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# WINTER IN THE PARKS

Your guide to hundreds of experiences in  
the **Downtown Detroit Parks**

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# EXPLORE DOWNTOWN DETROIT'S PARKS

## YOUR HOLIDAY STARTS HERE!

Downtown Detroit is the holiday season's must-see destination, with spectacular lighting attractions and a variety of festive activities.

Lace up your skates at the region's premier outdoor ice skating rink.

Shop local for artisan-made goods at the Winter Markets at Cadillac Square and new and established shops throughout the Downtown.

Eat, drink and be merry at dozens of establishments across Downtown and in the parks.

Be amazed by the millions of holiday lights.

Create and celebrate traditions with family, friends and our greater community.

The vibrant constellation of award-winning and walkable urban parks in Downtown Detroit is managed, programmed and operated by the Downtown Detroit Partnership (DDP) — a nonprofit organization that creates and preserves world-class public spaces. The work of DDP is made possible by incredible and generous supporters and in cooperation with the City of Detroit and the Downtown Detroit Business Improvement Zone.

### CONTACT US

We're here to help and we welcome and encourage your feedback and questions. Please contact us at **313.566.8250** or write to us here.



# PLAN YOUR VISIT

### PARKS HOURS

Open daily 6 am - 10 pm unless otherwise noted and for special events. Areas of the parks may be closed occasionally for maintenance or private events.

### ACCESSIBLE ACCOMMODATIONS

DDP strives to increase independence, opportunities, community participation, safety and wellness for persons with disabilities in the Downtown, and to ensure inclusion, representation and equity for persons with disabilities as it relates to employment programs, and services.

### FREE AND FUN FOR ALL

Downtown Detroit Parks offer public programming that is free and open to all. Each year, the DDP produces, hosts and co-presents more than 2,000+ events across six parks and public spaces.



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A FULL LINEUP OF  
FREE ACTIVITIES

### TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Convenient and affordable parking options are available steps away from the Downtown Detroit Parks. Public transit is also a great way to navigate the city, including DDOT, SMART, FAST, The People Mover, QLINE, Rideshare and MoGo.

For locations, hours, pricing and to book your space in advance, scan below.

#### TRANSIT INFO:



#### PARKING INFO:



### DOWNTOWN DETROIT BIZ AMBASSADORS

A program of DDP's Business Improvement Zone (BIZ), Ambassadors are easily recognized by their distinctive yellow jackets and are trained to offer hospitality assistance to residents and visitors. Ask them for help or tips on how to make the most of your experience throughout the city and the Downtown Detroit Parks.

Ambassador Hot Line: **313.963.2225**

### LOST AND FOUND

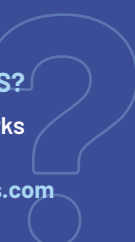
To inquire about lost or found items in the park, visit [DowntownDetroitParks.com](http://DowntownDetroitParks.com)

### DOG FRIENDLY PARKS

Trained and leashed dogs and their responsible owners are welcome in the Downtown Detroit Parks. To exercise and relieve your pet, please use the designated off-leash areas at Capitol Park and Grand Circus Park.

### GENERAL QUESTIONS?

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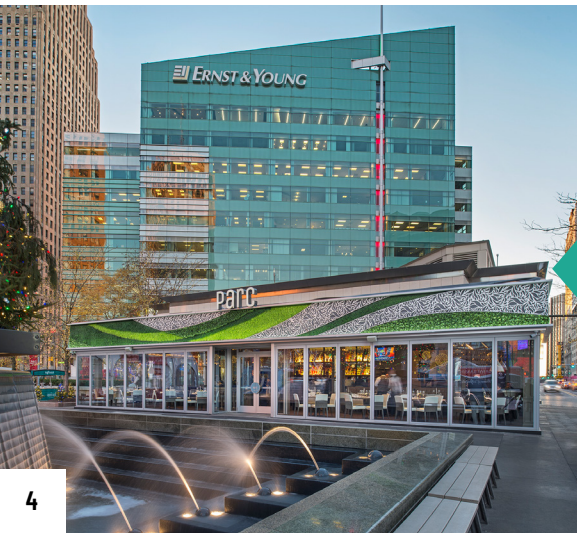






# EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY

Downtown Detroit's delicious dining scene is full of an incredible selection of options. From fast casual to award-winning fine dining experiences to everything in between, there's something for everyone.



## PARC CAMPUS MARTIUS PARK

The rink-side restaurant serving contemporary cuisine with Detroit and Midwest flavors offers a one-of-a-kind dining experience in the heart of Downtown Detroit. From the gentle glow of the Parc dining room, guests can enjoy a front-row view of the Detroit Christmas tree and its thousands of shimmering lights.

