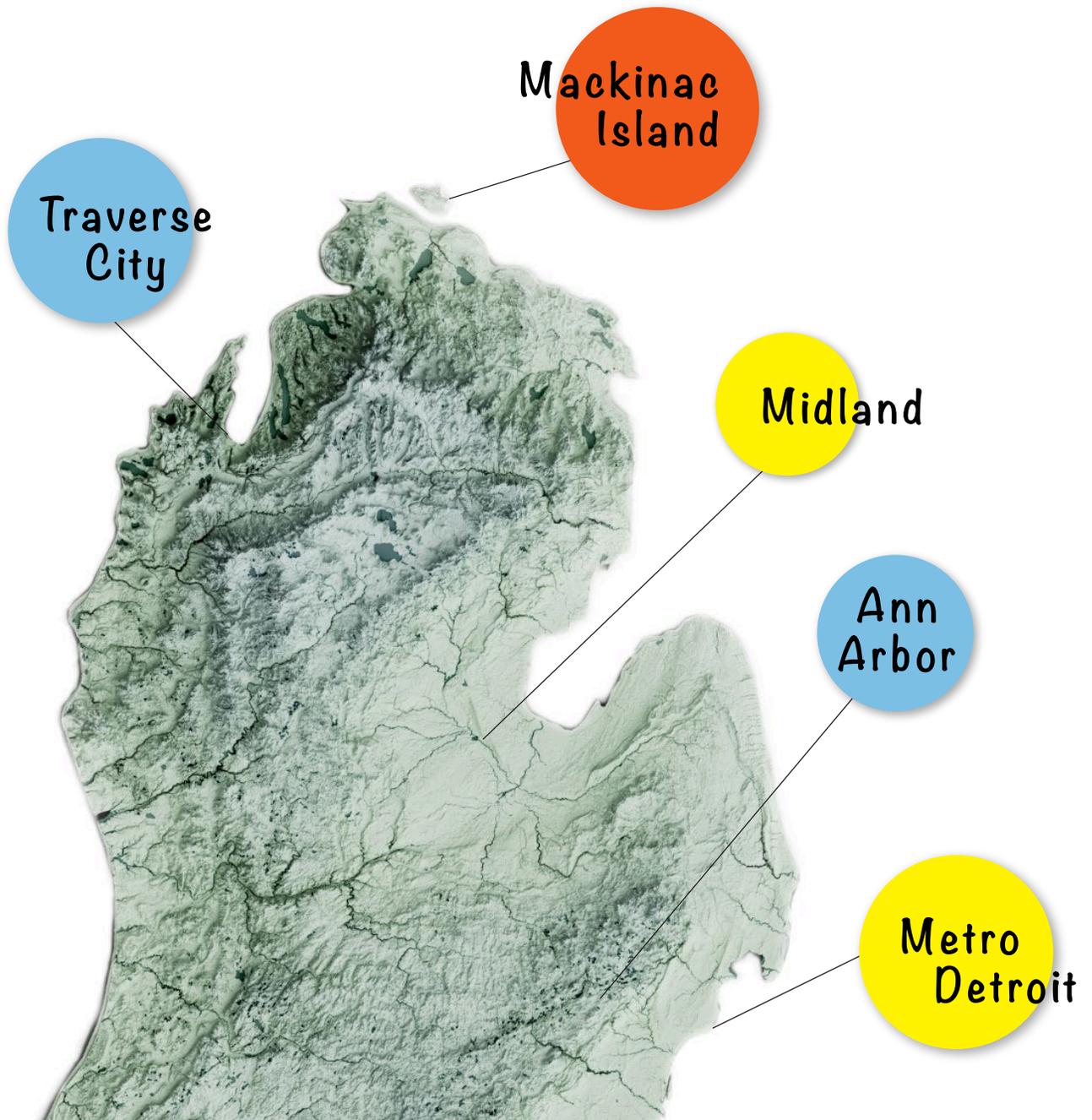


# TOUR MICHIGAN



## Minnesota Landscape Arboretum to Michigan

Tuesday, September 6 – Monday, September 12, 2022

### **Ann Arbor, Detroit and the surrounding Metro Area**

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**

**Hotel: Hampton Inn, Detroit/Madison Heights**

#### Taylor Conservatory & Botanical Garden

With its blooming gardens, stately pines, woodland settings and sweeping lawns, this seven-acre botanic garden was created just 17 years ago. The winding paths, pavilion and 1/3rd-scale replica of the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory provide a beautiful setting for all to delight in. It was voted one of the Top 12 Most Beautiful Botanic Gardens in Michigan.

<https://www.taylorconservatory.org/>



Taylor Conservatory

#### Detroit Abloom

This organic cut flower farm, native plant nursery and outdoor wellness center was created from vacant, blighted land in the owners' neighborhood. Over the years this small business has brought beauty and sanctuary to the community. And they continue to evolve, having recently added a butterfly & pollinator garden, plus Kids Abloom, a children's discovery garden.

<https://www.detroitabloom.com/>



Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

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The 87-acres of grounds, gardens and lakeside landscapes were designed between 1926-1932 by Jens Jenson, one of the foremost American landscape designers of the time. Woodlands, wetlands and meadows flow together to engage all five of the human senses. From the Formal Garden to the Rose Garden to Bird Island and Ford Cove, there are numerous ways to bask in the natural beauty.

<https://www.fordhouse.org/>

#### Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory

This historic greenhouse and its botanic garden are located on Belle Isle, a 982-acre island park in the Detroit River. Opened in 1904, it is the oldest continually-running conservatory in the United States. It was named for Anna Scripps Whitcomb after she left her collection of 600 orchids to the city of Detroit in 1955. The building has five distinct sections: the Palm, Tropical, Cactus, Fernery and Show houses, plus its main feature, an 85' central dome, which holds towering palm trees.

<https://historicdetroit.org/buildings/anna-scripps-whitcomb-conservatory>



