

# Welcome to **GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.**

Spring is in the air and the city is abloom with new flowers and fresh experiences. Here are **10** great things to see and do – nine of them within a **10-minute downtown walk**:



**1 Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum.** A celebration of our most prominent citizen. *\$7 regular admission; \$5 with convention badge.* (616) 254-0374



**2 Grand Rapids Public Museum.** Exploring history, nature, cultural heritage and more. *\$8 regular admission; \$7 with convention badge.* (616) 456-3977  
*Open Tuesday until 8pm*



**3 Grand Rapids Art Museum.** A work of art inside and out. *\$8 general admission; \$7 with convention badge; free on Tuesdays.* (616) 831-1000



**4 Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts.** Groundbreaking visual art, music, film and more. (616) 454-7000



**5 Ionia Street Nightlife.** Multiple nightclubs and breweries line two city blocks alongside Van Andel Arena.



**6 Shopping.** It's an easy walk to more than 40 diverse stores.



**7 Riverwalk.** Walkways on both sides of the Grand River provide stunning city views.



**8 Rosa Parks Circle.** Outdoor gathering space hosts live music, swing dancing and more.



**9 Heritage Hill.** Historic neighborhood includes 1,300 picturesque homes dating back to the 1840s.



**10 Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park.** A "Top 30 Must-See Museums" just 10 minutes from downtown. *\$12 regular admission; \$8 with convention badge.* (616) 957-1580

## Events scheduled April 10-12

### Butterflies are Blooming—March 1 - April 30

Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park  
Features butterflies from tropical regions flying freely in the 5-story Tropical Conservatory. Entrance to this exhibit is included with regular museum admission.

### Fresh Folk III—April 10 at 7:30pm

Performance at St. Cecilia Music Center, 24 Ransom Ave., Downtown Grand Rapids. This six-person group originally formed in 2001 to promote acoustic, bluegrass, folk-inspired music.  
Admission: \$20 Adults; \$10 Students

*Grand Rapids Public Museum currently featuring:*

**Dinosaurs Unearthed** explores the exciting discovery of feathered dinosaurs and their connection to modern day birds. February—April 27

**Dream it, Build it**—LEGO Exhibition features architectural masterpieces recreated with LEGO® bricks by Certified Lego Professional, Adam Reed Tucker. March 1—August 31

*Gerald R. Ford Museum currently featuring:*

**Growing Up Grand**—This exhibit follows President Ford from his birth in Nebraska to growing up in Grand Rapids. This exhibit is included with regular museum admission.

## **Other Area Attractions**

### **Major Shopping Malls with over 100 stores.**

Open Monday-Saturday: 10:00am-9:00pm and Sunday: 11:00am-6:00pm

#### **RiverTown Crossings Mall**

3700 Rivertown Parkway  
Grandville, MI 49418  
(616) 257-5000

**Anchor stores include:** Macy's , Dick's Sporting Goods, JCPenney, Kohl's, SEARS, and Youngkers.

#### **Woodland Mall**

3195 28<sup>th</sup> St. SE, Suite 100  
Grand Rapids, MI 49512  
(616) 949-0012

**Feature stores include:** Apple, Coldwater Creek, Ann Taylor, Hollister, Williams-Sonoma, Brookstone, JCrew, Swarovski, and H&M.

#### **AJ's Family Fun Center**

Open Friday from 4:00pm-10:00pm, Saturday from 11:00am-10:00pm and Sunday: 12:00pm-8:00pm  
#1 for FAMILY FUN in West Michigan / Go-Karts, *Mini Golf*, Arcades, Laser Tag, Batting Cages, Bumper Boats, Food and Lots More! (*Approximately 10 minutes north of downtown Grand Rapids*) 616-785-0077

#### **Craig's Cruisers Family Fun Center**

Hours: Friday: 11am-11pm, Saturday: 10am-11pm: Sunday, Noon-9:00pm  
#1 for FAMILY FUN in West Michigan / Go-Karts, *Mini Golf*, Arcades, Laser Tag, Food and lots more!  
(*Approximately 10 minutes south of downtown Grand Rapids*) 616-530-2900

#### **Local Bowling Alleys**

Spectrum Lanes—Spectrum Lanes is West Michigan's premier bowling center with 40 automatic scoring lanes, a large modern concourse, and a friendly knowledgeable staff that has helped make us the area's primary bowling venue for large special events or just a quick couple of games.  
(*Approximately 10 minutes south of downtown Grand Rapids*) 616-530-2400

Clique Bowling Alley—Clique Lanes is a 16 lane, bi-level bowling center located on the Grand Rapids' West side. (*Approximately 7 minutes northwest of downtown Grand Rapids*) 616-456-6123

Westgate Bowling Center—Every Friday night they have Cosmic Bowling so you can rock and roll to your favorite music while bowling 9am-2pm. (*Approximately 15 minutes northwest of downtown Grand Rapids*) 616-784-6450

You can see and do more in Grand Rapids in one day than you can in one week in other cities. We have an endless array of attractions and activities with everything close and convenient.

Visit **[www.ExperienceGR.com](http://www.ExperienceGR.com)** to search the calendar of events during your stay or ask your hotel's front desk associate.

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