

# William G. Milliken State Park and Harbor

William G. Milliken State Park and Harbor is situated on 31 acres in downtown Detroit. The scenic harbor, dedicated in 2004, includes 52 slips and provides boaters with nearby entertainment opportunities from the theaters, Comerica Park, Ford Field, Chene Park, diverse restaurants, museums and other downtown festivals. A harbor light, which is a replica of the Tawas Point Lighthouse, welcomes boaters into this marina.

Our 97th state park, William G. Milliken State Park and Harbor is Michigan's only urban state park. The park is seen as a portal to not only Michigan's state park system, but also to the vast array of tourism opportunities in the state.

William G. Milliken State Park and Harbor is designed to meet several important DNR goals:

- Create a "Gateway" experience to discover Michigan's State Parks
- Interpret natural resources and Michigan's rich economic history
- Connect Detroit's riverfront parks and adjacent neighborhoods
- Provide recreational opportunities for urban residents and visitors
- Introduce Detroiters to careers in conservation and natural resources

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This state park includes a lowland area where a wetland was created to demonstrate the importance of Michigan's wetlands in storm water filtration. These wetland areas, once common along the Detroit River, have disappeared over years of industrial use. This lowland development also offers information on Great Lakes boating and shipping, and the outstanding river fisheries. While visiting the lowland, visitors can linger in a native plant garden area, off the beaten path, and sit a while to watch the freighters. Visitors also can find a calm, quiet space at the Peter Stroh Memorial reflective pond

The DNR has future plans for the development of the park, and are actively seeking partners to help us grow the park into a showplace that highlights Michigan's natural resources, history and outdoor heritage.

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