

# Things to Do: Deer Widows Weekend

Fall in Michigan marks the time of year that those who hunt leave their significant others to saunter in the woods in search of a white-tailed prize. We endearingly call those left behind while those who hunt our "deer widows." During Deer Widows Weekend, they are ready to hunt down their own kind of fun, and we are ready to help them find it right here in The D.

**ONE WEEKEND |**  
**24-72 HOURS**

## FEATURES

Entertainment, Nightlife

## DESTINATIONS

Downtown Detroit,  
Dearborn/Wayne, Macomb,  
Oakland

## 1 GIRL'S NIGHT OUT



Put on your best dress and dancing shoes because after dark, metro Detroit will be geared up to help you let your hair down.

- Downtown Northville's Girls Night Out: Shopping starts at 5 p.m. with special events, drawings, and discounts at many of Northville's 50 retail stores. From art galleries to boutiques to home decor and more, there's something for women of all ages and styles. After you've experienced the stores, take the girls to one of over 20 bars and restaurants without ever moving your car.
- Downtown Fenton Ladies Night Out: Deer widows receive a punch card that, when full, can be entered into a drawing to win prizes and gift cards to participating businesses. Some examples of shops that have participated include A Joyful Noise, Guenter Beholz Jeweler, Phoenix Hair Salon, Red Fox Footwear and Yesterday's Treasures.
- **Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle**, Royal Oak: Like to laugh? Mark Ridley's offers a wide variety of shows from a wide variety of comedians.

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## SHOPPING AND OUTLET MALLS



Put on your comfortable shoes, fill your wallet full of credit cards with a zero balance and exercise that eye that always finds the best bargains. Metro Detroit has shopping centers and outlet malls with discounts galore. Many of them with special deals and weekend bargains just for deer widows armed with days of independence.

- **Great Lakes Crossing Outlets** in Auburn Hills has more than 180 unique shopping options. Check out fabulous stores like the Talbots Outlet, Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th, Swarovski and many more who all have discounts throughout the season. Visitors from over 50 miles away can each receive a “Passport to Shopping,” full of discounts and special offers from over 100 retailers. Please stop at the Guest Services Desk in District 4 and say you are here for the Passport to Shopping!
- Birch Run Premium Outlets in Birch Run is about a 90-minute drive for metro Detroit, but it’s worth the ride if you have a day to spare. The first weekend of firearms hunting season is the outlets’ annual Deer Widows Weekend. Check in at the information center before you shop and claim your Deer Widow status and shopping guide. Deeper discounts and free gifts.
- **Tanger Outlet Center** in Howell is just outside of the metro Detroit area, but it is well worth the few extra miles! Coach, Tommy Hilfiger, Guess and more are staples at this outdoor center, but there are so many more shops in between.
- **The Mall at Partridge Creek** in Clinton Township has more than 90 stores with an outdoor, open format. Check out the deals running in mid November at several store including Nordstrom, The Gap and at Ski by Journeys.

### Other Malls

- **Lakeside Mall** is Macomb County’s premier indoor shopping destination
- **Somerset Collection** boasts an upscale shopping experience
- **Fairlane Town Center** is a Dearborn mainstay featuring all of your favorite shops
- **Twelve Oaks Mall** is Novi’s biggest destination to stroll and shop
- **Ikea**. Yes, it’s a single store, but it’s really more like its own mini-mall.

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#### Downtowns and Quirky Shopping Districts

- [Downtown Ferndale](#) is a patch of diversity and culture featuring 60 specialty retail stores, novelty shops, wineries and breweries
- [Downtown Plymouth](#) is home to many independent retailers and restaurants
- The Nautical Mile is a concentrated area featuring boutiques, gifts and dining options with a waterfront flair
- At [Eastern Market](#), go behind the food, fruit and flowers and you'll find vintage clothing, Michigan-made goods and handcrafted treasures. Division Street Boutique sells all of your "Detroit Hustles Harder" garb. Or if you are looking to stock up on clothing, gourmet goods and household items, stop by Savvy Chic Trends
- [Downtown Rochester](#) has fine dining, breweries, art galleries and shopping
- [The Village of Grosse Pointe](#) features upscale shopping and elegant dining.

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## TOURS OF DETROIT



We've got tours of all types: architecture, food and bar and brewery strolls happening the second half of November. Some are guided, others are not. Some you walk, some you take a bus. Not all of them by far, but here's a few highlights.

- **Feet on the Street's** Eastern Market tour provides strolling and tasting throughout the market.
- **Detroit Experience Factory** has a free walking tour every Saturday from 2-4 p.m.
- **Show Me Detroit Tours** offers daily sightseeing tours at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- **Detroit Urban Adventures** offers downtown walking tours such as The D You Must See or Detroit's Rise, Fall and Renewal.
- **Motor City Brew Tours** offers guided bus, bike or walking tours to Michigan breweries.

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## HOLIDAY LIGHTS TO GET YOU IN THE SPIRIT



Holiday Lights Cities all around metro Detroit start stringing up lights and putting up Christmas trees for all to see in mid-November.

- **Wayne County Lightfest** is a favorite for families and friends alike. Enter on Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland.
- **Wild Lights in the Detroit Zoo** on weekends starts in November.
- Detroit's tree lighting in **Campus Martius Park** is in November and includes performances from some of Detroit's best talents.
- **Lagniappe** is downtown Rochester's Big Bright Light Show debuts in November.

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## D DISCOUNT PASS

**The D Discount Pass** saves you 20% or more on entrance to Detroit's best-loved attractions. Get discounts on popular attractions, such as The Henry Ford, Detroit Institute of Arts, Motown Museum and Sea Life Michigan Aquarium, to name a few. What are you waiting for? Sign up!