

## FUN IN DETROIT

### **EDUCATIONAL**

- **Belle Isle Nature Center**

176 Lakeside Drive, Detroit, MI 48207; 313.852.4056; <https://belleislenaturecenter.detroitzoo.org/>

*Located on the island of Belle Isle (also a state park) on the Detroit River is the Belle Isle Nature Center (BINC) managed by the Detroit Zoological Society, which also manages the Detroit Zoo. The BINC is “committed to increasing environmental awareness by providing educational programs to the community, students and teacher that dresses conservation, water quality and protection, preserving nature, tracking and eliminating invasive flora and fauna species, and cleaning up the community.” The BINC allows you to get up and close to a beehive, watch the migration of migratory birds (seasonal), viewing native fish in the Belle Isle Aquarium, and observing fallow deer through their Deer Encounter. Belle Isle also has great places to hike and view indigenous flora and fauna. Admission is needed to enter the Belle Isle Park.*

- **Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History**

315 East Warren Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201; 313.494.5800; <https://thewright.org/>

*Founded in 1965, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History’s mission, “is to open minds and change live through the exploration and celebration of African American history and culture.” Their vision, “is of a world in which the adversity and achievement of African American history inspire everyone toward greater understanding, acceptance and unity.” Their exhibits feature artifacts and archival materials from various civil rights activist, past and present, and art from local and international artists from the past and present as well. It is also used for weddings, corporate events, and its theatre is used for theatre productions regularly.*

- **The Detroit Historical Museum**

5401 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202; 313.833.1905; <https://detroithistorical.org/>

*Dating back from 1928, the Detroit Historical Society came into existence and since then has been archiving the history of Detroit within its 300+ year history. The Detroit Historical Museum chronicles Detroit’s history from its starting in 1701 to present day. Known to be the home of Motown, the Motor City, and Hockeytown, the Detroit Historical Museum shows the struggles of the city, to the comeback that is happening.*

- **The Detroit Institute of Arts**

5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202; 313.833.7900; <https://www.dia.org/>

*Founded in 1885, the Detroit Institute of Arts, more commonly known as “The D.I.A.,” has been a staple in Detroit. It is considered one of the top ten art museums in the country. Housing nearly 70,000 works. Some of the biggest acquisitions are Diego River’s “Detroit Industry” fresco cycle, Vincent van Gogh’s “Self-Portrait”, and even a Kermit the Frog puppet. However, if your hoping to get a glance at Kermit, it is very slim, as Kermit only comes out on special occasions because of his age, as he’s quite delicate. The DIA is known for its diverse collections pertaining to many cultures: African, Asian, Native American, Oceanic, Islamic, and various ancient cultures as well.*

- **Ford Piquette Avenue Plant**

461 Piquette Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202; 313.872.8759; <http://www.fordpiquetteavenueplant.org/>

*What to see where the Ford “Model T” started production, well then head down to Piquette Avenue and take a tour.*

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- **Fort Wayne Detroit**

6325 West Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48209; <https://www.historicfortwaynecoalition.com/>

*Completed in 1851, Fort Wayne “would be a critical defense point for Michigan while Britain tried to spread its territory into Canada after the decades that followed the War of 1812. It would become a primary induction center for Michigan troops entering battle in every U.S. conflict from the Civil War to Viet Nam.*

- **Michigan Science Center**

5020 John R. Street, Detroit, MI 48202; 313.577.8400; <http://www.mi-sci.org/>

*Want to get your science game on? Then check out the Michigan Science Center!*

- **The Motown Museum (A.K.A “Hitsville U.S.A.”)**

2648 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48208; 313.875.2264; <https://www.motownmuseum.org/>

*Motown Sound! Berry Gordy! If these phrases sound familiar, you will enjoy this Detroit home. The Motown Museum (A.K.A. Hitsville USA) is where Berry Gordy lived and recorded hits! Stop in and walk down memory lane and learn about the history of Motown!*

