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# ypsi

*a progressive city with a funny name*

Ypsilanti—generally referred to as “Ypsi” by the locals—was established as a village in 1823. Originally called Woodruff’s Grove, founders changed the name to Ypsilanti in 1825 in honor of General Demetrius Ypsilanti, a hero in the Greek war for independence. People have struggled to pronounce the name of our fair city ever since. (It’s *ip-suh-lan-tee*, by the way.)

## THE CULTURE

It’s been said that Ypsilanti is the Brooklyn to Ann Arbor’s Manhattan. Despite Ann Arbor’s reputation as a regional bohemian cultural center, many creative people are flocking to Ypsilanti to live and work. A vibrant underground arts scene is emerging, encouraged by less expensive land and more affordable housing options.

Young families are discovering Ypsi and breathing new life into the city, putting down roots, investing in the community, and creating new traditions. Longtime Ypsilantians help preserve our rich heritage, making this city what it is today. And students from our hometown college—**Eastern Michigan University**—continue to inject fresh ideas into the region.

## THE ART

Tucked away in a corner of Ypsi sits **SPUR Studios**—an art incubator that’s home to writers, painters, musicians, graphic designers, and a variety of other artists. Its 30 studio spaces have been booked solid since the incubator opened in early 2010, speaking to the community’s homespun spirit. This creativity drives handmade and

*The best indie artists our city and region have to offer come together twice a year for DIYpsi, a one-of-a-kind shopping experience that will take care of everyone on your list.*





indie art festivals such as **DIYpsi**, where regional artists join locals to put on shows unique to Ypsi.

### THE MUSIC

Friday night, Annie Palmer played an acoustic set at the **Ugly Mug Café and Roastery**. Sunday afternoon, the **Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra** performed a free concert in Riverside Park. Last September, the French alternative rock band Phoenix decided to duck into **Woodruff's** in Depot Town for a quick acoustic set before playing to a huge crowd at **Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center**.

Ypsi's music scene continues to morph and thrive. Leah Diehl of Lightning Love says her first instinct is to call Ypsi's music scene mostly folk, "but there's actually a big number of garage, pop, rap, and country groups." The variety keeps fans coming back for more—from big names like Jay-Z and Bob Seger to local and regional acts such as Saturday Looks Good To Me and Secret Twins.

### THE INNOVATION

Maybe it's the nearby university, maybe it's the modest house prices, or maybe it's in the water. Whatever the reason, innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship are found around every corner in Ypsi. Sustainability

"It's becoming quite the hip spot...the beer culture and the musicians. Everybody here is some form of artist. Ypsilanti has a bohemian feel starting to brew, mixed in with history which is very interesting to me. Ypsi has always been an eccentric, interesting town. Now it's turning into a destination."

Tarek Kanaan, co-founder of Unity Vibration Kombucha Tea & Beer ("Three Blocks Of Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship" Concentrate Media)

ventures like **Solar Ypsi** and **Growing Hope** made great strides over the past decade. In 2013, more than 10 Ypsilanti solar installations were part of the National Solar Tour. Growing Hope is dedicated to improving lives and communities through gardening and access to healthy food, continuously improving our **Downtown and Depot Town Farmers Markets** and offering educational opportunities throughout the year.

**SPARK East Business Incubator**, located in Downtown Ypsilanti, is a magnet for innovation-based businesses of every size and description. One homegrown success story is Unity Vibration Kombucha Tea & Beer. What was once a small operation from a living room in Ypsi's Historic East Side Neighborhood is now a full-scale brewery offering tours and tastings out of its Ypsilanti Township location. ■

*From May through October, the Ypsilanti Farmers Market brings fresh, locally-grown produce to the city—Downtown on Tuesdays, and Depot Town on Saturdays. Opposite page: Eastern Michigan University Student Center, Ugly Mug Café & Roastery.*



# City of Ypsilanti

## CAMPUS TOWN

In recent years, some nice surprises have emerged from this district that borders the south end of Eastern Michigan University's campus. Gems like La Fiesta Mexicana, the Tower Inn Café, and the Ugly Mug Café and Roastery have been shining stars in this area for years. But newcomers like The Wurst Bar, now in its third year, are rising fast—garnering the type of foodie following others take decades to cultivate. Ann Arbor-based Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea recently joined the Ypsilanti T-Shirt Company in a newly renovated building near our beloved historic water tower.

## DEPOT TOWN

The winter months bring music festivals and offbeat events to Woodruff's and Café Ollie. The big brick oven at the Ypsilanti Food Co-op's River Street Bakery warms our souls with fresh bread and other goodies. As temperatures climb, Depot Town opens its doors and spills into the street. Outdoor patios are jumpin' all summer at Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill and Sidetrack Bar & Grill. Gearheads rev up for Tuesday Bike Nights and Thursday Cruise Nights, while everyone savors the treats and treasures at the Saturday farmers markets.

## DOWNTOWN

Ypsilanti icons such as Haab's Restaurant and Puffer Red's have drawn visitors to our historic downtown for decades; newcomers like Red Rock Downtown Barbecue and Model Cave Hobby Shop add vibrancy and new foot traffic. With Eastern Michigan University's College of Business, eclectic dining and shopping options, and plenty of free and metered parking, you'll find downtown buzzing with activity most days of the year.

## RIVERSIDE PARK

Connecting Downtown and Depot Town is a paved path winding through Riverside Park along the Huron River. Designed by the Olmsted Brothers in 1913, the park is a community favorite, and the home of major annual events such as the Michigan Summer Beer Festival, Camaro Superfest, the Orphan Car Show, and the Michigan Eastside Color Run.



