1 Markin Glen Park  
Kalamazoo  
(269) 381-7570
Walking the paths. – Kathy

7 Alamo Drafthouse Cinema  
Kalamazoo  
(269) 532-7990
Dinner, drinks, and a movie all in one place!

14 Carnegie Center for the Arts  
Three Rivers  
(269) 273-8882

2 El Gallo Blanco  
Kalamazoo  
(269) 382-7020
A friend turned me on to this place. They serve an amazing cactus quesadilla and rice water. Rice, water and spices…who knew something so simple could be so decadent? – Renee N.

8 Julianna’s Restaurant  
Kalamazoo  
(269) 345-0220
“Breakfast at Julianna’s! You can eat their breakfast special for two and pay $6!” – Valerie V.

15 Crow’s Nest  
Kalamazoo  
(269) 978-0490
“Crow’s Nest Banana Bread French Toast. It’s so good it’s the only thing I order there.” – Casey K.

3 Downtown Paw Paw  
Paw Paw

9 Leduc Blueberries  
Paw Paw  
(269) 657-3871
Picking blueberries. – Kelly S.

16 Caruso’s Candy Kitchen  
Dowagiac  
(269) 782-6001
It’s a step back in time with its tin ceiling, soda fountain and candy counter. All the chocolates and candies are homemade. – Kathleen P.

4 Kids Quest  
New Buffalo  
(269) 926-1926

10 Benton Harbor Arts District  
Benton Harbor  
(269) 926-1926
This is a great up-and-coming arts community, putting on such events as The Fall Festival of the Arts, the New Territory Arts Association Mural Project and the Benton Harbor City Market.

17 Bell’s Brewery + Eccentric Café  
Kalamazoo  
(269) 382-2332
“Oberon Day! Oberon in general!” – Brian C.

5 Ghosts of Kalamazoo Historic Tours  
Kalamazoo  
ghostsofkalamazoo.com
Tip-toeing through the tombstones at Mountain Home Cemetery while enjoying the views of the county.

11 Boatyard Brewing Co.  
Kalamazoo  
(269) 226-0300

18 Acorn Theatre  
Three Oaks  
(269) 756-3879

6 Warren Dunes State Park  
Sawyer  
(269) 426-4013
Hit Warren Dunes State Park for great cardio exercise while you’re running the dunes; cool off in the water when you’re done. – Jaren M.

12 Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery  
Mattawan  
(269) 668-2876
Offers hiking trails and free programs.

19 Mary’s City of David  
Benton Harbor  
(269) 925-1601
The tour is a one-of-a-kind. – Kathleen

13 Give A Craft™ Beer Trail  
Kalamazoo/Portage  
Participating Breweries
Grab a passport and explore Kalamazoo’s beer scene in a fun, new way! Collect a stamp from all participating breweries and earn yourself some free swag. (There’s no purchase necessary and you can pick up your free passport at any participating breweries or Discover Kalamazoo.)

20 Art on the Mall  
Kalamazoo  
(269) 342-3059
For over 33 years this two-day show features more than 75 local and regional artists who sell their original art and fine crafts on the downtown Kalamazoo walking mall!

21 Central City Tap House  
Kalamazoo  
(269) 492-0100
Try the fried, smoked gouda cheeseburger... and the open-air seating is fun for people-watching. – Curt S.
Led by music director Andrew Koehler, the Philharmonia brings together students, faculty, amateur and professional musicians of all ages to perform great music at the highest possible level.

A little-known museum that tells the story of the Battle Creek Sanitarium (on the grounds of History Adventist Village).

Trampolines stretching from wall to wall!

A great park to play, relax, or gather with friends! It has a playground, paved loop trail, picnic tables, and an 18-hole disc golf course.

I love strolling past all the old homes. – Lauren

The literal translation means “I have quit picking huckleberries.” This is a celebration of a good harvest, family and friends. – Audrey P.

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The annual Run Through the Lights! Kalamazoo holiday decorations make it absolutely perfect!” – cassatras 12 16

Pizza and a few games of pool at Papa Pete’s Tavern. – Jeremy

Be prepared to be overwhelmed! Wear comfortable shoes and sunscreen; you’ll be there all day. – Pam K.

Celebrate the delicious frankfurters found around the city and benefit the Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes in their fight against hunger!

Gaze at the holographic rainbow shining through the downtown library. – Randi A.

This festival takes over the town of Vicksburg!

