

GO GREAT LAKES BAY GUIDE

Find Moments of Pure Greatness this Fall when you Go Great Lakes Bay in Michigan

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When you Go Great Lakes Bay in Michigan, we promise you'll be in a place to slow down, linger longer, and find moments of pure greatness woven throughout six charming small towns.

Come here to lose yourself in nature, and find yourself at peace. Wash away your cares on calm waters. Dip your paddles into placid rivers, or drop in a line and rest easy while you wait for the day's fresh catch. Unwind on a fall color tour, or simply wander a while on scenic trails.

Here, relaxing & refreshing isn't just reserved for the great outdoors. You'll find it everywhere, in a million little moments. In the rhythmic clip-clop of horses' hooves pulling carriages along charming streets. In quiet afternoon strolls through town, popping into shops curated with the craft of local artisans. In the aroma of locally roasted beans wafting out of warm, inviting coffee shops, or the first sip of cold foam from a pint of brewed-here suds. In admiring massive murals that breathe new life into historic buildings, or gathering in the warm glow of whimsical social districts, right in the city streets.

There are moments of pure greatness all around — if we linger long enough to soak them in. Find yours this fall when you Go Great Lakes Bay in Michigan.

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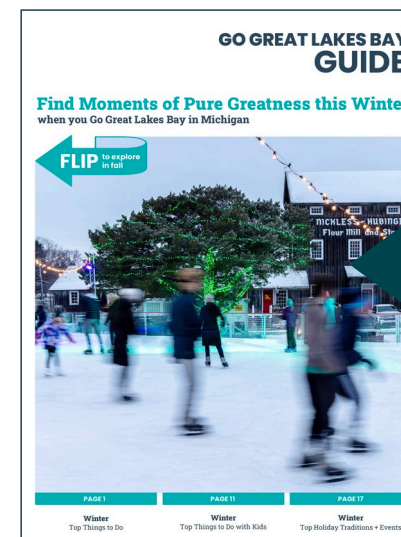
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Dow Gardens – Midland, MI



Top Fall Things to Do

Trees ablaze in crimson & gold as radiant hues paint sunset skies — it's fall, folks, and isn't it simply breathtaking? Now's the season for snuggling by campfires and taking leisurely strolls through nature's display.

Find yourself sampling at apple orchards, sauntering through pumpkin patches, and enjoying delicious mulled wine with friends. Whether you hike, bike, or sit back and sip cider together, discover the best of fall when you Go Great Lakes Bay in Michigan!

Outdoors + Nature



Discover 110 acres of autumnal beauty, drenched in color, at **Dow Gardens** — with views from four stories high along the nation's longest canopy walk!

Explore unspoiled nature at the **Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge** and cruise the **Wildlife Drive Auto Tour** to marvel at Mother Nature's paintbrush.

Take your fall experience to new heights, right through the colorful treetops, on ropes courses & ziplines at **Frankenmuth Aerial Park**.

Trek through **Chippewa Nature Center**, with 19 miles of scenic trails, autumnal workshops, and a beautiful Arboretum.

Gaze at the sunset along the shoreline at **Bay City State Park** — and take in fall color from two observation towers in **Tobico Marsh**.

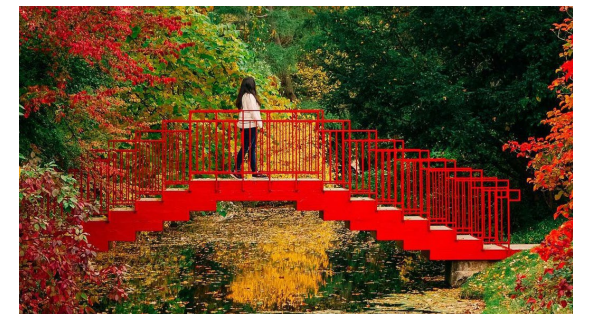
See terraces of bursting blooms at **Dahlia Hill** and experience a kaleidoscope of color from 300+ dahlia varieties!

Be surrounded by fall splendor on the **Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail** and enjoy your time beneath the colorful canopy.

Stop into **Ray's Bike Shop** or **Nor'East Outdoors** to rent rides for your time on the trails.

Look to 142 miles of **Saginaw Bay Birding Trail** for fall glory and glorious nature sightings.

