Michigan International Speedway
Creating Lasting Memories

For over 50 years, Michigan International Speedway has been bringing fast racing action to the area. Not only a destination for NASCAR fans, MIS hosts the Tough Mudder race, Faster Horses Festival and the Big Mitten State Fair. Through the MIS Cares scholarship program, local community organizations benefit annually.

Racing Action
Visitors come from all over the country to hear the roar of engines on the fastest track in NASCAR. With wide turns and long straightaways, cars can reach speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour. MIS prides itself in offering fans a “Great Escape”—an entire getaway experience. Come out and experience a weekend of cars, camping, and camaraderie every June and August in the Irish Hills.

Summer Excitement
When the temperature rises, you know it’s prime time for fun at MIS. The Faster Horses Festival brings some of the biggest names in country music to the stage and attracts over 100,000 visitors for the three-day weekend full of camping, friends, and popular music. Another popular event, The Michigan Beer and Wine Fest, highlights regional wineries and breweries each May.

Big Mitten State Fair
The Big Mitten State Fair features the fair traditions you’ve come to expect: farm animals, carnival rides, games, and live entertainment, as well as showcasing Michigan’s best skilled trades. Since MIS hosts the event, camping is allowed on-site and you can even experience the thrill of driving on the racetrack while you are there. The inaugural fair began in 2015.

Visit Michigan International Speedway at 12626 US-12 in Brooklyn, MI. Learn more about events at mispeedway.com or by calling 800-354-1010.
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### Art and Music

Lenawee has cultivated a rich "big city" arts and culture scene with a small town community feel.

### Attractions

Murder mysteries are just one of the unique attractions you’ll find here. What else might you discover if you go exploring?

### Festivals

Vintage cars, great music, and craft beer all get some time in the spotlight. Don’t forget the fair food...elephant ears, hello!

### Places to Eat

From casual burgers and fries to fine dining, you’ll find a restaurant that serves just what your appetite craves.

### Things to Do

Fast-paced, blood-pumping adventure and memory building family-friendly fun are waiting for you.

### Visit Lenawee

Step into Pure Michigan and find yourself in the heart of small town living in southeast Michigan. Fresh air, friendly locals, and lively downtowns are part of Lenawee County’s natural charm. The major regions in Lenawee County include Adrian, Blissfield, Clinton, Hudson, the Irish Hills, Morenci, and Tecumseh. Visit the Conference and Visitors Bureau website for more information on lodging, restaurants, events and tour ideas: VisitLenawee.com.
Ideal For Business. Perfect For Life.

On behalf of Lenawee Now, Lenawee County’s economic development authority, we would like to invite you to peruse this book and get a feel for everything this great county offers.

As long time residents, we can state first hand that while it has always been a beautiful place filled with friendly people, the communities today are growing exponentially in terms of quality of life. We enjoy many of the same entertainment, dining, and recreation experiences as our more populated neighbors; but we do it all with a distinct Lenawee charm.

Come for a day and you might find that Lenawee is where you want to make your new home. We are sure you are going to love it here.

Kind regards,
James E. Van Doren
Executive Director

Timothy S. Robinson, CECd, EDFP
Director of Operations

517-265-5141
LenaweeNow.org
5285 W. US-223, Adrian, MI 49221

In 2014, a crowdfunding project raised over $25,000 to help create a Kiwanis Trailhead Park addition to the popular eight-mile Kiwanis Trail. The new park offers a clear gathering place in downtown Adrian for those using the trail.
Welcome to Lenawee County

A Rich History

Lenawee County has an agricultural history dating back to 1824. Sweeping fields of corn and soybeans, orchards ripe with apples, and acres of sweet strawberries are just the beginning of the bounty of food produced by Lenawee County farmers.

Manufacturing is also a staple of the community with several notable multi-generational companies continuing to grow and thrive. These same companies are devoted to keeping Lenawee County an ideal location for business and a perfect place to live by investing locally through economic development and charitable organizations.

Our Natural Beauty

Lenawee County and The Irish Hills are well known for beautiful natural spaces. State parks, such as Walter J. Hayes State Park, offer swimming, boating, hiking, biking, and many more recreational opportunities. Wamplers Lake, Devils Lake, Sand Lake and Round Lake are just a few of over 50 lakes within Lenawee. Lenawee County also has its fair share of picturesque trails for hiking and biking. Many miles of trails are found throughout the county, including the paved Kiwanis Trail stretching between Adrian and Tecumseh.

Fun for the Whole Family

Michigan International Speedway is proud to call Lenawee County its home. NASCAR racing is what MIS is known for far and wide, but it also hosts popular local events including the Michigan Wine and Beer Fest and the Faster Horses Music Festival. For over 175 years, the Lenawee County Fair has delighted people of all ages and is the oldest continually operating fair in the state. Ride the carnival rides, visit the 4-H animal barns, and watch a concert, tractor pull or the demolition derby from the grandstand!

