

# The Ins and Outs of Ann Arbor



A Handbook of Helpful Hints  
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*Welcome to Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan!*

*Whether you are a faculty member or the spouse/partner of a faculty member, because you are the female adult member of your household, you probably have a large role in getting your family settled in Ann Arbor. We would like to help you with that task.*

*In this booklet, the Newcomers Committee has compiled information that we value about Ann Arbor. We offer you tips on getting around town, shopping, entertainment, and more. These are our personal opinions based on our experiences. We sincerely hope, however, that you will find something in this booklet to help you out; save you time, or simply enjoy.*

*If you have any questions, please feel free to contact anyone on the Newcomers Committee. We're happy to help, if we can.*

*Best wishes!*



## Some Personal Favorites

Offered by Maria Liu Bromberg

A favorite thing we like to do as a family during the summer is to take the children swimming. Many metroparks, county parks, and state parks with a wealth of places for swimming surround Ann Arbor. Some of our personal favorites are the two beaches at **Kensington Metropark**. [http://www.metroparks.com/parks/pk\\_kensington.php](http://www.metroparks.com/parks/pk_kensington.php) We have found them to be clean, scenic, with nice facilities for changing and even a concession stand where you can get food, or if you want you can also cook with the BBQ grills that they have in the surrounding picnic grounds. There are also nice, shady playground structures next to the beach area for children. We also like the beach at the **Washtenaw Independence Lake County Park**, which has nice facilities and a beautiful view.

[http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/parks\\_recreation/indy/pr\\_pkilcp.html](http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/parks_recreation/indy/pr_pkilcp.html) This is smaller than Kensington, but it has a fun sprinkler play area right next to the beach, which the kids really enjoy. Other personal favorites include the beach at the **Brighton State Park** and the beaches at the **Island Lake State Park**.

<http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/ParksandTrailsInfo.aspx?id=438>

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Besides the beaches in the parks, we've also found a really fun public water park, **Rolling Hills** in Ypsilanti. As a county park, the cost is really reasonable. It is a lot of fun as it has water slides, a lazy river where you can float in a tube, an imitation wave area, a nice eating area where you can get food, and well-maintained facilities for changing.

[http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/parks\\_recreation/hill/pr\\_pkroll.html](http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/parks_recreation/hill/pr_pkroll.html)

Ann Arbor is so culturally rich because of the University of Michigan, and we have found that there are many authentic tasting Asian cuisine restaurants, which is my family's favorite cuisine. On occasions, we enjoy going to all the Asian restaurants around Ann Arbor. For Chinese food, we like to go to T.K. Wu's, Middle Kingdom and Great Lake Chinese Seafood Restaurant. When we feel like having a good Chinese Buffet meal, we go to the Dynasty Restaurant. . For dim sum, which is Cantonese style brunch type of food of different kinds of dumplings, we go to the Great Lake Chinese Seafood Restaurant, which they serve until 3:00p.m. . For Japanese food, we've found excellent meals at Yotsuba, Yamato, and Miki's. For Thai food, we like the Siam Square and Lotus Thai for lunch. For Indian food, we've enjoyed the buffets at Raja Rani and Shalimar Restaurants. For Korean food, we've enjoyed going to the Seoul Garden, where you can cook Korean BBQ right at your table, and for more casual meals, we like going to BeWon's. For Vietnamese food, we enjoy going to Saigon Garden on South University. You will find authentic tasting restaurants for all the other types of cuisine as well; that's the unique part of Ann Arbor, because in other small cities you wouldn't find so many authentically tasting restaurants of so many cuisines.



## Some Personal Favorites

Offered by Jenny Carpenter

I have lived in Ann Arbor for over 20 years now and believe it is a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

Let's start with shopping. I love Kerrytown and especially Vintage to Vogue. The Farmer's Market is fun and far less crowded on Wednesdays than Saturdays. Zingerman's is a gem, albeit an expensive one. I love sending gifts from their catalogue - something you just can't get everywhere and everyone loves to receive. Hollander's in Kerrytown is also a good source for unique gifts. Downtown is a great shopping destination. I love browsing the craft galleries on Main Street, especially Selo/Shevel and 16 Hands. Ayla's is a wonderful women's shop with a beautiful European collection and top-notch service. On Liberty St., I enjoy Adorn Me, a fun accessories shop above The Bead Gallery, which is terrific if you are a beader. On your way to State St., check out the Nickels Arcade. There are several unique shops there, including an importer of beautiful Turkish pottery. I spend too much time and money at Bivouac, a wonderful outdoor store because I have three teenagers. My daughter is also a big fan of Moosejaw on Main St.

For food shopping, I mostly go to Busch's on Green Road, as it is closest to my home and a very friendly neighborhood store. I also pop into Trader Joe's, Whole Foods and Costco (in Brighton) to make sure I spend way too much time driving around!

There are many wonderful restaurants and others have gone into detail about them. I love Gratzl, Zingerman's Roadhouse, and Melange. West End Grill, Pacific Rim and Eve also have delicious food. We are almost regulars at Red Hawk, Zanzibar and Casey's. A favorite lunch or brunch spot is Café Zola. My kids love Mongolian Barbeque, Blimpy Burger and many of the popular chain restaurants such as Chili's and Macaroni Grill. If you need a caterer, I recommend Zingerman's, Moveable Feast or Food Art.

My favorite florist is Tom Thompson. My favorite radio station is WUOM (91.7) but there are other good public radio stations to choose from as well. There are fabulous musical and theatrical events offered through the University Musical Society and the U of M School of Music. The Summer Festival and Top of the Park is a great place to spend a summer evening. The Art Fair is overwhelming, but I haven't missed it yet.

