

GO GREAT LAKES BAY GUIDE

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



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FIND MOMENTS OF PURE GREATNESS

IN THE WARMTH

When you **Go Great Lakes Bay in Michigan** this **summer**, 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**, or **rest easy** while you wait for the day's **fresh catch**. Drift off into the sunset on a dreamy **river cruise**, 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 clip-clop of horses' hooves pulling carriages along **charming streets**. In quiet afternoon strolls through town, popping in & out of **quaint boutiques**. In admiring **vibrant murals** that breathe life into **historic buildings**, or gathering in the **warm glow** of **whimsical social districts**.

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

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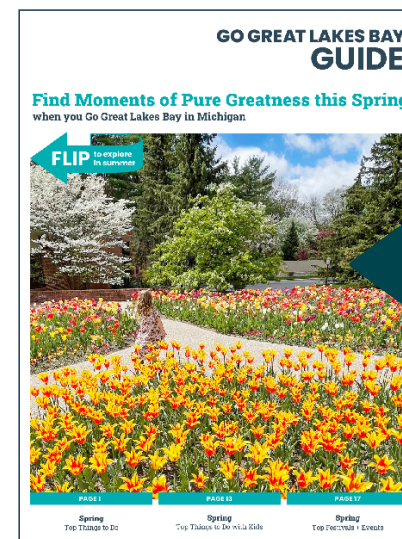
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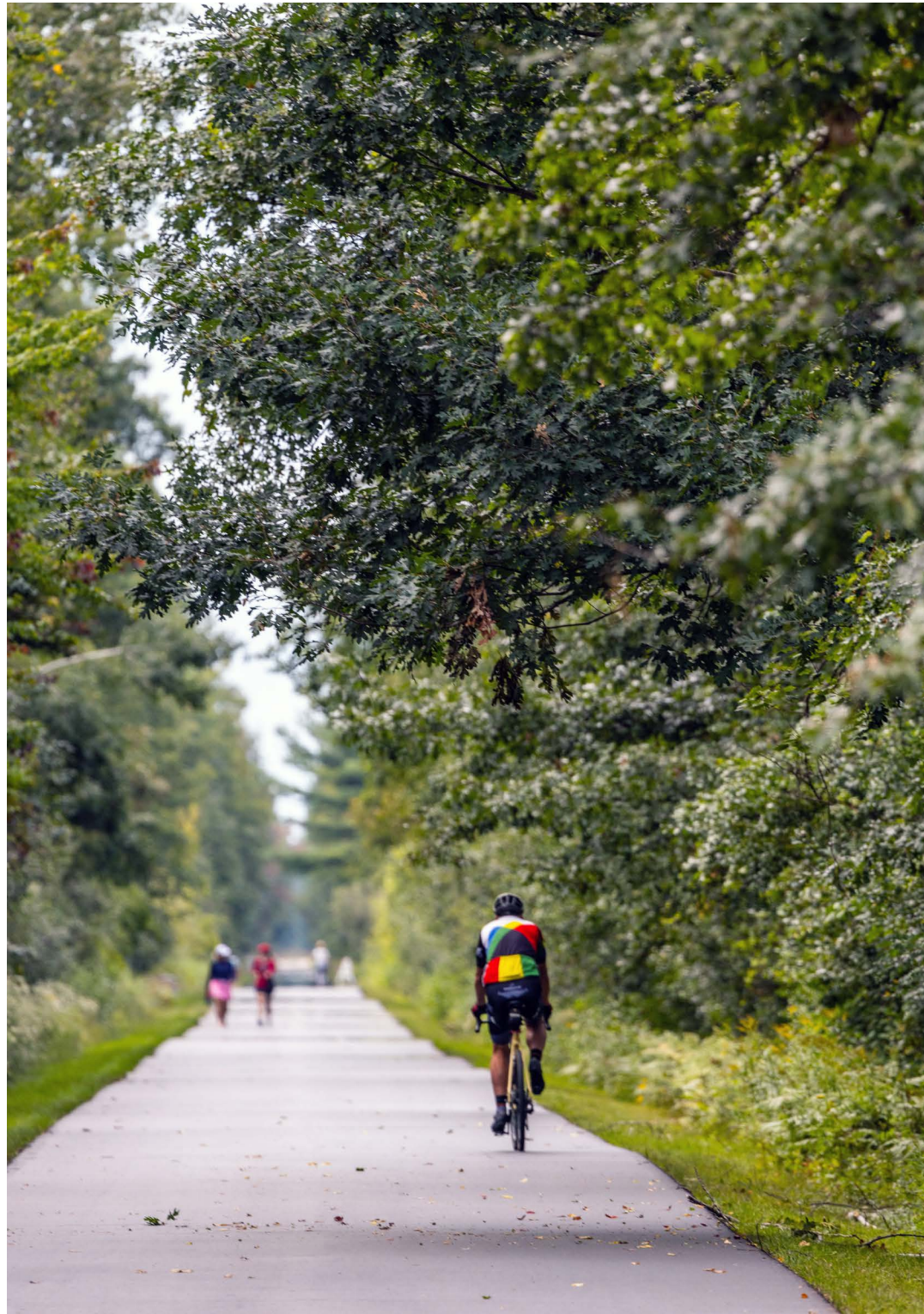
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Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail



Top Summer Things to Do

From frolicking in the waves to boarding sunset river cruises – with dancing in the streets, swaying to live music, farmers markets, and food trucks all as options – explore all you can when you Go Great Lakes Bay in Michigan this summer!

Outdoors + Nature



Be surrounded by 35,000 colorful, fragrant blooms at **Dow Gardens** – and travel the nation’s longest canopy walk four stories high into the trees!

