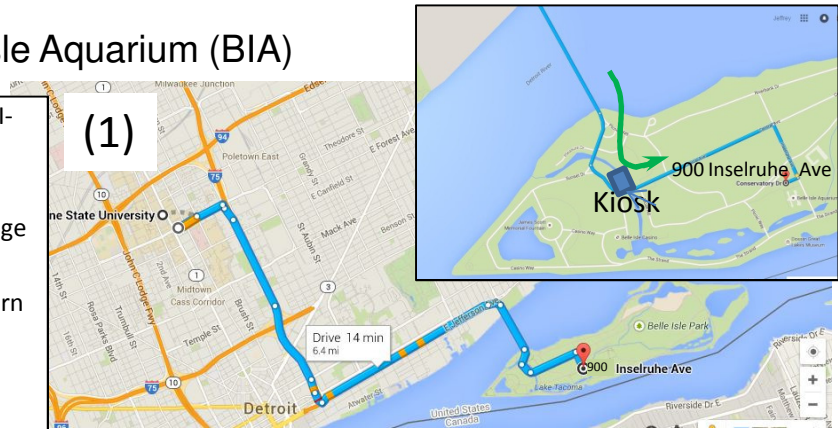


Driving directions to the Belle Isle Aquarium (BIA)

(1) From any of the freeways (I-96, I-94, MI-10, or I-75/375), get to Jefferson Avenue East. About 2 miles from downtown Detroit, go right (it's labeled Grand Blvd), onto the ramp to the bridge to Belle Isle Park. On the island go slight right, then left on Central Avenue [green arrow]. Turn right at the equestrian statue (Inselruhe Ave). The Aquarium parking lot is at google maps location 900 Inselruhe Avenue.



The Belle Isle Aquarium

- (1) Shows Wayne State to Belle Isle Aquarium on Google Maps
- (2) The general area (southeast MI)
- (3) Information about Belle Isle
- (4) Best route to the Aquarium on Belle Isle (GPS: 900 Inselruhe Avenue)
- (5) WSU-BIA Field Research lab is in the basement of the BIA

WARNING: Do not speed on Belle Isle.

Map shows the area freeways and directions from Wayne State University. If you don't have an annual state parks pass (\$11, usually paid with your car registration, gives access to all MI state parks), you will have to stop at the kiosk to pay a fee. Kiosk is often closed, in which case proceed without paying and put a note on your window explaining the kiosk was closed.



(3) Belle Isle is a 982-acre island park in the Detroit River. Originally designed in the 1880s by Frederick Law Olmsted, the park features a transition from the constructed elements at the entrance to the park, a river beach area, to naturalized forested wetland areas as one proceeds eastward from the entrance.

A. The **Detroit Boat Club** (not shown) has about 45,000 square feet, half of which is used by the Detroit Rowing Club.

B. The **Whitcomb Conservatory** is a greenhouse and botanical garden, built in 1904, designed Albert Kahn, and rebuilt 1952-1954. The conservatory site has formal perennial gardens, an extensive orchid collection, and other interesting plants.

C. The **Dossin Great Lakes Museum** is a 16,000-square-foot maritime museum that features Detroit's role in maritime history.

D. The **Belle Isle Aquarium**, has a 10,000 ft² gallery with an arched ceiling covered in green glass tile to evoke an underwater feeling. The Aquarium has a unique collection of gars, electric eels, freshwater sting rays, invasive species exhibits, etc. Its research facility is in partnership with Wayne State University.



Location of Belle Isle Aquarium:
To get to the Belle Isle Aquarium, use a Google maps location of 900 Inselruhe Ave, Detroit, MI



(5) **Location of the WSU-BIA Field Research Lab:** Park in the parking lot in front of the Aquarium. Walk on the sidewalk towards the back of the building on the left side facing it. The lab is entered through the double doors about 2/3 of the way towards the back. <https://www.biaaquariumstem.org/belle-isle-aquarium-field-research-laboratory.html>