

Things to do in metro Detroit

The Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), located in Midtown Detroit, is one of the largest and most significant art collections in the United States. With over 100 galleries, it covers 658,000 square feet. The DIA collection is regarded as among the top six museums in the United States with an encyclopedic collection which spans the globe from ancient Egyptian and European works to contemporary art. Its art collection is valued in billions of dollars. (Closed Monday) <https://www.dia.org/> (35 minutes)



The Henry Ford (also known as the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation and Greenfield Village), is a large indoor and outdoor history museum complex and a National Historic Landmark in the Detroit suburb of Dearborn. The museum collection contains the presidential limousine of John F. Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln's chair from Ford's Theatre, Thomas Edison's laboratory, the Wright Brothers' bicycle shop, the Rosa Parks bus, and many more historical exhibits. It is the largest indoor-outdoor museum complex in the United States and is visited by over 1.7 million people each year. <https://www.thehenryford.org/> (40 minutes)



Thomas Edison's Laboratory



John F Kennedy's Car Nov 22, 1963

Ford Rouge Factory Tour: The auto industry remains central to Detroit's economic and cultural identity. To understand the industry's rise, take the Ford Rouge Factory Tour in Dearborn. The factory that Henry Ford built along the Rouge River was the scene of the “Battle of the Overpass”, a key moment in the rise of American unions. (<https://www.thehenryford.org/visit/ford-rouge-factory-tour/>) (40 minutes)



Downtown Detroit and the Renaissance Center Tour Downtown Detroit has had an incredible renaissance in the past 10 years. Virtually every building has undergone or is in the process of undergoing rehabilitation. Take a tour of the GM Renaissance Center which includes the view from the 73rd floor. Park at the DIA and take the Q-Line down Woodward Avenue, Detroit's main street to the heart of downtown. Ride past Orchestra Hall, LCA the home of the Red Wings, Comerica Park home of the Tigers, and the ornate Fox Theater. In addition, downtown Detroit has become a foodie's paradise. (<http://detroitriverfront.org/things-to-do/gm-renaissance-center-tours-12-2pm>) (35 minutes)



The Motown Museum "Hitsville U.S.A." A former photographers' studio located at 2648 West Grand Boulevard, it was purchased by Motown founder Berry Gordy in 1959. It was converted for use as the record label's administrative building and recording studio, which was open 22 hours a day (closing from 8 to 10 a.m. for maintenance). The home of The Supremes, The Temptations, Stevie Wonder, Martha and the Vandellas, Marvin Gaye, The Jackson 5, Smokey Robinson, and on and on. (Closed Sunday and Monday) <https://www.motownmuseum.org/> (35 minutes)



The **Dossin Great Lakes Museum** is a historical maritime museum in Detroit. Located on The Strand on Belle Isle Park along the Detroit River, this museum places special interest on Detroit's role on national and regional maritime history. The 16,000-square-foot (1,500 m²) museum features exhibits such as one of the largest collection of model ships in the world, and the bow anchor of the SS *Edmund Fitzgerald*, which went down in a storm in 1975. <https://detroithistorical.org/about-us/our-museums/dossin-great-lakes-museum> (60 minutes)



The Detroit Historical Museum in the cities chronicles the history of the Detroit from cobblestone streets, 19th century stores, the auto assembly line, toy trains, fur trading from the 18th century, and much more. <https://detroithistorical.org/detroit-historical-museum/plan-your-visit/general-information> (35 minutes)



Meadowbrook Hall “The house of 100 rooms.” When Matilda Dodge, the widow of automobile pioneer John Dodge, married lumber baron Alfred Wilson, they built a new home on his farm in Rochester. Built between 1926 and 1929 for four million dollars, it is one of the finest examples of Tudor-revival architecture in America. <http://meadowbrookhall.org> (25 minutes)



The University of Michigan Central Campus One of this country's premier public universities, UM's central campus is a unique place. See world famous Hill Auditorium, the Law Quad, the Diag, the Michigan Union where President Kennedy announced The Peace Corps, and of course the Big House. (60 minutes)



Somerset Collection (Somerset Mall) Somerset Collection is a super-regional luxury shopping mall, located in Troy with more than 180 specialty stores. The stores include Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, David Yurman, Tiffany and Co, Halston, etc. (25 minutes)



Sportway (www.sportway.co): Sportway is an entertainment facility with attractions that appeal to all ages including Go-Kart rides, mountain style adventure miniature golf, baseball and softball batting cages, Eurobungy and a party facility. It is located at 4355 Highland Road (across from Meijers and nearby Checkers), Waterford, MI 48328.



Kart to Kart (kart2kart.com): Feel the excitement of 1st place finishes! Race-inspired Go-Karts accelerate to speeds up to 35 mph on the straight away and speed through corners at forces over 1G on the six-turn, 1/5 mile race track. Our Pro-Karts are Sodi GT5 Indoor Racing Karts based-off a racing designed chassis equipped with 6.5 HP Honda Engines, slick racing tires and hydraulic brakes. Up to 12 karts can compete at once for the ultimate wheel-to-wheel racing experience. Live-timing and scoring is displayed in the Viewing Area on the track and in the Cafe with scoring sheets provided to each driver that include lap times and race data.

JD Karting (jdkarting.com): Take on a fun and challenging race track. Depending on the type of racing experience purchased, drivers compete for either Best Lap Time or Position. On-track activity is determined by availability

Driving Tour of Detroit (<http://onedayindetroit.com/tours/5>): A fast (less than 2 hours), diverse driving tour of different icons, landmarks, and neighborhood types around the core of the city. Designed to quickly give you a sense of different Detroit landscapes. Keep your eyes peeled between locations!

