

# Ann Arbor Local Information



With a population of about 115,000 people, not including college students, Ann Arbor surrounds the University of Michigan. The U of M Central Campus intermingles with downtown, and the whole area is walkable. Toyota, General Motors, Ford, Thomson Reuters, Google, Domino's, and many growing tech firms have major presences in the area. Downtown features lots of restaurants and art galleries. Visitors enjoy the city's sidewalk cafes, variety of cuisines, one-of-a-kind shops, bookstores, and entertainment.

The University of Michigan is a highly-ranked research university with undergraduate and graduate programs in social sciences, sciences, humanities and arts, engineering, law, business and medicine, and a strong athletics tradition, located in Ann Arbor since 1837. The University also is well known for its medical school complex. Student population is around 40,000, with about 5,000 faculty members.



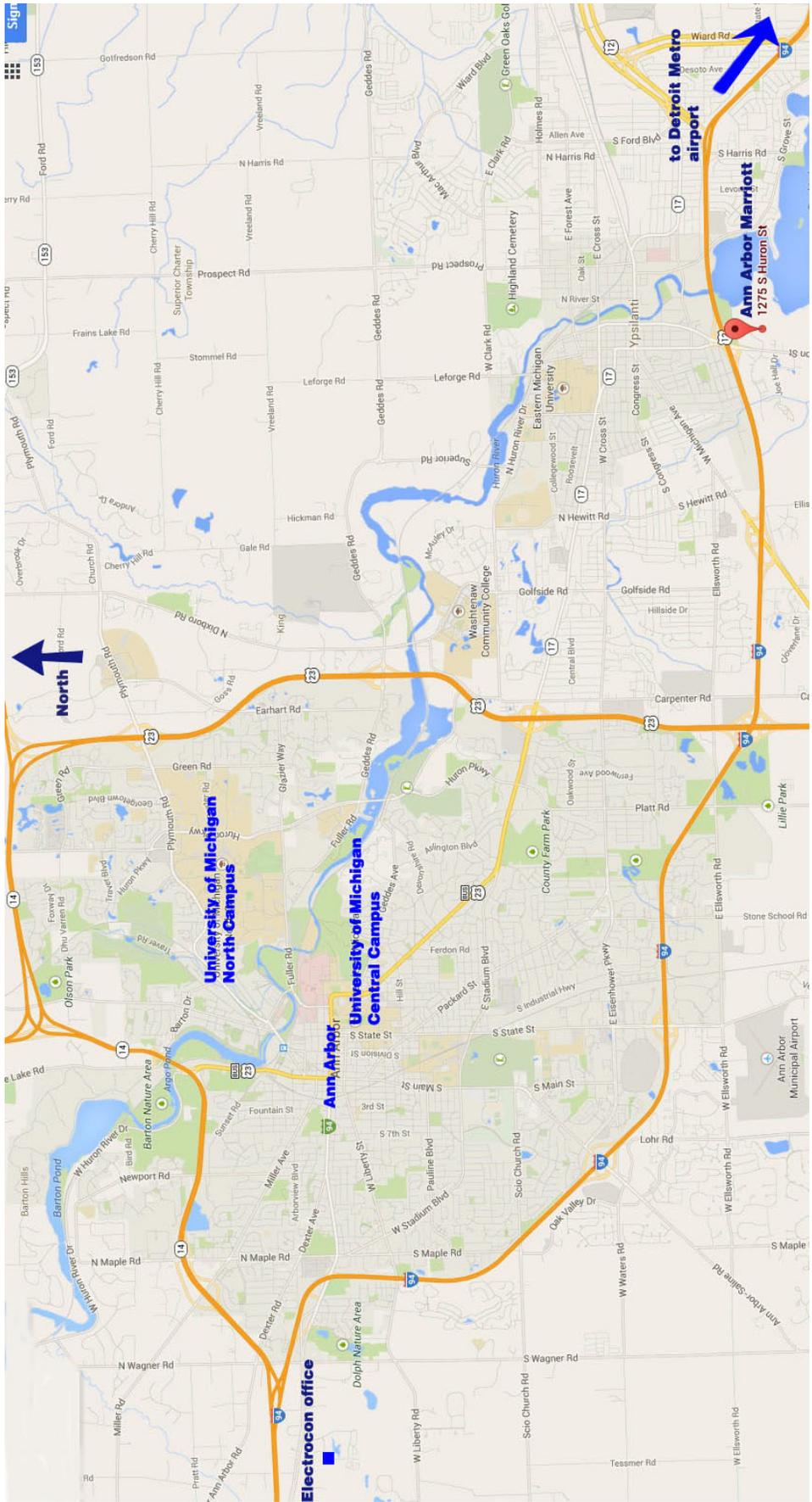
Summer temperatures average in the mid-80s, and occasionally hit the 90's.