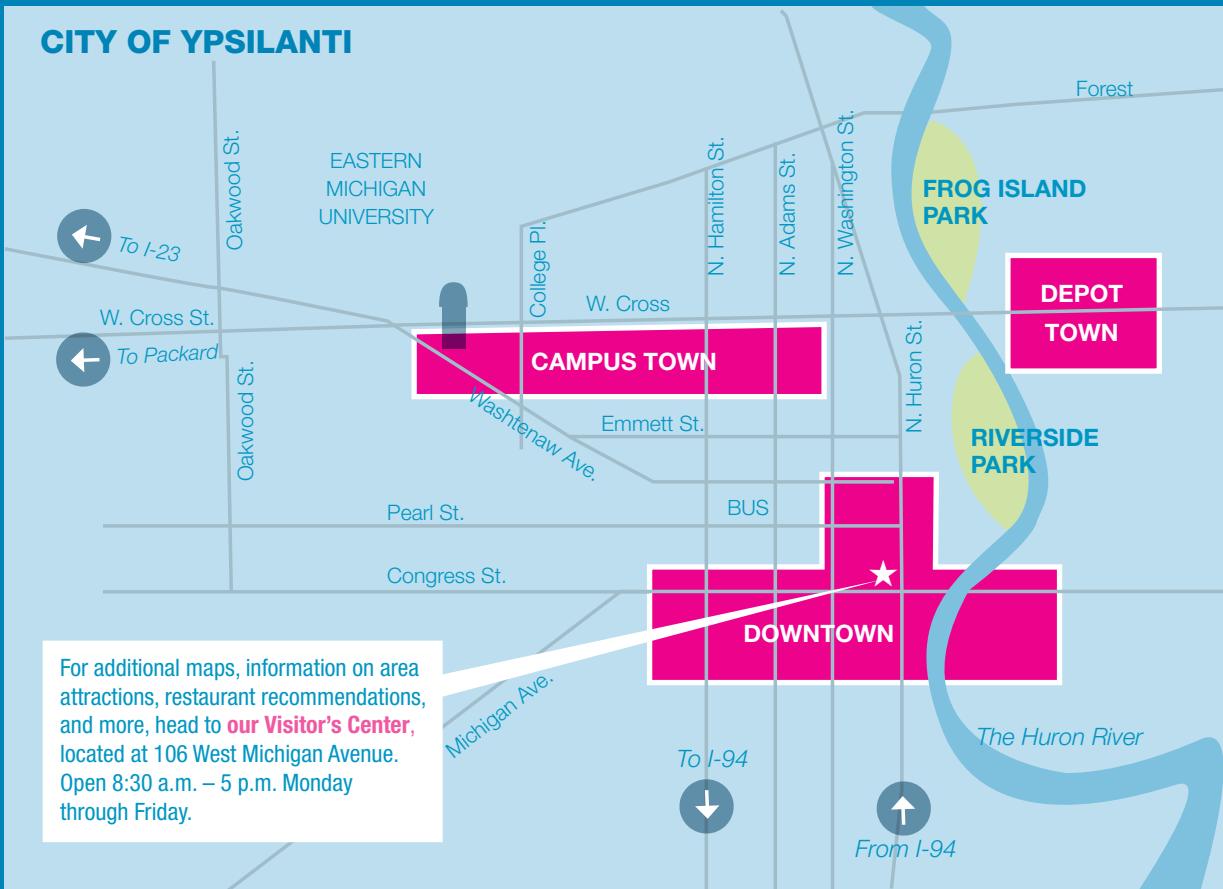
## Ypsilanti Township

Nearly six times larger than the City of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township was shaped by family farmers and factory workers. Today, it's where we connect with the great outdoors (see page 12). Tucked away in the rich farmland on the western side of the Township sit Rolling Hills County Park and Wiard's Cider Mill and Apple Orchards. Together, these family-friendly destinations have 550 acres to explore, offering everything from hay rides to speed slides.

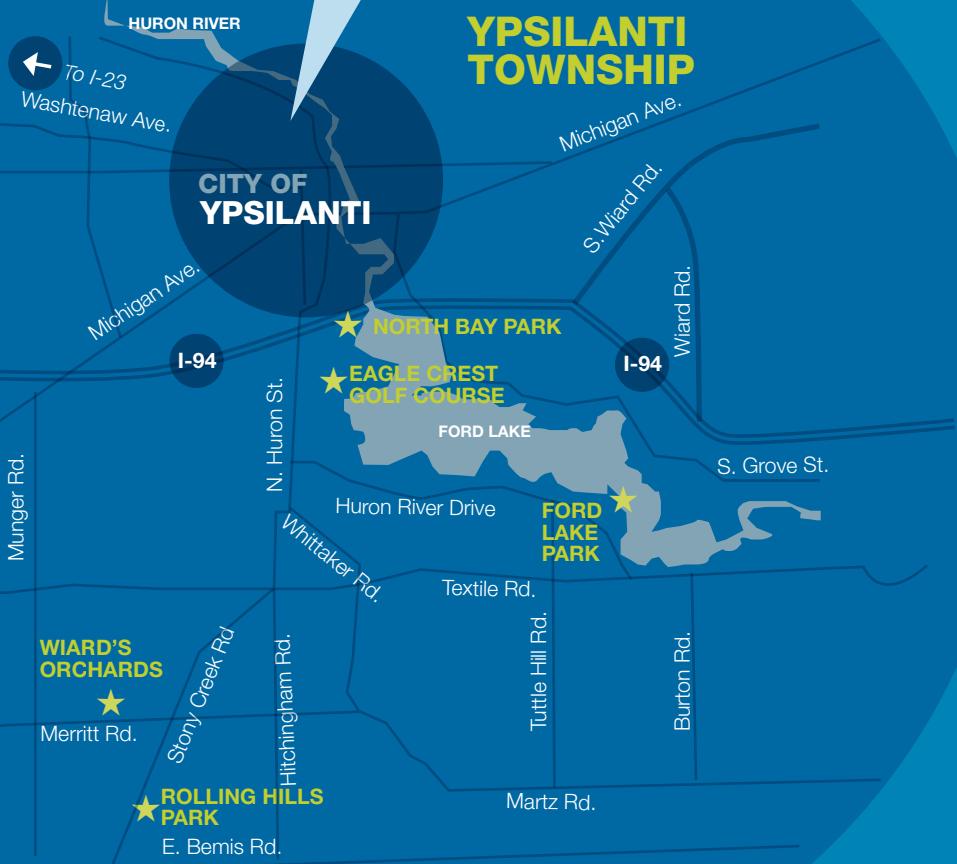
Scenic views abound at Ford Lake. North Bay Park, Eagle Crest Golf Course, and Ford Lake Park provide many opportunities to enjoy this man-made recreational lake, created by Henry Ford in the 1930s to generate hydroelectric power.

