

Muskegon Area Attractions

Muskegon Farmers Market and Alcoa Celebration Square

242 West Western Ave., Downtown Center

231-722-3251, www.muskegonfarmersmarket.com

The second largest outdoor farmers market in Michigan is located in downtown Muskegon. In prime season, you will find over 100 of the best in locally-grown foods, flowers, nursery stock, handicrafts and baked goods displayed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from May to November. The winter market is open on Saturdays December – April with dozens of farmers and vendors inside a warm “barn” market. Attached is Kitchen 242, an incubator teaching kitchen that can be rented for demonstrations and events. Alcoa Celebration Square with a splash pad and carnival cutout of Raggedy Ann and Andy for the kids.



Muskegon Museum of Art

296 W. Webster Avenue, Downtown Center

231-720-2570, www.muskegonartmuseum.org

The Muskegon Museum of Art, known internationally for its fine collection of American and European art, offers permanent and changing exhibitions and hosts many special programs and activities for families, artists, and the community all year. The rare historic paintings along with glass sculptures are displayed in beautiful historic and contemporary spaces. The MMA has a gift shop with one-of-a-kind items for every taste. \$



Lakeshore Museum Center

430 West Clay Ave., Heritage Village

231-722-0278, www.lakeshoremuseum.org

The Lakeshore Museum Center preserves and interprets the natural and cultural history of Muskegon County. Many hands-on exhibits are designed to help young people learn the Lakeshore’s unique and rich history. The center operates the nearby Hackley & Hume Homes, the Fire Barn, and the Scolnik House along with Michigan Heritage Park at Hilt’s Landing which is located in the White Lake area. (See below)



Hackley and Hume Historic Site

484 W. Webster, Heritage Village

231-722-0278, www.muskegonmuseum.org/hackley_hume.html

www.lakeshoremuseum.org

The spectacularly restored and furnished homes of Muskegon’s wealthiest lumber barons Charles Hackley and Thomas Hume. These are some of the world’s finest examples of Queen Ann style Victorian homes. Finishes, carvings and built-ins featuring exotic woods tell the interesting personal and business stories of men and women of that period. The interesting carriage house between the two homes has exterior features of each house. Both houses are on the National Register of Historic Places and are Michigan historic sites. \$



Scolnik House of the Depression Era/Fire Barn Museum

504 West Clay Ave., 510 West Clay Ave., Heritage Village
231-722-0278, www.lakeshoremuseum.org

The Scolnik House tells the story of common families living during the Great Depression. The home is named for Herman and Ida Scolnik who raised their family during that time period. The home, built sometime in the late 1880's, is in the Queen Anne-inspired style yet furnished to tell the story of the depression era. A special place to see for all ages. The Fire Barn Museum located next door is a replica of the original C.H. Hackley Hose Company No.2 that formed in 1875. The museum contains a collection of antique fire fighting apparatus and serves as a living memorial to the brave men and women who have served as Muskegon County firefighters.



Muskegon Heritage Museum

561 West Western Avenue, Downtown Center
231-722-1363, www.muskegonheritage.org

The Muskegon Heritage Museum specializes in telling the history of Muskegon's industries, businesses and historic homes. There is a working Corliss Valve Steam Engine that powers the machine shop with working machine tools. A "Made in Muskegon" display includes fishing gear, working bowling equipment, restored engines and more. Interesting YouTube video--
www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtK6UrD5a-4&feature=youtu.be \$



USS LST 393 Veterans Museum

560 Mart St., Downtown Waterfront
231-730-1477, www.lst393.org

A World War II Landing Ship Tank, a D-Day veteran of Omaha Beach and other invasions, is now a floating museum (one of only two remaining LSTs) with thousands of exhibits to honor American's heroes. Movies and events on deck all summer long. A must see for families. \$



USS Silversides Submarine Museum

1346 Bluff St., (near Pere Marquette Park on Muskegon Channel)
231-755-1230, www.silversidesmuseum.org

The USS Silversides, a decorated Gato Class World War II submarine along with the USCGC McLANE, a 1927 prohibition-era Coast Guard Cutter that also served in WWII, are open for tours year round. Overnight Encampment Program and Group Tours are welcome. A channel-side museum includes two exhibit areas, a 72-seat theater, research library, gift shop, and conference area. \$



Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts

425 W. Western Ave., Downtown Center

231-722-9750, www.frauenthal.org

Fully restored to movie mogul Paul Shlossman colorful 1929 Spanish styled interior and exterior, the 1700-seat theater is now operated by the Community Foundation for Muskegon County hosting live entertainment of all types. Next door, in the Hilt Building, is the 169-seat Beardsley Theatre. \$



Downtown Gardens and Historic Parks

Hackley Park, Heritage Village

A memorial to the Civil War dedicated to the City of Muskegon in 1892 by Charles Hackley. The monument in the center of the park is the "Soldiers and Sailors Monument". Statues of Farragut, Sherman, Grant, and Lincoln were added later. Today the park is used for events such the Lakeshore Art Festival, Parties-in-the-Park, and the annual Holiday Tree Lighting. A bench side sculpture of Mr. Hackley is located just across the street and is a popular photo opportunity.



