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COOL THINGS TO DO IN AREA CODE 269



Two-hundred-sixty-nine is not just the area code for Kalamazoo County. It is also the starting number of unique, off-the-map activities that people can explore in southwest Michigan!

1 Acorn Theatre
Three Oaks
269.756.3879

2 Air Zoo
Portage
269.382.6555

The Air Zoo is THE BEST all-weather entertainment for families in Southwest Michigan.

3 Airway Fun Center
Portage
269.327.7061

4 All Ears Theatre
Kalamazoo
269.342.5059

See radio come to life.

5 Allegan County Heritage Trail
Allegan
269.425.5342

Lots of beautiful scenery (including Lake Michigan) historic landmarks and unique little stops along the way. – Ann K.

6 Altitude Endeavors
Battle Creek
269.969.1328

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



PC: Altitude Endeavors

7 Antique & Thrift Stores
Throughout area code 269

We love to shop and browse through antique stores. My wife and I have seen hundreds of these type of businesses but nothing compares to our favorite, Burgess Antique Center, in Galesburg. This antique store is enormous with so many alcoves and hallways that it's like a treasure hunt and always a new adventure. We've found lots of old clocks - our passion - as well as other fun antiques that have found their way to our home. Burgess Antiques is our 'go to' place to visit when we have guests from out of town, and they love it, too!

8 Arcadia Brewing Company
Kalamazoo
269.276.0458

9 Art on the Mall
Kalamazoo
269.342.5059

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!

10 Arts and Eats Tour
Hastings
269.945.2002

Arts and Eats rural back roads art, food, and farm tour the third weekend in October each year. Visit artists in their home studios, specialty crop farms, and eateries that serve locally-sourced food. www.ArtsAndEats.org

11 Austin Lake Catamaran Regatta
Portage
portagemi.gov

Catamaran regatta every Tuesday from May to September.

12 Barn Theatre
Augusta
269.731.4121

Be sure to go to the cabaret show after the performance.

13 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.

14 Battle Creek Caribbean Festival
Battle Creek
269.271.5219

Celebrate the vibrant culture of the Caribbean in downtown Battle Creek, MI. A day and evening of outstanding music, Caribbean inspired cuisine, drinks and crafts. The Reggae music line-up runs all day and ranges from well-known regional to national headliners presented outdoors under blue skies, beautiful sunshine all the way until the evening playing irie tunes under the moon and stars.

15 Bell's Brewery + Eccentric Café
Kalamazoo
269.382.2332

Oberon Day! Oberon in general! – Brian C.

16 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 Binder Park Zoo
Battle Creek
269.979.1351

Feeding the giraffes at Binder Park Zoo. – Nicki V.



18 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.



WHAT THE LOCALS LOVE

"Everything within walking distance downtown [Kalamazoo]; farmer's markets breweries and restaurants!" – @VeggieLoves



19 Bittersweet Ski Resort
Otsego
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

20 Black Owl Café
Kalamazoo
269.459.1334

21 Blacksmith Course at Park Trades Center
Kalamazoo
269.569.1741

If you're interested in blacksmithing, one of the coolest things to do in the area is to take a course from Jon Reeves at the Park Trades Center. It's a great experience and Jon is a friendly, cool guy!

22 Big Dipper Ice Cream
Schoolcraft
269.679.4525



PC: Big Dipper Ice Cream

23 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 up-pick 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.

24 Blueberry Festival
South Haven
269.637.1572

Great family fun. You can enjoy lots and lots of blueberries! – Mary R.

25 Blueberry picking at Brookside Farms
Paw Paw
269.657.3500

26 Blush Salon + Spa
Kalamazoo
269.567.7675

I love to stop by Blush Salon + Spa for a blowout before a night downtown. Nothing is more relaxing than sipping champagne while someone else washes and styles your hair for you! I always feel like a rock star the rest of the weekend!

27 Boatyard Brewing
Kalamazoo
269.226.0300

28 Bookbug/This is a Bookstore
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.

29 BraVo! Restaurant and Café
Portage
269.344.7700

Try brunch or take a cooking class at BraVo! Restaurant and Cafe!

30 Brickyard Vintage Bicycle Show
Kalamazoo

31 Candy Cane Hunt
Downtown Kalamazoo
269.337.8191

32 Carnegie Center for the Arts
Three Rivers
269.273.8882

33 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.

34 Celery Flats
Portage
269.329.4518

35 Central City Tap House
Kalamazoo
269.492.0100

36 Centreville Antique Fair
Centreville
715.526.9769

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

37 Chili Cook-Off
Kalamazoo
269.344.0795

Yummy samples!

