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Children (ages 3-17) seniors (age 60 and older) and students. For information, call (677) GO-CRANBROOK (462-7252) or www.cranbrook.edu. "Whales" is the summer's giant sized addition to the film schedule at the Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R at Warren Road, Detroit. The film in the IMAX Dome Theater takes visitors to the world's deepest oceans to swim, feed, court and sing with these amazing creatures. Also showing are "Tropical Rainforest," "Everest" and "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun."

Exploring science

In the Exhibition Hall, visitors can explore scientific phenomena, such as optics, motion, electricity, weather, chemistry, technology, matter, sound, anatomy and engineering, through exhibits and then extend the experience by utilizing the Internet for more information and insight in the Cyberspace Safari Exhibit Lab.

Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:30-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 12:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children (3-17) and senior citizens (60 and older). Tickets to IMAX movies cost \$4. For information, call (313) 577-9400.

Located in a renovated historic firehouse, the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, 219 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor, is an interactive center with some 250 exhibits that make science fun.

Hands-on exhibits interrelate concepts of physics, math, biology, physiology, botany and geology with technology, art and history. There's also science demonstrations at 1 and 3 p.m. Saturdays and 2 and 4 p.m. Sundays.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, seniors citizens and children age 9 and older. For information, call (734) 995-KIDS.

Take to the air but stay on the ground at the Yankee Air Force Museum at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti. The museum features a static display of vintage military aircraft, including a fully restored World War II B-17 Flying Fortress and artifacts dating from World War I.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$5 for ages 13-61, \$4 for 62 years and older, \$3 for ages 6-12 and free for ages 4 and under. Tours for groups of seven to 10 are available with a \$1 discount on admission. For information, call (734) 483-4030.

The Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave. in Detroit, has the largest exhibition ever created in the United States on African Americans.

The core exhibit is "Of the People: The African American Experience," which reflects on a 400-year legacy and heritage. There also are two galleries with changing exhibits.

Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years of age. For information, call (313) 494-5800.

Prehistoric displays

The University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History, 1109 Geddes Road at Washtenaw Avenue on the central campus in Ann Arbor, features prehistoric life displays, Michigan Wildlife and rock and mineral exhibits, but is best known for its dinosaur collection and the Hall of Evolution. The main feature in the planetarium is "The Loneliness Factor," shown at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Saturdays and 3:30 p.m. Sundays.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is a suggested donation of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Admission to the planetarium is \$3.25 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and children ages 12 and under.

Now at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, visitors are invited to imagine life as it was envisioned through the eyes of Thomas Edison or Henry Ford, while witnessing first-hand the fruits of their labor. Each month, a different dream will be explored through programming and activity.

Visitors also can hear the past through musical performances each day throughout the village. The Summer Evening Concert Series kicks off each Saturday evening during the festival.

Children and adults can experience life as Samantha Parkinson knew it in 1904 at "An American Girl Museum Experience." Participants visit the milliner's shop, make a scrap-art box and march in a Suffragist rally. Cost is \$40 per person and is available at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. July 8-10, 15-18, 22-24 and 29-31, Aug. 1, 5-7, 12, 19-21 and 28, Sept. 18 and Oct. 16-17. For reservations, call (313) 982-6180.

And the museum chronicles the Industrial Age from locomotives, automobiles and airplanes to the conveniences of modern life from home furnishings to musical instruments.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and will be open until 8 p.m. Saturdays July 10-Aug. 29. One-day admission is \$12.50 for adults, \$11.50 for senior citizens age 62 and over, \$7.50 for children ages 5-12 and free for those under age 4.

Two-day ticket is \$22 for adults and \$12.50 for children. Admission to the museum and village is separate. For information, call (313) 982-6001.

Next door to the village and museum is the Automotive Hall of Fame, 21400 Oakwood Blvd. between Rotunda Drive and Michigan Avenue.

It is filled with hands-on exhibits and interactive displays that recognize and celebrates accomplished people of the motor vehicle industry.

