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# Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad





## Welcome to Michigan's most beloved historic Village!

Welcome to a magic place where wooden sidewalks lead you into the 19th Century and the simple pleasures it held. This year we're celebrating the 175th anniversary of Genesee County and we're delighted to bring you special activities throughout the summer so you can learn about this county's early residents and experience the ways they lived.

Come visit our water-powered gristmill that was moved to Crossroads Village from the tiny town of Atlas, and watch its massive stone wheels grind grains into flour, as they have for more than 100 years. Sample cookies baked in a wood-burning stove. Enjoy an old-fashioned ice cream social. Practice your penmanship in a one-room school. Learn a vintage craft. Ride the Huckleberry Railroad. It's all here and so much more!

Like many visitors, I've been coming to Crossroads Village for many years, and now I bring my own children and grandchildren. We love the Independence Day festivities here in July and riding Thomas the Tank Engine™ in August. We welcome back the fall season with an outing to *Halloween Ghosts and Goodies*. In December, when the Village sparkles with thousands of tiny lights and the air is filled with music, we again gather our family and return to celebrate *Christmas at Crossroads Holiday Magic*.

Come join us and experience first hand the colorful history of Genesee County and the traditions of life in the 1800s. It's all right around the corner at Crossroads Village!

**Joe Krapohl**  
*President, Genesee County Parks  
and Recreation Commission*

*P.S. If you plan to visit Crossroads Village more than once this year, take advantage of big savings by purchasing an Annual Pass. We think it's the best value in history!*





## **There's So Much to See and Do**

### **Spend a whole day in the Village**

There is so much to do here and so many people to talk with, like the cider maker who presses apples, the miller who grinds the town's grains and the blacksmith who labors at his forge hammering hot iron into horseshoes and fireplace tools. Their skills have often been passed from parent to child and fine-tuned through the decades. Working alongside their neighbors, each villager – from barber to cleric, doctor to seamstress – has an important role and helps keep the 19th century village running smoothly.

Would you like to lend a hand? The cream needs to be churned into butter, and there are herbs to be picked and brooms to be made. Each week there are new projects you can take part in that reflect the history of Genesee County and the lives of the people who settled here.

If you're a theater buff, you'll love the 20-minute performances presented several times each day at the Colwell Opera House. Admission is included with your ticket to the Village.

### **Kids love our history programs**

The Village offers daily programs for kids so they can see, touch and taste history and learn about the lives of pioneer children.

## Take Home a Keepsake

The general store is stocked all the way to its 14-foot ceilings with everything the 19th century family would enjoy. Shop for tasty jams, fragrant candles, pretty dishes and fresh flour ground right in the Village at the Atlas gristmill.

Your next stop is the post office just next door, where you can have your postcards stamped with the Village's own postmark!

### **Especially for train fans**

The Train Station Gift Shop is a train-lover's paradise with its bins of train whistles, engineer caps, books, games and, of course, model trains!

### **Lessons from grandma's cedar chest**

The ladies in the village spent long winter evenings quilting bed covers, weaving baskets and crocheting coverlets. You'll find a selection of craft kits and supplies that were inspired by their historic handiwork.



## Hand-crafted Treasures from the Trades

From grinding grain to making brooms, printing signs to building toys, Crossroads Village is buzzing with skilled men and women who demonstrate the trades that were essential to village life more than one-hundred years ago.

Many sell their wares right in their workshops, like the iron shepherd hooks and dinner bells crafted by the village blacksmith, and the brooms and brushes made at the Fenton Carriage Barn and Broom Shop.

Children love the toys and puzzles made right here by village craftsmen.





## All Aboard!

Take a seat on the Huckleberry Railroad and enjoy a scenic 40-minute ride through woods and meadows and along the shore of beautiful Mott Lake. Experience the “modern” way travelers crossed the country more than one hundred years ago!

The narrow-gauge railroad’s collection of cars includes 11 original and replica wooden coaches plus a classic red wooden caboose. The train is pulled by two restored coal-fired locomotives built by Baldwin Locomotive Works. Engine #464 was nicknamed the *Mud Hen* and originally carried miners to Colorado on their quest for gold and silver.

Do you know how the railroad got its name? Old timers say that huckleberries grew alongside the track, and because the train moved slowly, passengers could hop off, pick a handful of berries and hop back onboard before the last car passed them by!





## One Hundred Years of Fun!

Celebrate the 175th birthday of Genesee County with a thrilling ride on our Charles W. Parker Superior Wheel! It was built by Parker in 1910 and had a long and colorful history before it was moved to Crossroads Village in 1991. It even survived the flood waters of Hurricane Agnes!

