

24+ HOURS IN ANN ARBOR

Ann Arbor is an all-in-one place. The charm of a friendly small town. The sophistication of a worldly metropolis. A vibrant culture, diverse population and bounty of picturesque landscapes. All of which makes it a unique and desirable home for smart, fun people. Like our students, trainees and residents. Fellows and faculty, too.

This is your guide to the best of what there is to do in Ann Arbor and on campus, even if for just one day and night.



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STATE & LIBERTY

East of Main Street

The gateway to central campus. Across the street, step onto the Diag to do some serious people watching.

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MICHIGAN THEATER

603 E. Liberty St. • michtheater.org
Host of the Ann Arbor Film Festival every year. The State Theater is located a half block away.

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MICHIGAN STADIUM

1201 S. Main St. • mgoblue.com
The Big House features 107,601 seats. Check mgoblue.com for schedule and ticket info.



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NICHOLS ARBORETUM

1610 Washington Heights • mbgna.umich.edu/nichols-arboretum
A sublime sanctuary, the Arb is located along the Huron River and within walking distance of the medical campus.

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MAIN STREET AREA

Downtown • mainstreetannarbor.org
Home to a smorgasbord of unique shops, restaurants and great places to hang out.



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Highly Ranked and Rated

Ann Arbor frequently finds itself on lists of the nation's "top," "great" and "best" places to live—cited for being everything from innovative, educated and digital to green, healthy and family friendly. Most recently Niche named Ann Arbor #2 for "Best Cities to Live in America" and #4 for "Best Cities to Raise a Family." WalletHub placed it at #1 on their "Most Educated Cities in America" list. For more: annarborusa.org/insights/communities/facts-rankings



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6 THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

525 S. State St. • umma.umich.edu

One of the top public university art museums in the country, the collection spans 150 years of works.

7 THE LAW QUAD

625 S. State St.

A generous courtyard surrounded by stunning Gothic architecture, the crown jewel of which is the Law Library.

8 KERRYTOWN

North Downtown • kerrytown.org

Quaint historic district home to one-of-a-kind gems, including the original world-famous Zingerman's Deli and the Farmers Market.

9 HURON RIVER

Winding through Ann Arbor, this 104-mile waterway is an official trail in the National Water Trail System. Travel by canoe, kayak, raft, tube and paddleboard. huronriverwatertrail.org/trail-towns/ann-arbor

10 MATTHAEI BOTANICAL GARDENS

1800 N. Dixboro Rd. • lsa.umich.edu/mbg
Majestic display gardens, including the new Medicinal Garden, miles of walking trails, and a 10,000-square-foot Conservatory.



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GETTING AROUND A2

This is a town best explored at ground level. Take in the sights one block at a time, from Kerrytown to downtown. Amble along State Street. Cross the Diag into central campus. It's easy to find your way and explore the city's many treasures at your own pace.

Alternative Transportation

By bus: Students, faculty and staff ride free with your Mcard on The Ride. theride.org

By bike: 79 miles of bike lanes around town. <https://localwiki.org/ann-arbor/biking>

By car: Choose your personal ride, Zipcar or rideshare with Uber or Lyft.

More info, including accessible parking: a2dda.org/transportation



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FALL FOR ANN ARBOR

Our fall color palette is a glorious spectacle of blazing reds, oranges and golds—the perfect backdrop for an afternoon outdoors in the city or nearby areas:

- **Harvesting a variety of fall favorites at many local farms and patches.** Pick a pumpkin or pick apples, wind your way through a corn maze or take a hayride through a rolling vista. annarborwithkids.com/articles/ann-arbor-pumpkin-patches
- **Tailgating with friends on a Football Saturday.** Game days at the Big House give Wolverine fans a great reason to get together before kick-off. A popular tailgate spot is the U-M Golf Course across the street. michigan.org/news/insider-tips-for-wolverine-game-days
- **Hiking a trail in any of the splendid parks nearby.** In addition to the Arb and other local parks, hikers enjoy convenient access to the 36-mile Waterloo Pinckney Trail just west of the city. michigan.org/property/waterloo-recreation-area
- **Dexter Cider Mill.** One of many mills open seasonally, natural cider is pressed from locally grown apples here and offered with an abundance of fresh-baked treats. dextercidermill.com