Tee off at two of Michigan's must-play public golf courses, **The Fortress** and **Apple Mountain**, or discover over a dozen others.

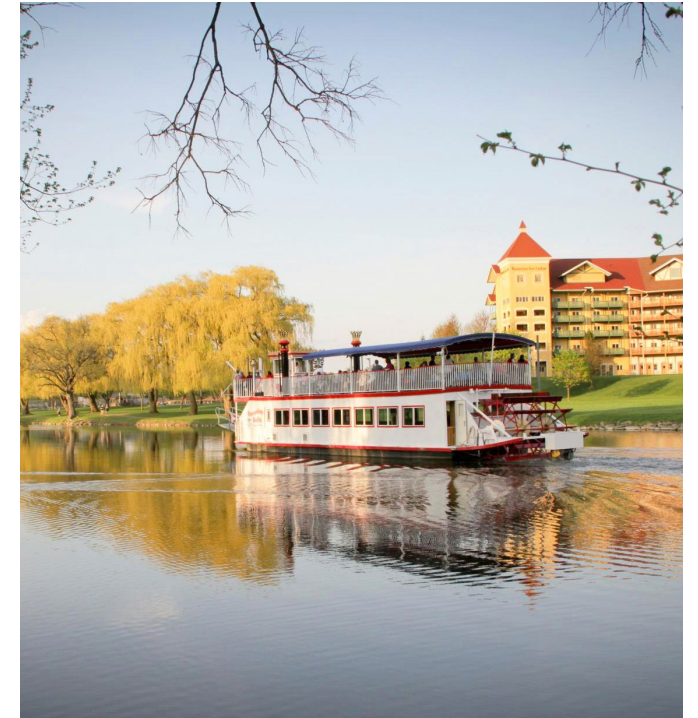


Dow Gardens – Midland, MI



Saginaw Bay Fishing
Bay City, MI

Frankenmuth Kayak Adventures
Frankenmuth, MI



Bavarian Belle Riverboat
Frankenmuth, MI

Tours + Experiences

Let the clip-clop of horses' hooves lull you into relaxation with **Fantasy Carriage Company** or **Frankenmuth Carriage Company** as you ride through leaf-lined streets.

Bring adult beverages & friends for a colorful ride through Frankenmuth with **PedAle Trolley**, or grab single seats on evening pub crawls.

Sip a seasonal brew on a pedal-powered mobile party when you book the **Sunrise Pedal Trolley** to cruise through Bay City.

Hop aboard the nostalgic **Golden Ticket Trolley** and get the lay of the land in Frankenmuth on your narrated tour of town.

Join **Flavors of Frankenmuth Food Tours** to taste your way through Little Bavaria's iconic eateries & hidden gems!

Paddling



Look to **Nor'East Outdoors**, **Frankenmuth Kayak Adventures**, or **Mountain Man Paddle Co.** to float through Mother Nature's waterside canvases this fall.

Fishing



Think big fish and even bigger fall fun when you charter a guided excursion with the pros on **Lake Huron's Saginaw Bay**!

Guided Fall Boat Tours



Explore the **Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge** on a Fall Color Tour with **Johnny Panther Quests Adventure Trips** and enjoy stunning

foliage & wildlife.

Unwind on a ride through the autumn leaves with **Frankenmuth FunShips**, or experience fall colors — and flavors — on a Wine & Chocolate River Tour.

Float in tranquility aboard the **Bavarian Belle Riverboat** and soak in a fall color

show as you learn about the history & architecture of Frankenmuth.

Experience the splendor of the season as you cruise in comfort on a Saginaw River Guided Tour with **Bay City Boat Lines**.



Frankenmuth FunShips – Frankenmuth, MI

Orchards + Farms



Sip fresh-pressed cider and devour donuts, or treat yourself to a cider sundae at **Leaman's Green Applebarn!** Hop on a hayride, and take home pre-picked or u-pick apples.

Stop into the small-town orchard of **Bayne's Apple Valley.** Taste what's on tap at **Bayne's Hard Cider House** while you cozy up on a crisp fall day with cider donuts & caramel apples.

Take your pick of pumpkins at **Johnson's Pumpkin Farm.** Lose yourself in corn & soybean mazes, but find your way back for live music on weekends, shopping, and cider & donuts!