Whitcomb Conservatory  
Belle Island

### Lafayette Greens

This organic fruit and vegetable urban garden is a unique public space that allows anyone to participate in the planting, tending and harvesting of all that grows there: flowers, herbs, fruits and vegetables. It is also a certified pollinator garden, which is very rare in the center of a city. They provide classes, community education and a spot of beauty and respite to city workers, visitors and neighborhood residents. <https://www.greeningofdetroit.com/greenspaces>



**Matthaei Botanical Gardens  
& Nichols Arboretum**  
Ann Arbor

### Matthaei Botanical Garden (University of Michigan)

Named for a former university Regent and his wife who donated 200 acres of the 300 this Botanic Garden encompasses, the display gardens, conservatory, and walking trails offer activities and resources for all. The conservatory is believed to be the largest university-operated display greenhouse in the United States. Its distinct areas are: tropical, temperate, arid and a bonsai collection. <https://mbgna.umich.edu/>

### Nichols Arboretum (University of Michigan)

The “Arb” was designed in 1908 to use the steep glacial topography to showcase collections and natural areas. There are many older plantings from the 1920’s and 1930’s, including ginkgo, Korean Quasibark trees, Chinese Fringetree, horse chestnuts, buckeyes and many more. Their mission is to promote environmental enjoyment, stewardship and sustainability.

<https://mbgna.umich.edu/>

### Tollgate Farms (Michigan State University)

In a casual environment, the Farm provides unique opportunities for children and families to experience agriculture hands-on in an urban setting. This is a working farm with animals for 4-H programs, community gardens for food systems education and sustainable agriculture lessons for homeowners. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/tollgate/gardens/>

### Cranbrook House & Gardens

This lavish Arts & Crafts home, built in 1908, and its 40 acres of gardens are metro-Detroit’s oldest surviving historic manor. The gardens feature fountains, statuary, lakes and streams amidst the blooms in the Sunken, Butterfly, Japanese, Herb and Library Gardens. The property is a small part of the 319-acre Cranbrook Educational Community founded by the owners in 1904, now a leading center in education, science and art.