WINTER WONDERLAND

Winter in Ann Arbor offers plenty of fun activities to keep you busy, indoors or out. Our top picks include:

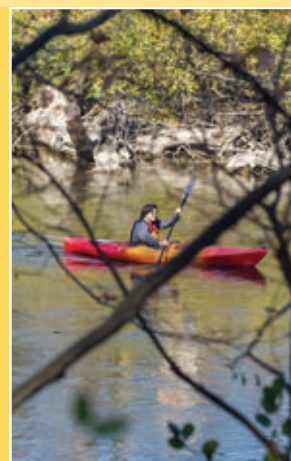
- **Staying warm inside any store downtown.** There are plenty of cozy spots to choose from, including bookstores of all kinds, specialty shops, cafés, museums, theaters and restaurants.
- **Ice skating & ice hockey games.** Spectator or player? Find it at Yost Ice Arena. mgoblue.com/yost
- **Cross-country skiing & sledding.** Ski trails and sledding hills await you, many at no charge. annarborwithkids.com/articles/best-ann-arbor-sledding-hills
- **Live performances by artists from home and around the world.** The University Musical Society's current season features a variety of music, dance and theater. ums.org/performances



SPRING FEVER

From first thaw to full bloom, this season brings some of the most anticipated events of the year:

- **Ann Arbor Film Festival.** The longest running event of its kind, this festival brings a world of cinema to the screens of the Michigan Theater every March. aafilmfest.org
- **Ann Arbor Marathon.** The streets of Ann Arbor are turned over to the fleet feet of residents and visitors, starting at The Big House, then along the Huron River, and crossing the finish line on Main Street. epicraces.com/events/marathon
- **Festifools.** An Ann Arbor original creation, this event kicks off the city's outdoor festival season with a parade of larger-than-life, community-constructed puppets. wonderfoolproductions.org
- **Ann Arbor Antiques Market.** Open select weekends starting in April, this popular market features over 300 dealers. annarborantiquesmarket.com



SUMMER'S HERE

Summer is a fun time of year in Ann Arbor with many festivals in the city and surrounding area. There's always something to do:

- **Ann Arbor Farmers Market.** More than 100 local producers gather here every week to offer their finest fare. Food Truck Rallies and Guest Chef Cooking Demos take place on select days in the summer. a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/parks-places/farmers-market/Pages/default.aspx
- **Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** Beginning in June every year, this three-week event is an exhilarating celebration of performing arts, outdoor entertainment and community spirit. a2sf.org
- **Ann Arbor Art Fair.** In July, the streets of downtown Ann Arbor fill with artists and visitors from across the country to attend this nationally recognized event. artfair.org
- **Outdoor fun.** Golfing, hiking, horseback riding, swimming in lakes or neighborhood pools, fishing, or playing at the park—it's all here! a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/play/Pages/default.aspx

Go to visitannarbor.org for more events info.



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Sleeping Bear Dunes
Lake Michigan