Cruise through the **Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge** along the **Wildlife Drive** – a breathtaking 6.5-mile auto tour route.

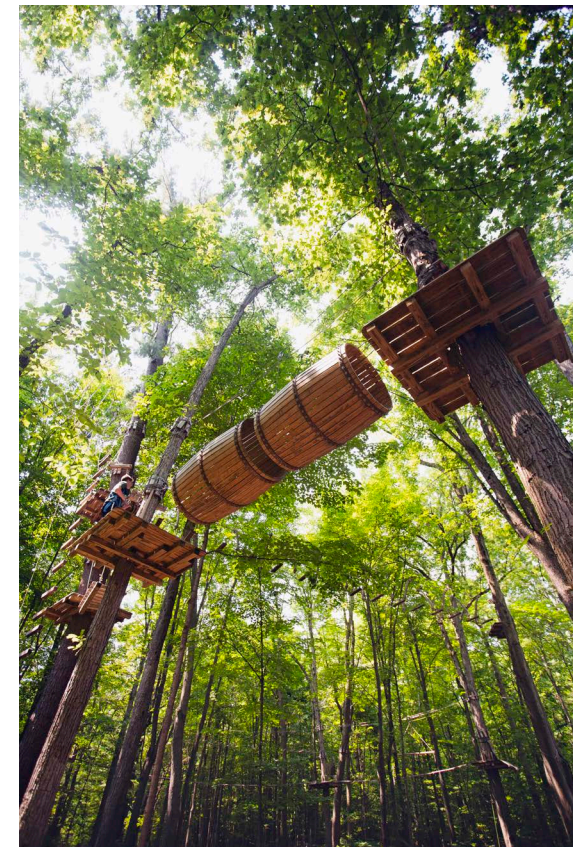
Explore 19 miles of trails at **Chippewa Nature Center**, or take a guided evening kayak trip with a naturalist.

Conquer ziplines & rope bridges at **Frankenmuth Aerial Park**, and look for dazzling Glow Nights this summer.

Hop onto the **Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail** – and stop by **Ray’s Bike Shop** or **Nor’East Outdoors** to rent your rides.

Bring your binoculars to the **Saginaw Bay Birding Trail**, a natural habitat for 200 species of birds.

Golf two of Michigan’s must-play public courses, **The Fortress** and **Apple Mountain**, or choose from more than a dozen others.



Frankenmuth Aerial Park – Frankenmuth, MI



Frankenmuth FunShips
Frankenmuth, MI

Guided Boat Tours



Feel the summer breeze in your hair on a majestic tall ship sailing excursion with **BaySail**, possibly at sunset!

Relax aboard **Frankenmuth FunShips**, and sip wines paired with handmade chocolates while you're on the water.

Dine & dance to live bands on-deck aboard **Bay City Boat Lines**, or enjoy a relaxing guided river tour.

Take a wildlife ecotour with **Johnny Panther Quests Adventure Trips** through the "Everglades of Michigan."

Board the 150-passenger **Bavarian Belle Riverboat** for a narrated history tour of Frankenmuth and enjoy the view from the canopied upper deck.

BaySail Appledore Tall Ships
Bay City, MI



Beaches



Soak up the Saginaw Bay shoreline at **Bay City State Park**, with a sandy swimming beach, picnic areas, and **Tobico Marsh**, a scenic coastal wetland.

Hit the beach at **Haithco Recreation Area**, a picturesque park & lake with paddleboat, rowboat, canoe, and kayak rentals — and fishing piers!

Fishing



Drop your line into water that's earned an international reputation for walleye fishing — **Lake Huron's Saginaw Bay!** Set out solo, or charter a guided excursion with the pros.

Paddling



Launch your peaceful summer paddling trip with **Nor'East Outdoors** or **Frankenmuth Kayak Adventures**.

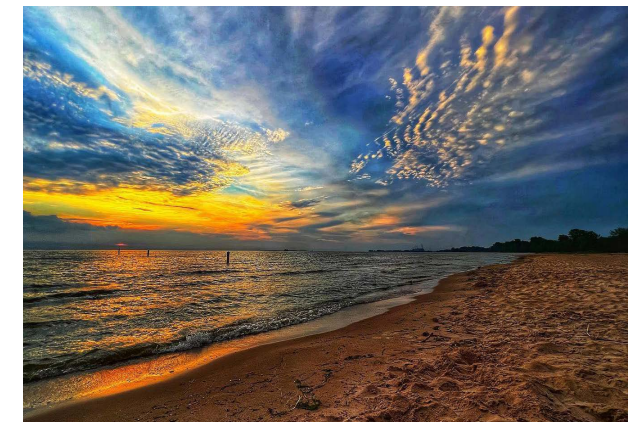


Tobico Marsh
Bay City, MI

Camping



Sleep beneath a blanket of stars along the Saginaw Bay shoreline at **Bay City State Park**, or discover a handful of other cozy campgrounds.



Bay City State Park – Bay City, MI

Tours + Experiences



Discover the enchanting gardens of the Great Lakes Bay along our curated, self-guided **Gardens Tour**.

Take in the gorgeous summer scenery on a horse-drawn carriage ride with **Fantasy Carriage Company** or **H&H Acres and Carriage Service**.

Pedal through Frankenmuth on a 16-person bike when you book the **PedAle Trolley**, or buy single seats on an evening pub crawl.

Coast into great times when you reserve the **Sunrise Pedal Trolley** to cruise through Bay City (and bring your own beverages along!).

Relax in cool comfort on the **Golden Ticket Trolley** when you hop aboard for a narrated tour of Frankenmuth.

