

THE DETROIT RIVERFRONT

2023 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 2023 season, as well as a map and descriptions for each of the parks that the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy manages.

Over the last two decades, the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy has led a tremendous transformation along the Detroit Riverfront. As we celebrate our 20th anniversary, we're proud of the significant progress we've made so far and 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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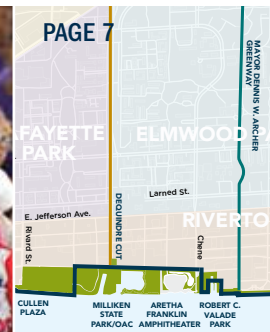
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MAYOR DENNIS W. ARCHER GREENWAY/SOUTHWEST GREENWAY/RALPH C. WILSON, JR. CENTENNIAL PARK

MONDAY

Herbal Walk & Talk

May 8 & 22, June 12,
July 10 & 24, August 7 & 21,
September 11
6 to 8 p.m.
Cullen Plaza

Mindful Mondays*

July 10 - August 28
7 to 8 p.m.
Gabriel Richard Park

**Volleyball at Valade with
Come Play Detroit***

6 to 9:30 p.m.
Valade Park

TUESDAY

Detroit RiverWalkers*

June 13 - August 22
8 to 10 a.m.
Cullen Plaza

Motown Roller Club Meet Up

May 2, June 6, July 11,
August 1, September 5
Learn to Skate 6 to 7 p.m.
Group Ride 7 to 9 p.m.
Valade Park

**Detroit Volleyball Club
Summer League***

June 6 - August 15
6 to 9 p.m.
Valade Park

**Barre by the Beach with
Detroit Barre***

June 20, July 18, August 15
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Valade Park

**Free Diamond Jack
Boat Tours***

June 13, July 11, August 8
6 to 7:30 p.m.
Cullen Plaza

WEDNESDAY

**Black Bottom Live Music
Series presented by
D.Cipher**

June 28 - September 13
6 to 9 p.m.
Campbell Terrace, Dequindre Cut

Tai Chi with Urban Solace*

June 7 - September 27
10 to 11 a.m.
Milliken State Park

Work from the Park

May 31, June 28, July 26,
August 30, September 27
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Valade Park

**Detroit DanceAbility
Drop-In Workshop**

May 10, June 14, July 12,
August 9, September 13
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Cullen Plaza

Moonlight Yoga*

August 2, 16, and 30
8 to 9:30 p.m.
Gabriel Richard Park

THURSDAY

**Reading & Rhythm
on the Riverfront***

July 6 - August 10
10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
Gabriel Richard Park

Detroit RiverWalkers*

June 15 - August 24
8 to 10 a.m.
Cullen Plaza

**Yoga in the Park with
Urban Solace***

June 8 - September 28
6 to 7 p.m.
Milliken State Park

**Volleyball at Valade with
Come Play Detroit***

6 to 9:30 p.m.
Valade Park

**We Run 313 5k/10k
Group Run**

6:30 p.m.
Valade Park

FRIDAY

**Reading & Rhythm
on the Riverfront***

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

**Yoga in the Park with
Urban Solace***

June 9 - September 29
10 to 11 a.m.
Milliken State Park

SATURDAY

**Intro to the Detroit
Riverfront Walking Tours**

First and Third Saturdays
May - September
2 p.m.
Cullen Plaza

SUNDAY

**Pack Walk with
Canine to Five**

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

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



* Pre-registration required. Register at detroitriverfront.org/things-to-do



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SPECIAL EVENTS • 2023

DEQUINDRE CUT SPRING CLEANUP

April 22
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dequindre Cut

RAIN BARRELS ON THE RIVERFRONT*

April 29
10 a.m. to Noon
Gabriel Richard Park

STURGEON DAY

May 6
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Milliken State Park & Harbor

DEQUINDRE CUT FREIGHT YARD OPENING NIGHT

May 19
6 to 9 p.m.
Dequindre Cut Freight Yard

DETROIT RIVERFRONT RUN*

June 10
8 a.m. to Noon
Cullen Plaza

KIDS FISHING FEST*

June 11
Noon to 4 p.m.
Milliken State Park & Harbor

JUNETEENTH ON THE CUT WITH D.CIPHER

June 19
2 to 6 p.m.
Campbell Terrace, Dequindre Cut

SHIMMER ON THE RIVER

June 22
5 to 9 p.m.
Valade Park

MOTOWN ROLLER CLUB DEQUINDRE CUT RIDE

July 28
6 to 9 p.m.
Dequindre Cut Freight Yard

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE PARK WITH HURON-CLINTON METRO PARKS

August 3
6 to 9 p.m.
Gabriel Richard Park

DRINKING WITH DOGS

August 22
6 to 9 p.m.
Dequindre Cut Freight Yard

IF THE RIVER COULD SING WITH INSIDEOUT LITERARY ARTS

September 14
6 to 8:30 p.m.
Valade Park

EASTERN MARKET AFTER DARK

September 21
6 to 11 p.m.
Dequindre Cut Freight Yard

SOIRÉE ON THE GREENWAY

October 6
6 to 10 p.m.
Dequindre Cut Freight Yard

DETROIT HARVEST FEST AND FOOD TRUCK RALLY

October 7 - 8
Dequindre Cut Greenway

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

October 28
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Valade Park

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MENTAL HEALTH ON THE RIVERFRONT • 2023



The Detroit Riverfront hosts a range of programming focused on mental health and mindfulness. Learn more below and visit detroitriverfront.org/mentalhealth for a full list of programs.



