

Brooklyn and the Irish Hills



Presentation Overview

Why the Brooklyn Area?

- Outdoor recreation activities
 - ✦ Beautiful landscaping, lakes, rivers and trails
- Higher education institutes
 - ✦ 10 colleges/universities within one hour
- Over 144 diverse companies



Lake Columbia

Location

- Arts & Culture
- Education
- Hospitals & Medical Centers
- Airports & Train Stations
- Local business success



Swains Park

Tourism in Brooklyn Area



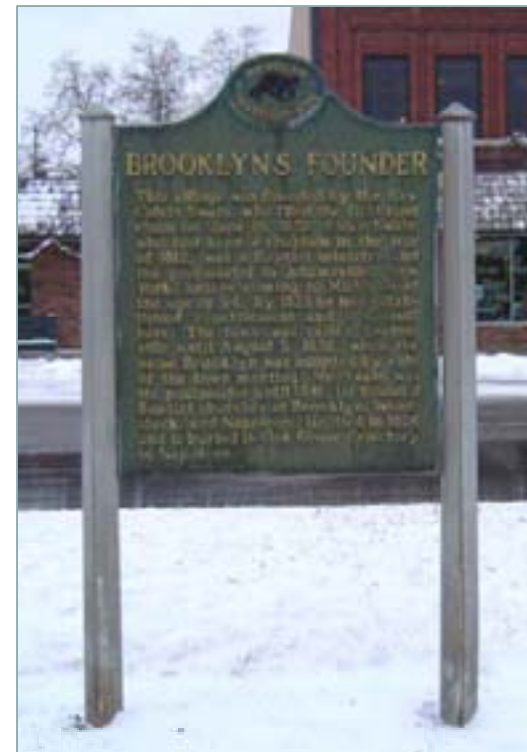
With a population of over 20,000, the Brooklyn Area is one of Michigan's best places to live, work, start a business and raise a family!

The Village of Brooklyn

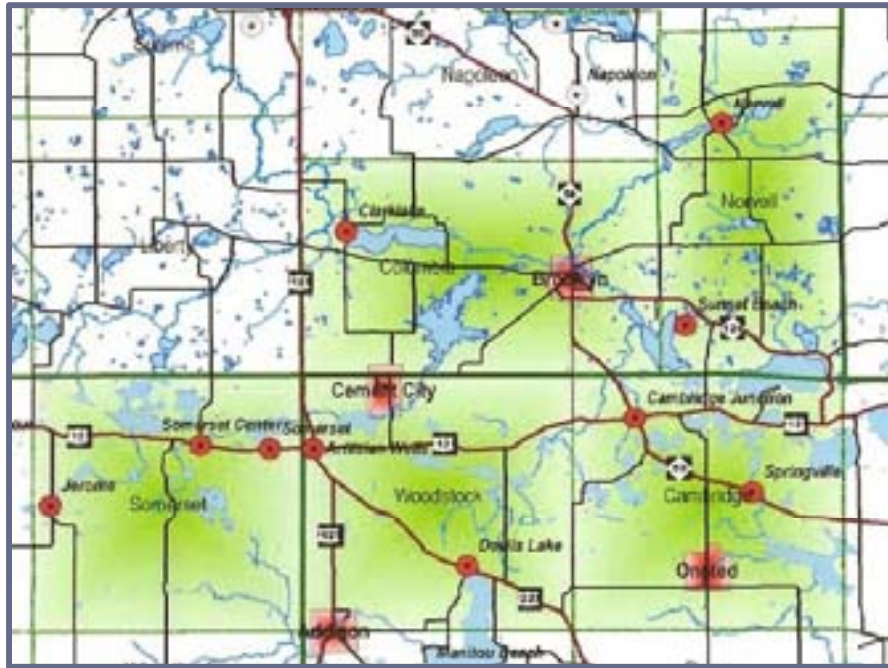
The visual character of many of the old buildings is still intact in many neighborhoods as well as Downtown Brooklyn.

Preserving our historically significant buildings should be a high priority of every local government. Preservation of Brooklyn's heritage will have a number of positive impacts on the overall community.

