



DETROIT  
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2026



# Detroit Riverfront

## Visitor & Program Guide

*Welcome to the  
Detroit Riverfront!*



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## Welcome to an Exciting Season on the Detroit Riverfront!

From sunrise walks along the water to evenings filled with excitement, the Detroit Riverfront is one of our city's most treasured gathering places. Across more than eight miles of trails and nearly 100 acres of green space along the Riverwalk and greenways, these beautiful places invite everyone in. Yet, the riverfront is not defined by miles and acres, but by the people who bring it to life with activity, connection and joy.

Inside this guide, you'll find our exciting and diverse lineup of 2026 programs and special events, along with a map of the parks and greenways we proudly manage. Now open, the 22-acre Ralph Wilson Park will serve as a vibrant home for many of your favorite programs, along with exciting new opportunities to explore, play and connect.

Whether you're walking the Riverwalk, joining a fitness class, learning about nature or simply enjoying the view, we're glad you're here and look forward to seeing you on the riverfront.

*Ryan Sullivan*  
CEO, Detroit Riverfront Conservancy

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## 2026 SPECIAL EVENTS

APR



**Dequindre Cut Spring Clean Up**  
Apr 18 | 10am-1pm  
Dequindre Cut

**Earth Day Plein Air Painting**  
Apr 22 | 6-8pm  
Ralph Wilson Park

**Rain Barrels on the Riverfront\***  
Apr 25 | 10am-12:30pm  
Gabriel Richard Park

MAY

### Mental Health Awareness Month\*

**Labyrinth Walk**  
May 2 | 1pm | Gabriel Richard Park

**Love Myself Walk**  
May 9 | 11am | Ralph Wilson Park

**Sound Bowl Meditation**  
May 16 | 10:30am | Ralph Wilson Park

**Hammock & Flow Meditation**  
May 20 | 6pm  
Gabriel Richard Park

### Riverfront Fish Fest\*

May 2 | 10am-2pm  
Milliken State Park

### Mosaic Memory Cafe

May 6, 13, 20 | 11am  
Valade Park

### Spring into Wilson

May 16 | 10am-3pm  
Ralph Wilson Park

JUN

### Detroit Riverfront Run\*

Jun 6 | 8:40am 10k, 9am 5k  
Cullen Plaza

### Shimmer on the River\*

Jun 18 | 5-9pm | Valade Park

### Juneteenth at Wilson

Jun 19 | 11am-3pm  
Ralph Wilson Park

### Summer Solstice

Jun 21 | Ralph Wilson Park

AUG

### Detroit Youth Sports Showcase

Aug 15 | 10am-2pm  
Ralph Wilson Park



SEP

### Eastern Market After Dark

Sep 17 | 6-10pm  
Dequindre Cut Freight Yard

### Soirée for the Greenways\*

Sep 18 | Southwest Greenway

### Fall Equinox

Sep 22 | Ralph Wilson Park

OCT



### Detroit Harvest Fest

Oct | Ralph Wilson Park  
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NOV

