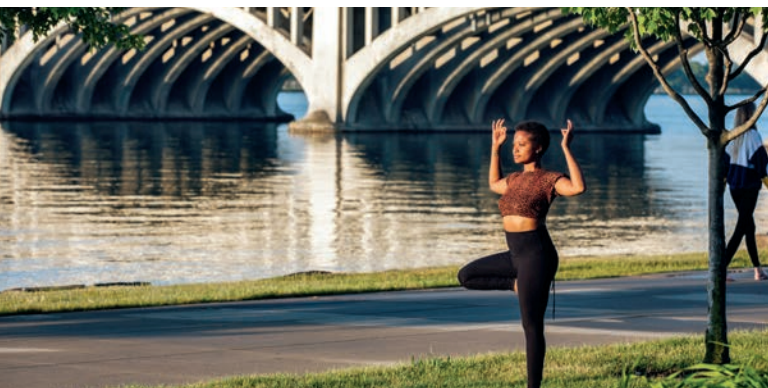


THE DETROIT RIVERFRONT

2022 EVENTS AND PROGRAMMING GUIDE



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Welcome to the Detroit Riverfront!

As one of Detroit's most scenic family-friendly destinations, the Detroit Riverfront has something for everyone. In fact, more than three million people visit the riverfront each year.

We hope this guide will be a useful tool in helping you make the most of your

visit to the riverfront. In it, you'll find a complete list of special events and programs for the 2022 season, as well as a map and descriptions for each of the parks that the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy manages.

Over the last 19 years, the Conservancy has led a tremendous transformation along the Detroit Riverfront. The progress has been significant and we are excited to continue marching toward our ultimate vision of 5.5 miles of revitalized riverfront from bridge to bridge.

The time spent along the riverfront can be as relaxing—or as exhilarating—as you'd like it to be. Explore the Riverwalk. Marvel at public art along the Dequindre Cut. Participate in a fitness program. Rent a bike. Enjoy some live music. Or, immerse yourself in a good book on a secluded bench.

Enjoy your time here, and we hope to see you again soon.

Mark Wallace
President & CEO



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MONDAY

Herbal Walk & Talk

May 2 & 16, June 13,
July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22
6 to 9 p.m.
Cullen Plaza

Mindful Mondays*

June 6 & 20, July 18,
August 1, 15, & 29
7 to 8 p.m.
Valade Park

Volleyball at Valade with Come Play Detroit*

6 to 9:30 p.m.
Valade Park

TUESDAY

Detroit RiverWalkers*

June 7 – August 25
8 to 10 a.m.
Cullen Plaza

WEDNESDAY

Campbell Terrace Performance Series with D. Cipher

June 29 – September 14
6 to 9 p.m.
Dequindre Cut

Tai Chi with Urban Solace*

June 1 – August 24
10 to 11 a.m.
Cullen Plaza

Work from the Park Wednesdays

June 15, July 20, August 17
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Valade Park

Moonlight Yoga*

August 3, 17, 31
8 to 9:30 p.m.
Gabriel Richard Park

THURSDAY

Reading & Rhythm on the Riverfront*

July 7 – August 12
10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
Gabriel Richard Park

Detroit RiverWalkers*

June 7 – August 25
8 to 10 a.m.
Cullen Plaza

Yoga in the Park with Urban Solace*

June 2 – August 25
6 to 7 p.m.
Milliken State Park

Volleyball at Valade with Come Play Detroit*

6 to 9:30 p.m.
Valade Park

Pewabic on the Plaza

June 16, July 21, August 18
4 to 6 p.m.
Cullen Plaza

FRIDAY

Reading & Rhythm on the Riverfront*

July 7 – August 12
10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
Gabriel Richard Park