Tour the **Alden B. Dow Home and Studio**, an oasis of mid-century modern architecture.

Marvel at more than 400 other architectural gems, guided by the **Mid-Century Modern Midland** mobile app.

Join **Flavors of Frankenmuth Food Tours** to explore Little Bavaria's iconic eateries & hidden gems.

Stroll through Bay City along the **Center Avenue Historic District Walking Tour** to view buildings & homes built prior to cars.



Social Districts

Fresh air & al fresco dining, live music, drinks & dancing in the city streets — experience our warm & whimsical social districts all summer long, including **The Commons** in Downtown Midland, **Feet on the Street** in Downtown Bay City, and the **Frankenmuth Social District**!

Alden B. Dow Home and Studio — Midland, MI

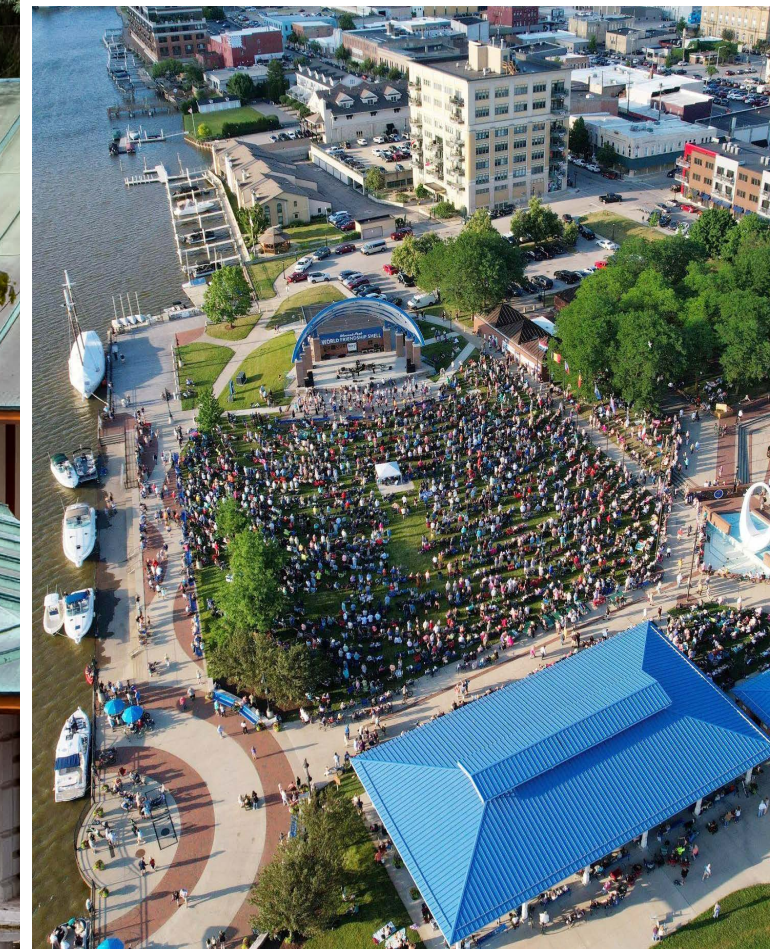


Summer Concert Series



Relax riverside during **Wednesdays in the Park** in Downtown Bay City, dance in the Downtown Midland streets during **The Commons Live**

Music Series, and enjoy amazing live music outdoors all summer for free as can be!



Wednesdays in the Park — Bay City, MI

Summer Festivals



Raise your steins to German heritage during **Frankenmuth Bavarian Festival**, see one of the Midwest's largest fireworks displays at the

Bay City Fireworks Festival, and enjoy our favorite summer celebrations!

Shopping



Shop 100 designer & name-brand stores at prices of up to 65% off at **Birch Run Premium Outlets**.

Explore 40 stores at **Frankenmuth River Place Shops**, and find clothing boutiques to fudge kitchens — even wine tasting!

Meander through “Michigan’s Largest Village of Unique Shops” at **Pride and Country Village**, each one housed in a historic farm building.

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

Experience the magic of Christmas — even in the midst of summer — at **Bronner’s CHRISTmas Wonderland**, the world’s largest Christmas store.

Wander through **SVRC Marketplace**, sampling from unique eateries & sweet shops while browsing yarn to beads.

Find handcrafted, artisan goods at **Serendipity Road, Creative Lane, or Amazin’ Mitten**.

Uncover unique treasures at **My Secret Garden** and **Botanica Modern Market**, with gifts to clothing, apothecary & plants.

Get your fill of home décor, gifts, and garden items inside **Violets Blue, Little House, Lumberman’s Mercantile, G.T. Homestead, and Warmbier Farms**.

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

Find fashions & fabulous accessories at **Abby’s of Frankenmuth, Adorn Boutique, White House Boutique, Rapunzel’s Boutique, Ellie & Isabelle, Sassy & Chic Boutique, or Margos & Co.**

Peruse & purchase small-batch cheeses from around the globe at **Artigiano Artisan Cheese Shoppe**, or 270 different specialty cheeses at **Frankenmuth Cheese Haus**.

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

Indulge in your passion for all-things-cooking at **Peel ‘n Pare Gifts for the Kitchen**.

Step inside **Coyer Candle Co.** to take in inviting aromas of hand-poured soy wax candles.

Stock up on essentials for outdoor summer adventures at **Frank’s Great Outdoors, Northwoods Wholesale Outlet, Little Forks Outfitters, or Saginaw Bay Trading Company**.