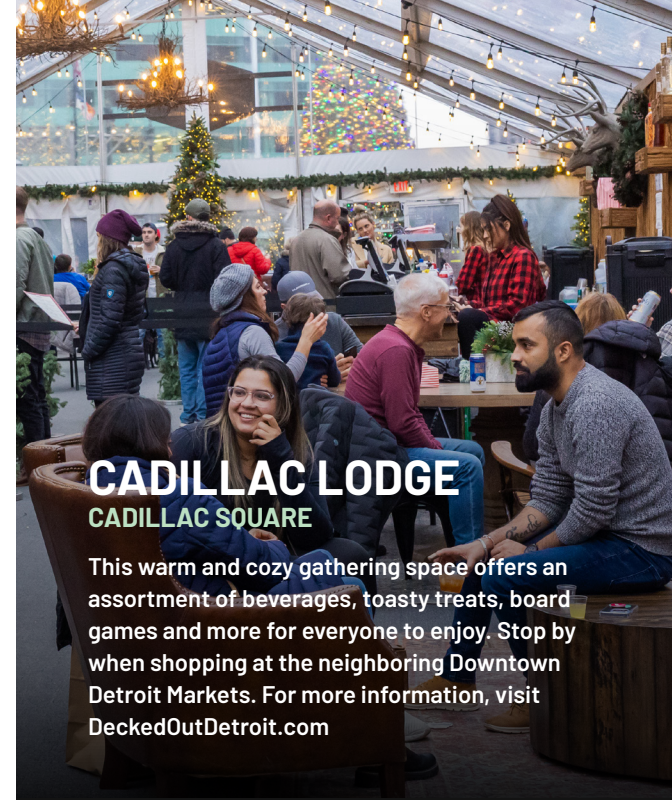
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## LUMEN DETROIT BEACON PARK

Modern cuisine and drinks in a stylish locale. Experience expansive views of Downtown Detroit and Beacon Park with thousands of holiday lights and festive decor from Lumen's contemporary dining room or a heated, private, outdoor chalet on the restaurant's patio.

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## CADILLAC LODGE CADILLAC SQUARE

This warm and cozy gathering space offers an assortment of beverages, toasty treats, board games and more for everyone to enjoy. Stop by when shopping at the neighboring Downtown Detroit Markets. For more information, visit [DeckedOutDetroit.com](http://DeckedOutDetroit.com)



## ARCTIC ZONE CAMPUS MARTIUS PARK

Warm up with a hot chocolate and a snack inside the Arctic Zone after skating around the Rink at Campus Martius Park, presented by Visit Detroit.





The official start to the holiday season kicks off with a star-studded line up and over a million glittering holiday lights.

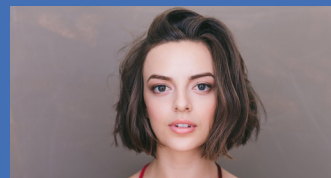
**CAMPUS  
MARTIUS PARK**  
NOVEMBER 17 • 4 PM - 9 PM

**WXYZ CHANNEL 7  
LIVE BROADCAST**  
7 PM - 8 PM



## PAUL RUSSELL

Paul Russell is a social media sensation, whose song "Lil Boo Thang" went viral on TikTok, where it received over 10 million views.



## TALIA SUSKAUER

Talia Suskauer is a New York based actress who most recently appeared as Elphaba in WICKED on Broadway.

## PERFORMANCES BY:

### NATHAN CHEN

Nathan Chen, one of the biggest names in the world of figure skating, will be performing during the 2023 Annual Tree Lighting. Chen is a 2022 Olympic champion and three-time World champion figure skater from the U.S. He currently holds the world record score of 113.97 in an individual event.



### MIKO MARKS

Miko Marks is a talented American country music artist born in Flint, Michigan. Miko was named to the 2022 Class of CMT's Next Women of Country. In 2022, Miko released her widely anticipated album "Feel Like Going Home" and made her Grand Ole Opry debut on the same day.



### FEATURED DETROIT PERFORMERS:

- The Red House Band led by Darell "Red" Campbell Jr.
- Drey Skonie
- Corrin Barnett
- Tasha Page-Lockhart
- Clifton Lockhart
- Isis Damil
- John Paul Wallace
- The Archdiocese of Detroit choir with Rooted conducted by Dr. William S. Harrison, Sr
- A hip hop Nutcracker dance by Detroit's Ballinger Entertainment

### PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL FIGURE SKATERS AND CLUBS:

- Annebelle Wilkins & Brooklyn Wybo
- Arctic Figure Skating Club
- Detroit Skating Club
- Detroit Dream Skates
- Figure Skating Club of Birmingham
- Figure Skating in Detroit
- Fraser Figure Skating Club
- Motown Ice Theater
- New Edge Skating Club
- Suburban Ice Rochester
- Suburban Skating Academy



## ANNA COBB

Anna Cobb is a professional figure skater and choreographer from Flint Michigan. Recently Anna has toured as a principle performer with Disney on Ice.



