Sports in Flint & Genesee









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Make Your Play in Flint & Genesee

Welcome to Flint & Genesee, historically known for putting out world-class athletes, including Mark Ingram, Jr., The Flintstones – Mateen Cleeves, Morris Peterson, and Charlie Bell – Kyle Kuzma, and Clarissa Shields. Our area hosts amazing sporting events like the Crim Festival of Races, which sees runners from around the world, and the Ally Challenge featuring PGA Champions golfers. It's also home to local professional teams, including soccer teams, the Flint City Bucks (men's) and Flint City AFC (women's), and OHL hockey team, the Flint Firebirds.

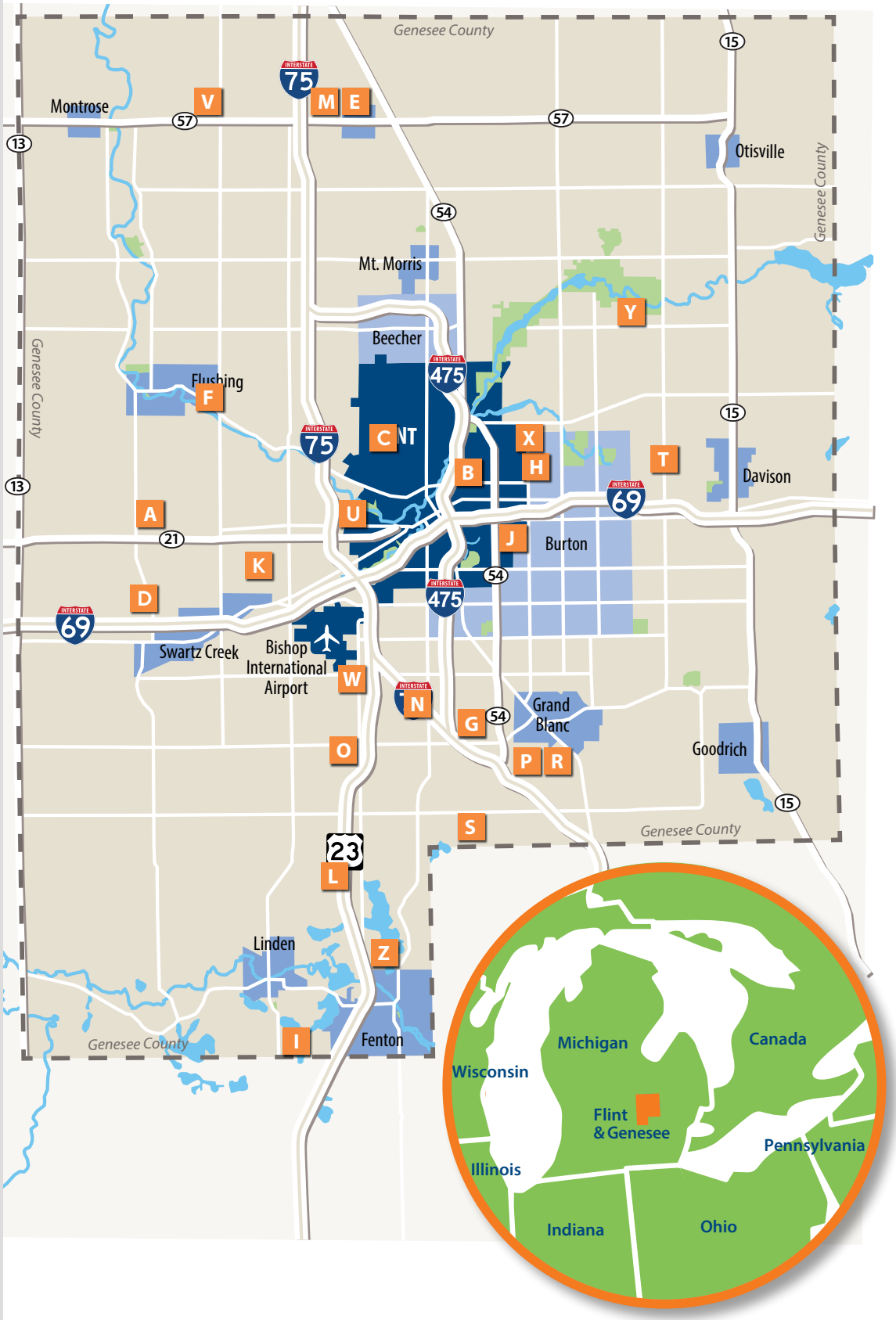
Sporting events hosted in Flint & Genesee each year include:

- **FireStix College Exposure Tournament – 14U, 16U, and 18U girls fast-pitch softball event**
- **American Junior Golf Association Randy Wise Junior Open**
- **The Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament**

We know that hosting your sporting event is more than finding the right location – it's finding the right team. Our team at Explore Flint & Genesee provides tournament and event organizers the following no charge:

- RFP and bid responses
- Facilities connections
- Site inspections
- Hotel assistance (canvass hotels for best rates & place blocks for event participants and comp rooms)
- Provide resources for local services
- Provide information on local attractions, fairs, festivals, and restaurants for participants
- Send press advisory to local news media
- Dignitary welcome letters

And with hundreds of Certified Tourism Ambassadors in our community, you'll have the support you need to assist with your sporting event and make your attendees feel like locals.



SPORTS FACILITIES AT A GLANCE

		Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Bowling	Boxing	BMX	Figure Skating	Football	Gymnastics	Hockey	Lacrosse	Pickleball	Roller Skating	Soccer	Tennis	Track	Volleyball	Wrestling	Golf Simulator
A	**810 Sports Complex** 1160 S. Elms Rd., Flint • (810) 635-8487 • 810SportsComplex.com						●			●	●	●	●	●					
B	**B's Bowling** 750 S. Center Rd., Flint • (810) 743-7570 • BowlFlint.com			●															
C	**Berston Field House** 3300 Saginaw St., Flint • (810) 787-6531 • Berston.org	●	●		●														
D	**Cage Fieldhouse** 4110 Morrish Rd., Swartz Creek • (810) 591-4388 • SwartzCreek.org/Community		●						●			●							
E	**Clio Area Youth Sports Complex** 1497 W. Hurd Rd., Clio • (810) 397-3848 • ClioSports.org	●										●		●					
F	**Colonial Lanes** 6430 W. Pierson Rd., Flushing • (810) 659-5675 • ColonialLanes.com			●															
G	**Creasey Bicentennial Park** 1505 E Grand Blanc Rd., Grand Blanc • (810) 694-0101 • GBParks.com	●									●			●					
H	**Crystal Fieldhouse** 5371 Daly Farms Dr., Burton • (810) 744-0800 • CrystalFH.com									●			●						
I	**Deer Run Soccer Complex** 16021 Linden Rd., Linden • DeerRunSA.com													●					
J	**Dort Financial Center** 3501 Lapeer Rd., Flint • (810) 744-0580 • DortFinancialCenter.com		●		●		●		●	●			●					●	
K	**Epic Gymnastics Center** 36350 Miller Rd., Flint • (810) 422-9725 • EpicFlipsAndFun.com								●										
L	**Fenton Lanes** 3014 W. Thompson Rd., Fenton • (810) 629-4000 • FentonLanes.com			●															
M	**Five:1 Athletics** 4270 W. Vienna Rd., Clio • (616) 822-8752 • Five1Athletics.com																●		
N	**Galaxy Lanes** 2226 E. Hill Rd., Grand Blanc • (810) 695-2700 • BowlGalaxyLanes.com			●															
O	**Genesee Fieldhouse** 7383 Grand Pkwy., Grand Blanc • (810) 655-2200 • GeneseeFieldhouse.com	●									●			●					●
P	**Grand Blanc Gymnastics** 3166 Tri-Park Dr., Grand Blanc • (810) 694-3222 • GrandBlancGymnastics.com								●										
Q	**Grand Blanc Lanes** 5301 S. Saginaw Rd., Grand Blanc • (810) 771-4273 • GrandBlancLanes.com			●															●
R	**Grand Blanc Soccer Zone** 3166 Tri Park Dr., Grand Blanc • (810) 953-4100 • LetsPlaySoccer.com/grand-blanc										●			●					
S	**Henry Ford Genesys Health Club** 801 Health Park Blvd., Grand Blanc • (810) 606-7300 • HenryFordGenesysHealthClub.com		●									●			●				
T	**Jack N. Abernathy Regional Park** 402 Dayton St., Davison • (810) 653-2191 • CityofDavison.org	●												●					
U	**Kettering University's Atwood Stadium** 1700 University Ave., Flint • (810) 762-9733 • Kettering.edu							●			●			●					
V	**MAAC Sports & Fitness Center** 5338 W. Vienna Rd., Clio • (810) 640-8255 • TheMaacSports.com		●																
W	**Mundy Sportsplex** 5432 Hill 23 Dr., Flint • (810) 640-5483 • MundySportsplex.com								●		●			●					
X	**Richfield Bowl** 5340 Richfield Rd., Flint • (810) 736-4880 • BowlFlint.com			●															
Y	**Richfield Park BMX** 6550 N. Irish Rd., Davison • (810) 653-2632 • USABMX.com/tracks/find-tracks/520					●													
Z	**Shoebox Sports** 14261 Torrey Rd., Fenton • (810) 214-0871 • TheShoeBoxSports.com		●									●					●		●