Bavarian Inn Castle Shops – Frankenmuth, MI



Americana Company Antiques – Bay City, MI

Antiquing



Get lost within Michigan’s largest antique mall, **Bay City Antiques Center/Bay Antique Center**, and shop multiple floors & 400 booths.

Peruse 70 antique vendors & six specialty shops inside the **Antique Warehouse**, then grab a bite to eat at the cafe.

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

Get your fill of nostalgia at **Americana Company Antiques**, with unique antiquities & local memorabilia.

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

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

Discover **The Little House Antiques** that’s been delighting shoppers for over 40 years with collectibles to vintage kitchenware.

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

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

Find furniture to rare memorabilia at **Michiganders Antiques and Collectibles**.

Visit **The Vintage Greenhouse** to explore a collection of antiques, vintage furniture, and local art oddities.

Search for storied treasures inside **The Antique Center**, with collectibles & antiques of all kinds.

Antiques, vintage goods, thrifted items — find it all inside **Timeless Trading Company**.

White House Boutique – Frankenmuth, MI



Arts + Culture



Spend an afternoon strolling tranquil gardens at the **Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House and Gardens of Saginaw**, then tour the traditional tea house.

Discover beautiful bronze sculptures, botanical beds, and fountains outdoors after exploring inside the **Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum**.

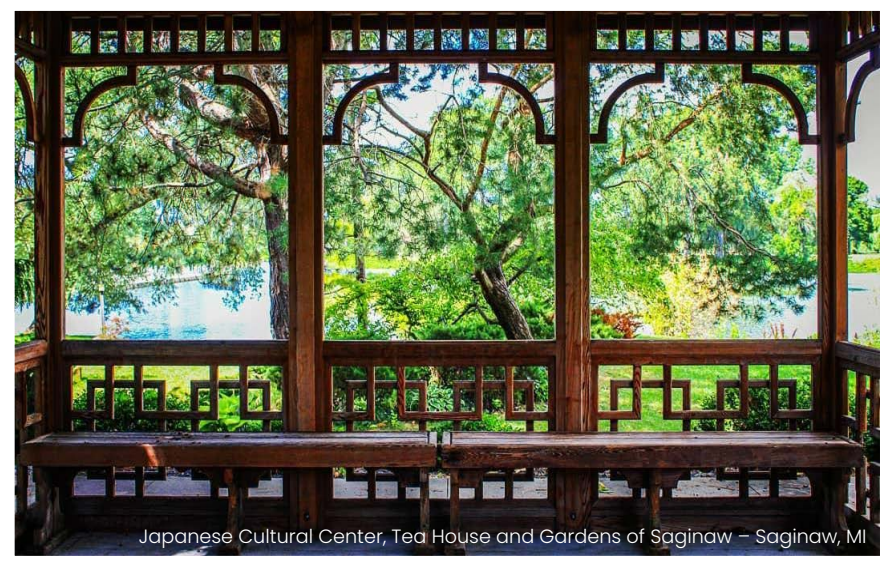
Have a summer daydream amidst Italianate gardens outside the **Saginaw Art Museum & Gardens**, and peruse the historic mansion and its exhibitions.

Visit **Board & Brush Creative Studio** to turn raw wood into a work of art, or pick your project and get to crafting at **AR Workshop Midland**.

Break from the heat inside **Painterly Pottery**, a paint-your-own pottery studio, or choose a piece to personalize inside **Space Studios**.

Take your time strolling through the gallery at **Studio 23/The Arts Center**.

Get the **Great Lakes Bay Region Public Art Passport** and preview public art before you travel to see it in person!



Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House and Gardens of Saginaw – Saginaw, MI



Saginaw Art Museum & Gardens – Saginaw, MI

History + Museums



Explore the **Saginaw Valley Naval Ship Museum** aboard the U.S.S. Edson, a permanently moored National Historic Landmark.

Venture through the **Michigan Heroes Museum**, featuring displays that honor Michigan veterans.

Discover fascinating history inside a French chateau-style castle, the **Castle Museum of Saginaw County History**.

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

Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum – Saginaw, MI

Beer, Wine + Spirits



Sip your Raspberry Hibiscus Lemonade or Hazy IPA in the summer sun at **Three Bridges Distillery & Taproom**, on a streetside patio perched at the center of The Commons Refreshment Area.

Gather on the sun-soaked patio at **Prost! Wine Bar & Charcuterie** to discover six tap wines. Sip samplers like Rosé All Day or refreshing spritzes like Lethal Lemon.

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

Bask in the beautiful backyard beer garden of **Midland Brewing Company** with pints of Copper Harbor Ale — at a picnic table, or by the fire pit.

Slip inside **Old Town Distillery by Wonder** to taste vodka, rum, whiskey, or Moonshine — and watch for food trucks to pop up!

Linger in a laid-back space at **Oracle Brewing Company** and sample inventive sours to IPAs.

Relax with artisan cocktails inside **The Public House**, where only freshly squeezed citrus & house-made syrups make the menu.

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

Gather 'round at **Nord Social**, a Nordic-inspired neighborhood hangout serving one-of-a-kind house cocktails.

Relax with street eats & cold pints on the laid-back patio at **Loggers Brewing Company**.

Grab a picnic table outside **The Maple Grille Restaurant & Microbrewery**, where the food & craft brews are both wood-fired.

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

Choose from 80 craft brews, ciders, and meads (40 available on tap) at **Whichcraft Taproom**, all produced by passionate Michigan artisans.

Soak up warm summer nights on **The Rooftop @ The Station 100**, with artfully crafted cocktails, fine wines, and unbeatable views overlooking Frankenmuth.

Sample from an award-winning portfolio during a guided, six-pour tasting session at **St. Julian Winery**.

