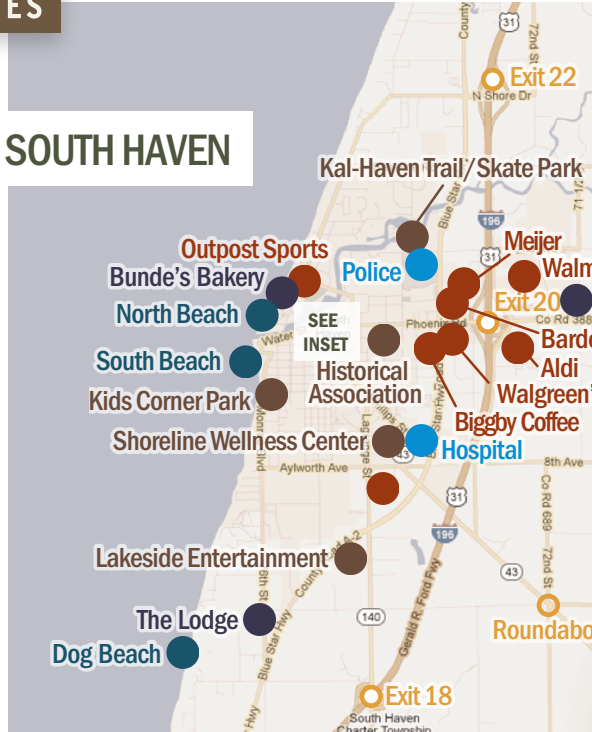


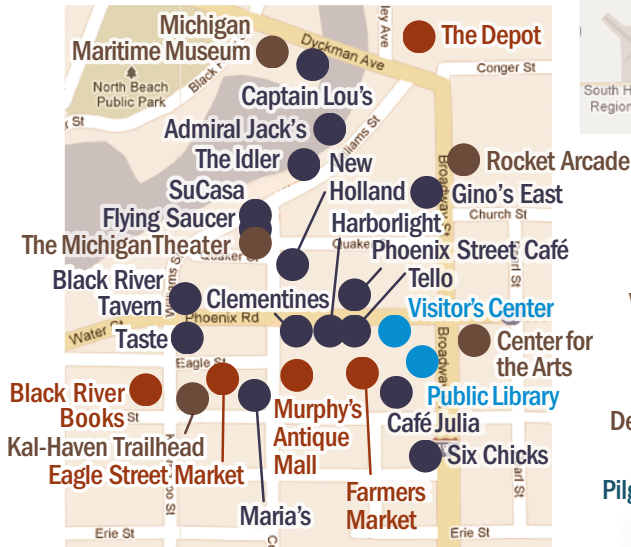


# South Haven Attractions

## SOUTH HAVEN



## DOWNTOWN SOUTH HAVEN



## SOUTH HAVEN AREA





## Lake Michigan Beaches/State Parks

### Van Buren State Park, South Haven

A great place to go for beach activities on Lake Michigan. The beach has modern bathroom facilities. Entrance to the park requires a motor vehicle permit which can be purchased upon arrival at the park. The southern portion of the park is dog-friendly.

[michigan.gov/vanburen](http://michigan.gov/vanburen)

### Deerlick Creek Park (Dog Beach), South Haven

The area's original dog-friendly beach. It's pretty, and pretty tiny, but it's great if your pup likes to get wet. Ask us for directions.

### North Beach and South Beach, South Haven

A couple of really great beaches located near the center of South Haven. The beaches are located on either side of the Black River, which divides the town in half. The beaches have day-rate parking lots and both have concession stands for snacks, soft-drinks as well as beach chair and umbrella rental.

[southhaven.com](http://southhaven.com), click on "Beaches and Parks"

### Pilgrim Haven Natural Area, South Haven

A new park is being developed on a former church camp. Visit the website for updates to infrastructure development and directions. Dog-friendly.

[swmlc.org/project/pilgrim-haven-natural-area/](http://swmlc.org/project/pilgrim-haven-natural-area/)

### Oval Beach, Saugatuck

This beach is often mentioned as one of the most beautiful in Michigan. There is a parking fee to be paid upon arrival.

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

### "Secret Beach", Glenn

That's what we call it, anyway. Wau-Ke-Na ("forest-by-the-water") is the largest of Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy's preserves and includes forests, fields, streams, ponds, bluffs, and a great beach. Dog-friendly.

