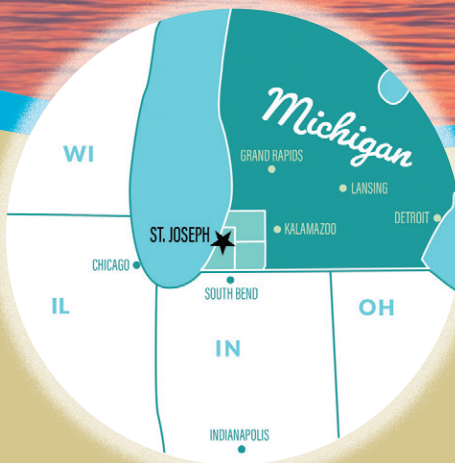
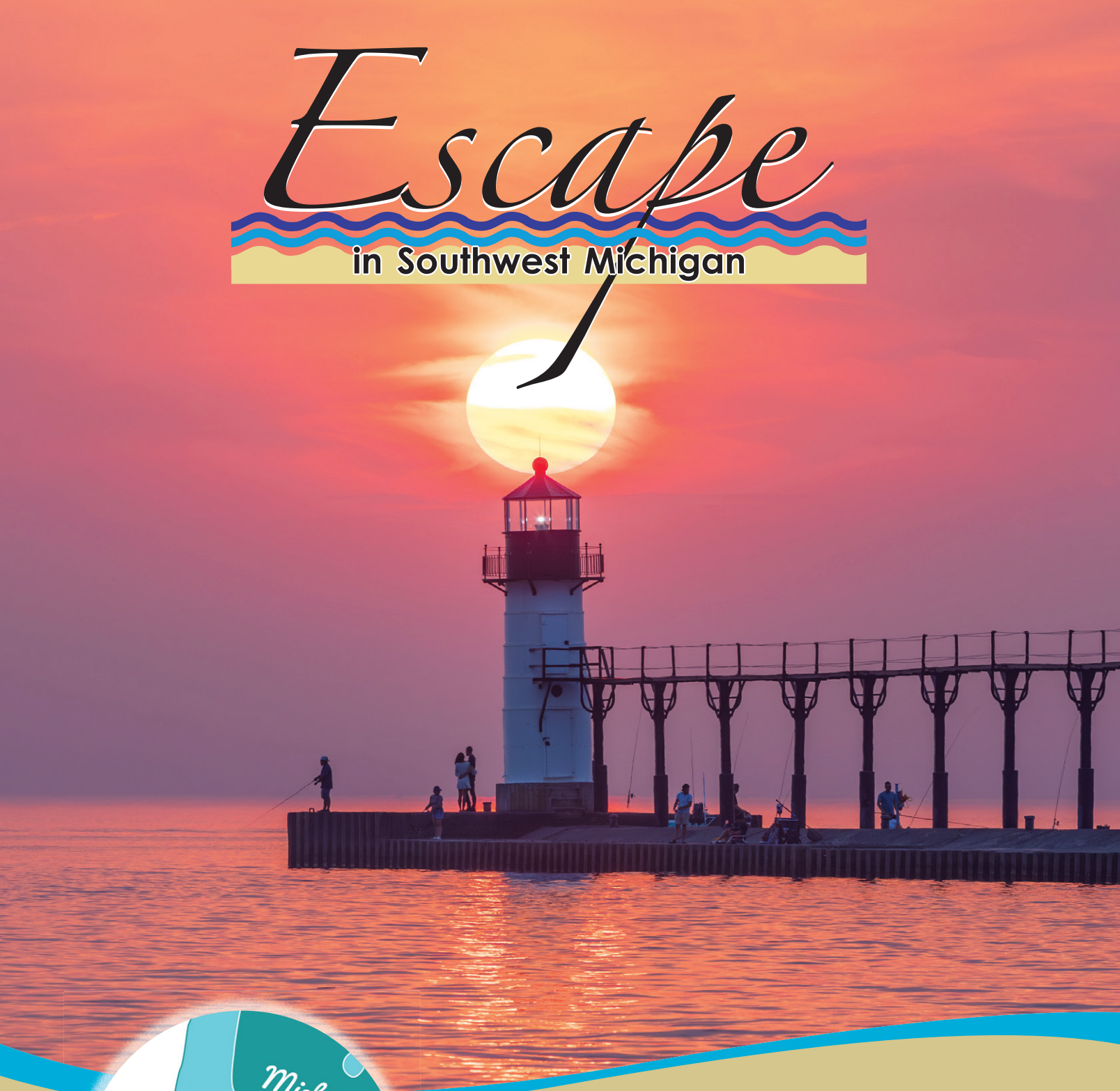


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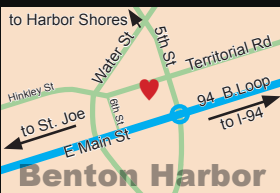
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# FEATURE EVENTS

Besides our beach-side views, thrilling dunes, delicious restaurants and bountiful agriculture, Southwest Michigan is brimming with so much activity from city to city. Enjoy popular annual events for every season like Chalk the Block, Ice Fest and the Berrien County Youth Fair. Look for seasonal antiques and farmers markets along Lake Bluff Park in St. Joseph as well. Following is a few featured events taking place this season.

See a comprehensive list of events beginning on page 60.



# CHALK THE BLOCK

St. Joe Today is excited to celebrate the 2023 Chalk the Block. This family friendly festival showcases both amateur and professional chalk artists, using the quaint downtown of St. Joseph, MI as their backdrop. Attendees can watch as both amateur and professional artists prepare their squares on Friday evening, work all day Saturday, and enjoy the completed chalk masterpieces on Sunday.