For a leisurely stroll, Gallup Park, the Arboretum and the Botanical Gardens all provide good walking trails. I can't remember the last time I went to any of them but it sure sounds nice. I think it is time for me to start enjoying all that I love about Ann Arbor. Welcome! I hope that you enjoy it too!



Offered by Mary Dempsey

When we moved to Ann Arbor in 1993, our sons were teenagers. Helping them adjust to life in Ann Arbor included spending time at Huron High School theater productions and attending soccer matches, swim meets, cross country and track and field events. The public schools welcome parent and adult volunteers, and there are a vast number of other volunteer opportunities. Some that I have worked with are Washtenaw Literacy and The American Red Cross.

The University of Michigan boasts fine sports teams, and not only football and basketball draw first class athletes to the school. Those tickets come at a premium, but it is possible to see talented gymnasts, swimmers, tennis players and others, and really support the teams that attract smaller crowds.

There are museums associated with the University of Michigan, including the Museum of Art, the Exhibit Museum of Natural History and the Kelsey Museum of Anthropology to name a few. Many fine galleries in the area, such as the Washington Street Gallery in Ann Arbor and the River Gallery in Chelsea offer the chance to view the work of local and contemporary artists.

The University of Michigan has one of the top music schools in the country and there are talented students performing music and drama. Some recent productions include the musical "The Pajama Game", and Jazz Dance Theater.

Professional performing artists come to Ann Arbor thanks to the University Musical Society. From the UMS brochure:  
"Over the past decade, UMS has grown from being primarily a presenter of classical music concerts to an inclusive organization committed to creation, education and presentation involving all genres of music, dance and theater. Paying homage to its roots, it has expanded its classical musical presentation while developing a commitment to jazz, world culture, dance, family performances and contemporary productions.

The University Musical Society now hosts approximately 80 performances and 150 free educational activities each season. UMS also commissions new work, sponsors artist residencies and organizes collaborative projects with local, national and international partners."

Among the performers to visit Ann Arbor have been Marcel Marceau, Dave Brubeck, and The Royal Shakespeare Company. All have had special relationships with Ann Arbor.

There is much to do in Ann Arbor that will appeal to many interests.



## Some Personal Favorites

Offered by Susan Flint

**Public Radio.** The area is a regular mecca for this. A few that are easily heard here include:

WEMU, 89.1 FM, news, jazz & blues in Ypsilanti (my personal favorite)

WUOM, 91.7 FM, talk & news in Ann Arbor

WKAR, 90.5 FM, classical music in East Lansing

WDET, 101.9 FM in Detroit

WGTE, 91.3 FM, classical music in Toledo

The stations are commercial free, of course, but it's nice to contribute during their fund raising campaigns.

**Apple Picking.** Not free, but fun, especially on a crisp fall afternoon. A few of the orchards in this area include **Wasem Fruit Farms** (6580 Judd Rd. in Milan, 482-2342), **Wiard's Orchards** (5565 Merritt Rd. in Ypsilanti, 482-7744), and **Alber Orchard and Cider Mill** (13011 Bethel Church Rd., near Manchester, 428-9310).

A walk through the **Arboretum** (especially in the fall or in the spring when the peony garden is in bloom) or **Gallup Park**, **Matthaei Botanical Gardens**, or across any of the **campuses** can be beautiful. The U of M museums are wonderful, too. The **Museum of Art** (525 S.State St.) has reopened following extensive renovation and expansion. Also on campus are the **Exhibit Museum of Natural History** (aka the "Dinosaur Museum" - 1109 Geddes Ave.) and the **Kelsey Museum of Archaeology** (434 State St.). All are great, and all are fun!

**Washtenaw Dairy** (602 S. Ashley, 662-3244). A true neighborhood ice cream parlor/ice cream shop near downtown. In case of a power failure, they sell dry ice!

**Bookstores.** Although Ann Arbor is not a great shopping town, an exception to this is bookstores, both new and used. The larger stores include **Borders** (612 E. Liberty, 3527 Washtenaw in Arborland and on 3140 Lohr Road) and **Barnes & Noble** (3245 Washtenaw). There are also *many* small specialty bookstores, including **Aunt Agatha's** (mystery and crime - 213 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.), and **Nicola's Books** (general - Jackson Rd. and Maple in Westgate). Check the yellow pages for lots more.

**Public Libraries.** There are five branch libraries in Ann Arbor, each offering a variety of programs for both kids and adults, not to mention a good selection of computer classes. To find out more information about their programs, you can pick up fliers at all locations, listen to an events recording on the main branch number, or check the website, [www.aadl.org](http://www.aadl.org), and click on "Events." The Main Branch is located at 343 S. Fifth Ave. Traverwood Branch, the newest location, is at 3333 Traverwood Drive at Huron Parkway, and West Branch is at 2503 Jackson Road in Westgate Mall. The other two branches are the Mallets Creek Branch at 3090 E. Eisenhower and Pittsfield Branch at 2359 Oak Valley Dr. The telephone number for all locations is 327-4200.

**The Ark.** An acoustic music club in downtown Ann Arbor (316 S. Main St.) presenting folk, jazz, bluegrass, etc. music, as well as storytellers and comedy. An interesting mix of new and classic performers.

**The Firefly Club.** Venue for live music (637 S. Main, between Madison & Mosley) with local, national and international jazz and blues artists.

And I'd be remiss if I didn't put in a plug for **Faculty Women's Club**, with its great interest sections (Newcomers, try Campus Explorers, if possible, to become more familiar with the U of M), interesting women, and a fantastic resource!

There are many other activities and events in the area. Check out the monthly events listing in the *Ann Arbor Observer*. Also, many places offer low cost classes catering to a variety of interests, for adults as well as for kids. For a smallish town, we have a lot happening!



