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52 Ned S. Arbury Centennial Park

Located at the intersection of Main St. and Ripley St.

Centennial Park is a tribute to the Dow Chemical Company’s relationship with the Midland community. Upon entering the park, visitors will pass under the “Centennial Passage.” This sculpture, created by Neil Goodman, symbolizes the interwoven history of Dow Chemical and the City of Midland.

Visitors may also view “Midland, the City of Modern Explorers,” a bronze casting done by Corrado Joseph Paducci. Residents will love the quiet beauty of this artistic park.



53 Chippewassee Park

Located west of the confluence of the Tittabawassee and Chippewa Rivers on Ashman St. Access is available by crossing the Tridge.



Chippewassee Park is a 35-acre recreational area that has something for everyone. In the winter months it is a great place for cross-country skiing, sledding and ice fishing on the surrounding Tittabawassee and Chippewa Rivers. During warm weather, the park is quite popular due to the large picnic shelter (available for reservation), picnic tables, grills, play equipment, extensive fitness course, open fields and paved trails. Chippewassee Park is known for its festivals and events held during the summer. Each Thursday night beginning at 7:00 p.m. listeners are treated to the sounds of Tunes by the Tridge. This weekly concert series features bands of various genres playing next to the Farmers’ Market. This park hosts the Riverdays festival and is a favorite location to watch Midland’s fireworks on the fourth of July. Chippewassee is also home to Trilogy Skate Park (see park #82).



54 Currie Municipal Golf Course

Located at 1300 Currie Parkway off Main Street.

Currie Municipal Golf Course provides Midland residents with the only public golf in the city. With three beautiful courses at reasonable prices, Currie offers play for golfers at all skill levels.

The Par 3 is a 9-hole, short course ideal for beginning players. Currie East is a traditional 18-hole course. Currie West is an 18-hole, Jerry Matthews designed course. It was completed in 2002 and is intended for advanced players. Golfers also have the option of using the Currie driving range.

Currie also boasts a beautiful clubhouse, just completed in 2002. It features a full-service pro shop, lounge area and snack bar.

Currie Golf Course is open for play April 1 to October 31, dawn until dusk, seven days a week. For tee time reservations or information about golf leagues or lessons, please call (989) 839-9600.



55 Allen Park 

Located on Allen St. 1/4 mile west of Ashman St.

Allen Park is a 0.4-acre park located in a neighborhood of small yards. For these residents, the park can provide that much needed place to play and relax. Aside from open play fields, Allen Park also has swings available for visitors and a single hoop, paved basketball court.

56 Barstow Woods Park 

Located at the intersection of Saginaw Rd. and St. Andrews Rd.

Barstow Woods is a 24.9-acre natural wooded area. The forest is full of trails that can be used year round. In the winter, the paths are perfect for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. During the warmer months, runners and hikers frequent the trails. This natural area is a great place to watch the spring bloom or fall color change. A shelter is available for reservation (see Smith-Barstow Park, #76 for shelter).


57 Castle Park 

Located on Castle Dr. off W. Sugnet Rd. just west of Jefferson Ave.

While Castle Park comprises only 0.3-acres, the space is thoroughly enjoyed by neighborhood residents. Little more than an extension of backyards, Castle Park is a nice, secluded area for all to enjoy.

Chippewassee

58 Elementary School Park 

Located adjacent to Chippewassee Elementary School on Smith Rd. 

The City of Midland has worked with Chippewassee Elementary School to create a wonderful playground for both school children and Midland residents. The park has the latest in play equipment, which is unique and fun for all ages. The park also has paved basketball courts, three soccer fields (one with nets), two softball fields, huge play fields, and some undeveloped area.



59 Crane Park

Located at the end of Crane Ct. off Eastman Ave. just south of W. St. Andrews Rd.

Crane Park is the perfect park for parents to bring their small children. 0.9-acres in size, this recreational area offers play equipment, including baby swings, a slide, and a sandbox for the kids. Parents can relax in the open fields or read a book at the picnic table. This is a great park for all to enjoy.

60 Currie-Bennett Park

Located at the corner of Helen St. and Noeske St. 1/2 mile east of Eastman Ave.

Currie-Bennett is a versatile park offering an array of activities for Midland families. Approximately one half of the park's 4.5-acres is made up of open fields with a variety of play equipment. The other half comprises a paved basketball court and a softball field. Restrooms are available on site for visitors' convenience.

61 Dartmoor Park

Located at the end of Dartmoor Pl. off Nelson St. 1/4 mile north of Ashman St.

Dartmoor Park is a small, 0.5-acre area tucked away behind neighborhood homes. This modest triangle of space is the perfect place to hide away on a warm afternoon.

