

# TULIPS IN HOLLAND

**1 Veldheer Tulip Farm** 5.5 million tulips  
12755 Quincy Street, 49424  
This 40-acre farm has been run by the same family for 80 years. \$ Gardens (**Wooden Shoe & Delft Factory free**).

**2 Tulip Lanes** 200,000 tulips  
Six miles of curbside plantings wind through Holland's neighborhoods, including the historic district. There are several small parks and special plantings along the route. The most picturesque portion of the lanes features 25,500 tulips nestled under beautiful flowering kwanzan cherry, crab and plum trees along the boulevards (**2B on map**) of Washington Avenue and 12th Street.

**3 Windmill Island Gardens** 120,000 tulips  
1 Lincoln Avenue 49423  
Home to "DeZwaan", a 250-year-old windmill, this beautiful park has formal gardens plus growing fields. \$

**4 Window on the Waterfront** 80,000 tulips  
Columbia Avenue at 4th Street  
A rainbow of tulips and a stand for photos make this a "must see".

**5 Downtown Holland** 34,500 tulips  
The downtown shopping district boasts beautiful plantings in beds and around parking areas.

**6 Centennial Park** 23,600 tulips  
31 West 10th Street, 49423  
Dating back to the turn of the last century, this park was Holland's original market square. Featuring historic plantings, a fishpond, fountain, and winding cobblestone pathways, the park is the site of evening Klompen Dance performances during the festival.

**7 Nelis' Dutch Village** 15,000 tulips  
12350 James Street, 49424  
Colorful flower beds highlight this re-creation of an 1800's Dutch village. \$

**8 Cornelius & Geertje** 9,000 tulips  
Sixth Street at College Avenue  
These delightful life-size statues in traditional dress are surrounded by an array of colorful tulips.

**9 Kollen Park** 6,900 tulips  
240 Kollen Park Drive, 49423  
This park on the shores of Lake Macatawa also features the "Immigrants" statue, a sesquicentennial gift from the Province of Drenthe, The Netherlands.

**10 Hope College** 6,000 tulips  
Clusters of tulips bloom throughout the campus bounded by 9th and 13th Streets, and College and Columbia Avenues.

**11 Prospect Park Point** 4,875 tulips  
Some of the earliest blooming tulips and flowering trees grace this neighborhood park.


**12 Transportation Depot** 3,000 tulips  
171 Lincoln Avenue, 49423  
A highlight of this park is a giant sculpture of a man holding a bouquet of tulips made from scrap metal by local businessman, Stuart Padnos.


## Front Yard Gardens and Area Businesses


Since the first Tulip Time festival in 1929, (when teacher Lida Rogers recommended planting tulips in celebration of Holland's heritage), residents and businesses have planted tulips in their own yards. Unique plantings can also be seen throughout the community including Pillar Church, Welcome to Holland signs, and area parks.


**Tulip Tidbits** Twelve full-time and five part-time city employees plant nearly half a million tulips in Holland's parks and flower beds each fall. City employees dig up and replace the bulbs in all of the beds and 1/3 of the tulip lanes every year to ensure that the tulips will bloom for the festival. Holland Transplanter, a local farming equipment manufacturer, has even designed special machinery to assist in this process.

 The America's Holland Tulip debuted at the 2009 Tulip Time Festival. It was developed over five years by K.P. De Geus from North Holland, Netherlands. The new variety is vibrant pink, stands between 35 and 40 inches tall and produces 4 to 5 inch blooms.

 Early, mid, and late blooming varieties of tulips are planted throughout the community to ensure tulips bloom for several weeks. Late bloomers are planted downtown where the snowmelt system, which heats the streets and sidewalks in winter, accelerates the blooming process.

 Although bulbs are only available in the fall, if you see a tulip you like you can order that variety at Windmill Island Gardens, Nelis' Dutch Village or Veldheer's. Bulbs will be shipped to arrive in time for planting in your area.

 There is a \$50 fine for picking a tulip in Holland.