Make fall memories on **Grandpa Tiny's Heritage Farm!** Meet the animals, have a hayride, pick pumpkins, and end the day with cider & donuts.

Wind through the five-acre **Frankenmuth Corn Maze**, play yard games, and check out hayrides on weekends.

Farmers Markets



Fall is harvest time, which means local farmers markets are overflowing with fresh produce & one-of-a-kind finds! Gather fresh-cut flowers, local honey, meat, Great Lakes fish, cheese, baked goods, and fall décor from the **Midland Area Farmers Market, Frankenmuth Farmers Market, or Downtown Saginaw Farmers Market,** to name a few.

Fall Festivals



For forgotten treasures & unique items, head to the **Michigan Antique Festival** in Midland. Be ready for bountiful beer sampling & German heritage at **Frankenmuth Oktoberfest**, and discover countless other celebrations of fall!

Food Trucks



From **Makin' Bacon Truck** that serves bacon mac 'n' cheese to **Bavarian Inn Cluck Truck's** Frankenmuth chicken and **5-2-Oh's** street tacos, taste what food trucks are dishing up this fall!

Johnson's Pumpkin Farm – Saginaw, MI



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Frankenmuth Oktoberfest – Frankenmuth, MI



Frankenmuth Farmers Market – Frankenmuth, MI

Bayne's Apple Valley – Freeland, MI



Prost! Wine Bar & Charcuterie – Frankenmuth, MI



Molasses Smokehouse & Bar – Midland, MI

Frankenmuth Social District – Frankenmuth, MI

Outdoor Dining Patios



Enjoy the crisp fall air — by warming lamps & fire bars that make dining al fresco a delicious experience long into autumn! Discover picturesque views from welcoming patios, and fall in love with local, seasonal fare.

Social Districts

With drinks, dining, and live music, outdoor social districts are whimsical places to enjoy autumn. Purposeful street closures make **The Commons in Midland** the perfect space to dine outdoors and sip a spiced cocktail or two — and the **Frankenmuth Social District** allows for strolling while warming up with a seasonal beverage!

Antiquing



Get lost within Michigan's largest antique mall, **Bay City Antiques Center/Bay Antique Center**, and shop multiple floors and 400+ well-stocked booths.

Peruse 70+ antique vendors inside the **Antique Warehouse**, then grab a bite to eat at the café.

Stroll through 90+ booth spaces stocked with antiques & vintage goods at the **Freeland Antique Mall**.

Get your fill of nostalgia while inside **Americana Company Antiques**, with unique antiques & local memorabilia.

Be inspired by reimagined pieces of mid-century modern furniture at **Retro Attics Studio**, open Saturdays only.

Shop old & new at **The Iron Gate Emporium**, a marketplace of Michigan-made, vintage, shabby chic, antique, and industrial.

With vintage kitchenware to collectibles, discover **The Little House Antiques** that's been delighting shoppers for 40+ years!

Get your hands on interesting garden décor & vintage galore from 60+ vendors at **Around the Farm Antiques**.

Travel to **Thrifty Treasures Antiques & More** to shop from 20+ dealers offering glassware, furniture, primitives, and more.

Step into a vintage goldmine at **Sister's Vin-Tiques**, with mid-century furniture, retro clothing, and quirky collectibles.

A must-visit for retro clothing & décor, be instantly transported to a bygone era at **Flash Back Vintage**.

Perfect for history & antique enthusiasts alike, find furniture to memorabilia at **Michiganders Antiques and Collectibles**.

Enjoy a vintage, antique, and upcycle shop, **Court Street Antiques**, inside a historic building brimming with character!

With estate sale gems, professional quality costumes, and vintage clothing pieces, enjoy exploring **Adomaitis Antiques**.

Find a unique curation of new & used records, electronic equipment, and funky vintage household items at **Electric Kitsch**.

Search for treasures inside **The Antique Center**, with vintage clothing, jewelry, collectibles, and antiques of all kinds.

Americana Company Antiques – Bay City, MI



Omoni Boutique – Bay City, MI

Shopping



Follow cobblestone walks to 40+ stores at **Frankenmuth River Place Shops** and find clothing to souvenirs and even wine tasting!

Shop 100+ designer & name-brand stores at **Birch Run Premium Outlets**, at savings of up to 65% off!

Stock up on ornaments & gifts for the upcoming holiday season at the world's largest Christmas store, **Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland**.