*Ready...set...slide! Rolling Hills Water Park is open the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.*

## CITY OF YPSILANTI



## YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP





# quench your thirst

Nearly every week you'll find Heather Needham and her husband Mike Robinson hanging out at the Arbor Brewing Company Microbrewery, located just north of Depot Town. You might see them playing a board game with some friends, or scoring big at trivia on Wednesday evenings. If you happen upon a beer release party, they'll be there sipping the new brew.

The Arbor Brewing Company Microbrewery (formally known as the Corner Brewery) was originally intended as a bottling and distribution center for the Ann Arbor-based Arbor Brewing Company. It's now the place to go for a casual atmosphere and undeniably good beer. It's an Ypsilanti hub.

Whether you're kicking back in the beer garden on a hot summer day or lounging near the fireplace while the snow falls, you'll feel at home here. This neighborhood bar serves up craft brews and hard ciders. Local vendors supply the entire menu of sandwiches, burgers, brats, stone-baked pizzas, and more.

The Arbor Brewing Company Microbrewery also has the largest solar installation of any craft brewery east of Colorado. Sign up for a tour of the brewery and learn more about the "Green Brewery Project," which includes solar-thermal, photovoltaic, and geo-thermal technologies.

## BEER AT A GLANCE

Brasserie Blonde, Buzz Saw American IPA, Espresso Love Breakfast Stout, Green Giant Organic Imperial Pilsner, Hop Town Brown, Phat Abbot Belgian Dubbel, Sacred Cow IPA, Ypsi Gypsi Pale Ale

## YEAR AT A GLANCE

Monthly Beer Tastings, Seasonal Beer Releases, Holiday Celebrations, Halcyon Sundayze, Krampus Costume Ball, DIYpsi, Rat Fest

While this is a 21-and-up establishment, it welcomes children accompanied by a parent until 9:00 p.m. ■

## FOR THE LOVE OF SUDS

Our passion for craft beer is evident in the seven additional brewpubs and microbreweries thriving in Washtenaw County—each with its own distinctive flavor and story. Ann Arbor's offerings include **Arbor Brewing Company**, **Blue Tractor**, **Grizzly Peak**, **the Jolly Pumpkin**, and **Wolverine State Brewing Company**. Milan is home to the **Original Gravity Brewing Company**, and the **Chelsea Alehouse** opened to rousing cheers in late 2012.

With all this brewing afoot, Ypsilanti's Riverside Park is a natural location for the Michigan Brewers' Guild to hold its annual **Michigan Summer Beer Festival**. Each year at the end of July, more than 60 breweries from around the state gather on the banks of the Huron River, attracting thousands of craft beer enthusiasts who sample 600+ unique brews.



Visitors stop by Ypsilanti's Arbor Brewing Company Microbrewery for regular beer tastings, special releases, and community events. Members of the Mug Club enjoy perks including a personalized Stein and free admission to releases.



*"The shops are small, but are not to be underestimated. With no crazy shoppers or crazy lines, it makes you appreciate what these stores have to offer."*

*Ashley Painter, Ypsi shopper and former EMU Student*

# discover treasure

Shopping Ypsi for fine antiques, funky vintage clothing, bulk candy, model kits, or even exclusive limited-edition sneakers is so much fun, we know you'll come back for more.

Ypsi's love of history and historic preservation is the foundation of our shopping experience. Starting in Downtown Ypsilanti, you'll find **Materials Unlimited**, one of the nation's oldest architectural salvage companies. *Hour Detroit* magazine voted it best in two categories—fine antiques and vintage antiques & salvaged materials—in the 2012 “Best of Detroit” contest. Materials Unlimited packs three floors full of restored period lighting, fireplace mantles, antique furniture, hardware, and stained glass

windows. Be sure to visit the lower level, stacked with unrestored architectural salvage for the do-it-yourselfer.

Downtown Ypsilanti is also home to **Salt City Antiques**—3,000 square feet of fun—displaying merchandise from more than 12 antique dealers. If you're in town on a Friday or Saturday evening, check out **Bowerbird Mongo**. This thoughtfully curated store has treasures in every corner with surprisingly low prices. If you're looking to expand your wardrobe, make an appointment at **Dear Golden Vintage**, a clothing shop with a focus on vintage pieces from the 1920s-1970s.

In our historic Depot Town corridor, look for **Apple Annie's Vintage Clothing & Jim MacDonald Antiques**. This shop has a large selection of “new old” treasures, including antique furnishings, glassware, books, vintage advertisements, and local artifacts. If coin collecting is more your speed, then head across the street to explore **Olde Towne Coin & Gold**. ■





## more must-stop shops

### DOWNTOWN

- ▶ We know you've been hunting for Dr. Who salt & pepper shakers and that Fisher Price Music Box you had as a kid. Hunt no more! **The Rocket Candy & Novelties** is here to supply all your funky/weird/funny/nostalgic/plasty needs. Rediscover your youth and stock up on candy at Downtown Ypsilanti's laugh-out-loud fun store.
- ▶ When Reebok re-released "Question," Allen Iverson's sneaker of choice, a select few brick-and-mortar shoe stores across the nation were chosen to carry them. **Puffer Red's** in Downtown Ypsilanti was one such store. For over 30 years Puffer Red's has provided a wide selection of the hottest brand-name fashions, exclusive shoes, hard-to-find media, and must-have accessories.
- ▶ **Model Cave Hobby Shop** is your one-stop model shop with a huge selection of new and vintage kits, plus all the kit building tools, supplies, and advice you'll ever need!
- ▶ **MIX** retail offers a handpicked collection of artistically chic clothing, accessories, and gifts. Among the many select retail offerings at this easy-to-love shop are Comfy USA, Dress to Kill, and Chalet clothing lines.
- ▶ Rock out with fossils, beading supplies and tools, arrowheads, meteorites, and the many unique specialties found at **World of Rocks** on Huron Street.

