



MUST DO

Winter Activities

Below is our recommended list of must-do's for every person visiting Royal Park Hotel and Downtown Rochester, Michigan this Winter.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS GALORE!

Downtown Rochester - Need your yearly fix of Holiday spirit? Look no further! Located just a few blocks away from Royal Park Hotel, immerse yourself in the beauty of our lit-up town. Sporting over 1 million light points, Downtown Rochester is the place to be. Lighting starts every night at 5pm through January 3rd, 2022.

Winter Wonder Lights at Meadowbrook Hall- Take a short 15 minute drive just west of our hotel and visit Meadowbrook Hall! Winter Wonder Lights is a self-guided outdoor event featuring unique light displays across the grounds of Meadow Brook Hall, located in Rochester on the campus of Oakland University. Enjoy an evening of lights, music and magic where visitors can explore the National Historic Landmark at its most festive. Enjoy fun concessions such as glow-in-the-dark cotton candy and hot meals in our outdoor café. There will be seasonal and specialty drinks, selfie stations, bonfires and more!

Campus Martius Downtown Detroit- If you're looking for a bigger-city experience, check out Campus Martius in Downtown Detroit located 40 minutes south of the hotel. Campus Martius offers holiday markets, outdoor ice skating, and of course, holiday light displays!

Blake's Armada - Home to an 800-acre working farm and orchard with a Holiday Market, outdoor ice skating, Tasting Room, and Hard Cider Production Facility. For seven decades Blake's has strived to put community and environment at its forefront, with a passion for providing its visitors with the freshest homegrown fruit and vegetables and a memorable family experience.

SHOP TILL YOU DROP!

Check out our **Travel Like a Local Program** for the bargain hunter, shopaholic, or those who like a good deal! Enjoy exclusive discounts at numerous Downtown Rochester shops, restaurants, and professional service businesses when you stay at Royal Park Hotel. Visit our website for more details.

A FOOD LOVERS PARADISE

calling all foodie lovers! While there are many hidden gems Downtown, and we, of course, are partial to our restaurant, Park 600, we wanted to put together a list of some of our local favorites that you can't miss when you stay with us!

LANDMARKS & HIDDEN GEMS

Lipuma's Coney Island has been a Rochester landmark since 1969. Be sure to stop in and grab one of their would-famous coney dogs! Trust us; they are worth it.

Red Knapps Dairy Bar is celebrating 70 years in Rochester. So pull up a barstool, step back into the nostalgia of the 1950s, and order an Old-Fashioned Burger and Milkshake.

HEALTH-CONSCIOUS

Willoughby's Beyond Juice- Featuring smoothies, raw juices, and various lunch selections utilizing fresh, healthy ingredients. **Chomp Eatery & Juicery** offers a variety of healthy choices for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. **Lettuce**, located in Downtown Rochester features salads, wraps, and fresh smoothies made in-house with clean ingredients.

ALL ABOUT THE SWEETS!

Where do we start! First off, the desserts at PARK 600 are a definite must-try during your stay. We offer award-winning house-made desserts crafted with the finest ingredients; It's hard to choose just one. **Sanders Chocolates**- who doesn't love ice cream and chocolate? with so many options to choose from, you might have to bring some of these Michigan-made chocolates home with you. Might we recommend the dark chocolate sea salt caramels? **Zoet Belgian Chocolates & Waffles**- enjoy authentic handmade Belgian chocolates and waffles made fresh daily right in-store by an authentic Belgian. **Holy-Cannoli**- featuring handmade cannolis made fresh daily in a variety of flavors. You don't have to be an Italian to enjoy them! **Bakehouse 46**- Enjoy decadent cupcakes, donuts, and sweet treats as well as a delicious cup of coffee! **Le Macaron**- Featuring Macarons made fresh-daily, as well as French gelato, homemade chocolates, and fresh candy.

OLD WORLD CHARM

Give Thanks Bakery- Tucked away off the Main Street, guests can step back in time to this small European bakery and enjoy various wholesome and nutritious baked goods, including fresh-baked bread, shortbread cookies, morning pastries, and so much more. **The Cheese Lady Rochester**- Where European vibes meet artisanal cheeses. Stop by for a tasting, create charcuterie board pairings, and be sure to swing into Rochester Wine to select the perfect wine pairing.

