

Family Fun Things to Do in Detroit Michigan

We've put together a Parental Detroit Bucket List. Things in and around metro Detroit that parents can do with the kids — whether they're just learning their first words or getting ready to graduate from high school.

These are early fall-time and anytime adventures that don't take a lot of time or money — and that's the point. It's all about creating **family-fun memories**.

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FEATURES

Art & Culture, Food & Drink,
Outdoor, Sports & Recreation

DESTINATIONS

Downtown Detroit,
Dearborn/Wayne, Greater
Novi, Macomb, Oakland

1 GET A TOUR OF DETROIT



- Go for a boat ride on the Detroit River with [Diamond Jack's River Tours](#) or the [Detroit Princess Riverboat](#).
- Ride the [Detroit People Mover](#) just for fun.
- Take a spin on the **Cullen Family Carousel** in Rivard Plaza along the [Detroit International RiverWalk](#).

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EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN DETROIT



- See the toy trains and old-time streetscape at the [Detroit Historical Museum](#), and make some music in the museum’s Kid Rock Music Lab.
- Smell the flowers at the [Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory](#) on Belle Isle Park.
- Attend a drop-in workshop at the [Detroit Institute of Arts](#).
- See a show at the [Fox Theatre](#).
- Stargaze at the [Michigan Science Center](#).
- See the Rosa Parks’ bus — and other American artifacts — at the [Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation](#).
- Ride in a Ford Model T at [Greenfield Village](#).
- Chill with the penguins at the [Detroit Zoo](#)’s new Polk Penguin Conservation Center.
- Make it a day at [Great Lakes Crossing Outlets](#). Shop and drop in at the [Sea Life Michigan Aquarium](#), [Legoland Discovery Center Michigan](#) and [Peppa Pig World of Play](#).

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SPORTS GAMES



- Get your face painted alongside the little ones during a Sunday Kids Day at [Comerica Park](#). (Get a photo with the giant Tiger outside, too.)
- Experience [Detroit Lions](#) football at [Ford Field](#).
- Get ready to take the kids to [Little Caesars Arena](#) next season.

4 FOOD FOR KIDS



- Share a Coney dog and chili cheese fries at [American](#) or [Lafayette Coney Island](#).
- Pick apples and see how cider is made at [Westview Orchards & Adventure Farm](#). Then, eat an apple and drink the cider.
- Learn how chocolate is made — and have a free sample — at [Sanders Candy](#).

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PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES



- Go bowling at [Garden Bowl](#) — America’s oldest active bowling center and Detroit’s original home of Rock ‘n’ Bowl.
- Bike along the Detroit riverfront. (Rent your two-wheeler — ones with child seats, too — at [Wheelhouse Detroit](#).)
- Enjoy a picnic at one — or all — of the 13 [Huron-Clinton Metroparks](#).
- Float along the lazy river inside the indoor waterpark at [Wyndham Garden – Sterling Heights](#).
- Play in the fountains at [The Mall at Partridge Creek](#), if the weather permits.