

# GREAT GETAWAY GUIDE

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Get away. Right away.

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## SOMETIMES YOU NEED A GETAWAY.

When life starts to feel a little too routine, don't wait for your next vacation. Making your getaway is as easy as making your way to Genesee County Parks. Here in Genesee County, you'll find Michigan's largest county park system with over 11,000 acres of rivers, lakes, trails and campgrounds. It's the wilderness of the Great Lakes and it's just around the corner from you.

The Genesee County Parks offer you many locations to choose from. Rough it at Wolverine Campground, fish along the shores of Mott Lake, set up an umbrella and blanket at Bluebell Beach, rip through The Mounds on an ORV or just enjoy the beauty of the great outdoors on endless miles of non-motorized trails.

While you're here, make some history of your own at Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad. It's a historic Great Lakes town with over 30 structures restored to a thriving community waiting to welcome you. Take a 40-minute ride through scenic landscapes on the Huckleberry Railroad, watch a show at the Colwell Opera House or experience trades from a time gone by.

No matter what you do, you're sure to find something fun at your Genesee County Parks. It's the perfect place to get away, right away.

## FUN FOR EVERY SEASON.

Don't let your getaway end when the temperatures drop. Enjoy miles of cross-country skiing and snowmobile trails when the terrain is frozen and there is at least three inches of snow on the ground. You can see where snowmobiling is permitted in the park list in this brochure (or check out our maps online at [geneseecountyparks.org/explore](http://geneseecountyparks.org/explore)).

If sliding down a snow covered hill on a saucer or toboggan is more your winter thrill of choice, then check out our three sledding hills. Davison Roadside Park offers a beginners hill, Linden County Park an intermediate hill and Toboggan Hill an expert experience.

And of course, you can always just take a snowy hike or drop a line in an ice fishing hole.





## PLAN YOUR GETAWAY.

### Good To Know

- You can make reservations online for campsites, park pavilions and special programs. You can also purchase tickets to Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad and the Genesee Belle online. Visit [geneseecountyparks.org](http://geneseecountyparks.org).
- We have a calendar packed full of programming throughout the year. Learn about these free and paid programs at [geneseecountyparks.org/calendar](http://geneseecountyparks.org/calendar).
- Enjoy the water with easy accessibility at one of our six boat launches or multiple fishing sites and canoe launches.
- Nature calls at any given time. Most of our parks offer restroom facilities and/or portable toilets for your convenience.

### Stay Safe

- Our beaches are open and tested regularly by the Genesee County Health Department from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day to ensure safe conditions for swimming.
- The Park Ranger Division is the primary law enforcement agency assigned to patrol all Genesee County Park properties. Park Rangers enforce all laws including federal, state, marine and local ordinances. Park Rangers are licensed police officers in the state of Michigan and operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week all year. If there is an emergency, call 911 and they will dispatch a Ranger to your location.

- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted anywhere in the Genesee County Parks.
- You can find a full set of park rules in the Parks Administration office or on our website at [geneseecountyparks.org/parksafety](http://geneseecountyparks.org/parksafety).

### Fun For Everyone

It is our goal to provide facilities and programs to accommodate and involve all of our visitors through continued improvements in all of our parks. Most of our facilities meet or exceed accessibility guidelines and include accessible parking areas, pavilions, picnic tables, grills, accessible bathrooms and portable toilets as well as trails and pathways.

We've made play inclusive with a universally accessible playscape and splash pad at Bluebell Beach that includes therapeutic swings and other unique elements. All other playgrounds within our parks include safety surfacing and meet accessibility requirements. Therapeutic swings can also be enjoyed at six other parks. For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum includes an accessible pathway and pavilion as well as a uniquely accessible treehouse! Even Crossroads Village is wheelchair friendly and includes an accessible train car on the Huckleberry Railroad and a vintage Venetian Swing ride that all can enjoy.

Additionally, our program calendar includes programs friendly for all abilities as well as programming tailored to specific ability levels.