62 Devonshire Park

Located centrally between Graham St., Castle Dr., Sinclair St., and Jefferson Ave.

Devonshire Park is a beautiful area full of mature, thriving pine trees. Much of the park is densely covered with these trees, making it an excellent spot to observe wildlife and enjoy nature.

63 Emerson Park

Located at the intersection of Orchard Dr. and Main St.

Emerson is a 50-acre park that has a multitude of amenities that will keep visitors of all ages entertained for hours.

The main feature of Emerson is Currie Stadium. One of three softball fields in the park, this is the site of many competitions during the summer, including the city tournament, the national tournament, and Olympic qualifiers.

Softball is just one of many sports available at Emerson. The park is home to a regulation size hockey rink, complete with nets and night lighting. The rink is flooded in the winter for ice-skating.

Visitors will also find horseshoe pits and shuffleboard courts, which are available on a first come first served basis. A lighted sand volley ball court is available for public use when not occupied for league play.

Emerson is a popular spot for local fishermen. A paved path also runs along the Tittabawassee River, perfect for bikers, runners or inline skaters.

Emerson is one of Midland's most popular parks for picnics. Restrooms and drinking fountains are on site. In addition, three picnic shelters and five picnic areas are available for reservation. Children are sure to enjoy the open play fields and play equipment featured in this park.



64 Garden Park 

Located centrally between Linden Dr. and Arbor Dr. near the intersection of W. Sugnet Rd. and Eastman Ave.

Garden Park is 3.5 acres of wide open space. This is a favorite location for neighborhood residents to fly kites, play sports, and even hit golf balls.

65 Hart Park 

Located on Main St. just south of the Currie Pkwy. Bridge.

Located along the Tittabawassee River, Hart Park is the perfect spot to relax and enjoy the view. It is a 0.4 acre park and features a charming gazebo and park bench. These are both popular resting spots for those traveling down the adjacent Rail Trail.



Also featured in Hart Park is a marker signifying the location as the original home of the Dow Chemical Company.

66 Manor Park 

Located on Manor Dr. 1/4 mile west of Saginaw Rd.

Manor Park is a 1-acre recreational area surrounded by neighborhood houses. With nothing but play fields and trees of all kinds, this park is a great place to enjoy a picnic or a quiet afternoon with a book.

67 Gerstacker Spray Ground 

Located at the end of Ashman St. near the Farmer's Market.

Wear your suit and let the Gerstacker Spray Ground squirt, sprinkle and splash your summertime blues away. Recently opened, the spray park offers water fun for children of all ages. A combination of huge, bubbly fountains and small, squirting spouts, this is the perfect area to cool off on a warm afternoon. Water shoes are recommended as surfaces may be slippery.



68 **Pere Marquette Rail-Trail** 

Runs from the Ashman St. side of the Tridge to Clare.

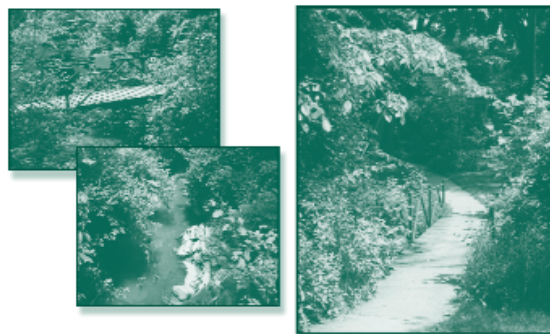
The Pere Marquette Rail Trail follows the route of the old Flint and Pere-Marquette Railroad for nearly 30 miles. This completely paved trail is open to all forms of non-motorized transportation. It is most popular among walkers, joggers, inline skaters and bikers. Users will enjoy the parks, historic sites and scenic landscapes located along the path. Restrooms, benches and parking areas are dispersed along the route.



69 **Meadowbrook Park** 

Located at the end of Bristol Ct. off Crescent Dr.

This 3.1-acre park is separated from the local neighborhood by a beautiful babbling brook. Following a paved path between houses, visitors will cross over a small bridge before reaching the park. Meadowbrook is a narrow play field surrounded by undeveloped areas. Visitors may enjoy having a picnic or just relaxing as they listen to the soothing sounds of the water.



70 **Nelson Park** 

Located on Nelson St. between Manor Dr. and Ashman St.

Nelson Park is an unassuming recreational area providing everything one needs for a care free outing. Located along the road between neighborhood houses, this 0.4-acre park has open fields, swings and a slide.

71 **Noeske Park** 

Located centrally between Noeske St., Manor Dr., and Nelson St.

Noeske Park, located across from the large, popular Currie-Bennett Park, is designed for those looking for a more peaceful and private location. At 0.5-acres in size, visiting this simple park will be like stepping into your own backyard.



