

# Battle Creek Family Fun Guide

*Family Friendly Things To Do In Calhoun County*



## Make Time for Your Family

Doing activities together is a good way to reduce stress and build joy and connection.



## Why Be Active?

Being physically active is good for you. Whether you like to move indoors or outdoors, being active can lead to:

- Better health
- Clearer thinking
- Less stress
- More happiness
- Fewer aches and pains
- Better sleep

**Have Fun and Get Moving in Battle Creek!**



## Bailey Park

Enjoy the great outdoors by spending an afternoon at Bailey Park.

- Walk a trail.
- Play on the playground.
- See a Battle Creek Battle Jacks baseball game.
- Have a healthy and nutritious lunch under a shade tree.

1350 Capital Ave. NE, Battle Creek  
<http://bcparks.org/182/Flash-Flood-Water-Park>



## Basketball at the Park

Play basketball for free at your local city park. You just need to bring a ball that bounces!

- **Post Park:** 800 E. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek
- **Greenwood Park:** 153 Wood St. North, Battle Creek
- **Holland Park:** 100 N. Albion St., Albion

(269) 781-0700

<https://www.calhouncountymi.gov/departments/parks/index.php>

*\*Parks close at sundown.*



## Binder Park Zoo

Plan a visit to Binder Park Zoo. With 500+ different animals to see, a tram to take you to Wild Africa and 36 hand-carved animal figures at the carousel, you are sure to enjoy a day full of fun with the family.

7400 Division Dr., Battle Creek  
(269) 979-1351  
binderparkzoo.org

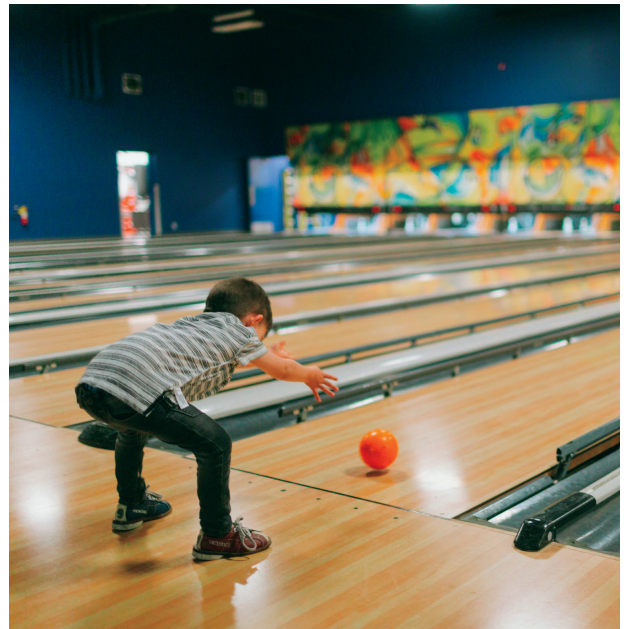
*\*Admission prices vary on age. Children under the age of 2 are free.*



## Bowling

Bowling builds up your arm and leg muscles and helps to develop coordination. There are many places to bowl.

- **Marshall Lanes:**  
1154 W. Michigan Ave., Marshall  
(269) 781-3125  
mlanes.com
- **University Lanes:**  
16653 E Michigan Ave., Albion  
(517) 343-2005
- **Bowlero Lanes Fun Center:**  
775 W. Columbia Ave., Battle Creek  
(269) 963-9121  
bowlerolanesbc.com



## Camping

Camping is a fun way to enjoy the outdoors. There are lots of places you can camp! Some fun ideas include:

- Hiking through the woods.
  - Exploring nearby lakes and rivers.
  - Learning a new card or board game.
  - Relaxing by a fire.
- **Potawatomi Campground:**  
1117 Bell Road, Union City  
(517) 278-4289  
[potawatomicampground.com](http://potawatomicampground.com)
  - **Rockey's Campground:**  
19880 27 1/2 Mile Rd. Albion  
(517) 857-2200  
[rockeyscampground.com](http://rockeyscampground.com)



## Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary

Visit this unique rescue facility with the ability to have hands-on experiences with alligators and tortoises. Come visit and hear some of the rescue stories of the alligators and see Godzilla.

