

## Festivals

### JANUARY

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#### January 29-30 Art & Craft BeerFest

Lansing • (517) 331-0528

[www.artandcraftbeerfest.com](http://www.artandcraftbeerfest.com)

Located throughout three distinctive venues in REO Town and featuring art, bands, beer and cider. Find everything from photography to metal sculptures and paintings plus a wide range of live music such as country, alternative rock, classic rock and more.

### FEBRUARY

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#### February 11-13 Fun on the Rocks Winterfest

Grand Ledge • (517) 627-2383

[www.grandledgechamber.com](http://www.grandledgechamber.com)

An amazing festival held at The Opera House and includes a singing competition, chili cook-off, craft beer and wine event, live entertainment, flying pancake breakfast, cardboard sled race and a wine and chocolate event.

### MARCH

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#### March 11-12 St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Grand Ledge • (517) 627-8360

[www.glstpats.org](http://www.glstpats.org)

This annual celebration is set in historic downtown Grand Ledge and consists of an Irish cook-off, live music, Irish dance performances, a grand parade and pub crawl.

#### March 19 Maple Syrup Festival

Lansing • (517) 483-4224

[www.mynaturecenter.org](http://www.mynaturecenter.org)

Celebrate nature's own "Liquid Gold" at Fenner Nature Center's Maple Syrup Festival! Participate in demonstrations in our Sugar Bush, try your hand at tapping a tree and treat your taste buds to savory treats like maple crème and maple cotton candy!

#### March 24-26 March Magic Hoopfest

East Lansing • (888) 326-5590

[www.marchmagichoopfest.com](http://www.marchmagichoopfest.com)

The March Magic Hoopfest is an interactive basketball playground for children of all ages at MSU's Jenison Field House during the MHSAA Boys' Basketball Semi-Finals and Finals. This event includes a variety of basketball skill games, displays and educational activities and is located adjacent to the Jack Breslin Student Events Center where the tournament games are played.

### APRIL

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#### April 7-10 Capital City Film Festival

Lansing • (517) 483-4058

[www.capitalcityfilmfest.com](http://www.capitalcityfilmfest.com)

The Capital City Film Festival (CCFF) is a multimedia showcase of films and live touring bands that engages audiences in Michigan's capital city. CCFF celebrates independent artists from around the world by curating outstanding multimedia experiences for the community.

#### April 22-24 Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival

Vermontville • (888) 482-8780

[www.vermontvillemaplesyrupfestival.org](http://www.vermontvillemaplesyrupfestival.org)

Celebrate 76 years at Michigan's original Maple Syrup Festival. Enjoy pancakes with real maple syrup, rides, talent show, arts and crafts, flea market, two parades, petting zoo, princess pageant, fireworks displays, 5K run, games and more. Syrup producers are located throughout the village selling syrup, candies, crème and the ever-popular maple syrup cotton candy.

#### April 30 Beerfest at the Ballpark-Spring

Lansing • (517) 331-0528

[www.beerfestattheballpark.net](http://www.beerfestattheballpark.net)

This spring festival is held in the concourse and front lawn of Cooley Law School Stadium and provides attendees the opportunity to taste more than 200 craft beers, meads, spirits and ciders from over 60 Michigan breweries while enjoying the ballpark atmosphere.

#### April 30 & May 1 Victorian Days

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Grand Ledge • (517) 627-5170

[www.victoriandays.org](http://www.victoriandays.org)

Salute spring and the Victorian era with the Victorian Grand Ball, vintage baseball game, maypole dance, high tea, Civil War encampment, quilt show, May baskets and period craft demonstrations.

### MAY

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#### May 5-8 Spring Fling Festival

Mason • (517) 676-1046

[www.masonchamber.org](http://www.masonchamber.org)

Come to Mason to experience all that Spring Fling has to offer. Includes a 5K run, the Courthouse craft show on Saturday, pie sale, duck race and much more—there's something for everyone.

#### May 21-22 East Lansing Art Festival

East Lansing • (517) 319-6804

[www.elartfest.com](http://www.elartfest.com)

Fine artists from Michigan and beyond will line downtown East Lansing's streets to exhibit and sell original works of fine art and fine crafts. Free live music, children's hands-on arts activities and special events to celebrate the 53rd East Lansing Art Festival.

#### May 21-22 Michigan State University Spring Arts and Crafts Show

East Lansing • (517) 355-3354

[www.uabevents.com](http://www.uabevents.com)

One of the largest arts and crafts shows in the state that includes a broad range of vendors selling handmade items including candles, furniture, jewelry, home and yard décor, aromatherapy, clothing, children's toys, painting, photography, pottery, sculpture and much more!

