VAN BUREN COUNTY

2024 FOOD, FARM, & FUN GUIDE



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WHY BUY LOCAL?

Local is more than a place on a map. Local is your friends and family, your neighbors, their farms, businesses, and events. Buying local builds resilient local food systems, stronger communities, and local economies. What better place to do this than Van Buren County?

Michigan ranks second in agricultural diversity in the US. We can see that here in Van Buren County- our soil and climate allows a huge diversity of food to thrive. Take a look at how we rank statewide!

Amongst Michigan's 83 counties, Van Buren County ranked in market value:

- 1st in fruits, tree nuts, and berries
- 4th in cultivated Christmas trees
- 5th in vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes
- 16th in hogs and pigs
- 23rd in milk from cows
- 26th in poultry and eggs

(*National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2017 Census of Agriculture)





Whatever the reason, buying local is full of benefits. Here are some benefits of buying locally-grown food:

1. The Fresher, the Better!

Fresh food does not just taste better, it is better! Food loses nutrients as time passes. Local food is closer to your table so it's more nutritious!

2. Better for the Environment

Store-bought food can come from hundreds or thousands of miles away, creating tons of pollution. Local food creates far fewer pollutants making it better for the environment.

3. Accountability

Since the farmers grow or raise the food themselves, they know what goes in it. They are accountable for what goes into making food, ask the farmer themself!

4. Better for the Local Economy

Money spent locally, stays local. Local businesses pay local taxes, hire local workers, and support other local businesses. Keeping your money local means it spreads locally, which benefits all of us.

5. Supporting the Local Farmer

Buying from local farms helps keep our neighbors in business. This helps maintain our rural character and helps farmers afford to support their families and their community.

Check out these resources on local food:

www.localharvest.org www.foodmatters.org www.mifma.org www.michiganfarmfun.com www.localdifference.org



MICHIGAN AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSURANCE PROGRAM (MAEAP)

MAEAP gives recognition to farmers and landowners who are environmental stewards. Participants address pollution risk, showing they care about the environment. Assessments are free, confidential, and non-regulatory.

Look for the logo!





The MAEAP logo means they are MAEAP verified. The "Working on" MAEAP logo means they are working toward their verification.

Are you a farmer or grower?



Are you a farmer, grower, or habitat landowner? Contact our Senior MAEAP Specialist to learn how you can be an environmental steward!

Kyle Mead, Senior MAEAP Specialist 269-205-3377 MAEAP@VanBurenCD.org



SWXSW CORNER CISMA (COOPERATIVE INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT AREA)

The SWxSW Corner CISMA is a Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area. Invasive species are non-native plants and animals whose introduction causes harm to our environment, human health, and economy. The CISMA Team helps anyone in Berrien, Cass, or Van Buren Counties to understand, prevent, and manage invasive species. Lean more about the CISMA and invasive species at



VanBurenCD.org/invasive-species

SWxSW Corner CISMA Team InvasivesEd@VanBurenCD.org 269-633-9044







FARMERS MARKETS

Farmers markets are a great place to purchase local food and products directly from vendors. Check out Van Buren County's farmers markets!

Almena Farmers Market (pg 8)

Saturdays 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (June - September) Saturdays 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (October)

Decatur Night Market (pg 27)

Last Friday of the Month 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (May - September)

Lawrence Farmers Market (pg 13)

Saturdays 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (July - October)

Lawton Farmers Market (pg 29)

Saturdays 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (July - November)

Paw Paw Farmers Market (pg 22)

Sundays 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (May - Mid-October)

South Haven Farmers Market (pg 30)

Wednesdays 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM (June - August) Saturdays 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM (May - October)

The Mattawan Market (pg 30)