Offered by Sheryl Manning

I have lived in Ann Arbor for several years, but it was not until I had children that I began to appreciate Ann Arbor as **a great place to play**. Many of these play areas are perfectly suitable for adults without children; I just needed children to help me discover them.

This area has lots of great parks. The large Metroparks are especially good. **Hudson Mills Metropark** is my favorite. Hudson Mills has lots of swings and play structures for kids, and picnic tables & grills for eating. But its best feature is a long, paved path that winds through woods, over bridges, & beside the river. You can bike, rollerblade, or run the full approximately 3-mile circuit, or stroll part way & turn around for a beautiful and relaxing outing. To get to Hudson Mills, you can take US 23 north to North Territorial Road. Take North Territorial Rd. west; the entrance is on North Territorial Rd., just before you reach Dexter-Pinckney Rd. You can also take Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd. to Dexter-Pinckney Rd., and follow Dexter-Pinckney Rd. to N. Territorial Rd. Turn right on N. Territorial. The park entrance is on your right.

**Delhi Metropark** is also a favorite, and it's a little closer. There are great swing sets & play structures, but we usually end up barefoot next to the river hunting for creatures or skipping rocks. There are also lots of open grassy areas, so this is our favorite place to fly kites. Delhi is located off of Huron River Dr. As you're driving west from Ann Arbor on Huron River Dr., turn left at E. Delhi Rd.

**Gallup Park** in Ann Arbor is also a beautiful park next to the river. Besides the river, it has a beautiful running/walking path, two large play areas for kids, and several secluded benches for a little quiet time. You can also rent bicycles, paddleboats & canoes here at reasonable rates. A fun activity in the summer or fall is to take a canoe trip on the Huron River. The city has 3-hour, 5-hour and all day canoe packages which include transportation to drop-off points or from pick-up points. You should make advance reservations for these trips by calling (734) 662-9319. We try to get 3 or 4 families together every summer to take one of these trips. They're great fun, & not much planning or work, because the city provides the canoes, paddles, life jackets, & transportation!

Finally, I'd like to mention a few of my favorite parks for small children. When my kids were preschoolers, we spent lots of time at the park near our home, but for a special treat, we'd travel to **Eberwhite School** on days the school was not in session. This school has a fabulous wooden play structure that resembles a castle. It's a great place for little imaginations to run wild! To get to Eberwhite School, take Liberty St. west from downtown, & turn left on Soule Blvd. Soule ends at the school.

We also loved to visit the play structure at **Fuller Park**, mostly because it is entirely in the shade. On hot days it was a great place to play. Fuller Park is located on Fuller Rd., opposite the hospital. The play structure is just west of the pool.

Also, we spent many days at **Thurston Nature Center** on the northeast side of Ann Arbor. This nature center is a good size for smaller children, because you can walk its entire path, which circles a large pond, in about 20 minutes. The kids feel like they're in the deep woods, yet you're extremely close to civilization. In the summer, the pond is good for frog hunting or crane sighting, and in the winter, the nearby residents usually have cleared a place for ice-skating or hockey. You can find Thurston Nature Center by taking Plymouth Rd. to Georgetown St., then turning left on Yorktown Street, which will dead end at the Nature Center.

I hope these ideas can help you have fun in Ann Arbor & the surrounding area!



## Some Personal Favorites

Offered by Aydan Golaszewski

### Restaurants for Families on a Budget (And/or who want to bring the kids along)

Although Ann Arbor offers quite a diverse and abundant selection of fine restaurants, sometimes you just want to grab a quick bite to eat (without springing for a sitter). The following are some of my family's favorites with brief comments. Keep in mind, these are not "kid-oriented" places, just ones where bringing kids is not a problem.

#### Breakfast:

**Angelo's:** On Catherine, at Glen, across from the UM Medical campus

Famous for their deep-fried French toast (for those who don't mind clogging their arteries, it's worth it!). They provide toys to keep small children entertained during the wait. My usual order: raisin French toast and fresh-squeezed orange juice. Expect a wait to be seated on the weekends, especially if you get there after about 9:00am.

**Benny's Family Dining:** on South Industrial turning south from Stadium, past the CVS parking lot. Standard diner/family restaurant with inexpensive full breakfast menu, cheaper on weekdays before 11am. Very lively with lots of students and athletes on weekends.

#### On Campus:

**Red Hot Lovers:** on East University, between Hill and South University

Best Chicago-style hot dogs this side of the Windy City. Good fries and onion rings. Also have a veggie burger that I heard is tops. Outside seating (picnic tables) when weather permits. A few booths inside.

**Rod's Diner:** on S. State Street, just south of Hill

Great family-owned and operated diner. Cokes come in real glasses. Sandwiches served on ceramic plates with lettuce and tomato on the side. Try the "colliders" - a soft-serve ice cream with items blended-in. My favorite: vanilla ice cream with banana and Snickers. No kids' menu per se, but my kids get the chicken strips. A few booths for seating. One outside table.

**Pizza Bobs:** on S. State Street, just south of Hill (next to Rod's Diner)

Although pizza is in the name, I much prefer their chapati. It's hard to describe, kind of like a salad in a large, open pita bread. Served with chapatti sauce. Very filling. If salad is not your thing, the subs are excellent. Counter seating and two small tables.

**Pizza House:** On Church St, between South University and Hill

Full-sized restaurant. Pizza is good. They also serve chapatis. Full bar. Kids' menu. We've even had an end-of-soccer-season party here. They deliver to most of Ann Arbor.

**Bell's Pizza:** at southeast corner of Packard and S. State

Good pizza. Only a few booths for seating. Great place to grab a pizza before heading out to a UM sporting event.