Please contact Anthony Sitko for options at various high school sporting facilities

FLINT & GENESEE PUBLIC GOLF COURSES AT A GLANCE



1. **Atlas Valley Golf Club***
   8313 Perry Rd., Grand Blanc • AtlasValleyGolf.com
2. **The Captain's Club Golf & Event Center**
   10200 Woodfield Dr., Grand Blanc
   CaptainsClubatWoodfield.com
3. **Copper Ridge Golf Club & Banquet Center***
   8475 E. Atherton Rd., Davison • GolfCopperRidge.com
4. **Coyote Preserve Golf Club**
   9218 Preserve Dr., Fenton • CoyotePreserve.com
5. **Fenton Farms Golf Club**
   12312 Torrey Rd., Fenton • FentonFarms.com
6. **Flushing Valley Golf Club**
   1124 E. Main St., Flushing • FlushingValley.com
7. **Genesee Valley Golf Course**
   5499 Miller Rd., Swartz Creek
   GenesseeValleyGolfCourse.com
8. **Goodrich Country Club**
   10080 Hegel Rd., Goodrich • GoodrichCountryClub.com
9. **IMA Brookwood Golf Club***
   6045 Davison Rd., Burton • imaRecreation.org
10. **Kearsley Lake Golf Course**
    4266 E. Pierson Rd., Flint • FlintCityGolfllc.com
11. **Sugarbush Golf Club***
    One Sugarbush Dr., Davison • SugarbushGolf.com
12. **Swartz Creek Golf Course**
    1902 Hammberberg Rd., Flint • FlintCityGolfllc.com
13. **Tyrone Hills Golf Club**
    8449 Old US Highway 23, Fenton • TyroneHillsGolf.com
14. **Vienna Greens Golf Course**
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And many more