This free event brings in regional, national, and international artists who create chalk masterpieces downtown on Broad St., between Lake Blvd. and State St. Attendees can also vote for their favorite artist renderings in the People's Choice vote. Tickets will be sold at the People's Choice Tent on Broad St. for one dollar each throughout Saturday and Sunday. One dollar equals one vote towards the favored artist; the artist with the most tickets by the end of the weekend wins the People's Choice Award.

Additional weekend activities include the Farmers Market, Antiques on the Bluff, Friday and Sunday concerts, Movies in the Park and much more.

"This weekend celebrates our beautiful city," said Amy Zapal, executive director, St. Joe Today. "Not only can you see awesome chalk art around town, but folks can also shop at beautiful boutiques and stores, enjoy a delicious meal, walk to Whirlpool Compass Fountain and downtown beaches, jam to live music or catch a movie outdoors by Lake Michigan."

More information available at [stjoetoday.com/chalktheblock](http://stjoetoday.com/chalktheblock) or the Welcome Center at 301 State St. in downtown St. Joseph.



**LOCATION:**  
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# Summer Safari



## Berrien County Youth Fair



Come one; come all to the Berrien County Youth Fair August 13-19, 2023! The theme for this year's fair is "Summer Safari" This 77th year of the BCYF, highlights an exciting week for the youth of our area as they exhibit and show their animals, and display crafts, home economics projects, flowers, horticulture and much more. Sunday will kick off fair week with the Street Legal Truck Pull and Monday is the Tractor Pull. The popular

Circus Continental will return on Tuesday. Youth Fair officials have announced an exciting Grandstand lineup of entertainment acts for this year, including Craig Morgan with special guests The Red Clay Strays on Wednesday August 16. Lee Greenwood with special guests, The Riflemen, will take the Grandstand Stage on Thursday, August 17. The Demolition Derby crashes onto the schedule for Friday and Bullmania is featured on Saturday.

There's much more to see and do; and the Berrien County Youth Fair wouldn't be complete without midway rides, music and tantalizing eats and treats.

### Location:

**Berrien Springs, MI**

Gate 1 - 9122 M139

Gate 2 - 9056 M139

Gate 3 - 4273 E Shawnee Rd

### Youth Fair Gate Admission:

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Child (5-12) Day Pass - \$5

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# TRUDAT MUSIC FEST



On Saturday, August 26, 2023 some of the top Christian music performers will be coming to Stevensville, MI for the TruDat Music Festival.

The headliner for this year is the award-winning band, Big Daddy Weave. Known for honest songs that tell personal stories of freedom in Christ, Big Daddy Weave fans have long admired the band for their real-life, real-person openness. With chart-topping songs like “My Story,” “The

Lion and the Lamb,” “Overwhelmed,” “Redeemed,” and from their current album, “Alive,” “I Know,” and “All Things New,” Big Daddy Weave has become one of the most beloved bands in Christian music.



Opening for Big Daddy Weave is the Christian pop rock band Stars Go Dim. The singer has garnered multiple International #1's and Top 5 hits at pop and Christian radio, including the massive No. 1 radio smash in the U.S. with “You Are Loved.”

This family-friendly event also has multiple food trucks on site to grab some amazing local cuisine. There is also a Kids' Fun Zone with a bouncy house and other fun activities for children.

This year the festival will be raising awareness and support for foster kids through STEM4Them. STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Through STEM events, children build growth mindsets, perseverance, and self-confidence; they learn to see themselves as both problem-solvers and innovators. STEM4Them partners with foster care communities, DHHS, businesses, churches, and other agencies to raise awareness about the need for forever families. They provide lunch, snacks, and STEM-based educational activities free of charge - once a month from September to May, and at a yearly summer camp - to foster and adoptive families in our community. The organization invites prospective parents and passionate volunteers to spend time getting to know children in our community who are waiting for their forever families. The events facilitate matches with both state and private adoption agencies.

Learn more about this great program at [www.stem4them.life](http://www.stem4them.life)

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## LOCATION:

4333 Cleveland Ave, Stevensville, MI  
 Saturday, August 26, 2023  
 7pm (gates open at 5pm)  
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# TRI-STATE REGATTA

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Sept.

A magnificent sight awaits you on Labor Day weekend when St. Joseph River Yacht Club hosts more than 100 sailboats on the first leg of three races. One of the most prominent sailing events in the region, the Tri-State Regatta. This Chicago race has been delighting residents and visitors alike every Labor Day weekend for decades. Beginning Friday, September 1 at 6pm central time kicks off the event with the traditional night race. Skippers and their crew navigate the 60.43 mile trek under the dark skies making their way for St. Joseph.

Depending on weather conditions, the sailboats should arrive Saturday, September 2 between 2am and 6am. Some moor at the St. Joseph River Yacht club or next to the Arboretum in downtown St. Joseph, making this a favored destination for photographers and sightseers.

The St. Joseph River Yacht Club has several activities planned for that Saturday that are open to the public, including lunch from noon-4pm and dinner from 6:00pm-9:30pm. The club pool will be open to the public all day and Libido Funk Circus will provide music from 8pm-midnight.

Sunday morning is another excellent opportunity for spectators, especially from either the south pier (off Silver Beach) or the north pier (off Tiscornia Park), when skippers ready their vessels for departure from St. Joseph port to either Chicago or Michigan City. The second leg of the Bi and Tri-state races starts sailing off into the blue waters of Lake Michigan between 9:30am-10:30am.