It will preserve cultural, economic, political and architectural history, increase property values, help promote tourism, and strengthen Brooklyn's economy.



Location



The **Heart of the Lakes** is a one hundred and four square mile district located in the southeast corner of Jackson County and is close to Michigan's border with Ohio and Indiana. The Heart of the Lakes Area, via US-127 provides access to the Toledo, Jackson, and Lansing Urban Areas, and I-94.

Nearest cities/towns :

- Addison
 - Adrian
 - Cement City
 - Grass Lake
 - Jackson
 - Manitou Beach-Devils Lake
 - Michigan Center
 - Napoleon
 - Onsted
 - Vandercook Lake
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- Nearest city with pop. 50,000+:
 - Ann Arbor, MI (28 miles, pop. 114,024)
 - Nearest city with pop. 200,000+
 - Toledo, OH (46 miles, pop. 313,619)
 - Nearest city with pop. 1,000,000+
 - Chicago, IL (177 miles, pop. 2,896,016)

Key Features of Brooklyn and the Irish Hills



Recreation

- 50+ Lakes
- Camping, Hiking, Kayaking , Canoeing, Biking, Boating
- Numerous golf courses
- Walking trails
- Parks
- Fishing

Quality of Life

- Local medical care
- 20 miles from major hospital
- Community Fitness Centers
- Parades and festivals

Location

- Close to Jackson, Adrian, Chelsea and Ann Arbor
- Cross section of shopping facilities
- Near colleges / universities
- Excellent schools

Opportunities

- Commercial zoning districts
- Industrial zoning districts
- Zoning districts for residential and agriculture living
- Available real estate
- Thousands of acres ready for development

Lakes in Brooklyn and the Irish Hills



More than 50 lakes within a 15-mile radius of Brooklyn Village limits have given our area the title "Heart of the Lakes."



Clark Lake (top left) and Lake Columbia

Three area lakes, Wamplers Lake, Clark Lake and Vineyard Lake are large, have parks and support substantial numbers of visitors for summer and winter fun.

Hayes State Park is located at Wamplers Lake and county parks are at the other two lakes.

Clark Lake also has two township parks.

Lake Columbia is a man-made, private lake.

Public Access Lakes (Over 100 acres)



Lake Name	County	Lake Area (acres)
Clark Lake	Jackson	580
Devil's Lake	Lenawee	1330
Michigan Center	Jackson	730
Round Lake	Lenawee	515
Sand Lake	Lenawee	440
Vineyard Lake	Jackson	505
Wamplers Lake	Lenawee	780

Fishing in the Brooklyn-Irish Hills Area



Over 20,000 fishing licenses sold

- Boat launches and public access (13 total)
 - Clark Lake
 - Allen Lake
 - Sand Lake
 - Vineyard Lake
 - Wamplers Lake
- Private lakes
 - Lake Columbia
 - Loch Erin
- Annual fishing events
 - Summer and Winter tournaments



Hunting in the Brooklyn-Irish Hills Area



- **Over 30,000 Deer Licenses Sold in the Area**
- Purchase hunting/ fishing licenses at 20 locations in Brooklyn/Jackson
- Over 50,400 deer within the county
- One of the largest and healthiest deer herds in Michigan
- Michigan has 3rd largest number of hunters in the U.S.
- Sportsmens Club



Golfing in the Brooklyn-Irish Hills Area



7 Golf courses in the Irish Hills, 22 in Jackson County

- Hills' Heart of the Lakes - 18 holes
- Clarklake Golf Course - 27 holes
- Devils Lake Golf Course – 18 holes
- Greenbriar Golf Club - 18 holes
- Irish Hills Golf Club – 9 holes
- Silver Lake Par 3 Golf Course - 9 holes
- The Grande Golf Club – 18 holes



Jackson County was Ranked Number 4 in Golf Digest for the number, quality and affordability of golf courses in 2004. The county has more holes per capita than any other county in the U.S.