- **Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit**

4454 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201; 313.832.6622; <https://moca-detroit.org/>

*Started in 1995, the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit’s (a.k.a MOCAD) mission “is where adventurous minds encounter the best in contemporary visual, literary, music, and performing arts. A responsive center for diverse audiences, MOCAD presents art the contextualizes, interprets, educates and expands culture, pushing us to the edges of contemporary experience.”*

- **Outdoor Adventure Center**

1801 Atwater Street, Detroit, MI 48207; 844.622.6367; <http://www.michigan.gov/oac/>

*The Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC) gives you a chance to get a taste of the Michigan outdoors without leaving the city of Detroit. At the OAC, you can understand how the Department of Nature Resources manages all of Michigan’s state parks, forests, wildlife, and fish. You can hop on a real airplane and get your hands on a number activities as you learn about the state of Michigan.*

- **Preservation Detroit**

<http://preservationdetroit.org/>

*If you really want to see Detroit, new and old, then taking a walking tour to see the architecture in Downtown, Midtown/Cultural Center, and Eastern Market. Learn also about their goal about the preservation of Detroit as well.*

- **Wayne State University Planetarium**

4841 Cass Avenue (Located in the Old Main Building [Has a clock tower], room 0209), Detroit, MI 48202; 313.577.6455; <https://planetarium.wayne.edu/>

*Looking for a good planetarium show? Then stop by Wayne State University’s Planetarium for free public shows.*

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### **ENTERTAINMENT**

- **Bonstelle Theatre**

3424 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201; 313.577.2972; <http://theatreanddance.wayne.edu/>

*As one of the oldest theatres in Detroit, the Bonstelle Theatre is one of the best places for family entertainment. It is the largest theatre for the Department of Theatre and Dance at Wayne State University, seating 1,173 patrons. This is where the undergrad students learn their craft. It has been used as a Jewish synagogue, theatre, and film theatre.*

- **Comerica Park**

2100 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201; <http://www.olympiaentertainment.com/venues/detail/comerica-park>  
Events: <https://www.ticketmaster.com/Comerica-Park-tickets-Detroit/venue/65604>

*The home of Detroit's professional baseball team, the Detroit Tigers. Comerica Park also functions, during the warmer months, as a concert venue. So, take in a game, see if your favorite artist is touring, or simply go and see it! Don't forget to ride the carousel!*

- **Detroit Opera House**

1526 Broadway, Detroit, MI 48226; 313.237.7464; <http://www.michiganopera.org/>

*One of the largest stages in Detroit, this 2,700-seat venue is a popular venue for lots of touring shows. It is also, however, the home of the Detroit Opera.*

- **Detroit Public Theatre**

Max M. & Marjorie S. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201; 313.576.5111;  
<http://www.detroitpublictheatre.org/>

*The Detroit Public Theatre offers the experience of new plays that "illuminates the thrills, joys, and challenges of our shared human experience". It is also the home-base for the amazing Shakespeare In Prison, which brings the words of William Shakespeare to female inmates that are currently and past incarcerated in prison to help them connect with the rest of community.*

- **Detroit Repertory Theatre**

13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, MI 48238; 313.868.1347; <http://www.detroitreptheatre.com/>

*Founded in 1957, the Detroit Repertory Theatre seats 194 patrons and is one of the few professional repertory theatres in Detroit that mostly produces straight plays.*

- **Detroit Symphony Orchestra**

Max M. & Marjorie S. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201; 313.576.5111;  
<https://www.dso.org/>

*One of Detroit's socialite locales, the 2,014-seat venue of Orchestra Hall, is the center of classical music for the Detroit area.*

- **Fisher Theatre**

3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48202; 313.872.1000; <https://www.broadwayindetroit.com/contact-us/fisher-theatre-general-info>

*One of the more smaller venues in Detroit, the Fisher Theatre seats 2,089 patrons and mostly accommodates touring shows. It is housed in the beautiful Fisher building.*