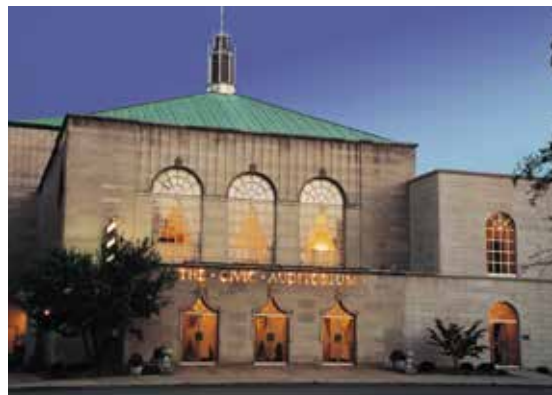
38 Chinn Chinn
Mattawan
269.668.7667

39 Chocolate Garden
Coloma
269.468.YUMM

The phone number says it all. – Sally T.

40 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.



41 Climb Kalamazoo
Kalamazoo
269.385.9891

An indoor climbing gym - climb on your lunch hour!

42 Cody Kresta Vineyard & Winery
Mattawan
269.668.3800

43 Cold Brook Park Disc Golf
Climax
 269.746.4270

44 Colon Magic Festival
Colon
 269.432.3235

One of the coolest things to do in southwest Michigan. – Keith J.



PC: Wendell Brezina

45 Comensoli's Restaurant
Kalamazoo
 269.345.6755

46 Community Gardens
Throughout area code 269

47 Concerts in the Park
Kalamazoo
 269.342.5059

I love to grab a blanket, some snacks and make an afternoon of relaxing in the park. – Michelle R.

48 Coney Island
Kalamazoo
 269.375.2105

49 Confections with Convictions
Kalamazoo
 269.381.9700

Confections With Convictions is Kalamazoo's only shop making hand crafted truffles and other confections exclusively from Fair Trade, organic chocolate. Chocolatier Dale Anderson's original recipes contain fresh local fruits, herbs, honey, and maple syrup. Vegan and gluten free options are always available. Their mission is to provide employment opportunities for young people with felony records and other barriers to employment, and to produce delicious artisanal chocolates.

50 Conrad Kaufman Murals
Kalamazoo
 269.488.9000



51 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.

52 Cooper Café
Kalamazoo
 269.383.2960

53 Cornwell's Turkeyville USA
Marshall
 269.781.4293

Full turkey dinners and great dinner theatre.

54 Cosmo's Cucina
Kalamazoo
 269.344.5666

Fruited waffles at Cosmo's on the deck on a sunny Sunday. – Kelly S.

55 Cowboy Up
Mendon
 269.496.7956

Cowboy Up hosts live music every Friday & Saturday and line dancing lessons on Wednesday through Saturday!

56 Crane's Pie Pantry
Fennville
 269.561.2297

The apple pie tastes just like what my grandma used to make.

57 Crow's Nest Restaurant
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.

58 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.

59 D'nicio's Parlour
Kalamazoo
 269.353.8600

60 Dairy Center Kellogg Biological Station
Hickory Corners
 269.671.2510

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

61 Donut and Beer Festival
Kalamazoo
 269.337.8191

Over 30,000 donut samples were tasted along with a number of extremely unique donuts including an ice cream donut, Oberon donut, maple bacon donut and much more. There were even ballpark inspired donut food items like donut hotdogs, bear claw burgers and even a donut salad.

62 Dowagiac Area History Museum
Dowagiac
 269.783.2560

The Round Oak Stove exhibit is cool. – Carol B.

63 Downtown Festivals
Kalamazoo
 269.344.0795



64 Downtown Paw Paw
Paw Paw
 269.657.5395

**65 Dr. John Harvey Kellogg
Discovery Center**
Battle Creek
269.965.3000

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

66 Drier's Meat Market
Three Oaks
269.756.3101

67 5 Mile Drive-In Movie Theatre
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.



**68 Echo Valley Winter
Sports Park**
Kalamazoo
269.349.3291

69 Eco Raft Race
Kalamazoo
269.337.8006

Looking for a fun way to spend a September afternoon? Join the City of Kalamazoo Department of Parks and Recreation, Envirollogic, and Arcadia Ales for the Eco Raft Race! Create a floating vessel from eco-friendly materials with a group of family or friends, and show up at Mayors' Riverfront Park in September to show your vessel off!

70 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.

