



24+ HOURS IN ANN ARBOR

Discover Ann Arbor, a charming city that combines small-town warmth with big-city sophistication. Experience the vibrant culture, diverse community and breathtaking landscapes. It's the perfect home for students, trainees, residents, fellows and faculty. Immerse yourself in the thriving arts scene, meet people from different backgrounds, and explore the picturesque natural surroundings. Ann Arbor awaits, offering an irresistible blend of intellect, fun and a truly unique lifestyle.



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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. Recently, Money.com named Ann Arbor as #8 among the 50 Best Places to Live in the U.S., and WalletHub.com placed Ann Arbor as the #1 Most Educated City in America. For more, visit: bit.ly/43ERBWz



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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. bit.ly/3KdnyOM

Trails to communities surrounding Ann Arbor. b2btrail.org

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



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6 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.

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

8 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.

9 HURON RIVER
bit.ly/3OaUZ61
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.

10 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:

- **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. bit.ly/3Qu98ht
- **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
- **Ann Arbor Marathon.** The streets of Ann Arbor are turned over to the fleet feet of residents and visitors, starting outside The Big House, then along the Huron River, and crossing the finish line on Main Street. annarbormarathon.com

Go to visitannarbor.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:

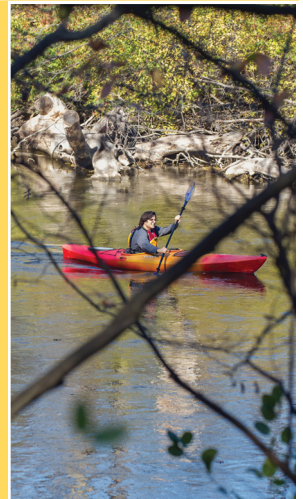
- **Staying warm inside any store downtown.** There are plenty of cozy spots to choose from, including bookstores of all kinds, specialty shops, cafés, museums, theaters and restaurants. Be sure to check out Restaurant Week in February. annarborrestaurantweek.com
- **Ice skating & ice hockey games.** 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. bit.ly/44ew487
- **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
- **FOOLMoon and FestiFOOL.** Ann Arbor original creations, these community arts events kick off the city's outdoor festival season with a parade of larger-than-life puppets. wonderfoolproductions.org
- **Spring Plant Sale.** Purchase unique and varied plants, flowers and herbs at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens' annual sale. mbgna.umich.edu/event/spring-plant-sale
- **Taste of Ann Arbor.** Sample delicious dishes from local restaurants and food vendors, showcasing the city's diverse food scene. mainstreetannarbor.org/taste-of-ann-arbor
- **Wildflower Walk.** Witness the vibrant display of native wildflowers blooming at the Nichols Arboretum. View one of the largest collections (over 270 varieties) of herbaceous peonies at the W.E. Upjohn Peony Garden. peony.mbgna.umich.edu



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. bit.ly/3NizSHK
- **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! bit.ly/3r9ihkC



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Sleeping Bear Dunes
Lake Michigan