Check Facebook for dates and times

Dates & hours are subject to change



ALMENA FARMERS MARKET

OPEN SATURDAYS

June through September 9 AM - 1 PM | October 10 AM - 2PM

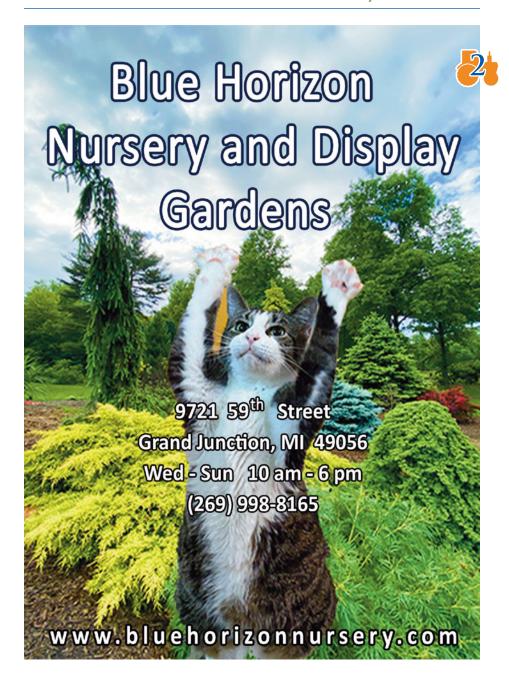
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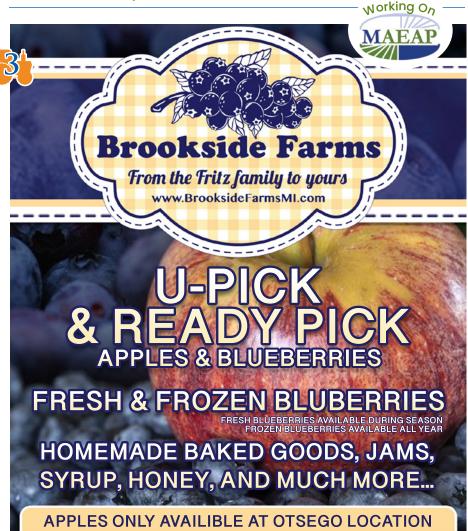
Almena Township Pavilion 27625 CR 375, Paw Paw, MI 49079

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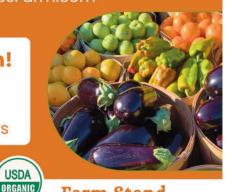


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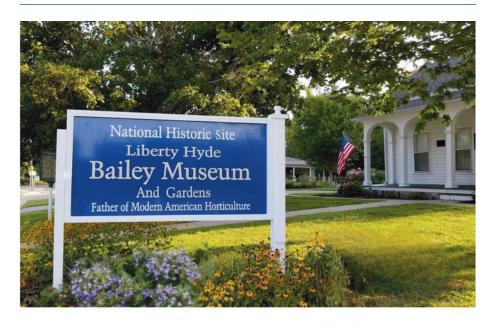
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- Political Advocacy & Influence
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- Training and Networking Events
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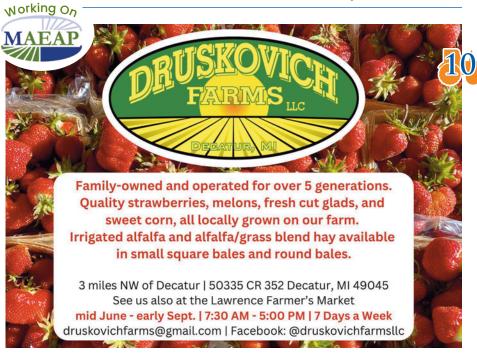


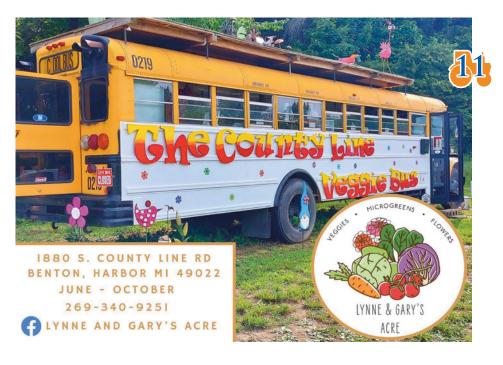
We are conveniently located .2 miles west of the South Haven exit (20B) off of I-196

We support our local farms (as well as our own), by bringing the best fruit and vegetables from the farm to you. We grow some of our own hanging baskets, cut flowers, herbs, sweet corn, tomatoes, beans, peppers, beets, pickles and zucchini.