Also on Labor Day weekend, you can take in the Lake Bluff Artisan Fair on Saturday, September 2 from 10:00am-5:00pm in Lake Bluff Park. On Sunday, September 3 you won't want to miss Antiques on the Bluff from 10:00am-5:00pm in Lake Bluff Park!

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# FALL FEST

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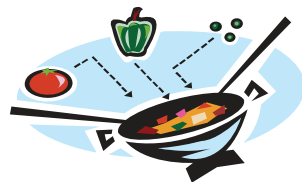


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## TOP 10 THINGS TO DO DURING THE FALL SEASON

1. Visit your favorite farm or farm market
2. Drive anywhere in southwest Michigan for a magnificent fall color tour
3. Visit escape rooms
4. Attend a live play at a local theatre
5. Visit any one of our Makers (wine, beer, spirits, ciders)
6. Hike along any of our nature trails
7. Visit a museum
8. Checkout our live music and performance venues
9. Ride a surrey bike in downtown St. Joseph
10. Visit a local art gallery



# LUMINARY



Stroll through downtown St. Joe as luminaries light your way to kick off the holiday season from 5:00pm-8:00pm on Friday, November 17 during Luminary! Participating business locations invite you to eat, shop, drink and be merry while you enjoy this charming lakeside town. Eat, shop, drink and be merry!



**LOCATION:**  
Downtown St. Joseph  
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## TOP 10 THINGS TO DO DURING THE WINTER SEASON

1. Ice skating
2. Sledding
3. Snowshoeing
4. Downhill skiing
5. Cross-country skiing
6. Ice fishing
7. Take photos of nature's ice sculptures along the North Pier
8. Have a play day at Slackers Family Fun Center
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Voting will be open starting at 7:00pm on Friday, December 1 until 11:59pm on Sunday, December 3.



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1. Take a free water taxi ride
2. Visit the galleries and studios at the Box Factory for the Arts.
3. Walk the Galien River County Park.
4. Wander the Krasl Art Center's Sculpture Tour.
5. Enjoy breathtaking sunsets every night at Silver Beach.
6. Hike the John & Dede Howard Trail.
7. Visit Tiscornia Park to walk out on the North Pier and view the Lighthouses.
8. Learn about local history at The Heritage Museum & Cultural Center.
9. Climb the stairs to the top of the dunes at Weko Beach.
10. Go to any beach along the Lake Michigan shore to watch spectacular sunsets every night.



# FANNY MAE MEMORIAL REINDOG PARADE



On Saturday, December 2, the Reindog Parade kicks off at 3pm. The annual Reindog Parade is a great time for all. This event features dressed up pets and their owners in a variety of holiday garb. Be prepared to see all kinds of costumes from "Santa Bernards" to "Reindeer Rottweilers" – definitely a must-see event! The event also marks the arrival of Santa Claus. After the parade, children can share their wish lists with Santa at Santa's House.



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Get started at the St. Joe Today Welcome Center located at 301 State Street in downtown St. Joseph. Maps featuring participating locations will be available for purchase and will double as a voting ballot. Turn it in at the end of the night to vote for your favorite chili.



LOCATION: Start at 301 State St.  
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St. Joe Today invites everyone 21 years and older to come out of hibernation on Saturday, January 27, 2024, and meet friends at this lakeside destination during the St. Joe Winter Beer Fest. Craft beer enthusiasts will enjoy sampling from local and regional Michigan breweries from noon-4pm. Limited tickets are available for this popular winter fest and

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Ice Fest starts Friday, Feb. 2, 2024 with professional carvers creating their masterpieces from blocks of ice on downtown streets, 5:00pm-8:00pm. Immediately following Friday night's carving session, the winter night will glimmer and glow at 8:00pm with an amazing tower of both Fire & Ice on the corner of State and Pleasant.



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The St. Joseph lighthouse was a 40-foot-tall circular stone tower which guided vessels to safety along the southern edge of Lake Michigan's eastern shore for 28 years.

In 1846, a wooden tower was built on the North Pier, which is the site of today's historic and beautiful North Pier Lighthouse. Set in this deep-water port, today's white structure with its distinctive red roof, has guided ships to safe harbor and access to twin cities St. Joseph and Benton Harbor for over 150 years. It was selected to be one of the featured lighthouses in a series of U.S. postage stamps issued in 1995. The current lighthouse consists of two structures: the larger, square-based building housing the inner light and a smaller, circular steel tower containing the outer light. The inner light is a lighthouse with keeper's quarters, a facility constructed with the intention of employing a full-time resident keeper to tend the light daily. The outer light is a minor light, such as a tower or pole light, but with interesting daymarks of historical interest. A catwalk remains as a reminder of winter's harsh conditions, when it served as an elevated walkway through high snow and ice mounds, allowing light keepers' access to keep the oil lights burning.

Lighthouse access is from Tiscornia Park and beach across the St. Joseph River north of town. While Silver Beach and the adjacent South Pier no longer welcome steamers from Chicago to what was once Silver Beach Amusement Park, they welcome visitors to the sugar-sand beaches adorned with talkative seagulls and graced by unique sculptures rising high against spectacular sunsets.



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The most comprehensive way to experience the lighthouse is to attend an hour-long guided walking tour of the North Pier, culminating in an optional climb up to the lantern room inside the Inner Lighthouse.

All tours and open hours are weather, wave and wind dependent. You must sign a liability release and be at least 48 inches tall to climb the tower. Closed-toed walking shoes are best; no thong-type sandals. Make sure to dress for the weather. A tour may be conducted in light rain. Dresses and skirts are not advised, but sunscreen and sunglasses are.



