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Grand Haven AREA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

December 2026 | Event Newsletter

Snug Harbor Merchants & Makers Holiday Shopping
Wednesday, December 2 | 5-8:30pm
Thursday, December 3 | 5-8:30pm
Snug Harbor, 311 S. Harbor Dr., Grand Haven | Facebook
Get your Holiday shopping done early while supporting local merchants and makers!

Spring Lake Sparkle - Santa in the Workshop
Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays, December 3-5 | 5-8pm
Epicurean Village Courtyard, 110 W. Savidge St.
Spring Lake | Website
Celebrate Sparkle in Spring Lake with festive lights, music, holiday cheer, and magical moments for the whole family!

46th Annual Coopersville Christmas Parade of Lights & Open House
Friday, December 4 @6:30pm
Coopersville Farm Museum, 375 Main St., Coopersville | Website
Enjoy hot cocoa, kids' activities, and festive Christmas tree displays! Visit Santa at the Farm Museum Open House from 4–7 p.m., then join the community at 6:30 p.m. for the magical tree lighting!

Holiday Shopping on the Artist Trail
Saturday, December 5 | 10am - 4pm
Washington Avenue & Surrounding Streets, Grand Haven | Facebook
Explore local art, meet talented artists, and enjoy creativity throughout Downtown, Centertown, and beyond!

Trees for a Cause - Holiday Fundraiser
Saturday, December 5 | 4 - 8pm
Snug Harbor, 311 S. Harbor Dr., Grand Haven | Facebook
Join Snug Harbor for a festive Christmas tree decorating competition benefiting individuals and families impacted by grief and mental health challenges.

Jingle Bell Parade
Saturday, December 5 | 6-8pm
Downtown Grand Haven | Website
Celebrate the season at the annual Jingle Bell Parade! Enjoy festive floats, holiday cheer, and the community tree lighting at Central Park.

Coopersville and Marne Railway's Santa Train
December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 & 20 | 11am, 1:30pm & 4pm
Coopersville Marne Train Station, 306 Main St.
Coopersville | Website
All aboard for holiday magic! This special vintage train features a visit from Santa and his elves. Children on board will have the chance to meet Santa and receive a special gift!

Christmas at the Farm
Friday, December 11 & 18 | 3-8pm
Saturday, December 12 & 19 | 10am-3pm
Reenders Blueberry Farms, 9981 W. Olive Rd., West Olive | Facebook
Celebrate Christmas at Reenders Blueberry Farms! Visit Santa, enjoy festive treats, shop local vendors, and explore holiday goodies in the Farm Market.

Very Merry Cocktail Class
Friday, December 11 | 3-8pm
New Holland Tasting Room, 24 S. Washington Ave.
Grand Haven | Website
Celebrate the season with festive cocktails, seasonal flavors, and holiday cheer! Learn to shake, stir, and garnish merry creations in this fun, hands-on cocktail experience, perfect for a night out with friends.

Christmas Market
Saturday, December 12 | 10am-2pm
Coopersville Farm Museum, 375 Main St., Coopersville | Facebook
Enjoy a festive, family-friendly indoor event with local vendors, music, raffles, and photos with Santa; even bring your pet! Find unique holiday gifts and enjoy a little Christmas cheer.

Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Reindeer in Centertown
Saturday, December 12 | 11am-1pm
Momentum Center, 401 N. 7th, Grand Haven | Facebook
Celebrate the season in Centertown with Santa, his reindeer, free hot chocolate, festive shop activities, a special "Who" from Jingletown, and an Elf in the Window scavenger hunt!

New Year's Eve Ball Drop
Thursday, December 31 | 8:30pm-12am
Downtown Grand Haven | Website
Ring in 2027 in Downtown Grand Haven on December 31! Enjoy glow games, face painting, treats, and a kids' ball drop at 9:30 pm, followed by an all-ages street party featuring live music by Mojo Dojo, games, and dancing. Celebrate at midnight with DJ Brevin, playing until 1 am.