**71 En Gedi Campground River
Resort and Canoe Rental**
Leonidas
269.689.7490

72 Escapology
Portage
269.488.3175

73 Face Off Theatre
Kalamazoo
269.359.0908

74 Farmers 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.

**75 Fenn Valley Vineyard &
Wine Cellar**
Fennville
269.561.2396

A wagon tour takes you into the vineyard.

**76 Fernwood Botanical
Garden & Nature Preserve**
Niles
269.695.6491

77 Festival Playhouse
Kalamazoo
269.337.7333

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



78 Fido Motors Cafe
Kalamazoo
269.359.0739

**79 Final Gravity
Brewing Company**
Kalamazoo and Decatur
269.350.5136
269.436.8052 (Decatur)



80 Firekeepers Casino
Battle Creek
269.352.8777

Try your luck at this Vegas-style casino. – Lorraine A.

81 Fisher Lake Inn
Three Rivers
269.463.8420

82 Fly Inn Restaurant
Plainwell
269.685.1554

If you haven't had their pumpkin-pecan pancakes you haven't had pancakes! – Bodybyvi-Kira H.

83 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!

84 Food Dance
Kalamazoo
269.382.1888

Food Dance offers so many different types of classes available to the public! You can take a class on everything from making cocktails to tasting cocktails, sausage making, grilling, knife skills, etc. I bought my husband a class called "Butchering For the Home Cook" for Christmas this year! I'm super excited for him to receive it and experience the class. There's something offered for every type of foodie!

85 Fort Custer State Park
Augusta
 269.731.4200

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.



86 Fort St. Joseph Museum
Niles
 269.683.4702

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

87 Four Winds Casino
New Buffalo
 866.494.6371

88 Fricano's of Alamo
Alamo
 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."

89 Friends Good Will
South Haven
 269.637.8078

Sail Lake Michigan aboard this tall ship. – Jodie B.

90 Fuze Bar & Grill
Kalamazoo
 269.220.5511

91 Gazelle Sports
Kalamazoo
 269.342.5996

Gazelle Sports historic walking tours. – Henry R.

92 Gene the Pumpkin Man
Kalamazoo
 269.668.2952

This guy is an institution in and of himself. Gotta love a man in orange!! – Diane

93 Ghosts of Kalamazoo Historic Tours
Kalamazoo
 269.340.0033

Tiptoeing through the tombstones at Mountain Home Cemetery while enjoying the views of the county.

94 Gilmore Car Museum
Hickory Corners
 269.671.5089

For a fun Wednesday night, cruise to the Red Barns Spectacular in August - always a fun filled adventure at a world-class car museum! – Steve

95 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.)



96 Glad-Peach Festival
Coloma
 269.468.7816

A festival celebrating gladiolus and peaches the first full weekend in August.



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.



97 Governor's Mansion Museum
Marshall
 269.781.5260

98 Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association (Cooper's Glen Music Festival)
Throughout area code 269
greatlakesacoustic.org

99 Green Door Distilling Company
Kalamazoo
 269.929.7341

100 Green Top Tavern
Kalamazoo
 269.342.5938
 Join in on a game of euchre or trivia night!

101 Grill House & Rock Bottom Bar
Allegan
 269.686.9192

Eat a great steak and see if the ghost "Jack" comes out to play. – Yolanda P.

102 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.

103 Gull Lake View Golf Club and Resort
Augusta
 269.731.4149

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

104 **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.

105 **Gun Lake Casino**
Wayland
269.792.7777

The dining and local bands make this casino a must!

106 **Gun Lake Winterfest**
Shelbyville
616.813.1995

107 **Haunted History of Kalamazoo Tours**
Kalamazoo
paranormalmichigan.com

108 **Heritage Company 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!

109 **Heritage Museum & Cultural Center**
St. Joseph
269.983.1191

Truly a hidden gem. – Annika H.

110 **Hickory Ridge Golf Course**
Galesburg
269.382.6212

111 **Hidden Kalamazoo Tours**
HiddenKalamazoo.com

This is a lovely opportunity to tour all of the hidden spots around Downtown Kalamazoo!

112 **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).

113 **Historic Home Tour Marshall**
269.781.5163

114 **Historic Village**
Vicksburg
269.649.1733

See the Depot Museum, print shop, and authentic one-room school house. – Michelle N.



115 **Historical Society**
Schoolcraft
269.679.4304

116 **Honolulu House Museum**
Marshall
269.781.8544

117 **Hosel Canoe Park**
Centreville
269.467.5500

Great little island park to launch your canoe or kayak, enjoy a picnic or have a bonfire!

118 **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.

119 **K-Zoo Skate Zoo Skatepark**
Kalamazoo
269.345.9550

120 **Kal-Haven Trail**
Kalamazoo & Van Buren Counties
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.

