

List of Resources for Home Schooling Field Trips and Enrichment

Museums

Allegan	<p>Old Jail Museum (donations appreciated) http://alleganoldjail.com 113 N. Walnut St. Allegan, MI 49010 (269) 673-8292</p>	<p>The museum has over 10,000 artifacts that have been donated by people in Allegan county, from businesses, local governments, and private homes, to the first piano in Allegan that came here by ox cart in the 1800's from Buffalo NY. One room has been set aside for rotating displays.</p>
Grand Rapids	<p>Bruce Dice Mineralogical Museum (free) https://calvin.edu/directory/places/bruce-dice-mineralogical-museum 1740 Knollcrest Circle SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546 (616) 526-8100</p>	<p>Bruce Dice Mineralogical Museum has a rotating display of more than 300 unique mineralogical specimens collected from around the world.</p>
	<p>Grand Rapids Children's Museum https://www.grcm.org 11 Sheldon Ave. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 235-4726</p>	<p>A hands-on learning space for kids ages 2-10 which features a real beehive and workshops like robot building.</p>
	<p>Ford Museum https://www.thehenryford.org 303 Pearl St. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 254-0400</p>	<p>Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum is the presidential museum and burial place of Gerald Ford, the 38th president of the United States, and his wife Betty Ford. It is located near the Pew Campus of Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids.</p>
	<p>Grand Rapids Art Museum https://www.artmuseumgr.org 101 Monroe Center St. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 831-1000</p>	<p>Grand Rapids Art Museum is located in Grand Rapids, with collections ranging from Renaissance to Modern Art and special collections on 19th and 20th-century European and American art.</p>
	<p>Grand Rapids Public Museum https://www.grpm.org 272 Pearl St. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 929-1700</p>	<p>GRPM is a history & science museum with exhibits on 3 floors, plus a 1928 carousel, theater & planetarium.</p>

	<p><u>Grand Rapids Walking Tours</u> (free)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.experiencegr.com/articles/post/downtown-walking-tour/ • https://www.grwalks.com/ 	Download the app and walk the streets of downtown to take in Grand Rapid's historic architecture and landmarks.
	<p><u>Meyer May House</u> (free)(requires a reservation) https://meyermayhouse.steelcase.com 450 Madison Ave. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 246-4821</p>	Meyer May House is a Frank Lloyd Wright-designed house in the Heritage Hill Historic District. It was built in 1908–09. It is considered a fine example of Wright's Prairie School era, and "Michigan's Prairie masterpiece".
Holland	<p><u>Felt Mansion</u> https://www.feltmansion.org 6597 138th Ave. Holland, MI 49423 (616) 335-8982</p>	Felt Mansion is located at 66th Street and 138th Avenue, near Saugatuck. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1996.
	<p><u>Holland Museum</u> (varies) https://hollandmuseum.org 31 W. 10th St. Holland, MI 49423 (616)-796-3329</p>	Holland Museum operates two historic house museums: the Cappon House and the Settlers House museums.
	<p><u>Mount Baldy</u> https://sdhistoricalsociety.org/index.php 735 Park St. Saugatuck, MI 49453 (269)-857-5751</p>	Saugatuck-Douglas History Museum is one of Michigan's best-known and most-visited small-town museums, outdoor garden, and harbor-front walkway. The main gallery features changing exhibitions including dancing, shipwrecks, artists, gangsters, and just plain folks.
Kalamazoo	<p><u>Air Zoo Aerospace & Science Museum</u> https://www.airzoo.org 6151 Portage Rd. Portage, MI 49002 (269) 382-6555</p>	The Air Zoo is an aviation museum and indoor amusement park next to the Kalamazoo-Battle Creek International Airport in Portage. The Air Zoo holds many historical and rare aircraft, including the world's fastest air-breathing aircraft, the SR-71B Blackbird.

Muskegon	<p><u>USS Silversides Submarine Museum</u> https://silversidesmuseum.org 1346 Bluff St. Muskegon, MI 49441 (231) 755-1230</p>	<p>Our museum consists of a two-story museum building housing exhibits, the USS Silversides submarine, and the USCGC McLane—a prohibition-era Coast Guard cutter.</p>
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Nature/Gardens