Peruse "Michigan's Largest Village of Unique Shops" at **Pride and Country Village**, each housed in a historic farm building.

Stroll through seven unique shops at **Bavarian Inn Castle Shops**, inside a cobblestone-lined castle.

Wander about **SVRC Marketplace**, sampling from unique eateries while shopping yarn & beads to apothecary products.

Discover artisan-crafted goods at **Serendipity Road, Creative Lane**, or **Amazin' Mitten**.

With gifts to fashionable clothing, apothecary & plants, uncover unique treasures at **My Secret Garden** and **Botanica Modern Market**.

Step inside inviting shops including **Violets Blue, Little House, G.T. Homestead**, and **Warmbier Farms** — and find your fill of décor, gifts, and garden items.

Choose from the curated racks inside **Ferne Boutique, Omoni Boutique**, or **Fran & Dot Boutique** — and leave with a fresh fall wardrobe!

Find fashions, accessories, and apothecary items at **Adorn Boutique, White House Boutique, Rapunzel's Boutique, Ellie & Isabelle, Margos & Co., Sassy & Chic Boutique**, and more.

Discover small-batch, handmade cheeses from around the world at **Artigiano Artisan Cheese Shoppe**, or sample from 270+ specialty cheeses at **Frankenmuth Cheese Haus**.

Find unusual souvenirs & memorable gifts, many Michigan-themed, at **Frank's Muth** or **The Michigan Shoppe**.

Stock up on essentials for fall adventures from fishing to hunting at **Frank's Great Outdoors, Little Forks Outfitters, Saginaw Bay Trading Company**, or **Northwoods Wholesale Outlet**.

Bavarian Inn Castle Shops – Frankenmuth, MI



Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland – Frankenmuth, MI



Midland Brewing Company – Midland, MI

Beer, Wine + Spirits



Experience a distillery, brewery, and winery in one at **Three Bridges Distillery & Taproom!** Watch the distilling process through a viewing wall as you sip your Oatmeal Stout or Cinnamon Whiskey Sour.

Taste 150 years of brewing tradition while soaking up fall river views at **Frankenmuth Brewery**, Michigan's oldest microbrewery.

Don your flannel by the fire pit and sip pints in the beautiful backyard beer garden of **Midland Brewing Company**.

Gather by the fire bar at **Prost! Wine Bar & Charcuterie** to sample six tap wines, or handcrafted house specialty cocktails.

Linger in a laid-back space at **Oracle Brewing Company** and sip on something fit for the season, like C-Beans, a chocolate coffee stout.

Warm up with local (vodka, rum, whiskey, Moonshine) spirits at **Old Town Distillery by Wonder** — with eats from **Wonder Burger** or other guest food trucks!

Relax with artisan cocktails in an intimate space inside **The Public House**, and enjoy your beverage with light bites from Parm Fries to Pickled Deviled Eggs.

Nestle into the cozy setting at **Neighbors Natural Wine & Bottle Shop** for natural wine pours & wine-forward cocktails.

Kick back with street eats & seasonal brews at

Loggers Brewing Company — and watch for Trivia Nights!

Partake in a guided sampling at the Frankenmuth tasting room of Michigan's most-awarded winery, **St. Julian Winery**.

Sip on suds that pay homage to the area at **Tri-City Brewing Company**, best enjoyed with flavors from rotating food trucks.

Taste true, community-driven whiskeys at **EverNorth Spirits Co.**, including eclectic & unique bourbon blends.

Enjoy your brew (beer or coffee) while savoring baked goods & live music at **MI Element Grains & Grounds**.

Try a wine tasting "mixperience" (mixing wines together, with lemonade, or even cream soda) at **Modern Craft Winery**.

Order your signature cocktail smoked table-side at **Beaver's Pub**, a low-key bourbon bar.

Taste signature brews like Sweet Hazelnut Stout at **W.H. Ales Brewpub**, possibly with a wood-fired pizza!

Sample wines, ciders, and charcuterie in a rustic tasting room at **Crazy Vines Winery**.



Prost! Wine Bar & Charcuterie – Frankenmuth, MI



Midland Brewing Company – Midland, MI



Prost! Wine Bar & Charcuterie – Frankenmuth, MI



Tri-City Brewing Company – Bay City, MI





Brinstar – Midland, MI

Live Entertainment + Nightlife



With cooler nights, the entertainment scene heats up! Catch a show at **The Dow Event Center**, **The Temple Theatre**, **Midland Center for the Arts**, or **State Theatre of Bay City**.

