

Village of Baroda

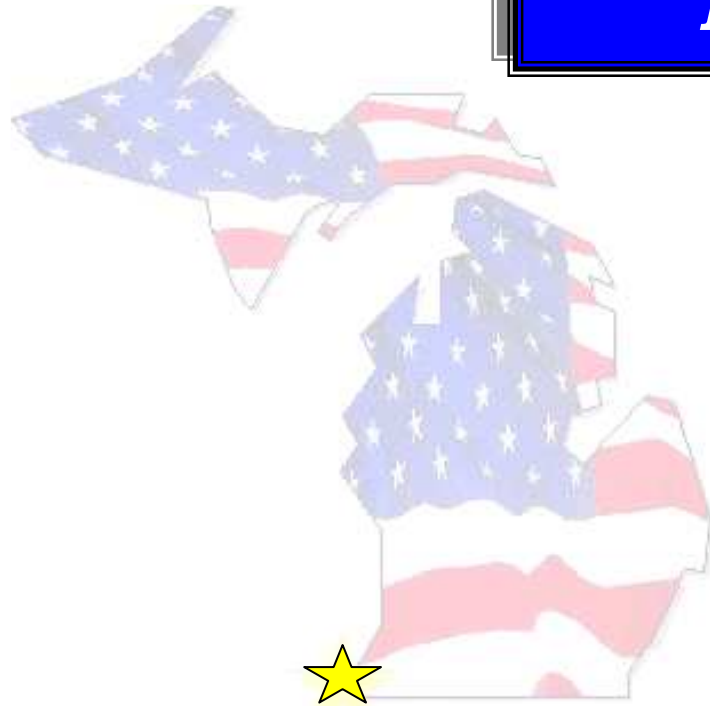


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LOCATION / MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF BARODA

NARRATIVE PROFILE

History

The history of the community goes back to the 1830's when the first settlers arrived and began clearing the land, draining the swamps, and building homes and farms.

The founder of Baroda was Michael Houser, a man of exceptional generosity and civic-mindedness. Houser had always dreamed of building a town, so he bargained with the railroad to put a station on his land. Houser then platted a town and sold lots on very generous terms. He offered a free lot to every person who would build a store or other building worth \$500. Houser sold lots for homes for \$35. He was not looking for personal glory and did not want the town named after him. Houser chose the name Baroda after a city in western India, 400 kilometers north of Bombay. Baroda has no memorial to Michael Houser, not even a photograph, but his generous spirit had a major impact on the community he founded. The Village of Baroda was incorporated in 1907.

Because the surrounding area was already well settled, the railroad well utilized, and the founder generous, the Village of Baroda experienced a quick start. It grew rapidly and competition began to form between the Village and the nearby town of Bridgman.

However, the world was changing. In 1958 Michigan Central Railroad, which had never been profitable, closed. Highways bypassed the area and Baroda became another small town destined for decline. The villagers rallied and found another avenue for economic growth. Rather than struggle for commercial development, they made the Village of Baroda a haven for the tool and die industry. Because of this encouragement the Village has the highest concentration of tool and die industries per capita within the State of Michigan.

Kathleen Shafer, a writer of Baroda history, believes the hard times may have been the reason for its enduring community spirit. "We are unpretentious now, with no delusions of grandeur. We have a heritage of hard work begun by the early pioneers and continued by later immigrants. We have a tradition of generosity and a welcoming attitude toward newcomers. We also have created a climate of welcome for new industries through tax breaks, and a number of small businesses have begun here in the last ten or fifteen years. Baroda has a tradition of good government, unmarred by infighting and personal ambition. Baroda also has a tradition of good times. From the first dance in November 1889, through Centennial Week celebrations of 1990, to the present day, Baroda has shown that it knows how to celebrate."

Observations

The Village of Baroda has captured the soul of rural living in Berrien County, with grain and fruit farmers predominate. It is located in the Chicago-Detroit corridor, amidst rolling hills and a few small lakes. Baroda's residents clearly enjoy their village's quality of life.

The Village has a very good school district and is proud to have its own municipal water and sewer facilities, police force, and fire brigade. The crime rate is very low. The refreshing waters of Lake Michigan are only a few miles away. The Village of Baroda continues to be especially attractive to members of the tool and die industry. The Village also welcomes new, light industries and commercial entrepreneurs who recognize the value of participating in the quality of life offered by this friendly, rural community.

As in many such small communities, the local gas station or bar often functions as a meeting place for its residents. Baroda does not have a community center as such, or much commercial business. The reason is simple: the villagers do not provide a sufficiently large market for entrepreneurs to succeed in regular businesses such as groceries. Specialty stores or restaurants experience more success as customers are drawn from a larger area.

For those who enjoy the quiet and the outdoors, Baroda truly is "*Casual Country Charm*".

Community Vision

In the next two decades, the community would like to:

- A. Increase industrial and residential development.
- B. Increase commercial/retail business.
- C. Repair one or two roads every year.
- D. First Street Streetscape Project.

The Village is currently in the process of updating its five-year plan.