# YOUR KEY TO GENESEE COUNTY PARKS.

► Use this key when exploring our parks list on the inside panel

## ATTRACTIONS



PICNIC AREA



CAMPING



BEACH



PAVILION



PLAYGROUND



GARDEN



COMMUNITY  
GARDEN



OFF-LEASH  
DOG AREA



CANOE/KAYAK  
LAUNCH



BOAT LAUNCH



BUTTERFLY  
AREA



SPORTS FIELDS



SCENIC

## ACTIVITIES



BIKING



WALKING



HIKING



EQUESTRIAN



DISC GOLF



FISHING



OFF ROAD



BMX



SLEDDING



SNOWMOBILE



CROSS  
COUNTRY SKI



SNOWSHOE

## SERVICES



RESTROOM



PARKING



GUIDED HIKE



FOOD



NO DOGS  
PLEASE



ACCESSIBLE

Parks with this icon have varying levels of accessibility. Please visit our website at [geneseecountyparks.org](http://geneseecountyparks.org) for full details.

## INFORMATION



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# PARKS

## 1. ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

5045 Stanley Road, Flint  
810.736.7100  
8:00 am-5:00 pm Monday - Friday  
Houses the administrative offices of parks staff, park rangers and the reservations & tickets office staff.



## 2. FLUSHING COUNTY PARK

4417 N. McKinley Road, Flushing  
8:00 am to sunset daily



## 3. LINDEN COUNTY PARK

15349 S. Linden Road, Linden  
8:00 am to sunset daily  
Clover Beach on Byram Lake: 8:00 am-8:00 pm  
Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day weekend



## 4. FLINT PARK LAKE PARK

In partnership with City of Flint  
Stewart Avenue just west of Dupont Street, Flint  
8:00 am to sunset daily



## 5. MAX BRANDON PARK

In partnership with City of Flint  
3606 Dupont Street, Flint  
8:00 am to sunset daily



## 6. MCKINLEY PARK

In partnership with City of Flint  
2999 Orville Street, Flint  
8:00 am to sunset daily



## 7. THREAD LAKE PARK

In partnership with City of Flint  
Lakeside Avenue between Howard Avenue and Crocker Avenue, Flint  
8:00 am to sunset daily



## 8. FOR-MAR NATURE PRESERVE & ARBORETUM

2142 N. Genesee Road, Burton  
Visitor's Center: 8:00 am-5:00 pm daily  
Grounds: 8:00 am to sunset daily



## 9. DAVISON ROADSIDE COUNTY PARK

6160 Davison Road, Burton  
8:00 am to sunset daily



## 10. STEPPING STONE FALLS & PICNIC AREA

5161 Branch Road, Flint  
Open daily May - Labor Day  
Sun.-Thurs., 8:00 am-11:00 pm  
Fri. & Sat. 8:00 am-midnight  
Open daily Labor Day - Dec. 1, 8:00 am to sunset



## 11. BLUEBELL BEACH

5500 Bray Road, Flint  
8:00 am to sunset daily  
Beach & Splash Pad: 8:00 am-8:00 pm  
Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day



## 12. CROSSROADS VILLAGE & HUCKLEBERRY RAILROAD

6140 Bray Road, .5 miles south of Stanley Road, Flint  
Call 810.736.7100, ext. 6, for operating dates and rates. Historical 1800s village with 34 structures, railroad and paddlewheel riverboat.



## 13. BLUEGILL BOAT LAUNCH

4045 Coldwater Road, Flint  
Entrances on Coldwater Road at Center Road and Genesee Road south of Stanley Road.  
24-hours daily, year round.



## 14. EVERETT A. CUMMINGS CENTER

6130 E. Mt. Morris Road, .2 miles east of Genesee Road, Mt. Morris  
8:00 am to sunset daily, unless scheduled for special events (available for rental, 810.736.7100, ext. 6).



