



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 Street • 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 Street • 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 Forbes.com named Ann Arbor as the #1 "Best College Town" and Livability placed it at #1 on their "Best Cities to Live" list. For more, visit: annarborusa.org/living-here/facts-rankings.



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GETTING AROUND A2

This is a town best explored sidewalk by sidewalk. 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. a2gov.org/departments/engineering/transportation/Pages/Biking.aspx

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



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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

525 S. State Street • umma.umich.edu
One of the top public university art museums in the country, the collection spans 150 years of works.

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THE LAW QUAD

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

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KERRYTOWN

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

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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.
www.a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/play/Pages/Canoeing.aspx

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MATTHAEI BOTANICAL GARDENS

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



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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:

- **Canoeing on the Huron River.** Liveries in Gallup Park and Argo Nature Area are open April through October. a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/play/Pages/Canoeing.aspx
- **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
- **Kerrytown Bookfest.** Annual event that highlights local authors and organizations that support book and printing arts. kerrytownbookfest.org
- **Probiity Ann Arbor Marathon.** The streets of Ann Arbor are turned over to the fleet feet of residents and visitors, starting at Elbel Field, then along the Huron River, and crossing the finish line back at Elbel Field. epicraces.com/events/marathon

Go to annarbor.org for more events info.



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
- **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



Photo by Kevin Bender

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



Sleeping Bear Dunes
Lake Michigan

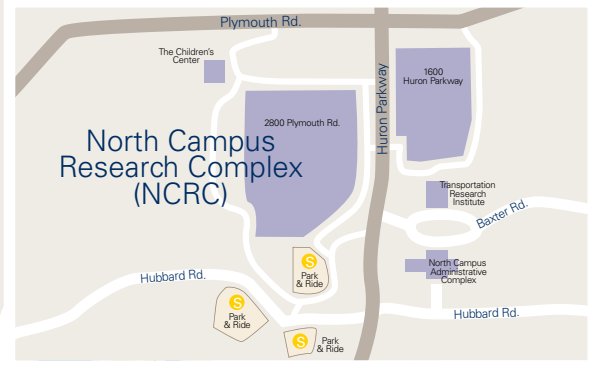
Favorite Nearby Destinations

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

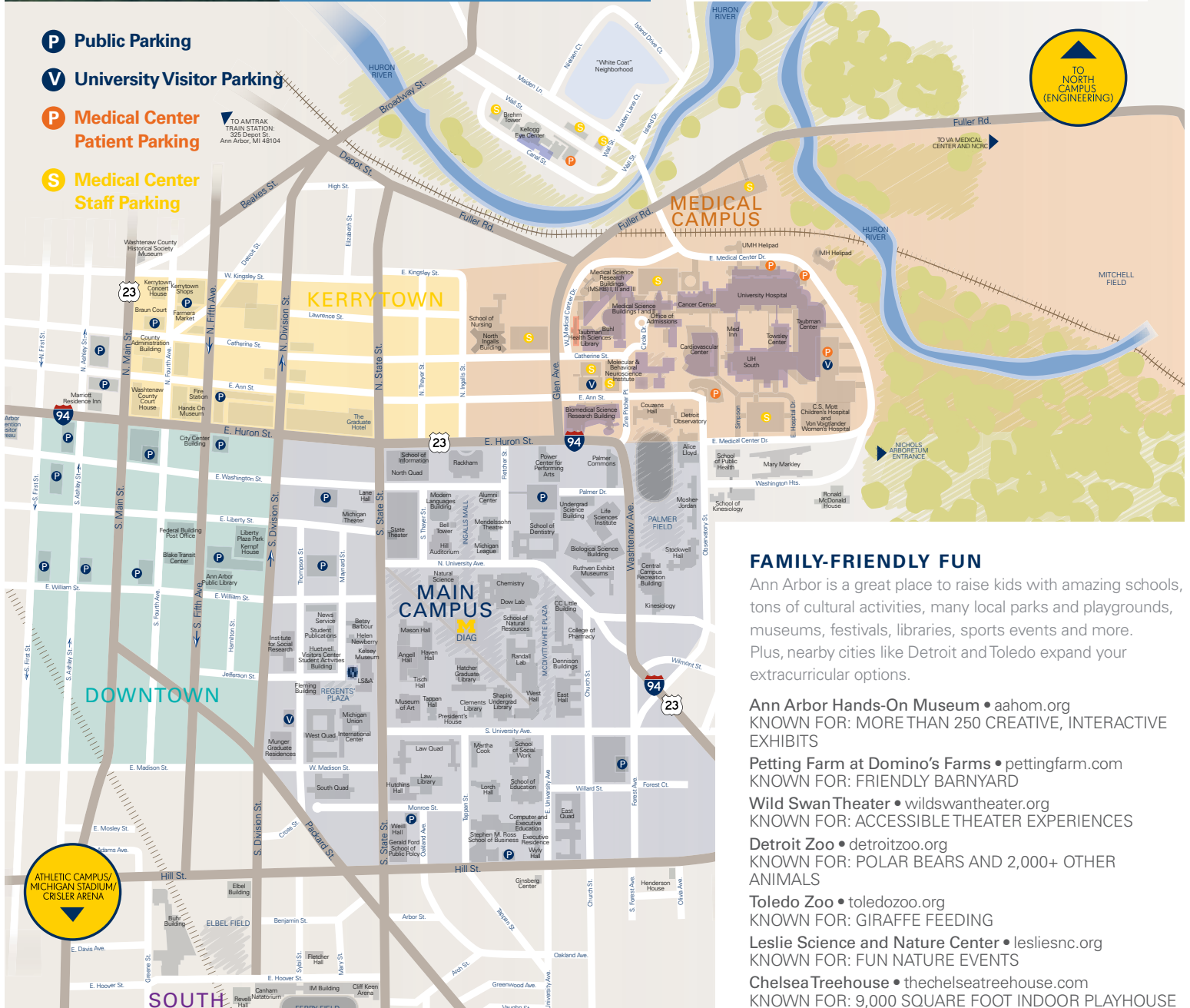
- Pinckney State Recreation Area • 20 miles
- Mexicantown • 44 miles
- Lake Michigan • 156 miles
- Downtown Detroit • 43 miles
- Toronto • 274 miles
- Eastern Market • 44 miles
- Traverse City • 240 miles
- Mackinac Island • 282 miles
- Chicago • 240 miles
- Niagara Falls • 293 miles
- Cedar Point •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