Its ten original gondolas are hand painted and adorned with carved wooden scrollwork and mirrors. You'll be nearly 45 feet above ground when you round the top of the Wheel, and from that vantage point, you get a spectacular tree-top view of Mott Lake and the Village!

The Superior Wheel shares its lakeside setting with C.W. Parker's magnificent 1912 Carousel and its herd of handsome hand-painted horses. This is the only place in the world where you can enjoy two side-by-side Parker rides in full operation.

We round out our collection of vintage amusement rides with the Mott Lake Flyer, Venetian swings and pony carts that provide plenty of old-fashioned fun for your little ones.



1. **DAVISON DEPOT**  
Turn-of-the-century depot.
2. **PERE MARQUETTE CABOOSE A621 1921**  
Standard-gauge caboose sits on original rails from the Pere Marquette line.
3. **HUCKLEBERRY RAILROAD**  
Named for the original Pere Marquette Railroad, which traveled from Flint to Fostoria. Passengers traveled part way to pick huckleberries and were picked up on the return trip. Powered by Baldwin steam locomotives, the railroad is narrow-gauge (3' between the rails).
4. **HORTON-COLWELL BUILDING** Moved from Fenton, the building includes a second floor Opera House and a U.S. Post Office on the first floor.
5. **T.N. NORTH & SON BANK AND LOCY'S DENTAL ROOMS** The bank, built in 1878, retains its original walk-in vault and ornate teller's cage. The re-created Locy's Dental rooms, located on the second floor, depict 1800s dentistry.
6. **FOWLER BARBER SHOP**  
Served as a post office and barbershop in the community of Fowler.
7. **CLAYTON TOWNSHIP HALL** Built in 1878 for \$500.
8. **GEORGE H. DURAND LAW OFFICE** 1850s home office.
9. **MILL STREET WAREHOUSE AND DINING ROOM** This new building is designed to resemble a railroad warehouse.
10. **ATLAS MILL** Powered by an underwater turbine, the gristmill operated in the Village of Atlas from 1836-1942.
11. **GAZEBO** This replica of a Victorian gazebo is a popular spot for weddings.
12. **MASTERS' CIDER MILL**  
Moved to the Village from Richfield Township.
13. **ICEHOUSE** Moved from a farm near Holly.
14. **WISNER CARRIAGE BARN** First automobile produced in Flint was built in this barn by Judge Charles H. Wisner.
15. **BUZZELL HOUSE** The oldest surviving home in Flint.
16. **COLDWATER ROAD CHAPEL** Built in 1898 for the Cohoctah Evangelical Church.
17. **CROSSROADS LUMBER COMPANY** Portable steam-powered sawmill.
18. **CHARLES W. PARKER CAROUSEL** Built in Kansas in 1912 and operated in Riverside, California.
19. **CHARLES W. PARKER SUPERIOR WHEEL** Last existing 1910 Superior Wheel.
20. **VENETIAN SWING, PONY CARTS, and "FLYER" MINIATURE TRAIN** Vintage amusement rides.
21. **THE GENESEE BELLE PADDLEWHEEL RIVERBOAT**  
Offers cruises on Mott Lake. Barrier free access.
22. **BLACKSMITH SHOP** This working smithy replicates an 1870s shop.



23. **SALTER LOG HOUSE**  
1840s log cabin moved from Greenfield Village in 1995.

24. **CALKINS BARN and DONAHUE CHICKEN COOP**  
Built in 1885, the barn was moved to the Village and reconstructed in 1983.

25. **STANLEY SCHOOL 1883**  
one-room school.

26. **FOX HOUSE and CRAWFORD WINDMILL**  
1876 house was originally the home of a prosperous farm family with 10 children.

27. **FENTON CARRIAGE BARN**  
Moved from Fenton in 1994.

28. **MEETING HALL** Built in 1878 for \$569.22.

29. **ELDRIDGE HOUSE** Built in the 1860s near Genesee.

30. **DURANT BARN** Built by Billy Durant.

31. **MASON TAVERN** Built about 1850 in Mundy Township by Daniel Mason, a settler from New York.

32. **MANWARING BUILDING**  
Built by the founder of Dryden for use as a dry goods store.

33. **J.E. BARBOUR, M.D.**  
Exact replica of Dr. Julius Barbour's 1880 office.

34. **ATTICA HOTEL** This 1870s Italianate style building was originally called the Williams House.

35. **LAKESIDE GRILL** Casual outdoor eating with sweeping views of Mott Lake.



