

BEAT THE HEAT IN WEST MICHIGAN

Beat The Heat with Beaches, Splash Pads, Spray Parks, and Pools in West Michigan

BEACHES:

[Duck Lake State Park – Muskegon](#): Home to Duck Lake, a half mile of Lake Michigan shoreline, and towering sand dunes. A shallow channel connecting Duck Lake and Lake Michigan is perfect for water play with little ones. Pet-friendly!

[P.J. Hoffmaster State Park – Muskegon](#): Features a wide, dog-friendly shoreline and towering dunes, making it a great spot for swimming and watching sunsets.

[Pere Marquette Park – Muskegon](#): This 27-acre park features a beautiful expanse of clean, sandy beach that is surf raked daily. Swim, sunbathe, play volleyball, kiteboard, and more.

[Lake Harbor Beach Park – Norton Shores](#): Features 4,000 feet of footage on Lake Michigan, 2,000 feet on the Mona Lake Channel, and 1,500 feet on Mona Lake. The walkway along Mona Lake provides an ideal fishing area.

[North Beach Park – Ferrysburg](#): This quieter, seven-acre waterfront park offers swimming and sunbathing along 745 feet of Lake Michigan shoreline. During the summer, a barrier-free beach walkway is available.

[Grand Haven State Park](#): Known for its sandy beach, scenic views of the pier and lighthouse, and activities like camping, fishing, and swimming.

[Rosy Mound Natural Area – Grand Haven](#): Known for its stunning views of Lake Michigan and its dunes, forested trails, and natural, more secluded beaches.

[Kirk Park – West Olive](#): Stretching along Lake Michigan's shoreline for over a third of a mile, this park boasts 68 acres of sandy beach, high bluffs, and wooded dunes.

Holland State Park: Famous for its expansive, sandy beach on Lake Michigan and Lake Macatawa. There's plenty of room for sunbathing, family fun, recreation, or relaxing.

Tunnel Park – Holland: In addition to the unique tunnel through a dune, this park has a children's playground complete with a dune climb and a stairway with scenic views of Lake Michigan.

Oval Beach – Saugatuck: Offers a classic beach experience in Saugatuck, popular for its soft sand and family-friendly atmosphere.

POOLS:

Spring Lake Fitness & Aquatic Center: Family Pool is maintained at 86 degrees and features a 100ft spiral water slide, rope bridge, lazy river, splash zone, and zero entry pool.

- 16140 148th Ave, Spring Lake, MI 49456
- Hot Tub and Steam Room also available
- Private & Open Swim pool parties available
- Monday – Thursday 5:05am – 9:00pm / Friday 5:05am-8:00pm / Saturday 7:30am-4:00pm / Sunday 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Scharmer & Harris Clubhouse Aquatic Center: Located at the Boys & Girls Club and Neal Fitness Center, this 6-Lane, 25m Pool is maintained at 82 degrees.

- 900 W Western Ave, Muskegon, MI 49441
- Swim lessons and Red Cross Training services available
- Monday – Friday 5:30am – 8:30pm / Saturday 8:00am – 1:00pm / Sunday 12:00pm-5:00pm

Holland Aquatic Center: Featuring 9 pools including instructional pools, community lap pools, activity pool & lazy river, splash zone & water slide, therapy pool, and warm zone with sauna, steam room and a whirlpool spa.

- 550 Maple Ave, Holland, MI 49423
- Hosting pool birthday parties is available

Briggs Park Pool: This popular spot has a large, twisty-turny waterslide and diving boards for adventurers, and lots of room for everyone to swim and play!

- 350 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids
- Mondays: Closed / Tuesdays-Saturdays: 12:00-7:00 pm / Sundays: 12:00-5:00 pm

Martin Luther King Park Pool: This massive pool is a magnet in the summer! There's lots of space to swim, lots of new friends to make, and a giant waterslide.

- 1200 MLK Jr. St SE, Grand Rapids
- Mondays: Closed / Tuesdays-Saturdays: 12:00-7:00 pm / Sundays: 12:00-5:00 pm

Richmond Park Pool: The best place to cool off on the city's northwest side! Their large pool has a waterslide, zero-depth entry, mushroom fountain, concessions, and more.

