

Headway SUMMIT 2025



FAMILY FUN GUIDE





PLACES TO GET

CLOSE TO ANIMALS

Get wild with lions, tigers, bears, and more at some of our favorite animal spots.

- **Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park**

8313 Pratt Lake SE, Alto

Hand-feed giraffes, go on a wild safari tour, and hang with the parakeets in their large aviary. Or head over to their brand new rhino habitat!

boulderridgegewap.com

- **John Ball Zoo *See you on Family Night!***

1300 W Fulton St, Grand Rapids

At JBZ kids can get close to and learn about so many animals! They have opportunities to participate in many hands-on experiences like camel riding, feeding budgies, and brushing goats in the petting zoo.

jbzoo.org

- **Fellinlove Farm**

6364 144th Ave, Holland

Fall in love with ponies, rabbits, hedgehogs, pigs, goats, and more at this farm. With many opportunities to interact with all kinds of animals, your kids will love to visit.

fellinlovefarm.com



A DAY TRIP AT

Michigan's Adventure

Two parks for the price of one ticket? Yes, please! Thrill seekers will be happy at Michigan's Adventure with their 60+ rides and seven roller coasters. Cool off later at WildWater Adventure for the best waterpark rides.

ADVENTURE PARK HIGHLIGHTS

Kids love Camp Snoopy, the Carousel, and Timbertown Railway

Five WILD rides for thrillseekers!

- Corkscrew
- RipCord
- Shivering Timbers
- Thunderhawk
- Wolverine Wildcat

WILDWATER ADVENTURE WATER PARK FAVORITES

- Lazy River
- Swan Paddle Boat
- Wave Pool
- Funnel of Fear
- "Beach Party" splash zone

Tips for A Great Family Trip

1 DOWNLOAD THE MICHIGAN'S ADVENTURE APP BEFORE YOU GO FOR:

Height/weight restriction info for rides

Ride status info and wait times

Park map with routes

2 PLANNING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Arrive early to hit the more popular rides before the wait times increase.

Confirm hours of operation. These vary throughout the season and differ between the waterpark and amusement park.

Get a Parent Swap Pass at the Group Sales office to avoid waiting in line twice if you have littles that cannot go on bigger rides.



3 DRESS FOR BOTH PARKS

Wear rash guards, swim shorts and swimsuits to explore the theme park first..

For babies and toddlers, plan on water shoes, life jackets, and extra swim diapers at WildWater Adventure, as they are required..

4 FOOD OPTIONS

There are many options available inside the parks, including vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, dairy-free and other allergen-friendly choices, too. Whether you crave a cold smoothie or bratwurst from a buffet, Michigan's Adventure has it.

Coolers are not allowed in the park but re-entry is, so another option is to pack a lunch and tailgate in the parking lot.



PLACES TO GET

COOLED OFF

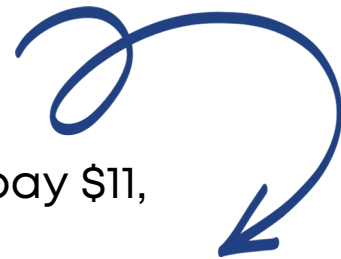
Cool off at one of four mega pools! Boasting huge slides and shallow and deep ends, pools are big fun in the city!

- **Richmond Park Pool**
1101 Richmond St NW, Grand Rapids
- **MLK Pool**
900 Fuller Ave SE, Grand Rapids
- **Briggs Park Pool**
350 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids
- **Holland Aquatic Center**
550 Maple Ave, Holland, MI 49423



OR...

Head to one of our nearby State Parks with public beaches! At state parks, out of state vehicles will pay \$11, motorcycles will pay \$7.



- **Holland State Park**

2215 Ottawa Beach Rd, Holland

Holland State Park is one of Michigan's most visited state parks. View Big Red Lighthouse directly across the channel to the south, or take a stroll north along the beachfront. Holland State Park offers a concession stand with modern restrooms and changing area and a small playground.

- **Grand Haven State Park**

1001 Harbor Avenue, Grand Haven

This is a 48-acre park with the beautiful sandy shore of Lake Michigan along the west side and the Grand River along the north side. The park consists entirely of beach sand and provides scenic views of Lake Michigan and the Grand Haven pier and lighthouse. Many accessible features available including a playground, metal detecting area, and the Singing Fountain.



Play and Learn

GR Children's Museum

With so much to do, your kids will have fun for hours. Exhibits rotate on a monthly basis.