They have a lot of really good sweet treats if you’re looking to step outside of the box of chocolate norm! – Erin K.

“Booty Barre at Yoga Reflections in Mattawan and Portage!” – Joy K.

“Just Good Food during the lunch rush!” – Amber B.

The Lake Michigan Shore Wine Festival has to be at the top of any list in southwest Michigan. We had a blast tasting the excellent wines, talking with the winemakers, swimming in Lake Michigan and enjoying the beach. Our most popular topic of discussion was probably who we were going to bring with us next year! – Nick N.

For WMU, it all began at East Hall - the first building on the new campus. Perched atop Prospect Hill overlooking Kalamazoo, the building once had an electric trolley carrying collegians up and down the steep grade. This building will be opening as the WMU Alumni Center in the Fall of 2015.

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“Just Good Food during the lunch rush!” – Amber B.
42 En Gedi Campground River Resort and Canoe Rental
Leonidas
(269) 689-7490

For a great day of adventure, canoe the beautiful and historic St. Joseph River. You can also fish for some walleye while you canoe. On the way home, stop at 3 Rivers Brewery & Eatery for a microbrew and smokehouse nachos with some added BBQ brisket! – Mary R.

43 Martell’s
Kalamazoo
(269) 375-2105

The perfect spot to enjoy an after-work drink on the patio.

44 Coney Island
Kalamazoo
(269) 382-0377

They have amazing food, and it is just plain fun! – Rob D.

45 Redneck Willy’s
Battle Creek
(269) 721-8272

They have amazing food, and it is just plain fun! – Rob D.

46 Kalamazoo State Theatre
Kalamazoo
(269) 345-6500

“The State Theatre always has a great line up of shows!” – Ron W.

47 Van Buren State Park
South Haven
(269) 637-2788

The campground is just a short walk through the dunes to the beaches of Lake Michigan, and in the fall you have the place practically to yourself. – Richard C.

48 Tillers International
Scotts
(269) 626-0223

There are classes available and some fall festivals. Tillers is a very special place to learn about sustainable farming. – Heidi S.

49 Gull Lake View Golf Club
Augusta
(269) 731-4149

Playing golf on any of their courses. – Eric R.

50 Shakespeare’s Pub
Kalamazoo
(269) 488-7782

This local favorite offers 44 draft beers on tap that change almost daily, a full menu, over 30 big screen TVs, darts, pool tables, and a large outdoor porch!

51 Chinn Chinn
Mattawan
(269) 668-7667

52 Historic Adventist Village
Battle Creek
(269) 965-3000

Learn about the Adventists who settled in Battle Creek 150 years ago (open through Labor Day; by appointment after that).

53 Salsa Dancing
Kalamazoo
(269) 492-4361

54 Chamber Dives
Throughout the 269 Area Code

55 Encore Magazine
Available throughout Kalamazoo County

56 Little Theatre
Kalamazoo
wmich.edu/littletheatre

Great venue for indie flicks, documentaries and film festival favorites you won’t necessarily see at the big theatre chains.

57 Celery Flats
Portage
(269) 329-4518

58 Venetian Festival
Saugatuck
sougatuckvenetianfest.org

Enjoy a fun filled weekend of good music, great food, fireworks, a boat parade & much more. Fun for the whole family!

59 VerHage Fruit Farms
Kalamazoo
(269) 375-0153

Go near Halloween for apple cider and pumpkins. – Jeff P.

60 Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve
Niles
(269) 695-6491

61 South Haven Beach
South Haven
southhaven.org

Going to the Beach. – Kim S.

62 Rykse’s
Kalamazoo
(269) 372-3838

“Peanut Butter pie from Rykse’s!” – Junfu H.

63 Redamak’s Tavern
New Buffalo
(269) 469-4522

Growing up in Indiana, it was always a treat to “cross the state line” and enjoy a Redamak burger. – Scott H.

64 Kalamazoo Restaurant Week
Kalamazoo
downtownkalamazoo.org

This is a great time to try out the restaurants you’ve been wanting to try…offered in winter and summer.

65 Timber Ridge Ski Resort
Gobles
(269) 694-9449

Timber Ridge offers instruction at all levels, racing for all ages, a terrain park and snow tubing for everyone!

“WHAT THE LOCALS LOVE

“The Kalamazoo Institute of Arts is a must, followed by shopping downtown on the mall and finishing at Old Dog Tavern!” – Terrie B.
South Haven Lighthouse
South Haven
southhaven.org
The best time to visit is when the winds are high enough to send the waves crashing over the tower and catwalk. – Derek S.