121 **Kalamazoo Beer Exchange**
Kalamazoo
269.532.1188

The Kalamazoo Beer Exchange is not only known in the 269 area code but throughout the nation: ratebeer.com named it the number one craft beer bar in the state of Michigan for three years in a row; Thrillist Magazine has highlighted KBE on its "The 18 Best Beer Bars in Michigan", "The 10 Best Michigan Bars Outside of Detroit" and "21 Best Theme Bars in America" lists; thehive.com has featured KBE in its "Awesome Theme Bars Around the Country" and "Brilliant bar ideas that deserve butts in stools" lists.

122 **Kalamazoo Blues Festival**
Kalamazoo
269.381.6514

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

123 **Kalamazoo Book Arts Center**
Kalamazoo
269.373.4938

Take a class in papermaking. – Jeanne A.

124 **Kalamazoo Candle Company**
Kalamazoo
269.532.9816

Take a candle-making class with Kalamazoo Candle Company! Not only do you get to see the facility of where all Kalamazoo Candle Co. candles are made, but you get to interact directly with the staff who run the show over there. It's a really fun and laid-back atmosphere, and a unique way to spend an evening with family or friends.



125 **Kalamazoo Cat Café**
Kalamazoo
269.775.1388

Close to WMU campus, this cafe is all about people coming to spend time with adoptable rescue cats. After paying a fee for entry, there is free WIFI, drinks, snacks, and adorable cats! It is a great place to de stress and meet the sweetest cats in need of a home. They offer variety of special activities like Cat Yoga every Sunday from 4-6pm. There is no pressure to adopt a cat upon entry, but if you fall in love with one of the residents you can submit an application!

126 **Kalamazoo Garden Tour**
Kalamazoo
kalamazoo gardencouncil.org

127 **Kalamazoo Growlers**
Kalamazoo
269.492.9966

An outdoor party deck wrapped down the left field line at the downtown ballpark, the Party Zone is like an all-inclusive vacation at the ballpark.

128 **Kalamazoo Hot Dog Walk**
Kalamazoo
269.hotdogwalk.com

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

129 **Kalamazoo Institute of Arts / Art Fair**
Kalamazoo
269.349.7775

130 **Kalamazoo Living History Show**
Kalamazoo
765.563.6792

Juried living history show devoted to pre-1890 original or reproduction living history supplies, accouterments and related crafts.



WHAT THE LOCALS LOVE

"New Year's Fest downtown Kalamazoo, sipping chocolates at Chocolatea in Portage. One One Run through Spring Valley Park." – Maria S.



131 **Kalamazoo Nature Center**
Kalamazoo
269.381.1584



132 **Kalamazoo Philharmonia**
Kalamazoo
269.337.7070

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.

133 **Kalamazoo Public Library**
Kalamazoo
269.342.9837

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

134 **Kalamazoo Restaurant Week**
Kalamazoo
269.344.0795

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

135 **Kalamazoo State Theatre**
Kalamazoo
269.345.6500

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

136 **Kalamazoo Valley Museum**
Kalamazoo
269.979.1351

You can learn about forensic science from a 2,300 year-old mummy and explore the universe in the planetarium. – Elizabeth B.

137 **Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow**
Dowagiac
269.462.4325

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

138 **Kellogg Forest**
Augusta
269.731.4597

Hiking. – Steve E.

139 **Kids Quest**
New Buffalo
269.926.5460

140 **Kingman Museum**
Battle Creek
269.965.5117

This museum has an extensive natural history collection, Digistar Planetarium and hands-on learning opportunities.

141 **Klassic Arcade 2.0**
Gobles
269.628.9079

A wonderful family friendly place called Klassic Arcade 2.0. You can play all the classics like Pac Man, Donkey Kong, Galaga, Space Invaders and more. But their speciality game is Pinball, with over a dozen to choose from the 1960's to the 1990's . The best part is it only costs \$7 per person to play.



PC: Klassic Arcade 2.0

142 **Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff**
St. Joseph
269.983.0271

Really talented artists with Lake Michigan serving as a gorgeous backdrop. – Shelly V.

143 **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.

144 **Lake Michigan Shore Wine Festival**
Bridgman
269.925.6301

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 wine makers, 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.

145 **Latitude 42 Brewing Company**
Portage and Kalamazoo
269.459.4242

146 **Lavender Hill Farm**
Niles
269.684.0123

This 30-acre lavender and sheep farm has more than 4000 lavender plants and produces lavender honey.