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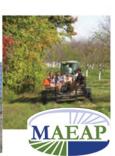
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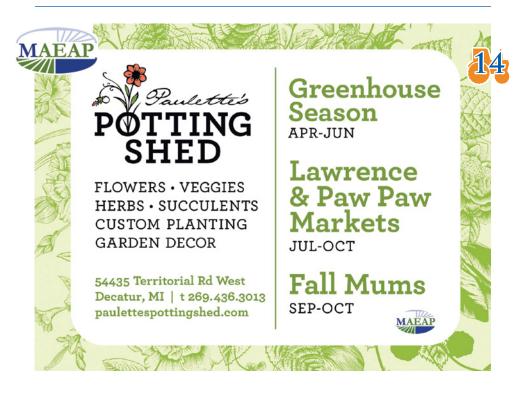
(269) 236-6312 Harvest Update (616) 836-3341 Farm

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"In Search of the Great Pumpkin" 3rd Saturday in October at 3 P.M. Great Fun! U-Pick Pumpkins! Prizes!

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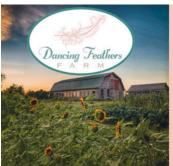




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- · Free children and adult programs
- · Many free services on our website: Hartford Day Spring Newspaper, Hoopla, Family Search, Overdrive, Learning Express, & Project Gutenberg
- · Community room rental
- · The library houses the Van Buren Regional Genealogical Society
- 12 Church St. Harford, MI 49057
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Lawton Michigan Farmers Market



Lawton Public Library

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- LawtonLibrary.com
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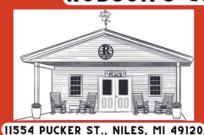
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Saturday, July 13, 2024 | 10a.m. - 4p.m. Garden Tours | Flower/Plant Sale | Gift Boutique | Treasure Barn

Tickets available for purchase May 13 online and at local businesses.

Tickets will also be sold on site the day of the event

SouthHavenGardenClub.org | Murphy's Mall | South Haven Visitor's Bureau

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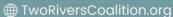








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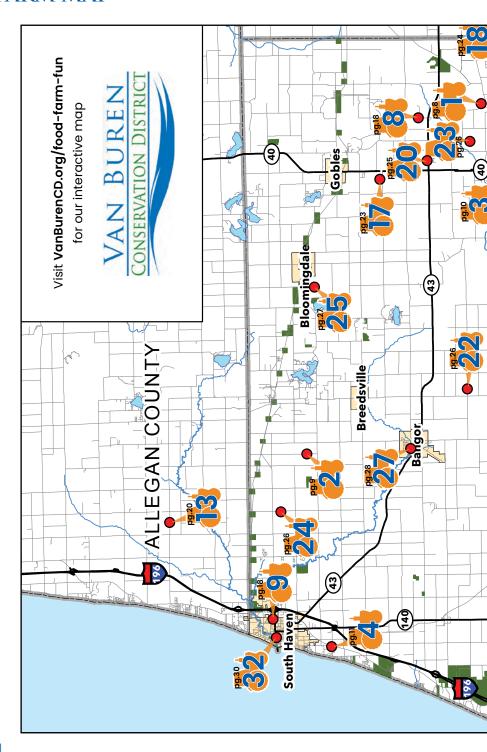


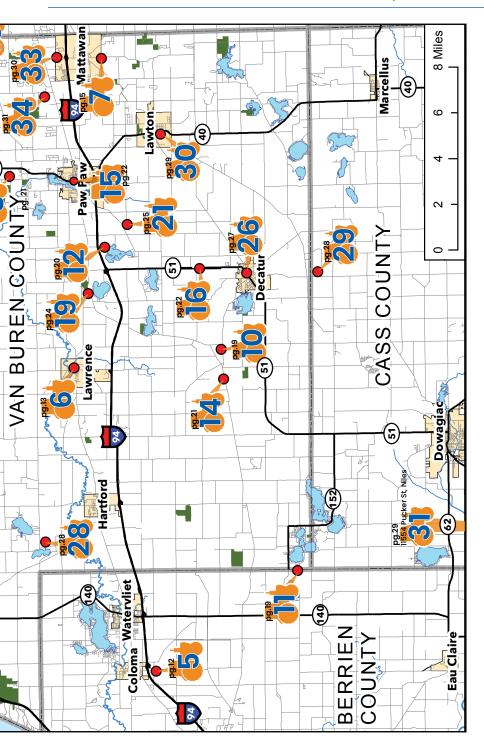
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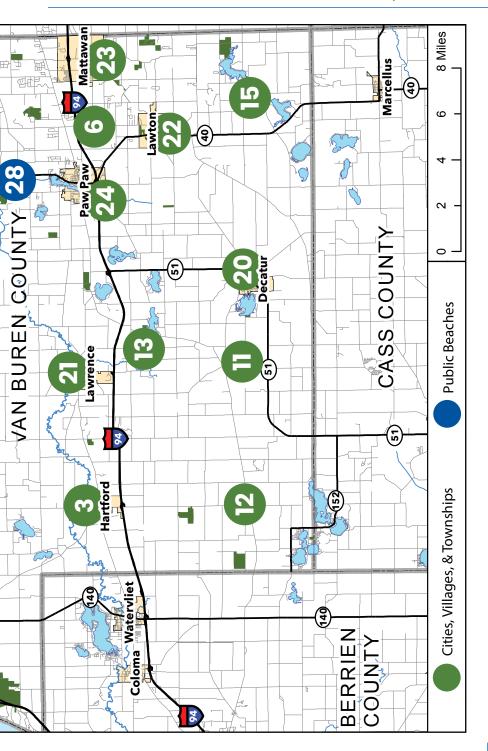
FARM MAP





