

# Get into **Nature** for Better Health

Get out and play St. Clair County!



# Did you Know?

Free time in nature can enrich your child's life by helping them to be happy, healthy individuals while inspiring a lifelong appreciation for the outdoors.

## Unstructured, free-play time in nature can also:

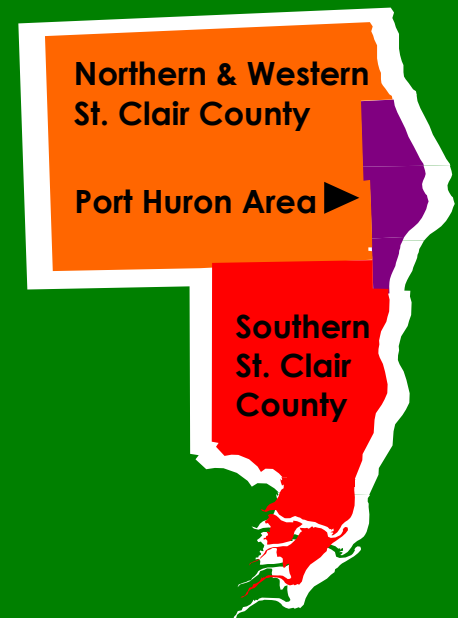
- Help your child to be more active; improving their motor skills and decreasing risk of obesity.
- Reduce your child's stress level.
- Improve your child's concentration, helping them to be more successful in school and at home.
- Aid in the development of your child's critical thinking/ creative problem solving skills.
- Contribute to your child's overall healthy development.



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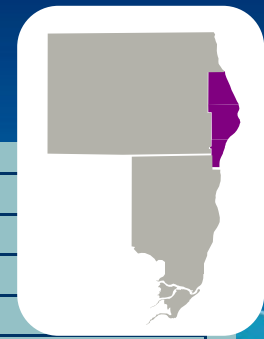
All of the public parks and places for free outdoor recreation in the county have been divided into three geographical areas. Use the activity key to help you discover exciting new places near you to get out and play !

<u>Activity Key:</u>	
 Playground	 Fishing
 Basketball	 Bike Trail/ Course
 Baseball	 Tennis Courts
 Beach Access	 Camping
 Soccer	 Inline Skating
 Volleyball	 Walking Path
 Nature Trail	 Historic Village
 Nature/ Rec Center	 Farm Museum
	 Splash Pad



# Free Recreation Opportunities in the Port Huron Area

Including Cities of Port Huron & Marysville; Fort Gratiot & Port Huron Townships

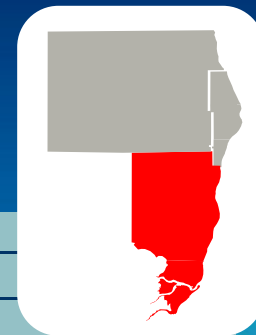


	Park	Amenities	Location
<input type="checkbox"/>	16th and Dove Park		at 16th & Dove in Port Huron
<input type="checkbox"/>	Baker's Field Park		at Water St. & Strawberry Ln. in Port Huron Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Court Street Park		at Court St. and 20th St. in Port Huron
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fort Gratiot County Park		entrance on M-25 just south of Metcalf Rd. or off Metcalf Rd. in Fort Gratiot
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fort Gratiot Pond		on Parker Rd. between Keewahdin & Carrigan Rds. in Fort Gratiot
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gratiot Park		at Gratiot Ave. & Hancock intersection in Port Huron
<input type="checkbox"/>	Haynes Park		north of the 10th St. bridge at Glenwood St. in Port Huron
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hoover School Park		at the corner of 34th and Vannass in Port Huron Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	K.I.N.D. Tot Park		at 12th St. & Jenks in Port Huron
<input type="checkbox"/>	Keewahdin Road Beach		on the east side of Gratiot at Keewahdin Rd. in Fort Gratiot
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kiefer Park		north of the Municipal Office Center at 100 McMorran Blvd in Port Huron
<input type="checkbox"/>	Knox Field		at 24th & Dove in Port Huron
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lakeside Park		north of Holland Ave. & Gratiot intersection in Port Huron
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lighthouse Park		on the east side of Omar St. north of Garfield in Port Huron
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lincoln Park		on Electric between North & South Boulevard in Port Huron
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mansfield Park		on Stone St. at Mansfield St. in Port Huron
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marysville Park		at Huron Blvd. & River Road in Marysville
<input type="checkbox"/>	Morton Park		between Busha Hwy. & Myrtlewood Marysville
<input type="checkbox"/>	North River Road Park		on North River Road across from Speedy-Q in Fort Gratiot
<input type="checkbox"/>	Optimist Park		at 10th Ave. & Whipple Street in Port Huron
<input type="checkbox"/>	Palmer Park & Recreation Center		at 2829 Armour St. in Port Huron
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pine Grove Park		on the east side of Pine Grove Ave., across from Port Huron Hospital in Port Huron
<input type="checkbox"/>	Port Huron Twp. Memorial Park		where Beach Rd. ends, north of W. Water St. in Port Huron Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Port Huron Township RV Park		adjacent to the north side of I-94/69 on the west side of Water St.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Port Huron Township Park #1		adjacent to the north side of I-94/69 on the east side of Water St.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Port Huron Township Park #4		on 40th St. south of Lapeer Rd.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Renaissance South Tot Park		in the Renaissance South Subdivision, off Electric Ave & Moak St in Port Huron
<input type="checkbox"/>	Roger Hyatt Memorial Park		on Michigan St., between Dove and Moak in Port Huron Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sanborn Park		on the northeast corner of the Pine Grove Ave. & Sanborn intersection in Port Huron
<input type="checkbox"/>	State Road Ball Field		on State Road, south of Keewahdin Road in Fort Gratiot
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tot Lot		at 11th & Division in Port Huron
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tot Lot		at 19th & Division in Port Huron