## LOCATION:

Tiscornia Park, 80 Ridgeway Street, St. Joseph, MI  
Parking Fee at Tiscornia

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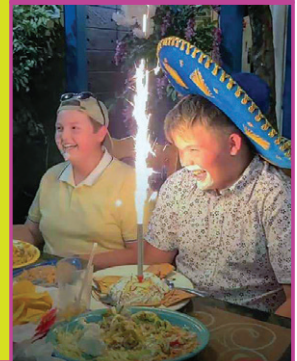
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Love Creek offers outstanding cross-country skiing, with groomed trails for both classic and skate-style skiing. Rental equipment for classic-style skiing is available in youth and adult sizes. Love Creek also provides mountain bikers with access to 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:  
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# BIKING SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

Southwest Michigan is a known destination for outdoor enthusiasts, and cyclists aren't to be excluded. If you are looking for a fun or challenging ride with beautiful scenery, below are some of the best local mountain bike trails in Southwest Michigan to add to your itinerary.

## MOUNTAIN BIKING

Mountain biking doesn't need to be an extreme adventure until you're ready for it — and we have the perfect easy, but fun, trails on which to get started.

### Kal-Haven Trail State Park

Bailey St, South Haven, MI

### Love Creek County Park & Nature Center

9292 Huckleberry Rd, Berrien Center, MI

Ready to up the ante a little? Try adding some obstacles into the mix and speed it up a little! We suggest two sets of mountain biking trails to challenge yourself more.

### Dr. T.K. Lawless County Park

15122 Monkey Run St, Vandalia, MI

### Chikaming Mountain Bike Trail

8120 Warren Woods Rd, Three Oaks, MI

The thrill awaits on the two most technical mountain biking trails in the area.

### Andrews Trails

Campbell Dr, Berrien Springs, MI

### Whirlpool Lakeview Bike Trail

750 Monte Rd, Benton Harbor, MI



## ROAD BIKING

With such scenic roads in Southwest Michigan, it is the perfect place to log some road miles. Riding from New Buffalo up Lake Michigan's coast to South Haven is an exhilarating 53-mile ride.



# HIKING SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

If you want to connect with nature, you don't have to travel to the mountains, deserts or springs of the west coast — instead, journey to these state parks in Southwest Michigan. Climb towering sand dunes along Lake Michigan's shoreline for a stunning view of the freeing freshwater below. Stroll over the Galien River and Marsh on the overlook tower. Endless trails under a canopy of trees await, each leading to a beautiful view. They just may be a closer drive for you, too!

## Warren Woods State Park

Elm Valley Rd, Three Oaks, MI

Wrapping along the Galien River, this state park is in Three Oaks. It offers 311 acres of nature preserve that is just seven minutes away from Warren Dunes State Park. You can easily do both in the same visit! Meander through a towering beech and maple forest and don't miss the half-mile trail following, and crossing, the scenic Galien River.

## Warren Dunes State Park

12032 Red Arrow Hwy, Sawyer, MI

Warren Dunes State Park provides 1,952 acres of recreational opportunities along Lake Michigan. The rugged dune formation rises 260 feet above the lake, offering spectacular views and is excellent for hang gliding. The park is home to 3 miles of shoreline and 6 miles of hiking trails and is open year-round.

## Grand Mere State Park

7337 Thornton Dr, Stevensville, MI

Grand Mere State Park is characterized by magnificent sand dunes, deep blowouts and half a mile of Lake Michigan shoreline, accessible by the park's two trails. Two inland lakes lie behind the dunes in the undeveloped natural area. The canopied trails make the park popular with hikers and runners.



## Van Buren State Park

23960 Ruggles Rd, South Haven Charter Twp, MI

In the northernmost portion of our region, you'll find yet another dune-filled escape at Van Buren State Park. Walk along woodland trails or enjoy a picnic watching the sunset. This is also a popular spot for beach glass hunting, cross-country skiing and bringing your dog to enjoy the view.

## Van Buren Trail State Park

23960 Ruggles Rd, South Haven Charter Twp, MI

57th Ave. & Prospect St., Hartford, MI

The 14-mile-long Van Buren Trail which makes up this state park runs between South Haven and Hartford. This multi-use trail has a dirt and gravel surface. Parking is available at the Hartford trailhead located on Prospect Street across from the high school. In South Haven the trail can be accessed via a spur from Van Buren State Park.

## Kal-Haven Trail Sesquicentennial State Park

Bailey St, South Haven, MI

If you're looking for a long hike to really get those steps in, then journey from South Haven to Kalamazoo without having to switch trails once. This 33-mile trail used to be a railroad bed, but now it's a route through several small towns and historical sites.



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# SKIING SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

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## LOCATION:

**Swiss Valley Ski & Snowboard Area**  
13421 Mann Street, Jones, MI  
[www.skiswissvalley.com](http://www.skiswissvalley.com)  
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- VAN BUREN TRAIL STATE PARK
- WARREN DUNES STATE PARK

# SKATING SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

## John & Dede Howard Ice Arena

If you enjoy ice skating, the John & Dede Howard Ice Arena is a great, family-friendly ice rink within the City of St. Joseph. The arena is a partially enclosed, refrigerated NHL-sized (200' x 85') outdoor rink. It has a Zamboni, skate rental, concession stand and warming shelter. Although the arena has open skate times, they are subject to weather conditions, so be sure to check the website news feed or contact the Ice Rink to inquire about weather-related closings.