Lenawee County has 42 places listed on the National Register of Historic Places including Walker Tavern in Brooklyn, the Civil War Memorial in Monument Park in Adrian, and Brookside Cemetery in Tecumseh.
Places to Eat

Chef’s Specials and Local Fare

Evans Street Station

Chef Merhar and his team work with delicious, high-quality, local ingredients to create culinary art in their scratch kitchen that will make you want to come back for more. Located in the heart of Tecumseh, Evans Street Station (above) is known for their elevated Midwestern cuisine, seasonal cocktails, and popular cooking classes. Try the Roasted Duck Breast, Jumbo Sea Scallops, or Bronzed Handmade Gnocchi.

Rumors

Located in downtown Hudson, it is easy to see why Rumors (below) is an area favorite. Try their Grilled Cheese or Chicken Piccata and make sure to pair it with a specialty “Zoup” of the day. They also serve a variety of craft beers and are known for the best Scotch selection around. Whether you join the oyster club or stop by for one of Chef Johnny’s tasty daily specials on the garden-filled patio, you will be glad you found them.

Hooligan’s Grill

For a hearty meal and live music, visit Hooligan’s Grill (page 30) in downtown Adrian. This Irish-German bar serves a wide variety of menu items, ranging from the Double Dublin Burger to Scotch Eggs and Wiener Schnitzel; and their carrot cake is sure to knock your socks off. Hooligan’s proudly supports local brewers and farmers so look for Michigan craft brews on tap and local cuisine on the menu.

Evans Street Station - 110 South Evans Street Tecumseh, MI. Contact them at 517-424-5555 or online at EvansStreetStation.com.

Rumors - 212 West Main Street, Hudson, MI. Contact them at 517-306-6099 or online at Facebook.com/RumorsInc.Hudson.
Governor Croswell Tea Room
Have you ever had high tea? The Governor Croswell Tea Room (page 30) invites you to experience a very British high tea and a variety of delicious menu items inspired by our friends across the pond such as classic Shepherd’s Pie or English Custard Bread Pudding. The Governor Croswell Tea Room is named for Michigan’s 17th governor, Charles Miller Croswell, and is located next to the Croswell Opera House in Adrian.

Hathaway House and Main Street Stable & Tavern
A nationally registered historic site built in 1851, the Hathaway House (above) is a premier fine dining restaurant. Located behind the House, the Main Street Stable & Tavern (above) features tempting favorites like the Stable Burger and Fresh Fried Lake Perch along with a great selection of Michigan beers and wines. Both are great venues for private events or everyday patio dining in Blissfield.

Sauce Italian Grill & Pub
If pasta is what you crave, Sauce (below) offers a warm atmosphere and some of the best casual Italian dining around. You’ll find the classics: Spaghetti Classico, Mozzarella Caprese, and a mouthwatering Cannoli, but there are also some surprises like coconut-battered “Ruggie” Onion Rings served with sriracha. Sipping a lemonade, wine or a martini on their outdoor patio is a great way to relax on a summer evening.

The Hathaway House - 424 West Adrian Street, Blissfield, MI. Contact them at 517-486-2141 or online at HathawayHouse.com.
Main Street Stable and Tavern - 116 North Main Street, Blissfield, MI. Contact them at 517-486-2144 or online at MainStreetStable.com.

Sauce Italian Grill and Pub - 149 Main Street, Adrian, MI. Contact them at 517-759-4757 or online at SauceAdrian.com.
Welcome to Adrian

Adrian is proud to have established a rich and vibrant arts culture within the community.

The Adrian Symphony Orchestra is one of the few professional orchestras in southeastern Michigan. Their musicians have been delighting audiences for 34 seasons with styles ranging from classical to pop performance musical pieces.

Are you interested in plays and musicals? The historic Croswell Opera House (right) is a community treasure hosting shows of all kinds since 1866.

Each September artists, food vendors, and musicians celebrate visual and fine arts at Art-A-Licious which is an annual two-day art festival. You will find art to purchase, artist demonstrations, live performances, as well as delicious regional food and fun activities for all ages.

Explore Our Campuses

Adrian is home to three colleges and universities — Adrian College, Siena Heights University (above) and Jackson College at LISD TECH — and as you might expect, a wide variety of public events take place on these campuses. Sporting events, ice skating, theater, and musical performances all produce excitement and energy. Feel like a more relaxing day? Stroll through one of their beautiful campuses and take in a mix of historical and modern architecture and beautiful grounds.

The Unique and Special

Downtown Adrian is home to many unique specialty shops. SASS (above) is a great stop if you're looking for Michigan-made gifts or home decor. With the resurgence of interest in all things facial hair-related, it's no surprise that Maggard Razors has found a big following. They offer razors, grooming products, and restoration of straight razors. Save some time to swing by Arnold's Menswear and Tailor's Shop whose owner has apprenticed under presidential tailors!