In 2004, the Village held a slogan contest. Over 200 entries were submitted from as far away as Georgia. The winning slogan was "*Casual Country Charm*" which was submitted by life-long Baroda resident, Myra Clark. The Council felt this was an appropriate slogan because it fit Baroda Village and Township. The Village has a quaint brick street in the downtown area and has plans to do a new streetscape reminiscent of the turn of the century style since Baroda is a centennial community. Its charm continues throughout the Baroda countryside where you can enjoy flowering fruit trees, fresh produce at roadside stands and the smell of ripening grapes.

Rich Dumke of Rich Designs, a former Baroda resident, designed the new logo. The logo reflects the Village Park with the new pedestrian bridge and the gazebo overlooking Hickory Creek, bringing back memories of a slower pace of life.

¹ New slogan and logo information submitted by Village of Baroda Clerk, Diane Mensinger.

POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS²

Population

1980 Census	627	
1990 Census	657	4.78 % increase
2000 Census	858	30.00 % increase
2004 Census Estimate	872	1.63 % increase

Residents by Gender

(From 2000 Census)

Male Population	426
Female Population	432
Total	858

Age Distribution

(From 2000 Census)

0 – 17	217	25.3 %
18 – 24	49	5.7 %
25 – 44	297	34.6 %
45 – 64	164	19.1 %
65 +	131	15.3 %

Median Age 36.2

Personal Income

(From 2000 Census)

Median Family	\$41,979.00
Average per Capita	\$16,412.00
Median Household	\$36,250.00

Educational Attainment

Population 25 Years and Over	579	100.0 %
Less than 9 th Grade	47	8.1 %
9 th to 12 th Grade, No Diploma	75	13.0 %
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	222	38.3 %
Some College, No Degree	139	24.0 %
Associates Degree	50	8.6 %
Bachelors Degree	33	5.7 %
Graduate or Professional Degree	13	2.3 %
High School Graduate or Higher	457	78.9 %
Bachelors Degree or Higher	46	7.9 %

² All demographic information is from the 2000 census. Only the population estimate is available for 2004.

Labor Force

Total Work Force	456
Employed	429
Unemployed	27
Unemployment Rate	5.9 %

Principal Economic Base Employer - Manufacturing

Colonial Die Corp.....	Die Casting, Plastic Molding	14 Employees
Lakeshore Die Casting.....	Aluminum & Zinc Die Casting.....	10 Employees
Midwest Die Corp	Die Casting.....	17 Employees
Quality Mold & Engineering	Aluminum, Zinc, Magnesium Die Casting.....	40 Employees
South Shore Tool.....	Precision Machining.....	38 Employees
Tigmaster Company.....	Sheet Metal Forming.....	46 Employees

Housing

Number of Dwellings	378
Owner Occupied	284
Renter Occupied	78
Median Rent	\$350
Median Home Value	\$60,600

Home Sales	
Low	\$42,000
High	\$135,000

Building Permits – 2005

	<u>Number Issued</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
Residential	7	\$94,500.00
Commercial	1	\$5,000.00
Other	3	\$35,100.00
Total	11	\$134,600.00

Climate

	<u>January</u>	<u>July</u>
Average Maximum Temperature	32F / 0C	82F / 28C
Average Minimum Temperature	18F / -8C	61F / 16C
Days over 90F or 32C	11	
Days below 0F or 18C	4	
Days of Growing Season	162	
Average Annual Rainfall	37" / 94cm	
Average Annual Snowfall	70" / 178cm	

GOVERNMENT

Municipal Hall

Baroda Village Hall
9091 First Street
P.O. Box 54
Baroda, MI 49101
Phone: (269) 422-1779
Fax: (269) 422-2407
www.barodavillage.org

Council Meetings

Day: First Monday of Each Month
Start: 7:30 p.m.

List of Officers

President	Bob Getz
Clerk	Diane Mensinger
Treasurer	Amy Hemphill
Planning Commission	Ed Rath
Council Member	William Bennitt
Council Member	Claudia Brister
Council Member	G. Larry Nye
Council Member	Ed Rath
Council Member	Milton Sluder
Council Member	Mona Stankiewicz

County / State / Federal Government Officials

County Commissioner

Don Gast, District 9
502 West Lemon Creek Road
P.O. Box 177
Baroda, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 422-1411
jule502@juno.com

State Governor

Jennifer Granholm
State Capitol
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909
Phone: (517) 373-3400
www.michigan.gov

State Senator

Ron Jelinek, District 21
P.O. Box 30036
Lansing, MI 48909-7536
Phone: (517) 373-6960
Fax: (517) 373-0897
senrjelinek@senate.michigan.gov

State Representative

Neal Nitz, District 78
Michigan House of
Representatives
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514
Phone: (517) 373-1796
Fax: (517) 373-5918
nealnitz@house.mi.gov

U.S. Representative

Fred Upton, 6th Congressional
District
2183 Rayburn H.O.B.
Washington, DC 20515
Phone: (202) 225-3761
Fax: (202) 225-4986
tellupton@mail.house.gov

U.S. Senators

Debbie Stabenow
702 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
Phone: (202) 224-4822
Fax: (202) 224-8834
senator@stabenow.senate.gov