Arena Capacity

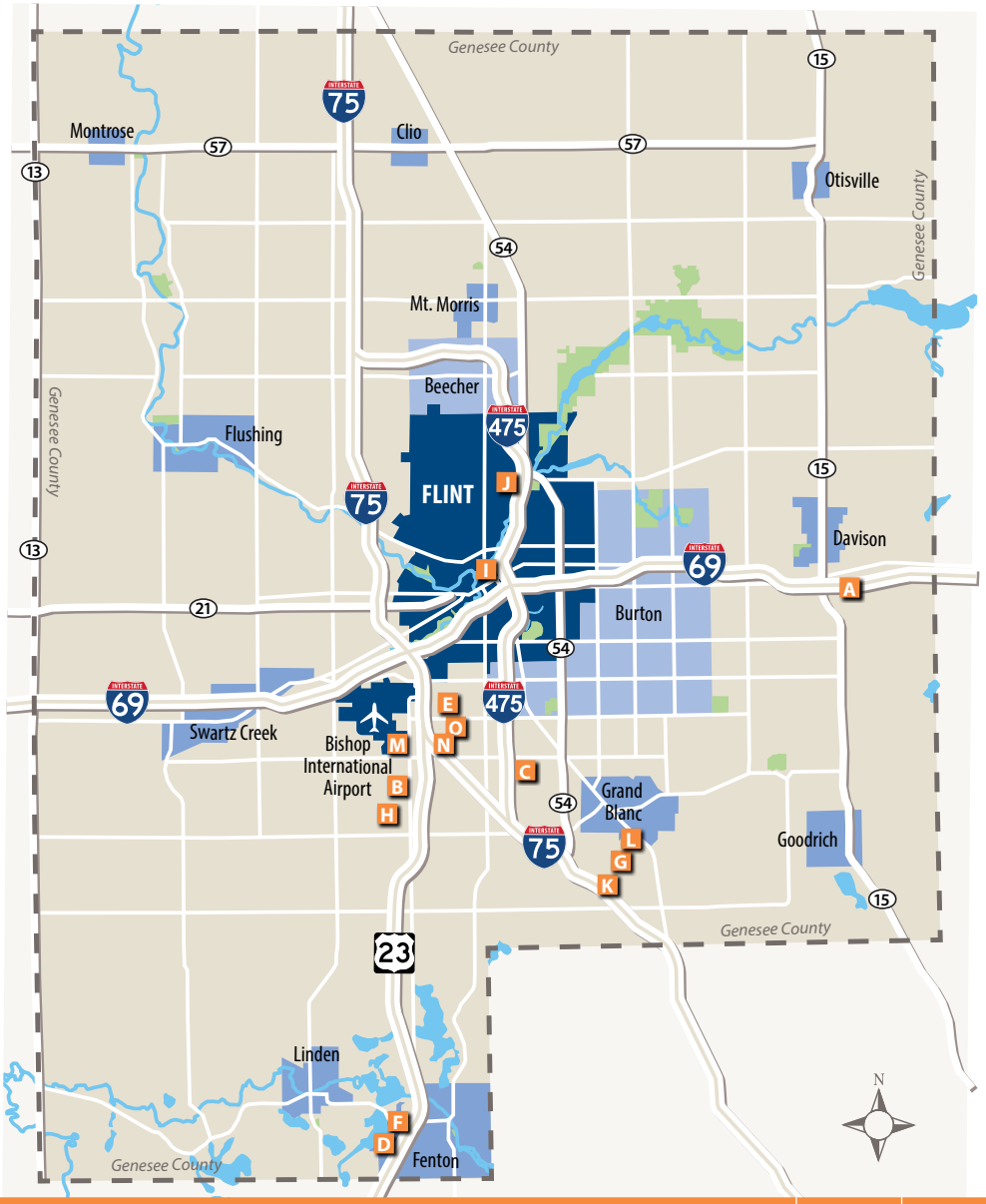
Concerts (front of house) - 4,567
Concerts (in the round) - 4,800
Concerts (general admission) - 6,469
Hockey - 4,365
Basketball - 4,421
Boxing - 5,109
Ice Shows - 3,535
Banquet Seating - 2,000
Parking - 1,200

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Arena 1 Floor - 17,000 - 29,280 sq. ft.
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Rigging Capacity - 60,000 lbs.
Dressing Rooms - 4

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FLINT & GENESEE ACCOMMODATIONS AT A GLANCE



	Flint & Genesee Hotels	Guest Rooms	Meeting Room(s)	Banquet Style	Reception Style
A	Best Western Davison Inn • 10082 Lapeer Rd., Davison	62	1	32	32
B	Best Western Plus Flint Airport Inn & Suites • 6075 Hill 23 Dr., Flint	69	2	85	100
C	Comfort Inn & Suites • 1359 Grand Pointe Ct., Grand Blanc	82	3	48	40
D	Comfort Inn & Suites Fenton • 17800 Silver Parkway, Fenton	69	1	35	35
E	Courtyard by Marriot Flint/Grand Blanc • 5205 Gateway Centre, Flint	100	1	15	15
F	Fairfield Inn & Suites Flint/Fenton • 3125 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton	80	1	60	60
G	Fairfield Inn & Suites Flint Grand Blanc • 9044 Holly Rd., Grand Blanc	97	2	80	100
H	Hampton Inn & Suites Flint/Grand Blanc • 6060 Rashelle Dr., Flint	100	2	64	85
I	Hilton Garden Inn Flint Downtown • 110 W. Kearsley St., Flint	101	5	80	80
J	Holiday Inn Express Flint Campus-Area • 1150 Robert T. Longway Blvd., Flint	120	2	30	42
K	Holiday Inn Express & Suites Grand Blanc • 3405 Regency Park Dr., Grand Blanc	77	1	n/a	n/a
L	Home 2 Suites by Hilton Grand Blanc Flint • 9020 Holly Rd., Grand Blanc	84	1	n/a	24
M	Hyatt Place Flint/Grand Blanc • 5481 Hill 23 Dr., Flint	106	2	80	80
N	Residence Inn Flint/Grand Blanc • 2202 W. Hill Rd., Flint	87	1	20	25
O	Wyndham Flint Mi/Grand Blanc/Bishop Airport/Conference Center • 5353 Gateway Centre, Flint	157	9	500	750