Relax in the low-key ambiance of **Gordie's Bar** and sip a beautifully handcrafted cocktail.

Experience a wine tasting unlike any other (mixing wines together, with lemonade, or even cream soda) at **Modern Craft Winery**.

Pair your wood-fired pizza with a pint of Bay City Sunset Wheat at **W.H. Ales Brewpub**.

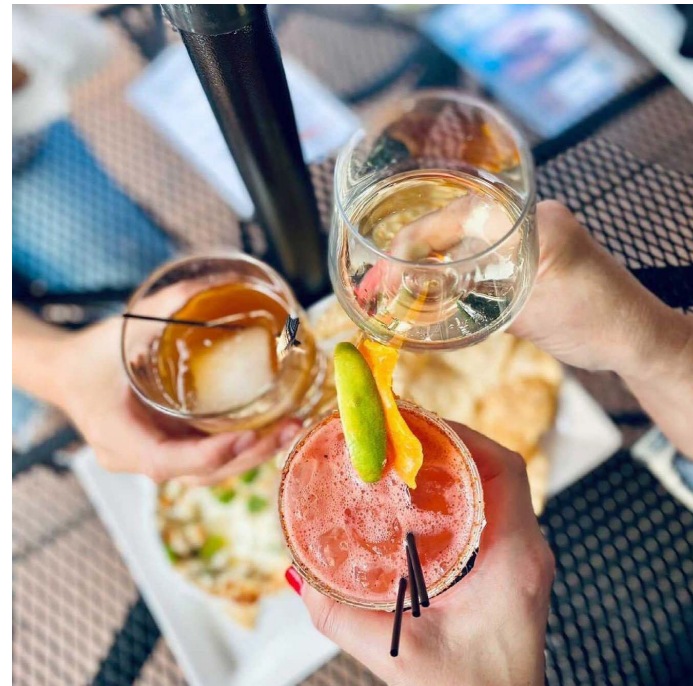
Enjoy wines, ciders, and charcuterie in a rustic tasting room at **Crazy Vines Winery**.

Saunter into **Beaver's Pub** for signature cocktails, smoked table-side, in a casual whiskey bourbon bar.

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

Taste community-driven whiskeys at **EverNorth Spirits Co.**, from single-barrel bourbons to unique bourbon blends.

Prost! Wine Bar & Charcuterie — Frankenmuth, MI



The Public House — Bay City, MI



Prost! Wine Bar & Charcuterie — Frankenmuth, MI

Live Entertainment + Nightlife



Catch a comedy show or concert inside **Midland Center for the Arts, The Temple Theatre, The Dow Event Center, State Theatre of Bay City** — or outdoors at **Jolt Credit Union Event Park**.

Take in a **Great Lakes Loons** Minor League Baseball game from stadium seats, or a blanket on the lawns!

Head into **Stardust** to bowl for strikes, but stay for axe-throwing, four escape rooms, and **The Taproom**, with 41 draft craft brews.

Feel the nostalgia at **Brinstar** while playing pinball & arcade games — and sample from 12 beer options on tap.

Get into retro gaming fun at **Crazy Quarters Arcade** — and test your skills on classic arcade games & dozens of pinball machines.

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

Unravel cryptic clues at **Great Lakes Escape Game** or **Code Breakers Escape & Puzzle Rooms** and get out before your time is up!



Bay Area Farmers Market – Bay City, MI

Farmers Markets



Saunter through fresh produce, florals, local honey, and handmade goods at farmers markets including the **Midland Area Farmers Market**, **Frankenmuth Farmers Market**, **Downtown Saginaw Farmers Market**, and **Bay Area Farmers Market**.

Market, Frankenmuth Farmers Market, Downtown Saginaw Farmers Market, and Bay Area Farmers Market.



Drift Shoreside Beer Garden – Bay City, MI

Outdoor Beer Gardens



Float your boat up to **Drift Shoreside Beer Garden** to relax on the tiered deck with waterfront views, cold brews, and summery cocktails.

Discover **Schnitzelbank Biergarten** in front of the Bavarian Inn Lodge for outdoor drinks, dinner, and fun.

Listen to accordion music while sipping beer or wine in the sunshine at **Fischer Platz** outside the Bavarian Inn Restaurant.

Waterfront Dining



Watch boats float by while savoring fresh catch on the decks of **Real Seafood Company**, grab a picnic table down by the water

at **H2O's Waterside Grill**, or refresh with comfort food & cold microbrews by the riverside at **Frankenmuth Brewery**.

Outdoor Dining



Relax with tap wines & regional charcuterie on **Prost! Wine Bar & Charcuterie's** sun-soaked patio, taste tavern favorites & handcrafted cocktails in a lush courtyard setting at **One eighteen**, or soak up summer evenings on **The Rooftop @ The Station 100**, with elevated bites, classic cocktails, fine wines – and unmatched views overlooking Frankenmuth.

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Food Trucks



From **Wonder Burger's** ground-fresh-daily burgers (served on toasted Brioche buns) to **Nom Nom Ninja's** award-winning hibachi

wraps – and a full fleet of barbecue options – our local food trucks will be dishing up everything under the sun this summer!



Top Summer Things to Do with Kids

Pack up the fam and hit the open road to arrive at destination high-fives & smiles — and beaches, boat rides, splash parks, and petting zoos! Here's what to do when you Go Great Lakes Bay in Michigan this summer for a getaway your family will never forget.

Outdoors + Nature

Wander through colorful blooms at **Dow Gardens** — including an award-winning Children's Garden — and travel a canopy walk four stories high in the trees!