[swmlc.org/project/wau-ke-na-william-erby-smith-preserve/](http://swmlc.org/project/wau-ke-na-william-erby-smith-preserve/)

### Saugatuck Dunes State Park, Saugatuck

A really beautiful hike to a gorgeous beach. Entrance to the park requires a motor vehicle permit which can be purchased upon arrival at the park.

[michigan.gov/saugatuckdunes](http://michigan.gov/saugatuckdunes)

### Covert Township Park and Campground, Covert

This beach is new on our radar. A parking pass needs to be purchased for non-residents.

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

## Black River

### Bangor/South Haven Heritage Water Trail

A volunteer group is working to maintain a canoe and kayak trail encompassing 21 miles of the South Branch of the Black River. There is approximately 8.5 miles of river pathway created and maintained. You can put in at the canoe and kayak launch site in South Haven or the Basic Family Access (see website).

[www.vbco.org/water\\_trail.asp](http://www.vbco.org/water_trail.asp)



## Fruit Picking

### DeGrandchamp's Blueberry Farm, South Haven

The closest U-Pick for blueberries.  
[degrandchamps.com](http://degrandchamps.com)

### Cranes Orchards, Fennville

Crane Orchards is one of the most popular orchards around as it has many activities besides fruit picking such as the Pie Pantry Restaurant and Bakery and "cow train" plus a corn maze, hayrides and Haunted Barn in the fall.

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

### Cranes U-Pick Orchard, Fennville

One of the best orchards for u-pick fruit and vegetables in SW Michigan. Cherries, peaches, nectarines, raspberries, plums, sweet corn, produce, blueberries, apples, pumpkins, chestnuts. This Cranes is located on the NORTH side of the road.

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



## Hiking

### Sarett Nature Center, Benton Harbor

This unique nature center has five miles of trails meandering through its 800 acres. The trail system includes boardwalks, observation platforms, and an easily accessible barrier-free walkway. Trails running along the Paw Paw River bluffs provide great views of the river valley below.

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

### Ross Coastal Plain Marsh Preserve, Covert

This 1,449-acre preserve contains three coastal plain marshes (wet meadows that occur in sandy basins along the shores of small lakes and ponds and harbor plants and animals ordinarily found in marshes along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts). The trails are somewhat rustic and in the heat of the summer, bug spray is highly recommended.

[nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/places-we-protect/ross-coastal-plain-marsh-preserve/](http://nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/places-we-protect/ross-coastal-plain-marsh-preserve/)  
Also see: Van Buren State Park, "Secret Beach", The Kal-Haven Trail, and Saugatuck Dunes State Park.



## Biking

### The Kal-Haven Trail, South Haven

The Kal-Haven Trail is a preferred destination for those who enjoy hiking, biking, cross country skiing and snowmobiling. The 33 mile former railroad bed has a limestone/slag surface. Linking the cities of South Haven and Kalamazoo with a trail that crosses over bridges, passes through small towns and by points of historical interest. The new trail head is completed which extends the trail to downtown South Haven.

[michigan.gov/kalhaven](http://michigan.gov/kalhaven)

### Van Buren Trail Spur, South Haven

The Van Buren Trail Spur, which opened in November 2015, offers a paved, off-road route from the southern outskirts of South Haven to Van Buren State Park. In South Haven, bike routes lead right to downtown and connect with the Kal-Haven Trail. 5.5 miles.

[www.trailink.com/trail/van-buren-trail-spur.aspx](http://www.trailink.com/trail/van-buren-trail-spur.aspx)

### Blue Star Highway and backroads

The beginnings of a separate bike path have begun adjacent to Blue Star Highway (County Road A2), but bikers should feel comfortable sharing the roadway with motorists, as bikes are a common sight and drivers tend to drive a little slower on this road.



## Golf

### Beeches Golf Club, South Haven

Designed by noted architect W. Bruce Matthews III.  
[beechesgolfclub.com](http://beechesgolfclub.com)

### HawksHead Links, South Haven

Designed by world renowned golf architect Arthur Hills, Hawkshead is unique to Western Michigan. .  
[hawksheadlinks.com](http://hawksheadlinks.com)

### Harbor Shores Golf Club, St. Joseph

Has been a host for The Senior PGA Championship.  
[harborshoresgolf.com](http://harborshoresgolf.com)

### Clearbrook Golf Club, Saugatuck

The property presents some of the best green fee values in West Michigan  
[clearbrookgolfclub.com](http://clearbrookgolfclub.com)

