



# EDUCATION ADVENTURE

MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN

## Your Education Adventure Starts Here

### Day 1

**1½ hours** – Begin your day with a tour of the **USS Silversides Submarine Museum**. The Museum offers an educational program, “Submerge,” that includes a navigation station from a nuclear submarine, helm stations, a scavenger hunt with find and learn displays, interaction with the USS Silversides submarine, and the Coast Guard Cutter, *McLane*. Field trip opportunities with overnight accommodations are available. [www.silversidesmuseum.org](http://www.silversidesmuseum.org)

**2 hours** - The **Annis Water Resources Institute (AWRI)** operates its own research and education vessels, the *D. J. ANGUS* and the *W. G. JACKSON*, and offers the Water Resources Outreach Education Program for schools and community groups. Almost 122,000 students and others have experienced the Great Lakes and adjoining waters through this unique hands-on science program that features cruises on the vessels. [www.gvsu.edu/wri](http://www.gvsu.edu/wri)

Enjoy lunch at one of Muskegon’s wonderful restaurants!

**45 minutes** – After earning three battle stars in WWII European Theatre, the **USS LST 393** was outfitted and painted in camouflage scheme for the Pacific Theatre. She proudly wears that scheme today and is being faithfully restored to her wartime greatness. Come visit and learn first-hand about the USS LST 393. History will come alive for you as you take a fascinating 30 to 45 minute tour of this historic ship. Marvel at the technology and living conditions our WWII sailors endured. [www.lst393.org](http://www.lst393.org)

**30 minutes** - Have you ever seen a large working Corliss Valve Steam Engine in operation or watched a 100-year-old manual printing press? Come learn about Muskegon’s Industries, Heritage Homes and Historic Buildings at the **Muskegon Heritage Museum** in downtown Muskegon’s Heritage Village. Special activities for kids of all ages are available in the logging exhibit, the Corliss Valve Steam Engine area, and in several other locations. [www.muskegonheritage.org](http://www.muskegonheritage.org)

**1½ hours** - The **Lakeshore Museum Center** operates four sites that offer over 25 educational opportunities for visitors and educators. At the main museum site, exhibit topics range from health to cultural history. At the Hackley & Hume Historic Site, tour the homes of Muskegon’s famous lumber barons and learn about the lumber era and the Victorian period. Visit the Scolnik House of the Depression Era, a hands-on museum where visitors learn how families “made do” during this important time in American History. The Fire Barn Museum explores firefighting equipment and photographs from the 19th and 20th Centuries. [www.lakeshoremuseum.org](http://www.lakeshoremuseum.org)

**2 hours** – End your day at **Michigan’s Heritage Park**, Muskegon’s newest attraction. This living history park explores 10,000 years of Michigan history in a natural woodland setting. Discover an Ottawa Village and help a Native American make a birch basket. Meet a settler from the 1840s and help churn butter. Help bake bread in the 1910s farm house and learn about the origins of Michigan’s commercial farming industry. [www.lakeshoremuseum.org](http://www.lakeshoremuseum.org)

### Day 2

**6 – 8 hours** – Enjoy two parks for the price of one. **Michigan’s Adventure** is Michigan’s largest amusement and water park, featuring over 60 rides and attractions including their world-class wooden roller coaster, **Shivering Timbers**. Also located at Michigan’s Adventure is **Thunderhawk**, Michigan’s only suspended looping roller coaster. Michigan’s Adventure offers a Middle School and High School Physics Day program that allows students into the park to apply what they have learned in the classroom in a real world environment. [www.miadventure.com](http://www.miadventure.com)



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