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- **Ford Field**

2000 Brush Street, Detroit, MI 48226; <https://www.fordfield.com/>

*The home of Detroit's professional football team, the Detroit Lions. Ford Field also functions as a concert venue. So, take in a game, see if your favorite artist is touring, or simply go and see it!*

- **Fox Theatre**

2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201; 313.471.3200; <http://foxtheatredetroit.net/>

*The largest theatre in Detroit, the Fox Theatre seats 5,174 patrons and is mainly a touring venue. It is also one of the more beautiful theatres to look at!*

- **Hilberry Theatre**

4743 Cass Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201; 313.577.2972; <http://theatreanddance.wayne.edu/>

*The Hilberry Theatre is one of the best places for family entertainment. It is the second largest theatre for the Department of Theatre and Dance at Wayne State University, seating 1,173 patrons. This is where the graduate students learn their craft. It is also one of the few graduate repertory theatres in the country.*

- **Little Caesars Arena**

2645 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201; <http://www.olympiaentertainment.com/venues/detail/little-caesars-arena>

*The home of Detroit's professional hockey team, the Detroit Redwings and basketball team, the Detroit Pistons. Little Caesars Arena also functions as a concert/touring show venue. So, take in a game, see if your favorite artist is touring, or simply go and see it!*

- **Majestic Theatre**

4140 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201; 313.833.9700; <http://majesticdetroit.com/>

*The Majestic Theatre is one of the most premier venues for listening to live music. Lots of professional artists have performed on its stage. See if your favorite artist might be performing when you come into town.*

- **Studio Theatre**

4743 Cass Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201; 313.577.2972; <http://theatreanddance.wayne.edu/>

*Located in the basement of the Hilberry Theatre, the Studio Theatre is one of the best places for family entertainment. It is the smallest theatre for the Department of Theatre and Dance at Wayne State University, seating 112 patrons. This is where the undergraduate and graduate students learn their craft. It is used for new works and mostly by the undergraduate students.*

### **SEASONAL EVENTS**

- **America's Thanksgiving Day Parade** – Along Woodward Avenue

<https://theparade.org/americas-thanksgiving-parade/parade-info/>

*Cruising along Woodward Avenue, and a treat for anyone, America's Thanksgiving Day Parade is a tradition and spectacle for so many Detroiters during the month of November.*

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- **Dally in the Alley**

Perimeter of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, W. Hancock St., & W. Forest Avenue; Detroit, MI 48201;

<https://dallyinthealley.com/>

*Located mainly on the streets of Forest Avenue & Hancock Street, Dally in the Alley is Detroit's largest annual community festival. It gives a variety of music, the arts, performances, music, and food. This festival usually happens on the first Saturday after Labor Day.*

- **Detroit Grand Prix** – On Belle Isle Park

<http://detroitgp.com/>

*If you're a car racing junkie, then the Detroit Grand Prix is for you. Usually held on the month June, this is a race you don't want to miss!*

- **Detroit Jazz Festival** – Located at Hart Plaza & Campus Martius

<http://www.detroitjazzfest.org/>

*If you want to get your groove on, then the Detroit Jazz Festival on Hart Plaza and Campus Martius is for you. Usually held on late August to early September. It is a premiere time to catch some great jazz.*

- **Ford Fireworks**

Downtown Detroit along the Detroit River; <https://theparade.org/ford-fireworks/rooftop-party/>

*If you find yourself in Detroit around late June, then you must head down to the Detroit River for the annual Ford Fireworks. A spectacle and tradition for everyone!*

- **Movement Electronic Music Festival**

Hart Plaza, 1 Hart Plaza, Detroit, MI 48226; <http://movement.us/>

*If you want to listen to a different kind of sound, then try the Movement Electronic Music Festival in Hart Plaza. The festival usually is around late May and is totally devoted to the style of electronic dance music. A different experience for everyone!*