## The Belle of the Village

There's a surprise waiting for you at the Village dock. It's the beautiful Genesee Belle, a replica of the paddlewheel riverboats that were popular during Mark Twain's time, and you're invited on board for a scenic 45-minute cruise around Mott Lake.

Come enjoy cool breezes and unobstructed views of Bluebell Beach and the wooded shoreline. There's a good chance you'll spot great blue herons, eagles and other wildlife that live in this peaceful setting.

The Belle runs Wednesday through Sunday during the summer, and on weekends during Halloween Ghosts and Goodies in October.

Looking for a special place to hold a meeting or family reunion, or a romantic location for your wedding? Charter the Belle! Her lower level is enclosed and climate controlled for your comfort. Visit [geneseecountyparks.org](http://geneseecountyparks.org), or call the reservation office at 800.648.PARK, ext. 6, for more information.

## Feeling Hungry?

Three casual dining options in the Village offer everything from tasty snacks and beverages to soups and sandwiches. The large, air-conditioned Mill Street Warehouse has a cafeteria and plenty of seating for large groups.

There are also lovely areas throughout the Village where you can relax and enjoy your own picnic.

# Festivals and Family Fun!

## **Magic and its Mysteries May 28-30**

We wave our wand to bring back the days of the "Traveling Snake-Oil Salesman" and old-time magic. Learn some optical illusions, and enjoy magic that may have inspired Harry Houdini.

## **Happy 175th Birthday Genesee County! June 4**

It's a family fun day! Kaleidoscope activities take place from 10am to 2pm. Free admission with coupon during that time.

## **1876 Village Celebration – June 11**

Step back into the 1870s as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of Genesee County and the 100th anniversary of our United States! Stop by the Village's T.N. North & Son Bank, and withdraw two vintage "greenbacks", which you may keep as souvenirs or use to purchase treasures from a Village street vendor. Enjoy good old-fashion games, and top off the festivities with cake and lemonade.

## **Huckleberry Backyard Jam and Huckleberry Radio Hour June 18**

Join in toe-tappin', knee-slappin' acoustic jam sessions around the Village. Crossroads Village will be open until 5 pm this evening for your enjoyment. For only \$5 more, grab a seat in the Colwell Opera House for the Huckleberry Radio Hour at 6:30 pm. It is broadcast live on WFNT-AM 1470 from 7 to 8pm.

## **Emancipation Celebration June 25**

Step back more than 100 years and learn about the Journey to Freedom taken by former slaves. Hear life stories and enjoy historic music.

## **Independence Day Celebration July 2-4**

Join us for a fun-filled three-day celebration of this country's independence! Spend Saturday playing old-fashioned games. Enjoy a vintage baseball game on Sunday. Our traditional parade on Monday will be followed by an ice cream social!





### **Huckleberry Hustle & Little Berry Dash July 7**

After we close the park for the day, we'll re-open in the evening for the annual Huckleberry Hustle - a mixed-terrain, 5K run/walk through Crossroads Village and surrounding woods and meadows. Little Berry Dashers, who are kids six years and under, will

"dash" around the Village and collect prizes as they go. All Dashers are Winners! Download race forms at [geneseecountyparks.org](http://geneseecountyparks.org).

### **Smiths, Millers and Trades July 9-10**

Meet the skilled trades people at the Village who hammer out horseshoes, grind grain and make many other essential items just as they did in Genesee County more than 100 years ago.

### **Huckleberry Backyard Jam July 16**

Join us for more great toe-tappin', knee-slappin' acoustic jam sessions around the Village. Crossroads Village will be open this evening until 7 pm for your enjoyment. For only \$5 more, grab a seat in the Colwell Opera House for the Huckleberry Radio Hour at 6:30 pm, it is broadcast live on WFNT-AM 1470 from 7 to 8pm.

### **The Crossroads Caper July 17**

We seldom have trouble here at Crossroads Village and the Huckleberry Railroad, but this weekend we could really use some help. A crime has been committed, and all kids 12 years and younger will be deputized to help solve it. Deputies will visit every location in the Village to get clues. For their efforts, they will earn a day's wage - one free ride on either the Carousel or Superior Wheel!

### **"Modern" Communications July 23-24**

Communicate as your ancestors did in the late 1800s. Hear your name in Morse Code. Learn the language of the rails. Discover the stories that quilts tell...and more!

### **Vintage Textiles July 30-31**

Going to the store to purchase new clothing was not as common as it is today. Learn how our great grandparents kept both warm and cool in this

hot and cold state more than 100 years ago. See spinning and weaving by the Flint River Spinners and Weavers plus textile displays.