Camping in the Brooklyn-Irish Hills Area



Multiple Campgrounds and Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parks

- Camp O' The Hills – Girl Scouts
- Graves Farm Campground - MIS
- Greenbriar RV Park and Golf
- Hayes State park
- Indian Creek Camp
- Irish Hills Kampground
- JaDo Campground
- Juniper Hills
- Lenawee County Fairgrounds
- MIS Campground
- Paradise Campground
- Sauk Valley Resort
- Somerset Beach
- TED Ranch Campground



Trails



Centuries in the making, the **US-12 Heritage Trail** is a road connecting man, animals, commerce, culture, and nature. Bridging southern Michigan's east and west shores, the US-12 Heritage Trail is an unconventional destination that encourages the traveler to journey its winding roads, meet its people, explore its places, and uncover its hidden treasures.

Hiking	City
Hidden Lake Gardens	Tipton
Camp Sequoia	Adrian
Lake Hudson Recreation Area	Adrian
Chi-Bro	Manchester
Nan Weston Preserve at Sharon Hollow	Manchester
Sharon Hills Preserve	Manchester
Sharon Hills Park	Manchester
Sharonville State Game Area	Manchester
Falling Waters Trail	Jackson
The Dahlem Conservancy	Jackson
North Country National Scenic Trail	Waldron

A Few of the Biking Trails...



Trail	Location	Length	Additional Information
Ella Sharp	Jackson	11 miles	
Falling Water Trail	Jackson to Concord	10.5 miles	Crosses Lime Lake
Heritage Park	Adrian	8 miles	Mountain Biking
Sharon Mills	Manchester	3.8 miles	Along banks of Raisin River
Clark Lake Spirit Trail	Clarklake	4.7 miles	Around Clarklake

State Parks in the Area



Department of
Natural Resources



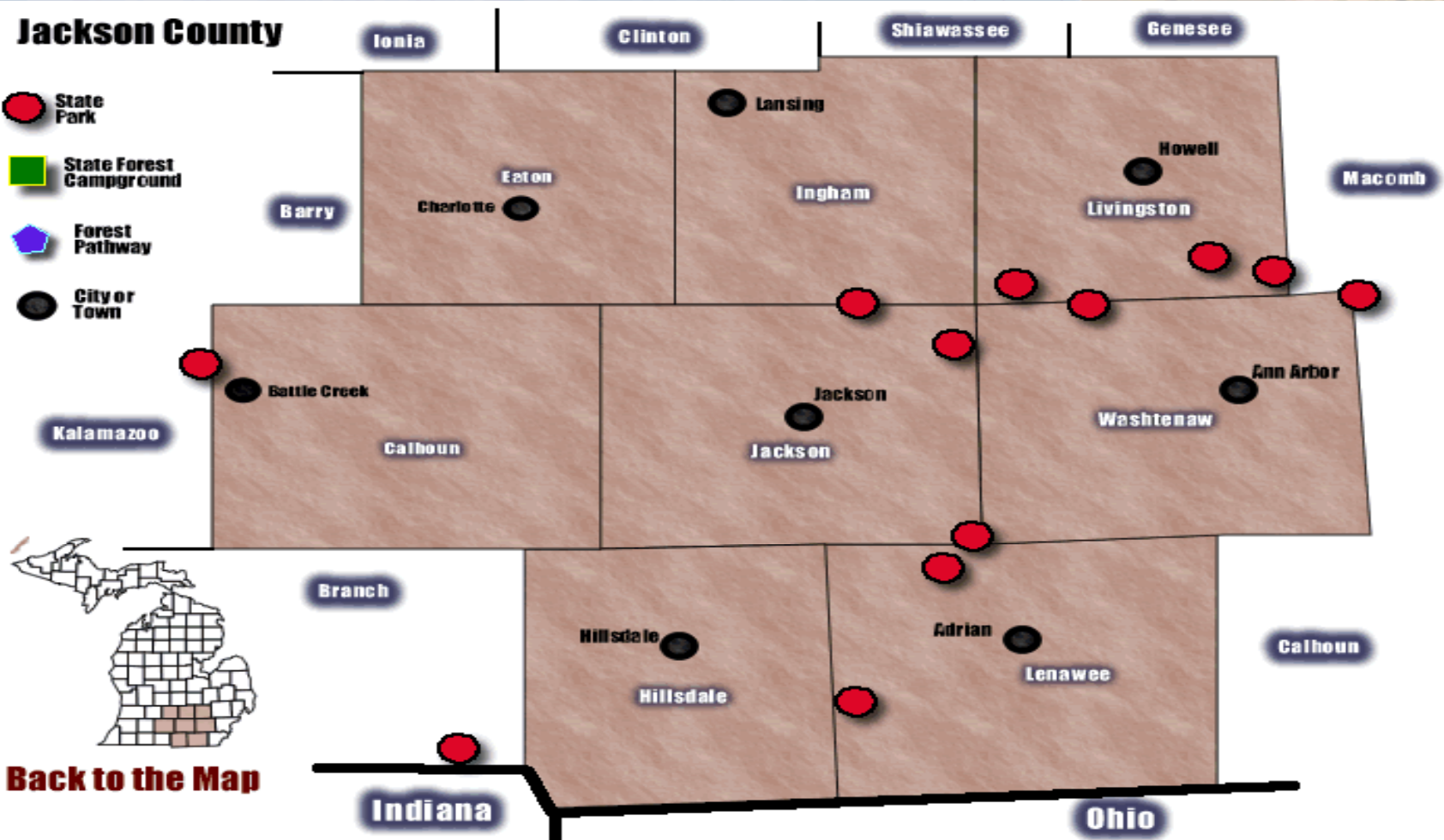
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An Official State of Michigan Web Site



