

Visiting A Cider Mill Is An Autumn Treat

Tangy cider and hot, fried doughnuts will draw thousands of southeast Michigan residents into the countryside this fall to favorite cider mills, according to Automobile Club of Michigan.

"Visiting a cider mill and watching giant presses squeeze tons of red, ripe apples into pure, sparkling juice has become an annual outing for many families," states Joseph Ratke, Auto Club touring manager.

"Each cider mill has its own personality," Ratke states. "Presses range from the vintage, gear-driven to the modern hydraulic type, and operations vary in scope

from large enterprises to family operations."

Visitors to mills can either purchase cider by the glass or bottle. Freshly fried doughnuts are also available either singly or by the dozen.

Peak crowds will visit cider mills over weekends until the weather turns cold. Auto Club points out that the best way to avoid long lines that form Saturdays and Sundays at some operations is to visit cider mills on weekdays.

"A visit to a cider mill does not have to be taken only in the fall, although this is the preferred season," states Ratke. "Many operators stay open during the

winter, some into the spring until stored apple supplies are exhausted."

Persons who wish to watch the pressing process are advised to check by telephone before leaving home. Although most cider mills are open seven days a week, pressing operations are often on an irregular schedule, dictated by the availability of apples and the demand for cider.

Persons who want to be sure of the cost for cider or doughnuts also should check in advance since prices are subject to change.

Listed below are the cider mills of the area:

1. Diehl's, 1473 Ranch Rd., Holly. Open now through March from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. Cider: \$1.30 gallon. Doughnuts: 90 cents dozen.
2. Walker's, 8507 Parshallville Rd., Parshallville. Open now through Dec. 20: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday; 10 a.m. to dusk, Sunday; closed Monday. Cider: \$1.65 gallon. Doughnuts: \$1.25 dozen.
3. History Town, 6080-W. Grand River, Brighton. Open now through Dec. 10: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Cider:

and doughnut prices not available.

4. Clore's, 9912 E. Grand River, Brighton. Open now through Dec. 21: 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. weekdays (closed Tuesday); 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Sunday. Cider: \$1.30 gallon. Doughnuts: 89 cents dozen.
5. Dexter, 3685 Central. Dexter. Open now through November from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. Cider: \$1.65 gallon. Doughnuts: 95 cents dozen.
6. Saline Orchards, 9365 Saline Rd., Saline. Open now through May from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week, except holidays. Cider: \$1.20 gallon. Doughnuts: \$1 dozen.
7. Wiard's, 5565 Merritt Rd., Ypsilanti. Open now through Dec. 2 for pressing on weekends. (Store open all year.) Hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, except holidays. Cider: \$1.50 gallon. Doughnuts: \$1 dozen.
8. Parmenter's, 714 Base Line Rd., Northville. Open now through November from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week. Cider: \$1.75 gallon. Doughnuts: \$1.25.
9. South Huron Orchard, 38035 S. Huron Rd., New Boston. Open now through April from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week. Cider: \$1.50 gallon. Doughnuts: \$1 dozen.

10. Weier, 603 W. 13th St., Monroe. Open end of September through Nov. 21. Pressing on an irregular schedule, phone in advance. Cider price not available.
11. Indian Creek, 155 Lavoie Rd., Erie. Open Sept. 20 through April from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day except Tuesday and Wednesday. Cider: \$1.10 gallon.
12. Franklin, 7450 Franklin Rd., Franklin. Open now through December: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday. Cider: \$1.68 gallon. Doughnuts: \$1.20 dozen.
13. Craft's Orchard, 45815 N. Gratiot, Mt. Clemens. Open all year, except Christmas, New Year's and Easter from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. from December through April and 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. May through November. Cider: \$1.25. Doughnuts: price not available.
14. Middleton, 46462 Dequindre, Utica. Open now through May 31 seven days a week, except Christmas, New Year's and Easter from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Cider: \$1.50 gallon. Doughnuts: 90 cents dozen.
15. Yate's, 1950 E. Avon Rd., Rochester. Open now through May, except holidays: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

through September seven days a week; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. through October seven days a week; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Saturday and Sunday, remainder of season. Cider: \$1.70 gallon. Doughnuts: 85 cents dozen.

16. Paint Creek, 4483 Orion Rd., Rochester. Open now through Nov. 4: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Cider: \$1.75 gallon. Doughnuts: \$1.25 dozen.
17. Goodison, 4295 Orion Rd., Goodison. Open now through May from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday through Sunday until November; Wednesday through Sunday through November; Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December through May. Cider: \$1.65 gallon. Doughnuts: \$1.15 dozen.
18. Blake's, 17985 Armada Center Rd., Armada. Open now through December 14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. Cider: \$1.45 gallon. Doughnuts: 90 cents dozen.



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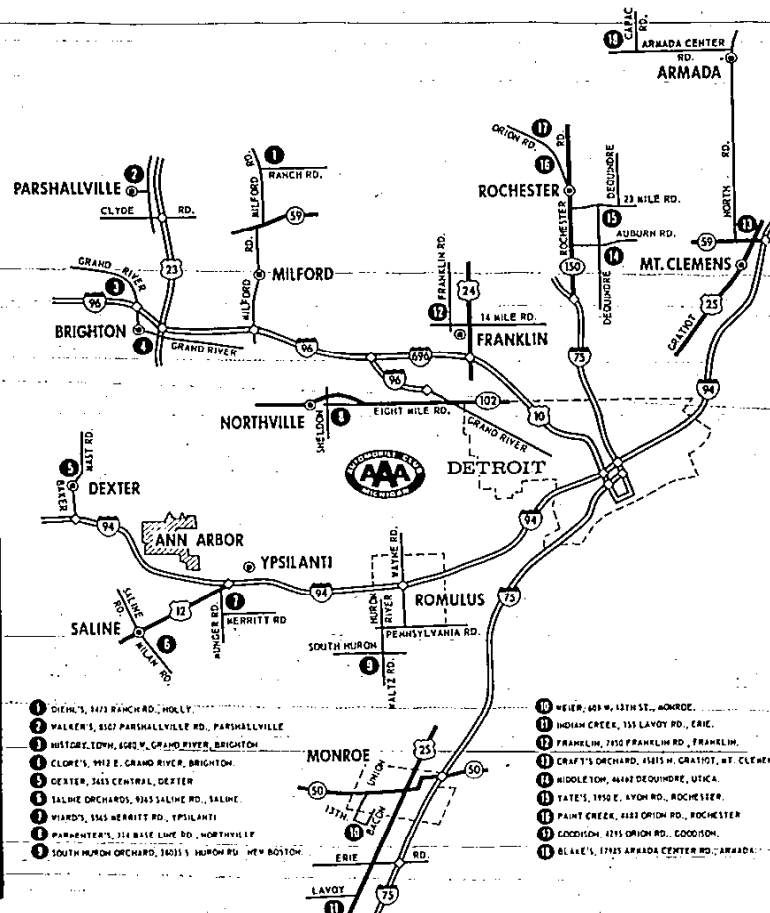
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