### DEPOT TOWN

- ▶ **The Eyrie** is a cultural gift shop featuring local and Michigan-made artwork and accessories, as well as unique home decor and garden ornaments. Its ever-changing inventory made by a wide variety of artisans fits perfectly into the mix of Depot Town shops.
- ▶ **Nelson Amos Studio** showcases paintings, including realistic portraits, landscapes, still lifes, and local Ypsilanti landmarks. It also offers custom framing services.
- ▶ Committed to ensuring an exceptional fly fishing experience, **Schultz Outfitters: Fly Shop** has the gear you need for a successful day on the water. Browse an extensive collection of waders, boots, rods and reels, as well as Southeast Michigan's most comprehensive inventory of fly-tying supplies. The shop is also a hub for events and educational programs, including casting workshops and fly-tying instruction at all levels (see page 15).
- ▶ The **Ypsilanti Food Co-op** offers more than just delicious brick-fired oven bread, locally sourced produce, and homemade deli and bakery selections. This community-owned grocery store provides high-quality foods and goods, produced ecologically and sustainably. Open to all shoppers!

# activity central

In addition to rafts of outdoor recreation opportunities (see page 14), the Ypsilanti area drives away boredom with activities for all ages and interests. Here's our list of the top 10 things you can do during your visit to Ypsi. Have fun!

- 1 ▶ No matter what you drive, your car embodies the evolutionary history of the automobile. For more than a century, thousands of people and companies worldwide have contributed innovations and design enhancements, including Ypsilantians. Located in a 1927 Hudson dealership, the **Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum** rounds up a wide variety of vehicles and automotive memorabilia. It focuses on Ypsilanti's contributions to the automotive saga, including the Chevy Corvair and Ypsi's own auto entrepreneur, Preston Tucker.
- 2 ▶ Want to see red? The **Michigan Firehouse Museum** is the place to indulge your inner firefighter. The museum is an educational treasure trove with 26,000 square feet of fire trucks, early horsedrawn firefighting rigs, an original 1898 firehouse, and the largest collection of fire truck bells in the country.
- 3 ▶ Get a glimpse of 19th-century Ypsilanti at the **Ypsilanti Historical Museum**. Asa Dow built the brick mansion with four elegant fireplaces in 1860. After more than 100 years of occupancy by several families, the Dow house was purchased by the city in 1966 and, in 1970, was offered to the Ypsilanti Historical Society for use as a museum.
- 4 ▶ Ypsilantians built more than 20 distinct, nationally recognized styles of architecture between 1830 and 1940. Successful through pioneering resourcefulness and industry, citizens expressed their tastes, prosperity, and local pride in the structures built for



*Elvis works the crowd at Michigan ElvisFest.*  
Opposite page: The Color Run Michigan Eastside  
(photo by Chris Amos), Ypsilanti Heritage Festival





The u-pick pumpkin patch at Wiard's is a popular stop on October weekends. You'll find a variety of sizes, but only one color—orange!

their families, churches, and businesses. From them, we inherited a rich array of historic architecture. Stop by our office or visit us online at [visitypsinow.com/architecture](http://visitypsinow.com/architecture) for a complete guide to historic architecture in Ypsilanti.

patch, and a seasonal corn maze. Wiard's Country Fair area has family-friendly features such as giant inflatables, pony rides, a petting farm, miniature golf, children's play areas, and hot food.

**5** ▶ Creativity. It's the spark behind every new idea. It's the essence of innovation. And it's in every kid. That's the motto of **FLY Children's Art Center**. Make your own kite, make your own zine, make your own poster, make stuff out of duct tape. Paint, cut, glue, weave, get creative. FLY turns schools and libraries around Southeast Michigan into mobile art centers, and offers workshops at FLY's downtown Ypsilanti location. And watch for FLY's fun special events throughout the year.

**6** ▶ Since its founding in 1837, **Wiard's Cider Mill and Apple Orchard** has grown more than 7 million apples and made more than 3 million gallons of cider. In addition to the sprawling orchards and mill, this operation includes u-pick apples, a u-pick pumpkin

**7** ▶ Ypsilanti is more than just a college town—it's an event town. **ElvisFest** celebrates its 15th year in Riverside Park this year. The Michigan Brewer's Guild is once again calling Ypsilanti home for its biggest event: the **Summer Beer Festival**. Camaros and Volkswagens will roll into Ypsi car shows this summer, and the **DIYpsi** indie art fair will once again fill the Corner Brewery in December with unique handmade gifts. From regular weekly affairs to major annual events, you'll find plenty to do during your visit.

**8** ▶ **Woodruff's**, a quirky bar located in the heart of Depot Town, showcases rock, folk, garage, pop, rap and country groups while slinging great drinks. In addition to the Tuesday open stage and an ever-changing lineup throughout the year, be on the lookout for annual events and

shows such as The Love Hangover, the Zombie Ball, YpsiFest, the Spelling Bee For Honest Cheaters, and Mittenfest.

9 ▶ For a unforgettable visceral experience and a great view of Detroit, book a flight on The **Yankee Air Museum's** "Yankee Warrior," the only WWII B-25D bomber still flying, or "Yankee Lady," the museum's B-17 Flying Fortress. Both aircraft fly out of Willow Run Airport from May through October. Seating is limited, and preregistration is required. The museum features aviation exhibits, restoration projects, a store, and a theater. It's open Tuesday through Saturday year-round (no pre-registration required).

10 ▶ **Eastern Michigan University** was founded in 1849 and opened its doors in 1853 as Michigan State Normal School. It was the first normal school (teacher training college) west of the Alleghenies. The University now enrolls more than 23,000 students and offers 200+ majors and minors in five colleges, plus the



Honors College. There's always a flurry of activity at EMU. Concerts, dance, films, exhibits, performance art, recitals, and other cultural events are weekly features of campus life. ■

Above: Cheers to the Michigan Brewer's Guild Summer Beer Festival, held every July in Riverside Park. Below: Cars line the streets of Depot Town for Cruise Night every Thursday, June through September (photo by Chris Amos)

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# the great outdoors

How can you reduce stress, cut recovery times from illnesses, fight against cancer, and boost your mood? The answer is simple: get outside. Fresh air and Vitamin D from sunlight can help make you healthy as well as happy. Here's our guide to exploring great outdoors when you visit the Ypsilanti area.