Carl Levin
269 Russell Senate Office
Building
Washington, DC 20510
Phone: (202) 224-6221
Fax: (202) 224-1388
<http://levin.senate.gov>

PUBLIC SERVICES

Police

Chief of Police: Gary Ruhl
Phone: (269) 422-1344
Fax: (269) 422-2407
Sworn Officers – Full Time: 1
Sworn Officers - Part Time: 10
Civilian Employees: 1
Number of Cars: 4

Fire

Fire Chief: Jeff Gaul
Phone: (269) 422-2186
Cell: (269) 568-6507
Number of Stations: 1
Professional Firemen: 0
Part-Time Paid: 21
Volunteers: 0
Insurance Rate Class: 7

Trash Collection

Contact: Michiana Recycling & Disposal
Phone: (800) 722-9710
Type: Independent
Pick Up Day: Thursday
Cost Per Month: 1.8913 mills taxed

Recycling

Berrien County Recycling Program
Phone: (269) 983-7111 Ext. 8234

Water

Contact: Baroda Village Hall
Phone: (269) 422-1779
Source: Lake Michigan
Usage: 85,000 GPD

Sewer

Contact: Baroda WWSL
(269) 422-1828, Leonard Krone
System Type: Lagoon System
Capacity:
25,000,000 GPD

Telephone

Verizon North
Residential and single line business 1-800-483-3000
Rates: All basic service rates are the same as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission
Incentives: Discount Toll Call plans are available depending on usage and area called.

Gas

Michigan Gas Utilities
1-800-303-0752
711 Starlite Dr. Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022
Rates vary - call 1-800-735-4427 for information.
Incentives are offered for conversions and new technology.

Electric

American Electric Power Company
(800) 311-6424
2425 Meadowbrook Road; Benton Harbor, MI
Rates vary according to usage

TAXES³

In March 1998, Michigan voters approved a new tax structure (Proposal A). The following table provides a simplistic look at the taxes currently levied within this community. There will be several years of adjustment that will result in changes to the levied taxes.

Property tax is based now upon taxable value, not state equalized value.

General Taxes

General County	4.8104
Law Enforcement/ Public Safety	0.3485
Special Voted 911	0.2489
Senior Citizens	0.2987
LMC College	1.8060
Village	8.6547
Subtotal	20.1672

School Taxes

Homestead	6.0000
Non-Homestead (Business)	18.0000
Debt Retirement	3.4000
Extra Voted Building & Site	1.5000
Berrien County ISD	0.1760
Special Education	2.2130
Subtotal	

Lakeshore

Homestead	13.2890
Non-Homestead (Business)	31.2890

³ A complete listing of the Berrien County Tax Spread for 2005 is available on our website at www.berriencounty.org.

TRANSPORTATION

Airports – Commercial

Michiana Regional Transportation Center (30 Miles)
South Bend, Indiana
(574) 282-4590

Kalamazoo International (62 Miles)
Kalamazoo, Michigan
(269) 388-3666

Airports – General Aviation

Andrews Airpark (8 Miles)
Berrien Springs, Michigan
(269) 471-1455

Tyler Memorial (23 Miles)
Niles, Michigan
(269) 684-7030

Southwest Michigan Regional (15 Miles)
Benton Harbor, Michigan
(269) 927-3194

Watervliet Airpark (25 Miles)
Watervliet, Michigan
(269) 463-6769

Bus Lines

Benton Harbor Bus Center
Greyhound Bus Lines and
Indian Trails Motorcoach
Depot: Benton Charter Township
Phone: (269) 925-1121

Berrien Bus
Serves Berrien County
Phone: (269) 471-1100

Helicopter Service

Bolton Air via Tyler Memorial (23 Miles)
Niles, Michigan
(269) 684-1793

Main Highways

I-94
M-63
U.S. 31
Red Arrow Highway

Ports

Benton Harbor
St. Joseph River Board of Harbor Commissioners
Contact: Dennis Schuch
Phone: (269) 983-7111 Ext. 8262

Consumers International Terminal Company
P.O. Box 624
Benton Harbor, MI 49023
Contact: Jack Kinney
Phone: (269) 926-1111

Rail Lines

CSX Transportation
Jeff Wagoner, Manager of Industrial Development
2021 Spring Road
Suite 475
Oak Brook, IL 60521
Phone: (708) 201-5108
Fax: (708) 201-5128

Amtrak offers passenger service in St. Joseph, New Buffalo and Niles. For information and / or reservations, call (800) 872-7245. The Northern Indiana Commuter Transit, commonly referred to as the "South Shore", also provides daily commuter service to Chicago from Michiana Regional Airport, South Bend, Indiana. Call (800) 356-2079 for information.

Taxi Service

Advance Cab
873 E. Empire Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 925-2115

BUSINESS RESOURCES⁴

Available Sites and Buildings

For information on available sites and buildings, please contact Jennifer Arent with the Berrien County Community Development Department at (269) 983-7111 Ext. 8788. You may also view sites 24 hours a day via www.MiSiteNet.org.