Following is information about a selection of Ann Arbor restaurants, shopping, entertainment, and getting around. This information is as true as we could make it, but it's a good idea to call to confirm hours, location, etc. before traveling.

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# Local Area Map



## Shopping

- **Main Street area** – mostly arts and crafts boutiques, gifts, and galleries
- **State Street area & South University area** – campus town shopping, with a few unusual places
- **Kerrytown Market**, 407 N Fifth Avenue, +1 734 662-5008. 20 unique shops and restaurants, including a very nice produce, meat, and seafood market.
- **Ann Arbor Farmer's Market**, 315 Detroit Street, +1 734 994-3276. Spring through fall, Wednesdays and Saturdays 7AM-3PM (*Farmer's Market*), Sundays 11AM-4PM (*Artisan's Market*). Local farmers bring fresh produce, baked goods, and plants to the Farmer's Market; Sunday Artisan Market features the work of local craftspeople.
- **Briarwood Mall**, 100 Briarwood Circle, +1 734 761-9550. M-Sa 10AM-9PM, Su 11AM-6PM. An enclosed mall with over 125 mostly chain stores and restaurants.
- **Arborland**, a non-enclosed mall on the east side of town on Washtenaw Avenue near US 23 with Borders, Old Navy, Bed Bath & Beyond, etc.
- **Kohl's** (3160 Lohr Rd, Ann Arbor, MI) and **Target** (2000 W Waters Rd, Ann Arbor, MI), etc. These discount department stores are south of Ann Arbor, just south of the I-94 Ann Arbor-Saline Road exit.

There are also lots of retail shops, many one-of-a-kind, on the west side and northeast side of Ann Arbor. Let us know if you want advice on finding something in particular.

## Transportation

*(check any provider for current rates)*

- Ann Arbor Airport Shuttle, 734 394-1665, <http://www.annarborairports Shuttle.net>, or [reservations@annarborairports Shuttle.net](mailto:reservations@annarborairports Shuttle.net). Reservations should be made at least one day in advance. .
- Ann Arbor - Detroit Metro Airport Shuttle, 734 507-9220 or <http://a2airportshuttle.com/>. 1 passenger is \$40 one-way
- SelectRide, 734 663-8898 or 866-663-8898. <http://www.selectride.com/> Reservations should be made at least two days in advance. \$24 per person four hourly **shared-ride** airport shuttle service; booked in advance, \$27 outbound and \$33 inbound, per person.

**Cabs** - You can't hail a cab from the sidewalk in Ann Arbor, although they often wait for passengers in front of the Michigan Union on State Street and the Federal Building on Liberty Street. Call to request a pickup:

- Local taxi services: A Cab (668-2222), Amazing Blue Taxi (846-0007), Ann Arbor Taxi, Inc., Ltd. (741-9000), Ann Arbor Taxi Service (214-9999), Ann Arbor's Red Baron Taxi (277-3702), Blue Cab (547-2222), Tree Town Transportation (213-1100), Veterans Cab (662-4477), and Yellow Cab (663-3355). All offer service to any destination, and all provide 24-hour service to Metro Airport (about \$45-\$60 from downtown Ann Arbor). The meter rate is \$2.50 to start, \$2.10/mile, and \$35/hour for waiting time. Check with each company for out-of-town rates.
- **Bus** – the hotel should have bus information or look on the web at <http://www.theride.org/> For information on routes, schedules, and discount fares, call 996-0400 or visit [www.theride.org](http://www.theride.org)

