

TRAVERSE CITY AREA

Home to the largest film festival in the Midwest and Brauer Productions, a feature film company whose credits include *Deadrise*, *Escanaba In Da Moonlight*, *Dogman*, and *Super Sucker*.

1. Bowers Harbor Yacht Club

14039 Peninsula Drive
The main location for *Hide Away* starring Josh Lucas.

2. Downtown Traverse City

100 East Front Street
This is where the car crash scene in *Hide Away* was filmed.

MANISTEE

Home to 10 West Studios, one of West Michigan's best studios for film and television, whose credits include *What If...*, *Jerusalem Countdown* and *Johnny*.

3. Ramsdell Inn

399 River Street
Renovated in 2003, its 1891 Victorian architecture has been lovingly preserved. The inn was used for *Stalwart's* office and the *Union Bank* and *Trust* in the *Mickey Matson* and the *Copperhead Conspiracy*.

4. Ramsdell Theatre

101 Maple Street
When a group was formed to guide a major restoration of the theater, James Earl Jones, who began his career on the *Ramsdell* stage, returned to help raise funds. This historical theater was recently used as itself in *Mickey Matson*.

5. Manistee City Hall

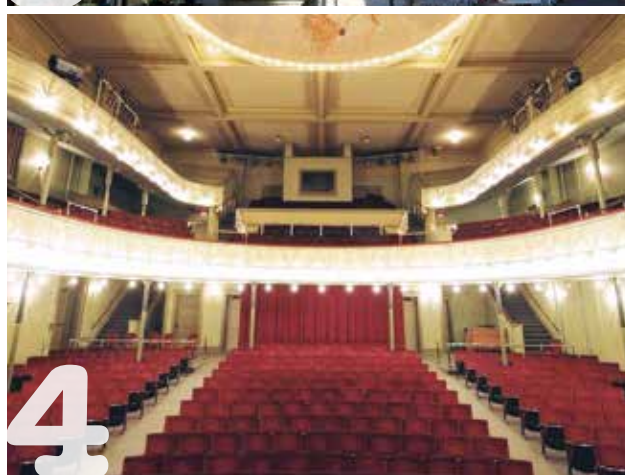
280 Washington Street
Manistee City Hall was used in the WWII-period film *Return to the Hiding Place*.

6. Lighthouse Park

between First St. and Fifth Ave. beaches
Today the beacon from the *New Haven Light House* is dark, but the tower remains, greeting visitors from around the world. The lighthouse and the beach were used in *Mickey Matson*.

7. S.S. City of Milwaukee

National Historic Landmark
99 Arthur Street
The interior of this historic *Great Lakes* car ferry was used in the thriller *Deadrise*.



LUDINGTON AREA

8. Former Ludington State Bank

124 South James Street
This building was used for the bank robbery scene in *30 Minutes or Less* as well as the *Northwestern Bank* in *Mickey Matson* and the *Copperhead Conspiracy*.

9. Cartier Mansion B&B

409 East Ludington Avenue
Built of Roman-pressed brick and trimmed with Bedford limestone, the three-story mansion was the home of Warren Cartier, mayor of Ludington, partner of the lumber firm Rath & Cartier, and founder of the Ludington State Bank. This is the large mansion used in *Mickey Matson*.

10. Historic White Pine Village

1687 South Lakeshore Drive
Historic White Pine Village opened in 1976 and is set upon 13 beautiful acres overlooking Lake Michigan. This historic tourist spot was used for a Civil War reenactment scene for *Mickey Matson* and the *Copperhead Conspiracy*.

SOUTH HAVEN/HOLLAND AREA

Home to TicTock Studios, whose feature film credits include *Virginia* and *Tug*.

11. Ottawa County Olive Shores County Park

West Olive
A scene from *Road to Perdition*, starring Tom Hanks, filmed at this beautiful 20-acre site on Lake Michigan in 2002.

