

Greetings Michigan

Traveler! It's finally summertime and now is your chance to enjoy the sunshine!

Charlotte Community Library is proud to present this guide to finding your next Michigan vacation destination. This guide presents the library's print and electronic tools to help you kickstart your next summer road trip.

If you have any questions, staff members are ready to assist you with your research needs.

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Things to Do in Charlotte, MI



Visit our homepage and click on [Events Calendar](#) for library events!

Experience Charlotte and visit local attractions such as...

- [Courthouse Square Museum](#)
- [Windwalker Underground Gallery](#)
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- [Charlotte Performing Arts Center](#)

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Summer 2019: Michigan Travel Resources



["Big Red" Lighthouse \(Holland, MI\)](#)



Questions or Concerns? Contact Chiara at genovesec@charlottelibrary.org or at 517-543-8859. Thank you!

Print Resources (Available for Check-Out)

- [*Cheap Travel in Michigan* by Bill Bailey and Jim DuFresne \(917.74 B\)](#): A guide to free or donation-based tourist stops in each county.
- [*Michigan: An Explorer's Guide by Jeff Counts \(917.74 C\)*](#): Detailed regional guide to destinations, dining, lodging and shopping.
- [*Michigan: Off the Beaten Path* by Jim Dufresne \(917.74 D\)](#): Trivia and information for unique and often overlooked destinations. Organized by larger regions and counties.
- [*Best Tent Camping: Michigan* by Matt Forster \(917.74 F\)](#): Ratings and information for campgrounds in each region of the state.
- [*Historic Michigan Travel Guide* edited by Larry J. Wagenaar and Izzie Bendall \(917.74 H\)](#): Convenient “glove box” guide to the historic attractions of Michigan cities.
- [*Michigan Day Trips By Theme* by Mike Link \(917.74 L\)](#): Location information and description of statewide destinations by vacation themes (ex. “Lighthouses”, “Shipwrecks”, “For Bird Watchers”).
- [*100 Things to Do in the Upper Peninsula Before You Die* by Kath Usitalo \(917.74 U\)](#): A diverse list of 100 activities and destinations unique to Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.
- [*Kids Love Michigan* by Michele Darrall Zavatsky \(917.74 Z\)](#): Family-friendly destination information across the state. Organized by regions and city.
- [*Under the Radar: The First 50* by Tom Daldin \(977.54\)](#): Book inspired by the “Under the Radar” PBS show that visits unknown and hidden attractions throughout the state. Location information is organized by city.

Electronic Library Resources

- [*Hoopla*](#): Access Michigan travel ebooks using your 3 monthly checkouts. Available ebooks include *What’s Great About Michigan?* (Anita Yasuda) & *Oddball Michigan* (Jerome Pohlen).
- [*OverDrive by Woodlands*](#): Discover downloadable travel ebooks such as *Haunted Travels of Michigan* (Kathleen Tedsen) and *The Michigan Eco-Traveler* (Sally Barber).
- [*MeLCat*](#): Request print and audio-visual travel materials from participating Michigan libraries. Items arrive within 1-3 weeks.
- [*Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center*](#): MeL eResource (database) that offers full-text pdf travel guides and relevant articles by searching “Michigan AND travel”.

Michigan Activity Pass

Interested in free and/or discounted admission? Check out the MAP Program Passes for 440 statewide attractions are available to library card holders. 5 weekly passes are available for each site. Passes are



requested and printed from the website. Passes are valid for a 7 day period. [Access the MAP Pass website by clicking the “Resources” tab at charlottelibrary.org.](http://charlottelibrary.org)

Online Resources

- [*Pure Michigan- Uniquely Michigan Attractions*](#): Tourism database of Michigan attractions organized by thematic categories (ex. amusement parks, lighthouses, racetracks, casinos). Users “build a trip” by adding locations to a shopping cart that is saved to *Road-trippers* (a free, interactive travel site).
- [*The Atlas Obscura Guide to Michigan*](#): Resource providing information for 155 quirky and unusual roadside attractions. Includes location information, images and “know before you go” tips.
- [*Michigan’s DNR*](#): Government resource for outdoor sports and recreation. Information is separated by thematic category (ex. Boating, hiking, fishing). Includes information about safety regulations, maps, state park events and the state recreation pass.
- [*Go Great Lakes Bay*](#): Location and event information for the Saginaw, Bay City, Midland region. Includes information for Frankenmuth, a longstanding popular tourist attraction.
- [*West Michigan Tourist Association*](#): Tourism website for Michigan’s Lake Michigan region. Attraction information is organized by categories including “haunted” sites. Request a free “West Michigan Guide” and “Lighthouse Map”.
- [*U.P. Travel*](#): Articles, events, lodging and attraction information for Michigan’s upper peninsula. Email newsletter is available for travel promotions.
- [*Visit Detroit– Things to Do*](#): Website of Metro-Detroit area activities that is organized by categories (museums, shopping, etc.). Itineraries are available such as “Fun Places to Go with Kids”.