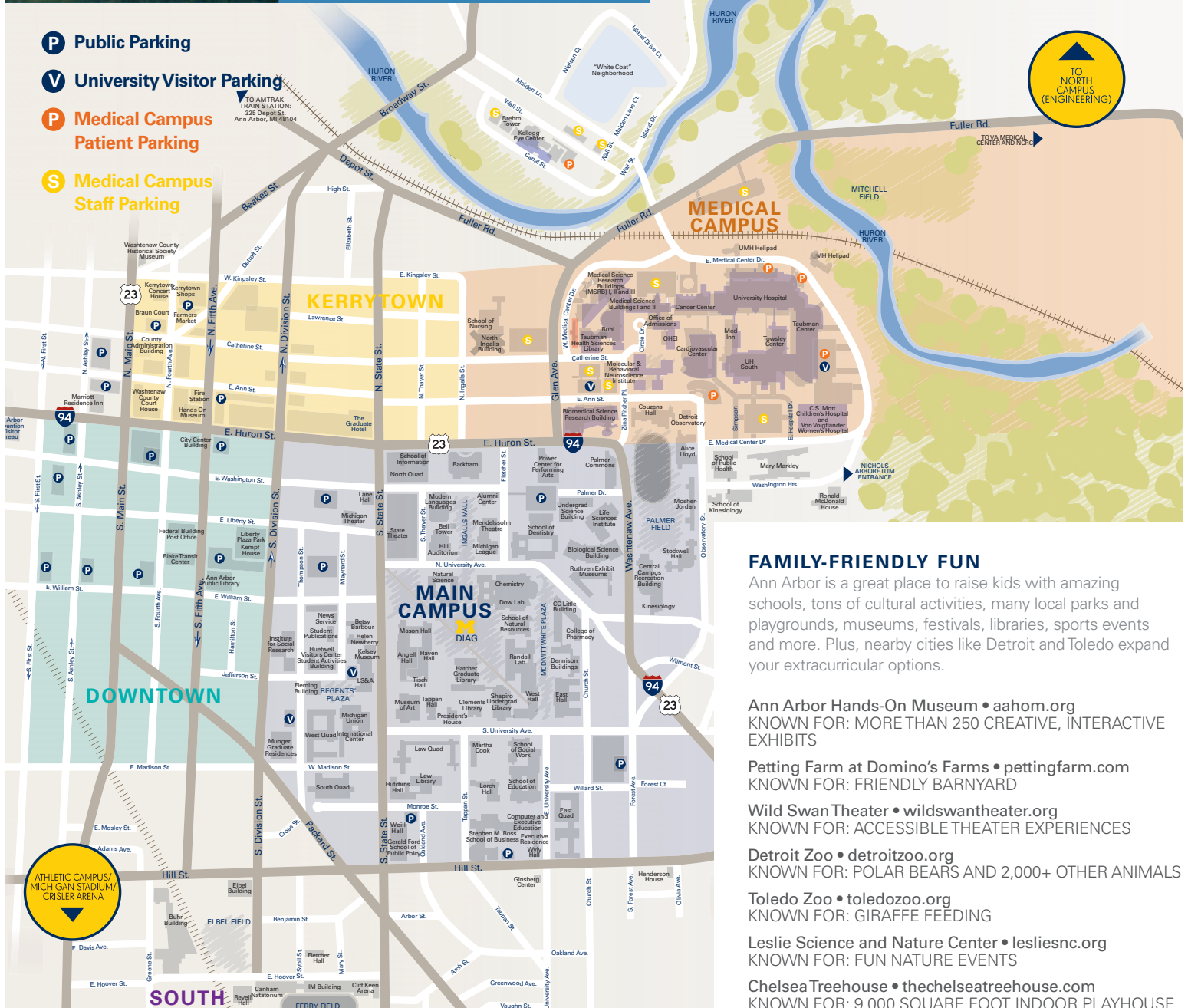
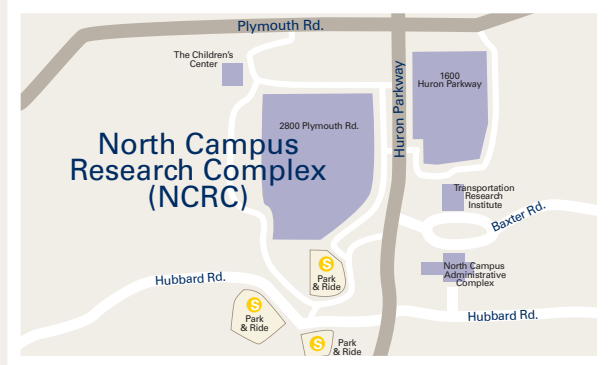
Favorite Nearby Destinations

When you're looking for a change of scenery, these places are just a drive away.