Venture out to **Chippewa Nature Center**, with 19 miles of trails, a Nature Discovery Area, and Homestead Farm to explore.

Zoom through an aerial obstacle course of ziplines & rope bridges at **Frankenmuth Aerial Park**.

Outdoor Mini-Golf

Get a hole-in-one, race go-karts, and run through laser tag at **Funway Amusements Saginaw**. Hit the batting cages, rock bumper boats, and have a blast!

Make it a fun-filled afternoon at **Buoy 18 Mini Golf**, with a course that overlooks a marina — and a free game room!

Choose between two mini-golf courses at **Alpine Mountain Golf** before jumping into bumper boats & go-karts.

Putt-putt around a rushing waterfall at **Dutch Village Adventure Park**, then swing at a bucket of balls in the batting cages.

Zoos + Farms

Pet & feed the animals, tour the one-room schoolhouse, and learn about life on the farm at **Grandpa Tiny's Heritage Farm**.

Meet 150 animals at the **Saginaw Children's Zoo** before taking spins on the hand-carved carousel & miniature train!

Encounter the Reptile Sanctuary & Rainforest Experience at **Wilderness Trails Zoo**, home to 200 exotic animals.

Tours + Experiences

With charming carriages & friendly horses, cruise through Frankenmuth with **Fantasy Carriage Company** or **H&H Acres and Carriage Service**.

Tour Frankenmuth together on the **Golden Ticket Trolley!** The playlist is kid-friendly, and kids can ring the bell & choose a treat at the end of the route.



For hand-dipped cones to piled-high sundaes, follow a curated **Ice Cream Tour** to our favorite local creameries & scoop shops!



Fantasy Carriage Company — Frankenmuth, MI



Buoy 18 Mini Golf — Bay City, MI



Kid-Friendly Summer Festivals

Light up the night at the **Bay City Fireworks Festival**, or enjoy elephant ears & midway rides at the **Bay, Midland, or Saginaw County Fair**.

Saginaw County Fair — Chesaning, MI



Indoor Waterparks

Make forever memories at Michigan's biggest indoor waterpark & family fun center, **Bavarian Blast Waterpark** at the **Bavarian Inn Lodge**! Brave the wave pool & 16 new waterslides, or go for mini-golf, mini-bowling, and 180+ arcade games.

Experience two waterparks in one – each with a retractable roof – at **Zehnder's Splash Village Hotel & Waterpark**! Enjoy the six-story Family Raft Ride, four-story tube slides, and an outdoor pool.



The Playground – Midland, MI

Zehnder's Splash Village Hotel & Waterpark – Frankenmuth, MI



Indoor Family Fun Zones

Let the good times fly at **Urban Air Adventure Park**, with giant trampolines, climbing walls, an indoor zipline, laser tag, and two kinds of bumper cars!

Bowl for strikes at **Stardust**, then enjoy more than 60 video arcade games & two-story laser tag.

Drop into retro gaming fun at **Crazy Quarters Arcade**, packed with pinball machines & arcade games.

Head to **Valley Lanes** for bowling, indoor mini-golf, an arcade, bumper cars, laser maze, and laser tag.

Cool off while playing classic arcade games & pinball machines at **Brinstar**, then snack on creative burgers & fresh-cut fries.

Soar on wall-to-wall trampolines at **Airborne Adventure Park** and enjoy your family "hang-time" in the air!

Experience the **River Place Game Room** for 40 arcade games, then celebrate sweet victory at nearby **SugarHigh Bakery** or **SugarRush Sweets & Treats**.

Watch your family (literally) find your way through thousands of mirrors in the **Ultimate Mirror Maze**.

Let the kids burn energy at **The Playground!** Adults can kick back with a latte while kids have a ball at this indoor play palace.

Bavarian Belle Riverboat – Frankenmuth, MI



Bay City State Park – Bay City, MI

Beaches + Splash Pads

Soak it up at **Spray by the Bay Splash Park** inside **Bay City State Park** and enjoy the sandy swimming beach & playground!

Find sun-drenched fun at the splash pad inside **Haitlco Recreation Area**. Enjoy this park with a lake, beach, and fishing piers – and rent paddleboats for the fam!

Beat the heat at **Celebration Square Splash Park!** Let toddlers get their feet wet in water misters, or whoop it up with big kids at geysers & water soakers.

Right near The Tridge, splash your way through waterspouts & dumping buckets at **Gerstacker Spray Park**.

Spend time in **Frankenmuth Jaycee Spray Park's** fountains & water features. Pack a lunch – there's plenty of shade & picnic areas for snacks between soakings!

Splash at **Longview Spray Park** and enjoy a day under the spray, with dumping buckets & waterspouts activated by movement.

Guided Family Boat Tours

Book a wildlife ecotour with **Johnny Panther Quests Adventure Trips**, and be able to say your family boated through the "Everglades of Michigan"!

Prepare for a magical experience aboard **BaySail's** Appledore Tall Ships, and consider an evening Sunset Sail.

Enjoy a relaxing boat ride and the chance for the kids to see a lighthouse on a summer cruise with **Bay City Boat Lines**.

Unwind aboard kid-friendly **Frankenmuth FunShips** on a Wine & Chocolate River Tour (with sparkling grape juice for the kids).

All aboard the **Bavarian Belle Riverboat!** Tour Frankenmuth from the water, and see iconic sights from the canopied upper deck.

Live Entertainment

Spend a day at the ballpark and snap a family photo with Lou E. Loon at a **Great Lakes Loons** Minor League Baseball game!

Treat the family to a kid-friendly concert or performance this summer at **Midland Center for the Arts**, **The Dow Event Center**, **The Temple Theatre**, or **State Theatre of Bay City**.

