

Existing Southwest Michigan New York Central Depots

Below is a list of known New York Central System depots and other significant structures in existence in Southwest Michigan, as well as other depots in Kalamazoo County. Time and distance listed is from the convention hotel. All photos by Seth Lakin. Please respect private property and remember that railroad property is private property.

Michigan Central Mainline

At the heart of the Michigan Central was the mainline that ran between Detroit to Chicago. Mile posts are from Detroit.

Albion "A" MP 94.39
Passenger depot built 1881
300 N. Eaton St, Albion
GPS 42.247340, -84.755887
Amtrak Station

Feight Station (below)
301 N. Clinton St, Albion
GPS 42.247591, -84.754888
Restaurant
52 miles, 1 hour east



Battle Creek MP 119.2
Passenger Depot built 1888
44 McCamly St, Battle Creek
GPS 42.321167, -85.181717
Restaurant
32 miles, 33 minutes east
Michigan Central Mainline
was rerouted through Battle
Creek in the early 2000's, no
track at depot.





Augusta "GS" MP 128.8
Passenger depot built 1866
Moved to 105 S Webster, Augusta
GPS 42.335150, -85.351083
Relocated to city park
24 min 21 miles east

Kalamazoo MP142.0
Passenger depot, built 1886
459 N. Burdick St,
Kalamazoo
GPS 42.295463, -85.584395
Amtrak and bus depot
15 minutes, 5 miles east



Lawton "Q" MP 159.3
Passenger depot built 1881
426 N. Main Street, Lawton
GPS 42.170518, -85.849866
VFW Post
22 min, 20 miles west

Dowagiac "DW" MP 178.2
Passenger depot, built 1881
GPS 41.980932, -86.108950
Amtrak Station
48 min, 42 miles west





Nil's Yard MP 180.0
Yard Office (left), Round House with
Turntable and Diesel Shop (below)
Built 1914 and circa 1947
2200 Terminal Rd Nil's
GPS 41.856620, -86.221984
Business/Storage
65 min, 54 miles west



Nil's Icehouse
1900 Progressive Dr, Nil's
GPS 41.856356, -86.225354
Business/Storage
67 min, 54 miles west

Nil's "VN" MP 190.5
Built 1891
Passenger Depot
598 Dey St, Nil's
GPS 41.837244, -86.252523
Amtrak Station
65 min, 55 miles west



Three Oaks "HR" built 1898
Passenger Depot
1 Oak St, Three Oaks
GPS 41.800739, -86.609046
Business
71 min, 70 miles east



Kalamazoo Branch

Originally Lake Shore & Michigan Southern properties, the Kalamazoo Allegan & Grand Rapids and the Kalamazoo and White Pigeon formed what became known as the Kalamazoo Branch. It connected Grand Rapids with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Old Road Branch running between Toledo and Elkhart at White Pigeon. It was transferred to Michigan Central management in the 1920's. North of Kalamazoo the line was abandoned in the late 1970's. The mileposts are from Grand Rapids.



Byron Center MP 11.9
Combination depot
Moved to 2120 76th St SW,
Byron Center
GPS 42.825717, -85.715827
Community Center
41 min, 42 miles north

Dorr MP 17.82
4208 Park St, Dorr
GPS 42.725663, -85.726268
Vacant
35 min 35 miles north



Hopkins MP 32.6
Passenger (right)
Freight house (below)
303 Mill St, Hopkins
GPS 42.625131, -85.763120
Storage
33 min 30 miles north



Kalamazoo Freight House
427 E Michigan, Kalamazoo
GPS 42.293945, -85.578343
Restaurant; 14 minutes, 5 miles east

South Haven Branch

Originally Kalamazoo & South Haven, a Michigan Central property, the line ran between Kalamazoo and South Haven on Lake Michigan where connections were made with steamships. The line was abandoned in 1973. The mileposts are from Kalamazoo.



Bloomingdale "BM" MP 23.0
Combination Depot
100 W Spring St, Bloomingdale
GPS 42.383357, -85.958318
Township Museum
32 Minutes 23 Miles west

South Haven "HN" MP 39.6
Combination Depot
555 Dyckman Ave, South Haven
GPS 42.406685, -86.271577
Party (liquor) Store
48 Minutes 37 Miles west



Grand Rapids Branch

Originally the Grand Valley Railroad, a Michigan Central property, the line ran between Jackson and Grand Rapids. Most of the line was abandoned in 1976. The mileposts are from Jackson.