1698 M-66, Athens  
(269) 729-4802  
[alligatorsanctuary.wixsite.com](http://alligatorsanctuary.wixsite.com)



## Cornwell's Turkeyville U.S.A

A family farm opened their doors to the public in 1968 and have become a Midwest destination. Check out Turkeyville for unique experiences, such as Renaissance Festival, Antique Tractor Pulls, Craft Shows, Mommy and Me Cookie Class or Dinner Theatre

18935 15 1/2 Mile Rd., Marshall  
(269) 781-4293  
[turkeyville.com](http://turkeyville.com)



## Disc Golf

Disc golf is a great opportunity to enjoy some sunshine and stretch your arms and legs. There are many disc golf courses in Calhoun County - check them out below!

- **Leila Arboretum:**  
928 W. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek  
(269) 969-0270  
[lasgarden.org/disc-golf](http://lasgarden.org/disc-golf)
- **Irving Park:**  
Parkway Dr., Battle Creek  
(269) 966-3431



## Fantasy Forest

Located at Leila Arboretum, the Fantasy Forest is filled with wizards, castles, dragons and more. It is a must-see attraction. While you are at the arboretum, take a walk and smell the flowers or head to the Peace Labyrinth.

992 W. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek  
[lasgarden.org/fantasy-forest](http://lasgarden.org/fantasy-forest)



## Farmer's Market

Want to learn about where food comes from? Stop at a farmer's market! In addition to fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, cheeses, eggs, flowers and more, many farmers' markets also feature live music, food trucks and children's activities.

- **Battle Creek:**  
25 S. McCamly, Battle Creek
- **Albion:**  
211 Market Place, Albion
- **Homer:**  
Corner of M60 & Sophia at Water Tower Park



## Festivals

Many different kinds of festivals are held in and around the Battle Creek area such as art festivals, music festivals and food festivals. Some popular festivals in Battle Creek include:

- Battle Creek Field of Flight Air Show and Balloon Festival
- National Cereal Festival
- Marshall Blue's Festival

Battle Creek's Visitor's Bureau has the latest information on all events:

(269) 962-2240  
[battlecreekvisitors.org](http://battlecreekvisitors.org)



## Food Trucks

Walk around Battle Creek and enjoy some local cuisine!

- **Food trucks present at Festival Market Square:**  
25 S McCamly St., Battle Creek  
(269) 963-4800  
[battlecreekvisitors.org/member-detail/festival-market-square/](http://battlecreekvisitors.org/member-detail/festival-market-square/)



## History Lesson: Sojourner Truth



Learn about the history of Sojourner Truth in Battle Creek. Sojourner Truth was able to escape slavery and helped others transition into free life.

- **Sojourner Truth Memorial:**  
Corner of Division and Michigan, Battle Creek
- **Quaker Park:**  
63 Groveland St., Battle Creek
- **Oak Hill Cemetery:**  
255 South Ave., Battle Creek
- **Battle Creek Regional History Museum:**  
307 W. Jackson St., Battle Creek
- **Kimball House Museum:**  
196 Capital Ave., NE, Battle Creek

## Ice Skating

Ice skating is a fun and unique way to get active as a family. Be sure to dress warm - you'll be skating on 20,000 gallons of water turned to ice!

- **The Rink Battle Creek:**  
75 Houston St., Battle Creek  
(269) 963-7465  
[therinkbattlecreek.com](http://therinkbattlecreek.com)



## Indoor Skate Park

All kinds of wheels are welcome at Battleground Skate House - skateboards, BMX bikes, scooters and in-line skates. Don't have a set of wheels? Rentals are available.

5775 Beckley Rd. Suite 335, Battle Creek (located in the Lakeview Square Mall)  
(269) 962-1080  
[battlegroundskatehouse.com](http://battlegroundskatehouse.com)







## Kids 'N' Stuff Museum

The Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum features fun, hands-on experiences for children and families to learn through interaction and creativity.

301 S. Superior Street Albion  
(517) 629-8023  
kidsnstuff.org

\*Admission: \$7 per person for adults and children. Free for children under one. Present SNAP EBT card for admission cost of \$1.50 per person, up to four people.

