

Coloma Charter Township

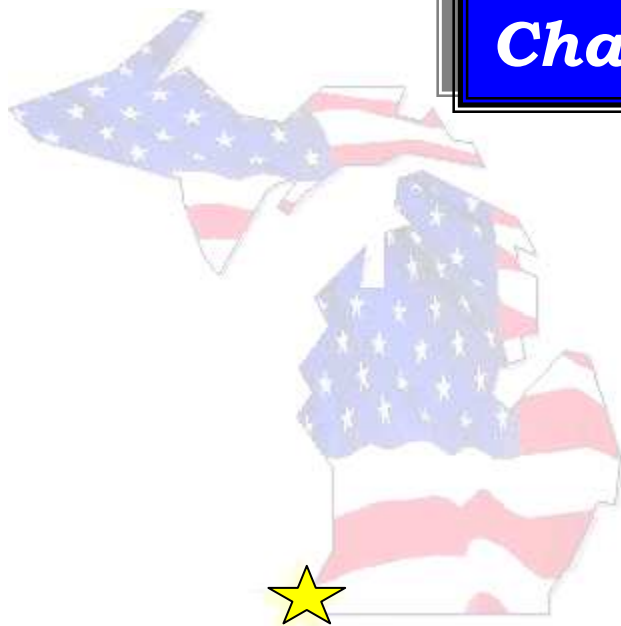


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LOCATION / MAP OF COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NARRATIVE PROFILE

History¹

Coloma Township is a relatively new municipality in the history of Berrien County. Until 1917, the land that is now Coloma Township was the eastern half of Watervliet Township. At the October 1917 session, A. W. Baker, supervisor, proposed that Watervliet Township be divided, providing the citizens on the eastern side access to a government that could better serve their needs.

Prior to the formation of Coloma Township, the area was best known for its plentiful supply of timber. Prosperous sawmills encouraged the formation of the early village of Shingle Diggings, which was followed by the start of the cities of Coloma and Watervliet.

As the twentieth century approached, the tourism trade exploded. "No longer was the cash crop logs or apples, but rather vacationers."² Tens of thousands of tourists came to Berrien County every summer on steamers, such as those from the Graham & Morton Ship Company, that could accommodate up to 2,000 people. By 1927, a businessman by the name of George E. Klotter had amassed over 700 acres along the southwest end of Paw Paw Lake. His goal was to develop his dream of a "City of Islands," which would take five years and over \$150,000 to complete. It was the largest development undertaking in Michigan to that time and was so huge that trade journals kept the nation up to date on its progress. Klotter's dream was never realized due to a combination of engineering problems, Mother Nature and the 1929 stock market crash. Instead of completing Wil-O-Paw Islands, Klotter built and ran the bar/restaurant, Wil-O-Paw, until its sale in 1947.

Several pavilions were established on the shores of Paw Paw Lake during the Big Band Era of the 1930's and 40's, bringing such entertainers as Perry Como and Doris Day to Coloma Township. The Crystal Palace was a landmark that is still remembered today by those who danced within its walls. Its destruction by fire in 1965 brought the day of the resort pavilion at Paw Paw Lake to an end.

The Great Depression and World War II both took a toll on Coloma Township's tourism trade. Land and buildings were often forfeited to the government due to delinquent taxes. Later, gas rationing deterred vacationers, and building materials became so scarce that new development came to a halt. Though the boom in tourism slowed dramatically, today the Township continues to serve vacationers well.

Observations

Coloma Charter Township is located in the northern portion of Berrien County. Paw Paw Lake, which is shared with Watervliet Township, is one of the main attractions in the area. The Township has become a popular area for vacationers and second homeowners. During the hot summer months the population almost triples around Paw Paw Lake. Although Coloma Charter Township is highly residential there are still many lots available for either residential use or light industrial development. The community has a good police, ambulance and fire department and has been very supportive of its school system. A beautiful gymnasium was recently added, which further enhanced the already excellent facilities offered to students. The community spirit, the location, and the services provided, make Coloma Charter Township an attractive location for both residents and businesses.

In the future, the township would like to attract more light industrial entrepreneurs, to provide the community with additional sustainable businesses.

Community Vision

- A. Attract more light industrial entrepreneurs.
- B. Maintain the status quo of a resort type, bedroom community.
- C. Encourage retailers to set up shop in the lake area.

¹ "Paw Paw Lake", by Roderick L. Rasmussen, Southwestern Michigan Publications, Coloma, Michigan, 1994.