12. Windmill Island Park

Holland
Windmill Island features the 249-year old working Dutch windmill "De Zwaan," which means graceful bird. In the spring, see more than 150,000 tulips in bloom here. This unique location can be seen in the children's feature *The Oogieloves: Big Balloon Adventure* and *Return to the Hiding Place*.

13. Wiersma's Central Park Foods

1158 South Shore Drive, Holland
This local market has served the Holland community and its Dutch immigrants for 100+ years with Dutch recipes like *balkenbrij* sausage, Dutch snacks and breads. *Virginia*, starring Jennifer Connelly, filmed at this charming and historic market.

14. Felt Estate

6597 138th Avenue, Holland
This beautiful historic estate and gardens were extensively used in the independent film *Return to the Hiding Place*, which tells the story of Dutch students who risked their lives to save Jews during WWII.



15. Oval Beach

698 Water Street, Saugatuck
Oval Beach is rated by *Conde Nast's* *Traveler Magazine* as one of the 25 best shorelines in the world. MTV ranked *Oval Beach* as one of the top five beaches in the country. *Virginia*, starring Ed Harris and Jennifer Connelly, filmed here.

16. Fenn Valley Vineyards

310 Butler Street, Saugatuck
There is a narrow band along the shore where cold tender grape varieties are successfully grown. Most people who live around here know the lake effect as heavy winter snowfall, but here, milder winter temperatures lead to great Michigan wine. It is no wonder that *The Lake Effect* filmed here.

17. South Haven Center for the Arts

600 Phoenix Road, South Haven
Years of neglect made this former library a prime candidate for the wrecking ball, but the South Haven Art Association was determined to save this beautiful neoclassical building. The movie *Virginia* filmed here.

18. Railroad Café

555 Railroad Street, Bangor
Owned and operated by the Ratzlaff family, the café sits in the fully restored Bangor train depot. Stop in for some home cookin' and see where *The Lake Effect* filmed.

KALAMAZOO AREA

19. Bell's General Store

355 East Kalamazoo Avenue
This world-famous brewery has been a favorite Michigan locale since 1985. Since then, Bell's has expanded to employ more than 180 workers across 18 states and brews more than 20 beers. Stop in for a pint and ask where *The Lake Effect* filmed.

20. Tot to Teen Village

229 West Kilgore Road
For over 70 years, *Tot to Teen Village* has provided the greater Kalamazoo area with the highest quality products and the best customer service. *The Lake Effect* used this store as a fantastic practical location for this heartfelt family drama.

21. Kalamazoo College

200 Academy Street
K-College is one of the only universities in Michigan that truly doubles for an East Coast Ivy League school. *Cherry* shot here over the summer of 2008.

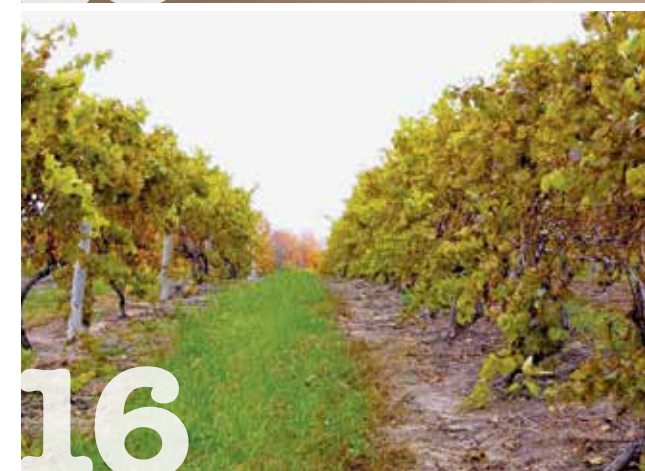
NILES/BUCHANAN AREA

22. Niles Train Station

598 Dey Street, Niles
Built in 1892 and still in use as a passenger depot, the station has changed little from its original structure. *Continental Divide*, starring John Belushi, *Only the Lonely*, starring John Candy, and *Midnight Run*, starring Robert De Niro, all filmed at the station. It was also featured in *Planes, Trains and Automobiles*.