#### Other favorites:

**Mancino's Pizza and Grinders:** on Jackson Rd, between Wagner and Zeeb

For those who live on the west side, a great place to grab a great pizza or sub without going downtown or on campus. Kids' menu. Order at the counter and they bring the food to your table. Family-owned. Plenty of seating.

**Grizzly Peak:** on Washington, one block west of Main St. (downtown)

A microbrewery that serves surprisingly good food. Wood-fired pizzas, huge salads, good seafood, pasta, burgers and sandwiches. Save room for my favorite dessert, the Black & Tan brownie. Good microbrewed beers, with at least one rotating tap. Large bar area, as well as restaurant seating. Kids' menu.

**Banditos:** on Fourth St. (downtown) between Liberty and Washington

A nice Mexican place that's not a chain. Good fresh food. No kids' menu, but mine order a la carte items. No bar.

**TK-Wu:** East Liberty Street near State Street, next block past Border's

No frills Chinese food - huge servings - prepare to come hungry and leave happy. It's cheap, it's quick, it's close by and the food is pretty good. Eggplants with garlic sauce and noodle dishes are good, but you have to try different things and find your own favorites.



## Some Personal Favorites

Offered by Dot Reister

### CHELSEA

#### WE QUALIFY AS ONE OF THE "OUTS"

Chelsea is 15miles west out of town from Ann Arbor

The population of Chelsea is a little over 4000 so it surely is a small town and that is how we are proudly presented with the award of having the "Best Small Town Library in America" last year. This is a huge honor.

Chelsea is a friendly place; everyone smiles and says "hi" as you pass on the street. We are also hospitable---no parking meters. Perhaps our most well known landmark is the Clock Tower, which was recently renovated and now houses the "Sleeping Bear Press" which publishes wonderful books. In the same building complex is The Chocolate Café, The Teddy Bear Store, Las Fuentes Mexican Restaurant, indoor playgrounds and a garden where you can eat the lunch you just got at the Chocolate Café. The most well known eatery is The Common Grill, named after the owner Craig Common. People come from all over to enjoy the fish and seafood here. Across the street is Cleary's Pub, great for hamburgers, Mexican etc. A half block away is Zou Zous, another casual and delightful place for sandwiches, soup and ice cream. There also are the Wolverine, Thompsons's, Mike's Deli, and the Arctic Breakaway which is in the Coliseum Ice Rink.

**Chelsea Hospital** is almost like going to a country club on a winding road in the woods. It provides excellent medical care. Schools in Chelsea are always among the best in the State with tremendous community support. **Merkel's Furniture Store** is considered the best in the county, with a great crew of decorators if you want one. Chelsea is the home for two very nice art galleries on Main Street. The **River Gallery** and the **Chelsea Gallery** are across the street from each other and close to the **Marketplace**, which is a fair trade store, goodies from all over the world.

There is a pretty boardwalk around Pierce Lake and a golf course by the lake, which is open to public. You will probably see deer and maybe sandhill cranes while golfing. Just a little north of town is **Timbertown**, a wonderful playground for kids that was built with community money and effort.

**The Purple Rose Theater**, which was created by native son Jeff Daniels, is an intimate, excellent venue for live performances. To compliment the theater, Mr. Daniels also created a theatrical school in town.

I must not overlook the **Jiffy Mix Company**. This business has been a mainstay in Chelsea for at least three generations. Try their mixes---they are wonderful.

A very active, important organization in Chelsea is **Faith in Action**. This is an interfaith facility that provides clothing, food, furniture etc. for those in need.

If you want directions or someone to join you for lunch, just give me a call.



## Some Personal Favorites

Offered by Mary Ann Faeth and Christine Faeth

### SALINE

Ann Arbor has a significant cultural richness that sets it apart from most Midwestern towns. Of course, the University brings an incredible number of events, from lecture series to music festivals, and we all have access to them. I, however, love the ambience of a small town. I take advantage of all that Ann Arbor has to offer but live a few minutes away in a charming town called Saline. We have one of the best school systems in the State. Saline hosts the annual Celtic Festival, Summer Fest and a Memorial Day Parade with every historic lamppost boasting an American flag. It is the epitome of Americana and we love it. Saline has two established Historic Districts with another in the works, all of which have houses and structures dating back to the mid 1800's. Most have been or are in the process of being restored and are a delight to see. During the summer, there are also music performances of all kinds behind Mac's Acadian Grill.

An outstanding seafood restaurant is Mac's Acadian Grill (102 Michigan Ave., 734-944-6227). There is also the Brecon Grille, with an English Pub atmosphere and menu; Dan's Downtown Tavern, the Drowsy Parrot for coffee or lunch and My Favorite Café. Anyone interested in making wine with a group of friends should visit the Spotted Dog Winery (108 E. Michigan Ave.).

Saline has several outstanding interior design and gift shops. A favorite is Cobblestone Rose, with an eclectic collection of wonderful gift items, seasonal selections, women's and children's clothing and outstanding home accessories. Karen, the owner, does fantastic custom silk floral arrangements as well. This is a perfect place to start your Christmas shopping with unique ideas. The Pineapple House, owned by Joy, offers all necessary interior design services such as wallpaper, custom draperies, furniture and accessories and some antiques. Visit Maureen's Designs for fresh and silk custom floral needs. Accent Jewelry does custom jewelry design and repairs.

Saline hosts the "Ann Arbor Antiques Fair" at the Washtenaw Fair Grounds the third Sunday of every month from April to October. It attracts 400 dealers from across the country and is nationally known. Also the Saline Craft Show is worth a pre-Holidays visit in December at Saline Middle School on S. Maple St. Crafters from throughout Michigan, as well as other states travel to this shows to display their work. Crafts include decorative painting, stoneware, rugs, birdhouses, holiday decorating ideas, ceramics, calligraphy, and clothing. All of these products are designed, made, and displayed by the individual crafters and available at affordable prices.