Pinckney State Recreation Area • 20 miles
Mexicantown • 44 miles
Lake Michigan • 156 miles
Downtown Detroit • 43 miles
Toronto • 274 miles
Eastern Market • 44 miles
Traverse City • 240 miles
Mackinac Island • 282 miles
Chicago • 240 miles
Niagara Falls • 293 miles
Cedar Point • 120 miles
Huron Metroparks • 22 miles



Downtown Detroit



FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN

Ann Arbor is a great place to raise kids with amazing schools, tons of cultural activities, many local parks and playgrounds, museums, festivals, libraries, sports events and more. Plus, nearby cities like Detroit and Toledo expand your extracurricular options.

Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum • aahom.org
KNOWN FOR: MORE THAN 250 CREATIVE, INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS

Petting Farm at Domino's Farms • pettingfarm.com
KNOWN FOR: FRIENDLY BARNYARD

Wild Swan Theater • wildswantheater.org
KNOWN FOR: ACCESSIBLE THEATER EXPERIENCES

Detroit Zoo • detroitzoo.org
KNOWN FOR: POLAR BEARS AND 2,000+ OTHER ANIMALS

Toledo Zoo • toledozoo.org
KNOWN FOR: GIRAFFE FEEDING

Leslie Science and Nature Center • lesliesnc.org
KNOWN FOR: FUN NATURE EVENTS

Chelsea Treehouse • thechelseatreehouse.com
KNOWN FOR: 9,000 SQUARE FOOT INDOOR PLAYHOUSE

TASTE OF ANN ARBOR

Whether you're looking for a light snack or a sumptuous dinner out, Ann Arbor's 300+ restaurants are sure to please your palate.