Don't miss a minute of the action on the ice at a **Saginaw Spirit** OHL hockey game!

Bring back nostalgia at **Brinstar**, on arcade games & pinball machines. Taste creative burgers & fresh-cut fries, with 12 beers on tap!

Come to **Stardust** to bowl for strikes, but stick around for axe-throwing, escape rooms, and **The Taproom**.

Bounce right into retro gaming fun at



Self-Guided Tours



Travel country roads, leaf-peeping places, and scenic spots on a curated, self-guided **Fall Color Tour**.

Follow your nose & taste buds — and our fresh-pressed **Cider & Donuts Tour** — for a delicious fall experience!

Crazy Quarters Arcade and spend hours playing classic arcade games and dozens of pinball machines!

Dare to find your way out this fall at **Great Lakes Escape Game** or **Code Breakers Escape & Puzzle Rooms**!

Enjoy an immersive experience at **906 Lapeer**, with escape rooms, indoor GellyBall, axe-throwing, and a haunted house.



Saginaw Art Museum & Gardens
Saginaw, MI

Alden B. Dow Home and Studio
Midland, MI



Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum
Saginaw, MI

Arts + Culture



Discover autumnal beauty at the **Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House & Gardens of Saginaw** and experience an authentic & traditional tea ceremony.

Find your way to stunning displays of public art this fall with the free **Great Lakes Bay Region Public Art Passport**.

Step into a vision that is the **Saginaw Art Museum & Gardens**, a 1904 Georgian-Revival mansion with gorgeous Italianate gardens in full fall splendor.

Explore the **Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum**, and enjoy the tranquil outdoor Sculpture Garden.

Personalize unfinished pottery items while cozied up inside **Painterly Pottery** or **Space Studios**.

Attend a workshop at **Board & Brush Creative Studio**, and leave with a hand-stained & -painted piece of wooden décor for your home.

Browse the gallery at **Studio 23/The Arts Center**, and drop into the Craft Bar for a self-service art experience.

Architectural Tours

Reserve a guided tour through the **Alden B. Dow Home and Studio**, an oasis of mid-century modern architecture.

Cruise along a self-guided tour of 400+ stunning structures with the **Mid-Century Modern Midland** mobile app.

Take the **Center Avenue Historic District Walking Tour** of Bay City to revel in beautiful views of buildings & homes built prior to cars!

History + Museums



Dive into a piece of the past while on the water at the **Saginaw Valley Naval Ship Museum**, located aboard the U.S.S. Edson.

Pay tribute to Michigan veterans at the **Michigan Heroes Museum**, the only museum of its kind in the country.

Lose yourself inside a castle, the **Castle Museum of Saginaw County History**, as you explore three floors of captivating exhibits.

Schedule a personal tour of the **Autism History Museum** to discover the history of autism in a space that celebrates neurodiversity.



Top Fall Things to Do with Kids

If leaf piles are for jumping in, puddles are for playing, and your people still get caramel apples all over their little faces, then this guide to fall family fun is for you!

With pumpkin patches & corn mazes ready — and fresh apple cider & donuts waiting at orchards & farms — discover what to do this season to make family memories that'll last a lifetime when you Go Great Lakes Bay in Michigan!

Orchards + Farms

Sip cider slushies at **Leaman's Green Applebarn!** Have a hayride, pet & feed baby animals, enjoy fresh donuts, pick a peck, and ride the Apple Barrel Express.

Snap fam photos in the pumpkin patch and get lost in the corn maze at **Grandpa Tiny's Heritage Farm**. Take a tractor-pulled hayride, enjoy cider & donuts, and pet mini-horses, goats, and more!

Pet farm animals and pick gigantic pumpkins at **Johnson's Pumpkin Farm!** Cider & donuts await your family at the end of the corn maze, along with a kiddie train ride & horse rides.

See a cider press in action at **Bayne's Apple Valley**, and savor the results! Kids of all ages will love their gigantic caramel apples & delicious cider donuts.

Grandma's Pumpkin Patch is a seasonal must for cider & donuts — and the Kidland Play Yard! With a cow train to hayrides, pick pumpkins, pet farm animals, and explore the corn maze.