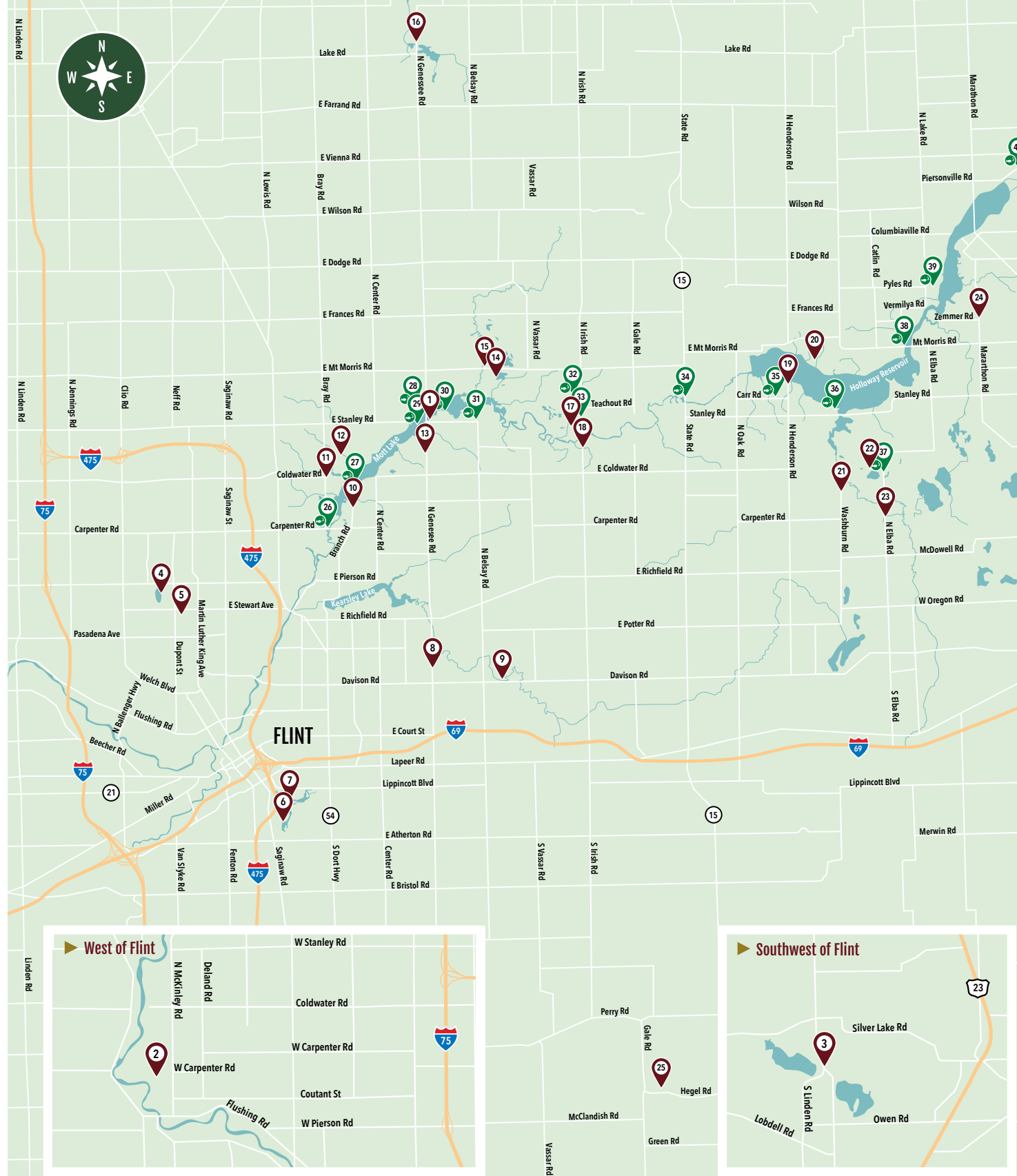
## 15. MOUNDS OFF-ROAD VEHICLE AREA

6145 E. Mt. Morris Road, .5 miles east of Genesee Road, Mt. Morris  
8:00 am to sunset, except Sunday, noon to sunset. For motorcycles, mini-bikes, dune buggies, four-wheel drive vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, etc.