PUBLIC GREEN SPACE MAP





PUBLIC GREEN SPACES

Check with municipalities and landowners for hours of operation and other potential restrictions. **Cities**

1. Bangor:

Charles Park | Don Mora Ball Park | Kids' Place Park | Kiwanis Park | Lincoln Street Overlook | Lions Park | Monroe Park | Mora Park | North Street Playground | Roadside Park/Boat Launch | Veteran's Memorial Park

2. Gobles:

City of Gobles Park | Gobles Recreational Park

3. Hartford:

Ely Park

4. South Haven:

14th Avenue Beach Access | 18th Avenue Beach Access | Baer Park | Black River Park | Black River Park Marina Boardwalk | Blue Stairs Beach Access | Cable Street Tot Lot | Celery Park Preserve | Dyckman Park | Dyckman Street Beach Access | Elkenburg Park | Ellen Avery Park | Harborwalk | Hartman Park | Historic Monroe Park | Kal-Haven Trail Extension | Kentucky Avenue Beach Access | Kids' Corner | Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum Gardens | Maritime Docks at Michigan Maritime Museum | Monroe Bluff | Newcome Street Beach Access | North Beach | Northside Marina | Oak Street Beach Access | Optimist Tot Lot | Packard Park | Pump Track | Ravinia Park | Riverfront Park | SHOUT Park | South Beach | South Haven Skate Park | Southside Marina | Stanley Johnston Park | Van Buren Stairs Beach Access | Van Buren Trail Extension | Woodman Street Beach Access

Townships

5. Almena:

Almena Township Park | Almena Woods | Martha Mott Bird Sanctuary | Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery

6. Antwerp:

Paw Paw Prairie Fen Preserve (The Nature Conservancy - TNC) | Portman Nature Preserve (Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy - SWMLC)

7. Arlington:

Fuller Woods State Game Area

8. Columbia:

Columbia Township Park | Jeptha Lake Fen (SWMLC)

9. Covert:

Barvick's Sand Dune Preserve (Michigan Nature Association - MNA) | Covert Township Park | Ross Coastal Plain Marsh Preserve (TNC)

10. Geneva:

Black River Preserve (SWMLC)

11. Hamilton:

Hamilton Township Park | Phillips Family Memorial Nature Sanctuary (MNA)

12. Keeler:

Keeler State Game Area

13. Lawrence

Lawrence Tiger Den

14. Pine Grove:

Kendall Park

15. Porter:

Cornish State Game Area | Kinney Waterfowl Production Area

16. South Haven:

Armory | Deerlick Creek Park | M-140 Nature Center | Pilgrim Haven | South Haven Area Recreational Authority (SHARA) Disc Golf Park | South Haven Area Regional Park

17. Waverly:

Van Buren County Public Hunting Area

Villages

18. Bloomingdale:

Augustus Haven Park | Bloomingdale Historical Park | Shady Brook Park

19. Breedsville:

Breedsville Park | Breedsville North Park

20. Decatur:

Decatur Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Park | Fire Station Park | Red Woolfe Park, Raider Romp | Southside Skate Park Decatur Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Park | Fire Station Park | Red Woolfe Park, Raider Romp | Southside Skate Park

21. Lawrence:

Brausch Park | Lawrence Village Park | North River Park/Paw Paw River Launch Park