Grand Rapids	<p><u>Blanford Nature Center</u> (small fee) info@blandfordnaturecenter.org 1715 Hillburn Ave. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 735-6240</p>	<p>In-person field trips take place in Blandford’s 264 acres of forests, wetlands, and meadows. It offers an immersive experience getting students up close with nature and wildlife. Virtual field trips are available with a Blandford Educator.</p>
	<p><u>Calvin Ecosystem Preserve and Nature Gardens</u> https://calvin.edu/ecosystem-preserve (free) 1750 East Beltline Ave. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546-5649 (616) 526-7600</p>	<p>The preserve’s 100+ acres of native plants and natural habitats offer boundless opportunities to explore and connect with nature. Come enjoy wandering our trails, enroll in a class or educational program, or just sit and relax.</p>
	<p><u>Fredrick Meijer Gardens</u> https://www.meijergardens.org 1000 East Beltline Ave. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525 (616) 957-1580</p>	<p>Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park is a 158-acre botanical garden, art museum, and outdoor sculpture park located in Grand Rapids.</p>
Holland	<p><u>Degraaf Nature Center</u> (free) https://outdoordiscovery.org/degraaf 600 Graafschap Rd. Holland, MI 49423 (616) 355-1057</p>	<p>This 18-acre nature preserve features an interpretive center with exhibits and live animals.</p>
	<p><u>Kuker-van Til Nature Center</u> (free) https://naturenearby.org/portfolio_page/explore/kuker-van-til-nature-preserve 2003 Perry St. Holland, MI 49424 (616) 451-9476</p>	<p>A great place to enjoy a quiet stroll through rolling hills and towering trees. Diverse habitats and open areas make a haven for birds and wildlife.</p>
	<p><u>Outdoor Discovery Center</u> (free) https://outdoordiscovery.org 4214 56th St. Holland, MI 49423 (616) 393-9453</p>	<p>Our inquiry-based style of programming allows students to learn about and experience nature and culture in a hands-on manner.</p>

	<p><u>Oz Sculpture Project</u> (free) https://www.holland.org/oz-sculpture-garden 300 S River Ave. Holland, MI 49423 (616) 394-0000</p>	<p>This permanent exhibit is free and open to the public year-round. Best viewing of the exhibit is during the summer season when the living book is on display.</p>
	<p><u>Windmill Island Gardens</u> https://www.cityofholland.com/471/Windmill-Island-Gardens 1 Lincoln Ave. Holland, MI 49423 (616)-355-1030</p>	<p>Windmill Island Gardens is home to the 251-year-old windmill De Zwaan, the only authentic, working Dutch windmill in the United States.</p>
West Olive	<p><u>Hemlock Crossing Public Observatory</u> (Free) https://www.holland-saaa.org https://www.miottawa.org/Parks/observatory.htm 8115 West Olive Rd West Olive, MI 49460 (616) 786-4847 (State Park—requires park fees/pass)</p>	<p>The observatory is the first public observatory in West Michigan. The facility houses a 16-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. It was opened in 2022 and is operated by members of the Shoreline Amateur Astronomical Association (SAAA).</p>

Animals

Alto	<p><u>Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park</u> https://www.boulderridgewap.com 8313 Pratt Lake Ave SE Alto, MI 49302 (616) 868-6711</p>	<p>Groups of any size are encouraged to check out our field trip or special events pages to learn how you can book an animal encounter to get up-close & personal with some of the Park's coolest residents.</p>
Athens	<p><u>Alligator Sanctuary (Critchlow)</u> https://alligatorsanctuary.wixsite.com/alligatorsanctuary 1698 M-66 Athens, MI 49011 (269) 729-4802</p>	<p>The sanctuary is a reptile rescue facility, open to the public. We are home to hundreds of reptiles who have come to us through adoption, donation, rescue, or other institutions. We have worked with local and state authorities with animal control needs.</p>
Battle Creek	<p><u>Binder Park Zoo</u> https://binderparkzoo.org 7400 Division Dr. Battle Creek, MI 49014 (269) 979-1351</p>	<p>Binder Park Zoo is a 433-acre zoo that opened in 1977. Binder Park Zoo is one of the largest zoos in Michigan, and features a large array of animals and plants, including the Wild Africa Exhibit.</p>

Grand Rapids	<p>Blandford Farm (small fee) info@blandfordnaturecenter.org 3145 Milo St. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49534</p>	<p>Come greet the goats, say “hello” to the sheep, explore the children’s garden, and play in the farm-themed playscape – the opportunities are endless!</p>
	<p>John Ball Zoo https://jbzoo.org 1300 Fulton St. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 336-4300</p>	<p>John Ball Zoological Garden is located on the west side of the city of Grand Rapids. John Ball Zoo is situated on the ravines and bluffs along the west edge of the park.</p>
Hastings	<p>Moo-ville (small fee) https://www.moo-ville.com/petting-farm 5875 S. M-66 Nashville, MI (517) 852-9003</p>	<p>Enjoy our petting farm with over 40 different farm animals. Play on the playground or in the giant sandbox! Farm tours are also available for a fee.</p>
Zeeland	<p>Critter Barn https://www.critterbarn.org 2950 80th Ave. Zeeland, MI 49464 (616) 748-1110</p>	<p>Critter Barn is dedicated to teaching about farming and agriculture while inspiring people of all ages, and all abilities, through the miracles in nature found at the farm.</p>

Lessons

Holland	<p>Holland Aquatic Center https://hollandaquatic.org 550 Maple Ave. Holland, MI 49423 (616) 393-7595</p>	<p>Holland Aquatic Center offers access to high-quality natatorium facilities for <u>swimming instruction</u>, competitive swimming, community wellness, and for leisure swimming and play.</p>
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