- **North American International Auto Show**

Cobo Center, 1 Washington Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48226; <https://naias.com/>

*Started in 1907 as the Detroit Area Dealer Association, the North American International Auto Show is world renown and is a mecca for automobile enthusiast around the world. This fun, innovative, and awe inspiring event usually takes place in mid to late January at Cobo Center, but you should always check their website for exact dates. On July 23, 2018, it was announced that the North American International Auto Show would move from the month of January to the month of June in the year 2020. In this way, exhibits would now be able to be viewed outside than solely indoors.*

## **SHOPPING**

- **Henry the Hatter**

2472 Riopelle, Detroit, MI 48207; 313.962.0970; <https://www.henrythehatterdetroit.com/>

*With a history dating back to 1893, Henry the Hatter is the oldest hatter store in the United States. Whether you're due for a fancy new hat or you just want to see some nice pieces of art, check out Harry's.*

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- **John K. King Used & Rare Books**

901 W. Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48226; 313.961.0622; <http://www.kingbooksdetroit.com/>

*It's the largest used and rare book store in the state of Michigan. Dating back since the 1970s, John K. King is a hub for bibliophiles and book enthusiasts alike. With four floors with various topics on each, you can get lost in all the wonder, history, and fiction at your fingertips.*

- **Pewabic Pottery**

10125 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, MI 48214; 313.626.2000; <http://www.pewabic.org/>

*Founded in 1903, founder, Mary Chase Perry Stratton, changed how contemporary pottery looked with her new glazing techniques. All of their pottery is made by hand. They offer guided tours, demonstrations, and also their pottery is available for purchase.*

- **Shinola**

441 W. Canfield, Detroit, MI 48201; 313.285.2390; <https://www.shinola.com/>

*Founded in 2011, Shinola is the premier place to purchase a watch, leather, or a bicycle. Yes, you read that right, even a bicycle. All their products are made by hand, in house. While their products are a bit pricey, but pretty to look at, you can't help but going in to browse.*

### **SIGHTS**

- **Campus Martius Park**

800 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226; 313.566.8550; <http://downtowndetroitparks.com/parks/Campus-Martius>

*Encompassing nearly three city blocks, Campus Martius Park is in the immediate downtown community and surrounded by wonderful restaurants. It is a place to sit and enjoy the beauty of Downtown Detroit, the fountain, landscaping, and gardens. The park also has some historical points of interest. There is a lot happening at Campus Martius. Go online to DowntownDetroitParks.com to check out the many free events at this park, programs, and other amenities for you and your team to enjoy.*

- **Detroit Riverfront**

<http://www.detroitriverfront.org/>

*Consisting of nearly five miles is the Detroit Riverfront. From Campus Martius Park you can walk southeast on Woodward for about three blocks to Hart Plaza. Along the way, you may will see the Spirit of Detroit, a large chess set, seasonal activities on Woodward Ave., the "fist" (a tribute to Joe Lewis), artwork, other monuments, historical markers, the waterfront, and just a beautiful view of Detroit. Campers have enjoyed these downtime activities.*

- **Detroit People Mover**

<https://visitdetroit.com/profile/detroit-people-mover/>; Map: <http://www.thepeoplemover.com/map.html>

*Moving around nearly 3 miles of track in downtown Detroit, the Detroit People mover is a conventional form of transportation in the center of town. It costs \$0.75 to ride and there are 13 stops. It even can even get to and from the QLine to go down Woodward Avenue from Grand Circus.*

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- **Eastern Market**

<https://www.easternmarket.org/>

*Encompassing nearly a half square mile off of the Fisher Freeway and I-75, Eastern Market has been around since the 1800s. It has become a cornerstone of offering fresh and nutritious foods and helping to develop close relationships with others. Here you can find locally grown produce and some wonderful eateries.*

- **Fisher Building**

3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48202; 313.872.1000; <http://thefisherbuilding.com/>

