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FALL COLOR

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Each autumn, Southwest Michigan comes alive with color as nature paints our dunes, forests, vineyards, orchards and fields in rich jewel tones — ruby reds, golden yellows, fiery oranges and deep greens. In St. Joseph, Benton Harbor, and Stevensville, every road, river, trail and shoreline bursts with brilliant fall color. Wherever you go, breathtaking vistas await. Discover the sights and experiences of the season with our curated [fall itinerary](#).



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JUMP INTO OUR FALL COLOR

● WEST MI PIKE – RED ARROW HWY.

Starting in St. Joseph, take Main St. south to Lakeshore Dr. to Red Arrow Hwy. This coastal road takes you south through the charming resort communities of Stevensville, Bridgman, Sawyer, Harbert, Lakeside, Union Pier and New Buffalo.

SIDE TRIPS:

- Beaches, lighthouses, St. Joseph River & Victorian-era downtown, St. Joseph
- Grand Mere State Park, Stevensville
- Weko Beach, Bridgman
- Warren Dunes State Park, Sawyer
- Warren Woods, Three Oaks

● ST. JOSEPH RIVER TOUR

Go south on St. Joseph's Main St./I-94 Business Loop West/M-63. Make a slight left onto Niles Avenue/M-63. Continue to follow M-63 to Scottsdale. Turn right on M-139, then right on Red Bud Trail to Buchanan.

SIDE TRIPS:

- Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve, Niles
- River St. Joe Brewery, Buchanan
- Lehman's Orchard, Niles

● WEST MI PIKE – BLUE STAR HWY.

From St. Joseph, continue north along the serene, tree-lined M-63 to Blue Star Hwy. This Lake Michigan shore tour takes you through Benton Harbor, Covert and South Haven.

SIDE TRIPS:

- Harbor Shores Nature & Fitness Trails, Benton Harbor
- The Golf Club at Harbor Shores, Benton Harbor

● NORTH BERRIEN COUNTY TOUR

From downtown St. Joseph, take Main St. to I-94 Business Loop East (Ship St.) to downtown Benton Harbor. Turn left on Water St. and right on Territorial Road to pass through the Benton Harbor Arts District. Turn left on N. Benton Center Road and right on Red Arrow Hwy. to Coloma and Watervliet.

SIDE TRIPS:

- Vineyard 2121 Winery, Benton Harbor
- Filkins Vineyards, Coloma
- Water Street Glassworks, Benton Harbor
- North Berrien Historical Museum, Coloma

● SOUTH BERRIEN COUNTY TOUR

Take I-94 Business Loop East (Ship St.) from Main St. in downtown St. Joseph. Go through Benton Harbor to I-94 West (Chicago). Take Exit 12, Sawyer. Go east on Sawyer Road. Left on Flynn Road. Right on Browntown Road. Left on Hills Road. Left on Lemon Creek Road, then left on Red Arrow Hwy. to Bridgman and south to Union Pier.

SIDE TRIPS:

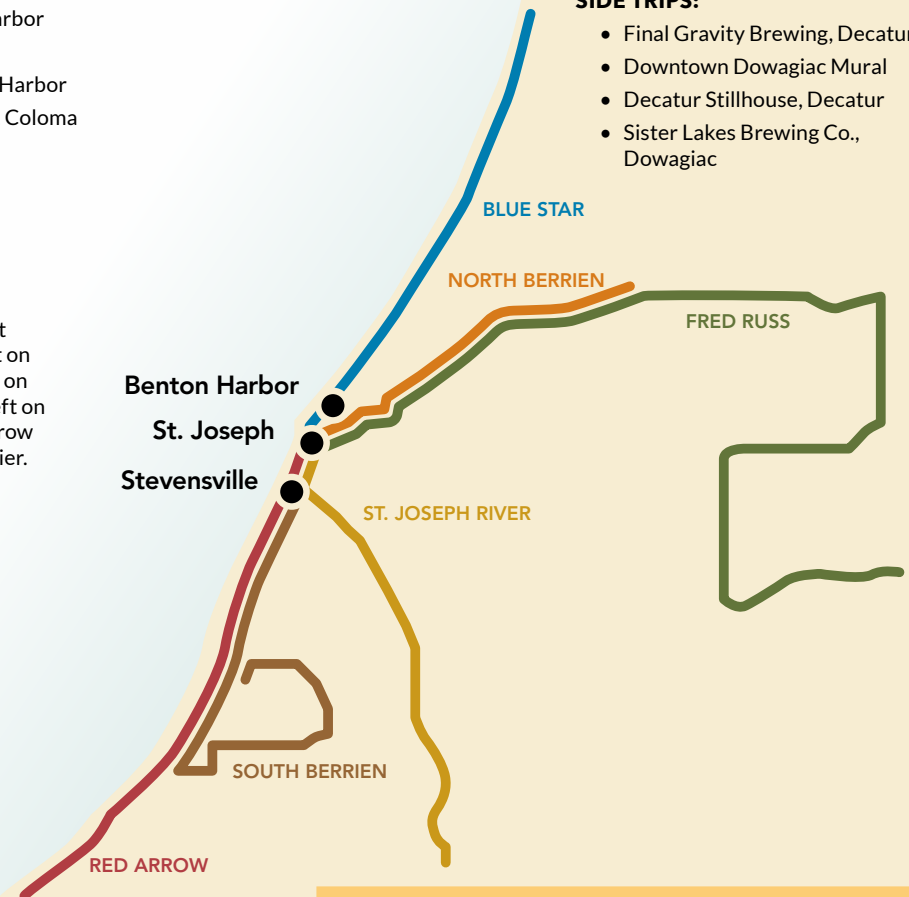
- Tabor Hill Winery & Restaurant, Buchanan
- Haymarket Brewing, Bridgman
- The Acorn Theater, Three Oaks

● FRED RUSS FOREST PARK TOUR

See Southwest Michigan's fall colors up close on foot, not just from your car. This 13-acre park between Dowagiac and Marcellus offers four miles of hiking trails, a trout stream and woods. It's one of Cass County's top fall color spots. Take I-94 to Exit 56 (Decatur), follow M-51 south, turn left on Decatur Road, then left on Marcellus Hwy.

SIDE TRIPS:

- Final Gravity Brewing, Decatur
- Downtown Dowagiac Mural
- Decatur Stillhouse, Decatur
- Sister Lakes Brewing Co., Dowagiac



TAKE THE CHALLENGE

Discover Southwest Michigan with fun, free challenges for all ages — plus prizes that make it even more exciting.

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MORE ROADS, MORE STOPS

Earn prizes along the Makers Trail by visiting any of our participating breweries, wineries, distilleries and cideries. Download the FREE passport app to start!