23. Bear Cave Resort

4085 Bearcave Road, Buchanan
It played a significant part in the *Underground Railroad* during the period of slavery. In 1875 the "loot" from an Ohio bank robbery was "deposited" in the cave. This became the inspiration for the 1903 silent film *The Great Train Robbery*.



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HOLLAND AREA

GRAND RAPIDS
AREA (other side)

KALAMAZOO
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GRAND RAPIDS AREA

1. Vito's Pizza

658 Fulton Street
For the film *30 Minutes or Less*, the building was painted, new signs were made and the dining area was staged with worn-out booths and tables. To the surprise of customers, stars Jesse Eisenberg actually delivered pizzas around town and Nick Swardson rolled the dough.

2. Railroad Bridge

240 Front Avenue SW
This railroad bridge is seen throughout the film *30 Minutes or Less*.

3. Grand Rapids Public Museum

272 Pearl Street NW
This incredible museum was the first to be accredited by the American Association of Museums (in 1971). It boasts amazing exhibits, including a whale skeleton suspended from the ceiling and the planetarium used as a featured location in *The Genesis Code*.

4. MadCap Coffee Company

98 Monroe Center Street NW
After a three-car crash, and many takes of 50 Cent firing off machine guns, *The Setup* capped off the day of filming by blasting out the windows of this popular café in downtown Grand Rapids.

5. Division Ave. and Cherry St. SE

Cop car crash scene
Commerce Ave. SW and Oakes St. SW
Datsun flip stunt
Grand Rapids played center role in one of Michigan's biggest action sequences. Days were spent walking through logistics, shutting down streets and preparing for the stunt-heavy car chase in *30 Minutes or Less*.

6. 6th Street Bridge

Monroe Avenue NW and 6th Street NW
Constructed in 1886, this bridge is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Thirty Minutes or Less showcased this beautiful piece of Grand Rapids history throughout the film.

7. Belknap Park

Fairview Avenue NE
Belknap Park has served as the home field of Raider baseball, softball and tennis for more than 40 years. This is where *Touchback* filmed to depict *Coldwater Point*.

