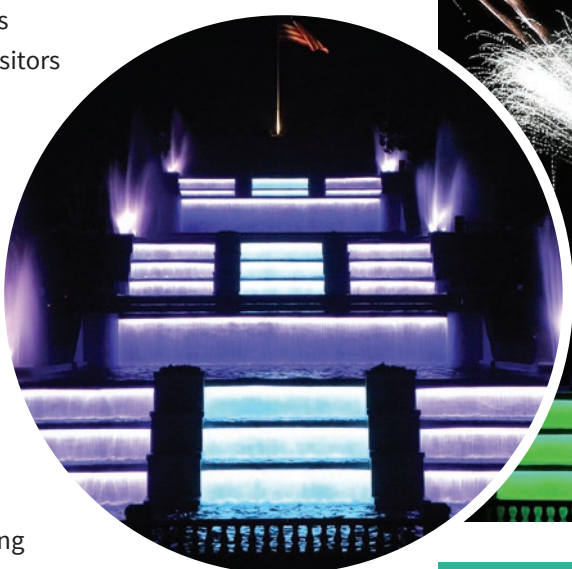


The Cascades (CASCADE FALLS)

Open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day
Wednesday - Sunday, 8 a.m.-11 p.m.

For more than 85 years this illuminated, man-made waterfall has captivated locals and visitors from around the world as one of Jackson's most spectacular attractions. The Cascades is unlike anything else you have ever seen. The colored lights illuminate the entire sky as they change color with the music. Climb the 126 stairs along the sprawling fountain and watch in awe as thousands of gallons of water flow over the waterfalls every minute. A spectacular view of the park awaits you at the top.



1,230 COLORED LIGHTS
6 FOUNTAINS
16 FALLS
500 FEET IN LENGTH
64 FEET TALL
60 FEET WIDE
3 MAIN POOLS OF WATER
30 BY **90** FEET EACH

- ▶ Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day fireworks displays
- ▶ Family Fun Night – live music and costumed characters every Wednesday night in the summer, and live music every summer Saturday in the Cascades Rotary band shell. Live, family-friendly entertainment is presented by Myers Family Little Caesars of Jackson.

For admission rates and live entertainment schedules, visit JacksonCountyParks.org, or call 517-768-2901.

Peaceful, Scenic LAKESIDE CAMPING

ENJOY THE FUN OF CAMPING IN JACKSON COUNTY

Two modern lakeside campgrounds are part of the park system: Pleasant Lake Park in Henrietta Township and Swains Lake Park just south of Concord. Each campground is situated on a lake and offers a variety of camping options, including non-electric and both 30 and 50 amp campsites, playgrounds, picnic shelters, showers, and swimming areas.

PLEASANT LAKE CAMPGROUND

Whichever way you prefer to camp – RV or tent – the mature trees and lush grounds will make you feel like you are far from suburbia. Positioned on the lakeshore, spend your day enjoying this all-sports lake. Go for a swim off the beach, or put your boat in the water at the nearby public boat launch to fish for perch or enjoy a cruise around the lake. Even off the water there's plenty to do! Start a horseshoe or shuffle board tournament, learn to play GaGa Ball, and bring your clubs for a round at Hankard Hills Golf Course.



Family Friendly PICNICS & PLAYGROUNDS

Jackson County Parks are the best way to spend the day! With picnic areas at each park, you can pack a lunch to enjoy while you play.

For an afternoon in the sun and fresh air, Gillett's Lake County Park is a top choice. The ornate stone picnic shelter, playground, and basketball court overlook the beautiful lake.



Or visit Minard Mills County Park, where its natural atmosphere, landscaped gardens, stream, parks nursery, and playground are a wonderful way to enjoy the outdoors.

A DAY OF PLAY STARTS AT THESE PARKS:

- ▶ Clark Lake County Park
- ▶ Gillett's Lake County Park
- ▶ Grass Lake County Park
- ▶ Horton Mill Pond County Park
- ▶ Little Wolf Lake County Park
- ▶ Minard Mills County Park
- ▶ Pleasant Lake County Park
- ▶ Portage Lake – Ready County Park
- ▶ Round Lake County Park
- ▶ Sparks Foundation County Park (Cascades Park)
- ▶ Swains Lake County Park
- ▶ Vandercook Lake County Park
- ▶ Vineyard Lake County Park

Splash Pad AT THE CASCADES

Open daily, Memorial Day - Labor Day.

The newest edition to the park, the splash pad is the perfect activity for a hot summer's day! The zero-depth facility makes cooling off and playing in the water safe and fun for children of all ages. With more than a dozen water features, kids will be entertained for hours as they make their way through the splash pad standing under waterfalls and arches, jumping through fountains coming up from the floor, and getting poured on by the giant water bucket.

- ▶ Lounge chairs & patio area
- ▶ Concessions
- ▶ Season & family passes
- ▶ Birthday party packages

For complete details, including admission fees and hours, visit JacksonCountyParks.org, or call 517-768-2901.



Sparks Foundation County Park (CASCADES PARK)

Widely known for the illuminated waterfall known as The Cascades, Sparks Foundation County Park is full of activities, nature, and one-of-a-kind sights throughout its acres! While here, play in the water at the splash pad, rollerblade, bike, run or walk on the paved paths, enjoy a concert at the Cascades Rotary band shell, play 18 holes of golf on the championship course, have a picnic under one of the shelters, or go fishing at the Urban Fishery.

Sparks Foundation County Park also hosts many special events, such as the Midwest's largest Civil War Muster and spectacular fireworks shows each summer.



Stop by the Cascades Ice Cream Co. for their famous Frosted Dome Malts! Open March through September.

Cascades Golf Course

ONE OF MICHIGAN'S BEST PUBLIC GOLF COURSES!

This 18-hole, championship course is lush with beautiful scenery and just the right amount of water features. Designed to challenge both the experienced golfer and novice alike, the Cascades Golf Course is the marquee in a town known for golf!

As you walk the fairways, remember that Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus have both played here!



- ▶ Large putting & chipping practice area
- ▶ Driving range
- ▶ 9-hole short course adjacent to the 18-hole course
- ▶ Electric & pull carts available to rent
- ▶ For more information and a course tour, go to CascadesGolfCourse.com.

Venue Rental

Jackson County Parks offer several locations to host your wedding, reunion, community run/walk, birthday party, or other special event year-round. From intimate gatherings, to festivals of more than 1,000 people, we have a venue to accommodate your event - inside or out. If you are interested in holding your event at a Jackson County Park, please complete the Special Event Application on JacksonCountyParks.org.

RESERVE A PICNIC SHELTER FOR YOUR NEXT GATHERING!

The perfect outdoor setting for your next family reunion, graduation party or birthday party is at one of our 16 picnic shelters available to rent. Each location is unique, and amenities vary by site.

Shelter reservations open the first Monday in February. For complete details, call 517-768-2901.



Falling Waters Trail

ONE OF MICHIGAN'S MOST POPULAR RAIL-TRAIL DESTINATIONS!

Connecting the Village of Concord with the City of Jackson, the trail was built on an abandoned stretch of the Michigan Central Railroad. The 10.5-mile, 12-footwide paved trail is ideal for walking, running, or biking as it travels through natural springs and lakes that form the headwaters of four major Michigan rivers.

In Concord, the trail crosses over the Kalamazoo River where you can view a great expanse of wetlands filled with abundant wildlife. At the mid-point of the trail, stop, relax, and enjoy the natural beauty of the picturesque Lime Lake. This is a trail you will want to visit time and time again to experience the seasonal changes in scenery.

The Falling Waters Trail is also part of a grander state-wide vision of connecting together existing trail systems in a larger network as its incorporated in the routes for both the Iron Belle Trail and the Great Lake to Lake Trail. In the coming years, the Falling Waters Trail will connect to Lake Michigan to the West, Detroit's Belle Isle to the East, and the Upper Peninsula's Ironwood to the North.



THE NEW AMERICAN 1 EVENT CENTER AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

Coming Soon - The New American 1 Event Center at The Fairgrounds is a 30,000 square foot indoor venue opening in January of 2020. The event center will be a spacious 30,000 square foot indoor venue perfect for entertainment, parties, wedding receptions, and banquets as well as for car shows, art and antique shows, bridal shows, and many more. Book your event now by calling the fair office at (517) 788-4405 and be the first to experience Jackson County's newest and best venue.