22. Lawton:

Cannon Park | Chancy Lewis Park | Stephayn's Sports Complex | Reid's Corner

23. Mattawan:

Mattawan Park | Mattawan Skatepark

24. Paw Paw:

Courtyard Park | Four Prairies Open Spaces | Harris/Miller Street Park | Hazen Street Park | Kids Paradise | Lions Island/Kaiser Bridge | Maple City Veteran's Memorial Park | Maple Lake Amphitheater Park | Maple Island | Sunset Park and Boat Launch | Tyler Field | Village of Paw Paw Canoe Launch

Public Beaches

25. City of South Haven:

14th Avenue Beach Access | 18th Avenue Beach Access | Blue Stairs Beach Access | Dyckman Street Beach Access | Newcome Street Beach Access | North Beach | Oak Street Beach Access | Packard Park | South Beach | Van Buren Stairs Beach Access | Woodman Street Beach Access

26. Covert Township:

Covert Park Beach & Campground

27. South Haven Charter Township:

Deerlick Creek Park | Pilgrim Haven | Porter Legacy Dunes (SHARA)

28. Village of Paw Paw

Maple Island

Lake Public Access

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Public Launch Map https://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/MRBIS/

Public Hunting Areas

Cornish State Game Area | Fuller Woods State Game Area | Keeler State Game Area | Kinney Waterfowl Production Area | Van Buren County Public Hunting Area

Formed in 2022, the Van Buren County Parks & Recreation Commission is working to bring money into the county to expand outdoor



enjoyment opportunities. The mission of the Parks & Recreation Commission is to enhance the quality of life in Van Buren County by providing recreational, parks and leisure facilities for its residents and to protect, preserve, and enhance the county's natural resources.

Keep an eye out for more from the Commission this year!

Trails

Non-motorized recreational use with snowmobiling during winter. Horseback riding is allowed on the Van Buren State Trail.

Kal-Haven State Trail (resurfacing into early 2024)

Van Buren State Trail

Water Trails

Be mindful of private property & riparian rights.

RA = road access

WA = water access

PP = parking lot and publicly-owned land

Black River Heritage Water Trail

- Roadside Park & Boat Launch (Bangor) *PP*
- Lion's Park (Bangor) PP
- CR 687 (No maintenance between CR 687 and Phoenix Road Boat Launch) RA
- CR 384 RA
- Phoenix Road Boat Launch PP
- 71 ½ St RA
- Kal-Haven Trail Boardwalk Pavilion WA
- Black River Park Marina (South Haven) WA
- South Side Municipal Marina (South Haven) PP

Paw Paw River Water Trail

- North Briggs Pond PP
- Sunset Park Boat Launch (Paw Paw) PP
- Village of Paw Paw Canoe Launch PP
- CR 665 RA
- 40th St (No maintenance between 40th St and 48th Ave) RA
- 44th Ave RA
- 46th St RA
- 48th Ave RA
- River Access Point (North River Park, Lawrence) PP
- 54th St RA
- CR 681 RA
- 59 ½ St RA
- Hartford River Access PP
- 67 ½ St RA
- County Line Road (70th St) RA













FESTIVALS

Be mindful that events may be canceled, rescheduled, or have restrictions. Be sure to contact event organizers or check websites or social media for event updates.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Location: Ely Park Hartford, MI 49057 | Date: May 4, 2024 | Facebook: Hartford Hispanic Heritage Committee

Join us as we celebrate Hispanic cultural and traditional activities like music, crafts, and food vendors as well as on-the-spot services and educational information by local agencies. This event is made possible by the Hartford Hispanic Heritage Committee and the Hartford Lions Club.

Farm History Day

Location: Michigan Flywheelers Museum 06285 68th St, South Haven, MI 49090 |

Date: May 10, 2024 | Website: michiganflywheelers.org/links/ Facebook: @MichiganFlyWheerlersMuseum | Phone: 269-639-2010

Farm History Day is a hands-on educational event where kids (and adults) can learn about the lives of early settlers who lived on farms. Students can learn how to dip candles, churn butter, and make rope while watching the blacksmith pound iron and see logs cut into lumber. Participants take a self-quided tour which includes a visit to Olde Town which features a jail, forge, and church. Free admission. Pet-free event.

Hartford Strawberry Festival

Location: Ely Park, Hartford, MI 49057 | Date: June 7-8, 2024 |

Website: hartfordmichamber.org | Facebook: Hartford Strawberry Festival |

Phone: 269-621-5303

The Hartford Strawberry Festival takes place the second weekend in June each year in Hartford, Michigan, providing a fun, family-oriented time for all ages. The festival features rides, food vendors, a parade, contests, and more. This is a family friendly event sponsored by local businesses and the Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce.