Angelo's Restaurant

1100 Catherine St. • angelosa2.com
KNOWN FOR: BREAKFAST

Aventura

216 E. Washington St. • aventuraannarbor.com
KNOWN FOR: SPANISH TAPAS AND CRAFT COCKTAILS

Blank Slate Creamery

300 W. Liberty St. • blankslatecreamery.com
KNOWN FOR: HOMEMADE ICE CREAM

BlueTractor BBQ & Brewery

207 E. Washington St. • bluetractor.net
KNOWN FOR: BEST BARBECUE

Broken Egg

221 N. Main St. • facebook.com/
The-Broken-EGG-150665738311267
KNOWN FOR: HEARTY CLASSIC FARE

Café Zola

112 W. Washington St. • cafezola.com
KNOWN FOR: CREPES

The Chop House

322 S. Main St. • thechophouserestaurant.com
KNOWN FOR: STEAK AND WINE

Conor O'Neill's Traditional Irish Pub

318 S. Main St. • conoroneills.com
KNOWN FOR: GREAT FOOD & LIVE MUSIC

Frita Batidos

117 W. Washington St. • fritabatidos.com
KNOWN FOR: CUBAN-INSPIRED STREET FOOD

Gandy Dancer

401 Depot St. • muer.com/gandy-dancer
KNOWN FOR: SEAFOOD

Grizzly Peak Brewing Company

120 W. Washington St. • grizzlypeak.net
KNOWN FOR: WOOD-FIRED PIZZAS AND SPORTS

Isalita

341A E. Liberty St. • isalita.com
KNOWN FOR: MEXICAN TAPAS AND MARGARITAS

Jerusalem Garden

314 E. Liberty St. • jerusalemgarden.net
KNOWN FOR: MIDDLE EASTERN CUISINE

Knight's Downtown Steakhouse

600 E. Liberty St. • knightsrestaurants.com
KNOWN FOR: DELICIOUS STEAK AND STRONG DRINKS

Logan

115 W. Washington St. • logan-restaurant.com
KNOWN FOR: UPSCALE DINING

Mani Osteria & Bar

341 E. Liberty St. • maniosteria.com
KNOWN FOR: CREATIVE ITALIAN DISHES

Mikette Bistro & Bar

1759 Plymouth Rd. • mikettea2.com
KNOWN FOR: TASTE OF SOUTHERN FRANCE, NORTH AFRICA AND SPAIN

Pacific Rim by Kana

114 W. Liberty St. • pacificrimbykana.com
KNOWN FOR: CONTEMPORARY PAN-ASIAN CUISINE

Palio

347 S. Main St. • palioannarbor.com
KNOWN FOR: ROOFTOP PATIO

Real Seafood

341 S. Main St. • realeafoodcorestaurant.com
KNOWN FOR: FRESH SEAFOOD & RAW BAR

Sava's

216 S. State St. • savasrestaurant.com
KNOWN FOR: LOCALLY SOURCED ECLECTIC CUISINE

Shalimar

307 S. Main St. • shalimarrestaurant.com
KNOWN FOR: NORTH INDIAN, TANDOORI & MUGHLAI CUISINES

COFFEE SHOPS

Downtown The usual chain java joints, and many local selections and specialty brews along Main, Washington and Liberty Streets. reinhartrealtors.com/blog/2018/02/best-coffee-shops-in-ann-arbor

AT NIGHT IN ANN ARBOR

As with many other aspects of living in Ann Arbor, the options of what to do after dark are endless. Here are some of the best places to unwind, let loose and be entertained till the wee hours:

The Ark

316 S. Main St. • theark.org
KNOWN FOR: PREMIER ACOUSTIC MUSIC VENUE

Ashley's Restaurant & Pub

338 S. State St. • ashleys.com
KNOWN FOR: PREMIUM BAR SELECTION

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315 Braun Ct. • facebook.com/a2autbar/
KNOWN FOR: LGBTQ HOT SPOT

Bab's Underground Lounge

213 S. Ashley St. • babsannarbor.com
KNOWN FOR: LOUNGE VIBE

Bill's Beer Garden

218 S. Ashley St. • billsbeergarden.com
KNOWN FOR: SEASONAL OUTDOOR SPACE

Black Pearl Martini Bar

302 S. Main St. • blackpearlannarbor.com
KNOWN FOR: EXOTIC MARTINIS

The Circ Bar

210 S. 1st St., 2nd Fl. • thecircbar.com
KNOWN FOR: KARAOKE, THEME PARTIES, ROOFTOP

Dominick's

812 Monroe St. • facebook.com/pages/
Dominicks/117498354935062
KNOWN FOR: RELAXED OUTDOOR SEATING, SANGRIA AND PIZZA. OPEN SPRING-FALL.

Heidelberg

215 N. Main St. • heidelbergannarbor.com
KNOWN FOR: TRADITIONAL GERMAN BEER HALL

Hopcat

311 Maynard St. • hopcat.com/ann-arbor
KNOWN FOR: BREW PUB AND MASSIVE BEER MENU

Thrive Juicery

111 W. Liberty St. • thrive-juicery.com
KNOWN FOR: COLD-PRESSED, RAW JUICES

Tomukun Noodle Bar & Korean BBQ

505 E. Liberty St. • tomukun.com
KNOWN FOR: TABLE-TOP GRILLS & CLASSIC KOREAN SOUL FOOD

Vinology Wine Bar and Restaurant

110 S. Main St. • vinologyA2.com
KNOWN FOR: SOPHISTICATED WINE SELECTION

Zingerman's

Deli: 422 Detroit St. • zingermansdeli.com

Roadhouse: 2501 Jackson Ave.

zingermansroadhouse.com

KNOWN FOR: EXTRAORDINARY DELI & REALLY GOOD AMERICAN FOOD

These are just a few of Ann Arbor's diverse and distinctive culinary offerings.

Visit annarbor.org/dining for more ideas.