There is a children's park along Mill Pond as well as a dog park, picnic grove and walking trail. Fresh produce can be found at the Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings May thru October. Turner's, Saline Flowerland, and Nature Garden Center are great nurseries for gardening needs. Other places of interest may be the newly renovated library, the Senior Center or Saline hospital.

Come to Saline, shop, eat, relax and enjoy the small town atmosphere.



## Some Personal Favorites

Offered by Teri Teeri

Ann Arbor is a small friendly city in which one can live in peaceful neighborhoods yet it has the advantages of a city 10 times larger. As you are getting acquainted with Ann Arbor it is wise to have a local map with you --- be sure it is current because new subdivisions and streets pop up almost overnight. The winding streets, one-way streets and streets with names that change unexpectedly will be identified on good maps.

A must read is the Ann Arbor Observer (delivered free monthly to homeowners) and the yearly City Guide both of which are available in many stores and restaurants. Also helpful is the Current, available at the libraries, restaurants and bookstores. The Observer has a monthly calendar of events with numerous listings and descriptions of things to do - concerts, films, sports events, clubs, restaurants, etc. It also includes interesting and in depth articles about people, history, issues that are pertinent to living in Ann Arbor. The Ann Arbor City Guide, which comes out once a year by the same publishers as the Observer gives an overview of life in Ann Arbor, University of Michigan information and the demographics of the area plus some of the area history.

No matter what your interests are, there are numerous activities in which you may become involved. If you enjoy art and creativity, there are the U of M Art Museum, many art galleries and art classes. For those interested in the outdoors, nature and gardening, there are U of M's Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Nichols Arboretum, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Parks plus the 147 city parks throughout the city. For those with an interest in athletics and exercise there are the U of M facilities, city owned pools and ice rinks and private athletic clubs and many golf courses and numerous athletic opportunities for your participation or as a spectator.

The health care systems available are what most cities of this size only dream about. You're in good hands at the U of M Medical Center or St. Joseph's or the VA plus the many smaller clinics around town. The public schools are excellent, there are outstanding adult education programs plus the Washtenaw Community College has many offerings.

Last but not least are the many neighborhoods around Ann Arbor and the surrounding communities. We hope you will make many friends while living here and become part of the community that you have chosen. So make yourself at home, start meeting your neighbors and other FWC members, join a section or two and know that you are welcomed to your new hometown.



## Some Personal Favorites

Offered by Kathe Wunderlich

### Where to Eat If You Don't Like to Cook

I hate to admit it, but I just don't enjoy cooking any more. But like almost everyone else, our family is eating out a bit less and choosing more carefully the restaurants we visit. Instead of going to a restaurant we like and generally looking at the menu, we choose the specific restaurant by what dishes they do well that we would like for that particular meal. We moved here 16 years ago and still remember well how it took a while to learn the "Ins and Outs" of Ann Arbor dining. To provide a starting point for you, here are a few of my family's (and some of our friends') favorites.

Pasta and minestrone soup --- Gratzl

Breakfast --- The Broken Egg, Angelo's, Café Zola, Northside Grill, City Limits Diner (Saline)

Barbecued ribs --- Damons, Chilis, Knight's, The Blue Truck

Steak --- Knight's, Chophouse

Sandwiches --- Zingerman's, Back Alley Gourmet, Market Place Grill, Arbor Farms

Pizza --- Paesano, Cottage Inn, Jet's and Anthony's

Salmon --- Mediterraneo, West End Grill, Pacific Rim and The Earle (The Earle is also great for veal and duck)

Lentil soup --- Ali Baba, Ayse's

Turkish --- Ayse's

Polish --- Amadeus

Hamburgers --- Casey's and Red Hawk

French --- Café Bon Homme (Plymouth)

German --- Metzger's

Japanese --- Godaiko, Yotsuba

Chinese --- Gourmet Garden, Chinese Tonight (Chelsea)

Mexican --- Tios, La Fuente (Ypsilanti)

Indian --- Shalimar

Stir-fry --- Mongolian Barbecue

Coffee House --- Café Felix, Sweetwaters, Espresso Royale, Starbucks

Fish --- Pacific Rim, Real Seafood, Common Grill in Chelsea

Vegetarian/Vegan --- Earthen Jar, Seva

Interesting view --- Gandy Dancer

Thai --- Lotus Thai

Ann Arbor has many more great eateries. I know you will have wonderful experiences trying these and finding your own favorites.

BON APPETIT!



## Some Personal Favorites

Offered By Jean  
Ballou

### What to do with Children when in and about Ann Arbor

Whether you are a parent needing a change in routine, or a grandparent with a day to enjoy, planning a fun outing with children is a delight for all. However, getting a suitable activity started may be simpler if you know what is available. Listed below are several places that have a wide range of activities you can carry out with children. Enjoy.

- **Fairy Doors**

<http://urban-fairies.com/index.html>

Making Ann Arbor truly unique, we host a community of Fairies. Discovering the Fairy Doors (the residences of the fairies) in the downtown area will be a delight for both you and your child. Begin at Sweetwater Café (123 West Washington), and continue to Peaceable Kingdom (210 South Main Street), Selo/Shevel (301 South Main Street), the Ark (316 South Main Street), Red Shoes (332 South Ashley) and the Ann Arbor Library (343 South Fifth Avenue). With a car, you can visit another Fairy door at Nicola's Books (2513 Jackson Road). You might want to bring a few little trinkets or candy to leave at the door as gifts for the fairies.