## Restaurants

### *Economical and interesting*

- **Angelo's**, 1104 E Catherine Street, 734 663-7222. M-F 7AM-4PM, Sa 7AM-3PM, Su 7AM-2PM. Angelo's is popularly known as the best breakfast spot in town, offering eggs, omelettes, waffles, pancakes, French toast and lots of sides. They also serve soups, salads, sandwiches and burgers. Be sure to try the homemade raisin bread they're famous for. \$4-\$9.
- **Ayse's Courtyard Cafe**, 1703 Plymouth Road, 734 662-1711. M-F 11AM-2PM, Sa 11:30AM-3PM (lunch); M-Th 5PM-8PM, F 5PM-9PM; closed Sundays. Ann Arbor's only Turkish restaurant, offering soups, salads, pilavs, boreks, lamb, beef, chicken, and many vegetarian stews. \$7 - \$10.
- **Cafe Felix**, 204 S Main Street, 734 662-8650. A French-style cafe with the best morning cappuccino in town. Food is great including the evening tapas menu and excellent wine and martini selections. Come sit and read, drink, and people watch. Breads and pastries, soups, salads, omelettes, crepes, gourmet sandwiches and entrée croissants. \$2 - \$8.50 (lunch), \$4 - \$9 (tapas).
- **Cottage Inn**, 512 E William Street, 734 663-3379. The first pizza restaurant in Ann Arbor, established in 1948. Pizza, salads, subs and pasta. A cheese pizza runs \$6 - \$10; specialty pizzas are \$11 to \$19.
- **Jamaican Jerk Pit**, 314 S Thayer Street, 734 995-JERK (5375). M-Th 7AM-10PM, F 7AM-12AM, Sa 10AM-12AM, Su 11AM-7PM. Jamaican food including soups, salads, patties, seafood, sandwiches, jerk chicken and pork, and more. \$5 - \$9.



- **Jerusalem Garden**, 307 S Fifth Avenue, 734 995-5060. M-Th 10AM-9PM, F 10AM-9:30PM, Sa 11AM-9:30PM, Su 12PM-8PM. Palestinian restaurant highly popular for its cheap and tasty falafel. Consistently voted the best Middle Eastern, and best cheap eats in Ann Arbor for over a decade. \$3.50 - \$5.50 (sandwiches), \$8.00 (most combination plates).
- **Kai Garden**, 116 S Main Street, 734-995-1401. M-Th 11AM-10PM, F-Sa 11AM-11PM, Su 12PM-10PM. Lighter, healthier Chinese fare incorporating lots of fresh fruit and vegetables. Highlights are their clay-pot dishes, their fruited entrees (beef with strawberry, chicken with mango or pineapple, prawns with papaya) and the to-die-for eight-treasures rice pudding. \$7.50 - \$13.
- **La Fiesta Mexicana**, 52 West Cross Avenue, Ypsilanti, MI 48167. Monday: 5 - 9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday & Saturday: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sharing the best of Mexican cuisine, the menu includes recipes from the owner's family - dishes from Jalisco and other states in Mexico. (Menu is not Tex-Mex.) \$10 - \$20.
- **Le Dog**, 306 S Main Street (indoor location), +1 734 327-0091; M-F 11:30AM - 2:30PM; **closed weekends and closed during the winter**. Le Dog does sell hot dogs, but the true star of the show is the rotating selection of 84 homemade soups, of which around 6 are available on any given day. Try the Tuscan squash with blue cheese, the curried wintermelon, the pozole or the famous lobster bisque, which is only available on Thursdays and Fridays. Their fresh-squeezed lemon and orangeades are also delicious. Soups \$4-\$7.
- **Shalimar**, 307 S Main Street, 734 663-1500. Daily at 11:30AM. Typically cited by locals as the city's all-around best Indian food. Authentic Indian and Tandoori dishes, Indian and domestic beer served. Full bar. Carryout and catering available.
- **Sushi Town**, 740 Packard Street, 734 327-8646. M-F 11AM-11PM, Sa 5PM-12AM, Su 5PM-10PM. Appetizers, soup, sushi and sashimi, with a broad selection of rolls and combos. Florida Beach roll (tuna, mango and avocado wrapped with kiwi), Dynamite roll (special California topped with cooked mixed seafood and spicy sauce), or create your own roll. \$2 - 8.50 (maki).
- **Taqueria La Fiesta**, Tacos, burritos, Mexican sandwiches, Jalisco specialties, gorditas, tamales, daily specials. Limited seating. Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-9 p.m., closed Sun. 4060 Packard, 477-9240
- **Tio's**, 401 E. Liberty Street, 734 761-6650. Daily 10AM-4AM. Appetizers, salads, breakfast dishes, nachos, burritos, fajitas, dinners, desserts, milkshakes, and other Mexican-American favorites. Popular with students for bare-bones décor, low prices, and late-night delivery. Stocks 300 varieties of hot sauce. \$2 - \$15.
- **University Cafe**, 621 Church Street, 734 662-7162. M-F 11AM-9:30PM, Sa 12PM-9:30PM; closed Sundays. Some Korean students say it's the best Korean restaurant in town. Wide selection of Korean favorites like bibimbap, oh moo rice, spicy entrees, stews, noodles and ramen. \$5 - \$9.