Adrian's Carnegie Library, now the Lenawee County Historical Museum, recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. If you want to know the history of anything in Lenawee County, including those old high school yearbook photos, this is the place to visit.
A Shopper’s Delight

Artists, musicians, performers, and other vendors offer a fun-filled night out on the town the “First Friday” of each month in downtown Adrian. Stores often feature works by local artists and musical talent along with special sales on merchandise. Need a starting point for shopping? Native Skates is a popular destination for custom skateboards and shoes designed in-house by talented artists and tailored to your unique taste. Ann’s By Design is a go-to for quilters and knitters for both supplies and classes. New businesses are moving into the area all the time, so visit often!

Historic Downtown

Adrian’s rich history is evident in the 1800’s architecture of the downtown buildings and surrounding homes, culminating in the beautiful and historic Croswell Opera House. The Croswell was built in 1866 and continues to be a source of local pride for its detailed architecture as well as its popular theatrical productions. While you are downtown, take a stroll on the Historic Walking Tour and see a variety of beautiful architecture that has been meticulously maintained and visit the Lenawee Historical Museum for relics, photos and historical memorabilia.

Community Gathering Place

The Lenawee County Fairgrounds is not only home to the Lenawee County Fair, which has entertained the masses for over 175 years, but also plays host to variety of other events throughout the year. In early spring, a bridal show brings together future brides with caterers, florists and other vendors, including the Fairgrounds itself, a popular event venue that boasts two large rental facilities. Aside from other musical entertainment and fundraising events happening year-round, the Fairground hosts a semi-annual indoor community yard sale.

Family Fun in Every Season

When the sun is shining and the kids are restless, beat the summertime blues at The Centre’s Corner Park (below)! Jump high on the 70-foot-long pillow and then climb on the Explorer Dome and ropes course. With a snack bar, splash pad, and kid-friendly outdoor pool, the summer days will fly by!

The Centre is also home to family-friendly fun throughout the year including Community Celebration Day, special holiday events and kid favorites such as the Ninja Challenge and Fall Fest.

The Centre and Corner Park are located at 1800 W US-223, Adrian, MI. Learn More at TheCentre.info.
Things to Do

Adrenaline Pumping Adventure

Roaring Engines

The Michigan International Speedway is now considered the fastest NASCAR track in the United States. Tens of thousands of visitors descend on the area every June and August for a weekend of racing, concerts, camping, and fun MIS promises you will never forget.

Paddle Away

Whether you’re a beginner or an advanced paddler, you’ll enjoy kayaking, canoeing or paddle boarding on the scenic River Raisin. The Tecumseh Paddle Company offers several different trips that give you a chance to relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery and wildlife.

Icy Action

The annual Tip-Up Festival has been an exciting winter activity for over 60 years at Devils Lake. You can enter the ice fishing tournament, race your snowmobile, watch a hockey game, or grab a bite at the restaurants surrounding Devils and Round Lakes.

Camo Welcome

There is a vast abundance of lakes and woodlands in Lenawee making it a popular hunting destination in every open season. Learn more about designated hunting areas and licensing requirements at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources’ website.

A May 2014 study by the University of Michigan found that the Michigan International Speedway brings in a whopping $414 million in revenue to the state annually. Noted economist Gary Wolfram, Ph.D’s research shows the economic impact of MIS is greater than that of the Super Bowl.
Things to Do

Sticks, Stones, and a Lot of Fun

At the Stone Mountain Family Fun Center’s 18-hole mini golf course, you can putt-putt your way through their unique, mountainous course in Tecumseh. Need to cool off? Head over to The Corner Park at The Centre in Adrian. Swim, bounce, splash, climb or lounge by the heated pool for a fun afternoon in the sun.

If you’re itching to get on the ice, enjoy open skating or a hockey game and then warm up with a nice cup of hot cocoa at Adrian College’s Arrington Ice Arena. The arena is open to the public with skate rentals available.

Pack up your tent, gather some sticks for marshmallow roasting and let’s go camping! Camp Sequoia offers a beautiful natural lake and a sparkling swimming pool. Fishing and paddle boating will keep the whole family happy at the Irish Hills Kampground. Walter J. Hayes State Park offers a variety of outdoor activities to enhance your stay including a beach on Wamplers Lake, fishing, hiking and biking trails.

Walkers, runners and bikers all enjoy the eight-mile paved Kiwanis Trail stretching from Adrian to Tecumseh through public parks, farmland, and residential areas.
Shopping

Treat Yourself

Don’t forget your wallet; we’re going shopping! Are you looking for the perfect gift? Or just in the mood to treat yourself?

At the Devils Lake Village, you can peruse lake inspired home decor and artwork by local creators. You’ll find a new treasure for your home or a gift for a hard to buy for relative.

Fashionistas will want to visit Passion 4 Fashion Boutique in Adrian. You can accessorize until your heart’s content or purchase a new outfit with a sassy flare.

Pair an artisan cheese with your favorite imported wine from the Boulevard Market in Tecumseh. Sweeten the deal with their Peppalo Stone Ground Chocolate, a sinfully delicious treat.