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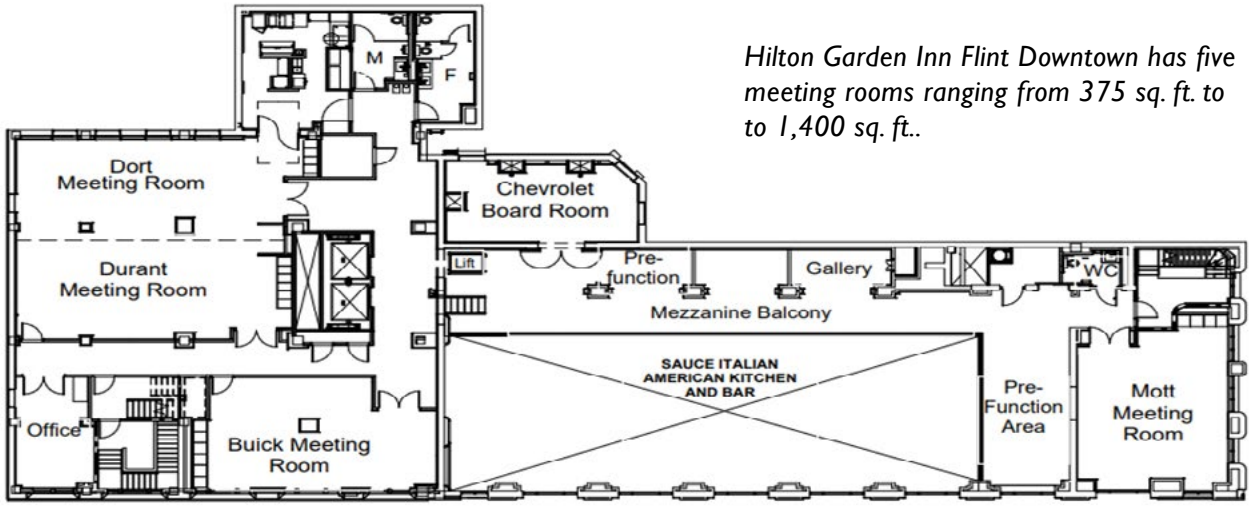
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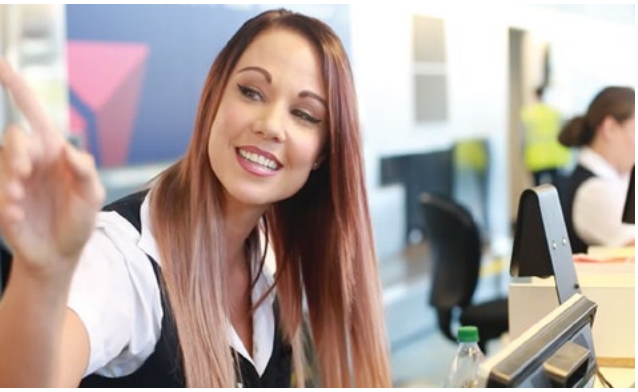
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Once you experience how the little things make a big difference at Flint Bishop, you won't want to fly out of anywhere else.

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Flint Bishop is just minutes away from Detroit's northern suburbs as well as Bay City/Saginaw/Midland. Businesses like Dow Corning, Fiat Chrysler, Continental, and Kelly Services are just a short drive away. We're located on Bristol Road, a half mile west of the I-75/US-23/I-69 interchange.

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The easygoing Bishop experience starts before you even get out of your car. Our Short and Long Term Lots are well lit, secure, and right next to the terminal.

Flint in 48 Hours



Discover Flint and Genesee County's highlights and hidden gems in 48 hours!

