

## Outdoor Attractions

### **Bear Cave Resort**

4085 Bear Cave Rd., Buchanan, MI 49107

(269) 695-3050

\*Stalactites, formations of flow stone, petrified leaves. Open May-Nov., admission charged

## Garden & Nature Centers

### **Fernwood Botanical Garden &**

### **Nature Preserve**

13988 Rangeline Rd., Niles, MI 49120 (269) 683-8653

\*Trails, conservatory, gardens, bird observations, art gallery. Open year-round, admission charged

### **Sarett Nature Center**

2300 Benton Center Rd., Benton Harbor, MI 49022

(269) 927-4832

\*Wildlife sanctuary, educational center, hiking tours, skiing. Open year-round, no admission charged

*Sarett.com*

## Parks

### **Jean Klock Beach Park**

Benton Harbor Parks (269) 927-0300

\*Observation trail, picnicking, swimming, \$2.00 charge per vehicle.

### **Riverview Drive Park**

Benton Harbor Parks (269) 927-0300

\*Boat launch, picnicking and fishing areas. No park entrance fees.

### **Carronde Park**

(269) 429-7703

\*Boat launch, picnicking and fishing areas. Pavilions can be reserved for a fee.

### **Berrien County Parks**

(269) 983-7111, Ext. 8435

### **Love Creek County Park and Nature Center**

(269) 471-2617

\*Hiking, cross-country skiing, guided activities. Open year-round, park entrance fees

### **Madeline Bertrand Park**

(269) 683-8280

\*Picnic shelters, 18 hole disc golf course, ski trails, hiking, biking, walking trails. Open year-round, park entrance fees charged

### **Rocky Gap**

Benton Harbor Parks (269) 927-0300

\*Scenic overlook, areas for swimming and sunbathing. Open April-Oct., no admission charged

### **Silver Beach County Park**

St. Joseph City Parks (269) 983-6341

\*Play areas, guarded swimming area, volleyball areas, pier fishing, and a picnic shelter that can be reserved. Open April-Oct., vehicle entrance fee charged

### **Niles Parks and Recreation**

\*Offer various public parks and recreation areas. Call Dept of Public Works (269) 683-4700

### **Bluff Park**

St. Joseph City Parks (269) 983-6341

\*Scenic view of Lake Michigan shoreline

### **Kiwanis Park**

St. Joseph City Parks (269) 983-6341

\*Sports courts, softball fields, horseshoe pits, picnic shelter, playground equipment, skateboard center

### **Marina Island's Boat Launch**

St. Joseph City Parks (269) 983-6341

### **Riverview Park**

St. Joseph City Parks (269) 983-6341

\*Shelters, ball fields, picnic areas, grills, boat launch, soccer fields, concession, playground.

### **Grand Mere State Park**

Thornton Dr., Stevensville, MI 49127 (269) 426-4013

\*Lakes, sand dunes, areas for hiking hunting & fishing.

### **Warren Dunes State Park**

12032 Red Arrow, Sawyer, MI 49125 (269) 426-4013

\*Swimming, picnicking, 300 campsites, nature trails.

### **Warren Woods State Park**

Sawyer, MI 49125 (269) 426-4013

\*Walking trails, picnic tables, forest, natural area.

## Programs

### **Five Pines Ministries**

6597 Smith Rd., Berrien Center, MI 49102 (269) 471-1396

\*Camps, programs and seasonal activities

### **Power in Motion Gymnastics and Fitness**

3889 S. M139, St. Joseph, MI 49085 (269) 429-5100

\*Classes and camps. Fees charged

### **South Shore Health and Racquet Club**

3630 Tennis Ct., St. Joseph, MI 49085 (269) 429-2101

\*Kids club, kids camps, variety of classes. Fees charged

*www.sshrc.biz/*

### **YMCA Family Center**

3665 Hollywood, St. Joseph, MI 49085 (269) 428-9622

905 North Front St., Niles, MI 49120 (269) 683-1552

\*Swimming, gymnastics and One-Two-Three Grown program offered for 18 months and up. Fees are charged



# Natural Learning Environments and Opportunities in Berrien County



## Natural Environments

Natural environments are defined by federal law as settings that are natural or normal for the child's peers who have no disabilities. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was reauthorized by the federal government in 1997 and included a definition of natural environments. States that receive federal money to provide early intervention services to infants and toddlers with developmental delays or conditions that may cause delays, must agree to develop and implement policies and procedures to ensure that "to the maximum extent appropriate, early intervention services are provided in natural environments..."

## What are the benefits of using natural environments?

The use of natural environments is a way of thinking about how, when and where infants and toddlers learn best. All children learn in the course of their daily activities and routines, within relationships with others.