Bittersweet Ski Resort
Osceola
(269) 694-2032
It’s great to have a ski resort so close. If the weather cooperates, I can be there in no time flat. – Harry

Gene the Pumpkin Man
Kalamazoo
(269) 668-2952
This guy is an institution in and of himself. Gotta love a man in orange!! – Diane

Bookbug
Kalamazoo
(269) 385-2847
Take the kids to Bookbug, a quirky and innovative independent bookstore especially for kids, but every grown-up seems to love it, too. – Joanna P.

Wine and Harvest Festival
Paw Paw
(269) 655-1111
Offers something for everyone, including music, sports and, of course, wine!

Little Free Libraries
Kalamazoo
kalamazoolittlefreelibraries.com
“The Little Free Libraries around town!” – Sally R.

Boys Tennis Tournament
Kalamazoo
ustaboys.com
USTA Championships (in August)...they take over the city! – Laura K.

Saugatuck Brewing
Saugatuck
(269) 857-7222
You can take a workshop on how to make your own beer. – Karen W.

Plainwell Coffee Mill
Plainwell
(269) 685-9411
A neat little coffee, wine and breakfast/lunch spot in a renovated old feed mill. The mill’s huge car-size weight scale still works, too. The mill also houses a metalworks art gallery and an events hall. – Ann K.

W.K. Kellogg Manor House
Hickory Corners
(269) 671-2400
Buffet Brunch inside the Kellogg Manor House - they have tables set up all over the house, including Mr. Kellogg’s office! – Heather

Memorial Day Parade
Hickory Corners

Blueberry Festival
South Haven
(269) 637-1572
Great family fun. You can enjoy lots and lots of blueberries! – Mary R.

Gun Lake Winterfest
Shelbyville
gunlakewinterfest.com

Crane’s Pie Pantry
Fennville
(269) 561-2297
The apple pie tastes just like what my grandma used to make.

Kellogg Forest
Augusta
(269) 731-4597
Hiking. – Steve E.

Downtown Kalamazoo Sidewalk Sales
Kalamazoo
(269) 344-0795
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<td>Climb Kalamazoo</td>
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<td>An indoor climbing gym - climb on your lunch hour!</td>
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<td>West Michigan Beer Tours is your backstage pass to one of the fastest growing and inventive industries in the state! Visit numerous breweries throughout the 269 area code through the bus, biking, or walking tours!</td>
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<td>Waldo Stadium</td>
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<td>Home of the Western Michigan Broncos Football team. Go Broncos!</td>
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<td>Heritage Museum &amp; Cultural Center</td>
<td>St. Joseph</td>
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<td>Truly a hidden gem. – Annika H.</td>
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<td>Wayland</td>
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<td>Veni’s Sweet Shop</td>
<td>Niles</td>
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<td>The best chocolate in the region. I should know - I’ve been a Veni’s customer since the 1960’s! Another satisfied customer recommends the handmade candy canes. – Garry A.</td>
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<td>An 88,000 square foot, multi-purpose recreation facility featuring an indoor/outdoor water park that is open seasonally along with a full service fitness center. Fun for the whole family!</td>
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<td>“Ray Ray’s on Miller for Chicago Dogs!” – Nancy D.</td>
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<td>The Alligator Sanctuary</td>
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<td>Mr. C. is hilarious and kids love being able to ride the giant tortoise, hold the bearded dragons and baby alligators and feed the giant alligators! Highly recommended! My pre-K classes have gone there for four years now! – Shannon</td>
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<td>You can learn about forensic science from a 2,300 year-old mummy and explore the universe in the planetarium. – Elizabeth B.</td>
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<td>“You can tour the old Gibson Guitar Factory. I used to work there in the early 70’s. Used to listen to B.B. King in the sound booths. It was a great job!” – Dean M.</td>
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<td>West Michigan’s first Cold-Pressed Juice Company.</td>
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<td>Grill House &amp; Rock Bottom</td>
<td>Allegan</td>
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<td>Eat a great steak and see if the ghost “Jack” comes out to play. – Yolanda P.</td>
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<td>Chocolatea</td>
<td>Portage</td>
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<td>A small, locally owned coffee and tea shop in Portage. The coffee is delicious, but they also have dozens of types of teas you can purchase by weight and fine chocolate. Plus the place is so beautiful it’s nice to just sit and hang out. – Matea M.</td>
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<td>UKC PREMIER Dog Show</td>
<td>Kalamazoo</td>
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<td>I love watching the dock-jumping!</td>
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<td>Historic Home Tour</td>
<td>Marshall</td>
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<td>Not to be missed! – Deb S.</td>
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<td>Saffron</td>
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<td>Best lunch buffet in town. The palak paneer and gobhi kaju are the best I’ve ever eaten. – Yvonne Z.</td>
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<td>Ride the Battle Creek Linear Park. – Alastair T.</td>
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Such an unexpected delight. This Victorian carriage house contains such an eclectic mix of “stuff.” Fascinating history of the “City of Four Flags,” pictographs by Chief Sitting Bull, Underground Railroad stories from the area… and last, but not least, the two-headed lamb. Who knew? – Cam