*One of the oldest buildings in Detroit and one of the most beautiful. The building current houses the Fisher Theatre and has offices for the Detroit Public Schools, the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan, Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation, and the City Bakery. Tours are available!*

- **The QLine**

From Grand Boulevard to Congress Street; <https://qlinedetroit.com/>;

Map: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6p5kZzKRHCBeW9SVTU5RDhvZ0U/view>

*Completed in May of 2017, the QLine is the newest form of transportation in downtown Detroit. It runs from Grand Boulevard to Congress Street. It has a total of 20 stops. For a 3-hour pass its \$1.50, for a 3-hour pass for seniors and disabled individuals is \$0.75, for a day pass its \$3.00. The nearest stop for the Detroit People Mover is at Grand Circus.*

- **Spirit of Detroit**

2 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226; <https://detroithistorical.org/learn/encyclopedia-of-detroit/spirit-detroit>

*If you ask someone what they think what icon represents the city of Detroit, the first thing that may come to mind is the Spirit of Detroit. Commissioned in 1955, this 26-foot sculpture was the largest bronze statue of its time since the time of the Renaissance. It is also known for wearing the home jerseys of Detroit's sports teams when they get into the playoffs.*

## SPORTS

- **Detroit Lions – Football**

Ford Field, 2000 Brush Street, Detroit, MI 48226; 313.262.2222; <http://www.detroitlions.com/>

*Originally the Portsmouth Spartans in Portsmouth, Ohio, the team was purchased in 1934 and relocated to Detroit in 1934. They have won four NFL championships (1935 – Western Division; 1952 – National Conference; 1953 & 1957 – Western Conference). Sadly, the Lions have not yet had the opportunity to play in, nor win, a Super Bowl. The Lions currently play at Ford Field.*

- **Detroit Pistons – Basketball**

Little Caesars Arena, 2645 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201; <http://www.nba.com/pistons/>

*Founded as the Fort Wayne (Zollner) Pistons in Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1941. The team was moved to Detroit in 1957 and the name later changed to the Detroit Pistons. While in Detroit, they have won three NBA championships (1989, 1990, and 2004); seven conference titles (Western: 2 [1955 & 1956], Eastern: 5 [1988, 1989, 1990, 2004, 2005]); and nine division titles (1988, 1989, 1990, 2002, 2003, 2005-2008). The Pistons currently play at Little Caesar's Arena.*

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- **Detroit Red Wings – Hockey**

Little Caesars Arena, 2645 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201; <https://www.nhl.com/redwings>

*Founded as the Detroit Cougars in 1926, they changed their name to the Detroit Falcons in 1931, and then finally changed their name to the Detroit Redwings in 1932. To date, they have won the most Stanley Cup championships (11) in the NHL (1935-36, 1936-37, 1942-43, 1949-50, 1951-52, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1996-97, 1997-98, 2001-02, & 2007-08); six conference championships [Western] (1994-95, 1996-97, 1997-98, 2001-02, 2007-08, & 2008-09); 19 division championships (American: 3 [1933-34, 1935-36, 1936-37], Norris: 3 [1987-88, 1988-89, & 1991-92], Western: 13 [1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96, 1998-99, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, & 2010-11]); and six President's Trophies (1994-95, 1995-96, 2001-02, 2003-04, 2005-06, 2007-08). The Redwings currently play at Little Caesar's Arena.*

- **Detroit Tigers – Baseball**

Comerica Park, 2100 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201; <https://www.mlb.com/tigers>

*Founded in 1901, the Detroit Tigers are the only professional sports team in Detroit that did not originate elsewhere. They have won four World Series titles (1935, 1945, 1968, & 1984); eleven American League Pennants (1907-09, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1968, 1994, 2006, & 2012); seven Division titles (East: 3 [1972, 1984, 1987] & Central: 4 [2011-2014]). The Tigers currently play at Comerica Park.*