There's also a 10-minute interactive show, "Inspiration," a fascinating journey on how mechanical power replaced the horse, and "Carl's Car," which traces the path that led Carl Benz to develop the world's first gas-powered automobile.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Oct. 31. Admission is \$9 for adults (ages 13-61), \$5.50 for senior citizens (age 62 and older) and \$3 for children (ages 5-12). (A combination ticket with Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village is available.) For more information, call 313-240-4000.

Head to Lansing

Take to the road and head for Lansing and the Michigan Historical Center, 717 W. Allegan St., two blocks west of the State Capitol between Allegan and Washtenaw streets.

Visitors are surrounded with Michigan history from prehistoric times through the late 20th century. Major exhibit environments include a three-story relief map of Michigan, walk-through Upper Peninsula copper mine, one-room schoolhouse, 1920s street scene, 1957 Detroit Auto Show and a diorama of lakes and lands complete with a rustic cabin and lighthouse.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays. Admission is free. For more information, call (517) 373-3559.

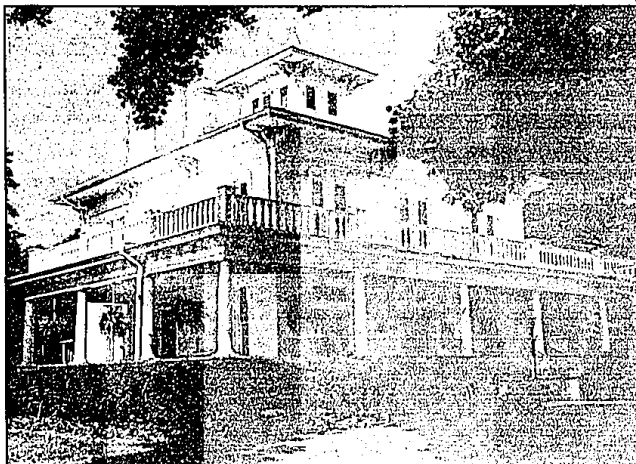
Plan another road trip to the Michigan Space and Science Center, 2111 Emmons Road,

Jackson. You'll know you're there when you see the 83-foot Mercury Redstone rocket in front of the center.

The center houses more than \$30 million in space artifacts and displays, most having been provided by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Smithsonian Institution.

Visitors can view a moon rock through a microscope, try on an astronaut helmet, sit in a space capsule simulator, explore a black hole, or examine the moon's surface through 3-D glasses.

Hours are 10 to 5 Tuesday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday and closed Mondays through October. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2.75 for students and senior citizens and children under age 6 free when accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (517) 787-4425.



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Farmington Historical Museum: The Warner Mansion in downtown Farmington is a local historical museum.

Historical museum is local treasure

Don't feel like piling the kids into the car and dealing with another round of "Are we there yet?" Then a visit to the Warner Historical Museum in beautiful downtown Farmington might be just the thing.

It's close to home, it's interesting, and it's educational (but don't tell the kids).

The stately white house on Grand River just a few blocks west of Farmington Road was once home to Michigan Governor Fred Warner and family.

In 1867, Fred's father, P.D. Warner, built the Italianate home just before he became

state senator from the Michigan 5th District. Sen. Warner's son became the first governor of Michigan elected for three terms - 1904, 1908 and 1909. To this day, he is the only governor from Farmington.

Just last week, the Farmington Historical Commission dedicated a new sign in front of the house and about 125 people attended the ceremony, according to spokesman Dick Carvell.

"Some of the things kids might enjoy seeing include an 1890s music box, a 1902 Edison cylinder, and the player piano is always a favorite," said Carvell.

"The kitchen is interesting - some things are similar to what we use today but others go way back. And the clothing upstairs is interesting. We have the high button shoes of old."

Volunteers staff the museum which is operated by the historical commission and open Wednesdays from 1-5 p.m. and the first Sunday of the month, except for holidays. Admission prices are rising effective July 1, but still a bargain - \$2 for adults, \$1 for 13-18 year olds, and free for kids 12 and under accompanied by a parent.

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