8. Taco Boy

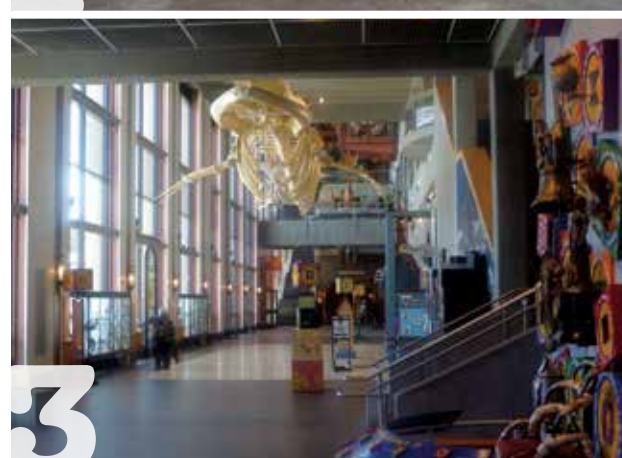
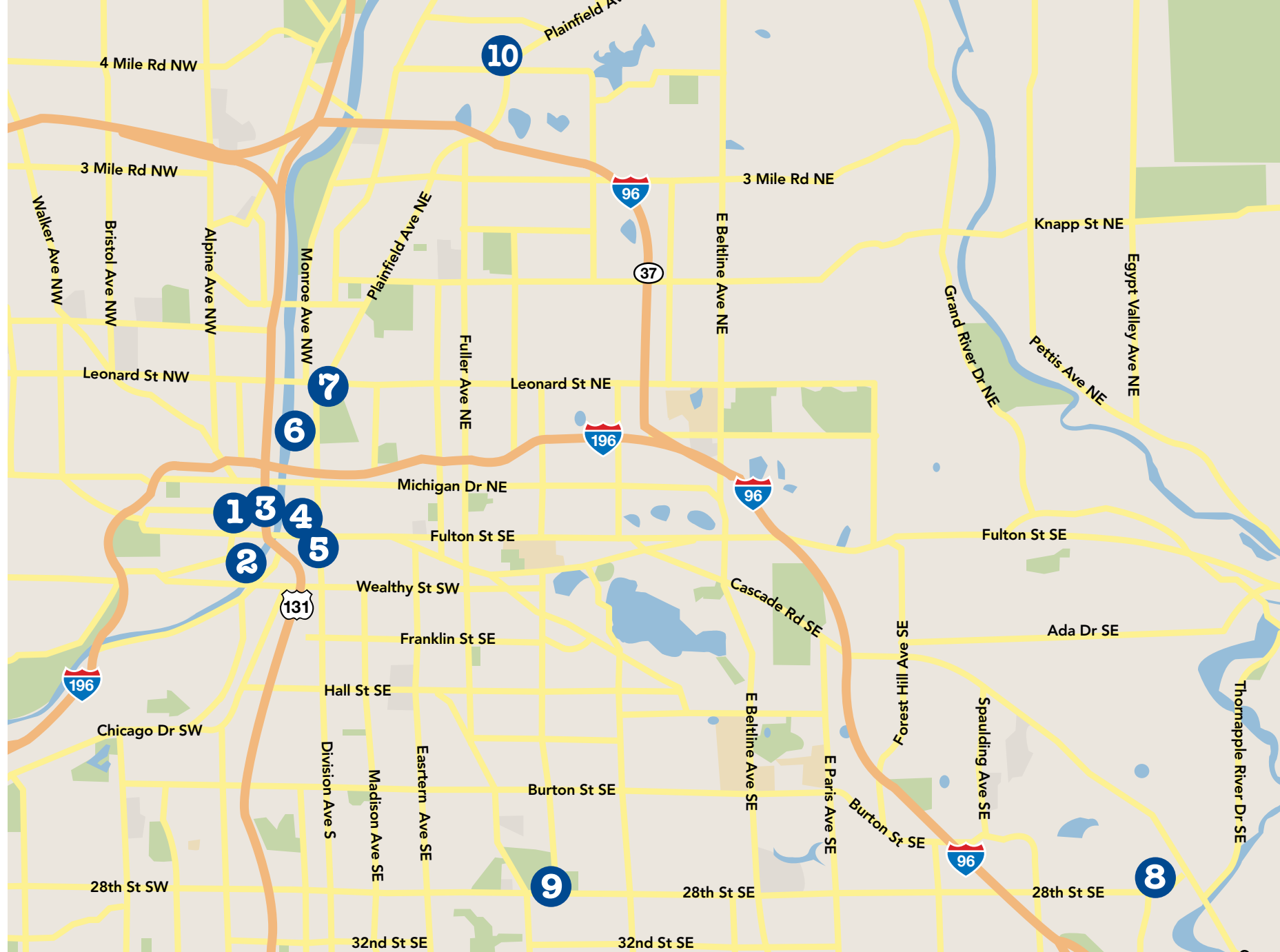
3475 Plainfield Avenue NE
This local food favorite is the location where Danny McBride and Nick Swardson devise an ingenious robbery plan for the comedy feature film *30 Minutes or Less*.

9. DJ's Cocktail Lounge

1740 28th Street SE
A classic 1970s and '80s bar complete with a fantastic neon sign. Although this local watering hole doubled as the gentlemen's club in *30 Minutes or Less*, in reality it's a popular local bar.

10. Pal's Diner

6503 28th Street SE
A classic 1950s-style diner that originated in New Jersey, the diner was moved in one piece to its current location. It is the perfect spot for any period film and was the main diner location for *Touchback*, starring Brian Presley and Kurt Russell.