# THE RINK CAMPUS MARTIUS PARK DETROIT

Situated in the heart of Downtown Detroit on Woodward Avenue, the Rink offers one of the most beautiful skating experiences in the country. With spectacular views of the historic Detroit skyline, the Rink at Campus Martius Park presented by Visit Detroit is like no other. The Rink continues to be at the top of every Detroiter's and family's list for magical winter season memories. Our experienced team will ensure that from the moment you step out onto the ice, your visit will be unforgettable.



## RINK OPENING WEEKEND CELEBRATION

**Saturday • November 18 & Sunday • November 19**

Glide into the spirit of the season with a weekend of frosty skate parties at the Rink at Campus Martius Park presented by Visit Detroit!

### SKATING WITH SANTA PARTY

**Saturday • November 18 • 12 pm - 4 pm**

Kick off the season at our opening Skating with Santa Party, DJ Invisible will be playing your favorite holiday tunes and the big guy himself will be making an appearance. Grab your Santa hat, lace up your skates, and get ready to pen your letter to the North Pole.

### UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER PARTY

**Saturday • November 18 • 6 pm - 10 pm**

Don your favorite Ugly Holiday Sweater and get ready to join us for a night of festive fun under Detroit's Christmas Tree, featuring Joey Namou and DJ Chris Hesano to keep you grooving on the ice.

### FROZEN SKATE

**Sunday • November 19 • 12 pm - 4 pm**

Get ready to let it go at the Rink in Campus Martius Park! Join us for a spectacular afternoon featuring appearances by Elsa and Olaf.

## 2023 - 2024 RINK HOURS

OPEN DAILY INCLUDING HOLIDAYS

### November 18 - December 10

Sun - Thu: 11 am - 10 pm

Friday: 11 am - midnight

Saturday: 10 am - midnight

### December 11 - January 1

Mon - Thu: 11 am - 11 pm

Friday: 11 am - midnight

Saturday: 10 am - midnight

Sunday: 11 am - 10 pm

### Holiday Hours

Christmas Day: noon - 10 pm

New Years Eve: 11 am - 11 pm

### January 2 - March 3

Mon, Wed, Thu: 11 am - 9 pm

Tuesday: 11 am - 6 pm

Friday: 11 am - 11 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 11 pm

Sunday: noon - 8 pm

## ADMISSION

Adult: \$12.00

Child (12 and under): \$9.00

Military / First Responder: \$8.00

Senior (59 and older): \$9.00

SKATE RENTAL: \$6.00

FOR QUESTIONS OR GROUP  
RATES CALL 313.963.9393

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# DETROIT AGLOW

## EXPLORE DOWNTOWN'S INCREDIBLE HOLIDAY LIGHTS

November 17 - January 16

Downtown Detroit's dazzling display of festive lights is a must-see. Totalling more than a million lights, spectacular lighting attractions and décor are all within walking distance of each other and light the way through the streets.



Post your photos on social media with: #DowntownDetroit #DetroitAglow #DowntownDet



## MENORAH IN THE D

Thursday • December 7

Come celebrate the Festival of Lights on Sunday, December 7. The menorah will stand tall in Cadillac Square throughout Hanukkah.

## KWANZAA CELEBRATION AND KINARA LIGHTING

Monday • December 26

For the second year, in partnership with Alkebu-lan Village, Councilman Scott Benson, the City of Detroit, the Downtown Detroit Partnership is excited to host the Motor City Kwanzaa Kinara. The 30-foot-tall monument brings a celebration of African American life, community and culture to Campus Martius Park.

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# WINTER ACTIVITIES

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## CARRIAGE RIDES

Every Friday and Saturday • November 18 - December 30 • 6 pm - 11 pm

Experience the magic of Downtown Detroit from inside an enchanted horse-drawn carriage. Carriage rides take passengers on a journey through the bustling city. With the dramatic backdrop of the city skyline and Detroit's Christmas Tree, these charming tours are a wonderful way to embrace holiday cheer.

New Year's Eve Carriage Rides: December 31 • 6 pm - 11 pm



### PRICING

RIDES PER PERSON \$15  
PRIVATE GROUP \$50

CASH ONLY

## SK8 TO ELIMIN8 CANCER

February 8 • 5 pm - 8:30 pm

The Sk8 to Elim8 Ice Show returns to Campus Martius Park for the 6th consecutive year. This show features world-class and local skaters in an effort to raise funds on behalf of the Scott Hamilton CARES Foundation, which aims to Turn Cancer Upside Down™.