## LOCATION:

**2411 Willa Dr, St. Joseph**  
Free parking  
Fee for skating and/or skate rental  
[sjcity.com/live-here/ice-arena](http://sjcity.com/live-here/ice-arena)  
(269) 983-8795

## The Garden Ice Arena

The Garden Ice Arena is a meticulously maintained facility offering a pristine surface for skaters of all levels. The Garden is not just a place for recreational skating. It offers a diverse range of activities to ignite your excitement, such as hockey, open skate times, ice bumper cars, and private parties. This indoor rink is fully enclosed, allowing year-round skating.

## LOCATION:

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[www.thegardenicearena.com](http://www.thegardenicearena.com)  
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# FISHING SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

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 several 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.



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# BEACHES OF SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN



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 para-sailing. 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 sandcastles. 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.

**Here is a list of beaches from south to north along Lake Michigan's sunset coast:**

**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.

**Warren Dunes Beach** is three miles of gorgeous Lake Michigan shoreline. Visitors can swim and picnic and the beach and enjoy six miles of hiking trail nearby. The dune formation rises 240 feet above the lake.

**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, concession stand 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 the St. Joseph River. 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.

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# ART LOVERS

Southwest Michigan has some terrific sites for those who love art in its many forms. A stroll along the

Along the St. Joseph River, Lake Bluff Park and throughout Southwest Michigan, you'll find a wonderful array of modern sculptures. However, 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.



# CREATIVE CONNECTIONS SHOWCASES ART & CULTURE

The beauty and vibrancy of Lake Michigan, the serenity of our countryside and the rich stories of our past inspire us. Now you can connect with the artists, actors, musicians, and dreamers that call this area home.

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## HOW TO PLAY THE CREATIVE CONNECTIONS GAME:

### 1. Get your brochure

Visit any of the Creative Connections destinations or the Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council to get a game brochure. Use the Creative Connections brochure to keep track of where you have traveled and collect destination stamps. (You must be 18 years or older to play.)

### 2. Collect stamps

Whenever you visit a participating destination, make sure to get your brochure stamped by an employee. Each destination has a unique stamp. The more stamps you collect, the more prizes you can earn. (Duplicate stamps are not allowed.)

### 3. Complete levels

Level 1: Collect 3 different destination stamps to complete.

Level 2: Collect 6 different destination stamps to complete.

Hotel Level: Stay in one of our participating hotels after completing Level 1 or 2.

Complete ALL the levels for entry into the Grand Prize drawing.

### 4. Earn prizes

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# BENTON HARBOR ARTS DISTRICT

Another spot you won't want to miss on your visit to Southwest Michigan is the Benton Harbor Arts District. The Benton Harbor Arts Association (BHAA) is dedicated to the revitalization of the Benton Harbor Arts District with a firm belief that "Art Builds Community."

Every four months, the Arts District presents its Art Hop when business members open their doors, inviting the public to come in to showcase local artists. You'll enjoy checking out the multiple venues along the walkable Arts District streets. Art Hop events are family-friendly and offer the opportunity to view truly impressive art, as well as speak with local business owners. As you wander in and out of the galleries and shops in the arts district, you'll discover a wealth of creative talent and a passion that's contagious! On Friday evening, BHAA plays host to a friendly evening filled with an entertaining mix of art, music, dance, theater, culinary arts and more.

On the first Monday of every month, local musicians, poets, and storytellers are invited to step up to the mic on BHAA's Open Stage at The Livery. The Livery is a local brewery and pizzeria in the arts district of Benton Harbor. Its professional sound and lighting systems and a history of bringing some of the best live music to the region make Open Stage one of the best free live performance events in the area. Artoberfest is a unique combination of local artists, musicians, food, and drink that shows the world what makes Benton Harbor great. Even better, this event helps fund experienced

professionals who prepare young artists and musicians who are given the chance to publicly perform.

You won't want to miss the excitement of Art Hop, Artoberfest, first Mondays at the Livery or live theater at the GhostLight Theater.



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# BOX FACTORY FOR THE ARTS

Since 1995, the Berrien Artist Guild, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, has owned the Box Factory for the Arts, a historic building which originally manufactured fancy boxes under the name of Williams Brothers Paper Manufacturing. Remnants of its industrial past have been kept as artifacts throughout the building.

The three floors of the building offer much to explore -- four galleries, artist studios, office spaces, a gift shop with items by local artist members, a performance area, library, conference room and more.

The Box Factory is located just four blocks from the corner of Main and Broad Streets in downtown St. Joseph. Ample parking is available both adjacent to the building and directly across Broad Street.

Admission to the galleries is free while donations are appreciated. Nominal fees are charged for special events. To learn about up-to-date happenings at the Box be a friend on Facebook or visit the website at [boxfactoryforthearts.org](http://boxfactoryforthearts.org).

"Birds of a feather, flock together" is the title of the colorful mural created by local artist Kimberly Wood that wraps the entrance to the Box Factory for the Arts. It is a visual invitation to enter and explore the gallery exhibits, artist studios, Art Market and large performance area – all free and open to the public.



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# KRASL ART CENTER



### LOCATION:

707 Lake Blvd, St. Joseph

Free admission, with \$5 donation suggested; fee-based classes

Free parking on first-come-first-served basis  
www.krasl.org (269) 983-0271

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.



# KRASL ART CENTER



## LOVE ART

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# SOCIAL DISTRICTS IN SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

Social Districts are walkable designated areas where purchased alcohol is allowed and Southwest Michigan has four of them: St. Joseph, Bridgman, Niles and Buchanan.

Within these districts you can purchase alcoholic drinks from participating businesses and consume them in outdoor common areas, which are marked by signage surrounding the district. This means you can window shop, enjoy walking around while waiting for your lunch or dinner reservation, and support local businesses. You can also enjoy the scenery throughout the downtown, spend time in downtown parks and take in the magnificent views of Lake Michigan!

