skating, cross country skiing, and downhill skiing. In downtown St. Joseph, you'll find fun and unique events that are hosted by St. Joseph Today continuing through the seasons. St. Joseph Today is a nonprofit organization that promotes our community and develops and maintains year-round programming that inspires visitors and residents to explore St. Joseph, Michigan and surrounding communities. Due to Covid-19, many events have been canceled or postponed, but many are going on as planned. To get the most up-to-date listing of events, go to www.stjoetoday.com/events Scan the code with your smart phone to quickly open the St. Joseph Today Events page.



G & M VARIETY

Step back in time at G&M Variety! G&M Variety has the appeal of an old fashioned five-and-dime, with nearly every inch of space being utilized to showcase its merchandise. The aisles, with original hardwood floors, have thousands of items you didn't know you needed! Come on in and have some fun! Ride Sandy for only a quarter! Pick out your favorite candy and old fashioned soda! Take a trip down memory lane!

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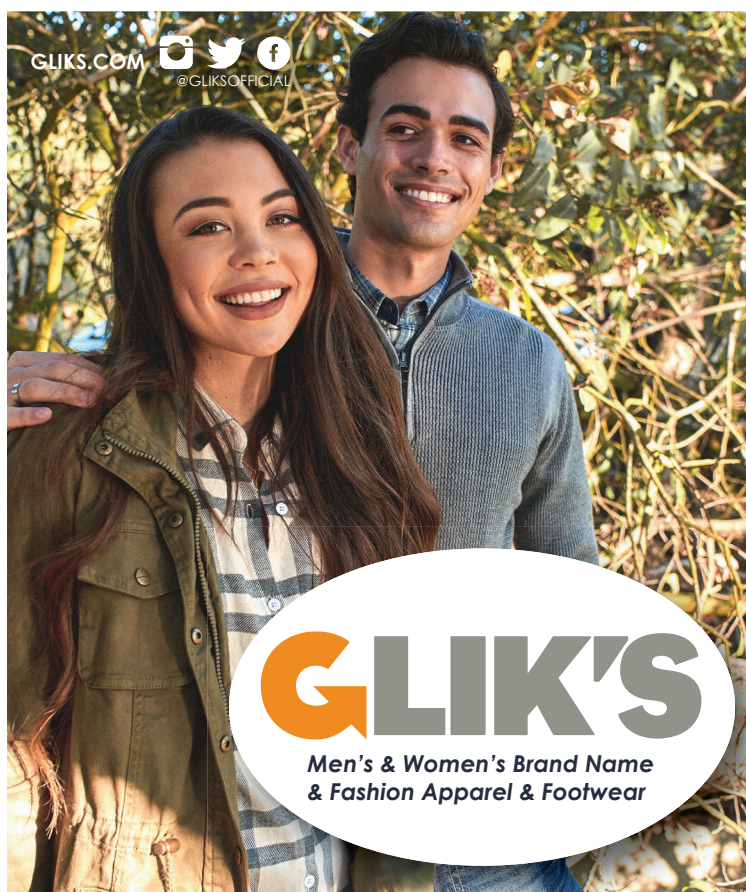
FOR THE ART LOVER

Southwest Michigan has some terrific sites for those who love art in its many forms. A stroll along the St. Joe River in St. Joseph, as well as along Silver Beach, offers not only beautiful scenery, but a wonderful array of modern sculptures. But there are a few places for art lovers where you'll want to spend time browsing and taking in the diversity and giftedness of both local and nationally-acclaimed artists.



KRASL ART CENTER

Krasl Art Center is a great place to start! It offers high quality, always-changing art exhibitions and installations, as well as year 'round classes, camps and artist guilds in drawing, painting, ceramics, metals, woodworking and more. Their website will provide information regarding special events and programs, as well as art education opportunities, which are offered to residents and tourists alike, from young to old regardless of level of experience.



