

A FAMILY FRIENDLY GUIDE

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MICHIGAN

BENTON HARBOR • SAINT JOSEPH

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EXPLORE THE GREAT *Outdoors*

Seeking fresh entertainment ideas for your children? Take a vacation to St. Joseph, MI. It's one of Southwest Michigan's top family destinations. From outdoor beaches, splash pads and parks to indoor hands-on museums, art camps, yummy treats and toy stores, this is a joy-maker place to be.

ATTRACTIONS

SPARK CURIOSITY AND IMAGINATION

CURIOUS KIDS' DISCOVERY ZONE AND CURIOUS KIDS' MUSEUM, ST. JOSEPH

Hands-on learning exhibits and activities for kids ages 1-12.

ST. JOSEPH LIGHTHOUSE TOURS (SEASONAL)

Enjoy a free, self-guided tour on the first floor or book a guided tour of St. Joseph's top attraction. Older kids and adults will find the climb to the top of the tower exhilarating!

PLAYFUL ADVENTURES FOR ALL AGES

PEAT'S CIDER SOCIAL, STEVENSVILLE

Locally-made hard cider, retro bowling and arcade games.

SILVER BEACH CAROUSEL, ST. JOSEPH

The whole family will enjoy carousel rides, games, the miniature train display, concessions and a visit to the gift shop.



SHOPPING & TREATS

CABANAS, ST. JOSEPH

Hand-dipped ice cream and vintage candy shop. Try fun Michigan ice cream flavors like "Michigan Pot Hole."

DAIRY KORNER, ST. JOSEPH (SEASONAL)

Timeless St. Joseph gem perfecting soft-serve ice cream since 1956.

G & M VARIETY, ST. JOSEPH

Step back in time in this dime store filled with thousands of items from beach toys, games, puzzles, candy and affordable souvenirs.

KILWINS, ST. JOSEPH

Follow the smell of fresh waffle cones to Kilwins! Watch them make fudge while you enjoy ice cream, giant caramel apples, candy and chocolates.

THE TOY COMPANY, ST. JOSEPH

A local favorite with a wide range of toys, games and collectibles.

SWEET HAVEN CANDY, ST. JOSEPH

Charming store with a wide variety of sweets for all ages, from classic candies to modern confections.

FOREVER BOOKS, ST. JOSEPH

Kids will love exploring the shelves filled with stories that nurture their love of reading.

OH MY DARLINGS, ST. JOSEPH

This small downtown boutique is full of adorable baby items, toys, puzzles and games.





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SLACKERS FAMILY FUN CENTER, ST. JOSEPH

Bounce houses, laser tag, laser maze, arcade games and more.

THE GARDEN ICE ARENA, ST. JOSEPH

Year-round, indoor ice arena with ice skating and ice bumper cars.

THE LITTLE THINGS PLAY CAFE, ST. JOSEPH

Relax with gourmet coffee while kids play with Montessori-inspired toys in the indoor play space.

WHIRLPOOL COMPASS FOUNTAIN, ST. JOSEPH (SEASONAL)

Splash in Michigan's largest splash pad steps from Silver Beach with water cannons spraying 35 feet in the air every 15 minutes. The best part - it's free!

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

HIDDEN POINTE, BENTON HARBOR (SEASONAL)

Outdoor fun park with 18-hole miniature golf course, Jumpshot Basketball, batting cages, arcades and go-karts.

SILVER BEACH COUNTY PARK, ST. JOSEPH

One of Southwest Michigan's most popular beaches, lifeguards, playgrounds, restrooms, concessions, volleyball nets and kayak/SUP rentals make this a family favorite. Walk the pier with views of the St. Joseph Lighthouse, fish, build sandcastles, fly kites and splash in Lake Michigan.

WARREN DUNES STATE PARK, SAWYER

Explore endless hiking and outdoor opportunities at one of Michigan's most popular State Parks. Climb towering sand dunes, stake out a spot on the beach and enjoy the stunning Lake Michigan views and sunsets.

RESTAURANTS

DELICIOUS DELIGHTS FOR EVERY PALATE

CLEMENTINE'S TOO, ST. JOSEPH

Enjoy waterfront dining along the St. Joseph River and watch boats from the patio.

SILVER BEACH PIZZA, ST. JOSEPH

This iconic pizza place is a must-visit! Order a specialty pizza with a frozen schooner while the kids play with pizza dough and watch passing trains.

SILVER HARBOR BREWING COMPANY, ST. JOSEPH

Parents enjoy craft beers and pub food, while kids love the root beer and building their own pizza at this family favorite.

THE BUCK, ST. JOSEPH

Best known for their gourmet burgers, 70+ beers on tap and rooftop dining with Lake Michigan views.

THE HOT DOG KART, ST. JOSEPH (SEASONAL)

A long-standing summer tradition of downtown St. Joseph. Grab a Vienna beef Chicago dog, pop and chips and enjoy your meal in Lake Bluff Park.

Rent bikes and explore downtown St. Joseph for a fun and active family outing!





PLAN
your stay



**START PLANNING YOUR UNFORGETTABLE FAMILY
GETAWAY TO ST. JOSEPH TODAY!**

No matter the season, there are boatloads of fun awaiting your family. Your kids will be grinning from ear-to-ear making fantastic memories with the people they love most. Stay overnight, let the kids splash in the pool and extend the fun another day.

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