Hackley Public Library and the Torrent House

316 W. Webster Ave., Heritage Village

231-722-7276, www.hackleylibrary.org

Hackley Library was the first gift Charles Hackley gave to Muskegon under the condition that it remain free to the public forever. The beautifully restored library houses a children's library upstairs and a replica of the Book of Kells. The library is a Michigan historic site and still presents free educational programming to the community.



Indian Cemetery

Corner of Morris and First Streets, Downtown Center

www.muskegon-mi.gov/departments/parks/indian-cemetery

This is the oldest known Indian Cemetery in the area dating back to the early 1800's. It provides a pleasant view overlooking Muskegon Lake.



Muskegon County Visitors and Convention Center in the Historic Union Depot

610 West Western Avenue, Downtown Center

231-724-3100, www.visitmuskegon.org

Built in 1895 an excellent example of the Richardsonian Romanesque style.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

1006 Third Street, Heritage Village

231-722-2112, www.stpaulsmuskegon.org

Built in 1893 in the Early English Gothic design. The church foundation is made of Bedford limestone and walls of "Green Bluff" stone from Stony Point, Michigan.

Greater Muskegon Women's Club

280 West Webster, Heritage Village

231-725-9220, www.muskegonwomansclub.org

Built in 1902, the club was founded in 1890 to improve the intellects of women. The club is still active today and is being remodeled for future generations.



PUBLIC ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Muskegon has a long history of investing in public art. The first sculptures were donated over 100 years ago. The tradition continues today with new sculptures designed to welcome public interaction and photo opportunities.

Listed by Art, Year, Location, Description, Artist

Muskegon Together Rising, 2008
Traffic Circle at Western and Third Streets
Inspired by a poem by Douglas Malloch
Artist, Richard Hunt

Abraham Lincoln, 1900
Hackley Square
Artist, Charles Henry Niehaus

Civil War Leadership
Hackley Square
Ulysses S. Grant, 1900, Artist, J. Massey Rhind
William T. Sherman, 1900, Artist, J. Massey Rhind
Phillip Kearny, Artist, Henry K. Brown
David G. Farragut, 1900, C.H. Niehaus
William McKinley, Artist C.H. Nienhaus

"The Turning Point"
Corner of Western and Fourth Streets
Commemorates the invention of the Snurfer—evolved into the snowboard
Artist, Jason Dreweck/
Theresa Hansen

Buster Keaton
425 W. Western in front of the Frauenthal Theatre
Silent film comedian in bronze
Artist, Emmanuil Snitovsky

Charles H. Hackley
Corner of Third Street and Clay Avenue
Artist, Bill Duffy

Muskegon Proud
Russell Building, downtown
Artists, Bennett, Valadez and Allen

Muskegon Soars
Western and Second Street
Artists, Walldogs

Aurora, 2000
Front of the Muskegon Museum of Art
Artist, Russell Jacques

Arch, 1973
Shoreline Drive off Seaway Drive
Artist, Steven Urry
Erected in 1975, moved in 1989 and refurbished in 2005

Sculpture with Stars, 1993
Federal Square downtown
Artist, James Clover
Moved in 2007

Torn Disk, 1998
Corner of Second and Clay
Artist, Cyril Lixenberg

Russell Block Market, Inc.—Century Club

360 West Western Avenue, Downtown Center

231-578-2033, www.centuryblockmuskegon.com

The Russell Block Building on the left, was built in 1891. It was used as a post office, the first YMCA, and Daniels Office Supply. It is now home to a brewery, coffee shop and the West Michigan Symphony/The Block.

The Century Club (red brick) was built in 1889 as the Muskegon Club. In 1901, it became the Century Club. It is now home to an incubator for small shops including clothing, jewelry, and boutiques. To the right of the Century Club is the Muskegon Savings Bank Building. Built in 1907, it was home to the bank until 1961.



Pere Marquette Beach/Channel/Margaret Drake Elliot Park and Light Houses

Beach Street and Lakeshore Drive - www.muskegonlights.org/events

This beach offers 27 acres of award-winning public beaches for swimming, volleyball, sand castle construction and more. It has picnic shelters, outdoor fire pits and large playground equipment. Pere Marquette is connected to Muskegon’s famous Dog Beach where pets are welcome. Literally on the beach is a restaurant, a popular barbeque and beach bar with live entertainment. There is a wooden walkway to the water for those with disabilities. The South Pier Head Light is at the end of the channel walk and fishing off the channel is a great way to spend the day.



Lakeshore Bike Trail and more

www.visitmuskegon.org/biking-and-hiking

The 12-mile trail along Muskegon Lake is just part of the 60 miles of trail in Muskegon County. Rental bikes available downtown Muskegon and in the White Lake area where you can pick up more state trails connecting water, farms, woods, villages and more. Other bike trails in the area are Hart-Montague Trail State Park (24 miles), Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail (6.8 miles), Laketon Trail (4 miles), and the Musketawa Trail (26 miles).



Heritage Landing Park

Downtown Waterfront at Shoreline Drive and 7th Street

231-724-1105, www.muskegon-mi.gov/community/heritage-landing

A former industrial scrap yard, this area was transformed into a waterfront gathering place, infusing the city with new energy. A popular location for community festivals, events, weddings and celebrations, with its picturesque views of Muskegon Lake and spectacular sunsets.