Select fresh, locally-grown produce or baked goods at one of the many weekend farmers’ markets hosted by communities in Lenawee County. Sow Fresh Farm Market, located in Adrian, offers organic veggies and fruits, as well as homemade treats.

Remember the teapot Grandma always had on the stove? With six attached buildings loaded with undiscovered gems, you just might find one like it at the Blissfield Antique Mall. Still searching? Take a short drive to What a Find Consignment in Tecumseh, Birdsell Depot Antiques in Adrian or Brick Walker Antiques in the Irish Hills. You’ll find a charming selection of items from yesteryear that will enhance your growing collection.

Looking for the familiar brands you love? The Adrian Mall is where you’ll find stores like Hobby Lobby, American Eagle, Bath & Body Works and MC Sports. When you’re finished, you can stop by Meijer for groceries (or nearly anything!) or Pet Supplies Plus for a gift for your furry best friend.
Welcome to Blissfield

Founded by Bliss

In 1824, Hervey Bliss first settled near what is now Toledo before venturing into the wilderness that would eventually become Blissfield, Michigan. Mr. Bliss was the town’s first Justice of the Peace, Town Clerk, and Postmaster, and he also founded one of the first abolition groups in Michigan, the Blissfield Anti-Slavery Society. His dedication helped to form a strong foundation for this vibrant town.

Hop Aboard the Train

The Old Road Dinner Train travels on part of the original Erie and Kalamazoo Railroad Line that began operations in 1836. It’s a great place to celebrate special occasions, birthdays, anniversaries, or they’ll even help you “pop the question.” The Old Road Dinner Train also becomes a Murder Mystery Dinner Train several times a month. Can you help solve the crime?

Charming and Tasty

The historical ambiance, outstanding service and friendly atmosphere of The Hathaway House (below) will transport you back to a time long forgotten. Built in 1851 by New York native and merchant David Carpenter, the Greek Revival home has been meticulously maintained with period furnishings and now houses a fine dining restaurant.

Year-Round Fun

The summer months in Blissfield are filled with classic car shows, the River Raisin Festival, Bluegrass on the River and special activities that celebrate the area’s farming history (below right). Warm up with the holiday spirit each winter when you attend the Yuletide Cheer weekend, Wassail Festival and the Parade of Lights.
Welcome to Clinton

Fall Fun with the Family

As the nights get chilly and the leaves begin to turn, local residents’ thoughts turn to what has become a cherished community tradition. For over four decades, the Clinton Fall Festival has been drawing thousands of folks to the area the last full weekend of September to enjoy arts and crafts vendors, musical entertainment, fair food, carnival rides, a car show, and more! This three-day event has been voted the “Best of Lenawee.”

Dinner with a Side of History

When you drive into the downtown, you can’t miss the dominating presence of the stately Clinton Inn on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Tecumseh-Clinton Road. The building opened for the first time in 1901, originally operating as a hotel featuring several fireplaces and a ballroom. These days the building houses a restaurant that serves lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. When you visit, try the fantastic turtle cheesecake. The Clinton Inn has ten historically charming guest rooms upstairs, as well as several apartments.
You may just get lost in a corn maze at Carpenter Farms in Adrian! This family-owned farm offers fun fall activities the kids will love including hayrides, a petting zoo, and an indoor straw maze. You can also pick out the perfect pumpkin for carving that scary jack o’ lantern face or get bumpy, lumpy gourds for fall decorating.

For a mysterious evening out, take a ride on the Old Road Dinner Train in Blissfield for a murder mystery game. Featuring a wonderful meal, it is one of the longest continuously operating dinner trains in North America.

The Midwest VW Jamboree attracts visitors from all over America to Hudson to participate in this Volkswagen-loving car show held annually in June. Camping, musical performances, and Volkswagens! What could be better?

Now a local tourist destination, The Irish Hills was once a 19th century stopping point during the five-day stagecoach trip between Detroit and Chicago along US-12. With sparkling lakes, restaurants, and campgrounds, the entire area is full of small town charm and is popular for water sports, fishing and vacationing.

Excavations of mastodon bones by the University of Michigan suggest that US-12, which is an ancient Indian trail, may have even been a prehistoric game trail! Next time you drive down US-12, imagine those who traveled that route before you!
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Welcome to Hudson

Historic Charm

Once a beautiful family home, the Thompson Museum (above right) now adds history and charm to Hudson. The house was originally built in 1891 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum is filled with beautiful Victorian style architecture and furniture and inside you will see William G. Thompson’s impressive collection of Asian-inspired art. The Thompson Museum hosts national and local art exhibits and offer tours.

Exciting New Projects

The Southern Michigan Center for Science and Industry is a new industrial education center located in Hudson. Students benefit from Advanced Manufacturing classes and training in this high-tech facility. The SMCSI allows for the expansion of technology and science in the state and prepare today’s students for tomorrow’s jobs. This growing effort aids in training a quality work force for Michigan and beyond.