Nashville MP 49.8
Built 1910
Passenger Depot
304 S State, Nashville
GPS 42.601273, -85.092678
VFW Post
58 minutes 54 miles
northwest

Hastings “X” MP 61.4

Built 1922

Passenger Depot

232 W Apple St, Hastings

GPS 42.649580, -85.289839

Law Office

52 minutes 45 miles northwest



Middleville “MD” MP 73.2

Built 1906

120 High St. Middleville

GPS 42.713082, -85.465767

Vacant

47 minutes 42 miles north



Dutton MP 84.1

Passenger

6908 Hammond Ave SE,

Caledonia

GPS 42.839434, -85.577691

Business

45 Minutes 47 Miles north



Grand Rapids “GN” MP 94.4

Freight house

201 Ionia Ave. SW, Grand

Rapids

GPS 42.959099, -85.670525

Business

45 Minutes 49 Miles north

St Joseph Branch

Originally the St Joseph, South Bend and Southern, a Michigan Central property, the line ran between St Joseph and South Bend, Indiana. The line south of Baroda was abandoned in the early 1940's; the rest closed in the mid-1950s. The mileposts are from St Joseph.

Derby MP 7.4

Passenger with
large open covered platform
1109 W John Beers Rd,
Stevensville
GPS 42.014684, -86.480327
Vacant
54 minutes, 54 miles west



Baroda MP 11.4

Passenger
9121 1st St, Baroda
GPS 41.953702, -86.485210
Vacant
1 hour, 59 miles west

Michigan Air Line

The Michigan Air Line was a Michigan Central property. The line ran between Jackson to Niles via Three Rivers. The line continued to South Bend, Indiana. The line west of Three Rivers was abandoned in early 1940's and the line between Jackson and Three Rivers in the 1980's. The mileposts are from Jackson.

Colon MP 53.73

Passenger
Depot St at Catharine St, Colon
GPS 41.962669, -85.321700
Museum
49 minutes, 39 miles southeast



Corey MP 7736
Passenger
10043 N Front St,
Three Rivers
GPS 41.903626. -
85.761038
Residence rotated with
heavy modifications
36 minutes 31 miles
south



Battle Creek & Sturgis Railroad

A Michigan Central property, the railroad ran between Battle Creek where connections were made to the Michigan Central mainline and Findley, Michigan 33.8 mile. Originally the line was the St Louis, Sturgis & Battle Creek Railroad, running between Battle Creek and Goshen, Indiana. The line was split between Michigan Central and the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern in 1890. The Michigan Central portion becoming the Battle Creek & Sturgis, while the LS&MS portion became the Sturgis, Goshen & St Louis. The line was abandoned in 1934. An identical depot survives on the Sturgis, Goshen & St Louis portion at Shipshewana, Indiana.



Leonidas
Passenger depot
Moved to 30124 King Rd,
Leonidas
GPS 42.023308, -85.368924
Storage
41 min 33 mi

Lake Shore & Michigan Southern

A series of lines were connected to link Buffalo to Chicago. The original route west of Toledo went into Michigan before entering Indiana just east of Elkhart. The mileposts are from Buffalo.



Coldwater "C" MP 376.5

1st Passenger Depot

31 W. Park Ave, Coldwater

GPS 41.935452, -85.004580

Depot was built in the 1850's for Coldwater, moved to Batavia 6 miles west in the 1890's, then back to Coldwater in the 1990's.

Hair Salon

1 hour, 65 miles

Stop on Saturday's train trip

Coldwater "C" MP 376.5

2nd Passenger Depot

31 W. Park Ave, Coldwater

GPS 41.935452, -85.004580

Tourist Railroad Depot

1 hour, 65 miles

Stop on Saturday's train trip



Coldwater "C"

MP 376.5

Freight house

32 Railroad St,

Coldwater

GPS 41.934782, -

85.003739

Restaurant

1 hour, 65 miles

Stop on Saturday's train trip





Sturgis "RS" MP 400.2 (Above)

Built 1895

Standard Richardsonian Romanesque depot

Moved to 101 S. Jefferson St, Sturgis

GPS 41.798412, -85.423106 County Historical Museum

58 minutes, 44 miles south

White Pigeon "GN" MP412.0 (below)

Built 1894

Standard Richardsonian Romanesque

404 S St Joseph, White Pigeon

GPS 41.793741 -85.645866

City Meeting Hall

43 minutes, 36 miles south



White Pigeon "GN" MP412.0

Freight House

Moved to 69219 S St Joseph St,

White Pigeon

GPS 41.791802, -85.645290

Storage

43 minutes, 36 miles south



Kalamazoo County Non NYC depots



Kalamazoo (above and right)
Grand Rapids & Indiana (PRR)
Passenger with separate freight house
406 E Michigan, Kalamazoo
GPS 42.292912, -85.578617
Kalamazoo Community Foundation



Vicksburg

Grand Rapids & Indiana (PRR)
and Grand Trunk Western joint
combination depot
300 N Richardson, Vicksburg
GPS 42.123765, -85.52954
City history museum
24 min, 17 miles south

Schoolcraft

Grand Trunk Western
Duncan St south of Walnut
St, Schoolcraft
GPS 42.110470, -85.632525
Railroad Maintainer Base
16 min 12 miles south
NYC's Kalamazoo Branch
crosses here but the NYC
depot was a couple blocks
north, which is now razed.