Agenda of the Community Strategic Plan

Coloma City, in cooperation with Coloma Township, Watervliet City, and Watervliet Township, have formed a Strategic Planning Task Force, which submitted a Strategic Plan in January 1991. The proposed strategies are as follows:

- A. Develop a Master Land Use Plan as a cooperative venture among the four communities of Coloma City, Coloma Township, Watervliet City, and Watervliet Township.
- B. Support, market, and promote retention of existing industrial and commercial sites.
- C. Market and promote the development of potential commercial and industrial sites.
- D. Maintain and expand the agricultural industry and related operations.
- E. Utilize waste gas generated at Orchard Hill landfill site.
- F. Develop signage on major and minor arteries including Interstate routes 196 and 94, State route 63 (33), Red Arrow Highway, and M-140 to promote commerce, tourism, and industry in the Coloma-Watervliet area.
- G. Plan for future expansion of water and sewer services to serve the needs of existing and future residential, commercial, and industrial development.
- H. Pursue improvement plans to upgrade transportation systems included but not limited to roads determined to be vital to the success of tourism-related, commercial and industrial establishments in the area.
- I. Expand industrial capacity energy utilities to potential industrial and commercial sites.
- J. Promote and expand both rail freight and rail passenger services to enhance both local industry and tourism.
- K. Provide a greater variety of retail shopping opportunities.
- L. Expand the hospital services in Watervliet to further meet the needs of Coloma residents in an economically viable manner.
- M. Establish a linear parkway along the Paw Paw River from Watervliet to Coloma.
- N. Promote and enhance recreational opportunities of Paw Paw Lake and area waters; explore public/private use issue on Paw Paw Lake using watershed management guidelines.
- O. Establish community goals to prevent or alleviate environmental hazards or nuisances, especially those that relate to surface and groundwater quality, wetlands, air quality, noise levels, and solid waste management.
- P. Attract and obtain a new motel or hotel in the Coloma-Watervliet area to enhance tourism and to possibly serve as a meeting facility; encourage Bed & Breakfast operations in the Coloma-Watervliet area.

POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS³

Population

1980 Census	5,345	
1990 Census	5,123	4.15 % decline
2000 Census	5,217	2.81 % increase
2004 Estimate	5,254	.71 % increase

Residents by Gender

Male Population	2,567
Female Population	2,650
Total	5,217

Age Distribution

	0 – 17	23.4 %
	18 – 24	7.8 %
	25 – 44	28.5 %
	45 – 64	25.8 %
	65 +	14.5 %
Median Age	39.1	

Personal Income

Median Family	\$44,859.00
Average per Capita	\$20,377.00
Median Household	\$40,029.00

Educational Attainment

Population 25 Years and Over	2,679	100.0 %
Less than 9 th Grade	124	4.6 %
9 th to 12 th Grade, No Diploma	286	10.7 %
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	1,161	43.3 %
Some College, No Degree	575	21.5 %
Associates Degree	191	7.1 %
Bachelors Degree	234	8.7 %
Graduate or Professional Degree	108	4.0 %
High School Graduate or Higher		84.7 %
Bachelors Degree or Higher		12.8 %

³ All demographic information is from the 2000 census. Only the population estimate is available for 2004.

Labor Force

Total Work Force	2,794
Employed	2,624
Unemployed	170
Unemployment Rate	6.1 %

Principal Economic Base Employers

Coloma Community Schools.....	Education.....	270 Employees
DeGroot Inc.	Horticulture (Seasonal)	85 Employees

Housing

Number of Dwellings	2,599
Owner Occupied	1,761
Renter Occupied	350
Median Rent	\$350
Median Home Value	\$53,200
Home Sales	
Low	\$35,000
High	\$815,000

Building Permits – 2005

	<u>Number Issued</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
Residential	25	\$3,848,316.00
Commercial	1	\$1,418,000.00
Other	94	\$1,289,305.00
Total	120	\$6,555,621.00

Climate

	<u>January</u>	<u>July</u>
Average Maximum Temperature	32F / 0C	82F / 28C
Average Minimum Temperature	18F / -8C	61F / 16C
Days over 90F or 32C	11	
Days below 0F or 18C	4	
Days of Growing Season	162	
Average Annual Rainfall	37" / 94cm	
Average Annual Snowfall	70" / 178cm	

GOVERNMENT

Municipal Hall

Coloma Charter Township Hall
4919 Paw Paw Lake Road
Coloma, MI 49038

Phone: (269) 468-7212
Fax: (269) 468-6503
Website: www.colomatownship.org

Council Meetings

Second Thursday of Each Month
Start: 7:00 p.m.

List of Officers

Supervisor	Kenneth Parrigin
Clerk	Nancy Baiers
Deputy Clerk	Kathleen Gilson
Treasurer	Lance Becht
Deputy Treasurer	Karin Miller
Trustee	Bryan Duffield
Trustee	Robert Moser
Trustee	Cynthia Aviles
Trustee	Edward Helbling

County / State / Federal Government Officials

County Commissioner

Robert A. Wooley, District 1
P.O. Box 324
Coloma, MI 46038
Phone: (269) 468-7329
nbsc@I2K.net

State Governor

Jennifer Granholm
State Capitol
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909
Phone: (517) 373-3400
www.michigan.gov

State Senator

Ron Jelinek, District 21
P.O. Box 30036
Lansing, MI 48909-7536
Phone: (517) 373-6960
Fax: (517) 373-0897
senrjelinek@senate.michigan.gov

State Representative

John Proos, District 79
Michigan House of
Representatives
N1098 House Office Building
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514
Phone: (517) 373-1403
Fax: (517) 373-3652
johnproos@house.mi.gov

U.S. Representative

Fred Upton, 6th Congressional
District
2183 Rayburn H.O.B.
Washington, DC 20515
Phone: (202) 225-3761
Fax: (202) 225-4986
tellupton@mail.house.gov