Fast becoming our favorite restaurant. – Jane R.

Full turkey dinners and great dinner theatre.

Geocaching is great fun for any group, singles, couples and families. Not only does it get you outside and moving, but it’s a bit of a treasure hunt and it helps you discover great new places. As someone who’s recently relocated to the Kalamazoo, I’m looking forward to a few of these to get me around the area! – Jen B.

The different variety of birds they have on display is amazing. We saw older couples, younger families with kids in strollers; it’s just a great place for anyone. – Sheila A.

Plan an unforgettable experience and take a private balloon flight over Southwest Michigan.

For a fun Wednesday night Cruise-In to the Red Barn Spectacular in August - always a fun filled adventure at a world-class car museum! – Steve

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130 Fenn Valley Vineyard and Wine Cellar Fennville (269) 561-2396
A wagon tour takes you into the vineyard.

131 Studio Grill Kalamazoo (269) 341-4100
Studio Grill is high on my list. Well, let’s be honest. It’s tops on my list. A little recognition is in order for this friendly, quirky favorite haunts in Kalamazoo! –Missy M.

132 Cosmo’s Cucina Kalamazoo (269) 344-5666
Fruited waffles at Cosmo’s on the deck on a sunny Sunday. – Kelly S.

133 The Round Barn Winery, Brewery & Distillery Baroda roundbarnwinery.com

134 Zooroona Kalamazoo (269) 382-4444
Enjoy Middle Eastern cuisine with belly dancing performances. You can even join in! – Kelly S.

135 Three Rivers Water Festival Three Rivers (269) 278-8193

136 Tibbs Brewing Co. Kalamazoo (877) 762-7397
Located on the corner of Lovell and Burdick, Tibbs Brewing Company is a great local place to hang out in downtown Kalamazoo!

137 Miller Auditorium Kalamazoo (269) 387-2300

138 Main Street Café Kalamazoo (269) 341-4315
The Hawaiian omelet is the best thing after a late night! – Laura K.

139 Westnedge Wellness Kalamazoo (269) 324-2104
A community of independent certified and licensed massage therapists offering various techniques to benefit relaxation, recovery & consistent wellness.

140 SantaCon Kalamazoo Kalamazoo santacon.info
The hysterical running of the Santas down the Kalamazoo Mall and then riding the Holly Jolly Trolley in downtown Kalamazoo.

141 Krasi Art Fair on the Bluff St. Joseph (269) 983-0271
Really talented artists with Lake Michigan serving as a gorgeous backdrop. – Shelly V.

142 Sunday Brunch at Old Dog Tavern Kalamazoo (269) 381-5677

143 Governor’s Mansion Marshall (269) 781-5260

144 Fontana Crybaby Concerts Kalamazoo (269) 382-7774
Free 45-minute mini-concerts that give children under the age of five and their families a performance of beautiful music in an open and flexible environment – even if the little ones feel like crying!

145 Kingman Museum Battle Creek (269) 965-5117
This museum has an extensive natural history collection, Digistar Planetarium, and hands-on learning opportunities.

146 Kalamazoo Psychic Center Kalamazoo (269) 353-5322

147 Antique & Thrift Store Hunting Throughout area code 269
Between the retro clothing, antique furniture, and vintage jewelry, you are sure to find something unique. So grab your favorite shopping buddy and get started on your treasure hunt!