The Rumors are True

Ask the locals where to get great food and drinks and they’ll tell you to head to Rumors. Their creative and delicious daily specials, along with a wide variety of popular craft beers, make this a place you’ll want to visit again and again. Enjoy your favorite dish on their lovely patio in the summer with great views of historic architecture. Love scotch? Rumors hosts a scotch club where true aficionados gather, taste and visit.

Play Outside

When nature beckons, take a relaxing afternoon stroll alongside Bean Creek at the Hudson Linear Park. If you prefer to be closer to downtown, Murdock Trail is a three-mile long walking trail that follows an old railroad bed. Lake Hudson State Recreation Area, home to the first state designated Dark Sky Preserve (above), is the best place in Michigan for stargazing. Nowhere else will the stars be so clearly visible!
Art and Music

Drama, Sculptures, and Melody

Lenawee County has a thriving arts and entertainment scene that easily rivals anything you can find in the region. You can enjoy music, drama, and art performances. Special events are scheduled throughout the seasons.

Since 1866, the Croswell Opera House has been a mainstay of arts and culture for downtown Adrian and the surrounding communities. In addition to several Broadway-style musicals each year, the Croswell stages plays, concerts, and other special events. The Croswell’s high-quality productions draw visitors from across southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio.

The Adrian Symphony Orchestra’s professional musicians and internationally known guest artists have been delighting audiences for over three decades. The orchestra performs throughout the year and showcases musical styles ranging from pops to classical.

The Tecumseh Art Trail is a free outdoor sculpture exhibit located throughout Tecumseh. Keep an eye out for giant metal flowers or bunnies large enough to be ridden, but don’t get too attached because the exhibit changes regularly with new art appearing every few months.

Live theatrical and musical shows at The Croswell Opera House, 129 E. Maumee St., Adrian, MI. Learn more: 517-264-7469 or Croswell.org.

Classical and pops performances at The Adrian Symphony Orchestra, 110 S. Madison St., Adrian, MI. Learn more: 517-264-3121 or AdrianSymphony.org.
Festivals

Special Celebrations

The sweet smell of cotton candy in the air. The happy sounds of children enjoying themselves. Artists displaying their work and musicians sharing their melodies. If you love getting out of the house and making fun family memories, there are plenty of opportunities every year in Lenawee County.

You can see the hottest country music artists at the Faster Horses Music Festival, but don’t discount our local music scene! Talented musicians take the stage and get audiences on their feet at the Lenawee County Fair, Bluegrass on the River, Rockin’ the Hills, Blues & Brews, and more.

Spring and Summer Festivals
Soak up the sun while hitting these events.

- **Michigan Beer and Wine Fest**  
  Irish Hills  
  May  
  Over 40 wineries and 20 breweries in attendance each year

- **Midwest VW Jamboree**  
  Hudson  
  Jun  
  Volkswagen love and live entertainment all weekend long

- **Devils Lake Festival of the Arts**  
  Irish Hills  
  Jun  
  Artisan booths, kid’s activities, live music and food

- **Town & Country Festival**  
  Morenci  
  Jul  
  Rides, music, a car show, a parade and mud drag events

- **River Raisin Festival**  
  Blissfield  
  Jul  
  Petting zoo, carnival rides, live music and fireworks

- **Faster Horses Festival**  
  Irish Hills  
  Jul  
  Three-day country music festival with camping available

- **Lenawee County Fair**  
  Adrian  
  Jul  
  Carnival rides and games, demo derby, concerts and animals

- **Tractor Cruise-In**  
  Blissfield  
  Aug  
  Walk around and check out unique tractors from the area

- **Bluegrass on the River**  
  Blissfield  
  Aug  
  Fresh air and bluegrass music near the River Raisin

- **Rockin’ the Hills**  
  Irish Hills  
  Aug  
  Award-winning Michigan craft beer and live entertainment

Fall and Winter Festivals >>
Fall and Winter Festivals
Grab a coat and don’t miss these cooler weather activities.

Art-A-Licious  Adrian  Sep
Two days of beautiful art, delicious food, music and family fun

Clinton Fall Festival  Clinton  Sep
Local artists, crafters and vendors and live entertainment

Big Mitten State Fair  Irish Hills  Sep
Amusement rides, live music and 5 days of festivities

Blues & Brews  Adrian  Oct
Michigan’s best beer and live music from local blues musicians

Appleumpkin Festival  Tecumseh  Oct
Arts and crafts, carnival games and live entertainment

Yuletide Cheer  Blissfield  Nov
A tree lighting, carriage rides, visit with Santa and more

Holiday Evening of Lights  Irish Hills  Dec
Crafts, family friendly activities and visit with Santa

Wassail Festival  Blissfield  Dec
Cider tasting, a light parade, and holiday cheer

Ice Sculpture Festival  Tecumseh  Jan
Carving demos, competitions and family activities

Devils Lake Tip-Up  Irish Hills  Feb
Your favorite ice-based outdoor activities in one place

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Sparkling Glasses. Frosty Mugs.