414 State Street | St Joseph, MI | 49085
269-281-0540

LOCATION:
707 Lake Blvd, St. Joseph
Free admission, with \$5 donation suggested; fee-based classes
Free parking on first-come-first-served basis
krasl.org
(269) 983-0271



BOX FACTORY FOR THE ARTS

Our doors are currently closed to the public during the pandemic. Please join us online at boxfactoryforthearts.org or on our BoxFactoryArts Facebook page. We look forward to opening our doors and again welcoming you to our gallery shows and concerts. Stay safe.



LOCATION:
1101 Broad St, St. Joseph
boxfactoryforthearts.org
(268) 983-3688



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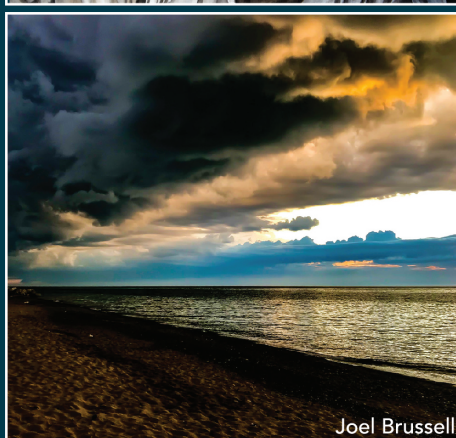
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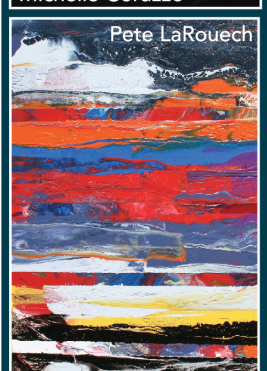
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TAKE YOUR PICK

LOCATIONS:

Benton Harbor Farmers Market

Pipestone and Main St., Benton Harbor

Open June 26 to Sept. Wednesdays, 10am-3pm
(269) 927-5639

St. Joseph Farmers Market

Lake Bluff Park, downtown St. Joseph

Open: Saturdays to Oct. 12, 9am-2pm

Typical Crop Availability - When to Pick in Michigan

Fruit/Veg	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	December
Apples								X	X	X	X	X
Asian pears								X	X	X	X	X
Asparagus				X	X	X	X					
Beans						X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Beets							X	X	X	X		
Blackberries						X	X	X				
Blueberries							X	X	X			
Broccoli			X	X	X				X	X	X	X
Cabbage			X	X	X				X	X	X	X
Cantaloupes							X	X	X	X		
Cherries						X	X	X				
Chestnuts										X	X	X
Christmas Trees											X	X
Cucumbers							X	X	X	X		
Eggplant							X	X	X	X	X	
Greens			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fruit/Veg	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	December
Herbs			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nectarines							X	X	X			
Peaches						X	X	X	X	X	X	
Peas					X	X						
Peppers							X	X	X	X	X	
Plums									X	X	X	
Potatoes				X	X	X	X	X				
Pumpkins									X	X	X	X
Raspberries							X	X	X	X	X	
Rhubarb				X	X	X	X					
Squash					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Strawberries					X		X					
Sweet Corn								X	X	X		
Sweet Potatoes									X	X	X	X
Tomatoes								X	X	X		
Watermelons								X	X	X	X	X

There are so many wonderful things to do in our area, so take your pick. We invite you to bite into any farm-fresh fruit or vegetable in Southwest Michigan, and you'll never want to buy store-bought again! Over 60 roadside markets and pick-your-own farms offer you sun-ripened and rain-sweetened goodness in a wide variety of produce. So plan to visit any of the area farms and bring home bushels of mouth-watering freshness.

Throughout the late summer months beans, beets, eggplant, honey, nectarines, broccoli, carrots and cauliflower, celery, sweet corn, cucumbers, currants, dill weed, peaches, peppers, potatoes, raspberries, squash, tomatoes and zucchini abound. In August blackberries are at their peak and September adds greens, rutabagas, and turnips.