Jackson County

- State Park
- State Forest Campground
- Forest Pathway
- City or Town



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Local Parks



Bicentennial Park:

- Located in Lenawee County
- Sports fields, hiking trails and picnic area

McCourtie Park:

- Located in Somerset Center

Sparks Foundation County Park:

- Home to Cascade Falls
- 457-acre park with basketball and tennis courts, fishing pier, picnic shelter, trails

Vineyard Lake County Park:

- An 8.5 acre park with a playground area, portable toilets, a boat launch, and swimming area.

Waterloo State Park:

- 655,000 visitors a year
- 30,419 acres with 4 campgrounds, 11 fishing lakes, 47 miles of hiking trails, beaches and picnic areas
- The Gerald Eddy Discovery Center



McCourtie Park



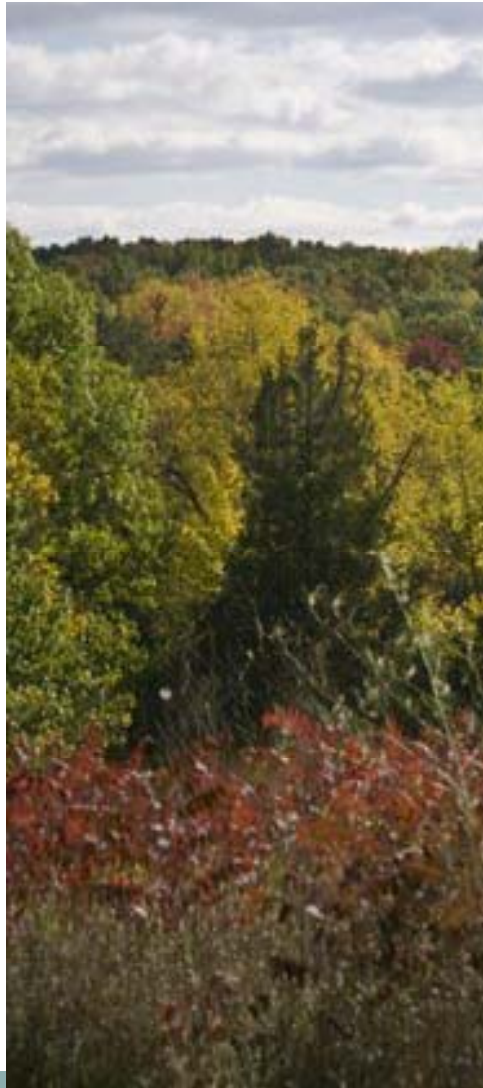
Waterloo State Park



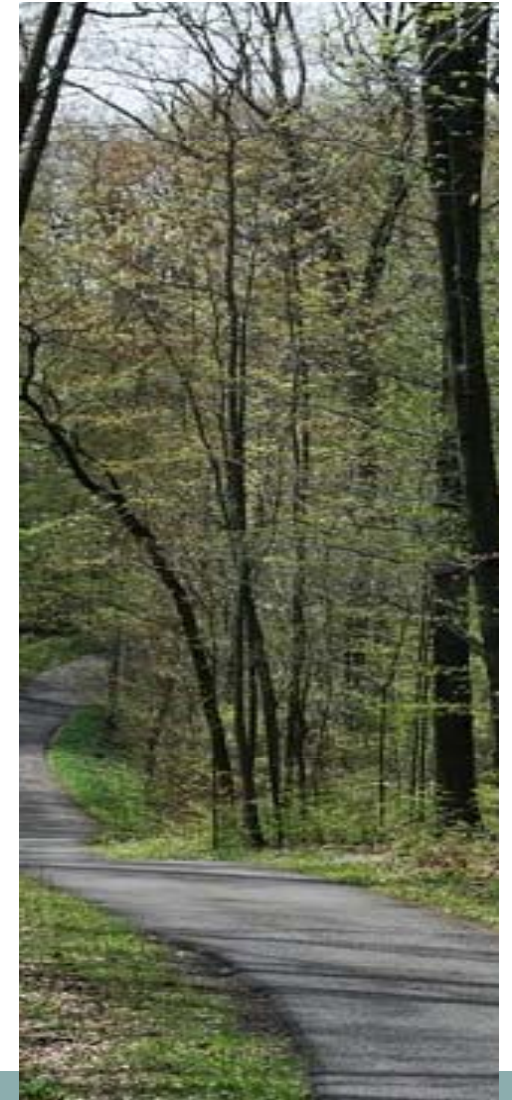
Cascade Falls

For more parks, visit IrishHillsRecreation.com

Hayes State Park



Beach Houses
Concession/Store
Campgrounds
Boating and Fishing
Boat Launch and Rentals
Swimming
Playground
Picnic Area
Shooting/Archery Range
Visitor Centers
Watchable Wildlife



Hidden Lake Gardens