### Mid-Price

- **Amadeus**, 122 E Washington Street, 734 665-8767. An Eastern European café with an emphasis on Polish and Hungarian food, and a Viennese patisserie. The pierogies and goulash are delicious, as are homemade soups. Same food at lunch at lower prices. \$9 - \$21 (dinner).
- **Argiero's**, 300 Detroit Street, 734 665-0444. M-Th 11:30AM-10PM, F-Sa 11:30AM-10:30PM, Su 12PM-9PM. Family-owned southern Italian restaurant. Appetizers, soups, salads, pizza, meat, fish, Italian entrees, sandwiches and desserts. Try the pasta with spicy eggplant sauce. \$6 - \$16.
- **Cafe Habana**, 211 E Washington St, (734) 332-6046. Café Habana offers excellent, reasonably priced Cuban cuisine in a fun, funky-chic setting, with Latin music.
- **Cardomom**, 1739 Plymouth Road, in the Courtyard Shops, 734-662-2877. "Fresh Indian," Cardomom seeks to bring together East and West, old and new, familiar and unfamiliar, through food, culture and relationships. Lunch Tuesday - Sunday: 11am - 3pm; Dinner Tuesday - Sunday: 5pm-10pm: Friday - Saturday: until 10:30pm. Closed Monday. No reservations.
- **Chia Shiang**, 2016 Packard Street, 734 741-0778. M-Sa 11:30AM-9:30PM, Su 12PM-8:30PM. Chinese, Taiwanese and Malaysian cuisine and Shanghai dim sum, with a vast vegetarian and vegan menu. Lots of interesting dishes, like amazing sue rou (a soybean product), Shanghai-style vegetarian salad, stir-fried lima beans with mixed pickled vegetables, and laksa. \$6.25 - \$18.95 (most dishes).
- **Frita Batidos**, 117 W. Washington. 761-2882. Cuban-inspired burgers, shakes, and breakfasts. Sun.-Wed. 7 a.m.-midnight, Thurs.-Sat. 7 a.m.-2 a.m. [www.fritabatidos.com](http://www.fritabatidos.com)
- **La Marsa Mediterranean Cuisine**, 301 S. State. 622-0200. Middle Eastern fare including hommous, falafel, stuffed grape leaves, mjadra, moussaka, shish kabobs, kafta, shawarma, shish tawook, soups, and salads. Daily 10 a.m.-10 p.m. [lamarsacuisine.com](http://lamarsacuisine.com)
- **Lotus Thai**, 2803 Oak Valley Drive, 734 668-2828. Tu-F 11AM-2PM and 4:30PM-9:30PM, Sa-Su 11AM-9:30PM; closed Mondays. A US branch of a genuine Thai restaurant chain, so the food is authentic. The som tam is delicious, and the Lotus tofu - a stew of tofu, chicken, crabmeat, white asparagus, ham, sausage and shiitake mushroom - is a dish that people tend to order repeatedly. \$7 - \$19.
- **Metzger's**, 305 N Zeeb Road, 734 668-8987. M-W 11AM-9PM, Th-Sa 11AM-10PM, Su 11AM-8PM. Traditional German cuisine since 1928. Appetizers, soups, salads, seafood, chicken, American entrees, wursts and platters, sandwiches, German



