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I live in the city of Portage in Michigan. It is a very nice place with lots of trees. There are lots of parks. My favorite park is the Bicentennial Park. It has a six-mile trail and it's in between lots of trees. In the summer my family and I like to cycle a lot on the trail. There are two awesome play structures; one in the middle and another at the north end of the park. There are always lots of people; running, skating, skateboarding, biking and walking their dogs at the park. If you love nature, exercising or have little children, the Bicentennial Park is the place for you. In the fall the Bicentennial Park is a wonderful place to take family pictures because of the colorful leaves.

My next favorite park is Ramona Park. There is a beach and a ginormous play place. They have picnic tables and grills. This is a great place to have family picnics and birthday parties. They also rent out canoes and kayaks. This park has lifeguards on duty and a snack shack on the beach. It is my favorite place during the summer because I love swimming and playing in the lake.

During winter we go sledding at the Oakland Drive Park. In February they hold a Winter Festival at the park. It is so much fun.

The county freezes the pond at Millennium Park and for a fee, anyone can skate. They also offer skating lessons. My sister and I learned to skate here. We skate here every year and we love it especially skating under the starlight.

Portage has an awesome library. The librarians know our names [Joys of living in a small town] and the library has cool programs; fairy house building, painting with Kara, robotics, STEM programs, and other exciting programs for babies, toddlers, elementary, middle and high schoolers.

I love my town because it's a safe, friendly town where people say hello to each other. Overall, Portage is a great place to live.