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KIDS LOVE MICHIGAN, 3rd Edition: The newest and boldest edition yet! Hundreds of ideas for inexpensive, easy day trips and mini-vacations. More user-friendly. Save Time. More extensive reviews and insights. You will not find this kid-tested information all together in any other resource!

"The great thing about these books is that your family actually lives these adventures" -- CBS ANCHOR "Very helpful to lots of families when the kids say, I'm bored...and I don't want to go to the same places again!" -- CBS ANCHOR "You spent more than 1000 hours doing this research for us, that's really great - we just have to pick up the book and it's done!" -- NBC ANCHOR From the Publisher Who says you have to head far away for vacation fun? There are hundreds of activities going on right in your own backyard for kids of all ages. Whether you're planning a day trip, seasonal festival, weekend get-away or full-week excursion, look to Michigan attractions for great kid-friendly diversions. But, planning trips can be so frustrating ... especially when your kids seem bored and are begging for new ideas on something fun to do. Sure, you can start by going on the internet and try to plan a short family trip...but, it will take so much TIME! And, how can you decide which places are really "kid-friendly" and a good value? "Traveling with family friends shouldn't be so hard. We wanted to make family time easy so, we researched and wrote this book," say Midwest parents/authors George and Michele Zavatsky. KIDS LOVE MICHIGAN has been kid-tested and the descriptions include great hints on what kids like best. This informative guide contains 280 pages packed full of over 500 places and events specifically designed for children between the ages of 2-15. This book is part of series of best-selling regional travel guides for ten states in the Midwest and South. The updated KIDS LOVE MICHIGAN guidebook has many enhancements making it more user-friendly. Our new, vibrant book cover opens to very detailed regional maps directions and new, longer "kid-tested" reviews. At the beginning of each chapter, we list "Favorites." At the end of each chapter we've added "tried and true" suggested lodging and dining that appeals to kids. Travel trends indicate many people will seek opportunities to learn while taking some time off. Others will look for unusual things to do and places to go where they can enjoy something different. Michigan is full of these kind of sites and events! Let's see what we can find . . . Kids can discover places to race over giant sand dunes, climb aboard a lighthouse ship (or Tall ship), or eat at the world's longest breakfast table (cereal box). You'll know where to go to stand side-by-side a copper miner or maybe a chemist (make some slime). Watch an automobile form before your eyes or learn the secrets of a perfect children's garden or ice cream. Another weekend you'll have all the travel details you need to go behind the scenes of lighthouses (bell) or the "Big Mac" bridge (Mac message in a bottle). Of course, there's plenty of details on nationally known sites like Holland (play dress-up!), young Edison (light bulb) at Port Huron (sailor cap), or the amazing Henry Ford/Greenfield Village complex (design a car or record your voice on tin foil pics). And what about the wonders of nature in Michigan - the sunken Edmund Fitzgerald, the roar of the large Taquamanon Falls, Petoskey fossil stones, fish ladders or pine forests. Be sure to ride the big Badger steamship across Lake Michigan or smile at the antics of giant polar bears in the Detroit Zoo. If you're hungry, KIDS LOVE MICHIGAN knows where to be a candy taste-tester, make chocolate cheese, cereal or muffins; or tell you how to eat your way through apple, baby food, berry, cereal, cherry, fudge, ice, maple, pickle and pumpkin festivals. Partake in local foods while donning bright pajamas at the Red Flannel Festival. When you're full, take a relaxing trolley, train (whistle), boat or bike ride along well-planned paths past pieces of history and unusual natural formations. The book provides all the details a family needs to know (i.e. regional maps, directions, phone numbers, websites, prices) to save lots of time. Most importantly, each chapter is full of our exclusive reviews - not found anywhere else. It's a wonderful resource to make short vacation plans or get to know your hometown better. Best of all, if you have a limited budget, don't worry - the book has found lots of places to visit for little or no charge! From the Author We are two parents (with our kids) who have spent thousands of hours of research and traveled over 250,000 miles visiting over 5000 places as a family. We've done all the scouting, "kid-testing" and reviewing. Our "Kids Love" family travel books help your family spend less time searching and.....more time having fun!