- ▶ You might forget you're in Ypsilanti when you step onto the greens of Eastern Michigan University's **Eagle Crest Golf Course**. That's because Eagle Crest, bordering beautiful Ford Lake, is unlike other courses you'll find in southeast Michigan. Brandon Tucker of Travel/Golf network compared it to the type of course one might find in Florida. Water comes into play on many of the shots, but with a few extra golf balls in your pocket you'll be prepared for anything this course throws your way. And the breathtaking scenery will create lasting memories.
- ▶ Henry Ford and World War II brought a new wave of expansion and industry to Ypsilanti. In the 1930s, **Ford Lake** was created by damming the Huron River to generate hydroelectric power for new manufacturing plants. The lake's surface area is 975 acres with a maximum depth

of 30 feet. Bluegill and walleye are fishing favorites among the lake's wide variety of sportfish species. A handful of parks border Ford Lake, including the well-loved North Bay and Ford Lake parks. You'll find wooded areas, wetlands, play areas, and picnic areas in both parks. Boat access to this all-sports lake is available from Ford Lake Park.

- ▶ **Rolling Hills County Park** is a one-stop location for year-round recreation and outdoor fun, one of the most recreationally diverse destinations in our county. Splash in the waves, float the lazy river, or ride the slides in the Water Park. Take in nature on the trails, try your luck at the fishing pond, or enjoy a quiet picnic beneath stately oaks while the kids explore the playground. Challenge your friends to softball, horseshoes, or 18 holes of disc golf.

	FISHING	PICNIC AREA	PLAYGROUNDS	SWIMMING	TRAILS/WALKING	SPORT FIELDS	RESTROOMS
Ford Heritage Park	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-
Ford Lake Park	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓
Frog Island Park	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	-
Hewen's Creek Park	✓	-	-	-	✓	-	-
North Bay Park	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓
North Hydro Park	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	-
Parkridge Park	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-
Prospect Park	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-
Recreation Park	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-
Riverside Park	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-
Rolling Hills County Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓

When the weather turns cold, you can go sledding or cross-country skiing on the rolling hills, then warm up by the fireplace in the lodge at the end of the day. See you there!

- ▶ There are 60 miles of floatable river at our doorstep and you can fish all of it! The guides at **Schultz Outfitters**: **Fly Fishing and Guides** work the majority of the season on our home waters of the Huron River, specializing in warm-water fly fishing for smallmouth bass, carp, pike, and muskie. Don't have the gear? That's OK. "You can pretty much just show up with a pair of sunglasses and you'll be good to go," says owner Mike Schultz, "but advance notice is always appreciated."

In addition to instruction and guide

services, Schultz Outfitters also offers weekly classes and seminars at its Depot Town Fly Shop. It's easy to get started—just give the shop a call or stop in!

- ▶ **Bike Ypsi** got rolling in the summer of 2007, coordinating community rides and discussions about cycling advocacy and awareness. Now in its seventh year, Bike Ypsi organizes weekly rides in addition to annual events including the Taco Tour, Halloween Ride, Tour de Fresh, Spring Ride & Festival, and the Fall Ride & Festival. So get on your bikes and ride! Chances are you'll catch one of the weekly rides and—if you're lucky—you'll be in town for one of Bike Ypsi's amazing events! ■

*Plunge Peak, a 2013 addition to Rolling Hills Water Park, features two twisting slides and a 160-foot speed slide for the more adventurous riders. Opposite page: Eagle Crest Golf Course.*





## hang with motor heads

Ypsilanti played an important role in the history and evolution of the automobile. It was the home of Apex Motors in the 1920s, and home to Preston Tucker, who created the innovative rear-engine 1948 Tucker.



“Going to Ypsilanti for the car shows is like a breath of fresh air. It’s something that I look forward to every year and I thoroughly enjoy the sights and sounds that take place in Riverside Park throughout the warm summer season. It’s definitely one of the highlights of my summer.” *Tianna Pearse, Redford*

Ypsi’s automotive story rolled on after World War II as the old Willow Run Bomber Plant became home to Kaiser-Frazer Corporation, and then General Motors, which built the Chevy Corvair there.

All this automotive history and more is on display at what is often called the world’s last Hudson dealership, site of the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum. The museum’s crown jewel is the 1952 Hudson Hornet that Herb Thomas drove to a NASCAR National Championship in 1953. It’s the car that inspired the character “Doc Hudson” in Pixar’s animated film *Cars*.

#### THE EVENTS

Once those cold winter months have passed and green sprouts appear, the familiar sounds of spring return to Ypsilanti. Yes, the birds still chirp and the bees still buzz, but around here, the motors rev and the engines roar. Car shows rule Ypsi from May to October.

#### May

**Ypsilanti Show & Shine** Join the Ypsi Area Street Rods to kick off car season with vendors, DJ, prizes, and more.

#### Michigan Vintage Volkswagen Car

**Show** A non-judged car show celebrating all variations of the rear-engine VW.

#### June

#### Weekly Depot Town Cruise Nights

Every Thursday, June – September



#### Weekly Depot Town Bike Nights

Every Tuesday, June – September

**Ton-Up Motorcycle Show** Depot Town’s Cafe Racer brings bikes, bikes, and more bikes to East Cross Street and Riverside Park.

#### July

#### Michigan Camaro Superfest

Hundreds of Camaro owners show off their prized rides. It’s the longest-running and best all-Camaro event in the USA!

#### August

**Fire Truck Muster** A gathering of diverse fire rigs ranging from the 1920s through the late 1970s, some are in original condition and others beautifully restored.

#### September

**Orphan Car Show** One of Ypsilanti’s largest car shows, featuring hundreds of cars and trucks from throughout the country whose parent companies are defunct.

#### October

**Antique Truck Show** Trucks of all ages, shapes, and sizes convoy in Riverside Park in this festival of power and utility. ■

*Classic cars and trucks cruise into Depot Town every Thursday for Cruise Nights, featuring hula-hoop contests, raffles, and more.*

Ypsilanti has three distinct districts—Depot Town, Downtown, and Campus Town—each serving up delicious options for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and those peckish times in between. Whether you prefer a juicy burger and fries at the bar or trying something new and exciting in the vegan/vegetarian vein, Ypsilanti's eateries will satisfy your craving.

# nourish yourself

## DEPOT TOWN

- ▶ Looking for a delicious pizza? Perhaps some cheesy bread? How about a calzone and a Greek salad? **Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill** has got you covered! With numerous “best pizza in town” awards under its belt, Aubrees can safely say it has mastered the art of the pie. And it’s not just pizza. Over the years, Aubree’s has broadened its offerings to include pub sandwiches, burgers, tasty pasta dishes, and comforting entrees to become the full-service restaurant it is today. Visit one of two locations in Ypsilanti (Depot Town or Paint Creek Shopping Plaza).
- ▶ **Cafe Ollie** is a little carnivore, a little vegetarian, and a little vegan. It has dozens of sandwiches, gallons of beer, and mountains of ice cream, all of which make

it 100% delicious. Stop in for a coffee and browse the LP selection—you might find a three-dollar auditory delight. Or grab a frosty ice cream or chilled brew to cool you down on one of those scorching festival days.

