Welcome

Monroe County is just miles from the Michigan/Ohio border, Monroe, Michigan serves as the gateway to the Great Lakes. Monroe is located 45 minutes away from the larger metropolitan areas of Detroit, Ann Arbor and Toledo. Local residents and visitors share the advantages of small town charm together with easy access to the array of services and opportunities offered by large cities. This visitor guide will provide you with directions to our Fermi 2 site, as well as, places and stay and eat in the area.

Brief History

Construction of Fermi 2 began in 1968 when DTE Energy announced plans to build a light water reactor power plant along the Western shore of Lake Erie in Frenchtown Township. The plant was constructed to meet the fast growing, local demand for electricity and to provide the region with a diverse fuel mix.

The plant opened in January, 1988. Fermi 2's electric generating capacity is nearly 1,200 megawatts at 22,000 volts, which produces about 15 percent of the power generated by Detroit Edison.

Fermi 2 Facts:

- Fermi 2 normally produces enough electricity to serve a city of about one million people.
- Fermi 2 was the 93rd nuclear power plant to be licensed in the United States.
- Fermi 2 contains 300,000 cubic yards of concrete, 20,000 tons of steel, 1,200 miles of electric wire and 70 miles of conduit.
- The plant's cooling system is a "closed system" to prevent thermal or other pollution in Lake Erie.
- Fermi 2's cooling water reservoir can store about 30 million gallons.
- Each of Fermi 2's 400 -foot cooling towers has the capacity to cool 450,000 gallons of water per minute.
- The mist seen rising above the cooling towers is clean water vapor – about 8,000 gallons a minute per tower when the plant is in full operation.
- The reactor contains 185 control rods and 764 zirconium alloy fuel assemblies containing 15 million uranium pellets.
- The electricity produced by one fuel pellet, roughly the size of a pencil eraser, is equal to the amount produced by 4 1/2 barrels of oil or one ton of coal.
Directions from Detroit Metropolitan Airport:

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- I-275 South, from southbound I-275, exit onto northbound I-75. Take the first exit, Exit 21 (Newport Road).
- Go East (right) on Newport Road to Swan Creek Road.
- Take Swan Creek Road East
- Turn Right onto N. Dixie Hwy (St. Charles Church will be on the right)
- Continue three miles to the Enrico Fermi Energy Center sign.
- Turn left and follow Fermi Drive through the main gate

Directions from the North (Detroit):
- I-75 South to Exit 21 (Newport Road)
- Go East (right) on Newport Road to Swan Creek Road.
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Directions from the South (Toledo):
- I-75 North to Exit 15 (M-50, Dixie Highway).
- Turn right, continue approximately five miles to Enrico Fermi Energy Center sign
- Turn right and follow Fermi Drive through the main gate
Dining Options in Monroe, Michigan

- **Joe's French Italian Inn**
  2896 N. Dixie Hwy., Monroe, MI
  (734) 289-2800

- **Red Lobster**
  1553 N. Dixie Hwy., Monroe, MI
  (734) 289-6242

- **Cracker Barrel**
  1101 Ternes Drive, Monroe, MI
  (734) 243-0721

- **Dolce Vita Italian Grille**
  391 N. Telegraph Rd., Monroe, MI
  (734) 241-6100

- **Michigan Bar & Grill**
  1140 S. Monroe, St., Monroe, MI
  (734) 243-6690

- **Nick & Nino’s Coal Fired Grill**
  391 N. Telegraph Rd., Monroe, MI
  (734) 244-5530

- **Applebee’s Neighborhood Bar and Grill**
  2100 N. Telegraph Road, Monroe, MI
  (734) 243-6756

- **Buffalo Wild Wings**
  1766 N. Telegraph Road, Monroe, MI
  (734) 240-2999

- **McGeady’s Town Pub**
  Downtown
  39 S. Monroe St., Monroe, MI
  (734) 243-1220

- **Northside Grill**
  3475 N. Monroe St., Monroe, MI
  (734) 244-4610

- **El Vaqueros**
  1270 Stewart Rd., Monroe, MI
  (734) 241-7663

- **La Fiesta**
  11191 S. Telegraph Rd., Erie MI
  (734) 848-6088

- **Panera Bread**
  393 North Telegraph, Monroe, MI
  (734) 457-2600
Entertainment

Ann Arbor, MI

Michigan Stadium
www.umich.edu/
1201 S Main St, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(734) 647-2583

Matthaei Botanical Gardens & Nichols Arboretum
1610 Washington Heights, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(734) 647-8986

Michigan Theater
www.michtheater.org/
603 E Liberty St, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(734) 668-8463

University of Michigan Museum of Art
www.umma.umich.edu/
525 S State St, Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 764-0395

Leslie Science Center
www.lesliesnc.org/
1831 Traver Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
(734) 997-1553

Jacques Dessange Salon & Spa
www.dessange.com
206 S 5th Ave #300, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(734) 996-5585

Detroit, MI

Detroit Institute of Arts
www.dia.org
Wayne State University, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 833-7900

Motown Historical Museum
https://www.motownmuseum.org
2648 W Grand Blvd, Detroit, MI 48208
(313) 875-2264

Comerica Park
detroit.tigers.mlb.com/det/ballpark
2100 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48201
(313) 962-4000
Guardian Building  
www.guardianbuilding.com  
500 Griswold St, Detroit, MI 48226  
(313) 963-4567

The Ford Piquette Avenue Plant  
fordpiquetteavenueplant.org  
461 Piquette Ave, Detroit, MI 48202  
(313) 872-8759

Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory  
7000 Inselruhe Ave, Detroit, MI 48207  
(313) 331-7760

Monroe, MI

Phoenix Theatres at Mall of Monroe  
www.phoenixmovies.net/loc_frenchtown  
2121 N Monroe St, Monroe, MI 48162  
(734) 457-3456

Monroe County Michigan Historical Museum  
www.co.monroe.mi.us/museum  
126 S Monroe St, Monroe, MI 48161  
(734) 240-7780

Old Town Golf and Sportland  
www.oldtowngolfcourse.com  
6724 North Monroe Street, Monroe, MI 48162  
(734) 242-4476

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www.co.monroe.mi.us/museum  
126 S Monroe St, Monroe, MI 48161  
(734) 240-7780

Sterling State Park  
www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails  
2800 State Park Rd, Monroe, MI 48162  
(734) 289-2715

River Raisin Battlefield Park  
www.riverraisinbattlefield.org  
1402 East Elm Ave. Monroe MI. 48162  
(734) 243-7136
Monroe Health Care and Emergency Services

Emergency Dial 911

ProMedcia Monroe Hospital
718 North Macomb Street, Monroe, MI 48162
734-240-8400

Monroe Urgent Care
337 Stewart Rd, Monroe, MI 48162
734-243-3200

Walgreens Pharmacy
1285 N Monroe St, Monroe, MI 48162
(734) 457-2336

Monroe County Sheriff Department
100 E. Second St, Downtown Monroe, MI 48161
734-240-7400