



Ann Arbor, MI



Ann Arbor, Michigan, is situated on both sides of the Huron River in the southeastern area of the state. The Potawatomi, Native American people of the Algonquian family, lived in two villages in the area that is now Ann Arbor. Land speculators and city founders John Allen and Elisha Rumsey are believed to have named their settlement in 1824 for their wives, both named Ann, and for the grove found in the Michigan woods.

The University of Michigan is home to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library, which collects, preserves, and shares archival materials on domestic issues, foreign relations, and political affairs from the Cold War era. The university is also home to the Bentley Historical Library, Sindecuse Museum of Dentistry, Stearns Collection of Musical Instruments, Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, Jean Paul Slusser Gallery, Museum of Art, Gallery at Duderstadt Center, and Museum of Natural History and Planetarium.

The Ann Arbor Art Center features rotating exhibition galleries and art courses. Other attractions in the city include the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, African American Cultural and Historical Museum of Washtenaw County, Kempf House Museum, and Cobblestone Farm Museum. Located on the campus of Concordia University, the Krefl Center Gallery provides exhibition space for local and national artists.

Ann Arbor offers many venues for enjoying performing arts, including the Kerytown Concert House, The Ark, Theatre Nova, and the Ann Arbor Civic Theater. The University of Michigan campus is home to the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Hill Auditorium, Arthur Miller Theatre, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, and Rackham Auditorium. Concordia University's Krefl Center also offers theatrical productions and concerts.

The three-week Ann Arbor Summer Festival offers theater, dance, music, and comedy performances.

Neighborhoods

The downtown area is experiencing residential growth through the construction of new high-rise apartment buildings, some of which are oriented toward the general population and others toward students. Apartments are widely available in many of the residential areas surrounding the university.

The Old West Side is a large historic district with homes built in diverse architectural styles primarily between the 1830s and 1920s. These various-sized, two-story, wood-sided homes were built with small front yards on small lots. Water Hill is similar to the Old West Side in its diversity of architectural styles, with home building ongoing since the 1840s. This neighborhood borders the Sunset Hills Nature Area, Kuebler Langford Nature Area, Bird Hills Nature Area, Camp Hilltop Park, and Barton Nature Area. The primarily wood-sided, two-story homes in the Eberwhite neighborhood were built in the early to mid-20th century. This neighborhood features Eberwhite Woods, one of the city's secluded natural areas.

Adjacent to the University of Michigan, Burns Park's northern area is a popular student neighborhood. The southern portion features larger wood-sided or brick two-story homes built primarily between 1900 and 1930 in the colonial style. Also situated on tree-lined streets, these houses are set back from the curb. Ann Arbor Hills, which is a neighborhood east of Burns Park, features large homes built primarily between 1930 and 1960 in mid-century modern, ranch, colonial, and contemporary styles on large, heavily landscaped lots set on winding streets.

Newer neighborhoods in the city include Riverwood, which was built in the 2000s and features larger two-story homes on smaller lots surrounded by more than 20 acres of open space that includes Riverwood Creek and Riverwood Forest Nature Park. Large custom-built brick, contemporary style homes on large landscaped lots characterize the Newport Creek and Newport Hills neighborhoods, which were constructed within the past 20 years.

Parks and Recreation

Ann Arbor has 159 parks and 15 park facilities with amenities that include basketball and tennis courts, softball and soccer fields, swimming pools, boat

launches, indoor and outdoor ice rinks, dog parks, disc golf courses, dirt bike tracks, roller hockey, golf courses, a skatepark, pickleball, and pétanque.

Nine parks line the Huron River, with five offering public launches into the river. Argo Nature Center features nature trails, fishing, canoe rentals, tubing rentals, and a boat launch. Gallup Park offers nature trails; picnic areas; play areas; canoe, rowboat, and paddleboat rentals; a boat launch; and fishing. Barton Nature Area, which is a 102-acre park; Bandemer Park; and Island Park also provide access to the river.

Located along the river but without direct access to it, Parker Mill is a 28-acre park with walking trails; a handicap-accessible wetlands boardwalk; interpretive signs; and the Parker Mill grist mill, which is functional and open for tours. The University of Michigan Nichols Arboretum and the Matthaei Botanical Gardens offer trails, peony and lilac gardens, native and exotic trees and shrubs, many formal gardens, an indoor conservatory, and miles of hiking and discovery trails.

Other parks include the 39-acre Buhr Park, which features an outdoor swimming pool, seasonal outdoor ice rink, inline skating facility, play equipment, basketball court, sledding hill, open play field, tennis courts, and softball diamonds. The park is connected to Cobblestone Farms. Burns Park offers free Sunday afternoon summer concerts, five tennis courts with a one-half practice court, a basketball court, a sledding hill, and play equipment.

Michigan Stadium is home to the University of Michigan Wolverines and is the largest stadium in North America.

Education

The Ann Arbor Public School District educates approximately 18,500 students in Ann Arbor and parts of eight surrounding townships in 19 elementary schools, two kindergarten to eighth grade schools, five middle schools, five high schools, a preschool, and a virtual middle school/high school.

Higher education is available at the University of Michigan, a public research university that offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs as well as professional degrees. The university has a Medical School, School of Nursing, School of Public Health, School of Dentistry, and College of Pharmacy.

Concordia University Ann Arbor is a Lutheran higher-education community that offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Washtenaw Community College is located in Ann Arbor Township.

Health Care

Ann Arbor is served by the following health care facilities:

University of Michigan Health System: 1,000 licensed beds

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital: 513 licensed beds

VA Ann Arbor Health Care System: 109 acute care beds and 40 community living center beds for veterans.

City Stats

2017

City Population	121,621
Metropolitan Statistical Area Population	367,627
Per Capita Personal Income, Ann Arbor, MI (MSA)	\$56,348