- 1101 Richmond St NW, Grand Rapids
- Mondays: Closed / Tuesdays-Saturdays: 12:00-7:00 pm / Sundays: 12:00-5:00 pm

SPLASH PADS & SPRAY ZONES

Alcoa Celebration Square: Small splash pad in Downtown Muskegon with fun spray features and concrete surface

- 285 W Western Ave, Muskegon
- June 1 through end of September
- Daily 8am-11pm

Tanglefoot Park: surrounded by grassy areas, great for picnics, in the heart of Spring Lake.

- 312 West Savidge, Spring Lake,
- Open Daily from 10am-8pm

Aberdeen Park Splash Pad: The splash pad is a mitten shape and features Michigan-based structures including a bald eagle, black bear, morel mushroom, lighthouse, and more.

- 2230 Eastern Ave NE, Grand Rapids
- June 6 through September 13
- Daily from 10:00 am-9:00 pm
- No fee

Alger Park Splash Pad: This splash pad has tons of fun spray features that will keep the kids busy for hours.

- 921 Alger St SE, Grand Rapids
- June 6 through September 13
- Daily from 10:00 am-9:00 pm
- No fee

Cherry Park Splash Pad: This splash pad or "water playground" has a concrete surface and several streams of water to cool you off on a hot day.

- 725 Cherry St SE, Grand Rapids
- June 6 through September 13
- Daily from 10:00 am-9:00 pm
- No fee

Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park: This is not your typical splash pad. The Great Lakes Garden is a water play area, shaped like the Great Lakes, where kids can float boats and cool off in the water.

- 1000 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids
- Summer
- Daily from 9:00 am-5:00 pm
- Fee Required

Garfield Park Splash Pad: Kids will enjoy water spray features of all sizes and heights, including toddler-sized ones.

- 2111 Madison Ave SE, Grand Rapids
- June 6 through September 13
- Daily from 10:00 am-9:00 pm
- No fee

Heartside Park Splash Pad: This smaller splash pad downtown has engaging water features for splashers of all ages.

- 301 Ionia Ave SW, Grand Rapids
- June 6 through September 13
- Daily from 10:00 am-9:00 pm
- No fee

Highland Park Splash Pad: This sprawling splash pad has a variety of spraying options for kids to explore, all of which come out of the ground (no dump buckets here!).

- 700 College Ave NE, Grand Rapids
- June 6 through September 13
- Daily from 10:00 am-9:00 pm
- No fee

Lamar Park Splash Pad: This huge splash pad is universally accessible with interactive play spaces for all.

- 2561 Porter St SW, Wyoming
- June 1 through Labor Day
- Daily from 10:00 am-8:00 pm
- No fee

Maplewood Park Splash Pad: Plenty of fun for all ages with smaller toddler sprayers on one end of the splash pad, and taller dump buckets and squirters on the other.

- 8000 12th Ave, Jenison
- Memorial Day through Labor Day
- Daily from 10:00 am-8:00 pm
- No fee

Millenium Park: This splash pad is HUGE with dozens of opportunities for kids to get wet and have a (water) blast!

- 1415 Maynard Ave SW, Walker
- Memorial Day through August 23
- Daily from 10:00 am-7:00 pm
- Fee Required

Mulick Park Splash Pad: This large splash pad has a variety of options for every age water-goer.

- 1632 Sylvan Ave SE, Grand Rapids
- June 6 through September 13
- Daily from 10:00 am-9:00 pm
- No fee

Pinewood Park Splash Pad: This splash pad is great for kids of all ages – don't miss the rotating, spraying frogs.

- 1999 Wolfboro Dr SE, Kentwood
- Memorial Day through Labor Day
- Daily from 10:00 am-8:00 pm
- No fee

Rosewood Park Splash Pad: The splash pad is smaller and perfect for toddlers. Right near the playground so kids can run from one to the other.

- 1899 Rosewood St, Jenison
- Memorial Day through Labor Day
- Daily from 10:00 am-8:00 pm
- No fee

Wilcox Park Splash Pad: This splash pad does not have any “toys” on it, but kids still LOVE running through the spray elements as they go off at various times while parents relax on nearby benches.

- 100 Youell Ave SE, Grand Rapids
- June 6 through September 13
- Daily from 10:00 am-9:00 pm
- No fee