- **Hidden Lake Gardens**, is a botanical garden and an arboretum operated by Michigan State University situated in the Irish Hills. The 775 acres and five miles of hiking trails are visited by nearly 45,000 people annually.
- The Gardens are known for their large collection of native and nonnative trees, shrubs and flowers.
- Home of the largest Bonsai collection in the Midwest
- Benedict Hosta collection, also known as Hosta Hillside
- The Harper Collection of Dwarf and Rare conifers

Bonsai
Collection



Natural Beauty Roads in the Irish Hills



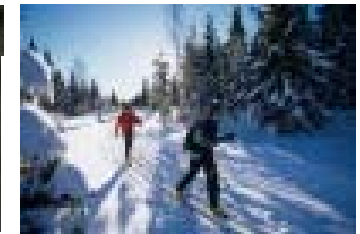
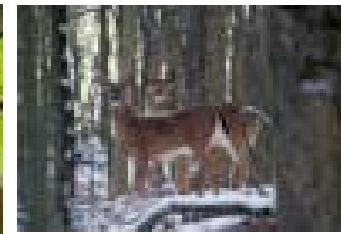
	Road Name	Location	Length
1	Grassy Lake Rd.	Marr Hwy to Prospect Hill Hwy	1.35 miles
2	Comfort Rd.	Raisin Center Hwy to Rogers Hwy	.98 miles
3	Taylor Rd.	Carson Hwy to Wisner Hwy	1.07 miles
4	Killarney Hwy	M-50 to US 12	1.8 miles
5	Marsh Rd.	Sand Lake to Springville Hwy	1.05 miles
6	Prospect Hill Hwy	Grassy Lake Rd. to Marr Hwy	1.52 miles

For more information please visit Irishhillsrecreation.com

Other Recreational Activities



- Archery
- Backpacking
- Bird Watching
- Boating/Sailing
- Ice Skating
- Mushroom Hunting
- Cross Country Skiing
- Photography
- Snowmobiling
- Snowshoeing
- Waterskiing