147 **Lawton Ridge Winery**
Kalamazoo
269.372.9463

Sweetheart Red wine label reads "Sweetest Gal in Kalamazoo" - now that's cool! – Brenda H.

148 **Leduc Blueberries**
Paw Paw
269.657.3871

Picking blueberries. – Kelly S.

149 **Lexington Green Park**
Portage
269.329.4518

Discover the world of Pickleball. – Barry B.

150 **Lillian Anderson Arboretum**
Oshkemo Township
269.337.7012

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

151 **Linear Park**
Battle Creek
269.966.3431

Ride the Battle Creek Linear Park. – Alastair T.

152 **Lion's Park Beach St.**
Joseph
269.sjcity.com

153 **Liquid Therapy Canoe & Kayak Rental**
Three Rivers
269.273.9000

Canoe or kayak the St. Joseph, Portage or Rocky Rivers in the Three Rivers area. There's a livery right downtown at Conservation Park! – Deb H.

154 **Little Theatre**
Kalamazoo
269.387.2320

155 **Louie's Trophy House Grill**
Kalamazoo
269.385.9359

Louie's Trophy House Grill's Tuesday Night Comedy. Every Tuesday at 9pm there is a free stand up comedy show in Louie's Backroom, stand up from local and tri state traveling comics, open spots for people who want to try standup. There is no cover, and excellent drink specials \$2.50 wells and domestics, \$5 taco baskets and \$2 tequila shots.

156 **Markin Glen Park/ Maple Hill Mountain Bike Trail**
Kalamazoo
269.381.7570



157 **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!

158 **Mary's City of David**
Benton Harbor
269.925.1601

The tour is a one-of-a-kind. – Kathleen

159 **McKenzie's Bakery**
Kalamazoo
269.343.8440

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

160 **Memorial Day Parade**
Hickory Corners

161 **Mezzo Coffee Shop**
Otsego
269.694.1545

Mezzo Coffee Shop, super friendly and interactive with the community! They have delicious drinks and an amazing new food menu!

162 **Michigan Maritime Museum**
South Haven
269.637.8078



163 **Michigan News Agency**
Kalamazoo
269.343.5958

Cruise the Michigan News in downtown Kalamazoo. The News is your one-stop for books, magazines, and newspapers!

164 **Miller Auditorium**
Kalamazoo
269.387.2300

165 Nikos Landing

Comstock
269.342.8626

"Niko's on King highway has great food and service. Live music on the weekend!" –Dean M.

166 Niles Scream Park

Niles
269.687.3327

I love going to the Niles Scream Park in the Fall. Great time for the whole family and it helps support several local and national charities so bonus.

167 Niskers Char-Grill Burgers

Kalamazoo
269.903.2427

I moved here recently and love Niskers on West Main Street. It's the best place for a burger and different games are on the TV's if you're into that. I can get my lottery tickets there too! The little things in life :) My go to place to take visitors.

168 Nonla Burger

Kalamazoo
269.443.2270

169 NSRA Street Rod Nationals North

Kalamazoo
269.488.9000



170 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

171 Old Car Festival

Vicksburg
269.649.1312

This festival takes over the town of Vicksburg!

172 Old Jail Museum

Allegan
269.673.8292

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

173 Olde World Village

Augusta
269.580.1290

The Olde World Village is host to many events throughout the year such as Buccaneer Bash, BlackRock Medieval Fest and the Winter Holiday Festival!

174 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.

175 Oshtemo Township Park

Oshtemo
269.216.5224

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.

176 Painting with a Twist

Portage
269.488.3700

177 Papa Pete's

Kalamazoo
269.388.2196

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

178 Parkwyn Village

Kalamazoo
kalamazoocity.org

Take a stroll through the neighborhood featuring period and Frank Lloyd Wright homes near the Winchell area.

179 Pear's 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.

180 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.

181 Pop City Popcorn

Kalamazoo
269.382.5770

Pop City Popcorn is your destination if you're looking for the best gourmet popcorn downtown Kalamazoo! They pop in trans-fat free coconut oil and their seed is GMO free! They offer a wide variety of both sweet and savory popcorn and a new flavor of the month each month.

182 Prairie View Dog Park

Vicksburg
269.383.8778

Kalamazoo County's first dog park with seven acres of off-leash area for dogs and their owners to socialize. – Mandy E.

183 Principle Food + Drink

Kalamazoo
269.743.6563

A casual yet elegant atmosphere that features craft cocktails and locally sourced cuisine.

184 Public Art Project

St. Joseph
stjosephpublicart.com

Check out the statues on display in downtown St. Joe. Each year they feature statues painted by local artists. – Ken S.