## Leila Arboretum

Leila Arboretum is home to a variety of fun activities to stay busy on any day of the week. Here are some ideas:

- **Kaleidoscope Garden:** Open June-October, offers educational programs and a number of sculptures.
- **365 Urban Farm:** Hands-on learning, farm stand. \*Accepts WIC, Senior Project Fresh, Project Fresh, and SNAP EBT.
- One-mile trail pathway
- **Peace Labyrinth**

928 W. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek  
(269) 969-0270  
lasgarden.org



## Paddling on Water Trails



Michigan summers can get hot! Cruise the water sitting, standing, rowing or paddling on the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek rivers. It's the perfect place to bring your paddle board, kayak or canoe to explore the waters.

[battlecreekvisitors.org/launch-your-kayak-in-calhoun-county](http://battlecreekvisitors.org/launch-your-kayak-in-calhoun-county)

*\*Remember to always wear a life jacket.*

## Pick Your Own Pumpkins

Picking your own fruits and vegetables is hard work but the reward is worth it! Take your family to a local farm to experience picking your own produce.

- **Harvey's Farm:**  
2651 15 Mile Rd., Tekonsha  
(517) 767-3408
- **Bosserd Family Farm:**  
14721 Verona Rd., Marshall  
(269) 967-5284



## Play Structures

Many city parks have fantastic play structures for young children under 10 years old.



- **Claude Evans Park:**  
320 Washington Ave. N., Battle Creek
- **Piper Park:**  
260 Sherman Rd., Battle Creek
- **Hamilton Park:**  
151 Academy St., Battle Creek

## Sledding

Sledding is a fun winter activity, and it helps your heart and legs get stronger when you pull your sled up the hill. You can sled for free at the following parks:

- **Meachem Park:**  
80 Meachem Ave., Battle Creek
- **Leila Arboretum:**  
992 W. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek
- **Victory Park and Reiger Park:**  
112 W. Cass St., Albion



## Splish and Splash!

Take a break from the summer heat. Splish and splash in the water features at Wave Park in downtown Battle Creek. Bring a lunch and take a stroll downtown while you are there!

- **Wave Park:**  
63 W. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek  
[bcparcs.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Wave-Park-25](http://bcparcs.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Wave-Park-25)



## Volunteer

Offer your time and talents to help those in need by volunteering at local food pantries, community clean-up organizations and animal shelters.

- **South Michigan Food Bank:**  
5451 Wayne Rd., Battle Creek  
(269) 964-3663 x438  
[smfoodbank.org/volunteer](http://smfoodbank.org/volunteer)
- **Kaleidoscope Garden at Leila Arboretum:**  
992 W. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek  
(269) 969-0270 x120  
[lasgarden.org/kaleidoscope](http://lasgarden.org/kaleidoscope)
- **Reflections Outcast Animal Rescue (ROAR):**  
(269) 580-2172  
[www.roarmichigan.com](http://www.roarmichigan.com)



## Walking Tour

Get out and see some new sights! Marshall offers self-guided walking tours. You choose whichever path piques your interest!

(269) 781-5163  
[choosemarshall.com/selfguidedwalks](http://choosemarshall.com/selfguidedwalks)



## Water Park

Full Blast Recreation Park includes the Flash Flood Outdoor Water Park. It is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. With water slides, a water playground and a pool, you will find plenty to keep you cool during the summer heat.

35 Hamblin Ave. Battle Creek  
(269) 966-3667  
[bcparcs.org/182/Flash-Flood-Water-Park](http://bcparcs.org/182/Flash-Flood-Water-Park)



## Willard Beach Park

Enjoy Goguac Lake at Willard Beach Park. Cool off in the water, grill out or enjoy a picnic. Don't forget water safety - take your life jacket and sunscreen.

50 George B Place, Battle Creek  
(269) 966-3431



## YMCA

Battle Creek Family YMCA offers many activities for all age groups. If you are not a member, purchase a day pass to enjoy walking the track, swimming and state-of-the-art fitness equipment. They offer summer day camps and childcare too!

182 Capital Ave. NE., Battle Creek  
(269) 963-9622  
[ymcabattlecreek.org](http://ymcabattlecreek.org)

\*Check out the Albion YMCA too at 225 E. Watson St., Albion.



## Youth Sports

If your child is interested in playing sports like baseball, golf, soccer, softball or basketball, consider a local program or club. See what's available through the Battle Creek Recreation Department. Opportunities may vary throughout the year, so check back regularly to see updated sports schedules.

- **Battle Creek Recreation Department**  
(269) 966-3431  
<http://bcparks.org/101/Rec-Programs-Activities>







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for more nutrition and physical activity ideas.

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