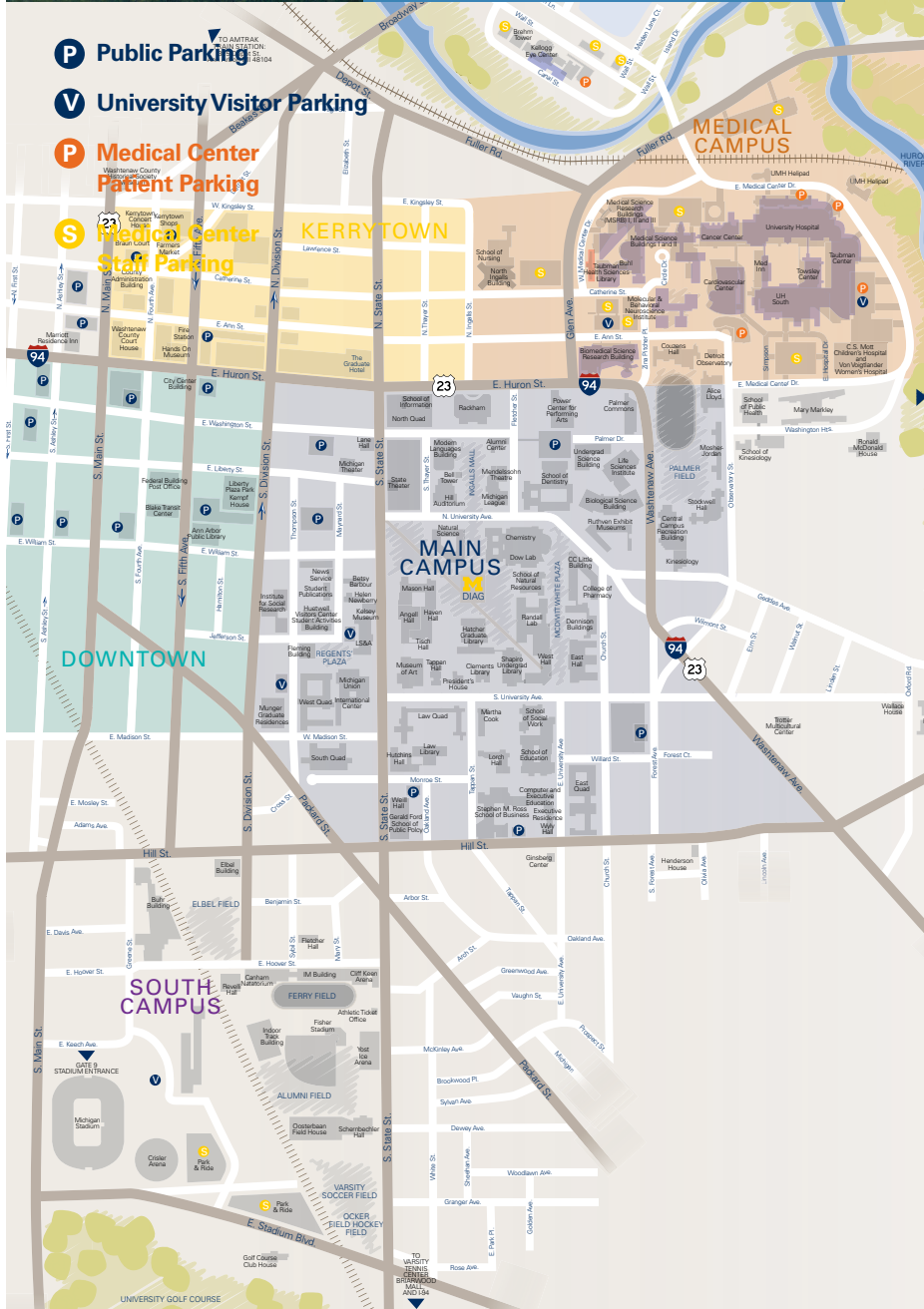
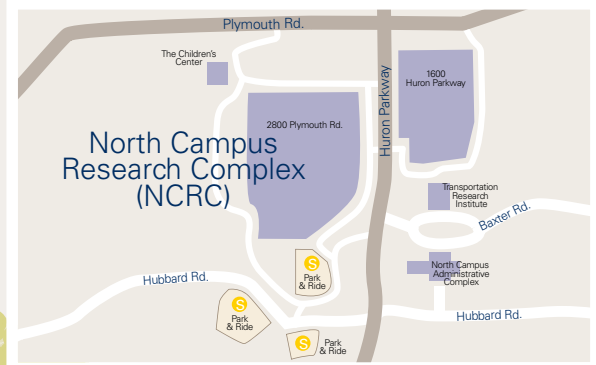
Favorite Nearby Destinations

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

KNOWN FOR: MORE THAN 250 CREATIVE, INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS

Chelsea Treehouse

KNOWN FOR: 9,000 SQUARE FOOT INDOOR PLAYHOUSE

Cranbrook Institute of Science

KNOWN FOR: INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS, SPECIAL EVENTS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, & A PLANETARIUM & OBSERVATORY

Creature Conservancy

KNOWN FOR: ANIMAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM OFFERING EDUCATION EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

Detroit Zoo

KNOWN FOR: POLAR BEARS & 2,000+ OTHER ANIMALS

Greenfield Village

KNOWN FOR: A RECREATION OF 19TH CENTURY LIFE SET AMONG NEARLY 100 HISTORIC BUILDINGS ON 80 ACRES IN DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

Leslie Science & Nature Center

KNOWN FOR: FUN NATURE EVENTS

Petting Farm at Domino's Farms

KNOWN FOR: FRIENDLY BARNYARD

Sea Life Michigan Aquarium

KNOWN FOR: MICHIGAN'S LARGEST AQUARIUM, FEATURING EXHIBITS, EVENTS, TOURS & DEMONSTRATIONS

Toledo Zoo

KNOWN FOR: GIRAFFE FEEDING

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.