## 16. BUELL LAKE COUNTY PARK

14098 Genesee Road, Clio  
8:00 am to sunset daily



# FISHING SITES

## 17. GOLDENROD DISC GOLF COURSE

6405 Irish Road, Davison  
8:00 am to sunset daily



## 18. RICHFIELD COUNTY PARK

6322 N. Irish Road, .5 miles north of Coldwater Road, Davison  
8:00 am to sunset daily



## 19. WALLEYE PIKE BOAT LAUNCH

7240 N. Henderson Road, north of Stanley Road, Davison  
Open 24-hours daily, year round



## 20. WOLVERINE CAMPGROUND & BUTTERCUP BEACH

7698 N. Baxter Road, Columbiaville  
Open Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day  
Buttercup Beach: Open 8:00 am-8:00 pm



## 21. TOBOGGAN HILL

Located .5 miles north of Carpenter Road on Washburn Road, Oregon Township, Lapeer County  
8:00 am to sunset daily. Check website for winter sledding hours.



## 22. HOGBACKS AREA

At the Genesee and Lapeer County line, bordered by Elba, Washburn, McDowell and Stanley Roads  
8:00 am to sunset daily



## 23. ELBA EQUESTRIAN COMPLEX

1875 N. Elba Road, Lapeer  
8:00 am to sunset daily. Rangers lock the gates at sunset.



## 24. ZEMMER PARK

Marathon Road to Zemmer Road, Lapeer  
8:00 am to sunset daily



## 25. ATLAS COUNTY PARK

9139 Hegel Road, Goodrich  
8:00 am to sunset daily



## 26. BRAY ROAD FISHING SITE

5030 Bray Road, Flint

## 27. BRANCH ROAD FISHING SITE

G5380 Branch Road, Flint

## 28. LIONS PARK

E. Stanley Road, west of N. Genesee Road, Genesee

## 29. GENESSEE ROAD FISHING SITE

At the crossroads of N. Genesee Road and Stanley Road, Flint. Across from Administrative Building

## 30. STANLEY ROAD FISHING SITE & BOAT LAUNCH

5131 Stanley Road, Flint

## 31. STANLEY & BELSAY ROAD FISHING SITE

5487 Stanley Road, Flint

## 32. TIMBERWOLF FISHING SITE

7004 N. Irish Road, Otisville

## 33. IRISH ROAD FISHING SITE

6422 Irish Road, Davison

## 34. M-15 FISHING SITE

State Road, north of Stanley Road, Davison

## 35. HOLLOWAY DAM PUBLIC ACCESS FISHING SITE & CANOE LAUNCH

11135 Carr Road between Henderson and Oak Roads, Davison  
24-hour canoe launch access.

## 36. STANLEY ROAD TUBES FISHING SITE

12439 Stanley Road, east of Henderson Road, Columbiaville

## 37. MUDD LAKE FISHING SITE

2345 Elba Road, Lapeer

## 38. MOUNT MORRIS ROAD FISHING SITE

Mount Morris Road, east of Catlin Road, Lapeer County

## 39. PYLES ROAD PUBLIC ACCESS

Intersection of Pyles Road and N. Lake Road, Columbiaville

## 40. KLAM ROAD FISHING SITE

Klam and Piersonville Road, Columbiaville

Parking is available at all fishing site locations.

► Learn more about our individual parks online at [geneseecountyparks.org/explore](http://geneseecountyparks.org/explore)

## DISCOVER A NEW HOBBY.

Make today the day you step outside your comfort zone and try something new. You'll find woods and water, fishing and flora, sunshine and fresh air. Think of it as an oasis in your own backyard with a gateway to new activities you didn't know you could do. The opportunities are endless, and when you're out of ideas, open up our Family Fun Guide and find one of many programs you can attend.

### For Land Seekers

Make your way to one of our trails and hike, bike, walk or run your way through nature's greatest masterpieces. Maybe hike some of the trails at For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum and visit the live animals in the Visitor's Center. Check the map for parks with sports fields and gather some friends for a game of baseball, basketball, volleyball or even tennis. Pitch a tent or pull your camper to Wolverine Campground for a getaway on sites that range from the rustic experience to the spoiled electric experience. Ever been disc golfing? Goldenrod Disc Golf Course offers an 18 "hole" course to test your skills – amateur or pro, it doesn't matter.