Joyful Tantrum – Midland, MI



Mid-Michigan Children's Museum – Saginaw, MI

Camping

Make s'mores & summer memories at **Bay City State Park**, with a sandy swimming beach, splash park, and playscape!

Camp out with Yogi Bear at **Frankenmuth Jellystone Park Camp-Resort** to enjoy a playground, pool, game room, and mini-golf!



Kids' Shopping

Celebrate Christmas, even in summer, at **Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland**, the world's largest Christmas store!

Discover over 100 stores at **Birch Run Premium Outlets**, from Gap Kids to Go! Games & Toys.

Hit the arcade, shop souvenirs, and sample fudge to gourmet cupcakes at **Frankenmuth River Place Shops**.

Browse toys, candy, and souvenirs at the **Bavarian Inn Castle Shops** – and follow your noses to fresh bakery treats!

Shop kites to wooden toys at **Toyberg**, or wander together through **Joyful Tantrum**, “a toy store, unplugged.”

Find endless possibilities inside **Bricks & Minifigs**, a buy, sell, trade, and play shop made just for LEGO® fans.

Explore a colorful, whimsical wonderland of all-things-candy while inside **Tummy Ache Candy Store**.

See fudge paddled at **Zak & Mac's Chocolate Haus** and **Frankenmuth Fudge Kitchen** or taffy pulled at **Frankenmuth Taffy Kitchen**.

Museums + More

Designed for children (but “big kids” have bonus fun), discover the **Mid-Michigan Children's Museum** for a variety of hands-on, interactive galleries!

Transport your family into the cosmos at **Delta College Planetarium** and visit the gift shop for out-of-this-world souvenirs.

Witness the world's largest collection of motorized fire trucks at the **Antique Toy and Firehouse Museum** – and don't miss the FDNY Super Pumper!

Craft a keepsake together at **Painterly Pottery** or **Space Studios**, with handcrafted pottery ready for your family to paint.

TOP SUMMER FESTIVALS + EVENTS



Bay City Fireworks Festival
Bay City, MI

Fair rides, street food & fireworks, live music & locally brewed suds – summer is just around the bend, which means the Great Lakes Bay will soon be bursting with festival fun. Mark your calendar for multiple weekends and we'll see you around town at these summer celebrations!

Find our full calendar of festivals + events at
[GoGreat.com/Events](https://www.gogreat.com/events)

Throughout Summer



Funtown Chowdown Food Truck Festival (May – Sep) Listen to live music and toss back brews while you taste your way through 20+ mobile eateries!

Friday Fun Nights (May – Sep) See Frankenmuth come alive every Friday with musicians, magicians, and street performers.

Free Outdoor Summer Concert Series (Jun – Oct) Dance in the Downtown Midland streets at The Commons Live Music Series, relax riverside in Downtown Bay City during Wednesdays in the Park, and listen to more live tunes for free at our favorite outdoor summer concert series!

June

Downtown Bay City Apps & Ales (Jun) Sample from some of Downtown Bay City's best eateries & pubs, with tasty appetizers & specialty brews at every stop.

Dow Championship (Jun) Enjoy an experience unlike any other on the LPGA Tour as 144 of the world's best female golfers compete in a team-format tournament.

Art & Garden Festival (Jun) Join fellow art & garden aficionados for an art fair with garden vendors and a silent auction.

Frankenmuth Bavarian Festival (Jun) Discover one of Michigan's oldest festivals and its largest celebration of Bavarian heritage, with German food, beer, and dancing!

Art Seen Festival (Jun) Pick up a brush & paint, or simply enjoy watching, as a community-created mural comes to life.



Bay City Fireworks Festival – Bay City, MI



Frankenmuth Bavarian Festival – Frankenmuth, MI



Dow Championship – Midland, MI



Art Seen Festival – Midland, MI

YWCA Riverside Art Festival (Jun) Stroll along the Saginaw River and take in artistry & entertainment all throughout the Downtown Bay City streets.

Saginaw's Greek Festival (Jun) Enjoy cold beer & authentic Greek fare while dancing to traditional Greek music. Opa!

St. Stan's Polish Festival (Jun) Dance into Bay City for carnival rides & an entertainment tent, then twirl to Polkas and dine on Polish food!

July

Bay City Fireworks Festival (Jul) See one of the Midwest's largest fireworks displays, launched over the Saginaw River, and enjoy the carnival midway & live entertainment.

Volksläufe – The People's Race (Jul) Join the 2K Fun Run, 5K Run/Walk, 10K Run, or Half Marathon, and enjoy the fireworks display.

Downtown Midland 4th of July Block Party on Main (Jul) Enjoy a summer celebration filled with Great Lakes Loons baseball, live music, food trucks, and a spectacular fireworks show.

Auburn Cornfest (Jul) With live entertainment, carnival rides, dirt drag races, a parade, and Merchants Row to shop – see what's cropping up this year!

Cass River Colonial Encampment (Jul) Experience an encampment of historical reenactors, including tactical battle reenactments & military camp tours.

Downtown Bay City Sidewalk Days (Jul) Take your time strolling through Downtown shops and snag exclusive summer bargains & special items.

The Commons Live Music Series – Midland, MI



Downtown Midland Summer Sidewalk Sales (Jul)

Pop in & out of local shops to discover incredible savings — then relax in the summer sun with a bite & a brew at The Commons.

Labadie Rib Fest (Jul) With headline bands and a festival that draws barbecue chefs from across the country, enjoy family activities, live entertainment — and ribs!

