The Cascades (CASCADE FALLS)

Open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day
Wednesday - Sunday, 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.

For more than 30 years this illuminated, man-made waterfall has captivated locals and visitors from around the world as one of Jackson's most spectacular attractions. The Cascades is unlike anything you have ever seen. The colored lights illuminate the entire area as they change color with the music. Climb the 120-step 145-foot-long staircase and sail on thousands of gallons of water flow over the waterfalls every minute. A spectacular view awaits you on the top.

▶ Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day Fireworks displays
▶ Family Fun Night - live music and customized attractions every Wednesday night in the summer, and all day during the Cascades Ribbon Trail. Live, family friendly entertainment is provided by Myers Family Little Loungers.

For admission rates and live entertainment schedules, visit JacksonCountyParks.org, or call 517-768-2901.

Falling Waters Trail

One of Michigan's most popular rail-trail destinations!

Connecting the Village of Concord with the City of Jackson, this trail was built on an abandoned stretch of the Michigan Central Railroad. The 0.5-mile, 12-mile practical track is ideal for walking, running, or biking as it travels through natural springs and bluffs that form the headwaters of four major Michigan rivers. In Concord, the trail crosses over the Kalamazoo River where you can view a great expanse of wetlands filled with abundant wildlife. At the mid-point of the trail, stop, relax, and enjoy the natural beauty of the picturesque Lime Lake. It is a trail you will want to visit time and time again to experience the seasonal changes in scenery.

The Falling Waters Trail is also one of a larger state-wide vision of connecting together wastewater systems in a larger network as it is incorporated in the routes for both the Iron Belle Trail and the Great Lake to Lake Trail. In the coming years, the Falling Waters Trail will connect to Lake Michigan to the west, Detroit's Belle Isle to the east, and the Upper Peninsula's Ironwood to the north.

POINT-TO-POINT DISTANCES
Weatherwax Drive to Byrons Rd. 3.3 MILES
Weatherwax Drive to York Rd. 6.5 MILES
Weatherwax Drive to Concord Trailhead 11.5 MILES
Weatherwax Drive to Grand River Arms Mills 5.5 MILES

BIKECYCLE RENTAL

If you don’t own a bike, don’t feel like hauling yours in, or you want to explore, you can purchase a one-time pass in Jackson County or become an annual member online at JacksonCountyBicyco.com. Jackson County Bicycle is owned and operated by the West Jackson Foundation, and maintenance support is provided by On Two Wheels.

The New American 1 Event Center at the Fairgrounds

Coming Soon - The New American 1 Event Center at the Fairgrounds is a 30,000 square foot indoor venue opening in January of 2020. The event center will be a spectacular, 50,000 square foot indoor venue perfect for entertainment, parties, wedding receptions, and banquets as well as for car shows, art, and extreme shows, birding exhibits, and more. Book your event now by calling the fair office at (517) 768-4465 and be the first to experience Jackson County's newest and best venue.

Jackson County Fair

The Jackson County Fair is one of the largest county fairs in the State of Michigan. With plenty of family-friendly entertainment, large grandstand acts, food and animals showcased, the fair attracts 200,000 visitors over the course of three weeks.

FAIR DATES:

Cascades Manor

Originally built in 1829 as the clubhouse for Cascades Golf Course, today Cascades Manor offers a charming, historic atmosphere for your next special event.

Experienced, professional staff will plan and coordinate your special event complete with site catering and rentals. The extensive grounds and unique bridges create the perfect setting for any occasion. With seating for up to 300 and three private rooms to choose from, Cascades Manor is the first choice for many weddings, corporate events, and special occasions.

For more information about hosting your event at Cascades Manor, visit CascadesHamers.com, or call 517-794-1500.

The Perfect Outdoor Wedding Venues

With the backing of historic water and misting towers, The Cascades is our most popular wedding venue. This historic landmark is sure to provide an unforgettable experience and beautiful photos.

For more information about hosting your wedding or special event at a Jackson County Park, call 517-768-2901.

Family Friendly Picnics & Playgrounds

Jackson County Parks is the best way to spend the day! With picnic areas at each park, you can pack a lunch to enjoy while you play.

For an afternoon in the sun and fresh air, Gillette’s Lake County Park is a top choice. The onsite picnic shelter, playground, and basketball court overlook the beautiful lake. Or visit Minned Lake County Park, where its natural atmosphere,LGasgrounded streets, streams, parks, nursery, and playgrounds are a wonderful way to enjoy the outdoors.

The Perfect Day at the Trailhead

Whether you are looking to explore Mother Nature’s unspoiled beauty on a nature trail, or going for a leisurely ride in the peacefulness of Cascades Golf Course, you’ll have the option to ride the Cascades Trailhead. This trailhead is the perfect starting point to explore the trails of Jackson County.

The Cascades Trailhead is perfect for a long bike ride during the warmer months and cross-country skiing in the more severe cold. For a shorter journey, Sparks Foundation County Park (Cascades Park) has a 1.0-mile loop for the training, relaying, or walking.

Cascades Golf Course

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Escape into Nature

Overseeing 18 County Parks with more than 1,000 acres of shaded and natural areas, beaches, trails, and more, the Jackson County Parks Department offers your chance to get away. Escape into nature at places like The Cascades (often referred to as Cascade Falls), Urban Fishery, Falling Waters Trail, The Cascades splash pad, and campgrounds at Pleasant Lake and Swains Lake.

Family fun is scheduled all summer long at Jackson County’s most spectacular attraction – The Cascades. Enjoy fireworks shows projected over the illuminated waterfall for Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day, along with a weekly summer concert series, and more! Visit JacksonCountyParks.org for the complete schedule and information.