- **Jungle Java**

[www.junglejavaplay.com](http://www.junglejavaplay.com)

3900 Jackson Rd. Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103 (734-786-1340)

Jungle Java is a venue that is a cross between a large tree house and a playground. Imagine sitting among friends, enjoying a conversation as you sip a latte while your children play in a clean and safe environment. Most children are delighted with this experience.

- **My Urban Toddler**

[www.MyUrbanToddler.com](http://www.MyUrbanToddler.com)

7025 E Michigan Ave., Saline, MI 48176 (734-944-3628)

Urban toddler is a delightful experience for young children. The play areas include a train, a dress-up area, an infant park, a firehouse, a kitchen, a theater, a market, and a library.

- **Hands on Museum**

[www.aahom.org](http://www.aahom.org)

220 E Ann St., Ann Arbor, MI 48105 (734-995-5439)

The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum won two awards in the 2008 Readers' Poll: Best Local Museum and Best Place for Kids Under 12!

- **Briarwood Mall**

Briarwood is a wonderful large area in which to play, especially in the heart of winter.

- **YMCA**

[www.annarborymca.org](http://www.annarborymca.org)

400 W Washington St., Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (734-996-9622)

Although you will need a membership, the Ann Arbor Y is more like a sports club than a Y. Drop off your toddlers so you can exercise, sign-up for the "Parents Evening Out", or attend classes. The Y is truly a community experience.

- **Library Story times**

[www.aadl.org](http://www.aadl.org)

The Ann Arbor District Library (AADL) system is composed of the Downtown Library, four branch libraries (Malletts Creek, Traverwood, West, and Pittsfield). The Downtown Library is conveniently located at 343 South Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104..

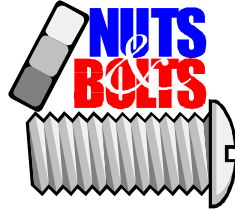
Story times for children are at all branches.

- **UM Natural History Museum**

<http://www.lsa.umich.edu/exhibitmuseum>

1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48109, (734-764-0478)

This museum is well known for the dinosaur bones. While a free museum, donations are encouraged. On the weekends, there are also planetarium shows.



The Newcomers Committee polled several members of the FWC about their favorite places to "get things done", i.e., buy things, get things repaired, etc. We've listed their responses on the next few pages, making no attempt to rank the responses.

## Food Shopping

### For Produce:

1. Alexander's Farm Market, 6925 Whitmore Lake Rd., Northfield Twp. (741-1064)
2. Fresh Seasons Market, 2281 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor
3. Farmer's Market, open-air market at Kerrytown in Ann Arbor, Wednesday and Saturday mornings
4. Hiller's Market, 3615 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor
5. Produce Station, 1629 S. State St., Ann Arbor
6. Meijer's, on Ann Arbor - Saline Rd., near I94, and on Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor
7. Whole Foods Market, 3135 Washtenaw Avenue @ Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor
8. Whole Foods Market, 990 West Eisenhower @ Ann Arbor - Saline Road, Ann Arbor
9. Arbor Farms Natural Foods, 2103 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor

### For Meat:

1. Busch's Valu Land, 2240 S. Main, Ann Arbor, & 2020 Green Rd., Ann Arbor
2. Chelsea Market, 125 S. Main, Chelsea
3. Hillers Market, 3615 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor
4. Knight's Market, 420 Miller, Ann Arbor
5. Sparrow Meat Market, 407 N Fifth (in Kerrytown), Ann Arbor, all natural meats, free of chemicals, hormones and antibiotics.
6. Whole Foods Market, 3135 Washtenaw Avenue @ Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor
7. Whole Foods Market, 990 West Eisenhower @ Ann Arbor - Saline Road, Ann Arbor
8. Arbor Farms Natural Foods, 2103 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor

### For Fish:

1. Chelsea Market, 125 S. Main, Chelsea
2. Monahan's Seafood Market, 407 N. Fifth (in Kerrytown), Ann Arbor
3. Arbor Farms Natural Foods, 2103 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor
4. Whole Foods Market, 3135 Washtenaw Avenue @ Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor
5. Whole Foods Market, 990 West Eisenhower @ Ann Arbor - Saline Road, Ann Arbor
6. Busch's Valu Land, 2240 South Main, & 2020 Green Rd., Ann Arbor
7. Hiller's Market, 3615 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor

### For Wine:

1. Morgan & York, 1928 Packard, Ann Arbor
2. Busch's Valu Land, 2240 S. Main, Ann Arbor, & 2020 Green Rd., Ann Arbor
3. Hiller's Market, 3615 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor
4. Village Corner, 601 S. Forest, Ann Arbor
5. World Market Cost Plus, S. State & Eisenhower, Ann Arbor
6. Trader Joe's, 2398 E. Stadium Blvd. (in Lamppost Plaza), inexpensive but decent wines.
7. Everyday Wines, 407 N. 5<sup>th</sup>, Kerrytown, Ann Arbor
8. Stadium Market, 1423 East Stadium Blvd. @ Packard, Ann Arbor (also catering)
9. Plum Market, 375 North Maple Road, Ann Arbor

For Pizza:

1. Anthony's Pizza 2520 Packard (in Georgetown Mall) Ann Arbor
2. Jet's Pizza, various locations.
3. California Pizza Kitchen, Briarwood Mall (great BBQ chicken pizza)
4. Cottage Inn (many locations in Ann Arbor)
5. New York Pizza Depot, 605 E. William, Ann Arbor (great specialty pizzas)
6. Stadium Market, 1423 East Stadium Blvd. @ Packard, Ann Arbor (gluten free)

For Bagels:

1. Barry's Bagels, 2515 Jackson Rd. (in Westgate), Ann Arbor
2. Krogers (many locations in Ann Arbor)
3. Zingerman's Deli, 218 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor
4. Brueger's, various locations.