First Fridays at the Freight

June 3, July 1, August 5
6 to 9 p.m.
Dequindre Cut Freight Yard

Yoga in the Park with Urban Solace*

June 3 – August 26
10 to 11 a.m.
Milliken State Park

SATURDAY

Intro to the Detroit Riverfront Walking Tours

May 7, June 4, July 2,
August 6, September 3
2 p.m.
Cullen Plaza

SUNDAY

Pack Walk with Canine to Five

Every Third Sunday
10:30 a.m.
Valade Park

Summer Sundays at the Freight Yard

June 19, July 17, August 21
12 to 4 p.m.
Dequindre Cut Freight Yard

*All dates and times are
subject to change. For a full
listing of events, dates, times and
other information, please visit
detroitriverfront.org/things-to-do*



SPECIAL EVENTS • 2022

STURGEON DAY

May 14, 10 AM to 2 PM

Milliken State Park Harbor

DEQUINDRE CUT WALKING TOUR WITH CITY INSTITUTE*

May 21, July 17, September 18, 1 to 3 PM

Dequindre Cut

RIVERFRONT RUN*

June 11, 10K begins at 8:40 AM, 5K begins at 9 AM

Cullen Plaza

KIDS FISHING FEST*

June 12, Noon to 4 PM

Milliken State Park & Harbor

JUNETEENTH ON THE CUT WITH D. CIPHER

June 19, 1 to 5 PM

Dequindre Cut Freight Yard

TASTE THE RIVERFRONT WALKING TOUR WITH CITY INSTITUTE*

June 19 and August 21, 1 to 3 PM

Valade Park

SHIMMER ON THE RIVER

June 23

Detroit Riverfront

CAMPING ON THE CUT*

July 23

Dequindre Cut

STROLLER ROLL

August 20, 9 to 11 AM

Valade Park

SOIRÉE ON THE GREENWAY

September 30

Dequindre Cut

DETROIT HARVESTFEST AND FOOD TRUCK RALLY

October 1 and 2

Dequindre Cut

DEQUINDRE CUT FALL CLEAN UP

October 22, 10 AM to 2 PM

Dequindre Cut

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

October 29

Valade Park



MENTAL HEALTH ON THE RIVERFRONT

The Detroit Riverfront Conservancy recognizes that mental health is just as important as physical health. This year we have created a series of programs to help support mental health and mindfulness. These programs provide an opportunity for riverfront visitors to escape the hustle & bustle and have a moment to pause, reflect and enjoy being in the present moment.

MINDFUL MONDAYS AT VALADE PARK

June 6 & 20, July 18, August 1, 15, 29, 7 to 8 PM

May is Mental Health Awareness Month! All month, look for the Mindful Moment stickers throughout the riverfront for ways to add a moment of mindfulness to your day. Join us for special Mental Health Awareness Month programming:

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY

May 7, 11 AM at Gabriel Richard Park

RISE TOGETHER

May 12, 5:30 AM at Valade Park

WE ARE NATURE: GUIDED BREATH EXPLORATION FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

May 15, 2 to 3 PM at Gabriel Richard Park

MOTOR CITY SINGERS' SPACE UNPLUGGED: BOA ME BEGINS

May 21, 1:30 to 3:30 PM at Dequindre Cut Freight Yard



VOLUNTEER WITH THE DETROIT RIVERFRONT CONSERVANCY

Become the "face of the riverfront" by volunteering with the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy! We rely on our dedicated corps of volunteers to help keep our parks and programs welcoming for guests. With so much happening on the riverfront, there's bound to be an opportunity for everyone! Apply to volunteer today:

detroitriverfront.org/volunteers

* Registration required at detroitriverfront.org/things-to-do

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Opening in 2024
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1 Hart Plaza



3 GM Plaza
300 Atwater Street



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6 Milliken State Park & Harbor and the Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC)
1900 Atwater Street (State Park)
1801 Atwater Street (OAC)