148 Coldbrook Park Disc Golf Climax (269) 746-4270

149 Candy Cane Hunt Downtown Kalamazoo (269) 337-8191

150 Green Top Tavern Kalamazoo (269) 342-5938
Join in on a game of euchre or trivia night!

151 Lavender Hill Farms Niles
This 30-acre lavender and sheep farm has more than 4,000 lavender plants and produces lavender honey.

“New Year’s Fest downtown Kalamazoo, sipping chocolates at Chocolatea in Portage, One One Run through Spring Valley Park.” – Maria S.
152 Kirkpatrick House
Kalamazoo
michiganmodern.org

“We’re such huge fans of the Kirkpatrick House!” – Herman M.

153 Tempo Vino Winery
Kalamazoo
(269) 342-9463

Great wine, and you can have a winemaking party to have your own blend. – Carleen B.

154 Saugatuck Dune Rides
Saugatuck
(269) 857-2253

Take a cruise - it’s a blast! – Cori K.

155 Fly Inn Restaurant
Plainwell
(269) 685-1554

If you haven’t had their pumpkin-pecan pancakes, you haven’t had pancakes! – BodybyviKira H.

156 Mattawan Artisan Creamery
Mattawan
(269) 668-4218

Their cheese is fabulous! – Gary

157 Schoolcraft 4th of July Parade
Schoolcraft
(269) 679-4896

This is small town Americana at its best.

158 Spring Valley Park
Kalamazoo
(269) 337-8191

Spring Valley Park is a 185 acre park that has a beautiful lake and abounds in natural beauty and wildlife. Many recent updates make the park popular for family picnics, walkers/runners, as well as people interested in fishing!

159 Blue Coast Artists Tour
South Haven to Saugatuck
(269) 236-9260

A behind-the-scenes look into the lifestyles of professional artists situated throughout the rural countryside. Visit upick farm markets and wineries along the way. Unwind and enjoy the beautiful countryside, while enjoying people who choose a live/work lifestyle in a profession they love. – Kelly C.

160 River Oaks Park and Splashpad
Galesburg
(269) 383-8778

New to River Oaks in 2014, the splash pad features fun inground and above-ground water spray elements and is great for kids! This park includes playgrounds, a dog park, fishing opportunities and features 20 beautiful soccer fields ranging in sizes.

161 Festival Playhouse
Kalamazoo
(269) 337-7333

One of my favorite places to see live and innovative theatre. – Michelle C.

162 Siegried H Horn Museum
Berrien Springs
(269) 471-3273

Part of the Institute of Archaeology at Andrews University, the museum has more than 3,000 clay tablets dating back to neo-Babylonian times.

163 Black Owl Café
Kalamazoo
(269) 459-1334

164 Civic Theatre
Kalamazoo
(269) 343-1313

Theatre! There are so many wonderful local theatres in southwest Michigan. Even high school theatre is amazing here! – Amanda M.

165 Farmer’s Alley Theatre
Kalamazoo
(269) 343-2727

A professional ensemble based non-profit performance company dedicated to producing popular and new work in the Downtown Kalamazoo area in a unique, intimate setting.

166 Ladies Library Building
Kalamazoo
(269) 344-3710

The Ladies Library influenced the development of women’s organizations throughout the upper Midwest and promoted the cause of equal education for women.

167 Marshall Ghost Tours
Marshall
(269) 781-8818

Take a leisurely 90 minute stroll or carriage ride by some of Marshall’s most haunted homes and downtown buildings. Hear the stories of a past untold…until now!

168 Fricano’s of Alamo
Kalamazoo
(269) 342-0808

Serving pizza in Michigan since 1949! In the “Pure Michigan” survey, Fricano’s pizza claimed the title of “Michigan’s favorite pizza.”

169 The Old Rugged Cross Memorial Garden
Pokagon
(269) 683-4540

170 Lexington Green Park
Portage
(269) 329-4518

Discover the world of Pickleball. – Barry B.

171 Harvey’s on the Mall
Kalamazoo
(269) 492-7506

Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day at Harvey’s on the Mall. – Rob C.

172 Curious Kids Museum
St. Joseph
(269) 983-2543

The children’s museum in St. Joseph has great activities for kids and adults alike! – Sam N.
173 Sweetwater’s Donut Mill
Kalamazoo
(269) 388-4613
(269) 372-3636
Saturday morning donuts at Sweetwater’s Donut Mill. My brother-in-law from New York insists on visiting every time he’s in town. – Linda M.

174 Continental Baseball Club
Kalamazoo
They play baseball as it would have been played in the 1860’s...half historical reenactment, half competitive sport. – Chris F.

