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COOL THINGS

TO DO IN AREA CODE 269



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1 Markin Glen Park

Kalamazoo
(269) 381-7570

Walking the paths. – Kathy



7 Alamo Drafthouse Cinema

Kalamazoo
(269) 532-7990

Dinner, drinks, and a movie all in one place!

8 Julianna's Restaurant

Kalamazoo
(269) 345-0220

"Breakfast at Julianna's! You can eat their breakfast special for two and pay \$6!"
–Valerie V.

9 Leduc Blueberries

Paw Paw
(269) 657-3871

Picking blueberries. – Kelly S.

10 Benton Harbor Arts District

Benton Harbor
(269) 926-1926

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

11 Boatyard Brewing Co.

Kalamazoo
(269) 226-0300

12 Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery

Mattawan
(269) 668-2876

Offers hiking trails and free programs.

13 Give A Craft™ Beer Trail

Kalamazoo/Portage
Participating Breweries

Grab a passport and explore Kalamazoo's beer scene in a fun, new way! Collect a stamp from all participating breweries and earn yourself some free swag. (There's no purchase necessary and you can pick up your free passport at any participating breweries or Discover Kalamazoo.)



WHAT THE LOCALS LOVE

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



14 Carnegie Center for the Arts

Three Rivers
(269) 273-8882

15 Crow's Nest

Kalamazoo
(269) 978-0490

"Crow's Nest Banana Bread French Toast. It's so good it's the only thing I order there." –Casey K.

16 Caruso's Candy Kitchen

Dowagiac
(269) 782-6001

It's a step back in time with its tin ceiling, soda fountain and candy counter. All the chocolates and candies are homemade. – Kathleen P.

17 Bell's Brewery + Eccentric Café

Kalamazoo
(269) 382-2332

"Oberon Day! Oberon in general!" –Brian C.



2 El Gallo Blanco

Kalamazoo
(269) 382-7020

A friend turned me on to this place. They serve an amazing cactus quesadilla and rice water. Rice, water and spices...who knew something so simple could be so decadent? – Renee N.

3 Downtown Paw Paw

Paw Paw

4 Kids Quest

New Buffalo
(269) 926-5460

5 Ghosts of Kalamazoo Historic Tours

Kalamazoo
ghostsofkalamazoo.com

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

6 Warren Dunes State Park

Sawyer
(269) 426-4013

Hit Warren Dunes State Park for great cardio exercise while you're running the dunes; cool off in the water when you're done. –Jaren M.

18 Acorn Theatre

Three Oaks
(269) 756-3879

19 Mary's City of David

Benton Harbor
(269) 925-1601

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

20 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!

21 Central City Tap House

Kalamazoo
(269) 492-0100

Try the fried, smoked gouda cheeseburger... and the open-air seating is fun for people-watching. – Curt S.

22 **Rupert's Brew House**
Kalamazoo
(269) 337-9911

23 **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.

24 **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).

25 **Sky Zone Trampoline Park**
Portage
(269) 459-9243

Trampolines stretching from wall to wall!



26 **Vine Neighborhood**
Kalamazoo
(269) 349-8463

I love strolling past all the old homes. – Lauren

27 **Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow**
Dowagiac
www.pokagonpowwow.com

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

28 **Run Through The Lights**
Kalamazoo
(866) 493-5533

"The annual Run Through the Lights! Kalamazoo holiday decorations make it absolutely perfect!"
–cassafrass1216

29 **Papa Pete's**
Kalamazoo
(269) 388-2196

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

30 **Centreville Antique Fair**
Centreville
centrevillefair.info

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



31 **Kalamazoo Hot Dog Walk**
Kalamazoo
hotdogwalk.com

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

32 **Kalamazoo Public Library**
Kalamazoo
(269) 342-9837

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

33 **Old Car Festival**
Vicksburg
vicksburggoldcarfestival.com

This festival takes over the town of Vicksburg!

34 **Echo Valley Winter Sports Park**
Kalamazoo
(269) 349-3291

35 **Lake Michigan Shore Wine Festival**
Weko Beach, 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 winemakers, swimming in Lake Michigan and enjoying the beach. Our most popular topic of discussion was probably who we were going to bring with us next year!
– Nick N.

36 **East Hall, Western Michigan University**
Kalamazoo

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

37 **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.

38 **Kalamazoo Nature Center**
Kalamazoo
(269) 381-1574

39 **MacKenzie'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.

40 **Yoga Reflections**
Mattawan
(269) 350-9642

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

41 **Just Good Food**
Kalamazoo
(269) 383-1033

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

42 En Gedi Campground River Resort and Canoe Rental

Leonidas
(269) 689-7490

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

43 Martell's

Kalamazoo
(269) 375-2105

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

44 Coney Island

Kalamazoo
(269) 382-0377

45 Redneck Willy's

Battle Creek
(269) 721-8272

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



46 Kalamazoo State Theatre

Kalamazoo
(269) 345-6500

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

47 Van Buren State Park

South Haven
(269) 637-2788

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

48 Tillers International

Scotts
(269) 626-0223

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

49 Gull Lake View Golf Club

Augusta
(269) 731-4149

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

50 Shakespeare's Pub

Kalamazoo
(269) 488-7782

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

51 Chinn Chinn

Mattawan
(269) 668-7667

52 Historic Adventist Village

Battle Creek
(269) 965-3000

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

53 Salsa Dancing

Kalamazoo
(269) 492-4361

54 Chamber Dives

Throughout the
269 Area Code

55 Encore Magazine

Available throughout
Kalamazoo County

56 Little Theatre

Kalamazoo
wmich.edu/littletheatre

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

57 Celery Flats

Portage
(269) 329-4518

58 Venetian Festival

Saugatuck
saugatuckvenetianfest.org

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

59 VerHage Fruit Farms

Kalamazoo
(269) 375-0153

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

60 Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve

Niles
(269) 695-6491

61 South Haven Beach

South Haven
southhaven.org

Going to the Beach. – Kim S.