For Specialty Food Items:

1. Arbor Farms Natural Foods, 2103 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor
2. Busch's Valu Land, 2240 S. Main, Ann Arbor, & 2020 Green Rd., Ann Arbor
3. Great Harvest Bread Co., 2220 S. Main, Pittsfield Twp.
4. Hillers Market, 3615 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor
5. Plum Market, 375 North Maple Road, Ann Arbor
6. Panera Bread, various locations, Ann Arbor
7. Peoples Food Co-op, 4th Ave near Kerrytown
8. Produce Station, 1629 S. State, Ann Arbor
9. Trader Joe's, 2398 E. Stadium Blvd. (in Lamp Post Plaza), Ann Arbor
10. Tsai Grocery, 3115 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor
11. Whole Foods, 3125 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor
12. Whole Foods, 990 West Eisenhower @ Ann Arbor- Saline Road, Ann Arbor
13. Zingerman's Deli, 218 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor
14. Grand Traverse Pie Company, 291 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor
15. Bombay Grocers, 3022 Packard Street @ Platt Road, Ann Arbor
16. Mediterranean Market, 4019 Stone School Road @ Ellsworth Road, Ann Arbor
17. China Market, 2767 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor

## **Furniture Shopping**

A number of tips about furniture shopping came back on our survey. The furniture shops mentioned include:

Arhaus Furniture in Arborland Shopping Center, Ann Arbor  
Art Van Furniture, 425 E. Eisenhower Pkwy., Ann Arbor  
Ikea, Canton  
Merkel's Furniture, 209 S. Main, Chelsea (wide selection with a good show room)  
Naked Furniture, 3402 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor (less expensive, you can buy ready to finish pieces)  
Pottery Barn, Briarwood Mall, Ann Arbor  
Three Chairs Company, 215 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor  
Mitchell Gold @ Three Chairs, 208 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor  
Treasure Mart, 529 Detroit St., Ann Arbor (large used furniture/antique store with constant turnover in selection. Check it often for a real find.)  
Tyner Furniture, 3900 S. State, Ann Arbor (also has a wide selection with a good show room)

## **Clothes Shopping**

It was generally agreed that the large department stores at Briarwood and in the Arborland Shopping Mall were a necessary stop when looking for clothing. Other places to try include:

All the clothing shops in the Kerrytown Mall, Ann Arbor  
Vogel's and Foster's 109 S. Main, Chelsea  
Children's Orchard, 2216 S. Main (near Busch's), Ann Arbor, for good quality used children's clothes.  
Top Drawer, 1960 South Industrial, Ann Arbor (resale for high quality women's clothing).  
Ayla & Co. 323 S. Main, Ann Arbor  
12 Oaks Mall, Novi  
Adorn Me, 307 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor  
TJ Maxx, Westgate Shopping Center, & on Carpenter Rd., Ann Arbor  
Somerset Mall, 200 West Big Beaver Rd., Troy  
Harps Lingerie, 265 S Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham (for personal fittings)

Also a number of new shops are available at Green Oaks Village Place in Brighton, off US 23 at Lee Road on exit 58. Green Oak Village Place represents the best of the city in a friendly setting. It offers a delightful mix of sophisticated shops, restaurants and cafés to satisfy your every need and want, where you're sure to find exactly what you're looking for and so much more.

## Repairs and Household Help

For this section, we asked several FWC members to list only people & companies they have used and would not hesitate to use again.

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### **Plumbers:**

Al Walk, 994-5610  
Booth Plumbing & Heating, 663-6643  
Chelsea Plumbing, 475-1037  
Hutzel Plumbing & Heating, 665-9111

### **Electricians:**

Dan's Electric, 930-1630  
Wired Right Electric, 971-9323

### **Carpet Cleaners:**

Ann Arbor Rug & Carpet Cleaning, 994-9044  
Best Way Carpet Cleaning, 663-2733  
Coaches 485-7730 or 994-6282  
Hagopian Carpet Cleaning, 800-424-6742  
Lillard's Carpet Care, 975-0769  
Twining's Carpet Care, 971-1660  
Wolverine Carpet and Furniture Cleaners, 973-2222

### **House Painters:**

ILP Painting, Pinckney, reasonable prices, 426-5692  
Tim Guenther, 426-3925  
Lang's Painting, 975-0146

### **House Cleaners:**

Juanita's House & Office Cleaning, 477-0022  
Molly Maid, 975-1000 or 665-7575

### **Appliance Repairs:**

Ted Lane Appliance Service, 663-2855  
Lange Appliance Service, 971-0534  
Mastertech, 662-0641

### **Home Repairs/Renovations/Hardware:**

Ace Barnes, 3352 Washtenaw & 2015 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor, 971-4555  
Carpenter Brothers Hardware, 2753 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor, 663-2111  
Encore Custom Contracting, 761-5955  
Handy Pro Handy Man, 254-9160  
HomeRun Services, 668-8770  
The Gutter Doctor, 761-9443 (rain gutter repair/replacement)

Home Depot, 3300 Carpenter Road, Ypsilanti, 975-1029  
Huron Valley Roofing, 665-6109 (roof repair/replacement)  
Lowe's, various locations  
Tend 2 It, 663-9181

**Lawn & Garden:**

Downtown Home & Garden, 210 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor, 662-8122,  
Good Guys Lawn Care, 470-6550  
Green Street Tree Care, 996-9020  
The Christmans Maynard Battery, 662-0217 (garden equipment repair)