Looking for a little more thrill? Test your skills on the BMX course at Richfield County Park or rip through The Mounds on a big bad ORV. Take to the skies with your remote controlled airplanes at the Remote Controlled Airfield at Buell Lake County Park.

Equestrian enthusiasts look no further! We offer horse friendly trails in multiple parks and two locations where you can camp with your

horses (with advanced reservations). We even have locations to host equestrian competitions and special events.

### For Water Lovers

Whether you're in a boat, on a dock or off the shore, fishing is fun for all ages. Check the map for all of our fishing sites and boat launches to start your next fish story. Just looking to spend time out on the boat or maybe water skiing? Take advantage of 6 boat launches – no matter the water sport you're interested in.

If you prefer to paddle, the Flint River offers 142 miles of pure recreation – many miles traveling through the Genesee County Parks. Launch your kayak, canoe or paddle board from one of our launches and paddle your worries away.

We haven't forgotten the beach bums. Choose from 3 sunny sandy beaches and enjoy the traditional beach experience you're looking for.

### For Winter Lovers

If you like the white fluffy stuff mother nature gives us in the winter, take advantage of all the opportunities the Genesee County Parks offers. Bundle up and build a snowman with the kids, cross-country ski, or spend the afternoon sledding. Drag that shanty out and test your luck ice fishing. Hop on that machine and snowmobile through several of our park properties when weather permits.



# WE'RE TAKING RESERVATIONS.

Some getaways might require reservations or tickets, such as camping, special events or the Huckleberry Railroad. To reserve your getaway or purchase tickets, visit us online at [geneseecountyparks.org/reservations](http://geneseecountyparks.org/reservations) or call 810.736.7100 ext. 6. Normal hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

## Pavilions

Pavilions can be a great place to host a birthday party or family gathering. They're spacious, close to park amenities and include picnic tables with charcoal grills and bathrooms or portable toilets nearby. Pavilions may be reserved up to 1 year in advance, but must be reserved at least 10 days in advance. Fees are due in full at the time the reservations are made. Pavilions are available at:

- Bluebell Beach
- Buell Lake Park
- Davison Roadside Park
- Flint Park Lake Park
- Flushing County Park
- Linden County Park
- Max Brandon Park
- Richfield County Park

## Wolverine Campground

If you're looking for a weekend getaway, this pine tree forest offers 191 picturesque sites with a boat launch, walking trails, campground programs and a nearby swimming beach. Open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Reservations start in early January for that calendar year's camping season.

## Weddings And Special Events

If you're looking for a unique and affordable venue, consider Crossroads Village, For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum, Stepping Stone Falls, the Genesee Belle Paddlewheel River Boat or Richfield County Park for your wedding. Special public

events, races, competitions and more can take place in many other Genesee County Parks with a completed special events permit. Please call our reservations department for more information.

## Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad

Our historic Great Lakes town operates summer, Halloween Ghost & Goodies and Christmas At Crossroads seasons and hosts other special themed weekends such as Day Out With Thomas. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door, but we suggest purchasing your tickets for Huckleberry Railroad in advance to ensure the ride time you want. We also offer school field trips and programs.

## For-Mar Public Naturalist Programs

For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum hosts a variety of programs open to the public year round. You can explore animal habitats, learn about frog life cycles or discover what it's like to be a scientist and more! Some programs require pre-registration. We also offer school field trips and traveling programs.

## E.A. Cummings Event Center

Anyone can explore the grounds at E.A. Cummings Event Center on horseback or snowmobile. You can also reserve for a special event or camp with your horse with advance reservations.

## Elba Equestrian Complex

The perfect spot to camp with your horse on one of 25 rustic campsites and explore 4,540 acres of woods, hills, creeks and natural beauty. Camping at this property requires an advanced reservation.