### Día de los Muertos Celebration

Nov 1 | Valade Park



# 2026 RECURRING PROGRAMS



MON

**Riverfront Herbal Walk**  
2nd Mon, May-Sep | 5:30-7pm  
Cullen Plaza

**Lessons from the River and Land Lecture Series**  
Jun 15, Jul 20, Aug 17 | 6-7pm  
Ralph Wilson Park

**Mindful Mondays**  
Jul 6-Aug 24 | 6-7pm  
Gabriel Richard Park

TUE

**We Run 313 Two Mile Tuesdays**  
May-Nov | 6pm  
Dennis Archer Greenway

**Motown Roller Club Meet Up**  
1st & Last Tue, May-Aug | 6-9pm  
Valade Park

**Cardio & Conditioning**  
Jun 2-Aug 25 | 6-7pm  
Ralph Wilson Park

**Detroit Riverwalkers\***  
Jun 9-Aug 18 | 8-10am  
Cullen Plaza

**Vamos Family Roll Bike Rides**  
May 16 | 12pm  
Ralph Wilson Park  
Jun 16, Jul 14, Aug 11 | 6pm  
SW Greenway

**Rhythm and Play**  
1st Tue, May-Sep | 3:30-5:30pm  
Ralph Wilson Park

WED

**Wise Guy's Chess Club**  
Mar-Nov | 6-9pm  
Valade Park

**Family Plant Walk**  
3rd Wed, May-Sep  
10-11am  
Cullen Plaza

**Working Wednesdays**  
Jun-Aug | Valade Park

**Unwind and Align\***  
Jun 10-Sep 23 | 8-9am  
Valade Park

**Movie Nights at Wilson Park**  
Jul 8-Aug 12 | 6pm  
Ralph Wilson Park

**Moonlight Yoga\***  
Jul 29, Aug 12, Aug 26 | 8-9:30pm  
Gabriel Richard Park

THU

**We Run 313 5k/10k Thursdays**  
May-Nov | 6:30pm  
Valade Park

**Zumba Dance Fitness**  
Jun 4-Aug 27 | 6-7pm  
Ralph Wilson Park

**Detroit Riverwalkers\***  
Jun 11-Aug 20 | 8-10am  
Cullen Plaza

**We Walk Detroit**  
Jun 11-Sep 24 | 8am  
Cullen Plaza

FRI

**Community Body Strength Training**  
Jun 5-Aug 28 | 6-7pm  
SW Greenway

**Gentle Flow Yoga\***  
Jun 12-Sep 25 | 10-11am  
Milliken State Park

SAT

**Intro to the Detroit Riverfront Walking Tour**  
Jun-Aug | 10am  
Ralph Wilson Park

**Detroit Body Garage Family Bike Rides**  
Jun 20, Jul 25, Aug 22 | 10am  
Cullen Plaza

SUN

**Detroit House Collective Sundays**  
Jun-Aug | 3-7pm  
Dequindre Cut Freight Yard

**We Walk Detroit**  
Jun 7-Sep 27 | 8am  
Ralph Wilson Park

**Silent Reading Club**  
Jun 25, Jul 23, Aug 27 | 6pm  
Ralph Wilson Park

**Gentle Flow Yoga\***  
Jun 11-Sep 24 | 6-7pm  
Milliken State Park

**Reading and Rhythm on the Riverfront**  
Jul 9 - Aug 13 | 10 & 11:30am  
Gabriel Richard Park

**Detroit Social Walk Club**  
Jun-Oct | 6:30pm  
Cullen Plaza

**Reading and Rhythm on the Riverfront**  
Jul 10-Aug 14  
10 & 11:30am  
Gabriel Richard Park

**Huron-Clinton Metroparks Second Saturday Science**  
Jun 13, Jul 11, Aug 8  
10am-1pm | Ralph Wilson Park

**Detroit Social Walk Club**  
Select Saturdays & Sundays  
Jun-Oct | 10:30am | Cullen Plaza

**Drumming on the Riverfront**  
1st & Last Sun, Jun-Sep  
4-7pm | Cullen Plaza

**Rhythm and Play**  
3rd Sun, May-Sep | 1-3pm  
Ralph Wilson Park



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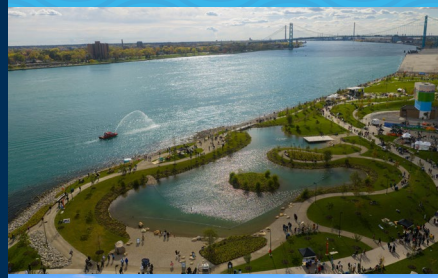


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Every donation to the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy helps us further our mission to transform and maintain the Detroit Riverfront as a world-class gathering place for everyone. Your support keeps our Riverwalk, parks and greenways beautiful, safe, and accessible for generations to come.



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### Dequindre Cut



# Detroit Riverfront

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# RALPH C. WILSON, JR. CENTENNIAL PARK



## Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park

1801 W. Jefferson Ave, Detroit, MI 48216



Opened on October 25, 2025, Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park is a vibrant urban green space that celebrates the city's waterfront and rich cultural history. Spanning 22 acres along the Detroit River, this park offers stunning views, beautiful tree-lined walking trails, and multiple recreational areas for visitors to enjoy. Ralph Wilson Park will host multiple community programs in 2026 including fitness classes, nature-based education opportunities, family movie nights and more. Detroit Harvest Fest & Food Truck Rally will return to Ralph Wilson Park this October with dozens of food trucks, great local music and tons of activities for visitors of all ages.

## Amenities

- Free street parking
- Outdoor seating
- Picnic tables
- Restrooms & drinking fountains
- Community grilling area
- Fishing outlooks
- Basketball courts
- Playgrounds
- Splash Pad
- Bike racks & repair stations



### Delta Dental Play Garden

The Delta Dental Play Garden features epic slides and play structures, a splash-filled Water Wonderland, inclusive swings, treehouses and a tot lot, all designed to spark imagination and active play. Open daily until 9pm.

### William Davidson Sport House

The William Davidson Sport House is a striking open-air pavilion with two Detroit Pistons full-size basketball courts, serving as a year-round hub for recreation, connection and community gatherings. Open daily until 8pm.

### DTE Foundation Summit

The DTE Foundation Summit features sweeping river and skyline views, gentle hills and open green space designed for relaxation, recreation and taking in the beauty of the Detroit River.

### Huron-Clinton Metroparks Water Garden

The 2.5-acre Huron-Clinton Metroparks Water Garden, the first Metroparks location in the City of Detroit, offers winding paths, an open-air classroom and immersive environmental programming that connects visitors to water and nature.