- ▶ **Sidetrack Bar & Grill** serves one of the “Twenty Hamburgers You Must Eat Before You Die,” according to *GQ* magazine. That alone is reason to visit, but this local favorite has served great food and beer for decades. The extensive menu has a little something for everyone and an historic ambiance unmatched in the area. Do: try the beer battered pickles and beware of trains. Don’t: miss the old Ypsi photos on the wall, or forget to tip.





Above: Bona Sera Café proves that casual atmosphere and creative food DO mix. Inventive dishes such as Tom Yum Shrimp and Grits bring diners from across the county to downtown Ypsilanti. Opposite page: Beezy's is making the world better one bowl of homemade soup at a time.

## DOWNTOWN

- **Beezy's Cafe** features simple, honest food. You can walk or bike there—Bee does it; so can you. If you happen to drive, there are plenty of convenient two-hour FREE parking spaces downtown. Beezy's serves breakfast and lunch every day: fresh vittles made to order, house-made jam, fresh baked bread, cage-free egg dishes, Amish chicken, tasty soups, and crispy greens. And Bee offers a wide variety of vegetarian-friendly options for all you herbivores out there!
- In 1933, the same year prohibition was repealed, brothers Oscar and Otto Haab had the foresight to open a restaurant in the heart of Ypsi. The building was an old saloon, but the Haab brothers shifted the focus to quality food, served in a friendly, warm atmosphere at affordable prices. Those principles keep people coming back to **Haab's Restaurant**. That, and the thick-cut New York Strip Steak. Or maybe it's the huge slices of homemade pie!
- Bring your appetite, you're going to need it! **Red Rock Downtown Barbecue** is one of the newest kids on the block and has quickly become a local favorite. With large portions of slow cooked meats, mac & cheese, green beans, waffle fries, and cowboy beans, you won't leave hungry. And a steady rotation of 20 micro-brews will quench even a mighty thirst.
- Go ahead, overindulge. **The Bomber** can help. The "Bomber Breakfast" is four eggs, a pound of potatoes, and a pound of meat, once featured on the Food Network's *Top 5* program. But watch out—even the regular-size portions are hearty. Even if you're not hungry, the restaurant is a visual feast of World War II memorabilia with more than 20 model planes hanging from the ceiling, plus service uniforms and other war memorabilia. The restaurant's name and WWII theme is based on the famous B-24 bombers once built at Ford's nearby Willow Run Bomber Plant.

ALSO DOWNTOWN: ABE'S CONEY ISLAND, BONA SERA CAFE, B-24S ESPRESSO BAR, DALAT RESTAURANT, KOREY'S KRISPY KRUNCHY CHICKEN, THE TAP ROOM, THE WOLVERINE GRILL



Nobody experiments with flavors quite like The Wurst Bar. Step outside the box with nacho tots or a specialty bratwurst any day of the week. Opposite page: Chick Inn

## CAMPUS TOWN

- ▶ Indulge in rattlesnake, rabbit, and bison-based bratwursts while enjoying an ice-cold Michigan craft beer. The **Wurst Bar** features rotating weekly special brats and burgers for carnivores, omnivores, and herbivores. Of course for those less adventurous patrons, Wurst still provides the simplicity of a more traditional burger or bratwurst to satisfy your taste buds.
- ▶ The **Tower Inn Cafe**, a family-owned restaurant and bar, offers Greek food, gourmet pizza, and more in a casual atmosphere. Located across from EMU's

campus, this long-time Ypsilanti staple is a great place to grab lunch, dinner, or dessert.

- ▶ In 1989, Michelle Roman of **La Fiesta Mexicana** moved from Jalisco, Mexico to Ypsilanti and quickly discovered that the area lacked authentic Mexican food. Drawing on recipes from her home state and other states in Mexico, she created a menu rich with traditional flavors. Try her homemade tamales, or anything with her delicious mole sauce.

ALSO IN CAMPUS TOWN: SWEETWATERS COFFEE & TEA, THE UGLY MUG CAFE AND ROASTERY

## DRIVE-IN & DINE-IN

- ▶ **Bill's Hot Dog Stand** doesn't have a menu. It does a couple things, and does them well. Choose a hot dog with or without chili, onions, and mustard, or get a classic burger; both are brought right to your car. Be sure to grab a glass of homemade root beer—a must-have at this bright yellow drive-in. Open seasonally.
- ▶ **Ypsilanti's Chick Inn** (est. 1953) is a throwback to a time when carhops brought milkshakes, burgers, hot dogs, and fries out to the curb for teenagers to enjoy after a rousing evening at the sock hop. The sock hops may be gone, but at the Chick Inn, car hops and great food live on. And it has the best milkshakes around.
- ▶ **Roy's Squeeze Inn** is an American restaurant serving delicious burgers, BBQ sandwiches, fries, and more. Everything is made fresh to order. "Squeeze inn" at Roy's horseshoe counter today!
- ▶ Serving "great people, great food" since 1959, **Gabriel's Cheese Steak Hoagies** specializes in one-of-a-kind cheesesteak hoagies, using ribeye steak, American and provolone cheeses, mushrooms, onions, and crushed red cherry peppers. ■

