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.

**THE TOP TEN MUST-DO LIST**

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

4. **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.

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 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

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.

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
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](http://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](http://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](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)

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)

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/events/marathon](http://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](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)

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)

Go to visitannarbor.org for more events info.
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

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 • thechelseatreethouse.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

Blue Tractor BBQ & Brewery
207 E. Washington St. • bluetractor.net
KNOWN FOR: BEST BARBECUE

Broken Egg
221 N. Main St. • facebook.com/The-Broken-EGG-1506665738311267
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 FOOD

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

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

Real Seafood
341 S. Main St. • realseafoodcorestaurant.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

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.

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

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

Mash
211 E. Washington St. • mashbar.net
KNOWN FOR: CRAFT BEER COCKTAILS

South U
a2southu.com

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 annarbor.org/things-to-do/nightlife for more nightlife ideas.

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