U.S. Senators

Debbie Stabenow
702 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
Phone: (202) 224-4822
Fax: (202) 224-8834
senator@stabenow.senate.gov

Carl Levin
269 Russell Senate Office
Building
Washington, DC 20510
Phone: (202) 224-6221
Fax: (202) 224-1388
<http://levin.senate.gov>
Access via website Contact
Center

PUBLIC SERVICES / UTILITIES

Police

Chief of Police: Robert Cottier
Phone: (269) 468-8291
Sworn Officers – Full Time: 8
Sworn Officers – Part Time: 3
Number of Cars: 6

Fire

Fire Chief: Randy Morris
Phone: (269) 468-4412
Number of Stations: 1
Part-Time Paid: 30
Insurance Rate Class: 5

Trash Collection

Contact: Reliable Disposal
Phone: (800) 677-1083
Type: Private Contracts
Pick Up Day: Varies

Recycling

Berrien County Recycling Program
Jill Adams, Environmental Specialist
(269) 983-7111 Ext. 8234
Program information available online at
www.berriencounty.org.

Water

Public Works Department (City of Coloma)
Phone: (269) 468-6232
Source: Private Wells
Note: Municipal water system is being extended from the City of Coloma to certain areas of the Township with funds made available through the State of Michigan.

Sewer

Paw Paw Lake Waste Water Plant
(Through the City of Coloma)
Phone: (269) 468-7888
System Type: Biological Trickling Filter
Capacity: 3,000,000 GPD (Excess Capacity: 1,700,000)
Rates: \$18.90 Minimum Rate.
Water and Sewer Usage are computed using one meter

Telephone

A T & T
Residential Customers (800) 244-4444
Business Customers (800) 660-3000
Services: A T & T provides digital service that allows a wide array of advanced features. Fiber optics are used to connect switching stations, and may be installed for private business use.

Gas

Michigan Gas Utilities
1-800-303-0752
711 Starlite Dr. Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022
Rates vary; call 1-800-735-4427 for information.
Incentives are offered for conversions and new technology.

Electric

American Electric Power Company
(800) 311-6424
2425 Meadowbrook Road; Benton Harbor, MI
Rates vary according to usage.

TAXES⁴

In March 1998, Michigan voters approved a new tax structure (Proposal A). The following table provides a simplistic look at the taxes currently levied within this community. There will be several years of adjustment that will result in changes to the levied taxes. Property tax is based now upon taxable value, not state equalized value.

General Taxes

General County	4.8104
Law Enforcement/ Public Safety	0.3485
Special Voted 911	0.2489
Senior Citizens	0.2987
LMC College	1.8060
Township	0.7528
Special Voted Township	5.9555
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>14.2208</i>

School Taxes

Coloma

Homestead	6.0000
Non-Homestead (Business)	18.0000
Debt Retirement	1.5000
Extra Voted Building & Site	0.0000
Berrien County ISD	0.1760
Special Education	2.2130
<i>Subtotals</i>	
Homestead	9.8890
Non-Homestead (Business)	27.8890

⁴ A complete listing of the Berrien County Tax Spread for 2005 is available on our website at www.berriencounty.org.

TRANSPORTATION

Airports – Commercial

Michiana Regional Airport (35 Miles)
South Bend, Indiana
(574) 282-4590

Kalamazoo International (40 Miles)
Kalamazoo, Michigan
(269) 388-3666

Airports – General Aviation

Andrews Airpark (18 Miles)
Berrien Springs, Michigan
(269) 471-1455

Tyler Memorial (25 Miles)
Niles, Michigan
(269) 684-7030

Southwest Michigan Regional (10 Miles)
Benton Harbor, Michigan
(269) 927-3194

Watervliet Airpark (2 Miles)
Watervliet, Michigan
(269) 463-6769

Bus Lines

Benton Harbor Bus Center
Greyhound Bus Lines and
Indian Trails Motorcoach
Depot: Benton Charter Township
Phone: (269) 925-1121

Berrien Bus
Serves Berrien County
Phone: (269) 471-1100

Helicopter Service

Bolton Air via Tyler Memorial (25 Miles)
Niles, Michigan
(269) 684-1793

Highways

I-94 I-196
M-140 M-63
Red Arrow Highway

Ports

Benton Harbor
St. Joseph River Board of Harbor Commissioners
Contact: John Gruchot
Phone: (269) 983-7111 Ext. 8350

Consumers International Terminal Company
P.O. Box 624
Benton Harbor, MI 49023
Contact: Jack Kinney
Phone: (269) 926-1111

Rail Lines

CSX Transportation
Jeff Wagoner, Manager of Industrial Development
2021 Spring Road
Suite 475
Oak Brook, IL 60521
Phone: (708) 201-5108
Fax: (708) 201-5128

Amtrak offers passenger service in St. Joseph, New Buffalo and Niles. For information and / or reservations, call (800) 872-7245. The Northern Indiana Commuter Transit, commonly referred to as the "South Shore", also provides daily commuter service to Chicago from Michiana Regional Airport, South Bend, Indiana. Call (800) 356-2079 for information.

