

EXPLORE 101

IN NEWAYGO COUNTY

Newaygo County offers abundant and affordable opportunities to get outdoors and away from the city without having to endure long drives and traffic for Up North adventure.

Our list of 101 Things To Do makes trip planning a breeze! Choose activities such as visiting area landmarks, paddling the White River, exploring The Hardy Dam Rustic Trail or biking The Dragon Trail, to build your personalized itinerary of great things to experience during your visit to Newaygo County.

After exploring, be sure to check off tasks on your Go Exploring Challenge! Visit www.newaygocountyexploring.com/challenge to learn more.

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Visit the Logging Exhibit at the Heritage Museum of Newaygo County



- 02. Walk the path along the Muskegon River at Riverfront Park in Newaygo
- 03. Enjoy the beautiful fall colors from High Roll Away Park
- 04. Explore the trail at Marshall Memorial Park in Newaygo
- 05. Take in a show at the Dogwood Center for Performing Arts in Fremont
- 06. Drop in to Pottery Place inside NCCA-ArtsPlace to paint or create your own pottery

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Bike the Town & Country Path throughout Fremont



- 08. Discover Arboretum Park and spot a variety of Michigan's native tree species!
- 09. Play in the sand on Fremont Lake Park's beach!
- 10. Venture to historic Woodland Park and let your kids play, explore & enjoy the outdoors at the Woodland Park playground
- 11. Discover your family connections at the Terry Wantz Historical Research Center in Fremont
- 12. Get your hands wet at Flowing Wells Park in White Cloud
- 13. Head to M-20 Motorsports Trail for some dirt-biking fun!
- 14. Hike the Birch Grove Connector Trail

- 15. Bring your horse to Hungerford Lake for a memorable trail-riding experience! With miles of scenic paths winding through the beautiful forested area, it's the perfect spot for equestrians to explore nature on horseback
- 16. Spend your 4th of July in Croton for Freedom Festival on the Causeway!
- 17. Visit the River Arch Sculpture at Webster Park in Hesperia.
- 18. Find Hesperia's hidden island & enjoy a picnic from the gazebo
- 19. Enjoy the self-guided historical tour at Webster Park in Hesperia
- 20. Check out the public art trail, visiting murals and other art installations throughout Newaygo County
- 21. Enjoy Blanch Lake Park's serene setting for an afternoon picnic
- 22. Relax on the beach at Operator's Village Day Park on Hardy Pond
- 23. Discover the beauty of the Coolbough Natural Areas, a hidden gem in Newaygo County for nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts
- 24. Visit Hardy Dam
- 25. Visit Croton Dam
- 26. Play Disc Golf at Newaygo State Park

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Bike the Dragon Trail



- 28. Grab your mtb and hit the North Country Trail, north of M-20 for a challenging ride!
- 29. Attend a Star Party at the S.F. Wessling Observatory
- 30. Find the fish heads at Riverfront Park in Newaygo
- 31. Walk across the Stone Bridge near Fremont Lake
- 32. Pick up the latest travel maps / guides @ the Newaygo County Welcome Center
- 33. Attend a free concert in Veterans Memorial Park in Fremont during the summer
- 34. Enjoy a float down the river
- 35. Enjoy lunch in the social district downtown Newaygo
- 37. Go sledding at Newaygo County Welcome Center
- 38. Play a round of golf (Summer Breeze, Northwood, Waters Edge, Village Green, the Bunker)
- 39. Watch the Harvest Festival parade in Fremont for a wide variety of tractors!
- 40. Grab a fresh bouquet of flowers from Fremont Farmer's Market
- 41. Pick up some farm-fresh veggies from Newaygo Farmer's Market
- 42. Rent a pair of snowshoes from 37 North & explore at Newaygo State Park
- 43. Take pictures with the Hay Art on display throughout September
- 44. Visit the Haunted Museum exhibit in October at Heritage Museum of Newaygo County
- 45. Spend an afternoon exploring downtown shops!

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Go paddling on the Muskegon River

47. Ride your UTV from White Cloud to Diamond Lake
48. Try your hand at ax throwing during Newaygo's Logging Festival on Labor Day Weekend
49. Explore Newaygo County's birding trail!
50. Take the family on a trail scavenger hunt
51. Visit Diamond Lake County Park for peak stargazing without light pollution
52. Visit the Karner Blue Butterfly habitat at Coolbough Natural Areas
53. Go fly fishing on the Muskegon River
54. Enjoy a warm cinnamon roll and coffee at the Moon Dance Cafe
55. Explore Branstrom Park while playing disc golf!
56. Visit The Wildlife Center at Legends Ranch
57. Play a round of pickle ball in Fremont or Newaygo
58. Visit the memorial at Veteran's Park in Fremont
59. Go horseback riding at Coolbough Natural Areas
60. Fill a jar of local raw honey at The Great Lakes Bee Company
61. Explore downtown Fremont during the National Baby Food Festival
62. Bring the family to Halloweekend at Camp Newaygo!
63. Take in the fall colors on Michigan's Dragon at Hardy Dam
64. Try some mid-winter golf with the family at The Bunker!
65. Enjoy cider & donuts at Heritage Farm in the fall!
66. Enjoy the art walk in Newaygo and Fremont
67. Grab some ice cream down at the beach on Fremont Lake.
68. Grab your wheels and head to the skate park in Grant, Newaygo or Fremont
69. Explore fall color throughout Newaygo County on the Fall Color Tour route
70. Explore the thousands of acres of Manistee National Forest
71. Join the Quilt Retreat at Crop House on Hess Lake
72. Go antiquing at Hidden Treasures or Market 41
73. Grab a ball & shoot some hoops during the Gus Macker tournament!
74. Check out open swimming at the Fremont Rec Center

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Hike the North Country Trail

76. Visit with Santa during the Newaygo Christmas Walk
77. Take a ride in a hot air balloon during White Cloud's Sky Fest
78. Watch fireworks on July 4th at Hesperia's Family Fun Fest
79. Play Disc Golf at Big Bend Park
80. Enjoy ADA Fishing from ADA fishing dock Oxbow Park
81. Enjoy ADA fishing from ADA fishing dock in Big Bend Park
82. Try ice fishing on Hess Lake in the winter
83. Take your picture with Butterfly Wings at 37 North in Downtown Newaygo

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Experience the wild White River on kayak!

85. Go Geocaching - look for over 40 Caches in Newaygo County!
86. Explore Newaygo County's history at the Heritage Museum of Newaygo County
87. Explore Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary, the only one of its kind in a National Forest!
88. Go horseback riding at Hungerford Nature Area
89. Try disc golfing at one of Newaygo County's courses
90. Camp under the stars at White Cloud County Park
91. Visit the historic wooden water tower in Grant

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Visit Newaygo, Fremont or Grant's local farmers' market for fresh produce and artisan goods

93. Attend a craft fair or flea market in Fremont or Newaygo
94. Join the Dam 2 Dam Ice Fishing Tournament on Croton Pond!
95. Enjoy a picnic at a scenic overlook like High Rollway
96. Visit the Hesperian Dam in the spring or fall to watch the fish jump!
97. Join the Winter dart league at Hesperia Sport Shop!
98. Book a Wild Game Dinner at The Wildlife Center at Legends Ranch
99. Visit Kropscott Environmental Center
100. Visit the Newaygo Prairie Nature Sanctuary

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Take a selfie next to the Newaygo mural in Downtown Newaygo

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