7 Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre
2600 Atwater Street

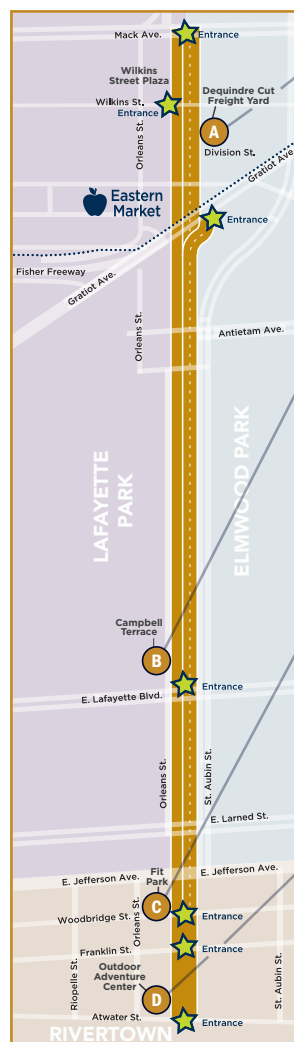
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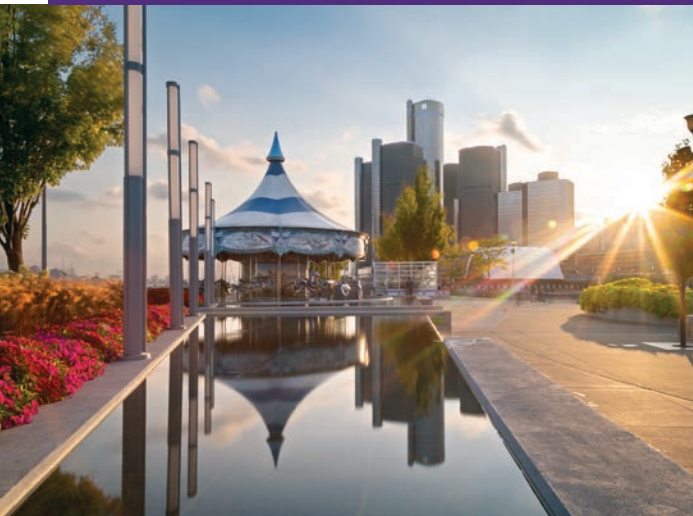
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CULLEN PLAZA



1340 Atwater Street

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.

AMENITIES

- Free parking in paved lot
- Plaza and partially covered pavilion
- Wheelhouse Detroit Bicycle Shop
- Diamond Jack Boat Tours
- Glass map of St. Lawrence Seaway
- In-laid granite map of riverfront
- Bank of America Playscape
- Cullen Family Carousel
- Bike repair station
- Reflecting fountains
- Riverfront Café and Tiki Bar
- Restrooms and drinking fountains
- Security office 24/7



ROBERT C. VALADE PARK



2670 Atwater Street

Robert. C. Valade Park is the newest park along the Detroit Riverfront. In late 2019, the park made its debut as a family-friendly destination that features a sandy beach, colorful playscapes, delicious food options, a barbecue pavilion, Detroit's only floating bar and more.



AMENITIES

- Free parking
- Indoor/Outdoor seating
- Large, sandy beach and lush lawn
- Children's playscapes
- Sand volleyball
- Musical sensory garden
- Bob's Barge
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 4-9PM, Saturday: 12-9PM, Sunday 12-7PM
- Smokey G's BBQ and Geisha Girls Sushi
Wednesday-Sunday: 11AM-8PM
- Community barbecue pavilion
- Restrooms and drinking fountains

MT. ELLIOTT PARK



110 Mt. Elliott Street

On a hot and sunny summer day, there's no finer place for free, family-friendly fun along the Detroit Riverfront than at **Mt. Elliott Park**. Among the park's attractions, the Gilbert Family Schooner is a universally accessible shipwreck-themed splash pad that is open Memorial Day to Labor Day.

AMENITIES

- Free parking
- Plaza and partially covered pavilion with seating
- Gilbert Family Schooner
- Fishing outlooks
- Bike repair station
- MoGo station
- Grassy picnic areas
- Restrooms and drinking fountains
- On-site security office

GABRIEL RICHARD PARK



7130 E. Jefferson Avenue

Perhaps the most tranquil of the parks located along the Detroit Riverfront, **Gabriel Richard Park** offers breathtaking views of Belle Isle and the MacArthur Bridge. Visitors to this lush park enjoy strolling through the colorful butterfly gardens or taking a contemplative walk through the paved labyrinth.