side dishes, desserts, beers and spirits. Traditional German entrées include sauerbraten, rouladen, schnitzel, cabbage rolls and chicken livers. \$7 - \$24.

- **Paesano's**, 3411 Washtenaw Avenue, 734 971-0484. M-Th 11AM-10PM, F 11AM-12AM, Sa 12PM-12AM, Su 12PM-10PM. Family-owned Italian restaurant featuring appetizers, salads, pasta, Italian entrées, desserts, and an award-winning selection of Italian wines. Try their rigatoni with country greens, sausage and hot peppers. \$9.50 - \$23.
- **Palio**, 347 S Main Street, 734 930-6100 or +1 888 456-DINE (3463). M-Th 5PM-10PM, F-Sa 5PM-11PM, Su 4PM-9PM. Appetizers, salads, pasta, fish, meat and desserts. \$12 - \$25.
- **Sabor Latino**, 211 N. Main, 214-7775. Cuisines of several Latin American countries including burritos, tacos, tamales, and enchiladas. Vegetarian and vegan options. Brunch on weekends. Daily 11 a.m.-11 p.m. [www.annarborsabor.com](http://www.annarborsabor.com)
- **Saigon Garden**, 1220 S University Avenue, 734 747-7006. M-Th 11AM-10PM, F 11AM-11PM, Sa 11:30AM-11PM, Su 12PM-10PM. Offers Chinese cuisine as well, but Vietnamese is definitely the reason to come here. Excellent dishes include the pho, grilled meat vermicelli, hot pots and the cilantro chicken. Be sure to try the Vietnamese-style coffee. \$5 - \$18.
- **Seoul Garden**, 3125 Boardwalk Street, 734 997-2121. M-F 11:30AM-10PM, Sa 12PM-10:30PM, Su 12PM-10PM. The only Korean place in Ann Arbor where you can have Korean-style galbi grilled right at your table. Side dishes (ban-chan) are authentic Korean style, and group tables (4-60) available. Wider selection of Korean food such as galbi, galbi-jjim, boiled mixed seafood, bulgogi, and tofu-kimchi. \$12 - \$25.
- **Seva**, 2541 Jackson Ave, 734 662-1111. M-Th 10:30AM-9PM, F 10:30AM-10PM, Sa 10AM-10PM, Su 10AM-9PM (Sunday brunch served 10AM-3PM). With entirely vegetarian cuisine (and many vegan options, too), this is one of the best restaurants in Ann Arbor. Inspired by Mexican, Italian, North African, Indian, Asian and American cuisine. The butternut squash enchiladas are one of their best-sellers. \$8-\$14.
- **Taste of India Suvai**, 217 B South State Street. 734 327 6500. Enjoy authentic casual Indian dining on UM central campus. Daily buffet: Monday – Friday: 11.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat/Sun: 12 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Evenings: 5 - 10.00 p.m. Fri/Sat: 5 - 10.30 p.m.
- **Tuptim**, 4896 Washtenaw Avenue, 734 528-5588. Tu 5PM-9:30PM, W-Sa 11AM-9:30PM, Su 12PM-9PM; closed Mondays. Housed in an old Long John Silver's, Tuptim quickly became a local favorite for its high quality Thai cuisine. \$10 - \$15.
- **Zingerman's Delicatessen**, 422 Detroit Street, 734 663-DELI (3354). Daily 7AM-10PM. Vanity Fair called it "the best deli in America." Sandwiches, hot dogs, soups, salads, traditional Jewish favorites, breakfast foods and desserts. Baked goods, ice cream and chocolates are also available on the premises. world-renowned selection of gourmet groceries with the help of their very knowledgeable staff. Sandwiches range from \$5.50 ("nosh" – smaller size) to \$14 ("fresser" larger size).