11 Sheldon Ave NE Grand Rapids

The Grand Rapids Children's Museum has come a long way since its first days as a museum "without walls" in Woodland Mall in 1993. With its mosaic-mural facade and rainbow-colored street, the building beckons kids and adults inside with the promise of play.

Once inside, will you dress up as a favorite animal, pretend to run a restaurant or grocery shop at the kid-sized Meijer? Or will you head straight for the bubbles?

The possibilities inside of these four walls are only limited by your imagination. There are two floors of awesome just waiting to be discovered.

Hours of Operation:
Tuesday- Saturday: 9am-4pm

Admission:
Under 1 is FREE – Ages 1-64 are \$12 – Seniors (65+) are \$11



Choose Your Experience

*GR Public
Museum*

Wave to Finny! The fin whale's skeleton soars over the first floor as you enter the exhibits.

272 Pearl Street NW Grand Rapids

The Grand Rapids Public Museum offers exciting experiences for toddlers on up from long-standing favorites like our **1928 Spillman Carousel** overlooking the Grand River to imaginative temporary exhibits like **Building Buddies**, a dynamic playground of exploration that will ignite your inspiration and enthusiasm for the boundless possibilities of teamwork and imagination.

Then check out the **Roger B. Chaffee Planetarium**. Located within the GRPM, the Chaffee Planetarium is named after the Grand Rapids-born astronaut who lost his life in the 1967 Apollo 1 spacecraft fire. There is an additional cost for the Planetarium.

Museum Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday | 9 am - 5 pm
Saturday | 10 am - 5 pm

Admission Prices:

- Adults are \$12
- Children 3 - 17 are \$5
- Children 2 and under are FREE

Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

More than just a stunning botanical garden or sculpture park, this worth-the-drive destination contains over 150 acres of fun for every family member.

LENA MEIJER CHILDREN'S GARDEN | play, learn, explore



Mouse Hole Entrance

Kids love to enter the Children's Garden through a child-sized mouse hole.



Treehouse Village

Climb into the four connected trees. Kids can sit in an enormous bird's nest, play the "Who Lives Here" game, or look for giant insects.



Storytelling Garden

Has spots to put on a puppet or theater show, complete with performance hut and amphitheater seats.



Great Lakes Garden

An interactive mini-replica of the Great Lakes. Kids can launch a boat or build a bridge, and then walk on all the Great Lakes states.



Kid Sense Garden

Use all 5 senses to find a leaf that feels like a lamb's ear, discover a flower that looks like an eyeball or sniff a plant that smells like buttered popcorn.



Wooded Wetlands

Allows children to enter the kid-sized beaver lodge and use their imagination to pretend to be beavers.



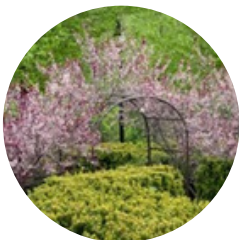
Rock Quarry

Dig for buried fossils with hands, shovels or hand-operated diggers.



Log Cabin

Become a pioneer by playing with old-fashioned toys in the Log Cabin.



Butterfly Maze

Solve the Butterfly Maze by navigating the right path, then ring the bell to sound a victory.

1000 East Beltline Avenue NE
Grand Rapids

HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday - Friday from 9am - 9pm

RATES

- Children (2 and younger) FREE
- Children (3-13) \$10.00
- Adults (14-64) \$20.00

Summer Highlights

David & Carol Van Andel Children's Gallery Curiosity Courtyard: A Garden Discovery Experience

This 2,500 square foot exhibition in the **David & Carol Van Andel Children's Gallery** is a bold, bright and immersive place for indoor exploration and creative play. Inspired by Frances Hodgson Burnett's beloved classic **The Secret Garden** and composed of elements popular in English garden design, this space includes ten engaging activity stations designed for our youngest guests – and their adults! – to expand their imaginations and grow their curiosity:

- Green screen photo opportunity
- Gazebo seating area
- Rose trellis pruning activity
- Frog fountain light table
- Hedge maze pathway
- Lawn games play area
- Topiary magnet wall
- "Secret Garden" reading nook
- Caretaker's Cottage planting beds
- Garden Explorer scavenger hunt cards



HOURS OF OPERATION:

Wednesday - Saturday | 9 am-12:30 pm and 1:15-5 pm
Closed daily from 12:30-1:15 pm for cleaning



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