NOTABLE NEARBY AREAS

Soybean Farm
14556 48th Avenue, Coopersville
This area was used for the exterior of the soybean farm and the emotional finale of the film *Touchback*.

Coopersville High School
198 East Street, Coopersville
This charming rural town was used for most of the film *Touchback*. The high school football stadium was used for all of the game filming.

Bass River Recreation Area
Bass River Road, Ottawa
This 1,665-acre site consists of meadows, open brush land, mature hardwoods, small ponds and the 300-acre Max Lake. This was where the skinny dipping swimming scene was filmed for *Touchback*.

Other films that have lensed in Grand Rapids:
Postmark Paradise (2000)
Road to Perdition (2002)
The Steam Experiment (2009)
Hopeful Notes (2010)
Caught in the Crossfire (2010)
Gun (2010)
The Christmas Bunny (2010)
What If... (2010)
House of the Rising Sun (2011)
Tug (2010)
All You Can Dream (2012)
Playback (2012)
Rumors of Wars (2013)
Vishwaroopam (2013)
Prudence, Again (2013)



For more than 30 years, the Michigan Film Office has been supporting Michigan media industries and positioning Michigan as a worldwide production destination. Since 2008, we've wrapped more than 160 projects, including large blockbuster studio features, award winning independent films, and a network television series. However, Michigan's history of filmmaking goes back much further. In 1936, MGM shot *Speed*, starring James Stewart, at the Chrysler Corporation testing grounds. Marquette, in the Upper Peninsula, provided the setting for *Anatomy of a Murder*, filmed in 1956. In 1979, another classic, *Somewhere in Time*, filmed at the beautiful Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Michigan has been on the silver screen for decades.

Memorable movies filmed in Michigan

- The Evil Dead (1982)
- Beverly Hills Cop (1984)
- Midnight Run (1987)
- Beverly Hills Cop II (1987)
- Action Jackson (1988)
- Presumed Innocent (1989)
- Roger and Me (1989)
- Hoffa (1992)
- True Romance (1993)
- Grosse Pointe Blank (1997)
- Detroit Rock City (1999)
- '61 (2000)
- American Pie 2 (2001)
- 8 Mile (2002)
- Below (2002)
- Road to Perdition (2002)
- Four Brothers (2005)
- The Island (2005)
- Upside of Anger (2005)
- Dreamgirls (2006)
- Semi-Pro (2007)
- Transformers (2007)
- Gran Torino (2008)
- Jumper (2008)
- Capitalism: A Love Story (2009)
- Conviction (2009)
- Hung (2009-2011)
- Up In the Air (2009)
- Whip It (2009)
- Detroit 187 (2010)
- Hostel: Part III (2010)
- Machine Gun Preacher (2010)
- Stone (2010)
- You Don't Know Jack (2010)
- 30 Minutes or Less (2011)
- Cedar Rapids (2011)
- The Ides of March (2011)
- LOL (2011)
- Real Steel (2011)
- Scream 4 (2011)
- Transformers: Dark of the Moon (2011)
- Vamps (2011)
- A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas (2011)
- Alex Cross (2012)
- AWOL (2012)
- Five Year Engagement (2012)
- The Giant Mechanical Man (2012)
- High School (2012)
- Red Dawn (2012)
- Sparkle (2012)
- Oz: The Great and Powerful (2013)

We're ready for our close-up
West Michigan is a special place, where sparkling blue waters meet golden sand beaches — recognized as some of the best in the world. Take in an exhibit of fine art or savor a culinary experience that showcases the region's rich and varied agricultural offerings. Here you will find the vacation mecca of Traverse City; quaint beach towns like Ludington, Manistee, Holland and South Haven; and the cultural and entertainment hot spots of Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo. West Michigan combines majestic beauty with sophistication and a welcoming atmosphere up and down the Lake Michigan coastline. It is in these diverse settings that producers, directors and stars have found inspiration and discovered and embraced the area's passion, creativity and strong work ethic. It's a perfect place for storytellers and moviemakers.



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