**Interior Designers:**

Esquire Interiors, 10 Cross, Ypsilanti, 482-6338  
Home Style Interiors, Kathy Fant Brzoznowski, 476-5616  
Susan Bay of Bay Design, 617 Detroit St., Ann Arbor, 996-0707 (traditional, upscale)  
Sally Rudisill, 662-5840  
Pineapple House, Saline, 429-1174

**Alterations:**

Classic Tailors, 1918 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor, 741-4466  
Quality Alterations, 3374 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, 973-0063  
Lisa's Tailoring, 2208 Packard, Ann Arbor, 761-1190

**Dry Cleaning:**

Budget Cleaners - 2028 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor, 996-1665 (this is a "Green" dry cleaner where you can request Organic Cleaning - very friendly & professional)

## Health Care

### **Dentists we use and like:**

Michael Hellie, D.D.S., 3688 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, 665-0481

Newell Miller, D.D.S., 3250 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor, 761-7830

Donald Wennersten, D.D.S., 75 Scio Church Rd., Ann Arbor, 769-6018

Mark R. Hanselmann, D.D.S, P.L.C. 1303 Packard, Ann Arbor, 769-1130

Kay Wilson, D.D.S., 1303 Packard, Ann Arbor, 662-1591 (pediatric dentistry)

Raymond Maturo & Fernanda Fontes, 2074 S. Main, Ann Arbor, 663-2490

### **Orthodontists we use and like:**

John G. Clinthorne, D.D.S., M.S. & Ludia Kim, D.M.D., M.S., 1303 Packard St., 761-3116

Abbie Schaefer, D.D.S., 3250 Plymouth Rd., 767-6700

### **Gynecologists we use and like:**

Rudi Ansbacher, M.D., U/M Hosp., 763-4323

Mel Barclay, M.D., U/M Hosp., 763-5908 (highly recommended for OB)

Karen Walker, 4990 Clark Rd., W. Ypsi. Twp., 572-5756

Diana Little, M.D., M.S., 971-4194 (consults on sports, menopause, women's wellness)

### **Internists we use and like:**

Anjanette M. Stoltz, M.D., U/M Hosp., 4260 Plymouth Rd., 936-2519 (specialties: Internal Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, Medical Oncology, Hospice & Palliative Medicine)

Mythili Vedala, M.D., 3145 Clark Road, Ypsilanti, 528-5700

### **Pediatricians we use and like:**

Child Health Associates, 3100 E. Eisenhower, Ann Arbor, 971-9344

Namita Sachdev, M.D., 4260 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor, 647-5650 (esp. for female teenagers)

### **Veterinarians we use and like:**

Ann Arbor Animal Hospital 2150 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, 662-4474

Easthaven Animal Hospital, 2140 S. Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor, 971-3444

## To Help You Find Your Way

\*In downtown Ann Arbor, Main Street is the east-west divider and Huron Street is the north-south divider.

\*To go south, take 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue; to head north, take Division - both are one-way streets.

\*Ann Arbor has a Fourth Avenue and a Fourth Street, plus a Fifth Avenue and a Fifth Street. Fourth & Fifth **Streets** are west of Main Street. Fourth and Fifth **Avenues** are east of Main Street.

\*Fuller Rd., which runs along the north side of the Huron River, becomes **Geddes Rd.** east of Huron Pkwy. **Geddes Ave.** is on the south side of the Huron River.

\*Several Ann Arbor streets change names or merge into other streets. A few examples:

- E. Huron St. becomes Washtenaw when its east-west direction turns south;
- W. Huron St. splits to become Jackson Rd. or Dexter Rd. at Revena Blvd.;
- W. Stadium becomes Maple Rd. as you cross Jackson Rd. driving north;
- E. Stadium merges with Washtenaw Ave. at or near Manchester Rd.;
- Huron Parkway merges with Platt Rd. a little south of Washtenaw;
- Eisenhower Pkwy merges into Packard;
- Plymouth Rd becomes Broadway and also becomes Beakes;
- Carpenter Rd becomes Hogback as it crosses Washtenaw Road to the north.

It's a good idea to keep a map in your car.

# ROAD TRIPS IN MICHIGAN



Mackinac Island & Mackinac Bridge

Sleeping Bear Dunes & Any of our Great Lakes

Chicken Dinner in Frankenmuth

Greenfield Village & Henry Ford Museum

Detroit Institute of Art

Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills

Jiffy Mix Tour in Chelsea

Michigan International Speedway

Pictured Rocks near Munising in the Upper Peninsula

Detroit Red Wings Hockey Game

Hidden Lake Gardens in Tipton

U of M Football Stadium & U of M Law Library

## Helpful Numbers and Sites

\*Emergencies 911

\*Ann Arbor Police 994-2911

\*Ann Arbor Transportations Authority (AATA) 996-0400 <http://theride.org>

\*University buses [http://www.transportation.umich.edu/transport/Bus\\_Routes/](http://www.transportation.umich.edu/transport/Bus_Routes/)

\*Ann Arbor District Libraries 327-4200 [www.AADL.org](http://www.AADL.org)

\*Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra 994-4801 [www.a2so.com](http://www.a2so.com)

\*Ann Arbor Civic Theatre 971-2228 [www.a2ct.org](http://www.a2ct.org)

\*University Musical Society 764-2538 [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org)

\*Michigan Theater 663-8397 [www.michtheater.com](http://www.michtheater.com)

\*Michigan Union Ticket Office 763-TKTS <http://www.umich.edu/~muto/>

\*University of Michigan Athletic Ticket Office 764-0247

\*University of Michigan Campus Information Centers 764-INFO

<http://www.umich.edu/~info>

This is a great site containing easily accessible campus maps, information about campus events, and lots more.

\*Faculty Women's Club [www.umich.edu/~fwc](http://www.umich.edu/~fwc)