October is when fall favorites arrive, with late varieties of apples, apple cider, gourds, mums, corn stalks and an endless variety of pumpkins – perfect for fall decorating!

A couple of other options to explore are the Benton Harbor Farmers Market and the St. Joseph Farmers Market. As you browse among the tables loaded with a variety of local produce, you'll be enticed to savor some of the best fresh-picked fruits and vegetables the area has to offer. Or allow yourself to be tempted by the beauty of cut flowers, the aroma of hearth-baked bread and fine pastries, local honey and jams.

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- Harbor Shores Golf Club - This Jack Nicklaus designed course is home to Kitchen Aid Senior PGA Championships in 2020, 2022, and 2024 in Benton Harbor, (269) 927-4653.
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- Paw Paw Lake Golf Course - A scenic Par 70 public golf course on the shores of Paw Paw Lake. Watervliet, (269) 463-3831.
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- Pipestone Creek Golf Course - Long open par-5s and a richly-wooded back nine make this the golf course for the rest of us. Eau Claire, (269) 944-1611

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(269) 471-1202
www.berrienhistory.org

Curious Kids' Museum
415 Lake Blvd, St Joseph, MI 49085
(269) 983-2543
www.curiouskidsmuseum.org

Curious Kids Museum Discovery Zone
333 Broad St, St Joseph, MI 49085
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www.curiouskidsmuseum.org

Fort St. Joseph Museum
508 E Main St, Niles, MI 49120
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The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center
601 Main St, St Joseph, MI 49085
(269) 983-1191
www.theheritagemcc.org

Morton House Museum
501 Territorial Rd, Benton Harbor, MI 49022
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www.mortonhousemuseum.org

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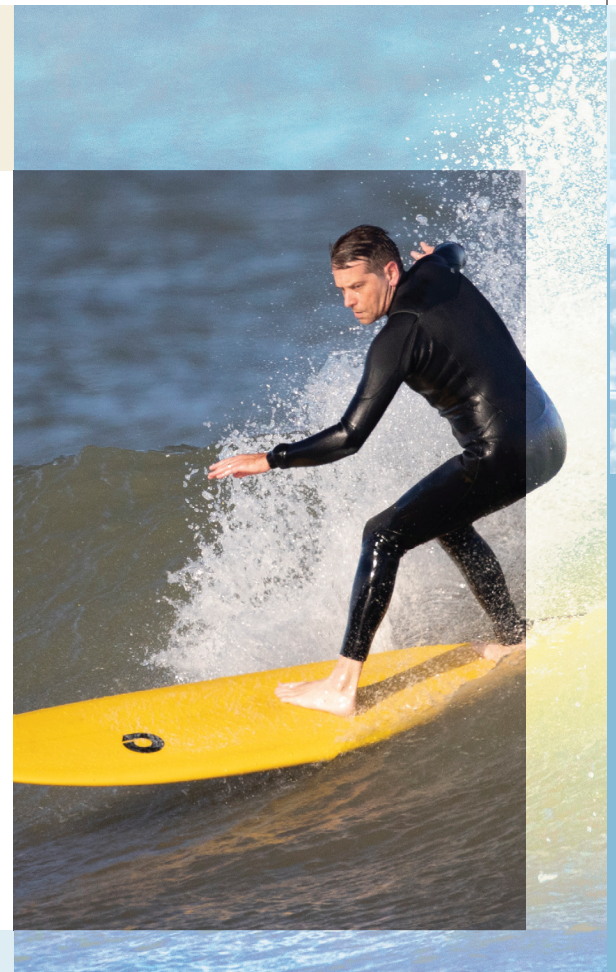
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BEACHES

Beautiful, majestic Lake Michigan is a major draw to this area, with visitors enjoying splashing and swimming in its waters, boating, fishing, surfing, windsurfing or parasailing. The power Lake Michigan displays in storms is something to behold; and in winter, as ice piles up along the shoreline and drapes the lighthouses in glistening ice, the Lake presents yet another kind of breathtaking beauty, making a perfect photographic opportunity. But the lazy days of summer and early autumn entice most visitors to the shores of Lake Michigan. The sandy beaches are perfect for enjoying the sun, picnicking, or building sand castles. Breezy days are ideal for flying kites on the beach, a delightful sight as they soar high against the backdrop of a clear blue sky. Many beaches have volleyball nets in place, making it easy to organize or pick up a game of beach volleyball. And everyone agrees that sunsets along the shores of Lake Michigan are truly breathtaking, a photographer's dream.