### Ravines Golf Club, Saugatuck

The first Arnold Palmer signature course in southwest Michigan.  
[ravinesgolfclub.com](http://ravinesgolfclub.com)

## Rental Equipment

### Rock'n'Road Cycle

Bike Rentals  
[rocknroad.bike](http://rocknroad.bike)

### SoHa Surf Shop

Paddleboard and  
Kayak Rentals  
[sohasurfshop.com](http://sohasurfshop.com)

### Outpost Sports

Paddleboard, Kayak and  
Beach Chair/Umbrella  
Rentals  
[outpostsports.com](http://outpostsports.com)

### South Haven

**Scooter Rental**  
Scooter and Golf Cart  
Rentals  
[southhavenscooterrental.com](http://southhavenscooterrental.com)



## Other Activities

### Lake Arvesta Farms

World-class indoor and outdoor pickleball courts and a 4-lake Aqua Park, plus swimming, kayaking, paddle boarding, groomed beaches, beach volleyball, playground, cable wake-boarding, water skiing, and tubing.

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

### Michigan Maritime Museum

Experience the rich maritime heritage of the Great Lakes by visiting Michigan's most distinguished institution of maritime research, preservation and education. Choose a Day Sail or a Sunset Cruise aboard Friends Good Will, a replica tall sailing ship. Another "on water" experience is available on the Lindy Lou, reminiscent of the river launches that took passengers up stream to resorts and picnic grounds.

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

### South Haven Center for the Arts

The South Haven Center for the Arts offers on-going exhibitions, classes for adults and youth, concerts and performances for the whole family. This is a great jumping off point to experience all of the area's art galleries.

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

### Historical Association of South Haven

Located in an old school building the Historical Association is a great resource for the history of the South Haven area, including it's rich Jewish heritage.

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

### Shoreline Wellness/Fitness Center

A very nice, friendly fitness facility offering a variety of classes, programs and personal training to hold you over until you get back home. Includes up-to-date equipment, free weights, a lap pool, spinning and yoga classes, plus a gymnasium for hoops. Day passes are available.

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

### Lakeside Entertainment

Lakeside is a 16 lane bowling alley with a bar/restaurant and mini-golf course.

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

### Kids Corner Park

A great park with one of a kind construction of towering proportions. You can enjoy a picnic in the picnic shelter and when you are done, go for a swing on one of many different kinds of swings. No entrance fees. No unleashed animals. Overlooks Lake Michigan along Monroe Boulevard.

[southhaven.com](http://southhaven.com), [click on "Beaches and Parks"](#)

### Michigan Theatre

South Haven's movie theater. It's not exactly plush, but the price of admission can't be beat. It's a shame they cut up a classic, art deco movie house, but the choice of three movies is nice.

[michigantheatre.mooretheatres.com](http://michigantheatre.mooretheatres.com)

### Rocket Arcade

Play on over 60+ retro games from the 70's, 80's and 90's. Day passes and snack bar.

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



## Shopping: Downtown South Haven

### The Depot

The best selection of wine, spirits and beer in town. They also have really good deli for sandwiches and such.

[www.shavendepot.com](http://www.shavendepot.com)

### Black River Books

An local/independently-owned and operated used bookstore, but they also have some new books and books of local interest.

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

### Eagle Street Market Antique Mall

Fairly new to downtown. Good amount of vendors.

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

### Murphy's Antique Mall

Downtown South Haven's largest antique store. (269) 639-1662

### Farmers' Market, South Haven

The farmer's market is located in the open-air pavillion between Phoenix and Huron Streets downtown.

It operates Saturdays and Wednesdays, 8am - 2pm, May through October. Also on Thursday early evenings.

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



## Shopping: South Haven

### Barden's Farm Market

Locally grown fruit and vegetables. Open daily in season, 9am - 7pm. Also a good spot for pumpkins and christmas trees.

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

### Meijer

If Meijer doesn't have it, you don't need it. Open 24/7.

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

### Walmart

It's open 24/7.

[www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com)

### Aldi Food

Fairly new to South Haven, this Aldi is clean and well-stocked grocery items. Open until 8pm.

[aldi.us](http://aldi.us)

### Walgreens

Ubiquitous drug store. Open 8am - 10pm. Pharmacy is open until 9pm during the week, 6pm on weekends.

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



## Shopping: South Haven Area

### Sunset Junque, South Haven

"An eclectic jumble of antiques and funkystuff." Kinda cool, kinda creepy - but worth the stop.