AMENITIES

- Free parking in paved parking lot
- Plaza and partially covered pavilion with seating
- David K. Page Butterfly Gardens
- Birding scopes
- Bike repair station
- Winding paved labyrinth
- Fishing outlooks
- Gabriel Richard Fountain
- Restrooms and drinking fountains
- Community grills and picnic tables



DEQUINDRE CUT



Between Atwater Street at the Riverfront and Mack Avenue in Eastern Market.

Formerly a Grand Trunk Railroad line, the two-mile-long **Dequindre Cut** is a predominately below-street level greenway that runs parallel to St. Aubin Street between Mack Avenue and Atwater Street, just north of the riverfront.

AMENITIES

- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Fit Park (Woodbridge entrance)
- Commissioned murals by local artists
- David Campbell Memorial Terrace (Lafayette entrance)
- Dequindre Cut Freight Yard Beer & Wine Garden (Wilkins entrance)
- MoGo station
- Bike repair station

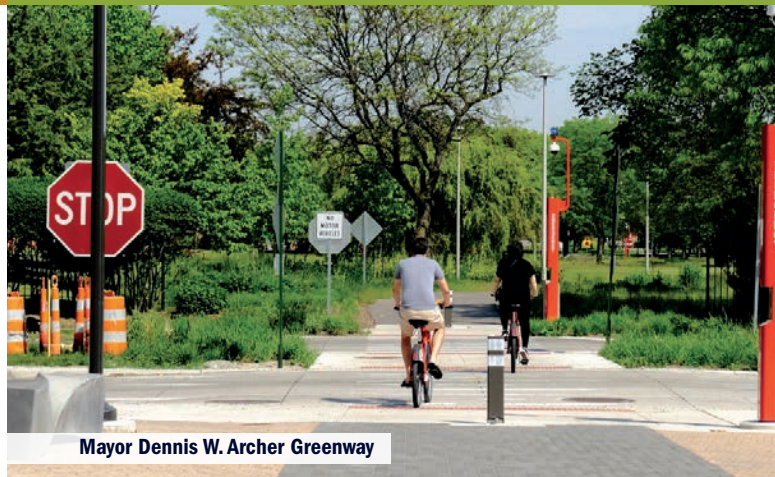


Located between Division and Wilkins streets, the **Freight Yard** is a unique gathering space comprising nine repurposed shipping containers. Each Friday-Sunday through September 26, the Freight Yard features a wine and beer garden, food trucks and entertainment.

Friday 4-9PM, Saturday 12-9PM, Sunday 12-7PM



MAYOR DENNIS W. ARCHER GREENWAY



Mayor Dennis W. Archer Greenway

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 greenway runs from Vernor to Jefferson and features a pedestrian plaza, benches, outdoor power stations and playscapes.

RALPH C. WILSON, JR. CENTENNIAL PARK

1801 W. Jefferson

West Riverfront Park will close to the public in May as the park prepares for its transformation into **Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park**, which will open in 2024.

Rendering of Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park





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PARK HOURS & INFORMATION

6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily

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ABOUT THE CONSERVANCY

As the permanent stewards of the Riverwalk and the Dequindre Cut, the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy is responsible for raising the funds needed for the construction, operation, maintenance, security and programming of the public spaces located along the riverfront. The ultimate vision of the nonprofit Conservancy is to transform and revitalize 5.5 miles of riverfront from the Ambassador Bridge to Gabriel Richard Park, just east of the MacArthur Bridge to Belle Isle.

HOW TO SUPPORT THE CONSERVANCY

The work of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy is made possible through the support of people like you who use and love our parks and greenways, and want to help us continue our work. By making a tax-deductible gift to the Conservancy, you are not only playing a role in Detroit's revitalization, but also protecting our riverfront for future generations to enjoy.

Interested in volunteering your time? The Conservancy has numerous volunteer opportunities available.

Visit detroitriverfront.org/ways-to-help

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