



# Royal Park Hotel Insider Recommendations Guide

*Below is our recommended list of must-do's for every person visiting Royal Park Hotel and Downtown Rochester, Michigan this spring & summer season!*



## Shop Till You Drop!

With over 350 shops, restaurants and professional service businesses in downtown Rochester, there are plenty of places to checkout! Looking for the perfect Michigan Souvenir? Be sure to stop into **MI State of Mind**, **Sanders**, or **Bizzy Buzz Artisan Market** for all your MI gift needs!



If you are in search of more shopping experiences outside of Downtown Rochester, see our list of nearby shopping malls.

**The Village of Rochester Hills** - 3 miles west

**Somerset Collection** - 11 miles southwest

**Great Lakes Crossing Outlets** - 11 miles west



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## One with Nature

Head outdoors and discover nature. With over 16 miles of available trails, combined with bike rentals at the Hotel, we've made exploring easy!

**Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve** - Offering 16 acres of land, the preserve trails are free to explore to the public daily from dawn till dusk!

**Paint Creek Trail** - Located right outside Royal Park Hotel, The Paint Creek Trail is an 8.9-mile linear trail converted from the former Penn Central Railroad.

**Bike & Fly-Fishing Rentals**- Available seasonally, our onsite bike and fly-fishing rentals allow you to get out and explore! Bikes include lock, helmet, and water bottle holder. Fly-Fishing rentals include waders, fishing rod, and accessories, The creek is stocked with trout each spring, so there is an abundant supply, plus it is a great workout! \*Note: State of Michigan requires guests to purchase a daily fishing license to fly-fish.

**Rochester Municipal Park** - Featuring lighted tennis courts, sand volleyball, over 1 mile of paved walkways, and two tot lots for the kiddos to play!





## A FOOD LOVERS PARADISE

*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** - A Rochester landmark since 1969. Stop in and grab one of their world-famous Coney dogs! Trust us; they are worth it.

**Red Knapp's Dairy Bar** - Pull up a barstool, and step back into the nostalgia of the 1950s. You can't go wrong with an old-fashioned burger and milkshake.

### Health-Conscious

**Chomp Eatery & Juicery** offers a variety of healthy choices for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, including a variety of choices for vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free needs.

### 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 fresh, house-made desserts crafted with the finest ingredients; The hard part will be deciding which one to choose.

**Sander's 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?

**Holy-Cannoli's** - Featuring handmade cannolis made fresh daily in a variety of flavors. You don't have to be Italian to enjoy them!

### 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.



## A FOOD LOVERS PARADISE CONTINUED...

### 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 made fresh daily. We recommend getting there early!

**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.

Looking to venture out for the top breakfast places outside the Hotel? Check out **Rochester Brunch House**.

From May-October, our local **Farmer's Market** is in full swing with fresh produce, flowers, and handmade goods available for purchase every Saturday, 8 am - 1 pm from local area farms and shops.

### Beer Lovers Unite!

**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, and better yet, it is just a quick walk over the bridge!

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

## Cider Mills

Michigan is known for apples, and with that comes cider mills! With so many close by, we wanted to include a couple of our favorites!

**Yates Cider Mill** - Enjoy delicious cider the old-fashioned way. Yates has been a Michigan landmark for over six generations. Guests can take advantage of cider, donuts, and souvenir gifts.

**Rochester Cider Mill** - Using local Michigan apples fresh from the orchard, Rochester Cider Mill also offers donuts, caramel apples, fudge, and pies.

## Adventure Awaits

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

**Rochester Pedal Ride** - for some great exercise, conversation, and of course...drinks. It's the perfect way to discover downtown while relaxing with family and friends.

**Stony Creek Metropark** - Includes adventures for all ages, from bike and boat rentals to golfing, Tree Runners Adventure Park, swimming, the nature center and more.



## History Buffs

Below are just a few of the historical places nearby that you can explore during your visit to Rochester!

**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 88,000square-foot home was constructed between 1926 and 1929 at the cost of \$4 million.

**Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farms** - Located in Stoney Creek Village, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, this 16-acre museum complex was home to the Taylor and Van Hoosen families dating back to 1823. It features structures original to the property from 1840 to the early 20th century.

**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!





## A Golfers Paradise

There are 99 courses at your disposal in and around the Rochester area. Our team has access to exclusive rates at Oakland University Golf & Learning Center and Great Oaks Country Club during your stay. Ask us for assistance in reserving your tee-time.

## Stay In & Relax

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

**Outdoor Fire Pit** - Evenings are for relaxation and winding down. Our outdoor fire pit is complimentary to hotel guests until 11 pm each evening May - September.

**Park 600** - Relax out on the terrace or indoors and order one of our oven-fired pizzas, locally crafted cocktails, or house-made desserts. Open 7 days a week year round.

**602 Market** - Looking for a sweet treat or quick snack? Stop into the 602 market located off our main lobby, and stock up for the night! Grab one of our plush robes, pull the covers up, turn on a movie, 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.*