Taxi Service

Advance Cab
873 E. Empire Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 925-2115

BUSINESS RESOURCES⁵

Available Sites and Buildings

For information on available sites and buildings, please contact the Coloma-Watervliet Area Economic Development Corporation at (269) 468-4430 or the Berrien County Economic Development Department at (269) 983-7111 Ext. 8786. You may also view sites 24 hours a day via www.MiSiteNet.org.

Business Incentives

Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates (Property Tax Abatements)
Pollution Control Exemption Certificates (Tax Abatement on Pollution Control Equipment Facilities)
Revolving Loan Fund for Industrial Facilities (Berrien County)
Infrastructure Grants for Municipalities (State of Michigan)
Workforce Training Grants (State of Michigan)

For more information on these incentives and any others that may be available, contact the Coloma-Watervliet Area Economic Development Corporation at (269) 468-4430 or the Berrien County Community Development Department at (269) 983-7111 Ext. 8786.

Chamber of Commerce

Coloma-Watervliet Area Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 418
Coloma, Mi 49038
Phone: (269) 468-9160

Credit Unions

Berrien Teachers Credit Union
2920 Lakeview Drive
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 983-4374

Twin Cities Federal Credit Union
1873 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 925-1159

First Resource Federal Credit Union
2807 South State Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 982-1400

United Federal Credit Union
724 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 926-7689

Downtown District Authority (DDA)

None

⁵ For more information on these incentives and any others that may be available, contact the Berrien County Community Development Department at (269) 983-7111 Ext. 8617.

Economic Development Organizations

Berrien County Community Development Department
701 Main Street
St. Joseph, Michigan 49085
Contact: Daniel Fette, Director
Phone: (269) 983-7111, Ext. 8617
Fax: (269) 982-8611

Coloma-Watervliet Area Economic Development
Chana Kniebes, Interim Director
P.O. Box 1028
Coloma, Mi 49038
Phone: (269) 468-4430

Financial Institutions

Chase Bank
400 Riverview Drive
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 926-4775

First Source Bank
715 Ship Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 927-5514

Chemical Bank Shoreline
209 N. Paw Paw
Coloma, MI 49038
Phone: (269) 468-3179

Flagstar Bank
2829 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 983-6687

Edgewater Bank
167 Paw Paw
Coloma, MI 49038
Phone: (269) 468-6741

Horizon Bank
811 Ship Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 982-3200

Fifth Third Bank
6553 Paw Paw Avenue
Coloma, MI 49038
Phone: (269) 468-3109

LaSalle Midwest Bank
1803 M-139
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 926-6149

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Child Care

Child Care Resources (CCR), a private, non-profit organization, provides Berrien County residents with information about child care options in their communities. For more information, contact CCR at (269) 925-5575 or toll free at (800) 343-3470. Their offices are located at 401 Eighth Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

Churches

Coloma Charter Township and the City of Coloma house a number of churches as follows:

Apostolic.....	1	Methodist.....	3
Assembly of God	1	Pentecostal	1
Baptist.....	2	Seventh-Day Adventist	1
Catholic.....	1	United Church of Christ	2
Lutheran.....	2		

Health Providers – General

Physicians.....	24
Clinics	1
Dentists.....	3
Chiropractors	1

The surrounding communities of Watervliet, Benton Harbor and St. Joseph provide a variety of medical facilities and health care providers.

Health Providers – Hospitals

Community Hospital – Watervliet
David McMann, CEO
400 Medical Park
Watervliet, MI 49098
Phone: (269) 463-3111
Number of Beds: 70

The following hospitals form the Lakeland Regional Health System of Lakeland HealthCare:

Lakeland Regional Medical Center - St. Joseph
1234 Napier Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 983-8300
Number of Beds: 278

Lakeland Community Hospital - Niles
31 North St. Joseph Avenue
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 683-5510
Number of Beds: 174

Lakeland Specialty Hospital – Berrien Center
6418 Deans Hill Road
Berrien Center, MI 49102
Phone: (269) 471-7761
Number of Beds: 248

Lakeland Center for Outpatient Services
3900 Hollywood Road
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 556-2800
Number of Beds: 222

Libraries

Coloma Public Library
262 – 264 North Paw Paw Road
Coloma, MI 49038
Phone: (269) 468-3431

Watervliet District Library
333 North Main Street
Watervliet, MI 49098
Phone: (269) 463-6382

The *MichiCard* enables members of the community to borrow books from most libraries within the state of Michigan.

The nearest research library is the *James White Library* on the campus of Andrews University, in Berrien Springs. Please call (269) 471-3275 for information on the University's library hours and services provided. Those who wish to use the University's library facilities must purchase a community card at a cost of \$36.00 annually.

The William Hessel Library at Lake Michigan College is available for use by community members. To search the Online Catalog or for more information, please visit <http://www.lakemichigancollege.edu/lib> or contact the Circulation Desk at 269-927-8605. Community members may present a *MichiCard* to check out circulating items in the Hessel Library's collection.