185 Railroad Café

Bangor
269.427.1605

You can watch the trains come and go while enjoying lunch.



186 Ramona Park

Portage
269.329.4522

Going swimming at Ramona Park on Long Lake. – Sean S.

187 **Rawson's King Mill Park**
Leonidas
269.467.5500

188 **Ray Ray's Italian Beef**
Kalamazoo
269.381.6138
"Ray Ray's on Miller for Chicago Dogs!"
– Nancy D.

189 **Redamak's Burgers**
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.

190 **RedBud MX Track**
Buchanan
269.695.6405

191 **Reindeer Ranch**
Kalamazoo
269.375.2448
Come see reindeer all year round! You can learn more about reindeer, Alaska and the tundra by booking a tour through the farm.

192 **Richmond Center for the Visual Arts**
Kalamazoo
269.387.2455
Go to the art gallery on Western Michigan University's campus. – William D.

193 **River Oaks County Park + Splashpad**
Galesburg
269.383.8778
New to River Oaks in 2014, the splash pad features fun in-ground 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.

194 **Riverview Launch**
Kalamazoo
269.216.9667

195 **Rocket Fizz**
Kalamazoo
269.888.2588

196 **Rupert's Brew House**
Kalamazoo
269.337.9911

197 **Saffron**
Kalamazoo
269.381.9898

Best lunch buffet in town. The palak paneer and gobi kaju are the best I've ever eaten.
– Yvonne Z.



198 **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.

199 **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.

200 **Saugatuck Antique Pavilion**
Saugatuck
269.857.6041

One of the Midwest's largest antique malls with 175 dealers and a wide variety of antique and vintage items. Close to Lake Michigan art galleries, restaurants and shopping in Douglas and Saugatuck.

201 **Saugatuck Brewing**
Saugatuck
269.857.7222

You can take a workshop on how to make your own beer. – Karen W.

202 **Saugatuck Dune Rides**
Saugatuck
269.857.2253

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

203 **Schoolcraft 4th of July Parade**
Schoolcraft
269.679.4896

This is small town Americana at its best.

204 **Schuler's Restaurant & Pub**
Marshall
269.781.0600

205 **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 TV's, darts, pool tables, and a large outdoor porch!

206 **Shifter's Bar & Grill**
Kalamazoo
269.544.4500

207 **Siegfried 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.

208 **Silver Beach Carousel**
St. Joseph
269.982.6500

209 **Sky Zone Trampoline Park**
Portage
269.459.9243
Trampolines stretching from wall to wall!

210 **Skydive**
Allegan
269.998.7747

211 **Snow-Shoeing & Cross-Country Skiing at the Lynx Golf Course**
Otsego
269.694.5969

212 South Haven Lighthouse

South Haven
269.637.5252

The best time to visit is when the winds are high enough to send the waves crashing over the tower and catwalk. – Derek S.



213 Southern Exposure Herb Farm

Battle Creek
269.962.1255

Check out their speciality dining and workshop schedule! – Dave M.

214 Spirit Springs Sanctuary

Marcellus
269.324.1600

215 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!

216 St. Joseph River Park

Niles
269.683.4700

217 Stetson Chapel

Kalamazoo
269.337.7047

218 Stokes Homestead

Grand Junction
269.427.7777

219 Stray Dog Bar & Grill

New Buffalo
269.469.2727

220 Stubby's Smokehouse

Vicksburg
269.649.2499

221 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 in Kalamazoo! –Missy M.

222 Sunday Brunch at Old Dog Tavern

Kalamazoo
269.381.5677

223 Sweetwater's Donut Mill

Kalamazoo
269.388.4613

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.

224 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.

225 Tempo Vino Winery

Kalamazoo
269.342.9463

I loved making my own wine at Tempo Vino! From choosing the kind we wanted to make, to designing our labels, it was an awesome date night activity.

226 The Alligator Sanctuary

Athens
269.729.4802

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



PC: The Alligator Sanctuary

227 The Beaches of South Haven

South Haven
269.637.5252

228 The Distant Whistle Brewhouse

Vicksburg
269.475.5447

229 The Dome Sports Center

Schoolcraft
269.679.2090

Just north of Schoolcraft on U.S. Highway 131, The Dome Sports Center is the only indoor sports dome within 125 miles! Take your pick between practicing on the indoor range, a golf simulator or, new this season, a golf studio for precise analysis of your swing! In addition to offering golfers a year-round place to golf, The Dome is a great place to hold off-season sporting events and tournaments!

