

Saturday Alternative Activities

In addition to the Law School reunion events and the football game, you'll find lots more to do (including plenty of family-friendly activities) in Ann Arbor and southeast Michigan.

EDUCATIONAL:

U of M Museum of Natural History

[1109 Geddes Avenue]

The Exhibit Museum showcases the natural sciences and anthropology. Permanent exhibits include the most extensive prehistoric life collection in the State of Michigan, many rare specimens in the Michigan Wildlife Gallery, Anthropology displays on Native American and other cultures, and over 700 rock and mineral specimens in the Geology section.

U of M Museum of Art

[525 S. State Street]

In March of 2009, UMMA opened a landmark 53,000-square-foot expansion more than doubling the space available for collections display as well as temporary exhibitions and educational exploration. UMMA holds collections representing 150 years of art collecting at the University.

Kelsey Museum of Archaeology

[434 S. State Street]

The Kelsey Museum houses a collection of nearly 100,000 ancient and medieval objects from the civilization of the Mediterranean and the Near East.

Hands-On Museum

[220 E. Ann Street]

Ignite your imagination! Explore nine unique galleries containing more than 250 interactive exhibits. Learning made fun for all ages in an informal environment where hands-on experience is the best teacher.

Ann Arbor District Library

[343 S. Fifth Ave]

The AADL is equipped with fun for all ages. Stop in and check out their Saturday programming.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES:

Nichols Arboretum

[1610 Washington Hts]

The Arb is tucked alongside the Huron River between the North and Central campuses. It has extensive but dispersed collections of native and exotic trees and shrubs crafted into a naturalistic landscape. Exploring you'll find one of the richest landscapes in the region, as well as a complex glacial topography that presents vast panoramas, broad valleys, and intimate dales and glens.

Matthaei Botanical Gardens

[1800 N. Dixboro Road]

The Matthaei Botanical Gardens is regarded as one of Ann Arbor's greatest nature destinations. Located on Ann Arbor's east side, here you will find numerous formal gardens as well as the Gaffield Children's Garden, an indoor conservatory, and miles of hiking and discovery trails.

Gallup Park Canoe Livery

[3000 Fuller Road]

Located on the Huron River, Gallup Park offers a variety of river trips and boat rentals. Paddle around the peaceful pond or travel down the calm river. No reservation required.

Leslie Science and Nature Center

[1831 Traver Road]

The Leslie Science and Nature Center is a special place where people of all ages can explore 50 acres of land and Black Pond Woods filled with many plants and animals. Other attractions include the Raptor Center and Critter House.

Island Park

[Island Drive]

Island Park is a riverside recreational park with play areas, a perfect family fun destination!

COFFEE, DRINKS, AND SWEETS:

Mighty Good Coffee

[1335 S. University and 217 North Main Street]
With two locations, this coffee shop combines family traditions, artisanal craft processes, building community, and fantastic coffee.

TeaHaus

[204 North 4th Avenue]
At TeaHaus, you can choose from over 170 loose leaf teas. Pair your tea with one of their delicious scones, macarons, or other pastries.

Blank Slate Creamery

[300 W. Liberty Street]
Voted Best New Business in the Michigan Daily Poll, Blank Slate creamery offers an eclectic assortment of homemade, all natural ice cream.

Dexter Cider Mill

[3685 Central Street Dexter, MI]
The Dexter Cider Mill is the oldest continuously operating Cider Mill in Michigan. Enjoy apples, doughnuts, caramel apples, and an assortment of other delicious apple related treats.

Iorio's Gelateria

[522 East William Street]
This gelateria is a product of two University of Michigan alums! The menu includes gelato, espresso, and other Italian favorites.

Mark's Carts

[211 West Washington Street]
Mark's Carts offers an array of fresh ethnic dishes every day in an intimate courtyard garden. Grab a churro from El Manantial and enjoy!

Ann Arbor Farmers Market

[315 Detroit Street]
Located in the heart of the historic Kerrytown neighborhood, the market offers an incredible diversity of products, bringing together farmers, plant nurseries, artisans, food carts, and a variety of prepared food vendors.

Dominick's

[812 Monroe Street]
Located only a block away from the Law Quad, head to Dominick's for sangria and a great outdoor patio atmosphere.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Wiard's Orchards and Country Fair

[5565 Merritt Road Ypsilanti, MI]
Wiard's Orchards is the ultimate place for families. With a variety of activities, every age group can be pleased!

Bandemer Park Disc Golf

[Located off of Main Street at Lake Shore Drive]
One of the amenities that Bandemer Park has to offer is its disc golf course. It includes 3 sets of pads with 9 baskets in place.

Colonial Lanes

[1950 South Industrial Hwy]
On Saturday, Colonial Lanes has open bowl all day. Call ahead to confirm lane availability or make a reservation at 734-665-4474.

The Fairy Doors of Ann Arbor

[See map: <http://urban-fairies.com/TOURMAP.html>]
Across the city you can find "fairy doors". These "miniature openings into imagined fairy homes" are unsponsored, unauthorized works of public art that have captured the imagination of the city.

FURTHER AWAY ACTIVITIES:

Detroit Institute of Arts

[5200 Woodward Avenue]
Located in Midtown, the DIA has been a beacon of culture for the Detroit area for over a century. Its collection is among the top six in the US!

Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village

[20900 Oakwood Dearborn, MI]
With a rich and diverse offering of exhibits, demonstrations, programs, and reenactments, The Henry Ford celebrates yesterday's traditions as well as today's innovations. The museum is sure to captivate and inspire visitors of all ages.