Retail Malls

Crossroads MallKalamazoo, Michigan 40 Miles Northeast
*Orchards Mall Benton Harbor, Michigan..... 10 Miles Southwest
University Park MallSouth Bend, Indiana..... 45 Miles Southeast

*Benton Charter Township has major shopping facilities that includes the Orchards Mall with three anchor stores (Sears, J.C. Penney, Elder-Beerman), Target Plaza (Old Navy, TJ Maxx, Dunham's Sports) and several major stand-alone retailers such as Wal-Mart, Meijer, Lowe's Home Improvement, Home Depot and Gordon's Food Service. Other shopping facilities are available in South Bend and Kalamazoo.

Senior Citizens Centers

North Berrien Senior Center, Inc.
6648 Ryno Road, #269
Coloma, Michigan 49038
Phone: (269) 468-3366

Area Agency on Aging Region 4
2900 Lakeview Avenue
St Joseph, Michigan 49085
Phone: (269) 983-0177

EDUCATION

Public Schools

Coloma Charter Township is served by the following school districts:

Berrien County Intermediate
School District
Jeff Siegel, Superintendent
711 St. Joseph Avenue
Berrien Springs, MI 49103
Phone: (269) 471-7725

Coloma Community Schools
Terry Ann Boguth, Superintendent
2518 Boyer Road
P. O. Box 550
Coloma, MI 49038
Phone: (269) 468-2424
Student membership: 2,098

Public School Academies

Benton Harbor Charter School
455 Riverview Drive, Suite 1
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 925-3807

Countryside Charter School
4800 Meadowbrook Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 944-3319

Mildred C. Wells Academy (K-5)
James Rutter, School Leader
281 South Fair
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 926-2885

Adult / Community Education

Lakeshore Community Enrichment
Wendy Bedell, Director
5771 Cleveland Avenue
Stevensville, MI 49127
Phone: (269) 428-1417

South Berrien Adult Education
Richard Klemm, Director
111 Spruce Street
Niles MI 49120
Phone: (269) 684-4480

Catholic Schools

Lake Michigan Catholic (K-6)
Jody Maher, Principal
3165 Washington Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 429-0227

St. Joseph Catholic School
(Pre-6)
Jackie Polasky, Principal
188 Lucinda Lane
Watervliet, MI 49098
Phone: (269) 463-3941

St. Mary of the Lake School
Judith Krueger, Principal
704 W Merchant Street
New Buffalo, MI 49117
Phone: (269) 469-1515

Lake Michigan Catholic Jr/Sr
High School (7-12)
John Berlin, Executive Director
915 Pleasant Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 983-2511

St. Mary's School (Pre-6)
Dr. Sue Bryant, Principal
217 South Lincoln Avenue
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 683-9191

Higher Education – Colleges and Universities

Andrews University
Dr. Niels-Erik Andreasen, President
North U.S. 31
Berrien Springs, MI 49104
Phone: (269) 471-7771

Indiana University, South Bend
Una Mae Reck, Chancellor
1700 Mishawaka Avenue
South Bend, IN 46634
Phone: (574) 520-4872

Lake Michigan College
Dr. Richard Pappas, President
2755 E. Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 927-3571

Lake Michigan College
at Bertrand Crossing
Laura Coleman, Executive Director
1905 Foundation Drive
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 695-1391

Lake Michigan College
Robert Harrison, Dean of Comm. &
Bus. Svcs.
M-TEC Center
400 Klock Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 926-6832

Lake Michigan College
at South Haven
Janice Varney, Executive Dean
125 Veterans Boulevard
South Haven, MI 49090
Phone: (269) 639-8442

Notre Dame University
Father Edward Malloy, President
Notre Dame, IN 46556
Phone: (574) 631-5000

Purdue University North Central
Dr. James Dworkin, Chancellor
1401 S. US 421
Westville, IN 46391-9528
Phone: (574) 758-5200

Siena Heights College
at Lake Michigan College
Jennifer Walters, Director
2755 E. Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 927-6711

Southwestern Michigan College
Dr. David Mathews, President
58900 Cherry Grove Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047
Phone: (269) 782-5113

St. Mary's College
Dr. Carol Mooney, President
Notre Dame, MI 46556
Phone: (574) 284-4000

Western Michigan University
Judith Bailey, President
Kalamazoo, MI 49008
Phone: (269) 387-1000

Western Michigan University
Southwest Campus
Leonard Seawood, Director
2785 E. Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 934-1500

Lutheran Schools

Christ Lutheran School (Pre-8)
Charles Strohacker, Principal
4333 Cleveland
Stevensville, MI 49127
Phone: (269) 429-7111

Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran
Sch (Pre-4)
Rev. Paul Naumann, Principal
1965 Broadway
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 926-2095

Grace Lutheran School (Pre-8)
David Snyder, Principal
404 East Glenlord Road
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 429-4951

Immanuel Lutheran (Pre-8)
Marie Watson, Principal
9650 N. Church Street
Bridgman, MI 49106
Phone: (269) 465-3351

Michigan Lutheran HS (9-12)
Stephen Zanto, Principal
615 E. Marquette Woods Road
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 429-7861

Salem Lutheran Preschool
Barbara Radde, Director
275 Marvin Street, P O Box 729
Coloma, MI 49038
Phone: (269) 468-6567

St. Matthew's Lutheran (Pre-8)
Rev. Martin Weigard, Acting
Principal
671 McAllister
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 925-7292