230 The Entertainment District

Kalamazoo
269.312.7246

The Entertainment District brings dining and nightlife options to Downtown Kalamazoo - **Monaco Bay, Sky Deck, Wild Bull, District Square, The Gatsby**. Each venue is unique in setting and offer great options to bring your family and friends to celebrate any occasion!



WHAT THE LOCALS LOVE

"Snow angels, snow forts, snow crafts and more! Plus ice skating, skiing and sledding." – Jill at KzooKids



231 **The Front Porch**
Galesburg
[www.facebook.com/
The-Front-Porch-of-Galesburg](http://www.facebook.com/The-Front-Porch-of-Galesburg)

232 **The Heritage
Guitar Inc.**
Kalamazoo
269.385.5721

"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.



233 **The Kalamazoo
Improv Festival**
Kalamazoo
269.599.7390

234 **The Michigan Festival
of Sacred Music**
Kalamazoo
269.382.2910

Annual event that brings the best musicians from around the world to perform the music of their sacred traditions. – Betsy S.

235 **The Old Rugged Cross
Memorial Garden**
Pokagon
269.683.4540

236 **The Round Barn
Winery Brewery &
Distillery**
Baroda
269.716.9463

237 **The Sangria Shop**
Portage
269.330.5841

238 **The Spirit of Kalamazoo**
Kalamazoo
269.382.6249

239 **The Stamped Robin**
Kalamazoo
269.734.7744

240 **The Union**
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.

241 **Three Rivers
Water Festival**
Three Rivers
269.278.8193

242 **Tibbs Brewing
Company**
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!

243 **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.

244 **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!

245 **UKC Premier
Dog Show**
Kalamazoo
269.343.9020

I love watching the dock-jumping!



246 **US 131 Motorsports Park**
Martin
269.672.7800

Most Friday nights anyone can go and drag race down the "Fastest Track in Michigan." – Stephanie P.

247 **US Postal Museum**
Marshall
269.979.2719

It's open by appointment only but it has a great collection of memorabilia.

248 **US-12 Garage Sale**
US12heritage-trail.com

Stretching from New Buffalo to Detroit the road becomes one giant garage sale! – Patty S.

249 **USTA Boys'
18 & 16 National
Championships**
Kalamazoo
ustaboys.com

USTA Championships (in August)...they take over the city! – Laura K.



250 **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.

251 **Venetian Festival**
Saugatuck
saugatuckvenetianfest.org

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

252 Veni's Sweet Shop
Niles
269.684.1323

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.



PC: Veni's Candies

253 VerHage Fruit Farms
Kalamazoo
269.375.0153

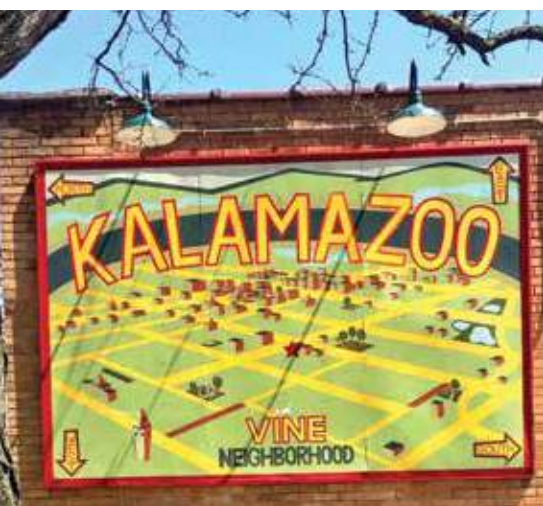
Go near Halloween for apple cider and pumpkins. - Jeff P.

254 Vibe@5 Concert Series
Battle Creek
269.963.4800

Vibe @ 5 concert series downtown Battle Creek. Fridays July - August 5pm - 8pm. Featuring outstanding local and regional acts. Drinks and food available.

255 Vine Neighborhood
Kalamazoo
269.349.8463

I love strolling past all the old homes. - Lauren



256 W. K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary
Augusta
269.671.2510

The Sanctuary has over 3 miles of trails for guest to hike and is lucky enough to border a stretch of the North Country Trail. It offers up-close viewing of game birds like bobwhite quail and pheasants, rehabilitated raptors including bald eagles and owl species, and native waterfowl. Guests can purchase corn to feed the waterfowl in the store for a \$1 and it is a lot of fun. My sons love visiting and I feel safe letting them explore at a small distance away from me. I highly recommend it!

257 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

258 Walldorff Brewing
Hastings
269.945.4400

259 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.

260 Watermark Brewery
Stevensville
269.281.0872

261 Water Street Coffee Joint
Kalamazoo
269.373.2840

Grab a coffee, chocolate espresso shake or eat a fresh waffle for breakfast. - Lucy B.