Downtown Detroit



- P** Public Parking
- V** University Visitor Parking
- P** Medical Center Patient Parking
- S** Medical Center Staff Parking



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 Street
angelosa2.com
KNOWN FOR: BREAKFAST

Aventura

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

Blank Slate Creamery

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

Blue Tractor BBQ & Brewery

207 E. Washington Street
bluetractor.net
KNOWN FOR: BEST BARBECUE

Café Zola

112 W. Washington Street
cafezola.com
KNOWN FOR: CREPES

The Chop House

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

Conor O'Neill's Traditional Irish Pub

318 S. Main Street
conoroneills.com
KNOWN FOR: GREAT FOOD AND LIVE MUSIC

First Bite

108 S. Main Street
firstbitefoods.com
KNOWN FOR: VEGAN, ORGANIC & GLUTEN-FREE

Frita Batidos

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

Gandy Dancer

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

The Great Commoner

110 E. Washington Street
greatcommoner.com
KNOWN FOR: A BOUTIQUE BREAK CAFE

Grizzly Peak Brewing Company

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

Kilwin's

107 East Liberty Street
kilwins.com/stores/kilwins-ann-arbor
KNOWN FOR: HANDMADE CHOCOLATES AND ICE CREAM

Isalita

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

Jagged Fork

414 S. Main Street
thejaggedfork.com
KNOWN FOR: BREAKFAST, BRUNCH, LUNCH

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

Mani Osteria & Bar

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

Pacific Rim by Kana

114 W. Liberty Street
pacificrimbykana.com
KNOWN FOR: PAN-ASIAN CUISINE

Palio

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

Real Seafood

341 S. Main Street
realseafoodcorestaurant.com
KNOWN FOR: FRESH SEAFOOD & RAW BAR

Sava's

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

Tomukun Noodle Bar & Korean BBQ

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

Shalimar

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

Vinology Wine Bar and Restaurant

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

Zingerman's

Deli: 422 Detroit Street
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.

COFFEE SHOPS

Downtown The usual chain java joints, and many local selections and specialty brews along Main, Washington and Liberty Streets. detroit.eater.com/maps/best-coffee-shops-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 Street
theark.org
KNOWN FOR: PREMIER ACOUSTIC MUSIC VENUE

Ashley's Restaurant & Pub

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

Axe Ventura

332 Maynard Street
axe-ventura.com
KNOWN FOR: AXE THROWING

Bab's Underground Lounge

213 S. Ashley Street
babsannarbor.com
KNOWN FOR: LOUNGE VIBE

Bill's Beer Garden

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

Black Pearl Martini Bar

302 S. Main Street
blackpearlannarbor.com
KNOWN FOR: EXOTIC MARTINIS

Bløm Meadworks

100 S Fourth Ave
drinkblom.com
KNOWN FOR: MEADS AND CIDERS

Dominick's

812 Monroe Street
facebook.com/pages/Dominick's
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

Jolly Pumpkin Café and Brewery

311 S. Main Street
annarbor.jollypumpkin.com
KNOWN FOR: RELAXED AND ECLECTIC BREWPUB

La Dolce Vita

322 S. Main Street
facebook.com/LaDolceVitaAnnArbor
KNOWN FOR: SUBLIME DESSERTS

The Last Word

301 W. Huron Street
thelastwordbar.com
KNOWN FOR: EXCELLENT COCKTAILS

LIVE Nightclub

102 S. 1st Street
livea2.com
KNOWN FOR: POPULAR DANCE CLUB FOR GRAD STUDENTS

South U

facebook.com/SouthUniversityAreaAssociation
The place for happy hours at popular main campus watering holes such as Brown Jug, Blue Leprechaun, Rick's, Charley's Ale House
KNOWN FOR: COLLEGE SCENE

University Musical Society

Venues vary – visit ums.org for schedule/location
KNOWN FOR: LOCAL TO INTERNATIONAL MUSIC, THEATER AND DANCE SERIES

Many Ann Arbor restaurants feature a bar of their own where you can comfortably relax and enjoy cocktails on a date or in a group. Go to visitannarbor.org/things-to-do/nightlife for more nightspot ideas.