St. Paul's Lutheran (K-8)
Robert Makinen, Principal
3713 Naomi Road
Sodus, MI 49126
Phone: (269) 925-7913

St. Paul's Lutheran School (Pre-8)
Ron Schleaf, Principal
2673 W. John Beers Road
Stevensville, MI 49127
Phone: (269) 429-1546

Trinity Lutheran School (Pre-8)
Eric Heins, Principal
9123 George Avenue
Berrien Springs, MI 49103
Phone: (269) 473-1811

Trinity Lutheran School (Pre-8)
Richard Hackbarth, Principal
613 Court Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 983-3056

Trinity Lutheran School (Pre-8)
Kathi Beckman, Principal
5791 Sawyer Road
Sawyer, MI 49125
Phone: (269) 426-3151

Other Denominational Schools

First Church of God Nursery School
(Ages 2 ½ -5)
Kim Klotz, Director
2627 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 983-1816

Grace Christian School (K-12)
John Davis, Administrator
325 North M-140 Highway
Watervliet, MI 49098
Phone: (269) 463-5545

Jesus Christ Academy (2-12)
Bethel Apostolic Tabernacle
Pastor Al Deeds, Administrator
945 Chippewa, P O Box 183
Buchanan, MI 49107
Phone: (269) 695-3356

Private (Non-Parochial Schools)

Brookview School
Conrad Kramer, Executive Director
501 Zollar Drive
Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022
Phone: (269) 925-3544

Public School Academies

Benton Harbor Charter School
Sid Faucette, Chief Academic Officer
455 Riverview Drive, Suite 1
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 925-3807

Countryside Charter School
Paul Marazita, Administrator
4800 Meadowbrook Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 944-3319

Mildred C. Wells Academy (K-5)
James Rutter, School Leader
281 South Fair
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 926-2885

Seventh-Day Adventist Schools

Andrews Academy (9-12)
Allan Chase, Principal
8833 Garland Avenue
Berrien Springs, MI 49104
Phone: (269) 471-3138

Eau Claire SDA School (1-8)
Jim Gray, Principal
6562 Naomi Rd.
Eau Claire, MI 49111
Phone: (269) 944-4132

Ruth Murdock Elementary (K-8)
Rita Seay, Acting Principal
200 Garland Avenue
Berrien Springs, MI 49104
Phone: (269) 471-3225

Berrien Springs Village SDA
School (K-8)
John Chen, Principal
409 W. Mars Street
Berrien Springs, MI 49103
Phone: (269) 473-5121

Niles SDA Elementary (K-8)
Stan Detweiler, Principal
110 N. Fairview
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 683-5444

Special Education

Berrien County Hearing Impaired
Hearing Impaired
Janet Bermingham, Coordinator
One Sylvester Avenue
Berrien Springs, MI 49103
Phone: (269) 471-7724

Homeschool Education Center
102 N. Mechanic Street
Berrien Springs, MI 49103
Phone: (269) 471-1259

Southside School
Emotionally Impaired
William Kennedy, Director
1450 Silverbrook Street
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 683-0421

Blossomland Learning Center
Severely Mentally Impaired
Pam Harper, Principal
711 St. Joseph Avenue
Berrien Springs, MI 49103
Phone: (269) 473-2600

Lighthouse Education Center
Emotionally Impaired
Jack Houser, Principal
379 West Glenlord Road
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 429-2351

Sylvan Learning Center
2517 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 983-0006

Sylvan Learning Center
1221 S. 11th Street
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 687-0246

COMMUNICATIONS

Newspapers

Benton Spirit Newspaper
(Weekly)
P.O. Box 465
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 926-4241

Journal Era
(Weekly)
P.O. Box 98
Berrien Springs, MI 49103
Phone: (269) 473-5421

South Bend Tribune
(Daily)
314 E. Main Street
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 684-6802

Berrien County Record
(Weekly)
P.O. Box 191
Buchanan, MI 49107
Phone: (269) 695-3878

Michigan Citizen Newspaper
(Weekly)
P.O. Box 216
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 927-1527

South County Gazette
(Weekly)
110 N. Elm Street
Three Oaks, MI 49128
Phone: (269) 756-2421

Harbor Country News
(Weekly)
112 N. Whittaker Street
New Buffalo, MI 49117
Phone: (269) 469-1410

New Buffalo Times
(Weekly)
5 N. Eagle
New Buffalo, MI 49117
Phone: (269) 469-1100

Tri-City Record
(Weekly)
P.O. Box 7
Watervliet, MI 49098
Phone: (269) 463-6397

Herald-Palladium
(Daily)
P.O. Box 128
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 429-2400

Niles Daily Star
(Daily)
217 N. Fourth Street
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 683-2100

Radio Stations

WAUS 90.7 FM	WFRN..... 1270 AM	WHFB1060 AM	WSMK..... 99.1 FM
WCNF 94.4 FM	WGMY 940 AM	WIRX 107.1 FM	WUTZ 97.5 FM
WCSY 98.3 FM	WGTO 910 AM	WRHC 106.7 FM	WYTZ 97.5 FM
WFRN 104.7 FM	WHFB..... 99.9 FM	WSJM.....1400 AM	WZBL 103.7 FM

Television Channels

Network television stations are available from Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids, Michigan; South Bend, Indiana; and Chicago, Illinois. South Bend, Indiana provides local area news.