Michigan Flywheelers Museum Swap Meet

Location: Michigan Flywheelers Museum 06285 68th St, South Haven, MI 49090 |

Date: June 7-8, 2024 | Website: michiganflywheelers.org/links/ | Facebook: @MichiganFlyWheerlersMuseum | Phone: 269-639-2010

Over 110 vendors sell everything from antiques to flowers at this two-day event. A fundraiser for the museum, the Swap Meet has evolved into one of the largest annual flea markets in the area. This event has pet and merchandise restrictions, paid admission, and paid camping is available.

FESTIVALS CONTINUED

Antique Engine & Classic Boat Show

Location: Michigan Maritime Museum, 260 Dyckman Ave, South Haven, MI 49090 |

Date: June 15, 2024 | **Website:** michiganmaritimemuseum.org/events/ | **Facebook:** Michigan Maritime Museum | **Email:** info@maimaritime.org |

Phone: 269-637-8078

The Michigan Maritime Museum presents the 43rd Annual Antique & Classic Boat Show in South Haven. This event celebrates all kinds of antique and classic small craft from power boats to paddle boats. Woodworkers and collectors alike will show their boats, and demonstrations on boat building techniques will be featured. Fun for the whole family!

HarborFest

Location: South Haven, MI 49090 | Dates: June 15-16, 2024 |

Website: southhavenharborfest.com | **Facebook:** @SoHaHarborFest | **Email:** info@southhavenharborfest.com | **Phone:** 269-767-8402

HarborFest is a celebration of Southwest Michigan's unique maritime history. Enjoy water events including dragon boat races, a craft fair, kid activities and rides, and great music.

South Haven Art Fair

Location: Stanley Johnston Park, 202 Dyckman Ave, South Haven, MI 49090 | Dates: July 6-7, 2024 | Website: southhavenarts.org/southhavenartfair2024 | Facebook: South Haven Center for the Arts | Email: info@southhavenarts.org | Phone: 269-637-1041

The South Haven Art Fair, produced by the South Haven Center for the Arts, is a two-day juried festival held one block from the Lake Michigan shore on the first weekend of July. This fine art fair features painting, pastel, drawing, sculpture, photography, glass, wood, clay, jewelry, and wearable art. We look forward to seeing you there.

Van Buren County Youth Fair

Location: Van Buren Youth Fairgrounds, 55670 CR 681, Hartford, MI 49057 |

Date: July 15–21, 2024 | **Website:** vanburenyouthfair.com | **Facebook:** Van Buren Youth Fair | **Phone:** 269–621–2038

Started more than 150 years ago, the Van Buren County Youth Fair promotes the best the county has to offer through livestock and exhibits of all kinds, whether it be floral, garden, woodworking, or baking. This week-long event is full of activities for the kids, rides, music, food vendors, and so much more.

National Blueberry Festival

Location: South Haven, MI 49090 | Dates: August 8-11, 2024 |

Website: blueberryfestival.com | Facebook: The National Blueberry Festival |

Email: info@blueberryfestival.com | Phone: 269-767-7159

The National Blueberry Festival is one of the country's oldest continuously-running fruit festivals! In South Haven, we celebrate the importance of blueberries in Van Buren County with a large historic and cultural celebration of this mighty fruit! There are vendors, food, shopping, a host of activities, a race, parades, an art fair, and so much more!

Blueberry Festival Craft Fair

Location: Stanley Johnston Park, 202 Dyckman Ave, South Haven, MI 49090 | Dates: August 10-11, 2024 | Website: southhavenmi.com/pages/CraftFairs |

Facebook: South Haven Chamber of Commerce | Email: cofc@southhavenmi.com |

Phone: 269-637-5171

Every year the National Blueberry Festival draws tens of thousands of visitors to the South Haven area. This craft fair, which features both fine art and handmade crafts, typically has over 175 vendors in scenic Stanley Johnston Park. The popular fair serves as a fundraiser for both the Chamber and the Blueberry Festival.