Here are a few rules to help you enjoy the Social Districts:

- Anyone is welcome, but only those 21+ can purchase and consume alcoholic beverages.
- Purchases are made at participating businesses and cannot be brought in to other establishments that sell alcohol.
- Finish your alcoholic beverage before you leave because these drinks cannot be removed from the Social District.
- When you finish you must toss the cup into a trash bin as the cup cannot be reused, even at the same establishment.
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## LOCATION:

**333 Broad Street, (below the bluff)  
St. Joseph, MI**

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[silverbeachcarousel.com](http://silverbeachcarousel.com)  
(269) 932-1141



# WHIRLPOOL COMPASS FOUNTAIN

Be sure to take a few minutes to enjoy the refreshing sight of the Whirlpool Compass Fountain as the waters jet upward against the backdrop of Silver Beach before descending again to the splash pad below! Children joyfully splashing through the waters bring a smile to the faces of adults, who are usually content to relax on one of several nearby benches as they keep an eye on their scampering youngsters.

## LOCATION:

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# THE RICH HISTORY OF SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

The rich history of Southwest Michigan is just waiting to be discovered! The area was originally inhabited by Native Americans, and the first known white man to come to the 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. Today, Southwest Michigan is a thriving community with a rich history. Southwest Michigan is a great place to learn about the past and enjoy the present.



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## **Curious Kids' Museum Discovery Zone**

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www.curiouskidsmuseum.org

## **Dowagiac Area History Museum**

201 E. Division St.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
(269) 783.2560  
www.dowagiacmuseum.info

## **Fort St. Joseph Museum**

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## **The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center**

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## **North Berrien Historical Museum**

300 Coloma Ave, Coloma, MI 49038  
(269) 468-3330  
www.northberrienhistory.org

# HERITAGE MUSEUM

While planning a trip to St. Joseph, don't miss out on visiting the Heritage Museum and Cultural Center. The museum is housed in a stunningly designed building and boasts an extensive collection of artifacts, archival materials, and a research library that tells the story of Southwest Michigan. Additionally, the museum has ample exhibit halls and sophisticated banquet facilities that are ideal for hosting special events. If you're interested in learning more about the museum's current exhibits and presentations, be sure to check out the Heritage website.

### **Location:**

**601 Main St, St Joseph, MI**

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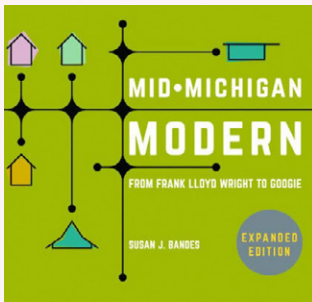
Market-goers will enjoy fresh finds at the weekly St. Joe Farmers Market. Vendors will offer a variety of products including homemade goods, locally grown produce, potted and cut flowers, meats and cheeses, coffee and more! This event is held Saturdays May-October in the scenic Lake Bluff Park, overlooking Lake Michigan.

Farmers Markets have grown in popularity as the demand for fresh, locally sourced produce and goods has increased. "Take the time to chat with vendors who will share recipes, planting recommendations and cooking tips." said Amy Zapal, executive director, St. Joe Today.

The St. Joe Farmers Market will be held in the scenic Lake Bluff Park on Saturdays through October 4 from 9:00a-2:00p. Extended market hours will be offered on August 19 and September 2; these dates coincide with the Lake Bluff Artisan Fair.

The Benton Harbor Farmers Market is open seasonally every Wednesday during the summer months in the heart of downtown Benton Harbor. The market offers a wide variety of delicious, locally-grown produce at affordable prices. Help support local farmers, economy, and community by shopping at the Benton Harbor Farmers Market. It is located in Dwight P. Mitchell City Center Park. The market will be open from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays starting June 21 and will run through September 13.

The Bridgman Open-Air Market is an eclectic European-style farmers market. It was founded in 2017 by a local farmer and his wife who wanted a way to sell produce to their community. The market is open every Sunday through October from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Shop for the best locally grown produce, flowers and hand-made arts and crafts at 4509 Lake Street in Bridgman.



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# WEDDINGS IN SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

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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.

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.

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## LOCATION:

2300 Pipestone Rd, Benton Harbor, MI  
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# ACCOMMODATIONS

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269-428-9111 | baymontinn4515@yahoo.com  
Continental "plus" breakfasts & community health club passes,  
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## Best Western

1592 Mall Dr, Benton Harbor  
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521 Lake Blvd, St. Joseph  
269-983-6600 | reservations@theboulevardinn.com  
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Michigan. Walk to shops, beaches and festivals.

## Candlewood Suites

2567 W. Marquette Woods Rd, Stevensville  
269-428-4400 | candlewoodsuites04@yahoo.com  
Full-size, fully equipped kitchens, free laundry, private patio grill  
area, hot tub, and fitness center.