## LEARN TO PLAY CLINICS

Saturdays • January 6 - February 10  
8:30 am - 9:30 am

In collaboration with the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, Detroit Area children will receive free on-ice instruction and a full set of hockey equipment from the Red Wings.



## DOWNTOWN DETROIT MARKETS AT CADILLAC SQUARE

Cadillac Square is the spot to shop this holiday season. Whether you're window shopping or on a spree, you can find locally made, one-of-a-kind gifts from a collection of curated Detroit vendors offering specialty apparel, accessories, jewelry, bath products, home décor, children's toys, pet goods, books, snacks and more in this outdoor marketplace. For more information, visit [DeckedOutDetroit.com](http://DeckedOutDetroit.com)





# **LIGHT UP BEACON PARK**

presented by  
**DTE**  
 Beacon Park Foundation

**Friday • November 17 • 4 pm - 9 pm**

It's an evening to remember! Beacon Park kicks off the holidays with a night of seasonal sights, sounds and flavors. Join us for our "Winter Lighting Spectacular," seasonal cocktails curated by Lumen Detroit, Santa visits, a heated Winter Lodge, food trucks, live music, photo-worthy backgrounds and the lighting of Detroit Children's Tree.

## FEATURING:

- Live performances by Drey Skonie and the Klouds
- Music by DJ Invisible

## PLUS:

- Visits with Santa
- Live reindeer
- Polar Express train rides
- Casali Holiday Dancers
- Tap Dance Detroit
- A hip hop Nutcracker dance by Detroit's Ballinger Entertainment

## **NORTHERN LIGHTS** WINTER LIGHTING SPECTACULAR AT BEACON PARK

**Open Daily • 6 pm - 10 pm**  
**November 17 - January 16**

Visitors of all ages are invited to experience "Northern Lights" at Beacon Park with larger-than-life light features. Take a seat inside our Infinity Snow Globe that stands 15 feet tall, strike your best pose in the walkthrough snowflake and check out our giant polar bears. Beacon Park will sparkle with over 125,000 holiday lights. All lighting designs featured in Beacon Park are 95% recyclable and use eco-friendly LED lights. If you get cold, warm up in the heated Winter Lodge.



MORE INFO AT  
[DTEBEACONPARK.COM](http://DTEBEACONPARK.COM)



## **DETROIT CHILDREN'S TREE**

All Season at Beacon Park

Families from the Metro Detroit area come together each year to create one-of-a-kind ornaments to decorate the Detroit Children's Tree. This must-see Michigan grown tree will be on display until January 16 at Beacon Park.





Developed in 2017 by DTE, Beacon Park is a four season gathering place providing experiences for visitors of all ages and backgrounds. An environmentally conscious space, the park features multiple gardens and is focused on sustainability throughout the year.

📍 1901 Grand River Ave. Detroit, MI

## DESIGN HAUS

Select Weekends in November and December

New this year at Beacon Park is an interactive indoor space designed to engage visitors through art, music, culture and unique winter experiences.

Visit [DTEBeaconPark.com](https://DTEBeaconPark.com) for more details.



## NEW YEAR'S EVE KIDS COUNTDOWN

Sunday • December 31 • 1 pm – 5 pm

The New Year's Eve Kids Countdown offers all the excitement of a traditional New Year's Eve party while allowing you and your little ones to be home and tucked safely into bed long before the clock strikes midnight.



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# SUPPORT THE PARKS



The Downtown Detroit Partnership has advanced Detroit through strategic initiatives programs and placemaking for the benefit of everyone who lives, works and visits the city's urban core. The work of DDP is anchored in the belief that community engagement, citizen leadership and philanthropy are the keys to ensuring that Downtown Detroit remains vibrant, connected and welcoming for generations to come.

DDP Parks and public spaces are 100% privately funded, which means we rely solely on donations and support of generous park users, sponsors and foundations to preserve the iconic and important green spaces.

Please help sustain our work with a tax-deductible donation or recurring monthly gift today by [scanning the QR Code below](#) or **text DETROIT to 41444**. Thank you for your love of the parks and for helping them remain beautiful and welcoming now and in the future.



Scan here to support the parks

# RENTAL INFORMATION

The Downtown Detroit Parks offer world-class venues, each with its own unique amenities and character for a wide array of events, including weddings, fundraisers, touring exhibitions, film and photo shoots, corporate events, product launches and private events. Our experienced rental team also offers event planning and coordinating of logistical and operational services. Contact us for a personalized quote for your event.

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## NEED HELP WITH THE DETAILS?

Downtown Detroit Partnership can help you produce a one-of-a-kind and unforgettable event with our planning services.







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