Add a moment of mindfulness and reflection to your day with Riverfront Reflections from Inner Explorer. **Scan the QR code to explore audio recordings for all ages.**

Riverfrontreflections.org

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

May is Mental Health Awareness Month! Join us for special programming on the riverfront.

STONE MATTERS: SOUND BOWLS 101

May 11, 6:30 p.m.,
Gabriel Richard Park
Explore the benefits of sound awareness.

LABYRINTH WALK

May 20, 1 p.m., Gabriel Richard Park
Experience a guided meditative walk through our labyrinth.

DETROIT FOOD ACADEMY DEQUINDRE CUT TAKEOVER

May 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
A day of food, fitness, and fun for youth and families.

WORKING WELL: MENTAL HEALTH AT WORK

May 31, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Valade Park
Explore mental health resources at Work from the Park.

MINDFUL MONDAYS AT GABRIEL RICHARD PARK July 10 - August 28, 7 to 8 p.m.

Join us weekly for a series of classes that will explore collaborative mindfulness practices to engage both the body and the mind.



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Opening in 2024
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3 Hart Plaza
1 Hart Plaza



4 GM Plaza
300 Atwater Street



5 Cullen Plaza
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7 Milliken State Park & Harbor and the Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC)
1900 Atwater Street (State Park)
1801 Atwater Street (OAC)



8 Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre
2600 Atwater Street

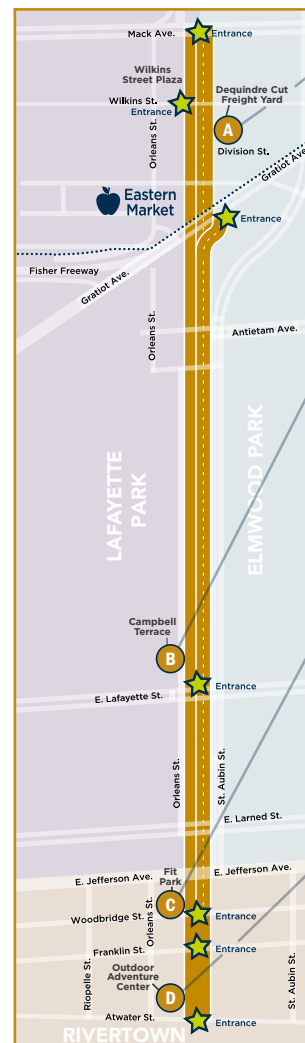
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CULLEN PLAZA



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 (*free!*) Open Daily Noon to 7 p.m. Memorial Day - Labor Day
- Bike repair station
- Reflecting fountains
- Riverfront Café and Tiki Bar
- Restrooms and drinking fountains
- Security office 24/7
- Free public WiFi

RIVERFRONT CAFÉ AND TIKI BAR HOURS

Memorial Day - Labor Day

Riverfront Café:

Mon - Tue 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.,
Wed - Sat 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.,
Sun 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.,

Tiki Bar:

Wed-Fri 4 to 9 p.m.,
Sat 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.,
Sun 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

ROBERT C. VALADE PARK



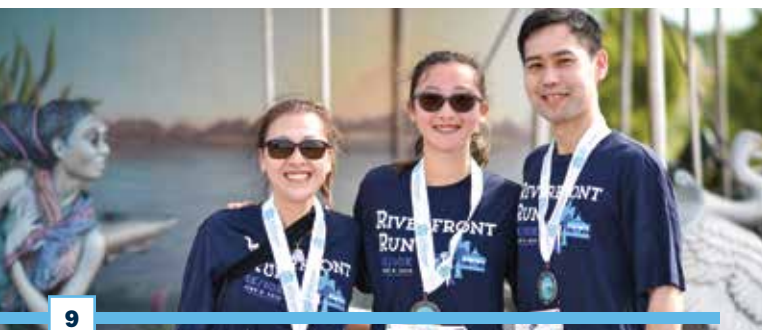
2670 Atwater Street

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
- Free public WiFi
- Community barbecue pavilion
- Restrooms and drinking fountains
- **Bob's Barge and Valade Shed Bar**
Open May - September
Wed - Fri 4 to 9 p.m.,
Sat 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.,
Sun 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Serving beer, wine, and cocktails
- **Café at Valade & Smokey G's BBQ**
Open Wed - Sat 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.,
Sun 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Serving coffee, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and drinks



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 (weather dependent).

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
- Café
Open June - August
Wed - Sun Noon to 7 p.m.

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 nearly 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)
Open mid-May to mid-September
Fri 4 to 10 p.m., Sat 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.,
Sun 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- 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 from mid-May to mid-September, the Freight Yard features a wine and beer garden, food trucks and entertainment.



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.

SOUTHWEST GREENWAY



Southwest Greenway

The **Southwest Greenway** connects Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park with the Michigan Central mobility innovation district. Running along the historic site of May Creek and a former railway corridor, this path connects Corktown, Mexicantown, and communities throughout Southwest Detroit directly to the riverfront.

RALPH C. WILSON, JR. CENTENNIAL PARK

1801 W. Jefferson

West Riverfront Park closed to the public in summer 2022 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/waystohelp

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