## Comfort Suites - Benton Harbor

1825 Meadowbrook Rd, Benton Harbor  
269-925-8800 | gm.mi226@choicehotels.com  
All-suite hotel with indoor pool, hot tub, and sauna room. Near  
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## Courtyard by Marriott

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## Fairfield Inn & Suites

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## Howard Johnson

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## Inn at Harbor Shores

800 Whitwam Dr, St. Joseph  
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## TOP 10 RAINY DAY

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## AUGUST

**August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

Maritime Makers-Kids Arts & Crafts Workshops  
Michigan Maritime Museum, South Haven

**August 2, 9, 16, 23**

Wednesday Brown Bag Concert Series  
John E.N. Howard Bandshell, St. Joseph

**August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

Harbor Shores Live Music  
The Inn at Harbor Shores, St. Joseph

**August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

Out of the Box; Open Mic  
Box Factory for the Arts, St. Joseph

**August 2-Oct 1**

Growing Diamonds: The 70th Anniversary of the Berrien Springs  
Garden Club Exhibit  
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

**August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

Steam Lab  
Michigan Maritime Museum

**August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

2023 Wednesday Night Market  
Court Place Plaza, St. Joseph

**August 2**

Summer Storytime in the Library Garden  
Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library, St. Joseph

**August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

Trivia Night  
Sister Lakes Brewing Company, Dowagiac

**August 4, 11, 18, 25**

2023 Friday Night Concert Series  
John E. N. Howard Bandshell, St. Joseph

**August 4, 5, 6**

2023 Chalk the Block - Read more on Pg8  
Broad Street, St. Joseph

**August 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27**

St. Joseph North Pier Inner & Outer Light Tours  
Ridgeway Street, Tiscornia Beach, St. Joseph

**August 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27**

Dockside Live Music  
The Inn at Harbor Shores, St. Joseph

**August 4**

Trouble Ahead: A Jerry Garcia Birthday Show  
The Acorn, Three Oaks

**August 5, 12, 19, 26**

2023 St. Joe Farmers Market  
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

**August 5, 12, 19, 26**

Miniature Train Rides  
Eden Springs, Benton Harbor

**August 5**

Round Barn's 10th Anniversary Party  
Round Barn Winery & Estate, Baroda

**August 5, 12, 19, 26**

Movies in the Park  
St. Joseph

**August 6, 13, 20, 27**

Bridgman Open Air Market  
Lake Street, Bridgman

**August 6**

Antiques on the Bluff  
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

**August 6**

Mark Ficks & The Significant Others-A Midwest Made Show  
The Acorn, Three Oaks

**August 6, 13, 20, 27**

City of St. Joseph Municipal Band Concert  
Port Street, St. Joseph

**August 6**

Sunday Concert Series: Aaron Wright  
Sister Lakes Brewing Company, Dowagiac

**August 7, 14, 21, 28**

Fish Tales Story Time  
Michigan Maritime Museum

**August 10-14**

National Blueberry Festival  
Phoenix Street, South Haven

**August 10**

Brett Dennen  
The Acorn, Three Oaks

**August 11**

Rain Gutter Regatta  
Michigan Maritime Museum, South Haven

**August 11**

Tim Stop  
The Acorn, Three Oaks

**August 12**

August Family Day  
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

**August 12**

The Chicago Experience  
The Acorn, Three Oaks

**August 12**

Summer Sunset Soiree  
The Heritage Museum, St. Joseph

**August 13**

Mike Struwin Band-A Midwest Made Show  
The Acorn, Three Oaks

**August 13**

Mt. Tabor Trail Wine 5K Run/Walk  
Round Barn Winery & Estate, Baroda

**August 16**

Vinyl Music Night  
Sister Lakes Brewing Company, Dowagiac

**August 16**

Open Mic Night Featuring Help Hounds  
The Acorn, Three Oaks

**August 17**

Lunch & Learn-Friends Good Will: History on the Water  
Michigan Maritime Museum, South Haven

**August 18, 19, 20**

2023 Love Local Weekend  
Throughout Southwest Michigan

**August 18**

Yoga on the Water  
Michigan Maritime Museum, South Haven

**August 18**

Bowmanville  
The Acorn, Three Oaks

**August 19**

2023 Lake Bluff Artisan Fair  
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

**August 19**

Summer Art Market  
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

**August 19**

Rod & Roll Classic Auto Show  
Depot Drive, Dowagiac

**August 19**

Make a Splash with Trash!  
Michigan Maritime Museum, South Haven

**August 19**

Mucca Pazza-A Club Show  
The Acorn, Three Oaks

**August 19**

Soapbox Derby Charity Event  
Sister Lakes Brewing Company

**August 20**

Drew Stolz & Priscilla Sabourin-A Midwest Made Show  
The Acorn, Three Oaks

**August 24**

Emerging Historians Showcase  
The Heritage Museum, St. Joseph

**August 24**

Robbie Fulks  
The Acorn, Three Oaks

**August 25**

Croonin' at the Courthouse Concert Series  
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

**August 25**

Torp Improv Comedy Night  
The Oak Room, Benton Harbor

**August 25**

Rock the Boat 2023  
Michigan Maritime Museum

**August 26**

Campfire Stu  
The Acorn, Three Oaks

**August 26**

Laughing with the Ladies Comedy Show  
Sister Lakes Brewing Company, Dowagiac

**August 26**

TruDat Music Fest - Read more on Pg11  
Christ Lutheran School, Stevensville

**August 26**

115th Anniversary Gala & Vintage Car  
Eden Springs Park, Benton Harbor

**August 27**

Lake Effect Jazz Big Band-A Midwest Made Show  
The Acorn, Three Oaks

**August 30**

Open Mic with Host Jack Adams  
Sister Lakes Brewing Company, Dowagiac

**SEPTEMBER****September 1**

2023 Friday Night Concert Series  
John E. N. Howard Bandshell, St. Joseph

**September 1, 2, 3**

Dockside Live Music  
The Inn at Harbor Shores, St. Joseph

**September 1-Oct 14**

Scavenger Hunt: Artsy  
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

**September 1, 2, 3**

St. Joseph North Pier Inner & Outer Light Tours  
Ridgeway Street, Tiscornia Beach, St. Joseph