Frankenmuth Antique Fire Muster (Jul) Witness antique fire truck displays & pumping events, plus a Saturday-morning parade.

Munger Potato Festival (Jul) Dig up fun for the whole family with a Figure 8 & Demo Derby, amusement rides, festival foods & fries, and a beer tent with live music.

Midland Area River Days Festival (Jul – Aug) With live music, a beer & wine tent, Food Truck Alleyway, Kids' Zone, and breathtaking hot air balloons — set your sights high for this festival!

Frankenmuth Flower Festival (Jul – Aug) Soak up golden sunflower fields at Grandpa Tiny's Heritage Farm. Enjoy U-Pick, Dinner in the Sunflowers, craft vendors, food trucks, and plenty of photo ops!

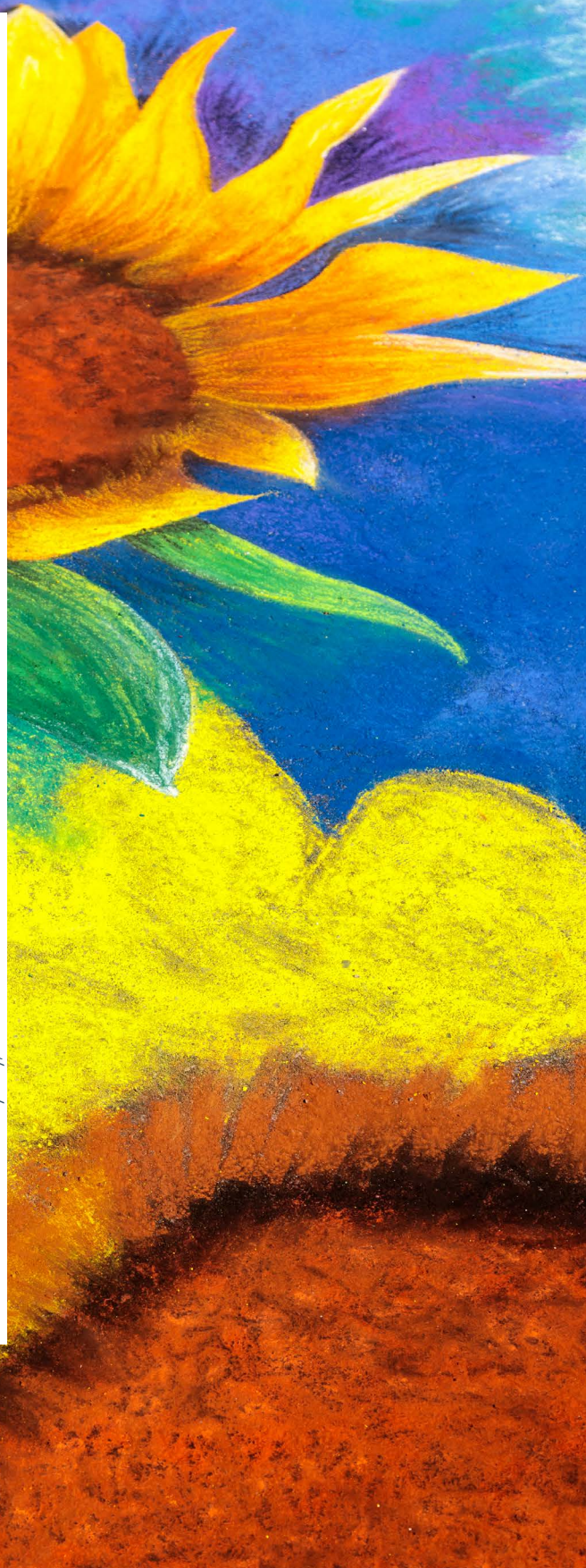
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Chalk Walk Art Festival (Aug) Take to the Downtown Bay City streets for a live chalk art competition, musical entertainment, food vendors, and all kinds of creative activities!

Saginaw County Fair (Aug) Delighting for over 100 years, experience animals, rides, fair food, grandstand attractions, and fireworks every single night!

Bay County Fair (Aug) Have a blast with the carnival rides & midway, petting farm & pony rides, plus livestock exhibitions & exciting grandstand events.

Chalk Walk Art Festival – Bay City, MI



Midland Area River Days Festival – Midland, MI



Saginaw County Fair – Chesaning, MI



Saginaw African Cultural Festival – Saginaw, MI

Saginaw Art Fair (Aug) Browse the creations of fine artists & crafters on Ojibway Island, and enjoy a makers' space, live performance art, and free art classes.

Great Lakes Beer Festival (Aug) Sample from some of Michigan's best brewers while you listen to live musicians and toss bags at the cornhole tournament.

Frankenmuth Summer Music Fest (Aug) Experience one of the few remaining traditional Polka festivals! Enjoy cold beer & bratwurst after half-stepping on the huge wooden dance floor.

Linwood Pickle Festival (Aug) Join the Pickle Eating Contest & Best Pickle Dish Competition, catch the parade & classic car show, and enjoy live entertainment & kids' activities.

Saginaw African Cultural Festival (Aug) Attend the oldest ongoing Black Arts Festival in the country and experience music, food, and guest speakers.

Midland County Fair (Aug) Enjoy it all — midway rides, tasty carnival food, grandstand events, and free live music every evening!

City of Mural Community Festival (Aug) See colorful murals brought to life across Bay City, and celebrate with live music, mural tours, and other special events.

Mid-Michigan Old Gas Tractor Show (Aug) Find yourself at the largest antique tractor show in Michigan! Enjoy a flea market, operating displays, and tractor pulls.

Frankenmuth Flower Festival – Frankenmuth, MI



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