

2024

# MUSEUM GUIDE & PASSPORT

Museums in  
— Jackson County, Michigan —  
hold a wealth of history



Lost Railway Museum

## IMAGINE PLANET

730 Tomlinson St.  
Jackson, MI 49203

<https://imagineplanet.net>  
(734) 358-9893



Discover the wonders of science at our Free Science Center, featuring hands-on exhibits, live animals, minerals, rocks and fossils. Curiosity is welcomed. Explore at your own pace and get immersed in the fascinating world of science. From physics to biology, there's something to spark every imagination. Our knowledgeable staff is always happy to answer questions and guide your journey of discovery. Our doors are open to all who seek the joy of learning. Open Noon-5 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday through Saturday.

## LOST RAILWAY MUSEUM

142 W. Michigan Ave.  
Grass Lake, MI 49240

[www.lostrailwaymuseum.org](http://www.lostrailwaymuseum.org)  
(517) 522-9500



Imagine the time before paved streets, cars and buses. Now you can re-visit a 1900's village where the electric Interurban railway system was the primary mode of public transportation and see how the history of transportation was changed. Several railways delivered visitors to and from Ann Arbor, Jackson, Battle Creek, and Lansing; you will be able to see what the intersection of transportation was like at the Lost Railway Museum. Before you go, make sure to take the Boland Express, a virtual train experience on site. Leaving Jackson Platform 517, Car #29 will take you on a ride back in time.



Ella Sharp Museum

## YE OLE CARRIAGE SHOP MUSEUM

3538 Henderson Rd.  
Spring Arbor, MI 49283

[www.yeolecarriageshop.com](http://www.yeolecarriageshop.com)  
(517) 414-1773



Ye Ole Carriage Shop is a world-class exhibit of Jackson-manufactured automobiles, featuring five one-and-only cars. Step into a retro kitchen, Coca Cola museum room, classic cars, pedal cars, boxed toys, gas and oil memorabilia, and other displays in transportation. Tours by appointment only for groups of ten or more.

## ELLA SHARP MUSEUM OF ART & HISTORY AND HURST PLANETARIUM

3225 Fourth St.  
Jackson, MI 49203

[www.ellasharpmuseum.org](http://www.ellasharpmuseum.org)  
(517) 787-2320



Art, history, and science come together at the Ella Sharp Museum. The museum owns and operates two buildings on its grounds, including a 19th century Victorian farmhouse, the one-room Dibble Schoolhouse, a mid-19th century log cabin, and the Hurst Planetarium. The Hadwin Center features seven galleries, highlighting Jackson history, local and international artwork, and traveling exhibitions.

## TAKE A TRIP THROUGH TIME

It's no secret that Jackson history has played a major role in the development of the region and the state. From the first state prison to what was once the largest stop on the Detroit-to-Chicago rail line, little pieces of Michigan history are waiting to be uncovered at our museums.

Start your trip at [ExperienceJackson.com/Museums](http://ExperienceJackson.com/Museums)

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## TRACK YOUR HISTORIC ADVENTURES

Experience Jackson's History & Earn Prizes

Document your adventure by getting your museum passport (back of this page) stamped at each museum you visit. If you make it to 7 museums, you'll earn a museum passport prize package. You'll also be entered into a drawing for a Jackson County gift basket prize at the end of the 2024 museum passport time period. Prizes will include coupons and other items from Experience Jackson and local partners.

### Instructions:

1. Get your Museum Passport stamped at each Jackson County museum you go to. Only one stamp per museum counts towards prizes.
2. Once you receive at least 7 stamps, tear off this panel and mail it to Experience Jackson. You may also drop it off at the Experience Jackson offices during regular business hours (Monday-Thursday, 8am-5pm and Fridays 8am-4pm).
3. Experience Jackson will review your passport and mail your participant prize package to your provided address. You will automatically also be entered into the Jackson County gift basket prize. Complete details are available online at [www.ExperienceJackson.com/museumpassport](http://www.ExperienceJackson.com/museumpassport).

### Address:

**Experience Jackson**  
**134 W. Michigan Ave**  
**Jackson, MI 49201**





MUSEUM

PASSPORT

MICHIGAN'S MILITARY HERITAGE MUSEUM	LOST RAILWAY MUSEUM	YE OLE CARRIAGE SHOP MUSEUM
ELLA SHARP MUSEUM	CAMBRIDGE JUNCTION HISTORIC STATE PARK	MANN HOUSE
CONKLIN REED ORGAN MUSEUM & HERITAGE PARK	STEWART FARM MUSEUM	WATERLOO FARM MUSEUM
COE HOUSE MUSEUM	IMAGINE PLANET	MICHIGAN WHITETAIL HALL OF FAME

FILL OUT YOUR INFORMATION TO  
RECEIVE A PRIZE PACKAGE.\*

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Address:

submit your completed passport by January 10, 2025.

\*Each passport with a minimum of 7 stamps will receive a prize package in the mail and and be entered into a prize basket drawing at the end of 2024.