**September 2**

2023 Lake Bluff Artisan Fair  
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

**September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

2023 St. Joe Farmers Market  
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

**September 2**

Miniature Train Rides  
Eden Springs, Benton Harbor

**September 2**

Summer Art Market  
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

**September 2**

Movies in the Park  
St. Joseph

**September 3, 10, 17, 24**

Bridgman Open Air Market  
Lake Street, Bridgman

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## September 3

Antiques on the Bluff  
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

## September 3

City of St. Joseph Municipal Band Concert  
Port Street, St. Joseph

## September 6, 13, 20, 27

Out of the Box: Open Mic  
Box Factory for the Arts, St. Joseph

## September 6-Oct 1

Growing Diamonds: The 70th Anniversary of the Berrien Springs  
Garden Club Exhibit  
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

## September 7, 14, 21, 28

Trivia Night  
Sister Lakes Brewing Company, Dowagiac

## September 8

Jonathon Dely: Live In Concert with his All-Star Band  
Mendel Center, Benton Harbor

## September 9

September Family Day  
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

## September 10

Sip + Savor Wine Trail Tasting Event  
Round Barn Winery & Estate

## September 13

Vinyl Music Night  
Sister Lakes Brewing Company

## September 14

Lecture Series: Early Michigan's Scourge of Mosquitoes and Malaria  
Online, The Heritage Museum

## September 15, 16, 17

2023 Love Local Weekend  
Throughout Southwest Michigan

## September 16

2023 Fall Fest - Read more on Pg 14  
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

## September 23

Artisan Weekend at the Square  
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

## September 29

Croonin' at the Courthouse Concert Series  
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

## OCTOBER

### October 1, 8, 15

Bridgman Open-Air Market  
Lake Street, Bridgman

### October 1

Antiques on the Bluff  
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

### October 1

Farmapalooza on the Square  
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

### October 5-Nov 5

5th Annual Dia De Muertos Community Ofrenda  
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

### October 5, 12, 19, 26

Trivia Night  
Sister Lakes Brewing Company

### October 7, 14

St. Joe Farmers Market  
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

### October 7

Vegas McGraw  
Mendel Center, Benton Harbor

### October 11-Dec 23

The Jewish Farmers of Berrien County  
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

### October 12

Symbols Among the Sontes Tours  
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

### October 14

Fireside Tales: Monster Mash  
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

### October 14

October Family Day  
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

### October 14

Under the Harvest Moon  
Downtown Dowagiac

### October 14

William Shatner and Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan  
Mendel Center, Benton Harbor

### October 15

Fireside Tales: Monster Mash Jr. Edition  
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

### October 20-31

2023 Pumpkins on Parade  
Throughout Southwest Michigan

### October 27

An Old Fashioned Halloween Masquerade  
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

### October 28

Fireside Tales: Monster Mash  
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

### October 29

Symbols Among the Stones Tours  
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

### October 31

2023 Halloween Trick-or-Treat  
Downtown St. Joseph and Benton Harbor Arts District



**October 31**

4th Annual Trick-or-Treating on the Square  
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

**NOVEMBER****November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

Trivia Night  
Sister Lakes Brewing Company, Dowagiac

**November 4**

Fall Art Market  
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

**November 11**

Gallery Talk: Berrien County's Jewish Farmers  
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

**November 11**

November Family Art Day  
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

**November 12**

Step Afrika!  
Mendel Center, Benton Harbor

**November 17**

2023 Luminary - Read more on Pg15  
Downtown St. Joseph

**November 25**

2023 Small Business Saturday  
Throughout Southwest Michigan

**DECEMBER****December 1**

2023 Window Wonderland - Read more on Pg16  
Downtown St. Joseph

**December 1**

Holiday Open House  
North Berrien Historical Museum, Coloma

**December 1**

The Baltimore Consort: Music for the Yuletide Season  
Mendel Center, Benton Harbor

**December 2**

2023 Fanny Mae Memorial Reindog Parade  
Downtown St. Joseph

**December 2-23**

Santa Series  
Downtown St. Joseph

**December 3**

Holiday Artisan Fair  
Union + Social, St. Joseph

**December 7, 14, 21, 28**

Trivia Night  
Sister Lakes Brewing Company, Dowagiac

**December 8**

Christmas in Killarney: An Irish Christmas Celebration  
Mendel Center, Benton Harbor

**December 9**

December Family Day  
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph

**December 13**

Tourney of the Tops  
Berrien County Historical Association, Berrien Springs

**December 21**

The Lights of Winter Solstice  
North Berrien Historical Museum, Coloma

**JANUARY****January 4, 11, 18, 25**

Trivia Night  
Sister Lakes Brewing Company, Dowagiac

**January 18**

An Evening with Laila Ali  
Mendel Center, Benton Harbor

**January 26**

Chili Tour - Read more on Pg 18  
Downtown St. Joseph

**January 27**

St. Joe Winter Beer Fest - Read more on Pg 19  
Downtown St. Joseph

**FEBRUARY****February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

Trivia Night  
Sister Lakes Brewing Company, Dowagiac

**February 2-4**

Ice Fest - Read more on Pg 20  
Downtown St. Joseph

**February 14**

Valentine Dinner Cabaret with Moipei  
Mendel Center, Benton Harbor

**February 15**

An Evening with Moipei  
Mendel Center, Benton Harbor

**February 23**

Simply Queen  
Mendel Center, Benton Harbor

**MARCH****March 7, 14, 21, 28**

Trivia Night  
Sister Lakes Brewing Company, Dowagiac

**March 8**

March Mannequins  
Downtown St. Joseph

**March 9**

Spring Artisan Fair  
Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph

**March 17**

The Red Hot Chili Pipers  
Mendel Center, Benton Harbor

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