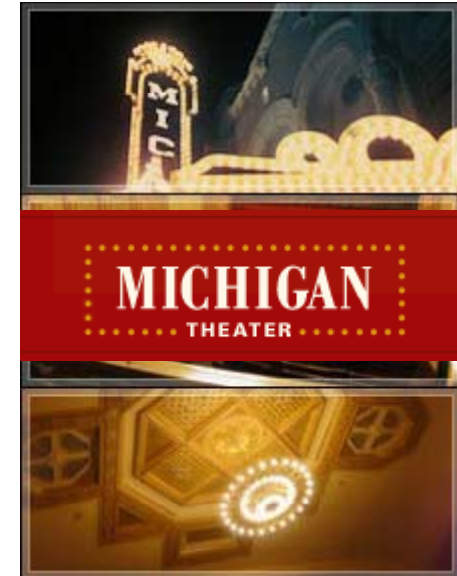
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Arts and Culture Near Brooklyn-Irish Hills



Hurst Planetarium

Arts & Cultural Alliance of Jackson County
Croswell Theatre
Dahlem Environmental Center
Ella Sharp Museum of Art & History
Hurst Planetarium
Jackson Community College Potter Center
Jackson Symphony Orchestra
Jan's Dance Connection
Michigan Theatre
Monroe Street Theatre
Purple Rose Theatre
Tecumseh Center for the Arts



“The concept of a community implies more than simply a place to live, work, engage in commerce, and play. **Communities are** places of social interaction, where people meet face to face. Communities provide the structure necessary for cultural growth and development.”



Michigan International Speedway



Nestled in the lush Irish Hills of Southeastern Michigan, Michigan International Speedway is the Great Escape, a venerable NASCAR national park where fans can get away and enjoy the very best in racing and camaraderie. It's the love of racing and the thrill of a great time for race fans and drivers alike.



www.MISPEEDWAY.com
Ticket Hotline 800.354.1010

- **NASCAR event weekends in June and August**
 - **NASCAR Sprint Cup, Nationwide, and Camping World Truck Series**
 - **ARCA Racing Series**
 - **Children 12 and under free**
 - **Junior pricing for 17 and under**
- **Driving schools**
- **Facility Rentals for special events**
- **Seasonal Camping – Graves Farm Campground off of US Highway 12**
- **Special Events**
- **Spirit of America Blood Drive on 9/11**

Local Harvest

Real food, Real farmers, Real Community



Frog Holler Farm

Frog Holler Farm has been selling organic produce at the Ann Arbor Farmer's Market since 1972. They are certified organic through the National Organic Program (USDA). The season starts with a large selection of vegetable and herb seedlings, followed by greens in May. A wide selection of vegetables, some fruits, and our specialty salad mix are available through October.



Cherry Creek Winery

Cherry Creek Winery is open for wine tasting. Locally produced wines and other Michigan made items are available. Stop in and visit the refurbished old one-room schoolhouse.



Havilah Farm

Land of Havilah Farm is located on 20 acres of lush rolling pastures and woods in the scenic Irish Hills. The farm is home to the Miller family. They raise Registered Purebred and Grade (50% American) Nubian Dairy goats. Goat kids and the occasional milker are available for sale each spring.

Meckley's Flavor Fruit Farm

For decades, families have enjoyed a Michigan Autumn at Meckley's Flavor Fruit Farm - The Apple Barn, Cider Mill, Hayrides, 9-acre corn Maize, Pumpkin Patch, Bakery & Gift Shop. Start a memorable tradition with your family! They host their famous Fall Festival, field trips, school tours, private parties, weddings, banquets and company picnics.



Walker Tavern Farmers Market

The Walker Farmers Market is open Sundays, Memorial Day through September from 10-2. More info next page or on michigan.gov/walkertavern

Cambridge Junction / Walker Tavern



From 1836 to 1855, when a stagecoach ride from Detroit to Chicago was a long and arduous five-day trip, a favorite stopping place to relax and enjoy a meal was Walker's farmhouse and tavern.

- The Walker Tavern contains exhibits reflecting an 1840's stage stop
- Open Memorial Day through Labor Day
- Federal-style white clapboard home
- New England-style farm
- A reconstructed barn has a blacksmith shop and frontier map display
- Exhibits, audio visuals and walking tours of the grounds
- Admission is FREE
- Michigan.gov/walkertavern



Sites on the National Register of Historic Places



Brick Walker Tavern – was built in 1853. Originally served as a hotel and community center serving both travelers and the local population.