With interactive game stations, have fun getting lost inside the **Frankenmuth Corn Maze!** Play yard games, stop by the petting zoo, and hop onto a hayride.

Outdoors + Nature

Roam through **Dow Gardens**, bursting with fall color, and catch bird's-eye views along a canopy walk that stretches four stories high into the forest!

Explore 19 miles of trails together at **Chippewa Nature Center** — and hands-on exhibits at the Homestead Farm & Ecosystem Gallery.

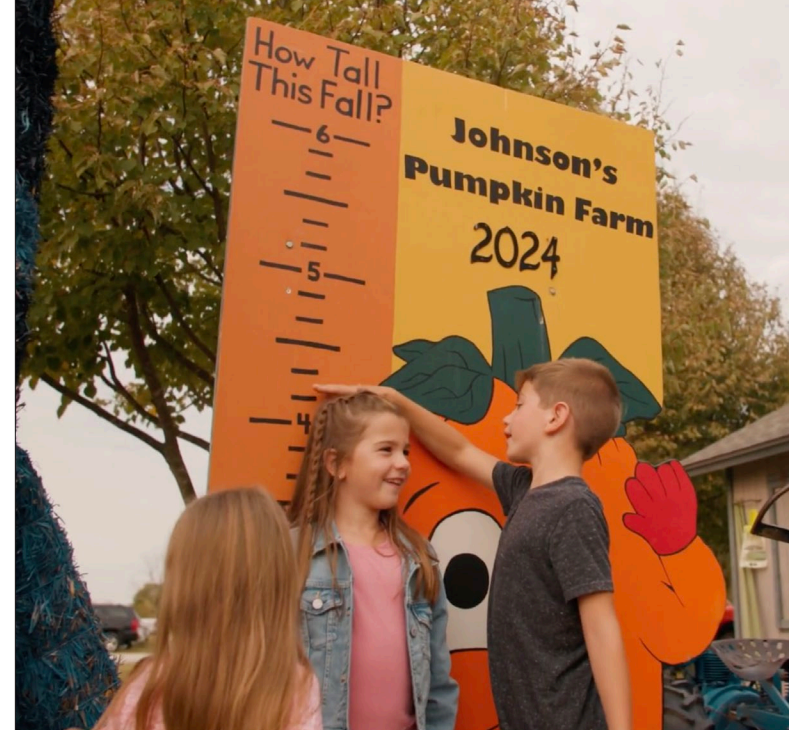
Swing right through the colorful treetops together at **Frankenmuth Aerial Park**, on an obstacle ropes course that combines climbing & ziplines!

Pass through gardens and find peacock feathers before riding the hand-carved carousel & miniature train at the **Saginaw Children's Zoo!**

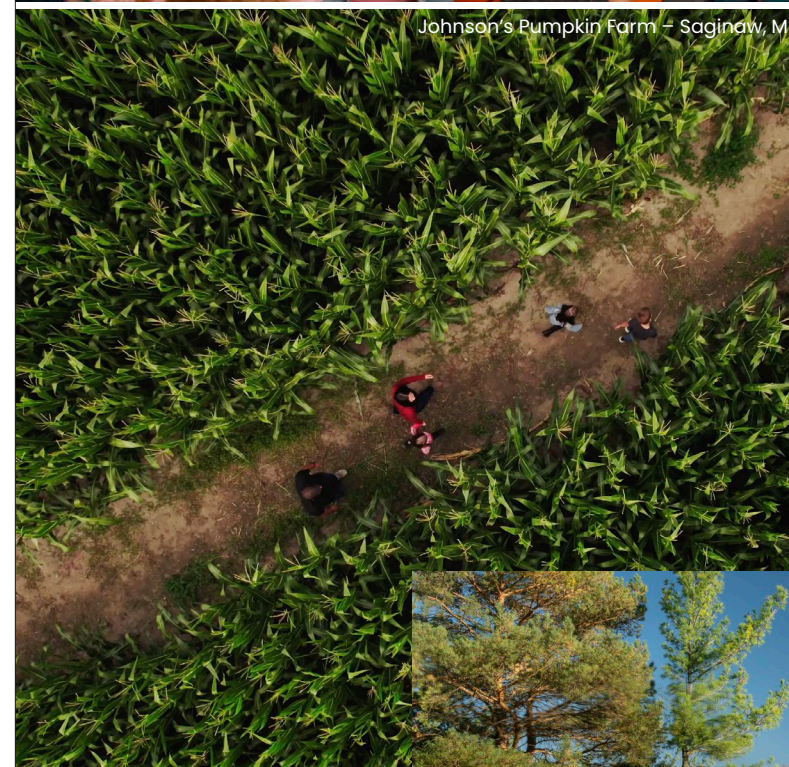
Explore a Reptile Sanctuary & Rainforest Experience at **Wilderness Trails Zoo**, home to 200+ animals.