## Cullen Plaza

1340 Atwater St, Detroit, MI 48207

Since opening in 2007, Cullen Plaza has become a popular destination for some of the most-visited attractions along the Detroit Riverfront, such as the Cullen Family Carousel, Bank of America Children’s Playscape, Diamond Jack Boat Tours and Wheelhouse Detroit Bicycle Shop.



## Robert C. Valade Park

2670 Atwater St, Detroit, MI 48207

Built on a former industrial site, Valade Park has transformed the riverfront since opening in 2019, linking Stroh River Place and the Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre. Families enjoy a sandy beach, musical gardens, local food and drinks, and year-round programming—from summer fun to cozy Winter at Valade with fireplaces, s’mores and themed weekends.



## Amenities

- Free parking in paved lot
- Indoor/outdoor seating
- Large, sandy beach and lush lawn
- Children’s playscapes
- Sand volleyball court
- Musical sensory garden
- Free public WiFi
- Bike racks
- Community barbecue pavilion
- Restrooms & drinking fountains
- Bob’s Barge floating bar (seasonal)
- The Shed Bar & Café (scan code for hours)

## Amenities

- Free parking in paved lot
- Plaza & partially covered pavilion
- Wheelhouse Detroit Bicycle Shop
- Diamond Jack Boat Tours
- Bank of America Playscape
- Cullen Family Carousel (Open Memorial Day - Labor Day)
- Bike racks & repair station
- Reflecting fountains
- Restrooms & drinking fountains
- 24/7 security office
- Free public WiFi
- Riverfront Café & Tiki Bar (scan code for hours)





## Mt. Elliott Park

110 Mt. Elliott St, Detroit, MI 48207

Opened in 2014, Mt. Elliott Park is home to the Gilbert Family Schooner, a Great Lakes-themed splash pad featuring cascading water, kid-activated cannons and interactive play elements, open Memorial Day to Labor Day (weather dependent). Universally accessible and thoughtfully designed, the park offers stunning views of the Detroit River and Belle Isle.



## Amenities

- Free parking in adjacent lot
- Plaza & partially covered pavilion with seating
- Gilbert Family Schooner Splash Pad
- Fishing outlooks
- Bike racks & repair station

- MoGo station
- Grassy picnic areas
- Restrooms & drinking fountains
- On-site security office
- Mt. Elliott Café (seasonal)



## Gabriel Richard Park

7130 E Jefferson Ave, Detroit, MI 48207

At the easternmost point of the Riverwalk, Gabriel Richard Park features lush gardens, a whimsical fountain, butterfly habitats, a contemplative labyrinth and fishing outlooks, plus a birding station with accessible scopes for wildlife viewing. The park connects to the East Riverwalk beneath the MacArthur Bridge, and links visitors to Belle Isle.



## Amenities

- Free parking in paved lot
- Christopher Stroh Plaza with partially covered pavilion & seating
- David K. Page Butterfly Gardens
- Birding scopes
- Bike racks & repair station

- MoGo Station
- Contemplative labyrinth
- Fishing outlooks
- Gabriel Richard Fountain
- Restrooms & drinking fountains
- Community grills & picnic tables





## Dequindre Cut

Located between Atwater St & Mack Ave in Eastern Market

Entrances at Atwater St, Franklin St, Woodbridge St, Lafayette St, Gratiot Ave, Wilkins St & Mack Ave



The Dequindre Cut Greenway is a nearly two-mile, below-grade pedestrian path connecting Eastern Market to the Detroit Riverfront. Featuring separate lanes for walking and biking, striking urban art and graffiti, and the lively Freight Yard with seasonal food, drinks and entertainment, it's a dynamic route for exploring the city.



## Southwest Greenway

Entrances at Bagley St & Jefferson Ave



The Southwest Greenway runs just over half a mile, connecting Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park with the Michigan Central mobility innovation district, Corktown, Mexicantown and Southwest Detroit neighborhoods. The greenway also features The Yard Graffiti Museum, an outdoor gallery dedicated to the preservation of the graffiti and underground history of this space.

Kids and families can enjoy a small play area featuring a zip line with accessible seating and a large climbing log structure.



## Amenities

Dequindre Cut Freight Yard with bar, picnic seating, lawn games, & port-a-potties (seasonal)

BCBSM Fit Park (at Woodbridge Entrance)

Commissioned murals by local artists

David Campbell Memorial Terrace (at Lafayette Entrance)

MoGo station

Bike racks & repair station



## Mayor Dennis W. Archer Greenway

Entrances at Jefferson Ave, Larned St, Lafayette St & Vernor Hwy

The Mayor Dennis W. Archer Greenway provides east side residents with safe and convenient access to the Detroit Riverfront along a beautifully-landscaped paved pathway.

The 1.2 mile path features a pedestrian plaza between Larned and Jefferson, benches, outdoor power stations, pickleball courts and playscapes.





## Volunteer With Us

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