# Free Recreation Opportunities in Southern St. Clair County

Including cities of Algonac, Marine City, & St. Clair;

Casco, China, Clay, Columbus, Cottrellville, East China, Ira & St. Clair Townships

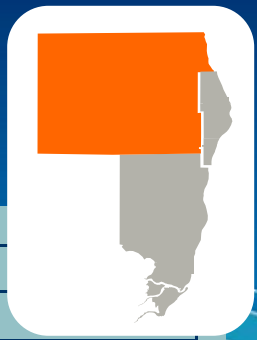


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<input type="checkbox"/>	Algonac City Park		at M-29 and Smith St in Algonac
<input type="checkbox"/>	Algonac State Park		at 8732 River Rd. (M-29) in Algonac
<input type="checkbox"/>	Belle River Access		on King Rd. between Recor and Belle River Rds. in China Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Belle River Roadside Park		off Bauman Road on Gratiot Ave in Columbus Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brown's Field		on North Chanel Dr. on Harsens Island, across from the ferry in in Clay Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clay Township Hall Park		on Pte. Tremble Road between Estergreen and Lakepoint Blvd in Clay Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Columbus County Park		off Bauman Rd. between Big Hand and Crawford Rds. in Columbus Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cottrellville Township Park		on Shortcut Rd just west of Marsh Rd in Cottrellville Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	East China Township Park		at 701 Recor Rd. in East China Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fred Meiselback Township Park		on Neuman Rd just west of S. Bartlett Rd in St. Clair Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Greig Park and Nature Trail		on N. Carney Dr., north of Vine in St. Clair
<input type="checkbox"/>	Indian Trail Road Park		on Indian Trail Rd between Meisner and Springborn Rds. in China Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ira Township Municipal Park		on Shortcut Rd just east of Meldrum Rd in Ira Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	King Road Park		on the west side of King Road between Chartier Ave and Plank Road in Marine City
<input type="checkbox"/>	Klecha Park		at the corner of Palmer and Goffe in St. Clair
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lions Field Park/ Pool		at Michigan and Dixie Blvd in Algonac
<input type="checkbox"/>	Manor Park		on S. Riverside Ave between Elmwood and Manor Park Dr in East China
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marine City Beach		at Water St. and Pearl in Marine City
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marine City riverfront parks (multiple)		off of Water St. from Broadway to just south of Union - (multiple pocket parks)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Palmer Park		east of S. Riverside Ave. in St. Clair
<input type="checkbox"/>	River Park		on M-29 between Francis St. and Mattson Ave in East China
<input type="checkbox"/>	Riverfront Park		begins at Algonac City Park almost half mile river walk in Algonac
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scout Tot Lot		at Scout and Columbia St in Algonac
<input type="checkbox"/>	St. Clair Community Pool		at Eighth and Orchard in St. Clair
<input type="checkbox"/>	St. Clair Skate Park		adjacent to Graig Park on N. Carney Dr. in St. Clair
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Skate Park		at Clay and Michigan St in Algonac
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tot Lot		at S. Main Street and Washington Street in Marine City
<input type="checkbox"/>	Township Hall Park		at Indian Trail and Lindsey Rds. in China Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ward Cottrell Park		Ward Street west of Parker Street in Marine City
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Tower Park		at Columbia and Market St. in Algonac

# Free Recreation Opportunities in Northern & Western St. Clair County

Including villages of Capac, Emmitt, Memphis & Yale;