OTHER DINING IN THE YPSILANTI AREA INCLUDES: FULL HOUSE, PHO HOUSE, BLUE WOLF GRILL, LA FUENTE MEXICAN RESTAURANT

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C = Chelsea

B = Belleville

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## Abe's Coney Island\*

402 W. Michigan Ave.   
734-485-2008

## Apple Annie's Vintage Clothing & Jim MacDonald Antiques

29 E. Cross St.   
734-481-0555

## Arbor Brewing Company\*

114 E. Washington St.   
734-213-1393

## Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill\*

39 E. Cross St.   
734-483-1870  
2122 Whittaker Rd.   
734-483-1111

## B-24s Espresso Bar\*

217 W. Michigan Ave.   
734-547-5143

## Beezy's Cafe\*

20 N. Washington St.   
734-485-9625

## Bill's Hot Dog Stand\*

1292 E. Michigan Ave.   
734-485-2831

## Blue Tractor\*

207 E. Washington St.   
734-222-4095

## Blue Wolf Grill

2333 Washtenaw Ave.   
(734) 879-1507

## Bona Sera Cafe\*

200 W. Michigan Ave.   
734-340-6335

## Bowerbird Mongo\*

210 W. Michigan Ave.   
734-482-4595

## Cafe Ollie\*

42 E. Cross St.   
734-482-8050

## Chelsea Alehouse\*

420 N. Main St. #100   
734-433-5500

## Chick Inn\*

501 Holmes Rd.   
734-483-3639

## Arbor Brewing Company Microbrewery\*

720 Norris St.   
734-480-2739

## Dalat Restaurant \*

100 W. Michigan Ave.   
734-487-7600

## Dear Golden Vintage\*

108 Pearl St.   
734-323-7179

## Eagle Crest Golf Course\*

1275 S. Huron St.   
734-487-2441

## Eastern Michigan University\*

900 Oakwood St.   
734-487-1849

## FLY Children's Art Center\*

40 N. Huron St.   
734-218-2145

## Full House

57 Ecorse Rd.   
(734) 482-5920

## Gabriel's Cheese Steak Hoagies\*

2585 E. Michigan Ave.   
734-483-5846

## Grizzly Peak Brewing Company\*

120 W. Washington St.   
734-741-7325

## Growing Hope\*

922 W. Michigan Ave.   
734-786-8401

## Haab's Restaurant\*

18 W. Michigan Ave.   
734-483-8200

## Jolly Pumpkin\*

311 S. Main St.   
734-913-2730

## Korey's Krispy Krunchy Chicken

124 Pearl St. #100   
734-484-4443

## La Fiesta Mexicana\*

529 W. Cross St.   
734-483-1666

## La Fuente Mexican Restaurant

1930 Whittaker Rd.   
(734) 961-6644

## Materials Unlimited\*

2 W. Michigan Ave.   
734-483-6980

## Michigan Firehouse Museum\*

110 W. Cross St.   
734-547-0663

## mix\*

130 W. Michigan Ave.   
734-961-8704

## Model Cave Hobby Shop\*

103 W. Michigan Ave.   
734-316-2281

## Nelson Amos Studio\*

23 E. Cross St.   
734-484-2787

## Original Gravity Brewing Company\*

440 County St.   
734-439-7490

**Pho House**  
2224 Washtenaw Ave.   
(734) 961-8253

**Puffer Red's\***  
113 W. Michigan Ave.   
734-485-7050

**Red Rock Downtown Barbecue\***  
207 W. Michigan Ave.   
734-340-2381

**Rolling Hills County Park\***  
7660 Stony Creek Rd.   
734-484-9676

**Roy's Squeeze Inn\***  
1315 E. Michigan Ave.   
734-485-3999

**Salt City Antiques\***  
115 W. Michigan Ave.   
734-487-1259

**Schultz Outfitters: Fly Fishing and Guides\***  
4 E. Cross St.   
734-544-1761

**Sidetrack Bar & Grill\***  
56 E. Cross St.   
734-483-1490

**SPARK East Business Incubator**  
215 W. Michigan Ave.   
734-372-4070

**Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea**  
735 W. Cross St.   
734-340-6865

**Tap Room\***  
201 W. Michigan Ave.   
734-482-5320

**The Bomber\***  
306 E. Michigan Ave.   
734-482-0550

**The Eyrie\***  
50 E. Cross St.   
734-340-9286

**The Full House Restaurant**  
57 Ecorse Rd.   
734-482-5920

**The Rocket Candy & Novelties\***  
122 W. Michigan Ave.   
734-483-2291

**The Tower Inn Cafe\***  
701 W. Cross St.   
734-487-4000

**The Wolverine Grill\***  
228 W. Michigan Ave.   
734-483-1727

**The Wurst Bar\***  
705 W. Cross St.   
734-485-6720

**Ugly Mug Cafe and Roastery\***  
317 W. Cross St.   
734-484-4684

**Unity Vibration Kombucha Tea & Beer\***  
93 Ecorse Rd.   
734-277-4063

**Wiard's Orchards and County Fair\***  
5565 Merritt Rd.   
734-390-9211

**Wolverine State Brewing Company\***  
2019 W. Stadium Blvd.   
734-369-2990

**Woodruff's\***  
36 E. Cross St. 

**World of Rocks\***  
42 N. Huron St.   
734-481-9981

**Yankee Air Museum\***  
47884 D St.   
734-483-4030

**Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum\***  
100 E. Cross St.   
734-482-5200

**Ypsilanti Food Co-Op**  
312 N. River St.   
734-483-1520

**Ypsilanti Historical Museum\***  
220 N. Huron St.   
734-482-4990

*Mike Kabat, owner of Haab's Restaurant, still serves quality food in a warm, friendly environment – just as Oscar and Otto Haab intended when they opened the restaurant in 1933.*