72 Orchard Park

Located on Orchard Dr. 1/4 mile south of W. Sugnet Rd.

Motorists may pass Orchard Park without even realizing it's there. However, once it's found, this 1.3-acre park is worth a second look. Located in a break between neighborhood houses, this undeveloped park is a wonderful place to relax and observe local wildlife.

73 Revere Park

Located near the Currie Pkwy. Bridge at the corner of Revere St. and Main St.

Enjoy the quiet shade of huge oak trees in Revere Park. This 3.8-acre area is the perfect place to relax on a bench and watch birds and small wildlife.

74 River Bend Park

Located along the Tittabawassee River west of the city limits. Access is available off Tittabawassee River Rd. 1 mile south of N. Saginaw Rd.

River Bend Park may be a few miles outside of the city limits, but it is well worth the trip. This 1.4-acre undeveloped park is located between a dirt road and the Tittabawassee River – the perfect location for those looking for a more private area.



The park consists of a small open area set high above the river. Within this area is a picnic table and grill. A railed path leads visitors down to the river. Here, people can fish or enjoy the varied wildlife. This may be the best park in all of Midland to observe wildlife. The combination of the

riverbed and the forest provide a home to everything from deer, to turtles, to eagles.

75 Shippo Family Park

Located at the division of W. Wheeler St. and Saginaw Rd. just east of Eastman Ave.

Shippo Family Park can provide 5.1-acres of fun for neighborhood families. With large play fields, a softball field, and play equipment, it is a great spot to spend the afternoon.

76 Smith-Barstow Park

Located adjacent to Barstow Woods on Manor Dr. just west of Saginaw Rd.



Smith-Barstow Park is the perfect place for neighborhood picnics. It is one of five parks in the city that has a picnic shelter available to reserve. The shelter offers picnic tables, grills, and restrooms.

This 3-acre park also has plenty of area open for play. It has open fields, basketball courts, and play equipment.



77 Riverside/Golfside Park 

Located on Currie Pkwy. between the Tittabawassee River and the Currie Golf Course.

Riverside Park is a favorite spot of local fishermen. 5.5-acres in size, Riverside is home to the only boat launch in a City of Midland park. It also has platforms designed specifically for fishing in the Tittabawassee River.

For those who are looking for more traditional park uses, Riverside is a great place to picnic. Frequented by those who enjoy its serene location, Riverside also has a paved running path that connects Emerson Park to Chippewassee Park. Canoe rental is available at the Golfside boat launch

78 Sunset Park 

Located at the end of Sherwood Ct. off Crescent Dr. just west of Saginaw Rd.

Sunset Park is a beautiful nature area, unique because Snake Creek runs right through it. The creek runs along the outside of the park and down through the middle in some parts. This creates a very relaxing setting for visitors.

Also available in the 6.2-acre park is a swing set and large open play fields. As a combination of developed and undeveloped areas, Sunset Park is a special area worth a visit.

79 Thruene Park 

Located on Revere St. between Main St. and Eastman Ave.

Thruene Park is an interactive learning play area, perfect for Midland’s youngest residents. The park is one of a kind, popular for its features found nowhere else in the city.

The layout is a combination of grassy hills and large sand pits. Running through the middle of the park is a stream complete with sandy bottom and a shallow pool. A paved path also encircles the park creating a miniature track for biking and skating. The park is full of bright colors, as well as large wooden animals and alphabet letters. Picnic lunches can be enjoyed at a covered table. Drinking fountains and restrooms are also available.



80 Valley Park

Located south of the MidMichigan Medical Center on W. Sugnet Rd. 1/4 mile west of Orchard Dr.

Valley Park is Midland’s version of New York City’s Central Park. 13.4-acres in size, this park is the perfect place to spend a lazy afternoon. The park consists of rolling hills covered in green grass and spotted with old oak trees. Whether you are looking for a shady place to picnic, an open area for a game of soccer, or beautiful scenery for an early morning jog, Valley Park is definitely worth a visit.

81 Wyndemere Park

Located centrally between Meadowbrook Dr., Castle Dr., and Linwood Dr.

Wyndemere Park is a 6.6-acre recreation area perfect for kids who need to release some excess energy. The park offers a variety of amenities, including a basketball court, a soccer field, play equipment, a sandbox, and open fields. For those who are looking to relax, the park is also home to inviting benches under large shade trees.



82 Trilogy Skate Park

Located in the southwest corner of Chippewassee Park.

This 15,000 square-foot facility offers the latest in outdoor fun for both skateboarders and in-line skaters. The park was recently completed and is already extremely popular with Midland’s young adults. It can provide a challenging skate atmosphere for beginners to experts. Its varied terrain is perfect for performing tricks and jumps.

Helmets and other safety gear are strongly suggested. Lighting is available for evening skating.