<u>Network</u>	<u>Call Letters</u>	<u>Channel</u>	<u>Location</u>
ABC	WLS	7	Chicago
	WBND	58 / 69	South Bend
	WZZM	13	Grand Rapids
CBS	WBBM	2	Chicago
	WSBT	22	South Bend
	WWMT	3	Kalamazoo
NBC	WMAQ	5	Chicago
	WNDU	16	South Bend
	WOOD	8	Grand Rapids
FOX	WFLD	32	Chicago
	WSJV	28	Elkhart
PBS	WTTW	11	Chicago
	WNIT	34	South Bend
WB	WGN	9	Chicago

Cable television is available to subscribers through Comcast Cable at (888) 266-2278.

LEISURE

Calendar of Special Annual Events

4 th of July Celebration (Watervliet)	July
Memorial Day Parade	May
Glad-Peach Family Festival	August
Christmas Decorating Contest	November

Cultural Activities

Art Barn Gallery North
Gallery
(269) 469-5550

Heston Steam Museum
Steam Powered Engines
(269) 469-5409

Pears 1853 Mill
Greek Revival Water Mill
(269) 695-9758

Box Factory for the Arts
Gallery
(269) 983-3688

Horn Archaeological Museum
Andrews University
(269) 471-3273

Pro Musica Chamber Orchestra
Chamber Orchestra
(269) 429-8120

Curious Kids Museum
Children's Hands-On Museum
(269) 983-2543

Howard Performing Arts Center
Performing Arts Center
(269) 471-3560

Southwest Michigan Symphony
Symphony Orchestra
(269) 923-6739

Courtyard Gallery
Gallery
(269) 469-4110

Josephine Morton Memorial House
Historical Site
(269) 925-7011

St. Joseph Municipal Band
Lake Bluff Band Shell Concerts
(269) 923-6739

1839 Courthouse Square Museum
Courthouse Museum
(269) 471-1202

Krasl Art Center
Art Center
(269) 983-0271

Three Oaks Spokes Bicycle Museum
Bicycle Museum
(269) 756-2421

Fort St. Joseph
Historical Museum
(269) 683-4702

Mendel Center
Performing Arts Theatre
(269) 927-1000

Tin Shop
Summer Theater
(269) 695-6464

Galien Woods Historical Society
Meetings, Activities
(269) 545-2271

Mud Lake Bog
Nature Preserve
(269) 695-6442

Twin City Players
Community Theater
(269) 429-0400

Hearthwoods of Michigan
Gallery
(269) 469-5551

New Buffalo Railroad Museum
Railroad Museum
(269) 469-1100

Heritage Museum & Cultural Center
Museum & Research Library
(269) 983-1191

North Berrien Historical Museum
Local History Museum
(269) 468-3330

Golf Courses – Private

Chikaming Country Club
15029 Lakeside Road
Lakeside, MI 49116
Phone: (269) 469-5484
18 holes
Rating: 70.9 Par: 71

Dunes Club
10600 Marquette Drive
New Buffalo, MI 49117
Phone: (269) 469-5539
9 holes
Rating: 72.5 Par: 36

Lost Dunes Golf Club
9300 Red Arrow Hwy
Bridgman, MI 49106
Phone: (269) 465-9300
18 holes
Rating: 71.4 Par: 70

Orchard Hills Country Club
2841 Niles - Buchanan Rd.
Buchanan, MI 49107
Phone: (269) 695-5991
18 holes
Rating: 69.9 Par: 70

Point O' Woods
1516 Roslyn Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 944-1433
18 holes
Rating: 76.0 Par: 72

Signal Point Club
1475 W. River Road
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 683-7073
9 holes
Rating: 70.6 Par: 72

Golf Courses – Public

Berrien Hills Golf Club
690 W. Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 925-2171
18 holes
Rating: 69.5 Par: 71

Blossom Trails Golf Club
1565 E. Britain Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 925-4951
18 holes
Rating: 68.3 Par: 70

Brookwood Golf Course
1339 Rynearson Road
Buchanan, MI 49107
Phone: (269) 695-7818
18 hole Championship Course
Rating: 71.2 Par: 72

Indian Lake Hills
55321 Brush Lake Road
Eau Claire, MI 49111
Phone: (269) 782-2540
27 holes
Rating: 68.5 Par: 72

Lake Michigan Hills Golf Club
2520 Kerlikowske Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 849-2722
18 holes
Rating: 71.1 Par: 72

Paw Paw Lake Golf Club
4548 Forrest Beach Road
Watervliet, MI 49098
Phone: (269) 463-3831
18 holes
Rating: 66.9 Par: 70

Pebblewood Country Club
9794 S. Jericho Road
Bridgman, MI 49106
Phone: (269) 465-5611
18 holes
Rating: 65.6 Par: 68

Pipestone Creek Golf Course
6768 Naomi Road
Eau Claire, MI 49111
Phone: (269) 944-1611
18 holes
Rating: n/a Par: 67

Plym Park
401 Marmont Street
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 684-7331
9 holes
Rating: 69.0 Par: 36

Whittaker Woods
12578 Wilson Road
New Buffalo, MI 49117
Phone: (269) 469-3400
18 holes
Rating: 74.3 Par: 72

Lodging

Cary's Wil-O-Paw Motel.....	(269) 468-6080	Schick's Resort.....	(269) 468-4080
Motto's Resort.....	(269) 468-6688	Virginia Beach Resort	(269) 468-7188
Pottawattamie Resort	(269) 849-1492		

The nearby communities of Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and Stevensville all house a variety of accommodations, all within 16 miles of the City of Coloma. For specific information, contact the Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council at (269) 925-6301.