# Where to Stay

HOTEL/MOTEL	ADDRESS	PHONE
A Victory Inn & Suites	3750 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor 48104	734-971-2000
Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest	1275 S. Huron St, Ypsilanti 48197	734-487-2000
Ann Arbor Regent Hotel & Suites	2455 Carpenter Rd, Ann Arbor 48108	734-973-6100
Bell Tower Hotel	300 S. Thayer St, Ann Arbor 48104	734-769-3010
Candlewood Suites	701 Waymarket Way, Ann Arbor 48103	734-663-2818
Chelsea Comfort Inn & Village Conference Center	1645 Commerce Park Dr, Chelsea 48118	734-433-8000
Clarion Hotel & Conference Center	2900 Jackson Ave, Ann Arbor 48103	734-665-4444
Comfort Inn & Suites	2376 Carpenter Rd, Ann Arbor 48108	734-477-9977
Comfort Inn & Suites University South	3501 S. State St, Ann Arbor 48108	734-761-8838
Courtyard by Marriott Ann Arbor	3205 Boardwalk Dr, Ann Arbor 48108	734-995-5900
The Dahlmann Campus Inn	615 E. Huron St, Ann Arbor 48104	734-769-2200
Days Inn	2380 Carpenter Rd, Ann Arbor 48108	734-971-0700
Embassy Hotel	200 E. Huron St, Ann Arbor 48104	734-662-7100
Executive Learning & Conference Center	710 E. University, Ann Arbor 48109	734-764-7677
Extended Stay America Detroit-Ann Arbor	1501 Briarwood Circle Dr, Ann Arbor 48108	734-332-1980
Extended Stay Deluxe Detroit-Ann Arbor	3265 Boardwalk Dr, Ann Arbor 48108	734-997-7623
Fairfield Inn by Marriott	3285 Boardwalk Dr, Ann Arbor 48108	734-995-5200
Hampton Inn- North	2300 Green Rd, Ann Arbor 48105	734-996-4444
Hampton Inn- South	925 Victors Way, Ann Arbor 48108	734-665-5000
Harmony House Motel	615 E. Michigan Ave Ypsilanti 48198	734-485-4200
Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Ann Arbor	3535 Green Ct, Ann Arbor 48105	734-327-0111
Hilton Garden Inn Ann Arbor	1401 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor 48108	734-327-6400
Holiday Inn Express and Suites	600 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor 48108	734-761-2929
Holiday Inn Express- Chelsea	1540 Commerce Park Dr, Chelsea 48118	734-433-1600
Holiday Inn & Suites, University of MI Area	3155 Boardwalk Dr, Ann Arbor 48108	734-213-1900
Holiday Inn Near the University of Michigan	3600 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor 48105	734-769-9800
Inn at the Michigan League	911 N. University Ave, Ann Arbor 48109	734-764-3177
Kensington Court Ann Arbor	610 Hilton Blvd, Ann Arbor 48108	734-761-7800
Lamp Post Inn	2424 E. Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor 48104	734-971-8000
Microtel Inn and Suites	3610 Plymouth Rd, 48105	734-997-9100
Motel 6	3764 S. State St, Ann Arbor 48108	734-665-9900
Red Roof Inn University of Michigan North	3621 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor 48105	734-996-5800
Red Roof Inn University of Michigan South	3505 S. State St, Ann Arbor 48108	734-665-3500
Residence Inn by Marriott	800 Victors Way, Ann Arbor 48108	734-996-5666
Sheraton Ann Arbor Hotel	3200 Boardwalk Dr, Ann Arbor 48108	734-996-0600
Sleep Inn & Suites	1230 Dexter St, Milan 48160	734-439-1400
Star Motel	335 E. Lewis St, Milan 48160	734-439-2448
Towneplace Suites by Marriott	1301 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor 48108	734-327-5900
Weber's Inn	3050 Jackson Rd, Ann Arbor 48103	734-769-2500
Your Motel	829 E. Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti 48198	734-483-9300

Bed and Breakfasts	Address	Phone Number
717 West Huron Bed and Breakfast	717 West Huron, Ann Arbor 48104	734-769-3223
Ann Arbor Bed and Breakfast	921 E. Huron St, Ann Arbor 48104	734-662-6685
Avalyn Garden Bed and Breakfast	1930 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor 48104	734-929-5986
Baxter House Bed and Breakfast	719 N. Fourth Ave, Ann Arbor 48104	734-474-5021
Bellanina Guest House- Central Downtown	336 E. Washington, Ann Arbor 48104	734-476-0101
Bellanina Guest House - Kerrytown	409 N. Fourth Ave, Ann Arbor 48104	734-476-0101
Bellanina Guest House- Old West Side	1530 Siller Terrace, Ann Arbor 48104	734-476-0101
Burnt Toast Inn	415 W. William St, Ann Arbor 48103	734-662-6685
Cadgwith Too Bed and Breakfast	706 Third St, Ann Arbor 48103	734-995-1657
Casa Del Sol Bed and Breakfast	1234 Creal Crescent, Ann Arbor 48103	734-945-4077
Chelsea House Victorian Inn	118 E. Middle St, Chelsea 48118	734-475-2244
Davies House Inn Georgetown	1355 King George Blvd, Ann Arbor 48104	734-973-1722
First Street Garden Inn	549 S. First St, Ann Arbor 48103	734-223-5653
Frank Lloyd Wright Palmer House	227 Orchard Hills Dr, Ann Arbor 48104	734-414-0811
Gotta Scrap Inn	427 Riverside Dr, Manchester 48158	734-428-9248
Harmtan House Lodging and Event Center	2510 Hartman Road, Saline 48176	734-429-7823
The Homestead Bed and Breakfast	9279 Macon Rd, Saline 48176	734-429-9625
The Library Bed and Breakfast	808 Mary St, Ann Arbor 48104	734-668-6815
Parish House Inn	103 S. Huron St, Ypsilanti 48197	734-480-4800
Queen's Residence Bed and Breakfast	220 S. Huron St, Ypsilanti 48197	734-340-2805
Steller House Bed and Breakfast	3990 Gleaner Hall Rd, Ann Arbor 48105	734-369-3106
Stone Chalet Bed and Breakfast	1917 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor 48104	734-417-7223
Waterloo Gardens Bed and Breakfast	7600 Werkner Rd, Chelsea 48118	734-502-6195

# ypsi events 2014

## ONGOING EVENTS

### **Ypsilanti Farmers Markets**

Tuesdays and Saturdays  
May – October

### **Depot Town Cruise Nights**

Thursdays  
June – September

### **Depot Town Bike Nights**

Tuesdays  
Year-round

### **DAYfest Music Festival**

Fridays  
June – August on Washington St.

## EVENTS

### **MAY**

Ypsi Area Show & Shine Car Show  
Michigan Vintage Volkswagen Car Show  
Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra's Concert  
in the Park  
Memorial Day Procession

### **AUGUST**

Thunder Over Michigan Air Show  
Heritage Festival  
Fire Truck Muster

### **SEPTEMBER**

Orphan Car Show

### **JUNE**

The Color Run Michigan Eastside  
Ton-Up Motorcycle Show

### **OCTOBER**

Antique Truck Show  
Bike Ypsi Fall Ride

### **JULY**

Independence Day Parade  
Michigan Camaro Superfest  
Michigan ElvisFest  
Summer Beer Festival

### **DECEMBER**

Holiday Home Tour  
DIYpsi  
Mittenfest

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*A view from the Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest*