

Family Friendly West Michigan Offers Lots To Do This Summer

Around every corner in West Michigan, visitors will find historic landmarks, behind the scenes tours, and events that enrich your life. This isn't just for kids.

Here are some of the favorites:

Grand Haven's Chocolates by Grimaldi offers family friendly tours where visitors can learn about the chocolate making process from pod to bean to the chocolate you eat. Taste fresh samples right off the production line, tour behind the scenes, and get a close of view of their vintage 1950s enrober.

Dablon Vineyards Winery & Tasting Room in Baroda offers tours in the summer and early fall. Every Friday and Saturday, Dablon's winemakers take guests on behind the scenes tours to places that the general public doesn't see up close. Check out their beautiful hillside production facility, underground barrel room,

and wonderful vineyard. Through these areas you will learn about Dablon's unique winemaking process and why their Baroda vineyard is so suitable for growing grapes.

Journeyman Distillery in Three Oaks offers tours throughout the weekend and once per day during the week. These tours give a detailed history of the factory and a step-by-step explanation of the distilling process. Tours end with a tasting and specific information about each of their spirits.

Traverse City and their Inland Seas Education Association is dedicated to helping people of all ages experience the Great Lakes through hands on and experiential learning on their tall ship schooner. The program has been used for school groups and family excursions to teach maritime

history, Great Lakes ecology, astronomy, and more.

On June 16, the Maritime Museum in Grand Haven begins its Pirate Chaser Sails. Visitors are invited for a sail on the tall ship Friends Good Will. This is one of the most popular experiences for families on vacation. Here, they'll learn about.

Kids Day is June 18 at Nelis' Dutch Village in Holland provides youngsters free theme park admission with unlimited rides, games, petty zoo time, and walking farm animals. Kids will also be able to climb aboard police cars, fire trucks, and other rescue vehicles to learn more about them from community service providers. Visitors will be able to immerse themselves in Dutch culture with Dutch food treats at Hungry Dutchman Café.

