

Berrien County Senior Center Transportation Programs

Each of the seven senior centers in Berrien County have a transportation program and are willing to drive you to medical appointments, if you are a senior 60 years or older. See details below, contact your center to learn more or link to www.MyWayThere.org

Senior Center contact information and Municipalities served (see map on back page)	Destinations served with addresses in:	Transportation Program Hours
<p>Benton Harbor/Benton Twp. Senior Center <i>City of Benton Harbor, Benton Township</i> Contact: Thelma Branch, director (269) 927-2497 extension 0, transportation bhbtss@aol.com</p>	<p>St. Joseph, Benton Harbor, Stevensville</p>	<p>Monday-Friday First pick up 9 am Last pick up 3 pm</p>
<p>Buchanan Area Senior Center <i>City of Buchanan, Townships: Buchanan, Bertrand (West of US 31) Weesaw and Galien (East of Cleveland Ave.)</i> Contact: Joann Dodson, transportation (269) 695-7119 Joann@thebasc.org http://www.buchananareaseniorcenter.com</p>	<p>Buchanan, Niles, South Bend, IN</p>	<p>Monday-Friday First pickup 9 am Last pickup 3 pm</p>
<p>Central County Senior Center <i>Villages: Baroda, Berrien Springs, Eau Claire</i> <i>Townships: Berrien, Sodus, Oronoko, Baroda, Pipestone, Royalton (South of Marquette Woods)</i> Contact: Kathy Hathaway, transportation (269) 471-2017 ccsctranspo@att.net www.centralcountyseniorcenter.org</p>	<p>Niles, Buchanan, St. Joseph, Benton Harbor</p>	<p>Monday-Friday Transporting for appointments between 10 am and 2 pm.</p>
<p>Niles Senior Center <i>City of Niles, Townships: Niles, Bertrand Township (East of US 31) Cass County 49120</i> Contact: any staff member (269) 683-9380 nilesseniorcenter@sbcglobal.net http://nilesseniorcenter.org/</p>	<p>Niles, Buchanan, St. Joseph, Benton Harbor, Dowagiac, Cassopolis, and Mishawaka, IN</p>	<p>Monday-Friday First pickup 7:30 am Return by 4 pm</p>
<p>North Berrien Senior Services <i>Cities: Watervliet, Coloma Townships: Coloma, Hagar, Watervliet, Bainbridge</i> Contact: Debbie Ziemke, director (269) 468-3366 nbsc1@i2k.com http://www.northberrienseniorcenter.org/</p>	<p>Coloma, Watervliet, St. Joseph, Benton Harbor</p>	<p>Monday-Friday Transporting for appointments between 8:30 am and 1:30 pm</p>
<p>St. Joseph Lincoln Senior Services <i>City of St. Joseph, Townships: St. Joseph, Lincoln, Royalton: Scottsdale area (north of Marquette Woods) Villages: Shoreham, Stevensville</i> Contact: Cindi McLaughlin, director (269) 429-7768 directorsjlsc@comcast.net http://www.sjlsc.org/</p>	<p>St. Joseph, Benton Harbor, Stevensville</p>	<p>Monday, Wed. Friday First pickup 8:00 am Last pick up 12:30 pm Tuesday & Thursday First pickup 8:00 am Last pick up 2:30 pm</p>
<p>River Valley Senior Services <i>Cities: New Buffalo, Bridgman, Villages: Galien, Bridgman, Three Oaks, Michiana, Grand Beach Lake, Townships: Chikaming, Three Oaks, New Buffalo, Weesaw and Galien (West of Cleveland),</i> Contact: Tim Hawkins (269) 469-4556 rvsc@comcast.net http://www.rvseniorcenter.org/</p>	<p>New Buffalo, Three Oaks, Galien. St. Joseph, Benton Harbor, Bridgman, Niles, Indiana: Michigan City, South Bend, and La Porte.</p>	<p>Monday-Friday First pickup 8 am All returns by 3 pm</p>

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION TIPS

- #1 Trips for medical appointments take priority over all other trips. Some of the senior centers schedule trips to the grocery store, beauty/barber shop, etc. as time in the schedule allows.
- #2 If the appointment is cancelled, for any reason, call the Senior Center, to cancel the ride. The Senior Centers have demands for more rides and can fill an empty slot, if they are informed.
- #3 It is best to call 3 business days in advance, or sooner, to schedule the trip, speak to the staff person at each Senior Center, with the transportation program, to schedule the ride.
- #4 Transportation is provided as a service but donations are accepted and welcomed.
- #5 If the schools and businesses are closed due to weather conditions, the Senior Center may also be closed and rides will not be provided, listen to the radio and TV for updates or call the Center to confirm if they are open.
- #6 The rides provided, are a shared ride and there may be multiple people in the vehicle.
- #7 Most Senior Centers use volunteers, some use paid drivers, always be appreciative.
- #8 If the senior will need extra assistance at the appointment: finding the office in the building, pushing the wheel chair, etc. they should provide someone to ride along to assist.

Berrien County

Adults sixty years and older can receive services from seven independently operated Senior Centers located throughout Berrien County and supported financially by a countywide senior millage that provides approximately two million dollars annually in funding. This funding helps support activities, transportation and facilities. Each independently operated senior center provides transportation services to older adults, who reside within their service area. (See map for details.) The Senior Centers provide accessible transportation in their vans or will arrange with Berrien Bus to transport seniors. Contact each senior center for details.