**Railfans August 6-7**

Trains! Trains! Trains! Celebrate our famous Huckleberry Railroad with tours, demonstrations and model trains galore. Tour our Train Shop, which is only open to the public this weekend!

**World Culture and Travel August 13**

Come travel the world with us and see what was happening in other countries in days gone by. Check with your local library to see if it is participating in this cultural education event.

**Day Out With Thomas™  
August 19-21 and 26-28**

Thomas the Tank Engine visits the Village with his friends for six full days. This is a special treat for children, complete with train rides, storytelling, live music and so much fun! Day Out With Thomas requires the purchase of special tickets. Village passes and discount coupons cannot be used on these days.

**Grange Fair September 3-4**

Celebrate the end of summer and a bountiful harvest. This country fair includes festive music, seed spitting, Grange Fair entries to judge, a pie tasting contest and plenty of good old-fashioned fun.

**Labor Day September 5**

Come visit one last time! Ride the rails, cruise aboard the Belle and visit the Village's homes, mills and shops before we close for the summer season.

*Note: The Village will be closed beginning September 6. Come back and visit beginning October 1 when we reopen to celebrate Halloween!*





## **Halloween Ghosts & Goodies**

Join us for several days of silly Halloween fun when the Village is filled with friendly witches, happy ghosts and some of your favorite spooky friends. Find your way through an amusing straw maze and an enchanted forest where trees have eyes. Watch an old-fashioned magic show, and take a 40-minute ride on the famous Huckleberry Ghost Train Express! There are trick-or-treat stations throughout the Village and plenty of doughnuts and candy for everyone!

Select Weekdays.....5 to 9 pm

**October:** 7, 14, 21, 26, 27, 28 & 31

Weekends..... Noon to 9 pm

**October:** 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23 & 29-30

Village Tickets \$10

Village/Train or Village/Belle \$13

Village, Train & Belle - \$16

**Children 12 months and under are free.**

Group rates are not available.

*Note: The Genesee Belle is available for rides only on weekends.*

# Christmas At Crossroads Holiday Magic

**Nov. 25-27, Dec. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 20-23, 27-30  
4 to 9 pm**

Bundle up and come visit during this special time when thousands of lights sparkle like tiny stars throughout the Village. You'll find villagers making vintage crafts, shops full of great gifts and the beloved Huckleberry Railroad waiting to take you on a festive nighttime ride. Your whole family will love this six-week-long holiday celebration that opens November 25 with fireworks. It's a tradition!

Age	Village Only	Village/Train
Adult: 13 to 59	\$10.00	\$13.00
Senior: 60 +	\$9.00	\$12.00
Child: 25 months - 12 years	\$8.00	\$10.00
Child: 24 months and under	Free	Free
Huckleberry Radio Hour	\$5.00	

*Ticket sales close at the gate at 8:30 pm.*

## **Rather stay in your warm car?**

Visit on special *Drive Through Only* nights  
November 28, December 5, 12, 19, 24 and 26  
5 to 9 pm – just \$5.00 per carload!

No busses please

## **Ladies Night Out**

November 14 from 4 to 9 pm. Tickets are \$5.

## **Huckleberry Radio Hour**

November 26, 2011 from 7-8 p.m.

Grab a seat in the Colwell Opera House at 6:30 p.m.

It is broadcast live on WFNT-AM 1470.

*For details and reservations go to  
[geneseecountyparks.org](http://geneseecountyparks.org) or  
call 800.648.PARK, ext. 6.*



# Come Visit the Village in 2011!

Summer Programs: May 28 - September 5

Village Hours are 10 am to 5 pm

Village closed Mondays & Tuesdays, except holidays

<b>Tickets:</b>	<b>Village Only</b>	<b>Village, Train or Boat</b>	<b>Village, Train &amp; Boat</b>
Adults (13-59)	\$10.00	\$13.00	\$16.00
Seniors (60 & older)	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$15.00
Children (25 mos.-12 yrs.)	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$12.50
Children (24 mos. & under)	FREE	FREE	FREE
Huckleberry Radio Hour	\$5.00		

*Ask about special rates for groups. To take advantage of group rates, you must make advance reservations.*

## What's the Best Value in History?

### **A Crossroads Village Annual Pass!**

If you plan to come to the Village more than once in 2011, an Annual Pass is your ticket to big savings! The pass gives you the following:

Free Huckleberry Radio Hour and Ladies Night Out tickets. Advance reservations required.