All Crafts Fair

Location: Stanley Johnston Park, 202 Dyckman Ave, South Haven, MI 49090 |

Dates: August 31 & September 1, 2024 | Website: southhavenmi.com/pages/CraftFairs |

Facebook: South Haven Chamber of Commerce |
Email: cofc@southhavenmi.com | Phone: 269-637-5171

Each Labor Day Weekend the Chamber of Commerce coordinates this two day craft fair that brings over 130 exhibitors to Stanley Johnston Park and more than 15,000 people to the South Haven area. Come to shop the beautiful art, crafts, jewelry, and delicious food!

Lawrence Ox Roast & Homecoming

Location: Lawrence Village Park, 101-299 N Elizabeth St, Lawrence, MI 49064 |

Dates: August 31 - September 2, 2024 | Website: lawrenceoxroast.com |

Facebook: Lawrence Ox Roast | Email: lawrenceoxroast@gmail.com |

Phone: 269-569-1405

All weekend there will be various booths to explore, food vendors, a beer tent, the carnival, kids train ride, petting zoo, and live music performances. There is a 5K/10K/15K Walk & Run, a local farmers markets and crafts show, a car show, a basketball tournament, book sale, parades, live bands, and a fireworks display.

Antique Engine & Tractor Day

Location: Michigan Flywheelers Museum 06285 68th St, South Haven, MI 49090 | **Dates:** September 5-8, 2024 | **Website:** michiganflywheelers.org/links/ |

Facebook: @MichiganFlyWheerlersMuseum | Phone: 269-639-2010

One of the largest shows of its kind in the state! The Antique Engine and Tractor Show features hundreds of old farm machinery, demonstrations, parades, live entertainment, kids activities and more. All four days are filled with things to see and do for the entire family. Visit our website for the schedule of events. Admission is paid.

Paw Paw Wine And Harvest Festival

Location: Paw Paw, MI 49079 | **Dates:** September 13-15, 2024 |

Website: wineandharvestfestival.com | Facebook: @PawPawWineAndHarvest |

Phone: 269-655-1111

The Paw Paw Wine & Harvest Festival has celebrated the grape growing and wine making industry for over 100 years and is held the weekend after Labor Day. Enjoy three days of activities including the festival parade, races, and the grape stomp. There are vendors, live entertainment, fireworks, the automotive show, and more!

FESTIVALS CONTINUED

Lakeshore Harvest Ride

Location: South Haven to Saugatuck, MI | **Date:** September 14, 2024 | **Website:** Ihride.com | **Facebook:** Friends of the Blue Star Trail |

Email: FOTBST@gmail.com

Welcome to the one Michigan bike tour that lets you see, touch, smell and taste the riches of this breathtaking region. The Lakeshore Harvest Ride guides you through the rolling countryside of Southwest Michigan. You can visit wineries, cider mills, family farms, orchards and art studios along the way. And there are individual bike routes for every rider, ranging from 15 to 62 miles in length.

Bloomingdale Oktoberfest

Location: Bloomingdale, MI 49026 | Dates: September 20-22, 2024 | Facebook: Bloomingdale Oktoberfest | Email: kimo@bcistaff.com |

Phone: 269-521-7301

A small town festival held annually in Bloomingdale with lots of activities! There are craft booths, a beer tent, food vendors, inflatables for kids, cornhole tournaments, open museums, live music, fireworks, and more! On Sunday, there is a pancake breakfast hosted by the Bloomingdale Fire Department.

Bangor Apple Festival

Location: Bangor, MI 49013 | Dates: October TBD, 2024 |

Facebook: Bangor Apple Festival | Email: holcomb_91@yahoo.com

The Bangor Apple Festival offers a lot for the whole family! This one-day event is filled with kids activities, live bands, the Lions Club car show, arts and crafts (perfect for finding local goods), and the festival committee is adding more activities every year. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Cranberry Harvest Day

Location: DeGrandchamp Farms, 76241 14th Ave, South Haven, MI 49090

Dates: October 5 & 12, 2024 | Website: degrandchamps.com |

Facebook: @DeGrandchampFarms | Email: info@degrandchampfarms.com |

Phone: 269-637-3915

Once a year, DeGrandchamp Farms opens their cranberry fields so that the public can share the beauty of the harvest. Enjoy tractor rides, the sorting line, activities for the kids, and more. Check out the retail market for cranberry products and other DeGrandchamp products!

