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PORTAGE

I love the beautiful city named Portage. Portage has many things to offer to live a safe, enriching, and fun filled life.

There are lots of parks in the city. You might know these parks by names of Ramona, Milham, Bicentennial and Millennium parks. Parks are lush with greenery, playgrounds and walking trails. Glistening Portage Creek flows thru Milham Park and Bicentennial Park and cheers me and it relaxes me as I walk by in the park. Portage is unique for its walking and biking trails that I love. These parks are really nice entire year. Even in winter you can go to sledding and ice skating in Portage parks.

Portage has many of the lakes in the state of Michigan which are inland. These are Austin, Sugarloaf, Long and west lakes. the fun part about these lakes is you can go tubing or swimming.

Portage is a wonderful place to play sports for every season. One way to keep up your sport skills in Portage is to go to YMCA. At YMCA, you can practice tennis and swimming in the pool. You can do many other sports there. In fact, I learned tennis and swimming there too. Also, Portage parks have tennis courts, basketball courts and you can play every day to keep yourself fit.

You might think I will forget to mention Portage's great schools but I will never forget. Kids have kind and flexible teachers that are eager to teach their students. There is lot of enrichment programs, where you can get challenged to your heart's content. Portage schools give us education to have a better life.

We have a wonderful Portage District Library. Here, you can check out some interesting books and make some new friends. Also, there is a Summer Reading Program where you can read and every 5 hours you receive a prize of your choice. The friendly staff at the library is always willing to help you find the books you need or more. The staff also holds lots of events such as Lego Day, Animal Day, Alphabet day, story times about tales, and weeding the plants.

Portage has a zoo, but it has airplanes, instead of animals. There are lot of cool airplanes and also rides. I got to have a free airplane ride, thanks to Airzoo

Now we can take a break at local restaurants. Portage has good collection of them. Restaurants approach to me as this: a place to celebrate and satisfy your taste buds and also to really bond with your family (you can also practice your manners there!). After you have nice meal, you can go to watch a movie in Celebration cinema. Good combination right!!
Cross Roads mall is a nice place to go for shopping. It contains lots of stores where I buy clothes, toys, shoes and lots of other stuff.

Last but not least, Portage fire fighters are the best in the world. My baby brother had a ring that was to small for him and got stuck on his finger and our whole family could not get it off! Portage fire fighters came to the rescue. Portage police are awesome too. They helped us when our car was hit by somebody else.

Portage has some wonderful things in it and these are just some of the things I like about Portage!