Business Incentives

Economic Development Revolving Fund (Village)
Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates (Property Tax Abatements)
Pollution Control Exemption Certificates (Tax Abatement on Pollution Control Equipment Facilities)
Revolving Loan Fund for Industrial Facilities (Berrien County)
Infrastructure Grants for Municipalities (State of Michigan)
Workforce Training Grants (State of Michigan)

Chamber of Commerce

Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 93
Stevensville, MI 49127
Phone: (269) 429-1170
www.lakeshorechamber.org

Economic Development Organizations

Berrien County Community Development Department
701 Main Street
St. Joseph, Michigan 49085
Contact: Daniel Fette, Director
Phone: (269) 983-7111, Ext. 8617
Fax: (269) 982-8611

Credit Unions

United Federal Credit Union
5611 Cleveland Avenue
Stevensville, MI 49127
Phone: (269) 428-0102

First Resource Federal Credit Union
2580 South Cleveland Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 428-2611

Berrien Teachers Credit Union
2920 Lakeview Drive
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 983-6357

Downtown Development Authority and its Activities

President: Bill Menser
Phone: (269) 422-1111

- A. Installed a new storm drain.
- B. Maintained non-motorized roadways.
- C. Constructed a new parking area in the business district.
- D. Village Park improvements

Financial Institutions

Chase Bank
4249 Lake Street
Bridgman, MI 49106
Phone: (269) 465-5789

Chemical Bank Shoreline
9061 First Street
Baroda, MI 49101
Phone: (269) 422-1105

Fifth Third Bank
1788 West John Beers Road
Stevensville, MI 49127
Phone: (269) 429-1581

Chase Bank
5689 St. Joseph Avenue
Stevensville, MI 49127
Phone: (269) 926-4795

Edgewater Bank
4509 Lake Street
Bridgman, MI 49106
Phone: (269) 465-5500

⁴ For more information on these incentives and any others that may be available, contact the Berrien County Community Development Department at (269) 983-7111 Ext. 8617.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Child Care

Child Care Resources (CCR), a private, non-profit organization, provides Berrien County residents with information about child care options in their communities. For more information, contact CCR at (269) 925-5575 or toll free at (800) 343-3470. Their offices are located at 401 Eighth Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

Churches

The Village of Baroda and Baroda Township house the following churches:

Baroda Bible Church
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Zion United Church of Christ
Church of God

In addition, the neighboring communities of Stevensville, Bridgman and St. Joseph house many more congregations. The nearest synagogue is in Benton Harbor, 14 miles northeast of the Township.

Health Providers – General

The surrounding communities of Bridgman, Stevensville and St. Joseph provide a variety of medical facilities and health care providers.

Health Providers – Hospitals

Community Hospital – Watervliet
David McMann, CEO
400 Medical Park
Watervliet, MI 49098
Phone: (269) 463-3111
Number of Beds: 70

The following hospitals form the Lakeland Regional Health System of Lakeland HealthCare:

Lakeland Regional Medical Center - St. Joseph
1234 Napier Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 983-8300
Number of Beds: 278

Lakeland Community Hospital - Niles
31 North St. Joseph Avenue
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 683-5510
Number of Beds: 174

Lakeland Specialty Hospital – Berrien Center
6418 Deans Hill Road
Berrien Center, MI 49102
Phone: (269) 471-7761
Number of Beds: 248

Lakeland Center for Outpatient Services
3900 Hollywood Road
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 556-2800
Number of Beds: 222

Libraries

Bridgman Public Library
Julie Hill, Director
4460 Lake Street
Bridgman, Michigan 49106
Phone: (269) 465-3663

Lincoln Township Public Library
Virginia Bedunah, Director
2099 W. John Beers Road
Stevensville, Michigan 49027
Phone: (269) 429-9575

The *MichiCard* enables members of the community to borrow books from most libraries within the state of Michigan.

The nearest research library is the *James White Library* on the campus of Andrews University, in Berrien Springs. Please call (269) 471-3275 for information on the University's library hours and services provided. Those who wish to use the University's library facilities must purchase a community card at a cost of \$36.00 annually.

The William Hessel Library at Lake Michigan College is available for use by community members. To search the Online Catalog or for more information, please visit <http://www.lakemichigancollege.edu/lib> or contact the Circulation Desk at 269-927-8605. Community members may present a *MichiCard* to check out circulating items in the Hessel Library's collection.

Retail Malls

Crossroads Mall
Kalamazoo, Michigan
60 Miles Northeast

*Orchards Mall
Benton Harbor, Michigan
12 Miles Northeast

Lighthouse Premium Outlet Mall
Michigan City, Indiana
40 Miles Southwest

University Park Mall
South Bend, Indiana
34 Miles Southeast

*Benton Charter Township has major shopping facilities that include the Orchards Mall with three anchor stores (Sears, J.C. Penney, Elder-Beerman), Target Plaza (Old Navy, TJ Maxx, Dunham's Sports) and several major stand-alone retailers such as Wal-Mart Supercenter, Meijer, Lowe's Home Improvement, Home Depot and Gordon's Food Service.

Senior Citizens Centers

Area Agency on Aging Region 4
2900 Lakeview Avenue
St Joseph, Michigan 49085
Phone: (269) 983-0177

St Joseph-Lincoln Senior Center
2945 Niles Avenue
St Joseph, Michigan 49085
Phone: (269) 983-7768

Central County Center for Senior Citizens Inc.
4083 E. Shawnee Road
Berrien Springs, Michigan 49103
Phone: (269) 471-2017

EDUCATION

Public Schools

Lakeshore Public Schools and the Berrien County Intermediate School District serve the Village of Baroda.