Discover the changing season together at **Bay City State Park**. Walk through a lagoon full of wildlife, and climb two observation towers in **Tobico Marsh**.

Rent rides for the fam at **Ray's Bike Shop** or **Nor'East Outdoors** and spend a crisp fall day pedaling the **Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail**.



Johnson's Pumpkin Farm — Saginaw, MI



Dow Gardens — Midland, MI



Tomac Pumpkins — Chesaning, MI



Museums + More

With interactive galleries from “Insides Out” to “Water, Water Everywhere” and even a Tinker Track, find infinite fun at the **Mid-Michigan Children’s Museum**.

Explore outer space without leaving your seat at **Delta College Planetarium** — and visit the gift shop for stellar souvenirs!

See the largest collection of motorized fire trucks in the world — and tons of Tonka® toys — at the **Antique Toy and Firehouse Museum**.



Antique Toy and Firehouse Museum – Bay City, MI

Kid-Friendly Fall Festivals

Enjoy street fare from 20+ food trucks during **Funtown Chowdown Food Truck Festival**, and be ready to launch the pumpkin catapult during **Scarecrow Fest** at Frankenmuth River Place Shops.

Arts + Entertainment

Spend quality time personalizing a special keepsake piece together at **Painterly Pottery** or **Space Studios**.

Brighten everyone’s fall by catching a kid-friendly show at **Midland Center for the Arts**, **The Dow Event Center**, **The Temple Theatre**, or **State Theatre of Bay City**.

Painterly Pottery – Bay City, MI



Bavarian Inn Castle Shops – Frankenmuth, MI



Kids’ Shopping

Start getting into the holiday spirit when you experience the magic of **Bronner’s CHRISTmas Wonderland**, the world’s largest Christmas store!

Explore seven gift shops filled with toys, candy, and souvenirs at **Bavarian Inn Castle Shops** — and let the kids choose a treat from the bakery.

Hunt for souvenirs together at **Frankenmuth River Place Shops**, then sample fudge to gourmet cupcakes before hitting the arcade.

Discover 100+ stores at **Birch Run Premium Outlets**, with Go! Games & Toys for kids to Pottery Barn Outlet for parents.

Browse kites to wooden toys at **Toyberg**, or wander into **Joyful Tantrum** to experience “a toy store, unplugged.”

Indoor Waterparks

Make a splash at Michigan’s biggest indoor waterpark & family fun center, **Bavarian Blast** at the **Bavarian Inn Lodge**! Try 16 new waterslides and a wave pool, then tackle the ropes course, rock climbing, and laser tag.

There’s a chill outside, but your family will warm up in no time at **Zehnder’s Splash Village Hotel & Waterpark**! Fall into fun on tube slides, brave the family raft ride, and relax while dining poolside.



Zehnder’s Splash Village – Frankenmuth, MI



Crazy Quarters Arcade — Bay City, MI



Valley Lanes — Midland, MI

Indoor Family Fun Zones

Bowl for strikes, play two-story laser tag, and hop into bumper cars at **Stardust** — with arcade games (and The Taproom, parents).

Grab a roll of quarters for retro gaming fun at **Crazy Quarters Arcade**, with dozens & dozens of pinball machines and plenty of arcade classics.

Flip & fly at **Urban Air Adventure Park**, with giant trampolines, climbing walls, an indoor zipline, laser tag, and bumper cars.

Test your skills in the **River Place Game Room**, then find sweet rewards at nearby **SugarHigh Bakery** and **SugarRush Sweets & Treats**.

Step into **Brinstar** for arcade games & pinball machines — and stay for creative burgers & fresh-cut fries the whole family will love!

Choose your adventure inside **Valley Lanes**, whether it’s bowling, indoor mini-golf, bumper cars, or arcade games.