#### **PLUS**

**Summer:** Unlimited visits to the Village and unlimited rides on the Belle and train when space is available.

#### **PLUS**

**Halloween:** One Village visit and one ride on the train or the Belle.

#### **PLUS**

**Christmas:** Unlimited visits to the Village and unlimited train rides when space is available.

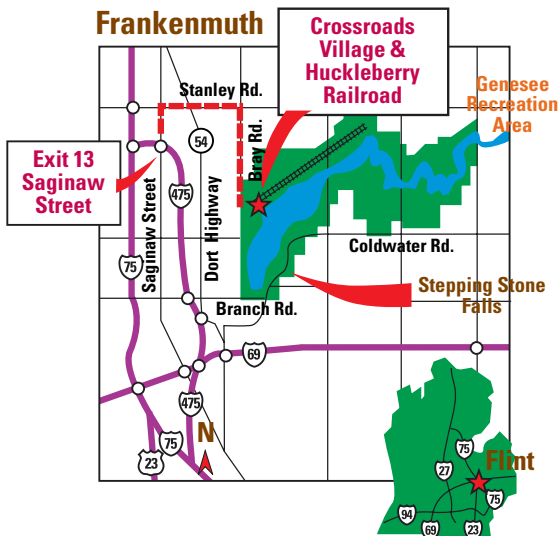
The Family Pass is \$128 and good for up to six named people.

Genesee Country residents are eligible for a discounted pass at \$95.

The Individual Pass is \$50 for the pass holder and one guest.

*Ask about our Group Home Annual Pass.*

Passes and discount coupons are not valid for Day Out With Thomas.™



## How to Get to Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad (Just 15 Minutes South of Frankenkmath)

**Visitors coming from the North**, head south on I-75 /US-23 toward Flint. Merge onto I-475 exit 125 toward downtown Flint. Take the Saginaw Street exit 13 toward Mt. Morris. Turn left onto N. Saginaw. Proceed 1/4 mile north to the corner of Saginaw and Stanley Road, turn right. Take Stanley Road 2 miles to Bray Road. Turn right on Bray Road; Village is 1/2 mile south on left-hand side.

**Visitors coming from the West**, head east on I-69 toward Flint. Merge onto I-475 exit 136 toward Saginaw. Take the Saginaw Street exit 13 toward Mt. Morris. Turn right onto N. Saginaw. Proceed 1/4 mile north to the corner of Saginaw and Stanley Road, turn right. Take Stanley Road 2 miles to Bray Road. Turn right on Bray Road; Village is 1/2 mile south on left-hand side.

**Visitors coming from South** (Detroit Area) head north on I-75 toward Flint. Merge onto I-475 exit 111 toward Saginaw. Take the Saginaw St. exit 13 toward Mt. Morris. Turn right onto N. Saginaw. Proceed 1/4 mile north to the corner of Saginaw and Stanley Road, turn right. Take Stanley Road 2 miles to Bray Road. Turn right on Bray Road; Village is 1/2 mile south on left-hand side.

**Visitors coming from South** (Ann Arbor Area) head north on US-23 merge onto I-69 east exit 117-A toward Flint. Merge onto I-475 exit 137 toward Saginaw. Take the Saginaw St. exit 13 toward Mt. Morris. Turn right onto N. Saginaw. Proceed 1/4 mile north to the corner of Saginaw and Stanley Road, turn right. Take Stanley Road 2 miles to Bray Road. Turn right on Bray Road; Village is 1/2 mile south on left-hand side.

**Visitors coming from the East**, head west on I-69 toward Flint. Merge onto I-475 exit 137 toward Saginaw. Take the Saginaw Street exit 13 toward Mt. Morris. Turn right onto N. Saginaw. Proceed 1/4 mile north to the corner of Saginaw and Stanley Road, turn right. Take Stanley Road 2 miles to Bray Road. Turn right on Bray Road; Village is 1/2 mile south on left-hand side.



## Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad

6140 Bray Rd., Flint, MI

**August 19-21 & 26-28, 2011**

**8:00 am - 6:30 pm**



### *All Aboard For:*

40 minute ride  
with a full size Thomas  
the Tank Engine™

Meeting Sir Topham Hatt  
Storytelling, Live Music,  
Build with Mega Bloks®  
and Much More!

**AND MEET**



**Bob the Builder™**  
In a Special Live Event



**For tickets and information, visit  
[www.ticketweb.com/dowt](http://www.ticketweb.com/dowt)  
or call 866.468.7630**

Tickets are \$18 for ages 2 and up.  
Advance purchase is recommended.  
Ticket sales are final. Events are rain or shine.  
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