The Pioneer Wine Trail consists of nine wineries located throughout southeastern Michigan, three of which are located in Lenawee. They host the “Big Grape” Bus Tour, a chance to experience each winery while traveling by coach bus. If you prefer hops to grapes, Cotton Brewing Company and Tecumseh Brewing Company both offer an array of craft beers made right here in Lenawee.

Make it a double date to the Michigan Wine and Beer Fest, which Michigan International Speedway hosts every May. In August, craft beer is featured at Rockin’ the Hills in the Irish Hills. Come October, Blues & Brews has all of your favorite local and regional beer and wine along with talented musical groups in downtown Adrian.
Welcome to the Irish Hills

The Irish Hills were first named by the Irish immigrants who settled in the green, rolling hills after escaping the Potato Famine of 1846. The area was predominately farms and orchards until the 1920’s when it became a popular tourist destination.

Today you can find a number of family-friendly activities, but if you are looking for some adult time, Cherry Creek Winery (left) is a palate pleasing destination.

Fresh Air and Fun in the Sun

If you’re the outdoorsy type, trek over to Hidden Lake Gardens. This 755-acre botanical garden offers hiking trails, hilly, winding car paths, beautiful display gardens, an impressive bonsai collection, and three conservatory domes. Walter J. Hayes State Park features a public access to Wamplers Lake, camping, hiking, biking, and even geocaching. Barbecue on the beach or rent a boat and spend a day floating on the water.

Speaking of water, the Irish Hills has more lakes than can be named on two hands. Devils and Round Lake, Loch Erin and Sand Lake are local favorites, and on a hot summer day are filled to the brim with all sorts of activity.

Stagecoach Days

Historic Brick Walker Tavern has had many transformations in its 160 years. Recently, it was restored as an events center and antique shop. Stop by on the weekends during the summer for fresh produce at the farmers’ market or catch lunch at Randy’s Roadside BBQ down the road on US-12.

Checkered Flag

If you mention the Irish Hills to a racing fan, they’ll immediately think of Michigan International Speedway. MIS hosts two NASCAR Sprint Cup Series races each year, but you’ll also find festivals, community events, and concerts including the popular Faster Horses Festival.

Ancient Trail

The area that runs through the heart of the Irish Hills, now used as US-12, was once used as a path by prehistoric mammals and early Native Americans. Hotels began to pop up along the road in the 1920’s. It’s now designated the US-12 Heritage Trail, a historically significant road that runs from Detroit to Chicago.
Welcome to Morenci

Fireworks and Community Fun

Every June, the annual Town & Country Festival in Wakefield Park brings everyone from the community together to indulge in favorite fair foods and enjoy outdoor performances. The fireworks display, craft vendors and the beer tent are local favorites. The 5k race is a healthy way to balance out the treats you know you’ll be sampling.

Nature Meets Technology and Art

Have you been on a high-tech scavenger hunt before? Geocaching is an outdoor treasure hunt that allows players to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, using GPS technology common on most smart phones. There are five hidden treasures within one mile of the city!

An alternate source of activity is the State Line Gem and Mineral Society, established in 1961 to bring knowledge to the community about geology and mineralogy. Some of the club’s activities include field trips and classes such as soapstone carving.

Bridge Benefits

Morenci’s Silver Creek Bridge is the southernmost bridge in Michigan. Every Labor Day weekend, the community hosts the Annual Bridge Walk across the Silver Creek Bridge, a fundraiser benefiting Lenawee County charities and mirroring the sister bridge walk much further north at Michigan’s Mackinac Bridge.

Famous former Lenawee County residents include Deerfield’s Danny Thomas, an actor in "Make Room for Daddy"; Tony Scheffler of Morenci, an NFL football player for the Denver Broncos; and Kellen Davis of Adrian, an NFL player for the New York Jets.
If it is a family outing, putt-putt at the Stone Mountain Family Fun Center in Tecumseh might be more your speed or the popular disc golf, a great activity for all ages. Heritage Park in Adrian features a course where the locals love to play.

Did you know that there are over 52 lakes in Lenawee County? Water skiing, tubing, and knee boarding are the go-to activities throughout the summer months. Boating, a favorite activity in Lenawee, is one of the most common outdoor activities in Michigan.

There are an abundance of trails for everyone to enjoy throughout the county. The eight-mile Kiwanis Trail is located between Adrian and Tecumseh and is perfect for jogging, walking and biking.

Lake Hudson is designated as Michigan’s first Dark Sky Preserve and attracts amateur astronomers to see some of the most brilliant nighttime views in the lower peninsula of Michigan.
The Future’s So Bright

Lenawee County is proud of its strong educational heritage. The colleges and technical schools provide important resources to the community, as well as a steady supply of well-qualified workers.