### *Upscale*

- **The Gandy Dancer**, 401 Depot Street, 734 769-0592. M-Th 11AM-3:30PM and 3:30-10PM, F 11AM-3:30PM and 3:30-11PM, Sa 3:30-11PM, Su 10AM-2PM and 3:30PM-9PM. Great seafood (check the buffet) in a former train station.
- **Gratzi**, 326 S Main Street, 734 663-6387 or +1 888 456-DINE (3463). Northern Italian cuisine, featuring no spices other than saffron. Rotating menu featuring appetizers, salads, soups, vegetables, pizza, pasta, risotto, fish, chicken and beef. \$16 - \$32.
- **Knight's Steak House**, 2324 Dexter Avenue, 734 665-8644. M-Sa 11am-midnight; closed Sundays. Also: **Knight's Downtown Steak House** near U of M campus: 600 East Liberty St., 734-887-6899. Sun - Sat, 11 am – Midnight. Where locals go for excellent steaks, prime rib and veal, along with salads, side dishes, seafood and desserts. \$5 - \$33.
- **Palm Palace**, 2370 Carpenter Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48108; 734-971-5700. Mediterranean; known for its bright flavors and freshness, delicate marinades for chicken, lamb and beef kabobs which rely on the essential combinations of fresh lemon, aromatic olive oils and fragrant spices. \$10 – \$30.
- **Quarter Bistro** 300 S Maple Rd, 734-929-9200. Lunch 11 am - 4:00 pm Mon – Sat; Dinner 4 – 9:30 pm. Sunday Brunch Buffet 11am - 3pm. European Bistro dining with a Cajun/Creole twist.
- **Zingerman's Roadhouse**, 2501 Jackson Avenue, 734 663-FOOD (3663). M-Th 11AM-10PM, F Sa 11AM-11PM, Su 10AM-9PM. Serving "really good American food", including regional specialties from around the country with an emphasis on down-home Southern food, spicy Southwestern and fresh Californian cuisine. Soups, salads, burgers, sandwiches, macaroni and cheese, desserts and \$8 cocktails. \$10 - \$19 (lunch), \$10 - \$27 (dinner).

### **Pubs**

- **Arbor Brewing Company**, 114 E Washington Street, +1 734 213-1393. M-Sa 11:30AM-1AM, and Su 12PM-12AM. Happy hour is all day Monday, and Tu-F 4PM-7PM. Known to the pub faithful as ABC, this establishment has outdoor seating. ABC has good food (especially the nachos) and a good variety of unique brews. They also offer a selection of Belgian-style ales brewed onsite. Some nights have live music.
- **Conor O'Neill's**, 318 S Main Street 734 665-2968. Every day 11:30AM-2AM. Food is served 11:30AM-11PM Sunday through Thursday, and 11:30AM-12AM Friday and Saturday. Serving wine, beer, Irish coffee and other hot drinks. The menu is a mixture of pub food (burgers, sandwiches, soups and salads) and traditional Irish favorites (mussels, shepherd's

pie, boxty, fish and chips, and more). The strawberry and rhubarb crumble is delicious. \$6 - \$10. Live “sessions” on Sunday nights.