Davenport Hotel – Stagecoach stop, inn and community meeting location in the 1800's

Irish Hills Towers – Built in the 1920's, the towers offered a panorama of the surrounding countryside and lakes

St. Joseph Shrine – Built in the 1800's, the St. Joseph Shrine contains some excellent examples of 20th century American artwork

St. Michael and All Angels Church – Reverend Samuel McCoskry, the 1st Episcopal Bishop in Michigan, laid the cornerstone of this Gothic Revival church, which was dedicated on October 31, 1858

Family Fun



Irish Hills Fun Center:

- Go-carts and game arcade

Port to Port:

- 19-hole miniature golf
- Major league batting cages
- Bank shot basketball
- Family Game room

Mystery Hill:

- Miniature golf
- Mystery Spot where gravity is defied and water runs uphill



A Few of the Local Events...

Month	Event
May	Memorial Day Parade
June	Civil War Days at Walker Tavern
	NASCAR race weekend
	Race Fest - Brooklyn
July	Great American Crab Race – Clarklake
	Annual Hot Air Jubilee – Jackson
	Onsted Festival & Rodeo
	Lenawee County Fair
August	Shakespeare Festival - Jackson
	Dog Days - Brooklyn
	Jackson County Fair
September	Irish Festival
	Pumpkin Quest – Brooklyn
October	Mystery Hill of Terrors
	Annual Tree Lighting and Parade - Brooklyn
November	



A Few of our local Restaurants

Restaurant	
CoCoNuts	Flavor of the Florida Keys in Michigan
Randy's Roadside BBQ	Serves beef, chicken and pork with a variety of country side dishes
Irish Hills Dairy Bar & Deli	Serves sandwiches, fries, and every flavor of ice cream
Jerry's Pub & Restaurant	Overlooks Wamplers Lake with a tiki bar outside in the summer months
Harold's Restaurant	Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner
Artesian Wells	Roadhouse atmosphere is reflected in their décor and menu
Top of the Hill BBQ	Offers baked oatmeal for breakfast - Pulled pork for lunch and dinner



The Delta of Higher Education

Seven local higher education institutions:

- Adrian College
- Baker College - Jackson
- Jackson Community College
- Lansing Community College
- Siena Heights College - Adrian
- Spring Arbor University
- Washtenaw Community College

Three major Universities within 30 minutes:

- Eastern Michigan University
- Michigan State University
- University of Michigan - Ann Arbor



Colleges/Universities



Jackson Community College is a two year college with over 9,600 students (combined locations and online), athletics, student parliament, clubs, and on-campus housing



Siena Heights University, headquartered in Adrian, is a Catholic university founded in the liberal arts tradition. Siena offers associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees.



Adrian College offers coursework relevant to the real world, exceptional study abroad opportunities, and effective career preparation. The college has small, interactive classes, numerous campus organizations, and a history of academic and athletic All-Americans.



Located in Spring Arbor Township, **Spring Arbor University** attracts over 4,000 students and offers a Christ-centered, liberal arts education. SAU has over 60 undergraduate majors and programs, 7 degree completion programs and 7 graduate programs.



Baker College offers a full array of both associate's and bachelor's degree programs with specialty programs in Radiation Therapy, Medical Assisting, Health Information Technology, Surgical Technology, Teacher Preparation, Paralegal, and numerous computer-related programs.