Movie Theaters

Celebration! Cinema Benton Charter Township (269) 934-7469	Ready Theater City of Niles (269) 683-1112	Vickers Theater Three Oaks Township (269) 756-3522
Loma Theater City of Coloma (269) 468-5662	State Theater City of Benton Harbor (269) 925-9778	

Parks

Helen Street Beach Swimming, Picnic (269) 468-7212	F.O.P. Youth Sport Park Baseball, Softball, Soccer (269) 468-7212
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Recreational Facilities⁶

Bear Cave Resort Camping (269) 695-3050	Captain Mike's Fun Park Miniature Golf, Go-Carts (269) 465-5747	Golden Pond Miniature Golf Miniature Golf, Driving Range (269) 461-4203
Billiard Garden Billiard Parlor (269) 684-0502	Coloma Lanes Bowling Alley (269) 468-7127	Hidden Pointe Fun Park Miniature Golf, Batting Cages (269) 926-1358
Bill's Charter Fishing Sport Fishing (269) 926-6461	Deer Forest Zoo, Picnics, Rides (269) 468-4961	Hill Side Orchards Farm Market, U-Pick (269) 471-7558
Blossom Lanes Bowling Alley (269) 927-3174	Fernwood Botanical Gardens Botanical Gardens, Nature Center (269) 683-8653	Howard Ice Arena Ice Skating (269) 983-8795
Bogie's Family Center Billiards, Arcade, Parlor (269) 983-6382	Four Season's Sport Fishing Sport Fishing Charter (269) 422-2287	Joey Armadillo's Bowling Alley (269) 687-5555
Campus Q, Inc. Billiard Parlor (269) 925-6646	Fuller's Clear Lake Resort & Camp Camping, Swimming (269) 695-3785	Jollay Orchards Farm Market, U-Pick (269) 468-3075
Captain Hook Charters Sport Fishing (269) 983-4140	Galaxy Roller Rink Roller Skating (269) 684-8197	Kelly's Bowl Bowling Alley (269) 983-3034

⁶ This is not an all-inclusive list. For further information on other recreational activities, contact the Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council at (269) 925-6301 or visit their website, www.swmichigan.org.

Lakeshore Lanes Bowling Alley (269) 429-5421	Ronnie's Pavilion & Beach Swimming (269) 695-9191	Three Braves Campground Camping, Fishing (269) 695-9895
Lakeshore Roller World Roller Skating (269) 429-7700	Round Barn Winery Wine Tasting (269) 422-5038	Timberlanes Bowling Alley (269) 683-6122
Love Creek Nature Center Nature Center (269) 471-2617	Sarett Nature Center Nature Center (269) 927-4832	Trautman's Pike Lake Boat Rental Fishing, Beach (269) 683-3036
Michiana Raceway Park Go-Cart Racing (269) 695-2228	Serenade Yacht Sailing Charters Sport Fishing, Sailing (269) 429-5798	Tree-Mendus Fruit Farm Farm Market, U-Pick (269) 782-7101
Mud Lake Bog Nature Preserve (269) 695-6442	Silver King Sport Fishing Charter Sport Fishing (269) 983-7816	Upper Winds Balloon Port Balloon Flights (269) 683-3036
Nub Lake Campgrounds Canoeing (269) 687-9681	Sportboat Fishing Charter Sport Fishing (269) 428-9696	Warren Dunes State Park Swimming, Camping, Hang Gliding (269) 426-4013
Oronoko Lakes Camping, Fishing (269) 471-7389	Stormin' Norman's Charter Sport Fishing (269) 695-9549	Weko Beach & Campground Swimming, Camping, Boating (269) 465-3406
Ramona's Roller Rink Roller Skating (269) 424-5736	Stovers U-Pik Farm Market, U-Pick (269) 471-1401	YMCA Family Center (269) 428-9622
Red Bud Track N Trail Motocross Racing (269) 695-6405	Tabor Hill Winery & Restaurant Wine Tasting, Restaurant (269) 422-1165	

Restaurants / Miscellaneous Food Establishments

Dellwood Inn (269) 468-6111	Pizza Hut.....(269) 468-5119
Bend, The..... (269) 468-7881	Roma Pizza Restaurant(269) 468-7717
WaterFront (269) 468-6004	Eddie's Drive-In West (Seasonal)(269) 468-2345

Taverns / Cocktail Lounges / Night Clubs

Bend, The.....(269) 468-7881	Coloma Lanes(269) 468-7127
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