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February Spotlight

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Why say “Black” instead of “African American”?



Language evolves over time and while the term African American was used to describe people with dark skin who are of African descent, we know that people with dark skin do not only come from Africa. Therefore, Black is a more inclusive term relating to any of various populations groups having dark pigmentation of the skin, from African, or other descent. In addition, Black history is celebrated all over the world, not just in the USA.

How can we celebrate or observe Black History Month?

VISIT A MUSEUM VIRTUALLY

National Museum of African American History and Culture

located in Washinton DC
<https://www.searchablemuseum.com/>

The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History Museum

Located in Detroit, MI
<https://www.thewright.org/virtual-tour>

Jim Crow Museum

Located in Big Rapids, MI
<https://jimcrowmuseum.ferris.edu/index.htm>





WATCH A FILM OR TELEVISION SERIES BY A BLACK DIRECTOR

2023 *Transformers: Rise of the Beasts*
Directed by Steven Caple, JR.



2023 *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse*
Directed by Kemp Powers



2023 *Swarm* (Amazon Prime Series)
Amazon Prime Series 0
Directed by Janine Nabers and Donald Glover



LEARN ABOUT THE UNDERGROUND RAIDROAD SHORE-TO-SHORE

The underground railroad, which was the resistance to enslavement through escape and flight, through the end of the Civil War, refers to the effort of enslaved African Americans to gain their freedom by escaping bondage.

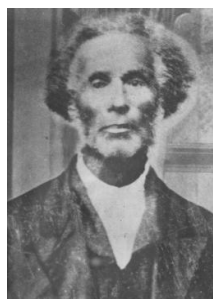
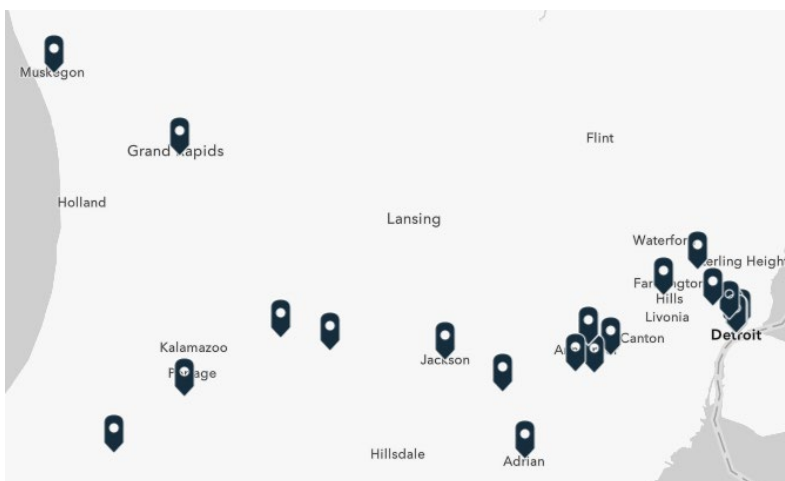
Many towns in Michigan were part of the Underground Railroad. There are endless accounts about our state's importance to this secret network that aided thousands of people on their journey to freedom. The following locations in Michigan have a verifiable connection to the Underground Railroad.

<https://www.michigan.gov/mhc/michigan-history/michiganfreedomtrail>



Underground Railroad Monument in Battle Creek

Kellogg House Park of Harriet Tubman and other Underground Railroad operators



Adam Crosswhite
Marshall, MI
Fled along the Underground Railroad and his impact on the Fugitive Slave Act

Laura Smith Haviland
Lenawee County
Established one of the first Michigan stations of Underground Railroad to Canada



Captain John Lowry
Saline, MI
Provided sanctuary for freedom seekers traveling through Michigan and participated in Underground Railroad