

Don't ignore Detroit when touring Michigan

Mention of Detroit brings automobiles to mind for most tourists, but the Motor City and its suburbs have more non-auto related attractions than any other section of the state, according to Automobile Club of Michigan.

"More than 30 top Detroit-area tourist attractions can be checked off quickly, without beginning to exhaust the possibilities," said Joseph Ratke, Auto Club touring manager.

Starting in Detroit's downtown area, a first stop might be Belle Isle, scenic playground before the turn of the century and excellent for shipwatching.

Belle Isle's Dossin Great Lakes Museum is the place to go if interested in ships and maritime history. The entire museum is devoted to Great Lakes maritime lore, but its pride is the carefully restored Gothic Revival, once an ornate saloon on the side-wheeler City of Detroit III which operated between Detroit, Buffalo and Cleveland. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday.

THE ENTIRE south shore of Belle Isle offers excellent shipwatching. A Children's Zoo, open from mid-May to early September, charges nominal admission. The island's conservatory offers seasonal flower displays.

The nearby aquarium exhibits Michigan fish with a few ocean specimens in its glass-fronted wall tanks. Both the conservatory and aquarium are free and open daily the year round.

Just west of the Detroit River on Jefferson Avenue near Larnois is the Fort Wayne Military Museum. Built in the 1840s, it is the best preserved pre-Civil War fort in the Midwest. The fort is open Wednesday through Sunday.

Detroit's cultural center, north on

Woodward and 10 minutes from downtown, consists of four museums, a library and a university.

The Detroit Institute of Art is one of the world's great art museums and is the largest municipally owned museum in the United States. Galleries are arranged to follow development of cultural arts from ancient, medieval and Renaissance eras to modern times.

THE DETROIT Public Library, just across the street, also is an architectural showplace. Its Burton Historical Collection is an unexcelled Great Lakes research source, and the automotive collection is the largest and most valuable in the United States.

Wayne State University is an outstanding example of what an urban campus should be, with new buildings always dramatic in design added each year.

Detroit Historical Museum, adjacent to the library, specializes in Detroit memorabilia. An outstanding exhibit features reconstructed Streets of Old Detroit, all lined with period stores. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday and Sunday, afternoons.

The two other museums, the International Institute and the Children's Museum, are both near the Art Institute. The International Institute's annual Old World Market, featuring customs, music, costumes and food of some 30 foreign lands, will be held Oct. 4-5.

The Children's Museum features American history scenes, a bird room, exhibits on foreign lands and ancient peoples, a craft room and a planetarium.

THE DETROIT ZOO, at Ten Mile

and Woodward in Royal Oak, is among the country's top five zoos. It was the first to free animals from cages.

The nationally famous Shrine of the Little Flower is at Twelve Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak. A distinctive feature is the bold 100-foot Crucifixion Tower, of granite and marble, square in form and girded by four enormous crosses. The octagonal church building proper, completed in 1933, is open to visitors.

Automobile plant tours are a long-time Detroit trademark. Companies always have curateled tours during model changeover, but some this year also have felt the economic pinch and have reduced or eliminated tours for the present. It's advisable to check before starting out.

Ford Motor Co. offers two-hour tours starting from the Ford Guest Center on Village Road opposite the Henry Ford Museum entrance. The sprawling, 335-acre General Motors Technical Center in Warren, 13 miles northeast of downtown Detroit, will continue its summer tour schedule through Labor Day.

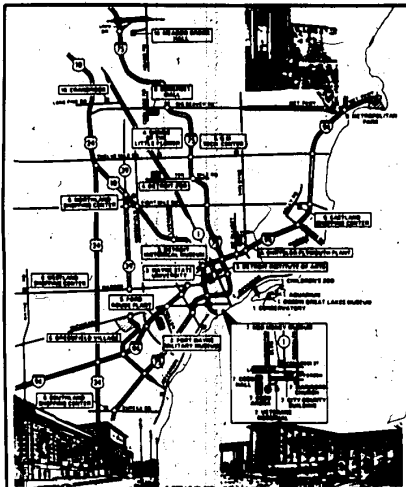
OTHER AUTO plant tours are available at Cadillac Motor Car Co., Detroit; Detroit Diesel Allison Division; Fisher Body Division of GM; Pontiac; Fisher Body, Livonia, and General Motors Willow Run Assembly, Ypsilanti.

World-famous Greenfield Village in Dearborn, the vast outdoor museum of Americana founded by auto pioneer Henry Ford in 1929, is well along in a 10-year expansion plan costing \$28 million. The village itself contains more than 100 historic structures. Adjoining it is Henry Ford Museum, the village's indoor counterpart.

Back in downtown Detroit, Old Mariners' Church on Jefferson Avenue, just east of Henry and Edsel Ford Auditorium, is the only survivor of 189 buildings razed to make way for the Civic Center. Built in 1849, the Episcopal church is open to visitors and guided tours can be booked in advance.

The Civic Center area is a \$100-million, 78-acre development along the Detroit River. Cobo Hall, one of the world's largest exhibition buildings, contains display areas, assembly halls, a sports arena, dining facilities and rooftop parking.

THE 10-STORY Veterans Memorial Building was the first structure in the development. The building is open to the public but there are no tours.



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2. DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM
3. CHILDREN'S ZOO
4. CONSERVATORY
5. AQUARIUM
6. LARNOIS/JEFFERSON AREA
7. FORT WAYNE MILITARY MUSEUM
8. CULTURAL CENTER
9. WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
10. DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
11. DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
12. DETROIT ZOO
13. SHRINE OF THE LITTLE FLOWER
14. ON TECH CENTER
15. FORD ROUGE PLANT
16. CHRYSLER PLANT/PLYMOUTH PLANT
17. GREENFIELD VILLAGE
18. MARINE CHURCH
19. COBO HALL
20. COBO ARENA
21. VETERANS MEMORIAL
22. CITY-COUNTY BUILDING
23. AND HENRY MUSEUM
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