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 med students 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.

1. **STATE & LIBERTY**
   East of Main Street
   The gateway to central campus.
   Across the street, step onto the Diag to do some serious people watching.

2. **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.

3. **MICHIGAN STADIUM**
   1201 S. Main Street • mgoblue.com

4. **NICHOLS ARBORETUM**
   1610 Washington Heights • lsa.umich.edu/mbg
   A sublime sanctuary, the “Arb” is located along the Huron River and within walking distance of the medical campus.

5. **MAIN STREET AREA**
   Downtown • mainstreetannarbor.org
   Home to a smorgasbord of unique shops, restaurants and great places to hang out.
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.

**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.

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

**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.

**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

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

Ann Arbor is a highly ranked and rated city. 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/systems-planning/planning-areas/transportation/Pages/Biking.aspx
By car: Choose your personal ride, Zipcar or rideshare with Uber or Lyft.
**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](http://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](http://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](http://dextercidermill.com)
- **Kerrytown Bookfest.** Annual event that highlights local authors and organizations that support book and printing arts. [kerrytownbookfest.org](http://kerrytownbookfest.org)

Go to [visitannarbor.org](http://visitannarbor.org) for more events info.

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**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](http://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](http://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](http://ums.org/performances)

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**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](http://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/event/the-ann-arbor-marathon](http://epicraces.com/event/the-ann-arbor-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](http://wonderfoolproductions.org)
- **Ann Arbor Antiques Market.** Open select weekends starting in April, this popular market features over 300 dealers. [annarborantiquesmarket.com](http://annarborantiquesmarket.com)

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**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/play/Pages/default.aspx)
**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

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**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** • wildswanthewriter.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** • thechelseatrehouse.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
aventurannarbor.com
KNOWN FOR: SPANISH TABAS AND CRAFT COCKTAILS

**Blank Slate Creamery**
300 W. Liberty
Blankslatecreamery.com
KNOWN FOR: HOMEMADE ICE CREAM

**Blue Tractor BBQ & Brewery**
207 E. Liberty Street
bluetractor.net
KNOWN FOR: BEST BARBECUE

**Broken Egg**
221 N. Main St.
facebook.com/The-Broken-Egg-1508657792311267/
KNOWN FOR: HEARTY CLASSIC FARE

**Café Zola**
112 W. Washington Street
cafezola.com
KNOWN FOR: CREPES

**The Chop House**
318 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: PREMIER ACOUSTIC MUSIC VENUE

**Jerusalem Garden**
MARGARITAS
KNOWN FOR: MEXICAN TAPAS AND CUBAN-INSPIRED CUSSION

**314 E. Liberty St.**
jerusalemgarden.net

**Isalita**
341 A. E. Liberty Street
isalita.com
KNOWN FOR: HANDMADE CHOCOLATES

**Knight’s Downtown Steakhouse**
315 N. Main St.
heidelbergannarbor.com
KNOWN FOR: TRADITIONAL GERMAN BEER HALL

**Mikette Bistro & Bar**
1759 Plymouth Rd.
mikettea2.com
KNOWN FOR: TASTE OF SOUTHERN FRANCE

**Pacific Rim by Kana**
114 W. Liberty Street
pacificrimbykana.com
KNOWN FOR: CONTEMPORARY PAN-ASIANS CUISINE

**Palo**
347 S. Main St.
paloannarbor.com
KNOWN FOR: ROOFTOP PATIO

**Real Seafood**
341 S. Main Street
realseafoodrestaurants.com
KNOWN FOR: FRESH SEAFOOD & RAW BAR

**Sava’s**
216 S. State Street
savasrestaurant.com
KNOWN FOR: LOCALLY SOURCED ECLECTIC CUISINE

**Schakolad**
110 E. Washington Street
schakolad.com
KNOWN FOR: HANDMADE CHOCOLATES

**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 & MUGHALI CUISINES

**Vinoology Wine Bar and Restaurant**
110 S. Main Street
vinoology2.com
KNOWN FOR: SOPHISTICATED WINE SELECTION

**Zingerman’s**
Deli: 422 Detroit Street
zingermandeli.com
Roadhouse: 2501 Jackson Ave.
zingermandroadhouse.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.

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### 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

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### 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: LGBT HOT SPOT

**Ashley's Restaurant & Pub**
338 S. State Street
ashleys.com
KNOWN FOR: PREMIUM BAR SELECTION

**'aunt' BAR**
315 Braun Court
aubar.com
KNOWN FOR: SUBLIME DESSERTS

**Bill's Beer Garden**
218 S. Ashley Street
billsbeergarden.com
KNOWN FOR: SPRING-FALL OUTDOOR SPACE

**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
jollypumpkin.com/annarbor
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

**Mash**
211 E. Washington Street
mashbar.net
KNOWN FOR: CRAFT BEER COCKTAILS

**South U**
a2southu.com

The place for happy hours at popular main campus watering holes such as Brown Jug, Blue Leprechaun, Rick’s, Charley’s Ale House

**University Musical Society**
Venues vary — visit ums.org for schedule and location

**Visitannarbor.org/things-to-do/nightlife** for more nightlife ideas.