When enjoying the beaches of Southwest Michigan, we want you to keep in mind that alcohol is prohibited on all Berrien County beaches.



New Buffalo Public Beach offers visitors a refreshment stand, a small play area for children, restrooms, a dune stairway, overlook and boardwalk, beach chair and game rentals, bicycle parking, and eight boat launch ramps. The dune can be used for sledding in winter. No pets, fires or glass containers are allowed. Lifeguards are on duty during the summer months.

Weko Beach features a modern beach house with concession stand, grills, camping, changing areas, restrooms, a cold outdoor shower, a boat launch directly into Lake Michigan and volleyball nets. There is also a beautiful boardwalk, two dune overlooks and the playing of "Taps" at dusk on summer evenings, as well as free summer concerts.

Lincoln Township Beach and Nature Center is a small, quiet beach of sand and stone mix. It features an attractive

boardwalk and easy access to the beach. Restrooms and a picnic area are available.

Lions Park in St. Joseph offers three sheltered pavilions, parking, sidewalks, a playground, grills and restrooms; however, no lifeguards are on duty and swimming is discouraged. This beach offers a superb view of St. Joseph's piers and lighthouses.

Silver Beach is a popular beach that provides a 600-space parking lot off Broad Street, men's and women's bathhouses, park office, visitors' center, pavilion, south pier, bike racks, playground equipment, volleyball nets and a 1,600-foot beach for swimmers. A lifeguard is on duty during the summer. Grills are available.

Tiscornia Beach is a family-oriented park located on sixteen acres along the shoreline of Lake Michigan at the northwest corner of St. Joseph.

Amenities include the North Pier Lighthouse and walkway that is a popular spot for fishing and watching sunsets, restroom facilities, sandy beach and a pavilion that will accommodate about forty for picnics. Non-residents may purchase a seasonal parking permit from the City Clerk's Office at City Hall.

Jean Klock Park features a paved lot, boardwalk, volleyball courts, observation tower, pavilion, bathhouse, concession area, playground and picnic shelter.

Rocky Gap Park has three acres and 1,100 feet of lake frontage. It's a great beach for finding sea glass. There are no lifeguards or restrooms.

Hagar Township Beach has a paved parking lot, picnic tables, a shady walkway to the beach, slides, and portable toilet facilities. Picnic tables and grills are available. Dogs are allowed and a bag dispenser is provided.



HOOKED ON FISHING

Southwest Michigan is an angler's heaven. You can enjoy everything from deep-water fishing for 20-lb. salmon to smelt dipping. And there's always an excuse to go fishing, for you can fish all year 'round.

The variety of fish is what hooks many anglers on the area. If you just want to enjoy the ride and the fresh catch, or if you like the sport of deep-water fishing on Lake Michigan but don't have the gear, the area has a number of licensed professional fishing charter captains. A charter association survey indicates that 92% of the anglers catch fish, which means you'll probably bring home more than great stories.

Lake Michigan and the rivers that open into it are well-known for their coho, salmon, steelhead, Chinook salmon, and brown trout. Most catches range from 5-20 lbs., although Chinook salmon can weigh in at 30 lbs. Other catches include smallmouth bass, perch, smelt, walleye, pike, catfish, crappie, sucker and bluegill. Inland lakes and streams are favorite fishing sites for panfish, northern pike, bass, musky, and brown trout. A fishing license is required and is available at most sporting goods stores and bait shops. A list of charter boat captains can be found online at swmichigan.org/more-entertainment/fishing





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