#### May 27-29 Cristo Rey Fiesta

Lansing • (517) 394-4639

[www.cristoreychurch.org](http://www.cristoreychurch.org)

This annual fiesta features authentic Mexican folkloric dancing as well as dancing in the evenings to live Tejano and Salsa Merengue bands. Proudly serving the finest in homemade Mexican dishes.

### JUNE

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#### June 4 Be A Tourist In Your Own Town

Community-wide • (517) 487-6800

[www.lansing.org/batyot](http://www.lansing.org/batyot)

Explore a world of possibilities in Greater Lansing from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Purchase a \$1 "passport" for free admission to over 75 attractions. Enjoy interactive activities and giveaways for the kids! CATA Be A Tourist bus routes provide transportation to most attractions for just 50 cents. Collect ten stamps in the "passport" to win great prizes!

#### June 4-5 Riverbank Traditional Pow Wow

Lansing • (517) 721-1502

[www.nativeamericanacc.org](http://www.nativeamericanacc.org)

Experience the Woodland Indian cultures of Michigan with programs that highlight dancing, drumming, singing, arts and crafts, food and more.

#### June 10-12 Gizzard Fest

Pottersville • (517) 927-7912

[www.gizzardfest.com](http://www.gizzardfest.com)

GIZZARD FEST—with a name like that you can count on it definitely being FUN! This annual festival is world renowned and includes a classic car show, 3-on-3 basketball, arts and crafts, carnival and lots more.

#### June 10-11 Grand American Fish Rodeo

Lansing • (517) 371-4600

[www.grandamericanfishrodeo.com](http://www.grandamericanfishrodeo.com)

The festival offers an entertaining mixture of events – on the river (fishing competition by U.S. Fish & Wildlife, with major prizes), on stage (great music and dance), in the nature education tent, plus exciting activities for kids and teens, an expansive beverage tent and outstanding food vendors.

#### June 16–18 Lansing Juneteenth Celebration & African American Parade

Lansing • (517) 394-6900

[www.lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org](http://www.lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org)

Commemorating the end of slavery in the United States by celebrating the joys of liberty, educating the community about our heritage and promoting

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positive cultural interaction. This three-day event includes music, dance, entertainment, educational exhibits, a parade and entertainment. Celebrating 23 years in the Lansing area!

### June 16-19 Yankee Doodle Days

Grand Ledge • (517) 627-2383  
[www.grandledgechamber.com](http://www.grandledgechamber.com)

The premier summer-fun festival! Live music, parade, kids day, fireworks, entertainment tent and more!

### June 17-18 Summer Solstice Jazz Festival

East Lansing • (517) 319-6980  
[www.eljazzfest.com](http://www.eljazzfest.com)

A free two-day Jazz Festival in the heart of downtown East Lansing, featuring the best in local, regional and national talent, children's activities, a traditional New Orleans-style Second Line Parade and more. Presented by the city of East Lansing, Wharton Center for Performing Arts and the MSU College of Music, with artistic direction by Rodney Whitaker.

### June 18 Oldsmobile Homecoming

Lansing • (517) 645-7438  
[www.reolds.org](http://www.reolds.org)

Car show and swap meet for all Oldsmobile and Oldsmobile-powered vehicles. The event will celebrate the introduction and life of all year Toronados.

### June 19-26 Red Cedar Jubilee

Williamston • (517) 655-3831

The Red Cedar Jubilee features parades as well as craft shows, an enduro derby, lawn mower races, a duck drop and a food and beverage tent with live music.

### June 24 Festival of the Moon

Lansing • (517) 485-4283  
[www.festivalofthemoon.com](http://www.festivalofthemoon.com)

Make one of the shortest nights of the year count at Festival of the Moon. Cool off on a warm summer night with a glass of cold craft-brewed beer while listening to rockin' regional and national bands.

### June 25 Festival of the Sun

Lansing • (517) 485-4283  
[www.festivalofthesun.com](http://www.festivalofthesun.com)

Celebrate the summer solstice with the Festival of the Sun, a premier beer, wine and gourmet food-tasting festival. Enjoy fine wine, craft-brewed beer and the Lansing area's best cuisine and live entertainment.

### June 25 Delta Rocks! Family Festival

Delta Township • (517) 323-8555  
[www.deltami.gov](http://www.deltami.gov)

A free family festival featuring a petting zoo, make-it take-it crafts, trackless train, 10-ft super sling shot, games, tot spot, inflatable attractions, business expo, music, easel painting, concessions and more. Almost all attractions are free.