Aventura

216 E. Washington St.
KNOWN FOR: SPANISH TAPAS & CRAFT COCKTAILS

Bigalora

3050 Washtenaw Ave.
KNOWN FOR: PIZZA

Blank Slate Creamery

300 W. Liberty St.
KNOWN FOR: HOMEMADE ICE CREAM

Blue Nile

221 E. Washington St.
KNOWN FOR: ETHIOPIAN CUISINE

Blue Tractor BBQ & Brewery

207 E. Washington St.
KNOWN FOR: BEST BARBECUE

The Chop House

322 S. Main St.
KNOWN FOR: STEAK & WINE

Conor O'Neill's Traditional Irish Pub

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

Detroit Filling Station

300 Detroit St.
KNOWN FOR: RANGE OF VEGAN OPTIONS + CARRYOUT

Frita Batidos

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

Gandy Dancer

401 Depot St.
KNOWN FOR: SEAFOOD

Grizzly Peak Brewing Company

120 W. Washington St.
KNOWN FOR: WOOD-FIRED PIZZAS & SPORTS

Isalita

341A E. Liberty St.
KNOWN FOR: MEXICAN TAPAS & MARGARITAS

Jerusalem Garden

314 E. Liberty St.
KNOWN FOR: MIDDLE EASTERN CUISINE

Knight's Downtown Steakhouse

600 E. Liberty St.
KNOWN FOR: DELICIOUS STEAK & STRONG DRINKS

The Lunch Room Bakery & Café

2200 Fuller Ct. #8B
KNOWN FOR: PLANT-BASED COMFORT FOOD, NEAR VA HOSPITAL

Mani Osteria & Bar

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

Pacific Rim by Kana

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

Palio

347 S. Main St.
KNOWN FOR: ROOFTOP PATIO

Real Seafood

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

Sava's

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

Shalimar

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

Slurping Turtle

608 E. Liberty Street
KNOWN FOR: RAMEN

Tomukun Noodle Bar & Korean BBQ

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

Vinology Wine Bar & Restaurant

110 S. Main St.
KNOWN FOR: SOPHISTICATED WINE SELECTION

York

1928 Packard St.
KNOWN FOR: CRAFT COMFORT FOOD & DRINKS

Zingerman's

Deli: 422 Detroit St.
Roadhouse: 2501 Jackson Ave.
KNOWN FOR: EXTRAORDINARY DELI & REALLY GOOD AMERICAN FOOD

Zola

Café: 112 W. Washington St.
Bistro: 3030 Washtenaw Ave.
KNOWN FOR: BRUNCH

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. annarbor.org/restaurants/coffee-shops

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.
KNOWN FOR: PREMIER ACOUSTIC MUSIC VENUE

Ashley's Restaurant & Pub

338 S. State St.
KNOWN FOR: PREMIUM BAR SELECTION

Babs' Underground Lounge

213 S. Ashley St.
KNOWN FOR: LOUNGE VIBE

Bill's Beer Garden

218 S. Ashley St.
KNOWN FOR: SEASONAL OUTDOOR SPACE

Black Pearl Martini Bar

302 S. Main St.
KNOWN FOR: EXOTIC MARTINIS

The Blind Pig

208 S. 1st St.
KNOWN FOR: LIVE MUSIC

The Circ Bar

210 S. First St.
KNOWN FOR: ROOFTOP DECK WITH SUNSET VIEWS

Dominick's

812 Monroe St.
KNOWN FOR: RELAXED OUTDOOR SEATING, SANGRIA & PIZZA. OPEN SPRING-FALL.

Heidelberg

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

Hopcat

311 Maynard St.
KNOWN FOR: BREW PUB & MASSIVE BEER MENU

Jolly Pumpkin Café & Brewery

311 S. Main St.
KNOWN FOR: RELAXED & ECLECTIC BREWPUB

La Dolce Vita

322 S. Main St.
KNOWN FOR: SUBLIME DESSERTS

The Last Word

301 W. Huron St.
KNOWN FOR: EXCELLENT COCKTAILS

LIVE Nightclub

102 S. 1st St.
KNOWN FOR: POPULAR DANCE CLUB FOR GRAD STUDENTS

Mash

211 E. Washington St.
KNOWN FOR: CRAFT BEER COCKTAILS

South U

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 & 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.