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

### Dutch Farm Market, South Haven

A farm market with easy on/off from I-196.

[www.dutchfarmmarket.com](http://www.dutchfarmmarket.com)

### Blue Star Antique Pavilion, Douglas

This is a must-stop for antiques shopping!

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

**NOTE:** This is not a comprehensive list.

Just a few places to pick up provisions and a few places where we often find ourselves.

There are plenty of specialty shops downtown to while away a good part of the day.



## Dining: Downtown South Haven

### Taste

Small plates restaurant, showcasing signature, premium martinis and affordable small plates cuisine to share with family and friends.

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

### Su Casa Restaurante

Probably the best Mexican food in the area. Always busy on the weekends.

[sucasa-restaurant.com](http://sucasa-restaurant.com)

### Phoenix Street Restaurant

A solid breakfast/brunch spot always featuring a few interesting and tasty specials. Very crowded on the weekends for brunch.

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

### HawksHead

Part of Hawks Head Golf Club offering fine dining.

[hawksheadlinks.com/restaurant](http://hawksheadlinks.com/restaurant)

### Tello Italian Bistro

A little more upscale than most of the South Haven dining scene. Great for a quiet meal.

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

### Clementine's

Pretty typical American-style restaurant with that "olde thyme" charm. Very popular with visitors to South Haven so expect long waits in the summer.

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

### Gino's East Pizza

Featuring Chicago-style deep dish pizza.

[ginoseast.com/south-haven](http://ginoseast.com/south-haven)

### Three Blonde's Brewing

Better bar food than most with plenty of outside seating.

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

### Maria's Taste of Italy

Solid Italian food.

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

### Six Chicks

Solid breakfast and lunch spot.

(269) 637-7727

### Captain Lou's

#### Idler Riverboat

#### Admiral Jacks

Fun places on the Black River grab a bloody mary or beer. The food is adequate at best.

### Black River Tavern

Burger and beer kind of places that often have live music on the weekends.

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

### The Lodge

This is a new restaurant that replaced the Curve Inn. We are hoping it will be a good, updated version of the former, classic roadhouse.

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



## Dining: South Haven Area

Should you find yourself exploring outside of South Haven, consider these favorites of ours.

- **Phil's**, Saugatuck

- **Ida Red's**, Saugatuck

- **The BARge**, Saugatuck

- **The Grillroom** at Clearbrook, Saugatuck

- **Everyday People**, Douglas

- **Wild Dog**, Douglas

- **What Not Inn**, Fennville

- **Salt of the Earth**, Fennville



## Coffee and Baked Goods

### Flying Saucer

Coffee shop with excellent coffee, tea, bagels, snacks and a fun atmosphere.

(269) 767-7022

### Bunde's Bakery and Cafe

Hand-crafted Artisan Pastries including coffee cakes, danish, cinnamon buns, sticky buns, scones, muffins, and artisan breads

[bundesgoodeats.wixsite.com/bundesgoodeats](http://bundesgoodeats.wixsite.com/bundesgoodeats)

### Julia's at the Pavillion

A good start before hitting the Farmer's Market or Ice Skating at the pavillion.

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

### Bigby Coffee

Specialty coffee drinks, baked goods and bagel sandwiches.

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



## Adult Beverages: South Haven & Nearby

### New Holland Spirits Tasting Room

Spirits tasting room for happy hour cocktails or an after-dinner nightcap.

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

### Harborlight Brewing

20 original house-made beers on tap and 6 ciders, there's something to please any palate.

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

### Waypost Brewing

Focusing on Belgian farmhouse style beers, their products are seasonal, fresh and inspired by the adjacent farms/orchards.

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

### Virtue Cider

Farmhouse cider that uses 100% local Michigan apples, all natural ingredients, and traditional methods.

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



## Day Trips

### Saugatuck and Douglas

We consider these two harbor towns part of the South Haven area. They are a short drive away and have many restaurants, galleries and shops to while away a day. Take scenic Blue Star Highway and stop at the little towns and attractions along the way.

We hear the Dune Rides are fun and the Ducks are not.

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

### St. Joseph/Benton Harbor

St. Joe is also a great way to spend a day. Silver Beach is exceptional and downtown is chock-full of shops and restaurants. Across the river, Benton Harbor is making strides with new restaurants and galleries.

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

**NOTE:** There are several wineries and tasting rooms in the area - too many to cover here.