Berrien County Intermediate School District
Jeff Siegel, Superintendent
711 St. Joseph Avenue
Berrien Springs, MI 49103
Phone: (269) 471-7725

Lakeshore Public Schools
Donald Frank, Superintendent
5771 Cleveland Avenue
Stevensville MI 49127
Phone: (269) 428-1400
Enrollment: 2,864

Public School Academies

Benton Harbor Charter School
455 Riverview Drive, Suite 1
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 925-3807

Countryside Charter School
4800 Meadowbrook Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 944-3319

Mildred C. Wells Academy (K-5)
281 South Fair
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 926-2885

Adult / Community Education

Lakeshore Community Enrichment
Wendy Bedell, Director
5771 Cleveland Avenue
Stevensville, MI 49127
Phone: (269) 428-1417

South Berrien Adult Education
Richard Klemm, Director
111 Spruce Street
Niles MI 49120
Phone: (269) 684-4480

Catholic Schools

Lake Michigan Catholic (K-6)
Jody Maher, Principal
3165 Washington Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 429-0227

St. Joseph Catholic School
(Pre-6)
Jackie Polasky, Principal
188 Lucinda Lane
Watervliet, MI 49098
Phone: (269) 463-3941

St. Mary of the Lake School
Judith Krueger, Principal
704 W Merchant Street
New Buffalo, MI 49117
Phone: (269) 469-1515

Lake Michigan Catholic Jr/Sr
High School (7-12)
John Berlin, Executive Director
915 Pleasant Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 983-2511

St. Mary's School (Pre-6)
Dr. Sue Bryant, Principal
217 South Lincoln Avenue
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 683-9191

Higher Education – Colleges and Universities

Andrews University
Dr. Niels-Erik Andreassen, President
North U.S. 31
Berrien Springs, MI 49104
Phone: (269) 471-7771

Indiana University, South Bend
Una Mae Reck, Chancellor
1700 Mishawaka Avenue
South Bend, IN 46634
Phone: (574) 520-4872

Lake Michigan College
Dr. Richard Pappas, President
2755 E. Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 927-3571

Lake Michigan College
at Bertrand Crossing
Laura Coleman, Executive Director
1905 Foundation Drive
Niles, MI 49120
Phone. (269) 695-1391

Lake Michigan College
Robert Harrison, Dean of Comm. &
Bus. Svcs.
M-TEC Center
400 Klock Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 926-6832

Lake Michigan College
at South Haven
Janice Varney, Executive Dean
125 Veterans Boulevard
South Haven, MI 49090
Phone: (269) 639-8442

Notre Dame University
Father Edward Malloy, President
Notre Dame, IN 46556
Phone: (574) 631-5000

Purdue University North Central
Dr. James Dworkin, Chancellor
1401 S. US 421
Westville, IN 46391-9528
Phone: (574) 758-5200

Siena Heights College
at Lake Michigan College
Jennifer Walters, Director
2755 E. Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 927-6711

Southwestern Michigan College
Dr. David Mathews, President
58900 Cherry Grove Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047
Phone: (269) 782-5113

St. Mary's College
Dr. Carol Mooney, President
Notre Dame, MI 46556
Phone: (574) 284-4000

Western Michigan University
Judith Bailey, President
Kalamazoo, MI 49008
Phone: (269) 387-1000

Western Michigan University
Southwest Campus
Leonard Seawood, Director
2785 E. Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 934-1500

Lutheran Schools

Christ Lutheran School (Pre-8)
Charles Strohacker, Principal
4333 Cleveland
Stevensville, MI 49127
Phone: (269) 429-7111

Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran
Sch (Pre-4)
Rev. Paul Naumann, Principal
1965 Broadway
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 926-2095

Grace Lutheran School (Pre-8)
David Snyder, Principal
404 East Glenlord Road
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 429-4951

Immanuel Lutheran (Pre-8)
Marie Watson, Principal
9650 N. Church Street
Bridgman, MI 49106
Phone: (269) 465-3351

Michigan Lutheran HS (9-12)
Stephen Zanto, Principal
615 E. Marquette Woods Road
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 429-7861

Salem Lutheran Preschool
Barbara Radde, Director
275 Marvin Street, P O Box 729
Coloma, MI 49038
Phone: (269) 468-6567

St. Matthew's Lutheran (Pre-8)
Rev. Martin Weigard, Acting
Principal
671 McAllister
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 925-7292

St. Paul's Lutheran (K-8)
Robert Makinen, Principal
3713 Naomi Road
Sodus, MI 49126
Phone: (269) 925-7913

St. Paul's Lutheran School (Pre-8)
Ron Schleef, Principal
2673 W. John Beers Road
Stevensville, MI 49127
Phone: (269) 429-1546

Trinity Lutheran School (Pre-8)
Eric Heins, Principal
9123 George Avenue
Berrien Springs, MI 49103
Phone: (269) 473-1811