Berlin, Brockway, Burchville, Clyde, Emmett, Grant, Greenwood, Kenockee, Kimball, Lynn, Riley & Wales Townships



	Park	Amenities	Location
<input type="checkbox"/>	Berlin Township Memorial Park		on Capac Rd. between Almont and Hough Rd in Allenton
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bill Bearss Park		off of Wildcat Rd. north of Beard Rd. in North Street
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brockway Township Park		on Sayles Rd. north of Speaker Rd in Yale
<input type="checkbox"/>	Burtchville Township Park		west of M-25, off of Lakeshore Rd on Lake St in Burtchville Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Capac Lions Park		on W. Park St. east of Main St in Capac
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clyde Township Hall Park		off Vincent Rd. just south of Robinwood Dr. in North Street
<input type="checkbox"/>	Egling Road Pond		on Egling Rd, just north of I-69 in Riley
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emmett Village Park		north of I-69 on Mary St. just east of Main St. in Emmett
<input type="checkbox"/>	Goodells County Park		off of Lapeer, just east of Goodells Rd, -or- on County Park Dr, off Goodells Rd. just south of Lapeer in Kimball Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Firefighters Park		on Brott Road just north of Imlay City Rd, behind the Fire Hall in Ruby
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant Township Park		off Wildcat Rd. just south of Harris Rd in Jeddo
<input type="checkbox"/>	Greenwood Township Park		at the corner of Yale and Kilgore Rds. in Avoca
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jake Simpson Wilderness Park		off Vincent Rd. south of Robinwood Dr, south of Township Hall Park
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kenockee Township Hall Park		on Kilgore Rd just south of Imlay City Rd in Kenockee Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kimball Township Park		on Howard Rd, off of N. Allen Rd, south of I-69 in Kimball Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lakeport State Park		7605 Lakeshore Rd (M-25) in Lakeport
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ohmer Township Park	(undeveloped)	at the corner of Yale Rd. and Mason Rd in Lynn Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pine River Nature Center		on Castor Rd. off of Lapeer between Eckles and Goodells Rds. in Goodells
<input type="checkbox"/>	Riley Township Park		at Riley Center Rd. and Belle River Rd in Riley Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Riverfront Park	(undeveloped)	at the intersection of N. River Rd. and North Rd. in Clyde Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Smiths Creek Community Park		on Henry Rd, between Smiths Creek Rd and Main St in Kimball Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Woodsong County Park	(undeveloped)	off of Abbottsford Road at the east end of Rynn Road in Clyde Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yale City Park		off of Park Ave, west of S. Main in Yale

**Know of a park or amenity that we missed? Tell us about it!**  
**E-mail suggestions to [asmith@scccmh.org](mailto:asmith@scccmh.org). Help us keep this brochure up to date!**

# The scoop on Schools



Every public elementary school (and many private schools) in the county has a playground. Some also have soccer fields, baseball diamonds, basketball courts, hopscotch and four-square games. School playgrounds are excellent places to get out and play! All the features of a park, with convenient neighborhood locations! Find one near you!



- **Algonac Elementary:** at Smith Street and St. Clair Blvd. in Algonac
- **Avoca Elementary** - on Willow Street south of Main Street off of Avoca Road in Avoca
- **Bell River Elementary:** on Chartier just west of King Rd. in Marine City
- **Capac Elementary** - at Glassford and Kempf Court, west of Main Street in Capac
- **Cleveland Elementary** - at Vanness & 28th Street in Port Huron
- **Crull Elementary** - at Hancock & Riverside Drive in Port Huron
- **Eddy Elementary:** on 9th Street, south of Vine between Orchard and Thornapple
- **Fair Haven Elementary:** on Broadbridge between Palms and Swan Creek Rds. in Ira Township
- **Gardens Elementary** - on 6th between Colorado & Montana in Marysville
- **Garfield Elementary** - at Garfield and 10th Street in Port Huron
- **Gearing Elementary:** on Carney Drive just south of Vine St. in St. Clair
- **Holly Cross Elementary:** playground is off of S. Main south of Bridge St. in Marine City
- **Indian Woods Elementary** - at West Water & North Allen Rd. in Kimball
- **JF Ferrell-Emmett Elementary** - on Kinney Rd. between Dunnigan and Brandon in Emmett
- **Keewahdin Elementary** - on Lakeshore between Terris & Carrigan Road in Fort Gratiot
- **Kimball Elementary** - off of Griswold, west of Wahhams Road in Kimball
- **Lakeport Elementary** - at 6th Street and Franklin, off of Burch, west of M-25 in Lakeport
- **Landmark Academy** - on Lapeer Road between Range and Allen Roads in Kimball
- **Michigamme Elementary** - on Michigamme Road, off of Beach between W. Water & Lapeer in Port Huron
- **Millside Elementary:** at Marsh Rd. and Mill St. in Clay Township
- **Morton Elementary** - at Lynnwood & St. Bernard, between Gratiot and Busha Hwy. in Marysville
- **New Life Christian Academy** - at the corner of Griswold and Wadhams Road in Kimball
- **Palms Elementary:** on Palms Road just south of Marine City Hwy. in Ira Township
- **Pine River Elementary:** on King Rd. just south of St. Clair Hwy. in China Township
- **Pte. Tremble Elementary:** on Phelps Rd. next to Algonac High School in Clay Township
- **Roosevelt Elementary** - at Court & 20th Street in Port Huron
- **St. Edwards on the Lake Catholic School** - at Washington St. and Lakeshore Dr. in Lakeport
- **St. Mary's Elementary:** at 9th and Vine Streets in St. Clair
- **Thomas Edison Elementary** - on Pollina Ave. off N. River Rd. between State and Parker in Fort Gratiot
- **Washington Elementary** - on 16th Street between Colorado and Washington in Marysville.
- **Woodrow Wilson Elementary** - on Chestnut between 8th & 9th Streets in Port Huron
- **Yale Elementary** - on School Drive, off of Park Ave. between Jordan and Brockway Roads in Yale