MUST STOP MORNINGS

Knapp's Donuts- Looking for the perfect donut to go with your morning coffee? Stop by Knapp's donuts and pick up your favorite dozen fresh-made daily. We recommend getting there early as this is a favorite with the locals! **Dessert Oasis Coffee Roasters**- it's all about the details when it comes to a cup of coffee. If you are looking for an artisanal experience, this is a definite must-stop in the morning. **Bean and Leaf Cafe**- If you're looking for a true coffee-house experience, this is a must-stop. With cozy vibes and a large selection of coffee and tea, make Bean and Leaf your go-to spot while you're here! Our local **Farmer's Market** is in full swing from May to October, with fresh produce, flowers, and handmade goods available for purchase every Saturday from local area farms and shops.

WINE & BEER LOVERS

Fieldstone Winery- Made right here in Downtown Rochester! the perfect place to gather with friends and family and enjoy a large selection of local wine and hard ciders. **Rochester Mills Brewery**- For the beer connoisseurs out there, stop in and try one of their local ales or lagers made right here in Michigan. The building has an incredible history of its own!

Still hungry? Downtown Rochester is home to 50 different restaurants, bars, bakeries, cafes, and dessert shops. Check out the complete list [HERE](#).

ADVENTURE AWAITS

Adventure seekers, grab your friends, head outdoors, and check out where the action is around Rochester!

SKI RESORTS

Pine Knob Ski Resort- Pack your skis or snowboard and hit the slopes! Pine Knob Ski Resort is located just 20 minutes north in Clarkston, MI!

Mt Holly - Just 35 minutes to the northwest is another series of ski slopes at Mt. Holly. Enjoy a variety of different lift ticket options for every type of rider. From morning, evening, full day sessions, and beginner area only tickets - they are sure to have the pass for you.

ICE SKATING

Ice Skating at Thelma Spencer Park- Lace up those skates and hit the ice! Just around the corner, Thelma Spencer Park offers skating for all! Skate rentals are available as well.

Suburban Ice Rochester - Offering weekday and limited weekend public ice skating hours at their indoor ice rink. Located just 5 minutes from the Hotel!

Blake's Armada - After 75 years of world class entertainment and tradition, Blake's Orchard & Cider Mill has expanded its offerings to include a Winter Wonderland Experience. Blake's is proud to present a winter season of excitement with a 2,000+ square foot synthetic skating rink, eight dining igloos and a newly constructed open-air holiday bar.

SLEDDING HILLS

Bloomer Park - The sledding hill at Bloomer Park features a giant hill with several lanes as well as one lane that is dedicated to walking up. Visitors to the park are able to utilize heated restrooms and can warm up at the fire pit which is close to the sledding hill. In addition to the huge sledding hill there are lots of trails to explore via snowshoes if you have them

Borden Park - The north and west side of the park is surrounded by a large hill embankment to keep it secluded from the surrounding main roads which makes it great for sledding. The hills might not be big enough for older kids to get a huge thrill on, but it's perfect for kids under 10.

Stony Creek Metropark- there are plenty of sledding hills in the area, and two are at Stony Creek! You can find them near the Gladeview and West Branch picnic areas. Stony Creek even features a dedicated toboggan hill! You can also partake in snowshoeing and cross-country skiing for a full, fun winter day.

HISTORY BUFFS

Below are just a few of the historical places nearby that you can explore to expand your knowledge!

Meadow Brook Hall- Meadow Brook Hall is the historic home built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge, and her second husband, Alfred Wilson. The 88,000 square-foot home was constructed between 1926 and 1929 at the cost of \$4 million. It was the center of a country estate that included 1,500 acres, numerous farm buildings, recreational facilities, several residences, and formal gardens.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farms- Tour the historic and fascinating homes located in Stony Creek Village and understand the workings of a world-class dairy operation by visiting the six buildings and sixteen acres of the Van Hoosen Farm.

Downtown Rochester Historical Stops-There is plenty of history right here in Downtown Rochester! From the Western Knitting Mills to the train depot, trolley cars, old-fashioned well, and much more! Be sure to ask us about it during your stay!

STAY IN AND RELAX

Prefer to stay in? While we have listed a lot on our top recommendations so far, we understand that sometimes, you want to stay in! So for those who would rather put their feet up, relax, and enjoy the Hotel, below are some ideas you can do onsite!

PARK 600- Relax at the bar, pizza oven, our in the dining room and order one of our oven-fried pizzas, locally crafted cocktails, or house-made desserts.

602 Market- Thinking of staying in the room for the night? Stop by the 602 market located off our main lobby, and grab your favorite snacks or beverages for a night in! Grab one of our plush robes, pull the covers over you, turn on a show, and enjoy a cozy night in!

If you have a specific activity in mind and don't see it on this list, give us a call! We look forward to welcoming you to Royal Park Hotel, and we hope you enjoy our beautiful city during your stay.