Trinity Lutheran School (Pre-8)
Richard Hackbarth, Principal
613 Court Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 983-3056

Trinity Lutheran School (Pre-8)
Kathi Beckman, Principal
5791 Sawyer Road
Sawyer, MI 49125
Phone: (269) 426-3151

Other Denominational Schools

First Church of God Nursery School
(Ages 2 ½ -5)
Kim Klotz, Director
2627 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 983-1816

Grace Christian School (K-12)
John Davis, Administrator
325 North M-140 Highway
Watervliet, MI 49098
Phone: (269) 463-5545

Jesus Christ Academy (2-12)
Bethel Apostolic Tabernacle
Pastor Al Deeds, Administrator
945 Chippewa, P O Box 183
Buchanan, MI 49107
Phone: (269) 695-3356

Private (Non-Parochial Schools)

Brookview School
Conrad Kramer, Executive Director
501 Zollar Drive
Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022
Phone: (269) 925-3544

Public School Academies

Benton Harbor Charter School
Sid Faucette, Chief Academic Officer
455 Riverview Drive, Suite 1
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 925-3807

Countryside Charter School
Paul Marazita, Administrator
4800 Meadowbrook Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 944-3319

Mildred C. Wells Academy (K-5)
James Rutter, School Leader
281 South Fair
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 926-2885

Seventh-Day Adventist Schools

Andrews Academy (9-12)
Allan Chase, Principal
8833 Garland Avenue
Berrien Springs, MI 49104
Phone: (269) 471-3138

Eau Claire SDA School (1-8)
Jim Gray, Principal
6562 Naomi Rd.
Eau Claire, MI 49111
Phone: (269) 944-4132

Ruth Murdock Elementary (K-8)
Rita Seay, Acting Principal
200 Garland Avenue
Berrien Springs, MI 49104
Phone: (269) 471-3225

Berrien Springs Village SDA
School (K-8)
John Chen, Principal
409 W. Mars Street
Berrien Springs, MI 49103
Phone: (269) 473-5121

Niles SDA Elementary (K-8)
Stan Detweiler, Principal
110 N. Fairview
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 683-5444

Special Education

Berrien County Hearing Impaired
Hearing Impaired
Janet Bermingham, Coordinator
One Sylvester Avenue
Berrien Springs, MI 49103
Phone: (269) 471-7724

Homeschool Education Center
102 N. Mechanic Street
Berrien Springs, MI 49103
Phone: (269) 471-1259

Southside School
Emotionally Impaired
William Kennedy, Director
1450 Silverbrook Street
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 683-0421

Blossomland Learning Center
Severely Mentally Impaired
Pam Harper, Principal
711 St. Joseph Avenue
Berrien Springs, MI 49103
Phone: (269) 473-2600

Lighthouse Education Center
Emotionally Impaired
Jack Houser, Principal
379 West Glenlord Road
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 429-2351

Sylvan Learning Center
2517 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 983-0006

Sylvan Learning Center
1221 S. 11th Street
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 687-0246

COMMUNICATIONS

Newspapers

Benton Spirit Newspaper
(Weekly)
P.O. Box 465
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 926-4241

Journal Era
(Weekly)
P.O. Box 98
Berrien Springs, MI 49103
Phone: (269) 473-5421

South Bend Tribune
(Daily)
314 E. Main Street
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 684-6802

Berrien County Record
(Weekly)
P.O. Box 191
Buchanan, MI 49107
Phone: (269) 695-3878

Michigan Citizen Newspaper
(Weekly)
P.O. Box 216
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 927-1527

South County Gazette
(Weekly)
110 N. Elm Street
Three Oaks, MI 49128
Phone: (269) 756-2421

Harbor Country News
(Weekly)
112 N. Whittaker Street
New Buffalo, MI 49117
Phone: (269) 469-1410

New Buffalo Times
(Weekly)
5 N. Eagle
New Buffalo, MI 49117
Phone: (269) 469-1100

Tri-City Record
(Weekly)
P.O. Box 7
Watervliet, MI 49098
Phone: (269) 463-6397

Herald-Palladium
(Daily)
P.O. Box 128
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 429-2400

Niles Daily Star
(Daily)
217 N. Fourth Street
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 683-2100

Radio Stations

WAUS..... 90.7 FM	WFRN..... 1270 AM	WHFB1060 AM	WSMK..... 99.1 FM
WCNF..... 94.4 FM	WGMV 940 AM	WIRX 107.1 FM	WUTZ 97.5 FM
WCSY..... 98.3 FM	WGTO 910 AM	WRHC 106.7 FM	WYTZ 97.5 FM
WFRN..... 104.7 FM	WHFB..... 99.9 FM	WSJM.....1400 AM	WZBL 103.7 FM

Television Channels

Network television stations are available from Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids, Michigan; South Bend, Indiana; and Chicago, Illinois. South Bend, Indiana provides local area news.