# Walk and Bike Trails

**Bridge to Bay Trail** - A 54 mile trail of designated bike lanes and non-motor paths that parallel the St. Clair River. Currently it extends from just north of the Blue Water Bridge to Harsens Island with a few interruptions. The following segments are paved, non-motor, walk/bike routes.

- ◆ **Edison Shores Segment** - Runs along the St. Clair River approximately 2 miles from the south end of Pine Grove Park to just north of the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron
- ◆ **Keifer Park Segment** - Runs along the St. Clair River from Glenwood and Merchant Streets approximately .5 miles ending at the Black River near the Port Huron Yacht Club in Port Huron.
- ◆ **St. Clair - East China segment:** The first leg of the trail runs 3 miles along M-29 beginning at Bree Rd and ending in East China Park. The next 1.5 miles meander through the park, then follow Recor Rd. to King Rd. The last leg heads back towards St. Clair paralleling Fred More Hwy and Carney Drive for just over 3.5 miles.
- ◆ **St. Clair to Marine City segment:** 2.5 mile stretch of abandoned railroad bed turned bike path that goes from East China Park south to Marine City.

**BP Nature Trail** - The somewhat hidden 2.5 mile trail loop can be accessed south-east of the Fred Moore bridge over the Pine River, across from Seaway Bank in St. Clair.

## Fort Gratiot Bike Path & Nature Preserve -

A 7 mile trail that runs from its eastern entrance off of M-25 between Hobby Lobby and Meijer and the western entrance across from Fort Gratiot Middle School at State and Keewahdin Roads.

**Wadhams to Avoca Trail** - A 12 mile trail winding through farmland, woods and crossing Mill Creek. The eastern trailhead can be reached off of Griswold between Michigan and Range Road, just east of the I-94 overpass. The western trailhead can be found at Avoca Road and Main Street in Avoca. There is designated off-road parking areas where the trail crosses Wadhams, Lapeer, Imlay City, and Avoca Roads.

**For more information about trails and to see maps visit [www.bluewaysofstclair.org](http://www.bluewaysofstclair.org)**

Have a favorite walk or bike trail we can list here? Let us know! Please e-mail suggestions to Amy Smith at [asmith@scccmh.org](mailto:asmith@scccmh.org).



## Pledge to Play!

*Make a pledge today to get out & play*

**I pledge to visit these parks near me:**

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# For more Information

**For county-wide information on parks and recreation opportunities visit:**

[www.bluewaysofstclair.org](http://www.bluewaysofstclair.org)

[www.stclaircounty.org](http://www.stclaircounty.org)

[www.bluewaterymca.com](http://www.bluewaterymca.com)

**These cities and townships have information about local parks and recreational opportunities listed on their websites.**

[www.porthuron.org](http://www.porthuron.org)

[www.cityofmarysvillemi.com](http://www.cityofmarysvillemi.com)

[www.fortgratiottwp.org](http://www.fortgratiottwp.org)

[www.porthurontownship.org](http://www.porthurontownship.org)

[www.cityofstclair.com](http://www.cityofstclair.com)

[www.marinecity-mi.org](http://www.marinecity-mi.org)

[www.claytownship.org](http://www.claytownship.org)

[www.berlintwpstclair.org](http://www.berlintwpstclair.org)

[www.emmett-township-stclair.org](http://www.emmett-township-stclair.org)

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