Columbia School District

Curriculum includes:

- Gifted and talented activities, advanced course work in academic areas.
- World languages, Career Center offerings
- Art
- Drumline, musical productions
- Writer's Touch (a collection of prose and poetry written by students K-12), yearbook.
- Field trips, field days, camping experiences, assemblies.
- Student Council/Senate
- Summer band and band camp
- Interstate educational trips (Washington D.C.), educational trips (Mackinaw Island)
- Title 1 Reading and Math assistance, Brooklyn Buddies

Other Local School Districts include:

Onsted Community Schools
Napoleon Community Schools
Addison Community Schools

1. **Columbia Central High School/
Columbia Community Fitness Center**
2. **Brooklyn Elementary/
Columbia Middle School**
3. **Miller Elementary**
4. **Columbia Options High School**



Medical Facilities



- **Allegiance Health**
 - Regional hospital and health system
 - Serves Jackson, Hillsdale, Lenawee, Ingham, Calhoun and Washtenaw Counties
 - Specialty services include Cardiac/Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Pain Management, Diabetes Center, Radiation
 - Support for respite care, home meals, adult immunizations, prescriptions for the underserved
 - Voted Top 100 Hospitals in the Nation
 - Over 3,000 employees
- **Herrick Memorial Hospital**
 - Located in Tecumseh
 - 91 Beds
- **Medplus After Hours Clinic**
 - Located in Brooklyn

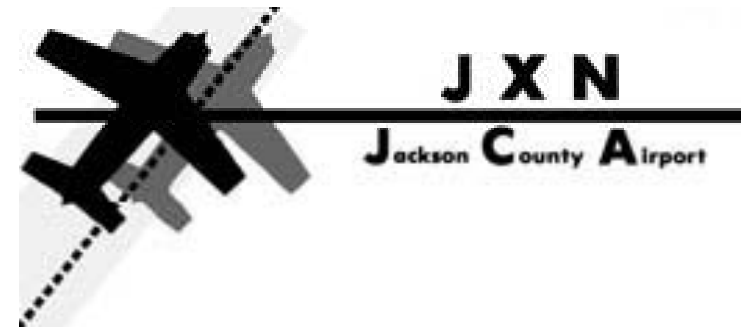


Airports, Heliports and Train Stations



Area Airports and Heliports:

- Shamrock Field Airport
 - Runways: 1
- Michigan International Speedway Heliport
- Jackson County Airport – Reynolds Field
 - 700 Acres
 - Equipped with ILS system
 - Over 100 general aviation aircraft
 - Just south of I-94
 - Single engine planes from business to corporate jet aircraft



Train Station:

- Amtrak Station – Jackson
 - Located on E. Michigan Ave.



Local Airports



Reynolds Field

- Located in Jackson County
- 700-acres
- Equipped with an ILS system
- Home to over 100 general aviation aircraft ranging from single engine planes to business/corporate jet aircraft
- Air Traffic Control Tower coordinates over 50,000 operations annually
- Home to many businesses including the Jackson Community College Flight School



Shamrock Airport

- Located in Brooklyn
- Open to the public
- Parking: hangers and tie downs

Volunteer in the Brooklyn-Irish Hills Area



There are tons of ways to get involved in the area with volunteer opportunities for the causes that mean the most to you - even if you only have an hour (or less) a month to volunteer.

Groups and Organizations

- Brooklyn CCIS Food Pantry
- Columbia School District
- Hidden Lake Gardens
- American Legion Post #315
- Brooklyn-Irish Hills Chamber of Commerce
- Brooklyn Community Chest
- Brooklyn Moose Lodge #2651
- Jackson Public Library
- Oh Theses Irish Hills!
- Irish Hills Eagles #3689
- Brooklyn Kiwanis Club
- Clark Lake Lions Club
- Senior Citizen Programs



Demographics – Irish Hills surrounding areas



	Brooklyn	Jackson Co.	Lenawee Co.
Population, 2008 estimate	1,340	160,180	100,801
Median Resident Age	39.6	36.6	36.4
Female persons, percent, 2008	55%	49.1%	49.8%
Home ownership rate, 2000		76.5%	78.2%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2007	\$130,234	\$135,000	\$150,700
Median household income, 2008	\$34,722	\$46,896	\$50,368



Traffic Data



- **Annual Average Daily Traffic Count**

- **US-12**

○ Moscow Rd. to US-127	9,714
○ US-127 to M-50	5,909
○ M-50 to M-127	5,373
○ M-124 to M-52	7,183

- **M-50**

○ South St. to Napoleon Rd.	12,678
○ Napoleon Rd. to Stoney Lk. St.	10,444
○ Stoney Lk. St. to Riverside Rd.	7,173
○ Riverside Rd. to M-124	10,902