JACKSON COUNTY FAIR

The Jackson County Fair is one of the largest county fairs in the State of Michigan. With plenty of family-friendly entertainment, large grandstand acts, food and animals showcased, the fair attracts 200,000 visitors over the course of one week.

FAIR DATES:

2018: Aug 5-11 | 2019 Aug 4-10
2020: Aug 2-8 | 2021: Aug 1-7

CASCADES MANOR

Originally built in 1929 as the clubhouse for Cascades Golf Course, today Cascades Manor offers a charming, historic atmosphere for your next special event.

Hiking, Running & Biking

Whether you are looking to explore Mother Nature's unspoiled beauty on a nature trail, or go biking on a pristine path, Jackson County has your adventure covered.

Spanning 10.5 miles, Falling Waters Trail is perfect for a long bike ride during the warmer months and cross-country skiing once snow falls. For a shorter journey, Sparks Foundation County Park (Cascades Park) has a 1.8-mile track for training, rollerblading, or walking.



DISCOVER YOUR TRAIL AT THESE PARKS:

- ▶ Clark Lake County Park
- ▶ Falling Waters Trail
- ▶ Sparks Foundation County Park (Cascades Park)
- ▶ Swains Lake County Park

POINT-TO-POINT DISTANCES

Weatherwax Dr. to Reynolds Rd.

3.3 MILES

Weatherwax Dr. to Teft Rd.

6.5 MILES

Weatherwax Dr. to Concord Trailhead

10.5 MILES

Weatherwax Dr. to Sparks Foundation County Park

1.75 MILES

Weatherwax Dr. to Grand River Arts Walk

5.0 MILES

BICYCLE BIKE RENTAL

If you don't own a bike, don't feel like hauling yours, or are in town visiting, then Jackson County BCycle is perfect for you! This user-friendly bike sharing program is your way to get around town or experience the Falling Waters Trail.

Six bikes are available for checkout at the east end of the Falling Waters Trail on Weatherwax Drive. You can purchase a one-time pass directly at the kiosk, or become an annual member online at JacksonCounty.bcycle.com. Jackson County BCycle was initially funded by a grant from the Hurst Foundation, and maintenance support is provided by On Two Wheels.



Experienced, professional staff will plan and coordinate your special event complete with on-site catering and bar services. The scenic grounds and unique bridges create the perfect setting for any occasion. With seating for up to 300 and three private rooms to choose from, Cascades Manor is the first choice for many weddings, corporate events, and memorials.

For more information about hosting your event at Cascades Manor, visit CascadesManor.com, or call 517-784-1500.

The Perfect OUTDOOR WEDDING VENUES

With the backdrop of flowing water and misting fountains, The Cascades is our most popular wedding venue. This historic landmark is sure to provide an unforgettable experience and beautiful photos.

For more information about hosting your wedding or special event at a Jackson County park, call 517-768-2901.



MISSION

The Jackson County Parks and Recreation System provides the environments that facilitate memorable experiences and enhance the quality of life in our community.

VISION

Promoting a fun, healthy, active and environmentally-rich community.

CONTACT US

Jackson County Parks
1992 Warren Ave
Jackson, MI 49203
(Located inside Cascades Golf Course)

517-768-2901
JacksonCountyParks.org



WHAT'S YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE??

Now that you know about the parks, find more great things to do in Jackson. Jackson County is buzzing with music, art, breweries, wineries, food, festivals, nature and history, combined with Midwest charm. The good times last all year. Discover more events, festivals, and activities to do while you're in Jackson at ExperienceJackson.com.

Get Out ON THE WATER

Lakes and waterways are in abundance in Jackson County, with plenty of spots to drop a line to fish, go out on the water for a day of kayaking, or just enjoy going for a swim.

Whether you're a novice or experienced angler, you're sure to reel one in at Swains Lake County Park. Stocked with rainbow trout by the DNR, the lake also supports a two-story fishery for bluegill, largemouth bass, black crappie, and yellow perch.

Lakes and waterways are in abundance in Jackson County



WATERFRONT PARKS COVER JACKSON COUNTY!

