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Five Reasons to Love Harbor Country for Father's Day

Tucked in the southwest corner of Michigan is a unique collection of communities called Harbor Country. Centrally located between Detroit and Chicago, off I-94, this region is rich with activities ideal for celebrating Father's Day, including:

- **Third Coast Surf Shop:** From stand-up paddleboarding to skimboarding and sandboarding, there's plenty of water and beach fun to be had along the shoreline of Lake Michigan. Third Coast Surf Shop offers lessons all year round, as well as equipment rental and sales, from their retail shop in the Lake Michigan town of New Buffalo. www.thirdcoastsurfshop.com
- **Deer Creek Hunt Club:** The 500 acre grounds in Three Oaks harbor a combination of riverside woodlands, streams, rolling hills, and contoured cover fields. Together they provide a variety of world class shotgunning activities – a premiere shooting experience for the discriminating sportsman. www.deercreekhuntclub.com
- **Fishing & Paddling:** Fishing is a fabulous way to take advantage of the beauty and recreational opportunities offered by Lake Michigan. Lake Michigan is stocked with several species of fish including salmon, steelhead, lake trout, yellow perch, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, carp, bowfin, as well as some species of catfish. The Galien River also provides recreational fishing opportunities and is a great place to take canoes. It is known for its scenic wildlife, canoeing trips and lazy fishing outings.
- **Outdoor Recreation:** Harbor Country offers some fantastic hiking trails. In Chikaming Township Park & Preserve, you'll find diverse natural features such as uplands, wooded floodplains, 2800-foot of frontage on the Galien River and a 5.3-acre lake. Warren Dunes State Park offers three miles of shoreline, six miles of rails and dunes that tower 240 feet above Lake Michigan. New Buffalo Beach also offers miles of lakefront for beach walkers.
- **Biking Trails:** The 12 routes in Harbor Country range from 5 to 60 miles and follow secondary roads over rushing streams and through picturesque rolling hills, patchwork farmland and beautiful meadows, parks and forests. View attractions such as the New Buffalo Railroad Museum on the Union Pier and Lake Michigan Trails. Walk through Warren Woods State Park or swim in Lake Michigan at Warren Dunes State Park on the Warren Dunes and Grand Mere Trails.

Make a weekend of it, with a stay at one of the many hotels, historic inns and B&Bs found in Harbor Country. While you're here, plan a visit to the area wineries, art galleries, theaters, antique shops, eateries, golf courses and casino.

The Harbor Country Convention & Visitors Bureau was established in 1990 as the Harbor Country Lodging Association, in accordance with the state of Michigan's Community Convention or Tourism Marketing Act 59 of 1984.

The mission of the organization is "to promote its members and the assessment district as a major destination for tourism and conventions in southwest Michigan." The assessment district encompasses the Townships of New Buffalo, Three Oaks, and Chikaming, the city of New Buffalo, the Village of Three Oaks and the Village of Michiana, Michigan.

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