Battle in the action-packed arcade at **Fun Way Amusement Park** and enjoy games, giggles, pizza, and pop!

Soar on wall-to-wall trampolines at **Airborne Adventure Park** and defy gravity on more than a dozen attractions.

Let the kiddos burn off energy at **The Playground** — an indoor playscape where parents can kick back with a latte while kids have a ball.

Giggle at views of your crew in a maze of 1,000+ mirrors in the **Ultimate Mirror Maze**, then try **The Vault Laser Beam Challenge**.

See up-and-coming NHL hopefuls defend, shoot, and score at a **Saginaw Spirit** OHL hockey game!

TOP FALL FESTIVALS + EVENTS



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The Commons Live Music Series
Midland, MI

Warm apple cider on cool, crisp days. Wooded walks & colorful country drives, spiced lattes & cinnamon sugar donuts. Getting lost in corn mazes and searching for the perfect pumpkin. Now's the time to take part in all of autumn's quintessential activities!

Gather for the harvest season at huge auto fests & homemade craft shows. Explore extravagant markets, sample street fare, and raise your glasses in a toast to autumn when you Go Great Lakes Bay in Michigan.

September



The Commons Live Music Series Bring your lawn chairs, grab eats & drinks, and sway freely to no-cost tunes in the Downtown Midland streets!

Frankenmuth Auto Fest Peruse 2,500+ classic cars, street rods, and muscle cars — and don't miss the Big Block Party on Main Street!

The Great Lakes Market Find unique treasures & handmade items from 70+ artists & makers, listen to live music, and enjoy flavors of fall.

Apple Country Craft Show Apples are ripe for the picking and so are hundreds of handmade items at this event with artisan jewelry, crafts, candles — and fresh cider & donuts!

Funtown Chowdown Food Truck Festival Feast on street fare from 20+ food trucks as you listen to live music and sip seasonal brews.

Japan Festival in Saginaw Learn Japanese arts of bonsai, ikebana, and origami, enjoy performances of Taiko drums, and partake in a Japanese tea ceremony.

Frankenmuth Oktoberfest Be transported into Little Bavaria, where you'll twirl to live music, dine on delicious German dishes, and sample beer from the world-famous Hofbräuhaus brewery of Munich.

Hemlock Sawdust Days Festival Experience live chainsaw carving demos! Sample from beer tents & food trucks as you shop craft vendors and listen to live music.

Northwood University International Auto Show See into the automotive future at the largest outdoor new car show in North America, with 500+ vehicles from 65 manufacturers!

Hell's Half Mile Film & Music Festival Connecting filmmakers & musicians with festival-goers, experience community through independent film & music.

Frankenmuth Fire Arts Festival Learn to use fire to create keepsakes in professional workshops, and witness amateur makers in competition.

River of Time Festival Join historical re-enactors as you marvel at skill demonstrations & period musical performances, watch meal preparations, and taste history.

Michigan Antique Festival Visit hundreds of high-quality antique dealers across 80 acres and take a gander at one of Michigan's longest-running car shows.

October

Handmade Music Festival Experience homegrown Michigan music, in a handpicked playlist of bluegrass, psychedelic folk, Americana, and soul.

Michigan's Big Country Fest Swing your partner to live Country music, enjoy food trucks, sample beer flights (and a Bloody Mary Bar), and learn how to line dance!

Fall Harvest Festival Experience the Homestead Farm at Chippewa Nature Center, and partake in 19th-century traditions from blacksmithing to woodworking and cider-making.

Scarecrow Fest Launch the ever-popular pumpkin catapult, hop into a barrel train ride, enjoy arts & crafts, and "fall" into fun at Frankenmuth River Place Shops!

Shipshewana on the Road Shop 'til you drop with thousands of enthusiasts at this traveling show, and discover some of the most unique trinkets & treasures under the sun.



Frankenmuth Oktoberfest – Frankenmuth, MI

Hell's Half Mile Film & Music Festival – Bay City, MI



River of Time Festival – Saginaw, MI

November

Deal Hunters' Weekend While the deer hunters are away, get in on the thrill of the hunt — for bargains — at Birch Run Premium Outlets!

Northwood University International Auto Show – Midland, MI



Frankenmuth Auto Fest – Frankenmuth, MI