### June 25 Lansing Beer Fest

Lansing • (517) 331-0528  
[www.lansingbeerfest.com](http://www.lansingbeerfest.com)

The fourth annual Lansing Beer Fest is an outdoor beer festival on Washington Ave. in REO Town featuring 30 Michigan breweries and 100+ craft beers. Also find cider, mead, spirits, a food truck court, live music, vendors and more!

## JULY

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### July 5-10 Common Ground Music Festival

Lansing • (517) 267-1502  
[www.commongroundfest.com](http://www.commongroundfest.com)

Join us for Common Ground Music Festival and help mark the 17th year of this annual week-long music celebration. National headlining artists mix with regional and local favorites to create the summer's hottest festival.

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### July 11-16 Eaton County Fair

Charlotte • (517) 543-4510  
[www.eatoncountyfair.com](http://www.eatoncountyfair.com)

Whether you enjoy tractor and truck pulls, motor-cross races or demolition derbies, you can find it all at the Eaton County Fair.

### July 15-16 Old Town Scrapfest

Lansing • (517) 485-4283  
[www.oldtownscrapfest.com](http://www.oldtownscrapfest.com)

Teams have two weeks to create art out of recycled materials that will be displayed during event. Food, music, beverages and more!

### July 30 Car Capital Auto & Bike Show

Lansing • (517) 372-0529  
[www.reoldsmuseum.org](http://www.reoldsmuseum.org)

Classic car show open to all years and all makes of cars, trucks and motorcycles. Over 95 classes and over 200 awards.

### July 30 Taste of Downtown

Lansing • (517) 487-3322  
[www.tasteofdowntown.org](http://www.tasteofdowntown.org)

Taste of Downtown is the food and wine festival of the summer! Sample fares from numerous downtown restaurants, wines from around the world and spirits distilled in downtown Lansing. Live music in a variety of genres rounds out the fun!

## AUGUST

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### August 1-6 Ingham County Fair

Mason • (517) 676-2428  
[www.inghamfair.org](http://www.inghamfair.org)

Celebrating 162 years, the Ingham County Fair offers something for everyone; including hundreds of exhibits, exciting grandstand events, the spectacular midway, the free family fun zone, daily cooking contests and more!

### August 5-6 Bath Days Festival

Bath • (517) 712-8942  
[www.bathdays.com](http://www.bathdays.com)

Bath Days is a two-day festival offering midway rides, food, entertainment, car show, parade, games and most of all...Bath Tub races for all. Enjoy cold beverages, hot food and shopping amongst the many vendors featuring home/hand made items you can only buy during Bath Days.

### August 5-6 Lansing JazzFest

Lansing • (517) 371-4600  
[www.jazzlansing.com](http://www.jazzlansing.com)

Filling the streets of historic Old Town with jazz music to suit mores tastes than you can imagine, plus KidzBeat activities for children, and wonderful food and crafts vendors for all. Experience for yourself why thousands of attendees from mid-Michigan and beyond have been enjoying this event since 1995!

### August 6 Island Art Fair

Grand Ledge • (517) 627-9843  
[www.ledgecraftlane.com](http://www.ledgecraftlane.com)

The oldest fair in Mid-Michigan and a state-wide favorite! Over 100 artists and craftsmen, music, food and riverboat rides. Free shuttle provided. Located on The Island, downtown Grand Ledge.

### August 12-14 Great Lakes Folk Festival

East Lansing • (517) 432-GLFF (4533)  
[www.greatlakesfolkfest.net](http://www.greatlakesfolkfest.net)

The MSU Museum presents this three-day celebration of culture, tradition and community. Find music, dance, food and more with the roots, the rhythms and the richness of cultures across America and around the world.

### August 18-20 Renegade Theatre Festival

Lansing • (517) 927-3016  
[www.renegadetheatrefestival.org](http://www.renegadetheatrefestival.org)

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Three days of free theatre showcased in Lansing's most artistic district—Old Town; featuring a wide range of performance styles from comedy, puppet shows, musicals, improv, staged readings and more!

### August 12-14 St. Johns Mint Festival

St. Johns • (989) 224-7248

[www.clintoncountychamber.org/mint-festival](http://www.clintoncountychamber.org/mint-festival)

Each year the mint farming heritage is celebrated at the St. Johns Mint Festival. Arts and crafts, flea market, food concessions, parade, four sports tournaments, free entertainment, quilt show, car show, carnival and tons of activities for kids.