- **Grizzly Peak Brewing Company**, 120 W Washington Street, +1 734 741-7325. M-Th 11AM-11PM, F-Sa 11AM-midnight, Su 12PM-11PM. Features a number of their own brews. In addition to its brews, Grizzly Peak has excellent food. American cuisine featuring pizza, burgers, ribs, fresh fish, pasta, sandwiches, soups, salads and desserts. \$5 - \$15 for lunch, \$10 - \$20 for dinner.
- **Old Town Tavern**, 122 W Liberty Street, 734 662-9291. Appetizers, soups, salads, burgers, sandwiches, Southwestern entrées, and a broad selection of mixed drinks. \$6.35 - \$10.25. Often has live music on Sunday nights.

## Theaters, Clubs, and Bars

Guide to local entertainment: <http://www.arborweb.com/> has a detailed calendar of events by date and category.

- **The Ark**, 316 S Main Street, 734 761-1451. A nonprofit, intimate music club with 400 seats, which hosts folk and other performers most nights of the week. Tickets can be reserved in advance and prices vary with each act, usually between \$12 – \$35. The box office generally opens at 7:30 pm for 8 pm performances and most nights you can get tickets at the door.
- **Aut Bar**, 325 Braun Court, +1 734 994-3677. M-Sa 4PM-2AM, Su 12PM-2AM. Food is served M-Th 4PM-11PM, F-Sa 4PM-1AM, and on Sunday, brunch is 10AM-3PM, dinner is 4PM-11PM. Ann Arbor's main LGBT bar, with a cafe serving largely Mexican food, including burgers, burritos and sandwiches.
- **Blind Pig**, 208 S First Street, +1 734 996-8555. A popular local nightclub and concert venue since 1971, featuring local talent and occasionally larger acts. The 8 Ball Saloon, located beneath the club, is open daily from 3PM, with pool tournaments Sunday through Tuesday and a darts tournament on Monday.
- **Cavern Club, Gotham City, and Millennium Club**, 210 S First Street, +1 734 332-9900 (Cavern/Gotham) and 734 -913-8890 (Millennium). F-Sa 9PM-2AM; Su-Th closed. Three clubs with one combined cover charge. Cavern Club features live music; the other two play techno, house, and hip-hop.
- **Conor O'Neill's**, 318 S. Main, 665-2968. Irish pub. Menu includes Irish dishes. Entertainment includes Sunday night Irish sessions; other bands as scheduled.
- **Old Town**, 122 W. Liberty, 662-9291. Old Ann Arbor neighborhood bar with bar food menu. Variety of live music -- folk, country, rock, old jazz, etc. on Sunday nights; no cover.
- **TC's Speakeasy**, 207 W. Michigan Avenue, Ypsilanti; 483-4470. Live bands in a variety of styles, most nights.

**Movies** at the Michigan Theatre, State Theatre (on the University of Michigan campus), Briarwood Theatres (south side), Quality 16 (west side), Showcase Theatres (southeast side) – search “Ann Arbor theater” in Google and you’ll see what’s playing and when.

- **Michigan Theater**, 603 E Liberty Street, 734 668-8397 or 734-668-TIME (8463). A restored 1928 cinema shows mainly independent and foreign films, with special classic-film showings throughout the year. <http://www.michtheater.org/>
- **State Theater**, 233 S State Street, 734 761-8667. An art-deco cinema from 1942, the State Theater works in conjunction with the Michigan Theater, and often plays films that have stopped showing at the Michigan. <http://www.michtheater.org/state/>

## Summer Festival



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- (June and July only) **Top of the Park, Ingalls Mall, UM Central Campus. Mid-June to early July.** Free outdoor gatherings featuring nightly local and regional live bands, outdoor film screenings, and concession booths from local eateries. If it rains, performances and films may be cancelled. [http://www.annarborsummerfestival.org/index.php/event/s/top\\_of\\_the\\_park/](http://www.annarborsummerfestival.org/index.php/event/s/top_of_the_park/)
- (June and July only) **Ann Arbor Summer Festival**, 734-764-2538. Annually, mid-June to mid-July. Different nightly indoor cultural performances: singers, musical bands, dancers, comedians, plays, and other acts including acrobats and animal handlers. <http://www.annarborsummerfestival.org/>