175 Cody Kresta Vineyard and Winery
Mattawan
(269) 668-3800

176 Gun Lake Casino
Wayland
(269) 792-7777
The dining and local bands make this casino a must!

177 Beach and Attractions
Saugatuck
(269) 857-1701
You can’t get much cooler than being voted one of the top four “Coolest Small Towns in America.” Saugatuck celebrated that honor following a nationwide voting campaign sponsored by Budget Travel. Coolness factors: Oval Beach, food and shopping.

178 Grab an ice cream cone
Saugatuck
saugatuckdouglas.com
Who doesn’t enjoy ice cream on a beautiful, hot summer day?

179 Kalamazoo Garden Tour
Kalamazoo
(269) 381-1574

180 Long Lake Roller Rink
Portage
(269) 327-0407
This is a cool rink with a nostalgic feel. – Austin C.

181 Kal-Haven Trail
Kalamazoo, Van Buren County
(269) 674-8011
When I have a whole day free, I enjoy biking the 33.5 miles of the Kal-Haven Trail, a serene trail spanning two counties. Then, after working up a sweat during the three-hour trip, I can unwind and cool down in the waters at South Haven. It’s the perfect way to refresh before starting the three-hour trip back home. – Jeremy B.

182 Concerts in the Park
Kalamazoo
kalamazooarts.org
I love to grab a blanket, some snacks and make an afternoon of relaxing in the park. – Michelle R.

183 Letterboxing
Various locations throughout 269
letterboxing.org
atlasquest.com
My kids and I have been letterboxing since 2007. Letterboxing is similar to Geocaching, but it’s geared more toward families with younger kids and without portable GPS devices. Participants seek out hidden letterboxes - many in parks and nature trails - by cracking codes and following clues. They are like little adventures for us each time we do one. – Jodie V.

184 Niko’s Landing
Kalamazoo
(269) 342-8626
“Niko’s on King highway, Comstock MI has great food and service. Live music on the weekend!” – Dean M.

185 Kalamazoo County 4H Shows
Kalamazoo
(269) 383-8867

186 K-Zoo Skate Zoo Skatepark
Kalamazoo
(269) 345-9550

187 Drive In Movie Theatres
Dowagiac
(269) 782-7879
Packing up the station wagon and going to Five Mile Drive-In Theatre on M-152 near Dowagiac. Great memories and more to come.

188 Skydive Plainwell
Plainwell
(269) 998-7747
Skydiving! – Chuck S.

189 Kalamazoo Model Railroad Historical Society
Kalamazoo
kmrhs.org

190 Confections with Convictions
Kalamazoo
(269) 381-9700
A unique addition to the gourmet food scene in Kalamazoo. They specialize in truffles, hand crafted with fair trade organic chocolate from original recipes by chocolatier Dale Anderson.

WHAT THE LOCALS LOVE

“Scope out the Black Owl Café, then the People’s Food Corp and take a selfie by the Art Deco Fountain!” – Paul S.
191 Kalamazoo Institute of Arts
Kalamazoo
(269) 349-7775
Take a class at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts.
– Kim D

192 One Well Brewing
Kalamazoo
(269) 459-9240
One Well Brewing produces hand-crafted beers and provides a place for like-minded folks to share ideas, art and culture in Kalamazoo.

193 West Lake Drive In
Portage
(269) 327-5985
Grab a legendary olive burger at the retro West Lake Drive In, all while watching a beautiful sunset.
– Amy S.

194 Journeyman Distillery
Three Oaks
(269) 820-2050
Handcrafted artisan spirits, personable and friendly staff who take the time to get to know their customers and the best Manhattan I’ve ever had.
– Renee N.

195 Glad-Peach Festival
Coloma
colomapeachfest.com
A festival celebrating gladiolus and peaches the first full weekend in August.

196 Crane Park
Kalamazoo
(269) 337-8191
Visit Crane Park and its beautiful gardens. We were married there.
– Linda M.

197 US Postal Museum
Marshall
(269) 979-2719
It’s open by appointment only, but it has a great collection of memorabilia.