### August 24 Old US 27 Motor Tour

DeWitt • (517) 881-2329

[www.old27tour.com](http://www.old27tour.com)

View hundreds of classic cars as they travel to Cheboygan on a five-day tour (Aug. 23-27), stopping in Lansing mid-tour. This is one of the premier classic car events.

### August 18-20 DeWitt Ox Roast

DeWitt • (517) 669-8156

[www.dewittoxroast.net](http://www.dewittoxroast.net)

For over 70 years downtown DeWitt celebrates the DeWitt Ox Roast with an arts and crafts show, food and beverage tents, a parade, classic car show, entertainment, a carnival, fireworks at dusk and more!

### August 26-28 Sun Dried Music Fest

Mason • (517) 676-1046

[www.masonchamber.org](http://www.masonchamber.org)

This free music event features many bands, food vendors, a beer and wine refreshment tent and a variety of items for sale. Located in the streets of Mason, next to the Ingham County Courthouse; downtown shops and restaurants will be open.

### August 26-27 Michigan Pride March, Rally & Festival

Lansing • [www.michiganpride.org](http://www.michiganpride.org)

A statewide celebration of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community and allies. The festival kicks off Friday night with the White Party in Old Town and Downtown Lansing. Saturday, take part in a march to the Capitol, a rally on the Capitol's East Lawn, then return to Old Town for all-ages entertainment, vendors and a beverage tent.

## SEPTEMBER

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### September 8–11 Frontier Days

Charlotte • (517) 543-3325

[www.charlottefrontierdays.com](http://www.charlottefrontierdays.com)

A 46 year old festival that's an end of summer celebration! Entertainment for all ages starting with an award-winning rodeo, The Saloon (largest bar this side of Texas), a parade, Family Fun Day at Bennett Park, car show, arts and crafts on the courthouse lawn and The Frontier Market! Make sure to stop on out for some family fun!

### September 15-18 Down Home Days

Mason • (517) 676-1046

[www.masonchamber.org](http://www.masonchamber.org)

Check out fall colors and join Mason folks for a free outdoor concert Thursday, family activities on Friday and craft show on Saturday at the historic Ingham County Courthouse Square, along with so much more!

### September 16-17 Michigan BluesFest

Lansing • (517) 371-4600

[www.michiganbluesfest.com](http://www.michiganbluesfest.com)

Don't miss the outdoor fall festival that's pleased audiences from near and far for over two decades! Whether you're already a fan of the blues, or ready to try it for free, come to the Old Town Lansing for two days of great music, children's activities, an expansive beverage tent, food and crafts vendors and more!

### September 24 American Heritage Festival

Lansing • (517) 322-0030

[www.woldumar.org](http://www.woldumar.org)

A celebration at Woldumar Nature Center of Mid-Michigan heritage through crafting demonstrations, live entertainment, a market of local vendors and

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family-friendly activities.

### September 19-25 Greater Lansing Beer Week

Lansing • (517) 331-0528

[www.greaterlansingbeerweek.com](http://www.greaterlansingbeerweek.com)

This weeklong celebration will feature Michigan craft beer-themed events throughout the Greater Lansing area. The goal of Greater Lansing Beer Week is to raise awareness of the Michigan craft beer industry while promoting patronage to local establishments and stimulating the Greater Lansing area's retail economy and Michigan-made products.

### September 23 Beerfest at the Ballpark-Fall

Lansing • (517) 331-0528

[www.beerfestattheballpark.net](http://www.beerfestattheballpark.net)

This fall festival will be the culmination of Lansing Beer Week and is held on Jackson Field at Cooley Law School Stadium. The event provides the opportunity to taste more than 200 craft beers, meads, spirits and ciders from over 50 Michigan breweries plus 50 of the best German and Belgian beers all while enjoying the ballpark atmosphere.

### Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Oktoberfest

Lansing • (517) 485-4283

[www.oldtownoktoberfest.com](http://www.oldtownoktoberfest.com)

Old Town Oktoberfest, Lansing's only German-style festival, features all things German, including live polka, German fare and, of course, wonderful German beers in souvenir mugs to remember the event.

## OCTOBER

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### October 7-9 Color Cruise and Island Festival

Grand Ledge • (517) 627-2383

[www.grandledgechamber.com](http://www.grandledgechamber.com)

A three day fall pioneer festival at Island Park. Riverboat rides, horse-drawn wagon rides, fur traders, candle making, pumpkin painting, food, music and more.