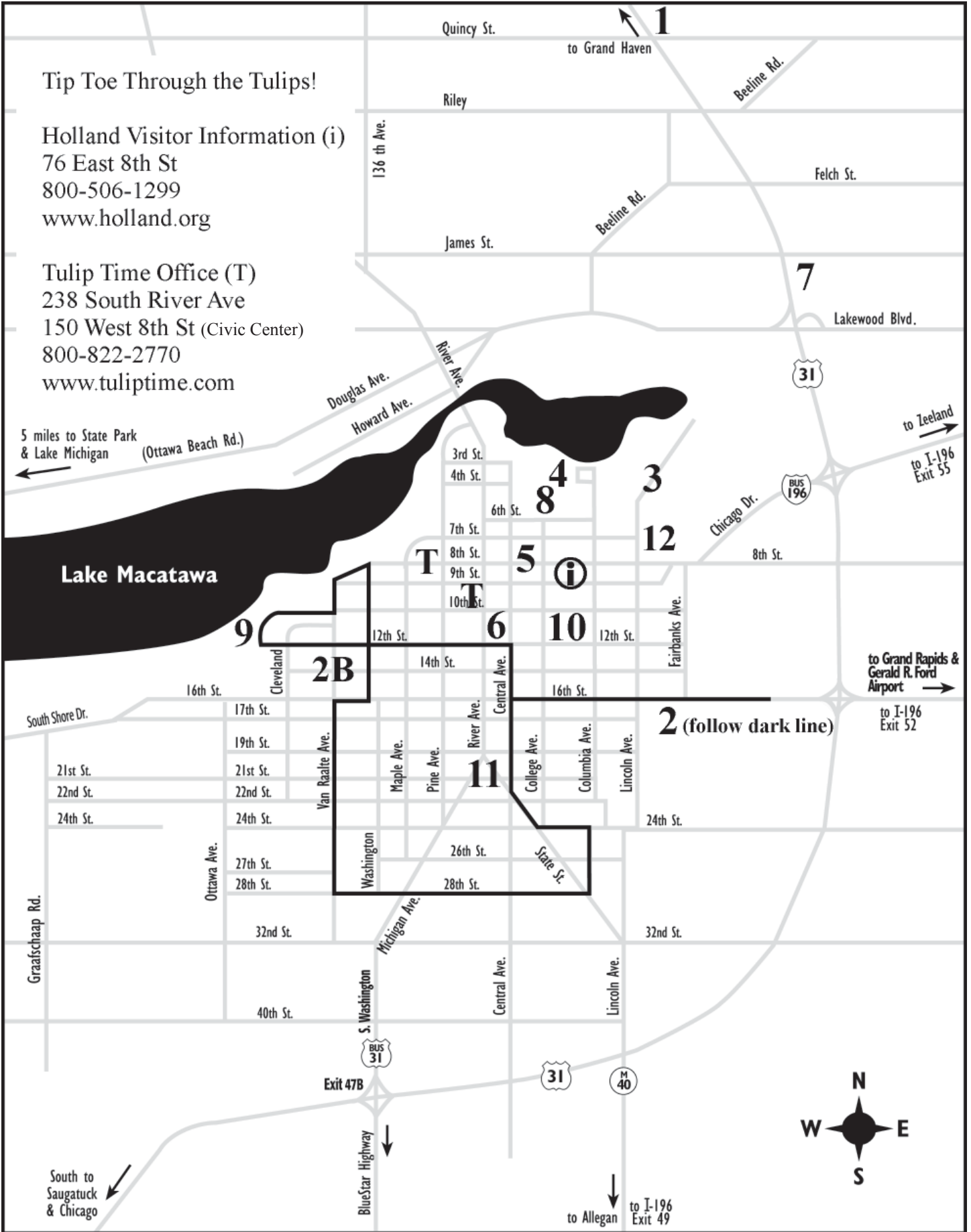
 A tulip planted from seed takes 21 years to bloom.

Tip Toe Through the Tulips!

Holland Visitor Information (i)  
76 East 8th St  
800-506-1299  
www.holland.org

Tulip Time Office (T)  
238 South River Ave  
150 West 8th St (Civic Center)  
800-822-2770  
www.tuliptime.com

5 miles to State Park  
& Lake Michigan  
(Ottawa Beach Rd.)



— Six miles of Tulip Lanes - begins at 12th St. & River Ave.