

LET'S GO! TRAVEL

Discover the 'wild things' south of our border

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"Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! Lions and tigers and bears, oh my!"

You and your family might feel like repeating these lines from the movie "The Wizard of Oz," after spending the day at the Toledo Zoo.

While the zoo does have lions and tigers and bears, these aren't the only inhabitants in this nationally known compound. It is home to more than 2,500 animals representing 450 different species.

One of the most enjoyable exhibits is the aquarium which is the largest in North America. Children and adults can become mesmerized by the many displays of exotic fish and other fresh and salt water creatures.

The aquarium also houses the "South American Rainforest," which duplicates the temperature and habitat of this vanishing area of the earth. Another favorite attraction is the newly renovated Kingdom of the Apes where visitors can watch chimpanzees, orangutans and families of gorillas — including two with babies born earlier this year — as they cavort in the 17,000-square-foot outdoor Gorilla Meadow.

"African Savanna" offers visitors the opportunity to come nose-to-nose with hippos in the world's only underwater Hippoquarium. Also roaming the "African" grounds are elephants, rhinos and giraffes.

Visit joeys at Detroit Zoo

Six bouncing baby kangaroos called joeys can be seen at the Detroit Zoo, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

The joeys can be seen with their heads poking out of their mothers' pouches. "Our six joeys are about a year-and-a-half old," said Scott Carter, curator of mammals at the zoo. They also delight visitors by hopping around their grassy exhibit, which is in the south-west corner of the zoo, between

the Asian wild horses and the Nilgai Antelope."

Recognized as one of the premier zoos in the United States, the Detroit Zoo at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward, off I-696 in Royal Oak, features more than 1,200 animals roaming throughout 125 acres of natural exhibits.

Admission is \$5 adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$3 children ages 2-12 and free for children under 2. Call (810) 398-0903 for more information.

short walk to Cheetah Valley and watch these graceful predators roam or rest in their "natural" sanctuary.

Education, combined with enjoyment, is the goal of the Toledo Zoo. Education is also the prime objective of the Diversity of Life and Adaptation exhibits. Microscopes and hands-on displays allow zoo visitors to explore the world of insects and animal adaptations.

Close proximity of exhibits, as well as their attractiveness and informational appeal, make the Toledo Zoo an ideal place for young children (strollers and wagons are available to rent). The zoo is open every day, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Fall and winter hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

October offers children the opportunity to visit a haunted forest



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Elephants: Two "African Savanna" residents stop for a "chat" or at least a "once-over" at the Toledo Zoo.

during "Boo at the Zoo" 6:30-10:30 p.m. Oct. 20-23; and Oct. 27-31. The "Pumpkin Patch," Oct. 29-30, is the zoo's safe alternative to trick-or-treating. In addition to 16 decorated stations where treats are dispensed, children can enjoy storytelling, puppet shows, and a number of other Halloween activities.

The Toledo Zoo, which is \$5 adults and \$2.50 children ages 2-11 and senior citizens, is one of those places that many people say "they want to visit," but haven't.

The cool days of fall are good time for Michigan visitors to travel approximately 60 miles south to this memorable destination, on U.S. 25 (Anthony Wayne Trail)

just a few miles west of I-75. Get off at Exit 201 A. For information, call (419) 385-5721.

Share information about your family's favorite vacation destination with readers in Let's Go! Send pictures and suggestions to: Keely Wygonik, editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

Wish you were here



Vacation photo: Recently Ray and Theresa Davis of Golfview Drive in Farmington Hills took their Farmington Observer to historic Newport, R.I. Every year for the past 40 years it has been the site of the well-known Newport Jazz Festival. In pre-Revolutionary War years Newport was a rival port of Boston and New York. Because it never developed as a major metropolitan area it has preserved its early American buildings and character. For many years it was the home of the America's Cup Yacht races. It is the home of the America's Cup Exhibition and the U.S. Tennis Hall of Fame. During the latter 1800s, many of the very wealthy built summer mansions, some of which have been restored and are open for tours by the public.

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Day trips

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FRANKFURT
Octoberfest, Oct. 7-9 — famous Frank-

enmuth food, drink and hospitality in the tent on Main St. just south of Bavarian Inn Restaurant. Police dancing. Frankmarch is approximately 70 miles north of Detroit, 20 miles from Flint. Call 1-800-FUN-TOWN

Hotel specials

HOLIDAY INN
Holiday Inn, 38123 W. Ten Mile Road, Farmington Hills, has the largest marble jacuzzi suite in suburban Detroit. The marble tub sits in a separate bathing quarter and the room also includes a board table, living room, large kitchen, big screen tv, microwave and bar. (810) 477-4000

Cruise

"BEAUTY AND THE BEST"
America's foremost make-up artist Jeffrey Bruce will be hosting the first "Beauty and the Best" Cruise to Bali and Australia on Jan. 7. Sponsored in conjunction with American Express Travel Service and Orient Cruise Lines, this is a 19 day cruise aboard the 800-passenger luxury liner Marco Polo with a four night hotel stay in Bali and three night stay in Sydney included. Call (810) 642-3350 or 1-(800) 831-1547 for details.

Getaways

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Pick a pumpkin

Picking the perfect pumpkin to carve on Halloween is lots of fun, especially when you go to the farm where they were grown.

If you're looking for an unusual, yet very scary pumpkin, go to Driver's U-Pick Berry Farm in South Lyon. They're growing Lumina — a white pumpkin with orange meat.

To get to the farm, take I-96 west to the New Hudson exit. Go south on Milford Road to 10 Mile Road. Turn right, go through South Lyon to the end of 10 Mile Road. Follow the signs. Call (810) 437-1606 or (810) 437-8461.

Always call ahead before you head out to the farm to check

availability of pumpkins.

Here are some pumpkin patches to check out with your family.

- Davies Orchard & Cider Mill — 40026 Willow Road, New Boston (313) 654-8893
- Apple Charlies — 38035 South Huron Road, Huron Township (313) 753-9390
- The Pumpkin Patch — 32285 Sibley Road, Huron Township (313) 753-4586
- Wilson Barn — 29350 W. Chicago at Middlebelt, Livonia (810) 261-2260 (weekends only)
- Pumpkins Hollow — 23503 Otter Road, New Boston, (813) 753-9148

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