Walking down Buckham Alley in downtown Flint, you will see a magnificent mural of a young girl in the arms of a woman surrounded by butterflies and beautiful colors. This mural was created by Osiris Rain, an international muralist and post contemporary figurative painter based out of Charlotte, North Carolina. It is one of over 100 murals that line the city of Flint as part of the Flint Public Art Project, a local non-profit organization that aims to bring public art to the area.

Every mural in Flint is unique and it tells its own story through linework, color, and concept.

Like each mural, Flint has its own story to tell. Its challenges have shaped a community of creators and doers who work hard to make Flint a better place, shifting from producing cars to producing beer, bread, and bags. They know where the city has been, salvaging the best of its history to move forward. And from that grit and perseverance emerged a softer side of Flint. A college town. A foodie mecca. A beer city. An historic gem. And it makes Flint worth visiting, right now.

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FRIDAY EVENING

DOWNTOWN IMMERSION

Accessible from I-69 and I-75, Flint is an easy drive from most Midwest cities. Check into your hotel around 5 p.m. to enjoy a full evening. For proximity, the newly renovated **Hilton Garden Inn Hotel Flint Downtown** or **Holiday Inn Express** downtown are the best options. Or book one of six literary-themed rooms at elegant **Knob Hill B&B**, also in the city.

Start in the heart of downtown with a cocktail or glass of wine at **Cork on Saginaw** (Happy Hour runs until 6 p.m.), featuring 150 wines from around the world. Or hit **Café Rhema** for a pick-me-up at this Great Gatsby-inspired café. Order a cold coffee brew or share a French press. Kids will love fruity bubble tea or Italian soda.

After a cocktail or coffee, either stay at **Cork on Saginaw** for an eclectic European dish, or visit **Sauce Italian American Kitchen** at the Hilton Garden Inn Flint Downtown hotel. The restaurant specializes in Italian inspired cuisine and boasts art deco décor reminiscent of the renovated hotel's original design.

Later, try one of Flint's cultural offerings. **University of Michigan-Flint** features theater and dance performances Friday and Saturday evenings (Oct.-April). **The FIM Capitol Theatre** featuring live shows from touring bands and theatre companies along with classic movies. Or check out the **Flint Cultural Center** with eight institutes on the wooded campus, including **The Whiting**, a 2,000-seat professional performing arts venue with live performances ranging from our very own Flint **FIM Repertory Theatre** to national touring productions. Other options include the **Flint Institute of Arts Theater** showing independent and classic films (starting in September), **Longway Planetarium** (Michigan's largest) with First Friday events and special programs, and the 100-year-old **Flint Symphony Orchestra** hosting chamber music and classical concerts (October to May).

Got a late-night food craving? Cast your vote for Flint's best burger between two watering holes: **Soggy Bottom Bar** and the **Torch Bar & Grill**, ranked by Thrillist as one of the "33 Best Dive Bars in America" and its **Torch Burger** as one of the "33 Best Burgers in America."

SATURDAY

FLINT FOOD AND CULTURE

Shop and nibble through your morning at the **Flint Farmers' Market**. In existence since 1905, this storied market moved into the Flint Journal's former 32,000 square-foot printing facility in 2014 after a 70-year hiatus from downtown. The bright, airy space holds 50 year-round vendors (plus more outside vendors in the summer), commercial and demonstration kitchens, and event space. Wander the stalls of fresh produce, pop-up restaurants, and handmade gift items, sampling a cinnamon roll at **CINNAMOM** or shawarma from **Beirut Restaurant & Grocery**. Stock up on weekend snacks like imported cheeses at **Hills Home Cured Cheese** or wine at **d'Vine Wines**. **Steady Eddy's Café**, located at the market, is an alternative if you prefer a sit-down brunch.

Fueled on market finds, drive to **Applewood Estate**, a 34-acre, three-story estate built by automotive pioneer Charles Stewart Mott in 1916 (open May-Oct.). Visitors can participate in free daily house tours and garden walks.

There, you're a stone's throw from the 85-year-old **Flint Institute of Arts Museum + Art School**, the second-largest art museum in Michigan. Need another reason to stop? Free Saturdays! Watch a glassblowing demonstration in the Hot Shop and spin through the highlights using a free, self-guided audio tour that brings the collection to life. While you're there, grab some lunch at **The Palette Café** and shop at the gift shop.