198 Conrad Kaufman Farms
Kalamazoo
(269) 488-9000

199 Railroad Café
Bangor
(269) 427-1605
You can watch the trains come and go while enjoying lunch.

200 Shifter’s Bar & Grill
Kalamazoo
(269) 344-4500

201 Chili Cook-Off
Kalamazoo
(269) 344-0795
Yummy samples!

202 Heritage Architectural Salvage
Kalamazoo
(269) 385-1004
Specializing in salvaged windows, doors, fixtures, hardware, and much more. This retail store carries an ever changing inventory of architectural treasures!

203 Bow in the Clouds Preserve
Kalamazoo
(269) 324-1600
Lots of beautiful scenery (including Lake Michigan), historic landmarks and unique little stops along the way.
– Ann K.

204 Allegan County Heritage Trail
Allegan
allegancounty.org/heritagetrail

205 Salt of the Earth
Fennville
(269) 561-7258
This restaurant has a seasonal menu of house-made entrees, shared plates, wood-fired oven pizzas, pastas, sandwiches and creative desserts. They have an impressive selection of worldwide wines and craft beers. Salt of the Earth also has live music with no cover charge every Friday night at 8:30 pm and hosts special Sunday house concerts on a regular basis.
– Steve M.

206 Square Dance
Kalamazoo
squaredancekalamazoo.com
Incredibly fun! If you don’t know how to square dance, they’ll teach you.
– Kayla K.

207 US–12 Garage Sale
us12heritagetrail.org
Stretching from New Buffalo to Detroit, the road becomes one giant garage sale!
– Patty S.

208 Kalamazoo Living History Show
Kalamazoo
(765) 563-6792
Juried living history show devoted to pre-1890 original or reproduction living history supplies, accoutrements, and related crafts.

209 The Old Rugged Cross Memorial
Pokagon
(269) 683-4540

210 The Union Cabaret & Grille
Kalamazoo
(269) 384-6756
Savor the delicious Portobello mushroom fennel-seeded fries with mustard sauce dip while listening to great local music talent.
– Ken F.
211 Austin Lake Catamaran Regatta
Portage
portagemi.gov
Catamaran regatta every Tuesday from May to September.

212 Weko Beach Concert Series
Bridgman
(269) 465-5144
Concerts are held select Sundays through the summer at 7pm. The best part - besides the entertainment - it's free!

213 Shopping for Furniture, Art & Décor throughout the 269 area
"Awesome, unique and "like new" resale furniture, art and home décor!" — Retro

214 Burgess Antiques
Galesburg
(269) 484-1100

215 Historic Village
Vicksburg
(269) 649-1733
See the Depot Museum, print shop and authentic one-room school house. — Michelle N.

216 O’Duffy’s Pub
Kalamazoo
(269) 381-9771
O’Duffy’s offers a laid back, neighborhood vibe and has a really awesome ornate bar. — Cherri

217 Gull Meadow Farms
Richland
(269) 629-4214
Wagon rides, a play area for kids and one of the best corn mazes in the state. — Robert K.

218 Guild of Change Ringers
Kalamazoo
kzoo.edu/ringers
Kalamazoo College is only one of 16 places in the U.S. that has “change ringing bells.” The Guild meets every Monday and Wednesday evenings and welcomes experienced ringers, novices and sightseers. — Laurel P.

219 The Heritage Company
Kalamazoo
(269) 385-1004
Shop for oddball items. — Steve

220 The Wine Loft
Kalamazoo
(269) 343-9227
Sharing a yummy piece of lava cake with friends. One dessert, four spoons. — Diane V.

221 Kalamazoo American Italian Club
Kalamazoo
kiaconline.com

222 All Ears Theatre
Kalamazoo
(269) 342-5059
See radio come to life.

223 KVCC Center for New Media
Kalamazoo
(269) 373-7920
There’s always a cool student exhibition on the ground floor. — Sandy

224 Prairie View Dog Park
Vicksburg
(269) 649-4737
Kalamazoo County’s first dog park, with seven acres of off-leash area for dogs and their owners to socialize – Mandy E.

225 Bishop’s Bog Preserve
Portage
(269) 329-4522
One of the coolest things in the world is going out to Bishop’s Bog and walking the boardwalk. — Kathy J.

226 Taste of Heaven
Kalamazoo
(269) 349-0849
The chocolate drizzled caramel popcorn is one of the items I always make sure visitors to Kalamazoo enjoy! — Megan M.