262 Wax Wings Brewing Company
Kalamazoo
269.459.9494

263 Wayland Commons City Park
Wayland
269.792.2265

264 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!

265 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.

266 West Michigan Beer Tours
Throughout the 269 area code
269.205.4894

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!



267 Wine & Harvest Festival
Paw Paw
269.655.1111

Offers something for everyone including music, sports, and of course wine!

268 Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery
Mattawan
269.668.2876

Offers hiking trails and free programs.

269 Zooroona
Kalamazoo
269.382.4444

Enjoy Middle Eastern cuisine with belly dancing performances. You can even join in! - Kelly S.

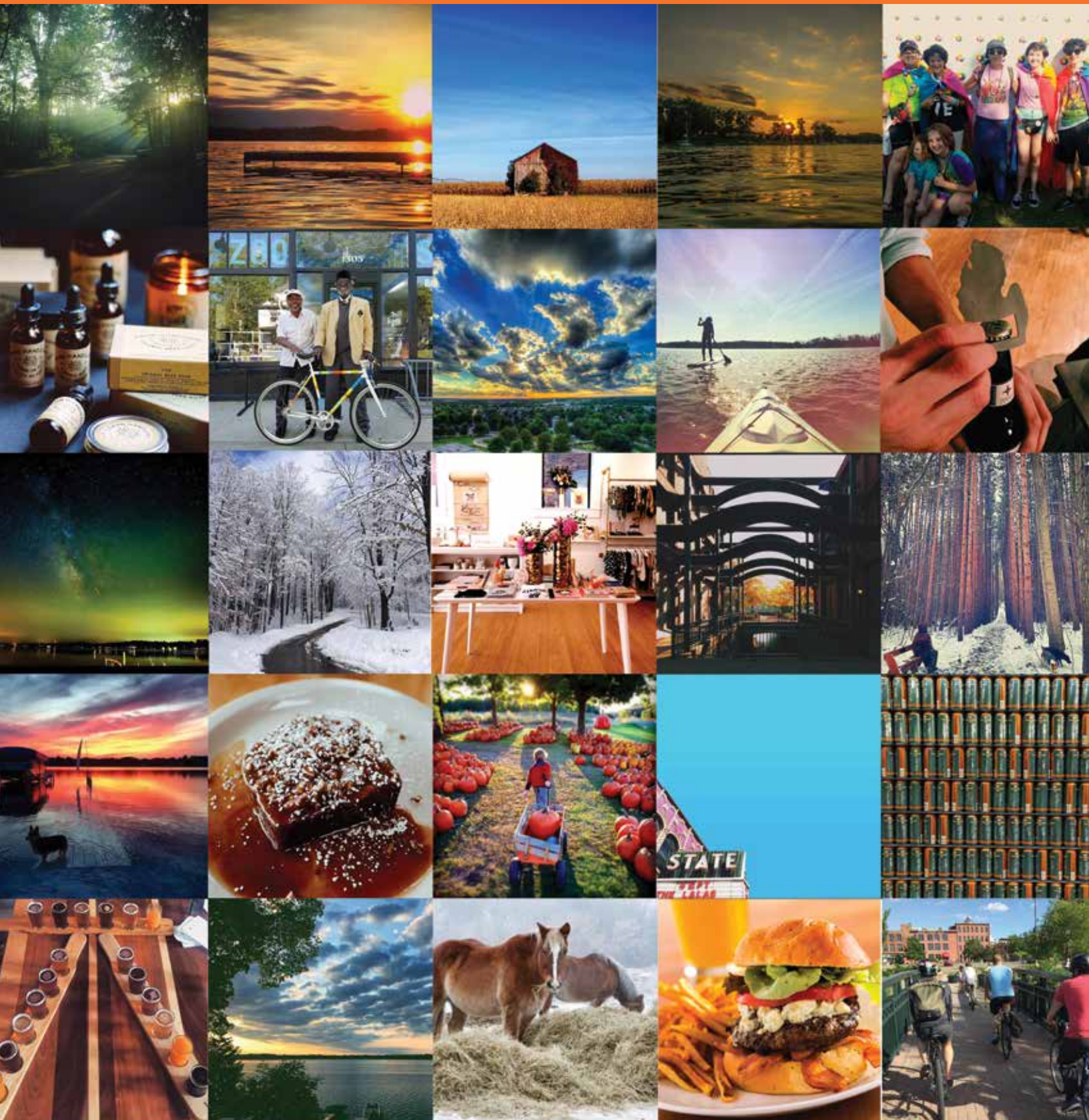


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