Hit happy hour at **Tenacity Brewing**, Flint's first brewery. Opening in 2015 in a 1912 fire station, Tenacity features 10 beers, two hard ciders plus a root beer on draft, so there's something for everyone. For food, the brewery serves up food truck fave **Vehicle City Tacos** in the summer and makes Detroit-style pizza in the winter.

Enjoy dinner downtown at **Churchill's Food & Spirits** – an institution in downtown Flint. This restaurant features handcrafted food from Chef Tyler Hardisty with a rotating menu that includes shareables, handhelds, mains, and artisan pizzas. The bar is known for its rotating specials, live entertainment, and its over 400 different whiskey selections.

After that, take in a local sporting event like a **Flint City Bucks** soccer game in the spring and summer at **Kettering's Historic Atwood Stadium** or a **Flint Firebirds** ice hockey game in the fall and winter at the **Dort Financial Center**.

SUNDAY

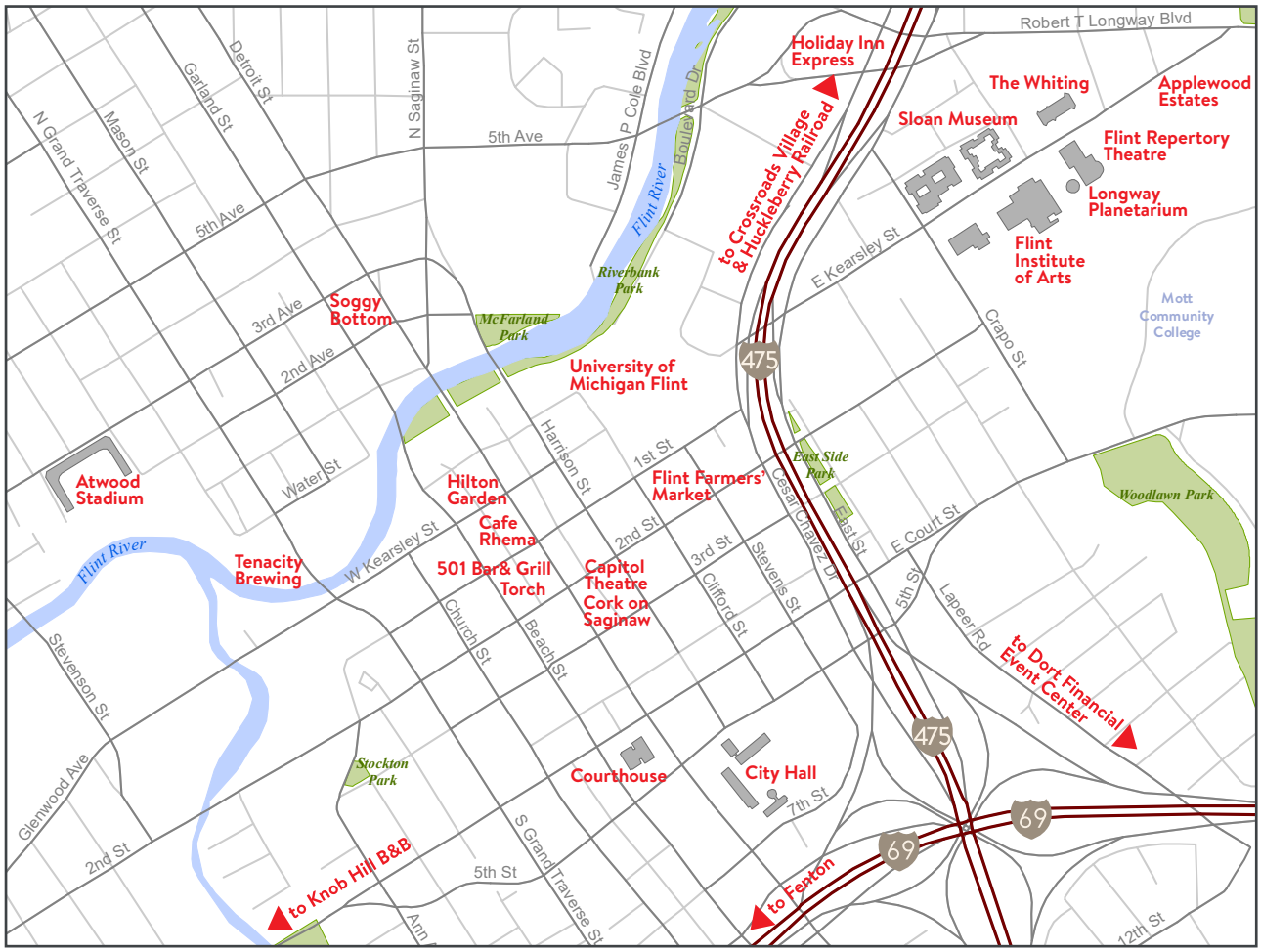
THE REST OF GENESEE COUNTY

A visit to Flint isn't complete without visiting its surrounding communities in Genesee County, boasting Michigan's largest county park system, dozens of fruit orchards, 17-mile asphalt **Flint River Trail** and 142-mile Flint River. The hardest part will be narrowing your options.

OPTION #1:

SMALL-TOWN SHOPPING AND DINING

Enjoy a leisurely morning, then drive 25 minutes south to the quaint **Fenton** with its circa-1830s downtown. Indulge in a pastry at **CRUST**, cranking out 2,000 cookies and 1,000 artisan-style bread loaves daily that are sold locally and across the country, including to Williams-Sonoma. Linger over a pain au chocolat and latte in the café or grab a dozen chocolate









chip and sea salt cookies to go. Inquire about pie, scone/biscuit and bread-making classes.

