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Cross Country Skiing
Picnic areas

“Get Away, Right Away!”
Berrien County Parks provide our community with a variety of natural, educational and leisure activities. The Parks and facilities have something for everyone. Enjoy these six locations throughout the county:

- Madeline Bertrand County Park
- Love Creek Nature Center & County Park
- Silver Beach County Park
- Rocky Gap County Park
- Galien River County Park
- History Center at Courthouse Square

Brought to you by the:
Berrien County Board of Commissioners &
Berrien County Parks Commission

Berrien County Administration Center
701 Main Street
St. Joseph, Michigan, 49085

www.berriencounty.org/parks
For general Parks information call
269.983.7111 Ext. 8435
Contact individual parks for detailed information and rental availability.
Daily Entrance Pass - See information about day passes for Silver Beach, Love Creek, and Madeline Bertrand in this flier.

Annual Entrance Permit – cost $35; admits the purchaser and others accompanying the purchaser in a private, family-type, non-commercial vehicle to Silver Beach, Love Creek, and Madeline Bertrand and valid through December 31 of the year purchased. Obtain annual entrance permits at Love Creek, Madeline Bertrand, and the County Administration Center during business hours. Permits can also be purchased at Silver Beach during May – Sept.

A Special Deal - The cost of an Annual Entrance Permit is discounted $5 when it is purchased with one or more Season Ski Trail or Annual Disc Golf passes.

Season Ski Trail Pass – allows unlimited skiing for the year purchased at Madeline Bertrand and Love Creek (subject to trail conditions and park hours).

Cost = $10/person for youths and $15/person for adults.

Annual Disc Golf Pass – allows unlimited disc golf play for the year purchased at Madeline Bertrand (subject to park hours). Cost = $20/person for youths and $30/person for adults.

Special Events & Facility Rentals

Berrien County Parks provide several rental facilities for weddings, family reunions, group outings, business meetings, concerts, etc:

Silver Beach - Shadowland Pavilion, Dunes Pavilion, Green Room available with Pavilion Rental

Love Creek - Trillium Room

Madeline Bertrand - Bertrand Lodge (indoor), Topenebee and River Shelters (outdoor)

History Center at Courthouse Square
1839 Courtroom

For detailed activity information, availability and fees, contact the individual parks.
Silver Beach County Park is located in St. Joseph, at the mouth of the St. Joseph River. It is a favorite destination for a variety of beach and river front activities. Features include a clean, wide sandy beach on Lake Michigan, public access to the South Pier, and spectacular views of the lighthouse.

This Park offers:

- Swimming
- Beach Volleyball
- Concessions
- Playground Structures
- Shadowland Pavillion
- Kayak Rental
- Picnic Areas
- Sunset Strolls
- Fishing Access
- Restrooms
- Special Events
- Facility Rentals

Check out the up-to-the-minute “Beach Cam” of Silver Beach at www.berriencounty.org/beachcam

Open: All Year, Facilities Available May – Sept.

Park Hours: 5 a.m. – Sunset, daily. No vehicle entry after dusk.

Daily Entry Fee: $6/vehicle for Berrien County residents; $8/vehicle for non-residents

Rules: No alcohol or glass containers allowed. Pets are prohibited on the beach. Pets are allowed on sidewalks when leashed.

Silver Beach County Park
101 Broad Street, St. Joseph, Michigan, 49085
269.982.0533 (May - September)
Galien River County Park includes a mix of upland and wetland habitats along the Galien River, just upstream from the river’s mouth at Lake Michigan. The park provides a one-of-a-kind bird and nature viewing opportunity in the Galien River Valley. Phase 1 of park improvements was completed and opened to the public in 2014. This Park offers:

- Hard Surface Hiking Trails
- Marsh Boardwalk
- 300 Feet Long, 60 Feet Tall Tree Canopy Walkway
- Bird Viewing Opportunities
- River Fishing and Viewing Platform
- Benches and Scenic Overlooks
- Ample Parking at Trail Head

Open: Spring - Fall, Daily

Park Hours: Daylight Hours

Daily Entry Fee: None

Rules: No alcohol or pets allowed. Patrons are required to stay on established trails.
Love Creek County Park & Nature Center features 6 miles of rolling trails and a picturesque natural habitat just outside Berrien Springs. The Park includes a mature Beech-Maple forest and spectacular spring wildflowers. This Park offers:

- Naturalist Services & Interpretive Center
- Facility Rental
- Hiking Trails
- Mountain Bike Trail
- Cross-Country Skiing / Ski Rental
- School Educational Programs
- Live Native Reptile & Amphibian Exhibit
- Bird Sanctuary and Viewing

Open: All Year

Park Hours: Trails Open Daylight Hours, Daily. Interpretive Center open Tues. - Sat., 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sun. 1 p.m.–5 p.m. Closed Mondays. The office may be closed if Naturalists are conducting outdoor programs.

Daily Entry Fee: $3/vehicle for Berrien County residents; $5/vehicle for non-residents

Rules: No alcohol or pets allowed. Patrons are required to stay on established trails.

Love Creek County Park
9292 Huckleberry Road
Berrien Center, MI 49102
269.471.2617

Love Creek Nature Center & County Park
Madeline Bertrand County Park is located just south of Niles and offers a public area of natural beauty and recreation along the St. Joseph River.

The Park offers:

- 18 Hole Disc Golf Course
- Facility Rentals
- Hiking Trails
- Bicycling Trails
- Cross Country Skiing / Ski Rental
- Picnic Areas
- Playground Structure
- Modern Restrooms

Open: All Year, Wednesday - Sunday

Park Hours: April to October, 10 a.m. – Sunset
November to March, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Daily Entry Fee: $3/vehicle for Berrien County residents; $5/vehicle for non-residents

Rules: Alcohol is prohibited. Pets are allowed. Patrons are required to stay on established trails.
**Rocky Gap County Park** overlooks Lake Michigan from a bluff in Benton Township and provides a quiet place to enjoy the magnificent shoreline. Rocky Gap has 1,100 feet of Lake Michigan beachfront. Visitors can enjoy the spectacular views from an overlook platform and walk along the sandy, serene beach. It is an ideal location to take a relaxed lunch break, a stroll on the beach, and enjoy the sunset.

**Note:** Swimming is allowed at your own risk at Rocky Gap. There are no lifeguards on duty.

**Open:** April - October  
**Park Hours:** Daylight Hours, Daily  
**Daily Entry Fee:** None  
**Rules:** No alcohol or pets allowed.

1100 Rocky Gap Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
269-983-7111 x8435

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The **History Center at Courthouse Square** is the Midwest’s oldest surviving County Government Complex. Visitors can tour the 1839 Courthouse, the 1830 Log House, the 1870 Sheriff’s House, and a replica blacksmith shop. Staff provide educational programs throughout the year.

**Open:** All year  
**Daily Entry Fee:** None  
**Rules:** No alcohol or pets allowed.

313 N. Cass Street, Berrien Springs, MI 49103  
269-471-1202  
www.berrienhistory.org