Adrian College

In 2014, Adrian College was recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a Top Baccalaureate College in the Midwest, and by The Chronicle for Higher Education as a “Top 20 Fastest-Growing Baccalaureate College.” Adrian College is a private, liberal arts college associated with the United Methodist Church. They offer nearly 50 undergraduate majors and pre-professional programs, 28 varsity sports, as well as advanced degrees and masters-level coursework in athletic training, professional chemistry, and more.

Siena Heights University

Siena Heights University is a Catholic university founded in 1919 and sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters. Enrolling a diverse community of traditional-age and working adult students, Siena Heights is a co-educational North Central accredited institution founded in the liberal arts tradition, offering associate, bachelor’s, master’s and specialist’s degrees. The University is located in Adrian, with degree completion centers in Dearborn, Southfield, Benton Harbor, Monroe, Battle Creek, Lansing, Jackson and online.

Jackson College

Jackson College is a public two-year college that annually enrolls more than 8,500 students. The College is located in south central Michigan and serves the counties of Jackson, Lenawee and Hillsdale. They offer more than 115 associate degrees and certificate programs and 450 courses in general education, occupational education and development education. Jackson College also offers a bachelor’s degree in Energy Systems. Occupational education programs are designed to provide skills for employment or job advancement.

Training the Next Generation of Leaders

The Lenawee Intermediate School District provides educational leadership and support services to Lenawee County’s 11 public school districts. They offer hands-on educational programs at the LISD TECH Center, a vocational center that offers 28 different career and tech programs to area high school students and adults.

Advanced Education for Industry

The Southern Michigan Center for Science and Industry provides industrial training for students in high school and beyond. This unique program offers specialized science, industry and advanced manufacturing-based training courses.
Welcome to Tecumseh

Adventure for Everyone

The beautiful River Raisin winds through southeastern Michigan providing the perfect setting for an afternoon adventure. At the Tecumseh Paddling Company, you can take a day trip down the river in a canoe or kayak or paddle board from their convenient location.

The River Raisin is home to many species of fish, as well as deer, bald eagles, sandhill cranes and even giant snapping turtles, so don’t forget to bring your camera to capture any creatures you spot along the shore.

If you want to keep both feet planted on the ground, Stone Mountain Family Fun Center is the place for you. You can enjoy a relaxing round of putt-putt golf with the kids or your favorite date.

Take a Stroll Downtown

Downtown Tecumseh is as much historic as it is full of great local shops for a wide range of interests. The Boulevard Market is the place to go for locally-made cheeses, wine and chocolate! There are over 100 hand-cut cheeses and the ever-changing selection always provides something new in the store to taste test. Black Door Gallery features handmade artwork in a variety of mediums, from metal and glasswork to painting and textiles, along with vintage finds and antiques.

Get Out of the House

It seems as though there’s always a community event or festival happening in Tecumseh! Sculptures line the streets during Art Walk and also during the Ice Sculpture Festival. The Tecumseh Center for the Arts (TCA) hosts a variety of live performances throughout the year, including music, dance, comedy, drama and more. The Appleumpkin Festival, popular for carnival rides, games and crafts, has been a fall tradition for over two decades.
Delight Your Taste Buds

If sipping wine is a favorite pastime of yours, visit Pentamere Winery, located downtown and J. Trees Cellars, located at the Historic Hayden-Ford Mill. Stay for a relaxing afternoon or take a bottle home from these local producers.

If craft beer is more your style, the Tecumseh Brewing Company opened in 2015 with the help of a new type of financing known as “investment crowdfunding.” The funding was made possible by a new Michigan law that originated right here in Lenawee County. Prior to this law it was virtually impossible for most people to invest in non-publicly traded companies.

Outstanding Specialty Shops

Walking into Hopscotch Kids is like stepping into the toy store of your childhood. There are games, gifts, and toys that provide hours of fun and learning for kids of all ages. The Quilt Patch is a quilter’s fantasy land and Timeless Stitches will satisfy your cross stitch itch! You might just get lost among the rows of fabric, yarns, patterns, notions and more.

When you’re finished shopping, head over to Lev’s Bakery for a snack. Everyone in Tecumseh knows that Lev’s is the place to get the freshest, most delicious baked goods. Their holiday cookies are a tradition in many local households, and their fresh donuts will make you want to come back every morning.

Top Marks for Economic Development

The University of Michigan-Dearborn’s iLabs eCities program has recognized Tecumseh five times for excellence in economic development and entrepreneurial growth. The study looks at factors like tax incentives, local government policies, and available workforce that make cities attractive to new business.

Tales of the Past

Tecumseh was named after the powerful Native American leader of the Shawnee, Chief Tecumseh. Learn the local lore during seasonal tours of the Indian trails, offered by the Parks Department, or stop into the Tecumseh Historical Museum (right) to enjoy one of their exhibits.
Lenawee Now

Ideal for Business. Lenawee County.

Established in 1916 as the Adrian Area Chamber of Commerce, Lenawee Now is proud to be celebrating 100 years of service. Today, as a public-private entity, Lenawee Now is the county’s economic development leader and focuses on attracting new businesses, helping established businesses grow and supporting entrepreneurial endeavors.