Next, shop Fenton's unique downtown stores like **Cottage Girl Vintage** and **The Iron Grate** for home décor, **Yesterday's Treasures** for antiques, **Fenton's Open Book** for literary treasures, and **SHIFT** for clothing and accessories. Walk to the RailYard, a former historic 1865 grain elevator that was formerly the Michigan Bean Company. Newly renovated, this unique restaurant features five seasonally rotating restaurants with a variety of cuisines and cultures, outdoor and indoor games for children and adults, and a self-serve wall of beer accessed with a wristband. Let the kids play in the playscape, catch a game of bocce ball, or simply split some amazing pizza from Crispelli's Pizzeria, the mainstay restaurant at the RailYard.

Your Flint weekend is winding down, but not before you indulge in one final unique experience. For dinner, choose between classic and new. You can head to the over-25-year-old institution, **The Laundry,** or stop into the newest downtown restaurant, **The Vault Downtown**, both featuring amazing food and drinks.

OPTION #2:
HISTORIC VILLAGE

Kids and history buffs alike will love **Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad** (May-Sept.). The park showcases 34 Genesee County buildings replicating an 1800s village. Also, check out **Halloween Ghosts and Goodies** in Oct. and **Christmas at Crossroads Holiday Magic** in Dec.

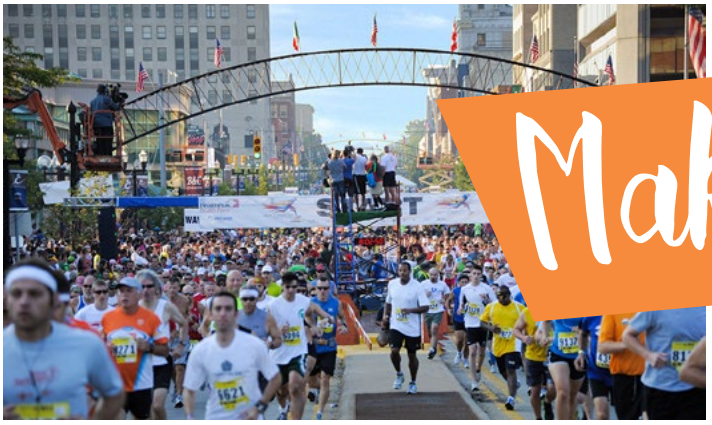
Take a 40-minute ride on the circa-1857 Huckleberry Railroad steam locomotive. Legend says that it ran so slow that a person could jump off, pick huckleberries, and jump back on.

Close your weekend with a local tradition – a Flint Original Coney Island at the 24-hour **Starlite Diner** that the owners have been crafting since 1966. According to locals, the dry, loose meat makes it a Flint-style Coney. Add a side of Coney Cheese Fries, and you're primed for the drive home.

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