## Libraries

*Most libraries offer weekly story hours and summer reading programs.*

### Benton Harbor Public Library

213 Wall, Benton Harbor, MI 49022 (269) 926-6139

[Bentonharborlibrary.com](http://Bentonharborlibrary.com)

### Berrien Springs Community Library

215 W. Union, Berrien Springs, MI 49103 (269) 471-7074

[Bsclibrary.org](http://Bsclibrary.org)

### Bridgman Public Library

4460 Lake, Bridgman, MI 49106 (269) 465-3663

[Bridgmanlibrary.com](http://Bridgmanlibrary.com)

### Buchanan Public Library

117 W. Front, Buchanan, MI 49107 (269) 695-3681

[Buchananlibrary.org](http://Buchananlibrary.org)

### Coloma Public Library

151 W. Center St., Coloma, MI 49038

[Colomapubliclibrary.net](http://Colomapubliclibrary.net)

### Eau Claire District Library

6528 E. Main, Eau Claire, MI 49111 (269) 461-6241

[Eauclairelibrary.org](http://Eauclairelibrary.org)

### Galien Twp. Library

302 N. Main, Galien, MI 49113 (269) 545-8281

### Lincoln Twp. Public Library

2099 John Beers, Stevensville, MI 49127 (269) 429-1234

[Lincolntownshiplibrary.org](http://Lincolntownshiplibrary.org)

### New Buffalo Public Library

33 Thompson, New Buffalo, MI 49117 (269) 469-2933

[Newbuffalo.michlibrary.org](http://Newbuffalo.michlibrary.org)

### Niles Community Library

620 E. Main, Niles, MI 49120 (269) 683-8545

[Nileslibrary.com](http://Nileslibrary.com)

### St. Joseph Public Library

500 Market, St. Joseph, MI 49085 (269) 983-7167

[Youseemore.com](http://Youseemore.com)

### Three Oaks Public Library

3 N. Elm, Three Oaks, MI 49128 (269) 756-5621

[Threeoakslibrary.org](http://Threeoakslibrary.org)

### Watervliet Public Library

333 N. Main St., Watervliet, MI 49038

<http://users.ameritech.net/hartmanlr/index.html>

## Museums

### Science/Natural History/Art

#### Berrien Springs Natural History Museum

Andrews University campus (269) 471-3322

\*Plant and animal exhibits. Open year-round, no admission charged

#### Cook Energy Information Center

1 Cook Place, Bridgman, MI 49106 (800) 548-2555

\*Movies, guided tours, video displays, nature trails. Open by appointment, no admission charged [www.cookinfo.com](http://www.cookinfo.com)

#### Curious Kids' Museum

415 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, MI 49085 (269) 983-2543

\*Hands-on learning museum. Admission charge [www.curiouskidsmuseum.org](http://www.curiouskidsmuseum.org)

#### Curious Kids' Discovery Zone

333 Broad St., St. Joseph, MI, 49085 (269) 982-8500

\*Hands-on learning museum. Admission charge [www.curiouskidsmuseum.org](http://www.curiouskidsmuseum.org)

#### B.J. Goetz Art Studio

1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, MI 49085 (269) 983-2680

\*Working studio, fine art originals and lithos. Open year-round, no admission charged [www.bjgoetzartstudio.com](http://www.bjgoetzartstudio.com)

#### Krasl Art Center

707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, MI 49085 (269) 983-0271

\*Monthly exhibitions, galleries, classes. Open year-round, no admission charged [www.krasl.org](http://www.krasl.org)

#### Richard Hunt Studio Center

258 Territorial, Benton Harbor, MI 49022 (269) 927-0062

\*Art Museum, open Sat. & Sun. 10am-6pm

#### Box Factory for the Arts

1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, MI 49085 (269) 983-3688

\*Performance stage, galleries, classes. Open year-round, no admission charged [www.boxfactoryhearts.org](http://www.boxfactoryhearts.org)

## History

### Berrien County Courthouse Museum

N. Cass St., Berrien Springs, MI 49103 (269) 471-1202

\*Historic building, exhibits. Open year-round, no admission fees

### Fort St. Joseph Museum

508 Main St., Niles, MI 49120 (269) 683-4702

\*Native American, French and English artifacts.

Open year-round, no admission fees

### Josephine Morton Memorial House

501 Territorial, Benton Harbor, MI 49022 (269)925-7011

\*Costumed guides tour this 1849 home. Open April-Oct., admission charged

### North Berrien Cty Historical Society Museum

300 Coloma Rd., Coloma, MI 49038 (269) 468-3330

\*County land development since glacial period. Open year-round, no admission fees

### Pears Mill

121 Front St., Buchanan, MI 49107 (269) 695-5525

\*Working gristmill, local history artifacts. Open May-Labor Day, weekends, no admission fees

### Priscilla U. Byrns Heritage Center

708 Market, St. Joseph, MI 49085 (269) 983-1191

\*Three centuries of St. Joe & Benton Harbor history. Open year-round, no admission fees

### Siegfried H. Horn Archaeological Museum

Andrews Univ., Berrien Springs, MI (269) 471-3273

\*Objects from the Stone Age to modern times. No admission fees

### Three Oaks Spokes Bicycle Museum

1 Oak St., Three Oaks, MI 49128 (269) 765-3361

\*Antique bicycles and exhibits on the history of cycling. Open year-round, no admission fees