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Live Music

Odd Side Ales
41 Washington Ave., Grand Haven | 9pm
December 19 - Pop2K Christmas Rewind
December 31 - Dueling Pianos

Porto Bello
41 Washington Ave., Grand Haven | 6-10pm
December 4 - Rory McCallan
December 5 - Gabrial James
December 11 - Midnight Vinyl
December 12 - Gabrial James
December 18 - Ben Erhart
December 19 - Funky Brewster
December 26 - Jack Leaver

Grand Armory Brewing
17 S. 2nd St., Grand Haven | 6:30pm
December 3 - Ben Steer
December 4 - Round Creek String Band
December 5 - Mark Lavengood and Friends
December 10 - Jack Leaver
December 11 - Plain Jane Glory
December 12 - Liquid Radio
December 17 - Gabrial James Music
December 18 - Velvet Mushroom Syndicate
December 19 - The Reverend Jesse Ray
December 26 - Platypu5

The Kirby House
2 Washington Ave., Grand Haven | 9-12:30pm
December 5 - Klay N The Mudd
December 12 - Sophia McIntosh & The Sages
December 19 - The Cheap Dates
December 26 - Trilogy



Game Nights

Coopersville Brewing Company
1275 W. Randall St.
Coopersville
Trivia | December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 @ 7pm

Tip a Few
10 Franklin Ave.
Grand Haven
Trivia | December 2, 9 & 16 @ 7pm

Smokey Jose's
100 Washington Ave.
Grand Haven
Trivia | December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 @ 7pm

Grand Armory Brewing
17 S. 2nd St.
Grand Haven
Trivia | December 7, 14, 21 & 28 @ 7pm

Loutit Library

Visit https://www.loutitlibrary.org/calendar/ for more informations. Registration required for most events.

Kids Craft: Snowman Ornaments
December 2 @ 4-5pm
Kids can create fun snowman ornaments in a variety of designs to take home or give as gifts!

Beginner Bonsai
December 7 @ 2-4pm
An introduction to the art form of Bonsai. Prune and shape a young juniper, then pot it to take home and care for. Learn about the tree, soil, and care instructions.

Holiday Make and Take
December 7 & 14 @ 6-8pm
Easy sewing projects perfect for handmade gifts. Patterns and supplies provided. Basic sewing machine knowledge required.

Teen Faux Gingerbread House Build
December 10 @ 6:30-7:45pm
Build your own food-free gingerbread house with fun craft materials and 3D-printed decorations. A mess-free holiday creation to enjoy for years!

Ottawa County Parks Programs & Events

Nature Education Center | 8115 West Olive Rd., West Olive | 616.786.4847 |
Unless otherwise noted, registration is required, and most programs are recommended for ages 12+. Registration closes at 12pm the day prior.
For more information and to download the programs newsletter, visit miottawa.org/programs.

Coffee with the Birds
December 5 @ 9:30am-12:30pm | Hemlock Crossing Park
Enjoy coffee and treats while watching birds at the feeders and learning fun birding facts!

Nature Photography
December 6 @ 2-3:30pm | Connor Bayou
Explore nature's beauty up close! Capture the small details, textures, and patterns of the natural world through an artistic lens.
Fee: $5 Resident • $6 Nonresident

Tunes into Nature
December 9 @ 9:30-10:30am | Hemlock Crossing Park
Sing, dance, and explore nature together in this fun activity for little ones and their favorite grown-up!
Ages 2–4 | $5 Resident • $6 Nonresident

Fire Cider Workshop
December 9 @ 6-7pm | Connor Bayou
Learn to make fire cider and explore the benefits of its natural ingredients in this hands-on workshop!
Ages 12+ | $35 Resident • $45 Nonresident

Winter Break Camp
December 21-23 & 28-30 @ 8am-5:30pm | Hagger Park
Explore the outdoors with wildlife tracking, winter survival skills, and frosty adventures!
Ages 6–13 | $135 Resident • $160 Nonresident

Family Day - Winter Evergreens
December 26 @ 10am-4pm | Hemlock Crossing Park
Enjoy family-friendly nature activities, crafts, and more! Drop in anytime during this open-house event.

Visitors Center | 512 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven, MI
VisitGrandHaven.com | 616.842.4499 Monday - Friday 9am-5pm | Closed Weekends & Holidays

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Note: Event dates and times are subject to change. Please call to confirm or to obtain event details.
For a complete calendar of events VisitGrandHaven.com or call 616.842.4499
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