<u>Network</u>	<u>Call Letters</u>	<u>Channel</u>	<u>Location</u>
ABC	WLS	7	Chicago
	WBND	58 / 69	South Bend
	WZZM	13	Grand Rapids
CBS	WBBM	2	Chicago
	WSBT	22	South Bend
	WWMT	3	Kalamazoo
NBC	WMAQ	5	Chicago
	WNDU	16	South Bend
	WOOD	8	Grand Rapids
FOX	WFLD	32	Chicago
	WSJV	28	Elkhart
PBS	WTTW	11	Chicago
	WNIT	34	South Bend
WB	WGN	9	Chicago

Cable television is available to subscribers through Comcast Cable at (888) 266-2278.

LEISURE

Calendar of Special Annual Events

July 3rd Celebration
Fireworks, Dance
(269) 422-1779

Baroda Fest
Variety of Entertainment
(269) 422-1828

Cultural Activities

Art Barn Gallery North
Gallery
(269) 469-5550

Heston Steam Museum
Steam Powered Engines
(269) 469-5409

Pears 1853 Mill
Greek Revival Water Mill
(269) 695-9758

Box Factory for the Arts
Gallery
(269) 983-3688

Horn Archaeological Museum
Andrews University
(269) 471-3273

Pro Musica Chamber Orchestra
Chamber Orchestra
(269) 429-8120

Curious Kids Museum
Children's Hands-On Museum
(269) 983-2543

Howard Performing Arts Center
Performing Arts Center
(269) 471-3560

Southwest Michigan Symphony
Symphony Orchestra
(269) 923-6739

Courtyard Gallery
Gallery
(269) 469-4110

Josephine Morton Memorial
Historical Site
(269) 925-7011

St. Joseph Municipal Band
Lake Bluff Band Shell Concerts
(269) 923-6739

1839 Courthouse Square
Courthouse Museum
(269) 471-1202

Krasl Art Center
Art Center
(269) 983-0271

Three Oaks Spokes Bicycle Museum
Bicycle Museum
(269) 756-2421

Fort St. Joseph
Historical Museum
(269) 683-4702

Mendel Center
Performing Arts Theatre
(269) 927-1000

Tin Shop
Summer Theater
(269) 695-6464

Galien Woods Historical Society
Meetings, Activities
(269) 545-2271

Mud Lake Bog
Nature Preserve
(269) 695-6442

Twin City Players
Community Theater
(269) 429-0400

Hearthwoods of Michigan
Gallery
(269) 469-5551

New Buffalo Railroad Museum
Railroad Museum
(269) 469-1100

Heritage Museum & Cultural Center
Museum & Research Library
(269) 983-1191

North Berrien Historical Museum
Local History Museum
(269) 468-3330

Golf Courses – Private

Chikaming Country Club
 15029 Lakeside Road
 Lakeside, MI 49116
 Phone: (269) 469-5484
 18 holes
 Rating: 70.9 Par: 71

Lost Dunes Golf Club
 9300 Red Arrow Hwy
 Bridgman, MI 49106
 Phone: (269) 465-9300
 18 holes
 Rating: 71.4 Par: 70

Point O' Woods
 1516 Roslyn Road
 Benton Harbor, MI 49022
 Phone: (269) 944-1433
 18 holes
 Rating: 76.0 Par: 72

Dunes Club
 10600 Marquette Drive
 New Buffalo, MI 49117
 Phone: (269) 469-5539
 9 holes
 Rating: 72.5 Par: 36

Orchard Hills Country Club
 2841 Niles - Buchanan Rd.
 Buchanan, MI 49107
 Phone: (269) 695-5991
 18 holes
 Rating: 69.9 Par: 70

Signal Point Club
 1475 W. River Road
 Niles, MI 49120
 Phone: (269) 683-7073
 9 holes
 Rating: 70.6 Par: 72

Golf Courses – Public

Berrien Hills Golf Club
 690 W. Napier Avenue
 Benton Harbor, MI 49022
 Phone: (269) 925-2171
 18 holes
 Rating: 69.5 Par: 71

Lake Michigan Hills Golf Club
 2520 Kerlikowske Road
 Benton Harbor, MI 49022
 Phone: (269) 849-2722
 18 holes
 Rating: 71.1 Par: 72

Plym Park
 401 Marmont Street
 Niles, MI 49120
 Phone: (269) 684-7331
 9 holes
 Rating: 69.0 Par: 36

Blossom Trails Golf Club
 1565 E. Britain Avenue
 Benton Harbor, MI 49022
 Phone: (269) 925-4951
 18 holes
 Rating: 68.3 Par: 70

Paw Paw Lake Golf Club
 4548 Forrest Beach Road
 Watervliet, MI 49098
 Phone: (269) 463-3831
 18 holes
 Rating: 66.9 Par: 70

Whittaker Woods
 12578 Wilson Road
 New Buffalo, MI 49117
 Phone: (269) 469-3400
 18 holes
 Rating: 74.3 Par: 72

Brookwood Golf Course
 1339 Rynearson Road
 Buchanan, MI 49107
 Phone: (269) 695-7818
 18 hole Championship Course
 Rating: 71.2 Par: 72

Pebblewood Country Club
 9794 S. Jericho Road
 Bridgman, MI 49106
 Phone: (269) 465-5611
 18 holes
 Rating: 65.6 Par: 68

Indian Lake Hills
 55321 Brush Lake Road
 Eau Claire, MI 49111
 Phone: (269) 782-2540
 27 holes
 Rating: 68.5 Par: 72

Pipestone Creek Golf Course
 6768 Naomi Road
 Eau Claire, MI 49111
 Phone: (269) 944-1611
 18 holes
 Rating: n/a Par: 67

Lodging

Round Barn Winery (Baroda Township)
 (269) 422-1617

The nearby communities of Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and Stevensville house a number of different hotels, motels and Bed & Breakfasts, all within 10 miles from the Village of Baroda. For specific information, contact the Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council at (269) 925-6301.