A Brighter Future

Do you envision a Lenawee County where businesses can thrive and expand to provide good jobs? Where families can live, work and find plenty of fun things to do year-round? Where young people have enough education and employment opportunities to entice them to make Lenawee their home? So does Lenawee Now. Strategies in place include:

- Attracting and expanding businesses that result in new jobs, services and amenities for the community.
- Developing and retaining a skilled workforce ready to meet the needs of employers.
- Coaching entrepreneurs as they turn business dreams into reality.
- Educating the community about opportunities to get involved in growing and shaping Lenawee County.

Valued Partnerships

Does all that sound like a big job? Luckily, Lenawee Now is not going it alone. In addition to the support of community investors, Lenawee Now has entered into a few partnerships with other economic development organizations.

Lenawee Now has been collaborating with the Toledo-based Regional Growth Partnership and The Greater Ann Arbor Region. Recently they also joined forces with the Detroit Regional Chamber and eleven other economic development organizations to form a coalition that represents all of southeast Michigan to attract businesses to the region. These partnerships allow Lenawee Now to reach out both domestically and internationally to promote just how wonderful it is to live and work in Lenawee County. What an exciting venture!
Lending Helping Hands

Volunteering is a rewarding way to help your neighbors and community while making new connections with those around you. Have you considered it but don’t know where to start? VOLUNTEER Lenawee!, a program of the Lenawee Community Foundation, makes it easy to reach out to those in need through a wide variety of local nonprofits. Visit their website to see where your talents are needed most: LenaweeCommunityFoundation.org.

ProMedica

Investing in the Future of Health Care

ProMedica has a strong commitment to the southeastern Michigan communities that it serves – including Adrian, Tecumseh and all of Lenawee County.

New Facility for Improved Care

ProMedica is building a new hospital in Lenawee County in 2016. The 145,000-square-foot hospital will replace both ProMedica Bixby and Herrick hospitals. The new hospital will provide more efficient, effective care with centralized access.

The new full-service hospital will have up to 80 care beds, an emergency department, surgical capabilities, a women’s health center, a cancer center, a pain management clinic and an inpatient psychiatric unit. The building will be developed following LEED Silver-Eligible Certification standards to ensure sustainability and offer best-in-class in design, construction and energy efficiency.

The Veggie Movement

In conjunction with the Lenawee Health Network, ProMedica launched the Veggie Mobile in 2013. By working with area farmers’ markets and producers, the Veggie Mobile brings fresh, affordable produce to the residents of Lenawee County. It is part of a key initiative to promote a healthy lifestyle in the community through a healthy diet of five servings of fruit and vegetables per day.
This list contains some of the more popular locally owned establishments, but there are plenty of national chain restaurants in the area including: Buffalo Wild Wings, Red Lobster, Applebees and Chipotle.
Kapnick Insurance
Leading the Way Since 1946

Kapnick Insurance is a successful local company specializing in business insurance, risk solutions, employee benefits, corporate wellness, and personal insurance. They hire the best employees, treat them professionally, take excellent care of their customers, and try to have fun while giving back along the way. They are always promoting their core values of respect, stewardship, integrity and innovation.

Striving to Improve Health and Life

At Kapnick Insurance, they understand that a person’s health and well-being is one of the biggest factors in determining happiness and overall quality of life. Inspired by that knowledge, and in an effort to help businesses manage health care costs, they’ve designed the innovative KAPNICK strive® program. KAPNICK strive® helps employees live better lives by making them aware of the risk factors that could compromise their health and giving them tools and incentives to make lasting changes. Employers who have implemented the program report that many of their employees have lost weight, quit smoking and lowered their cholesterol and blood pressure.

Happy Employees. Stronger Community.

Due in part to the success of KAPNICK strive®, Kapnick Insurance has received many honors for creating a happy workplace, the most recent being named one of Michigan’s healthiest employers by Crain’s Detroit Business magazine. Not only are their employees happy and healthy, but they’re generous. Both at the corporate level and individually, they’re deeply committed to community involvement and charitable giving. They’re proud to do their part to make Lenawee County a great place to work and live.

Kapnick Insurance is located at 333 Industrial Drive, Adrian, MI. Contact them at 517-263-4656 or learn more on their website, Kapnick.com.
Hidden Lake Gardens

Explore and Learn in Every Season

Michigan’s beautiful seasons are always on display at Hidden Lake Gardens. Grab the family and take a hike through ten miles of wooded and paved nature trails. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy while gazing out over 755 acres of rolling green hills.

Hidden Lake Gardens also hosts community events like the Holiday Fest and Evening of Lights, the Fall Foliage Festival, and Children’s Garden Day. Sit in on a class and learn the art of growing bonsai trees or even become a Master Gardener!

Hidden Lake Gardens is located at 6214 M-50 in Tipton, MI. Contact them at 517-431-2060 or visit their website at HiddenLakeGardens.com.