<https://housegardens.cranbrook.edu/>

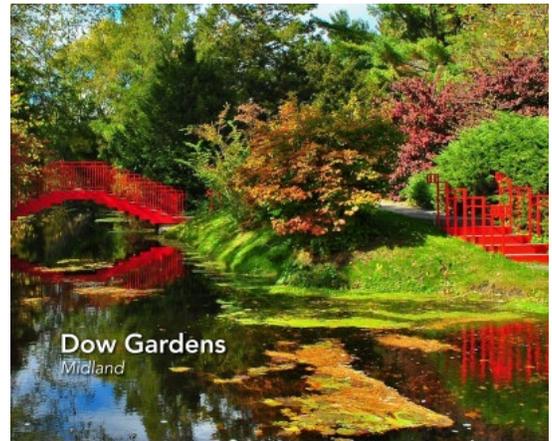
### Tuesday thru Monday

Taylor Conservatory	Dow Gardens
Detroit Abloom	Ferry Crossing
Edsel & Eleanor Ford House	Mackinac Island
Whitcomb Conservatory	Island House Hotel
Lafayette Greens	Carriage Tour
Matthaei Botanical Gardens	Grand Hotel
Nichols Arboretum	Traverse City
Tollgate Farm	Jolly Pumpkin Brewery
Cranbrook House & Gardens	Botanic Garden at Barns Park

**Midland and Mackinac Island**  
**Friday, Saturday & Sunday morning**  
**Hotel: The Island House Hotel, Mackinac Island**

Dow Gardens

Numerous signature gardens were created in 1899 for this 110-acre garden. Visitors can enjoy the formal design of the Estate Garden, the myriad of hues in the Color Garden, and surprises in the Exploration Garden. The conservatory is undergoing redesign and reconstruction, and is due to open in 2022 with more plant collections, special exhibits, and a dedicated butterfly pinning room. <https://dowgardens.org/>



Mackinac Island

Sitting in Lake Huron, between the Upper and Lower Peninsulas of Michigan, with the only access being by small plane, ferry or private boat, Mackinac Island exudes its special charm before one sets foot upon it and is transported back to a gentler age, before the advent of motorized vehicles. Since there are none, the whirr of bicycle wheels and the clip-clop of horse hooves enhance the atmosphere of this lovely vacation spot. <https://www.mackinacisland.org/>



Grand Hotel

The iconic symbol of Mackinac Island was built in just over 90 days in 1887 by a conglomerate of railway and steamship companies to capitalize on residents of large Midwestern cities who wanted to escape to the clean air of Michigan in the summer. It claims to have the world's largest porch, at 600 feet in length. It overlooks the Tea Garden, one of 10 gardens on site. Guests are never far from flowers at the Grand Hotel! <https://www.grandhotel.com/>

**Traverse City**  
**Sunday evening & Monday**  
**Hotel: Bayshore Resort, Traverse City**

Jolly Pumpkin Brewery

Just north of Traverse City, the Leelanau and Old Mission Peninsulas have ideal micro-climates for growing grapes and hops, which have turned them into destinations for those seeking wineries and breweries. This Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Garden Tour will hold its included Farewell Dinner at the Jolly Pumpkin Brewery, learning how the unique ecosystem works to create its signature brews.

<https://traversecity.jollypumpkin.com/>



**Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park**



Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park

Part of a site that included a working farm which fed the employees and patients of the Traverse City State Hospital, this 25-acre botanic garden has an emphasis on plant species native to northwest Michigan. Its namesakes are two large beautiful barns that were saved from the wrecking ball by residents who wished to create a space for community vegetable gardens, agriculture and environmental education, and event space. <https://thebotanicgarden.org/>