- ▶ Alfred R. Snyder County Park – Horton Mill Pond
- ▶ Clark Lake County Park
- ▶ Clear Lake County Park
- ▶ Gillett's Lake County Park
- ▶ Grass Lake County Park
- ▶ Lime Lake County Park
- ▶ Little Wolf Lake County Park
- ▶ Minard Mills County Park
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BOAT LAUNCH



DISCOVER THE BEST WAYS TO EXPLORE NATURE ALL YEAR ROUND

Escape INTO NATURE

Overseeing 18 County Parks with more than 1,000 acres of wooded and natural areas, beaches, trails, and more, the Jackson County Parks Department offers your chance to get away. Escape into nature at places like The Cascades (often referred to as Cascade Falls), Urban Fishery, Falling Waters Trail, The Cascades splash pad, and campgrounds at Pleasant Lake and Swains Lake.

Family fun is scheduled all summer long

Family fun is scheduled all summer long at Jackson County's most spectacular attraction - The Cascades. Enjoy three fireworks shows projected over the illuminated waterfall for Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day, along with a weekly summer concert series, and more! Visit JacksonCountyParks.org for the complete schedule and information.



Jackson COUNTY PARKS

	ACRES	SWIMMING AREA	BOAT LAUNCH	CAMPING	TRAILS	FISHING	PICNIC SHELTER(S)	PICNIC AREAS	PLAYGROUND	RESTROOMS (MODERN, VAULT, PORTABLE)	SPLASH PAD	TENNIS COURTS	BASKETBALL COURTS	BALL DIAMONDS	GAGA BALL PIT	HORSESHOE PITS	VOLLEYBALL	SHUFFLEBOARD	BIKE RENTAL	GOLF & DRIVING RANGE	FOOT GOLF	COUNTY FAIR/ SPECIAL EVENTS & TRADE SHOWS	LIVE MUSIC
1 Alfred R. Snyder County Park - Horton Mill Pond	120 3rd St., Horton, MI 49246	61				•	•	•		P													
2 Cascades Golf Course	1992 Warren Ave., Jackson, MI 49203	180								M										•	•		
3 Clark Lake County Park	3708 Ocean Beach Rd., Columbia Township Clark Lake, MI 49234	6.5	•	•	•			•	•	P													
4 Clear Lake County Park	6693 Clear Lake Rd., Grass Lake, MI 49240	5.5	•					•		P													
5 Falling Waters Trail - Concord Trailhead	479 River St., Concord, MI 49237				•			•		P													
6 Falling Waters Trail - Teft Road Trailhead	5129 Teft Rd., Spring Arbor, MI 49283				•					V													
7 Falling Waters Trail - Weatherwax Trailhead	3720 Weatherwax Dr., Jackson, MI 49203				•					P									•				
8 Gillett's Lake County Park	480 Gillett's Lake Rd., Jackson, MI 49201	6	•				•	•	•	P			•										
9 Grass Lake County Park	400 N Lake St., Grass Lake, MI 49240	9	•	•			•	•	•	M		•											
10 Jackson County Fairgrounds	200 West Ganson St., Jackson, MI 49201	44																				•	•
11 Lime Lake County Park	5501 Teft Rd., Spring Arbor, MI 49283	321	•	•			•	•	•	P													
12 Little Wolf Lake County Park	4925 Wolf Lake Rd., Grass Lake, MI 49240	9	•				•	•	•	P													
13 Minard Mills County Park	8975 Springport Rd., Parma, MI 49269	5					•	•	•	M													
14 Pleasant Lake County Park	4401 Styles Rd., Pleasant Lake, MI 49272	21	•	•			•	•	•	M			•		•	•	•	•					
15 Portage Lake - Ready County Park	6990 Portage Lake Rd., Munnith, MI 49259	6	•	•			•	•	•	P													
16 Round Lake County Park	11980 Round Lake Rd., Horton, MI 49246	1	•	•			•	•	•	P													
17 Sparks Foundation County Park (Cascades Park)	1401 S Brown St., Jackson, MI 49203	443				•	•	•	•	M/P	•		•	•									•
18 Swains Lake County Park	7400 Pulaski Rd., Concord, MI 49237	25.5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	M			•	•									
19 Vandercook Lake - Townsend Beaman County Park	407 Parkway St., Jackson, MI 49203	21	•	•			•	•	•	M				•		•							
20 Vineyard Lake County Park	175 North Dr., Brooklyn, MI 49230	9.5	•	•			•	•	•	P													
21 Burns Property - undeveloped	Liberty Rd.	78			•																		

JACKSON COUNTY PARKS