Movie Theaters

Celebration! Cinema
Benton Charter Township
(269) 934-7469

Ready Theater
City of Niles
(269) 683-1112

Vickers Theater
Three Oaks Township
(269) 756-3522

Loma Theater
City of Coloma
(269) 468-5662

State Theater
City of Benton Harbor
(269) 925-9778

Parks

Baroda Village Park
Playground, Picnic, Tennis Courts, Ball Field
(269) 422-1828

Baroda Township Park
Playground, Picnic, Fishing, Boating
(269) 422-2300

Recreational Facilities⁵

Bear Cave Resort
Camping
(269) 695-3050

Deer Forest
Zoo, Picnics, Rides
(269) 468-4961

Joey Armadillo's
Bowling Alley
(269) 687-5555

Billiard Garden
Billiard Parlor
(269) 684-0502

Fernwood Botanical Gardens
Botanical Gardens, Nature Center
(269) 683-8653

Jollay Orchards
Farm Market, U-Pick
(269) 468-3075

Bill's Charter Fishing
Sport Fishing
(269) 926-6461

Four Season's Sport Fishing
Sport Fishing Charter
(269) 422-2287

Kelly's Bowl
Bowling Alley
(269) 983-3034

Blossom Lanes
Bowling Alley
(269) 927-3174

Fuller's Clear Lake Resort & Camp
Camping, Swimming
(269) 695-3785

Lakeshore Lanes
Bowling Alley
(269) 429-5421

Bogie's Family Center
Billiards, Arcade, Parlor
(269) 983-6382

Galaxy Roller Rink
Roller Skating
(269) 684-8197

Lakeshore Roller World
Roller Skating
(269) 429-7700

Campus Q, Inc.
Billiard Parlor
(269) 925-6646

Golden Pond Miniature Golf
Miniature Golf, Driving Range
(269) 461-4203

Love Creek Nature Center
Nature Center
(269) 471-2617

Captain Hook Charters
Sport Fishing
(269) 983-4140

Hidden Pointe Fun Park
Miniature Golf, Batting Cages
(269) 926-1358

Michiana Raceway Park
Go-Cart Racing
(269) 695-2228

Captain Mike's Fun Park
Miniature Golf, Go-Carts
(269) 465-5747

Hill Side Orchards
Farm Market, U-Pick
(269) 471-7558

Mud Lake Bog
Nature Preserve
(269) 695-6442

Coloma Lanes
Bowling Alley
(269) 468-7127

Howard Ice Arena
Ice Skating
(269) 983-8795

Nub Lake Campgrounds
Canoeing
(269) 687-9681

⁵ This is not an all-inclusive list. For further information on other recreational activities, contact the Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council at (269) 925-6301 or visit their website, www.swmichigan.org.

Oronoko Lakes
Camping, Fishing
(269) 471-7389

Silver King Sport Fishing Charter
Sport Fishing
(269) 983-7816

Trautman's Pike Lake Boat Rental
Fishing, Beach
(269) 683-3036

Ramona's Roller Rink
Roller Skating
(269) 424-5736

Sportboat Fishing Charter
Sport Fishing
(269) 428-9696

Tree-Mendus Fruit Farm
Farm Market, U-Pick
(269) 782-7101

Red Bud Track N Trail
Motocross Racing
(269) 695-6405

Stormin' Norman's Charter
Sport Fishing
(269) 695-9549

Upper Winds Balloon Port
Balloon Flights
(269) 683-3036

Ronnie's Pavilion & Beach
Swimming
(269) 695-9191

Stovers U-Pik
Farm Market, U-Pick
(269) 471-1401

Warren Dunes State Park
Swimming, Camping, Hang Gliding
(269) 426-4013

Round Barn Winery
Wine Tasting
(269) 422-5038

Tabor Hill Winery & Restaurant
Wine Tasting, Restaurant
(269) 422-1165

Weko Beach & Campground
Swimming, Camping, Boating
(269) 465-3406

Sarett Nature Center
Nature Center
(269) 927-4832

Three Braves Campground
Camping, Fishing
(269) 695-9895

YMCA
Family Center
(269) 428-9622

Serenade Yacht Sailing Charters
Sport Fishing, Sailing
(269) 429-5798

Timberlanes
Bowling Alley
(269) 683-6122

Restaurants / Miscellaneous Food Establishments

Bill's Tap
(269) 422-1141

Tio's
(269) 422-2445

Tabor Hill Winery & Restaurant
(269) 422-1161

Silver Spoon
(269) 422-1987

Taverns / Cocktail Lounges / Night Clubs

Bill's Tap
(269) 422-1141

Connie's Place
(269) 422-1121

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