227 The Museum at Southwestern Michigan College
Dowagiac
(269) 782-1374
The Round Oak Stove exhibit is cool. — Carol B.

228 Color Tours
Southwest Michigan
michigan.org
Southwest Michigan is the perfect place for fall color tours. With all the great restaurants and cute towns, it’s easy to make a weekend adventure. — Jane

229 Comensoli’s Restaurant
Kalamazoo
(269) 345-6755
"The Air Zoo, State Theatre, Bell’s Brewery and a K-Wings game!" — Gracie H.
Come out and ride the newly re-designed Ian Stark cross country courses. Richland Park Horse Trials is a premiere event destination offering horses a unique and positive experience. Spectators encouraged!

The Dr. Nathan Thomas Home in Schoolcraft was a station on the Underground Railroad. During the 20 years the station was in operation, 1,000 to 1,500 fugitives from slavery were given food, shelter, medical aid and encouragement. – Annika H.

This park offers it all, from moderately difficult terrain that allows the novice rider to cruise the beautiful southwest Michigan backwoods while providing a few challenging hills, to crazy-difficult trails that give the best rider all the thrills he/she will ever need. Give Fort Custer State Park mountain bike trails a try when you’re looking to add a little shot of adrenalin to your day. Just watch out for the turtles that insist on sunbathing in the middle of the trails. – Doug W.

Watch the cows get milked by robots - and love it (both you and the cows)! – Mason M.

It’s magical. You just have to find it.

Visit on a Friday or Saturday in downtown Allegan - and it’s free! – Brad F.

Go to any greenhouse in Comstock or Galesburg area, buy some annual or perennial plants for your garden, patio or containers. Go home, plant them, get all hot and sweaty, feel full of accomplishment. – Heidi S.

“Urban Cottage for home items from Kalamazoo!” – Nicky T.

Cool blues on a hot summer night. – Sue B.

Features thousands of cars. – Mandy E.

Take a class in papermaking. – Jeanne A.
250 Kalamazoo County Expo Center
Kalamazoo
(269) 383-8788

251 Barodafest
Baroda
(269) 422-1779
Barodafest, held annually the Saturday after Labor Day, features a full day of family-friendly activities in this Berrien County village, kicked off by a pancake breakfast. A small-town, homey festival.

252 Parkwyn Village
Kalamazoo
KalamazooCity.org
Take a stroll through the neighborhood featuring period and Frank Lloyd Wright homes near the Winchell area.

253 D’Nicio’s Koney Island
Kalamazoo
(269) 353-8600

254 Spirit Springs Sanctuary
Marcellus
(269) 324-1600

255 Water Street Coffee Joint
Kalamazoo
(269) 373-2840
(269) 488-0018
Grab a coffee, chocolate espresso shake or eat a fresh waffle for breakfast. – Lucy B.

256 Lion’s Park Beach
St. Joseph
sjcity.com

257 St. Joseph River Park
Niles
(269) 683-4700

258 Schuler’s Restaurant & Pub
Marshall
(269) 781-0600

259 The Christmas Boutique
Kalamazoo
(269) 327-5373
Come and visit the unique and talented artisans and crafters from cities throughout the Midwest for a day of shopping for unique gifts!

260 Cooper Café
Kalamazoo
(269) 383-2960

261 Mass Funnel Farms
Bangor
(269) 206-2926
Go to the annual summer blues music and berry-picking weekend in July. – Patty S.

262 Gazelle Sports
Kalamazoo
(269) 342-5996
Gazelle Sports historic walking tours. – Henry R.

263 Pears Mill
Buchanan
(269) 695-3844
A restored 1857 flour mill, open and usually operating on Saturdays through Labor Day weekend. It features occasional demonstrations of historic trades.

264 Colon Magic Festival
Colon
(269) 432-3235
One of the coolest things to do in southwest Michigan. – Keith J.

265 West Michigan Glass Art Center
Kalamazoo
(269) 552-9802
Allows visitors to create their own glass art, from glass paperweights to fused glass pieces to lampworking. – Megan M.

266 Ramona Park
Portage
(269) 329-4522
Going Swimming at Ramona Park on Long Lake. – Sean S.

267 Stray Dog Bar & Grill
New Buffalo
(269) 469-2727

268 Friends Good Will
South Haven
(269) 637-8078
Sail Lake Michigan aboard this tall ship. – Jodie B.

269 Downtown Festivals
Kalamazoo
downtownkalamazoo.org
The Kalamazoo festivals are great! Where else can you enjoy Greek and Irish heritage festivals, as well as tests for blues music, eating ribs and barbecue, or all things Caribbean? – Brynne B.
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