New Year's Eve Celebration & Fireworks

Location: South Haven, MI 49090 | **Dates:** December 31, 2024 | **Website:** southhaven.org/events | **Facebook:** Visit South Haven |

Email: info@southhaven.org | Phone: 800-764-2836

Join us for an unforgettable night of celebration! Here in South Haven, we will close our streets, drop a thousand beach balls, and light up the sky with midnight fireworks. Experience family-friendly fun, warming stations, local cuisine, and live music.

Ice Breaker Festival

Location: South Haven, MI 49090 | Dates: January 31 - February 2, 2025 |

Website: www.southhavenmi.com | Facebook: South Haven Chamber of Commerce |

Email: cofc@southhavenmi.com | Phone: 269-637-5171

The quiet winter streets of South Haven heat up with activity and people! West Michigan's predominant and growing winter festival is showcasing dazzling ice sculptures, chili cook-off, cardboard sled races, pub slide, outdoor ice skating, horse drawn wagon rides, s'mores roasting, snowsuit fashion contest, and many more exciting activities throughout downtown South Haven.







MUSEUMS

Bangor Historical Society

229 W Monroe St., Bangor, MI 49013 | www.bangormihistory.com

Bloomingdale Area Historical Association

215 W Spring St., Bloomingdale, MI 49026 | www.vanburencountymi.gov/447/ Bloomingdale-Area-Historical-Association

Covert Historical Museum

33805 M-140 Hwy., Covert, MI 49043 | www.coverthm.org

Historical Association of South Haven

355 Hubbard St., South Haven, MI 49090 | historyofsouthhaven.org

Lawton Heritage Museum

646 N Nursery St., Lawton, MI 49065 | lawtonheritagemuseum.org

Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum

903 S Bailey Ave., South Haven, MI 49090 | libertyhydebailey.org

Michigan Flywheelers Museum

06285 68th St., South Haven, MI 49090 | michiganflywheelers.org

Michigan Maritime Museum

260 Dyckman Ave., South Haven, MI 49090 | michiganmaritimemuseum.org

South Haven Center for the Arts

600 Phoenix St., South Haven, MI 49090 | southhavenarts.org

The Mitten Children's Museum

246 Broadway St., South Haven, MI | www.forevercuriousmuseum.org

Van Buren Historical Society Museum

58471 Red Arrow Hwy., Hartford, MI 49057 | vanburencountymuseum.org

Spring



Mid-March — Mid -June

Food

Asparagus, Garlic Scapes, Greens, Hoop-house Greens, Maple Syrup, Morels, Peas, Radishes, Ramps, Rhubarb, Scallions, Strawberries

U-Pick Asparagus, Strawberries



Fun

Baby Animals, Blossom Festivals, Easter Egg Hunts, Maple Syrup Festivals, Mushroom Hunting & Festivals, Strawberry Festivals

Summer



Mid-June – Mid-September

Food

Apricots, Beans, Beets, Blueberries, Broccoli, Cabbage, Cantaloupe, Carrots, Cauliflower, Cucumbers, Early Apples, Eggplant, Garlic, Greens, Herbs, Kale, Lettuce, Onions, Pawpaws, Peaches, Peppers, Plums, Potatoes, Raspberries, Saskatoons, Summer Squash, Sweet Corn, Swiss Chard, Tomatoes, Watermelon, Zucchini

U-Pick Asparagus, Blueberries, Cherries, Herbs, Peaches, Peppers, Raspberries, Tomatoes



Fun

Blueberry Festivals, County & Regional Fairs, Sunflower Festivals

Autumn



September – November

Food

Apples, Apple Cider, Beans, Beets, Blackberries, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Carrots, Caramel Apples, Celery, Chestnuts, Donuts, Fall Raspberries, Grapes, Kale, Kettle Corn, Leeks, Onions, Parsnips, Pears, Plums, Potatoes, Pumpkins, Rutabaga, Sweet Potatoes, Turnips, Winter Squash

U-Pick Apples, Fall Raspberries, Gourds, Pears, Pumpkins



Fun



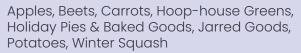
Apple Picking, Corn Mazes, Cider Mills, Fall Harvest Festivals, Grape Harvest, Hayrides, Pumpkin Carving

Winter



December – Mid-March

Food







Fun

Choose & Cut Christmas Trees, Christmas Wreaths, Cooking Classes, Garland, Holiday Events with Santa & Reindeer, Holiday Wine Dinners, Horse-drawn Sleigh Rides, Live Nativity Events

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