### October 8-9 Apple Butter Festival

Lansing • (517) 483-4224

[www.mynaturecenter.org](http://www.mynaturecenter.org)

Embrace our ties to the land at Fenner Nature Center's 43rd annual Apple Butter Festival! Help stir the apple butter, cooked the old-fashioned way in a copper kettle over the fire, or try your hand at the cider press. The beauty of nature in autumn, coupled with heritage artisans, local musicians and savory food is sure to be a memorable event!

### October 15-16, 22-23 Boo at the Zoo

Lansing • (517) 342-2710

[www.potterparkzoo.org](http://www.potterparkzoo.org)

Little ghouls and boys will enjoy two weekends of spooktacular fun. Noon to 5 p.m. Lots of fun for the whole family including a straw maze, hayrides, the Boo Tunnel and more!

## NOVEMBER

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### November 3-10 East Lansing Film Festival

East Lansing • (517) 980-5802

[www.elff.com](http://www.elff.com)

Celebrating its 19th year, this world-class film festival showcases independent features, documentaries and shorts as well as offering tributes, seminars, premieres and parties.

### November 18 Silver Bells in the City

Lansing • (517) 487-3322

[www.silverbellsinthecity.org](http://www.silverbellsinthecity.org)

The city will glow with thousands of lights for the Silver Bells in the City celebration, bringing together family and friends from across Michigan and beyond to kick-off the holiday season. The Electric Light Parade, Silver Bells Village, lighting of the State Christmas Tree, fireworks over the Capitol dome and musical entertainment are all part of this Lansing tradition.

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### November 18–Dec. 31 Wonderland of Lights

Lansing • (517) 342-2710

[www.potterparkzoo.org](http://www.potterparkzoo.org)

Potter Park Zoo is transformed into a magical winter wonderland with thousands of holiday lights and extraordinary visual displays Thu.–Sun. 5–8 p.m. only! Kids activities, entertainment and your festive animal friends make this a fun event for the whole family. (Lights are on Thu.–Sun. nights only) Closed Christmas Day.

## DECEMBER

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### December 3 Winter Glow

East Lansing • (517) 319-6888

[www.cityofeastlansing.com/winterglow](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/winterglow)

Enjoy magical, winter-inspired activities in downtown East Lansing from 2-5 p.m., including carriage rides, roasted marshmallows, Santa, a special outdoor holiday farmers market, live music, a kids' winter carnival, roasted chestnuts and much more. It's FREE.

### December 3-4 Holiday Traditions Tour

Grand Ledge • (517) 627-5170

[www.gdledgehistsoc.org](http://www.gdledgehistsoc.org)

Travel to holidays past as you visit historic Victorian homes, buildings and the museum. Also stop by the Opera House and see festive tables, decorated trees and the 1928 Barton Theater pipe organ.

### December 3-4 MSU Arts & Crafts Holiday Show

East Lansing • (517) 355-3354

[www.uabevents.com/retailad/arts-and-crafts-show](http://www.uabevents.com/retailad/arts-and-crafts-show)

The MSU Arts & Crafts Holiday Show is one of the largest in the state. This year's show will include many returning favorites as well as brand new artists. There will be a broad range of vendors selling handmade items, including candles, furniture, jewelry, home and yard decor, aromatherapy, clothing, children's toys, paintings, photography, sculptures and more!

## 2016 PUBLIC SHOWS

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### The Lansing Boat Show 'H20-16'

January 15-17, 2016 • Lansing Center

[www.lansingboatshow.com](http://www.lansingboatshow.com)

### Family RV Show

January 21-24, 2016 • MSU Pavilion

[www.lansingrvshow.com](http://www.lansingrvshow.com)

### Mid-Michigan Women's Expo

February 5-7, 2016 • Lansing Center

[www.kohlerexpo.com](http://www.kohlerexpo.com)

### Field & Stream Deer & Turkey Expo

February 19-21, 2016 • Lansing Center

[www.deerinfo.com/michiganhome.asp](http://www.deerinfo.com/michiganhome.asp)

### Michigan Horse Expo

March 11-13, 2016 • MSU Pavilion

[www.michiganhorsecouncil.com/expo.html](http://www.michiganhorsecouncil.com/expo.html)

### Lansing Home & Garden Show

March 17-20, 2016 • MSU Pavilion

[www.showspan.com/LHG](http://www.showspan.com/LHG)

### Mid-Michigan Antiquarian Book & Paper Show

April 3, 2016 • Lansing Center

[www.curiousbooks.com/shows.html](http://www.curiousbooks.com/shows.html)

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### **Michigan Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show & Pull**

October 13-16, 2016 • MSU Pavilion

[www.mgli.org](http://www.mgli.org)