### HUBBARD MEMORIAL MUSEUM

317 Hanover St.  
Concord, MI 49237  
**(517) 524-8891**

 Established in 1986 by Marion Hubbard McFarlane and officially opened in 1991, the foundation includes 3 properties all featuring beautiful historic buildings. The Greek Revival Paddock Hubbard House Museum is a pre-civil war (1840s) home featuring an original kitchen with open hearth fireplace and Dutch ovens plus many unique family heirlooms. The First Universalist Church of Concord is a Gothic style building erected in 1867 and is still in its original location, although no longer serving as a place of worship. This building features European stained glass windows and antique iron chandeliers in the sanctuary.  
*Not participating in the passport program.*

### CAMBRIDGE JUNCTION HISTORIC STATE PARK & WALKER TAVERN HISTORIC SITE

13220 M-50  
Brooklyn, MI 49230  
**www.Michigan.gov/walkertavern**  
**(517) 930-3806**

  In the 1840s, Sylvester Walker's farmhouse tavern at Cambridge Junction was a favorite rest stop for travelers heading west on the Old Chicago Road. Today, the tavern is part of an 80-acre state park. Visitors can tour the site's three historic buildings, view exhibits about tourism, and enjoy the natural landscape of the Brooklyn-Irish Hills. Site is operated by the Michigan History Center, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.



### GRASS LAKE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND COE HOUSE MUSEUM

371 W. Michigan Ave.  
Grass Lake, MI 49240  
**www.coehousemuseum.org**  
**(517) 748-1078**

  Home to the Grass Lake Area Historical Society since 1972, this historic home now museum is built in the Tuscan Vernacular architectural style. The Coe House was constructed in 1871 for Henry Vinkle, who owned and operated a hardware store and farm equipment dealership in Grass Lake. In 1953 Archie and Myrta Coe bought the home, and it was from Mrs. Coe, by then a widow, that the Grass Lake Area Historical Society bought the house and named it after the Coe's. The Grass Lake Area Historical Society has since renovated the house in a Victorian era fashion.

### MICHIGAN WHITETAIL HALL OF FAME MUSEUM

4220 Willis Rd.  
Grass Lake, MI 49240  
**www.deermuseum.com**  
**(517) 937-0533**

  Michigan Whitetail Hall of Fame Museum is one of Jackson's most unique museums, with living deer and the country's largest chainsaw and farm implement collection on display. With more than 50 Boone and Crockett world record buck racks on display, any hunter would be easily entertained. Visitors can see and feed the live deer throughout the week, year-round. Hours may vary, call ahead for details.

### MANN HOUSE

205 Hanover St.  
Concord, MI 49237  
**www.Michigan.gov/mannhouse**  
**(517) 930-3806**

  The Mann House (1883) is an excellent example of middle-class Victorian architecture. Once the home of Daniel and Ellen Mann and their daughters, the house is a museum operated by the Michigan History Center, Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The home is furnished with late nineteenth century heirlooms including personal items belonging to family members. Unique features of the house include a marbled slate fireplace and treasures from the sisters' travels in Asia.

### CONKLIN REED ORGAN AND HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND HERITAGE PARK

122 Tefft St.  
Hanover, MI 49241  
**www.hhahs.org**  
**(517) 563-8927**

  Conklin Museum offers a unique collection of 100 playable reed organs, plus historical, local history throughout. Explore an old-fashioned school room, antique displays, and recreation of Victoria-era spaces. Heritage Park hosts a variety of buildings, including an 1800s log cabin, antique farm equipment, barn, sawmill, maple syrup shack, and more.

### MICHIGAN'S MILITARY HERITAGE MUSEUM

311 N. Wisner St.  
Jackson, MI 49202  
**www.mimhm.org**  
**(517) 926-6696**

   This museum highlights Michigan's veterans in peace and war. Exhibits include a WWI trench and bunker, Revolutionary War and Civil War era cannons, a Wall of Honor for Michigan veterans, and the nation's most comprehensive WWI combat uniform collection. Research library available. Open Wednesday-Friday 12-4 and Saturday 11-5.



### STEWART FARM MUSEUM – TOMPKINS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

10138 Tompkins Rd.  
Rives Junction, MI 49277  
**www.tompkinscenterhistoricalsociety.com**  
**(517) 962-3398**

  The Tompkins Historical Stewart Farm Museum is a short drive off of M-50 in Tompkins. The Stewart property features a farmhouse museum, rug looms and black smith demonstrations, a replica frontier log cabin, an 1880's school house, and a working windmill. Special events include the annual Freedom Festival featuring a steam engine show, flea market, and vintage car show the 3rd weekend in September.

### WATERLOO FARM MUSEUM AND DEWEY SCHOOL MUSEUM

13493 Waterloo-Munith Rd.  
Grass Lake, MI 49240  
**www.waterloofarmmuseum.org**  
**(802) 596-2254**

  The Waterloo Farm Museum provides a glance into 19th century pioneer life. Highlights include a farmhouse built in the 1850s, a restored wooden windmill, log home, woodworking and blacksmith's shop with working forge, a granary, and other buildings that supported 1880's farm life. Nearby is the Dewey School Museum, which demonstrates a one-room schoolhouse and the typical day of a student. The school is open during special events.