62 Rykse's

Kalamazoo
(269) 372-3838

"Peanut Butter pie from Rykse's!" – Junfu H.

63 Redamak's Tavern

New Buffalo
(269) 469-4522

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

64 Kalamazoo Restaurant Week

Kalamazoo
downtownkalamazoo.org

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

65 Timber Ridge Ski Resort

Gobles
(269) 694-9449

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

WHAT THE LOCALS LOVE

"The Kalamazoo Institute of Arts is a must, followed by shopping downtown on the mall and finishing at Old Dog Tavern!" – Terrie B.

66 **South Haven Lighthouse**

South Haven
southhaven.org

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



67 **The Michigan Festival of Sacred Music**

Kalamazoo
(269) 382-2910

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

68 **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.

69 **Bilbo's Pizza in a Pan**

Kalamazoo
(269) 382-5544

Sample their local beer. – Randi

70 **Watching the sunrise over Borgess Hospital**

Kalamazoo

71 **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.

72 **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

73 **Gene the Pumpkin Man**

Kalamazoo
(269) 668-2952

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

74 **Bookbug**

Kalamazoo
(269) 385-2847

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

75 **Wine and Harvest Festival**

Paw Paw
(269) 655-1111

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

76 **Little Free Libraries**

Kalamazoo
kalamazoolittlefreelibraries.com

"The Little Free Libraries around town!" – Sally R.

77 **Boys Tennis Tournament**

Kalamazoo
ustaboys.com

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

78 **Saugatuck Brewing**

Saugatuck
(269) 857-7222

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

79 **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.



80 **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

81 **Memorial Day Parade**

Hickory Corners

82 **Blueberry Festival**

South Haven
(269) 637-1572

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

83 **Gun Lake Winterfest**

Shelbyville
gunlakewinterfest.com

84 **Crane's Pie Pantry**

Fennville
(269) 561-2297

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



85 **Kellogg Forest**

Augusta
(269) 731-4597

Hiking. – Steve E.

86 **Downtown Kalamazoo Sidewalk Sales**

Kalamazoo
(269) 344-0795

87 **Climb Kalamazoo** Kalamazoo (269) 385-9891

An indoor climbing gym - climb on your lunch hour!

88 **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!



89 **Rootbeer Stand** Kalamazoo (269) 349-7361 / (269) 345-4418

90 **Waldo Stadium** Kalamazoo (269) 387-3061

Home of the Western Michigan Broncos Football team. Go Broncos!

91 **Heritage Museum & Cultural Center** St. Joseph (269) 983-1191

Truly a hidden gem. - Annika H.

92 **The Beach at Gun Lake** Wayland (269) 686-9088

93 **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.

94 **Full Blast** Battle Creek (269) 966-3431

An 88,000 square foot, multi-purpose recreation facility featuring an indoor/outdoor water park that is open seasonally along with a full service fitness center. Fun for the whole family!

95 **Ray Ray's Italian Beef** Kalamazoo (269) 381-6138

"Ray Ray's on Miller for Chicago Dogs!" - Nancy D.

96 **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

97 **Hidden Kalamazoo Tours** Kalamazoo facebook.com/hiddenkalamazoo

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

98 **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.

99 **Four Winds Casino** New Buffalo (866) 494-6371

100 **Drier's Meat Market** Three Oaks (269) 756-3101



WHAT THE LOCALS LOVE

"Visit Candy Cane Lane, walk the labyrinth at WMU, wine tasting at Lawton Ridge Winery!" - Kelsey N.

101 **Gibson Guitar Factory** Kalamazoo

"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.

102 **Juicy Leaf** Kalamazoo (269) 350-4117

West Michigan's first Cold-Pressed Juice Company.

103 **Grill House & Rock Bottom** Allegan (269) 686-9192

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

104 **Chocolatea** Portage (269) 903-2447

A small, locally owned coffee and tea shop in Portage. The coffee is delicious, but they also have dozens of types of teas you can purchase by weight and fine chocolate. Plus the place is so beautiful it's nice to just sit and hang out. - Matea M.

105 **UKC PREMIER Dog Show** Kalamazoo (269) 343-9020

I love watching the dock-jumping!

106 **Historic Home Tour** Marshall (269) 781-5163

Not to be missed! - Deb S.

107 **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.

108 **Linear Park** Battle Creek (269) 966-3431

Ride the Battle Creek Linear Park. - Alastair T.

109 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

110 U.P. North Sandwich & Pasty

Allegan & Richland
(269) 355-1344

Fast becoming our favorite restaurant. – Jane R.

111 Cornwell's Turkeyville USA

Marshall
(269) 781-4293

Full turkey dinners and great dinner theatre.

112 Geocaching

Throughout area code 269
geocaching.com

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

113 W.K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary

Augusta
(269) 671-2510

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

114 Altitude Endeavors

Battle Creek
(269) 969-1328

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

115 Gilmore Car Museum

Hickory Corners
(269) 671-5089

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



116 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!

117 Liquid Therapy Canoe & Kayak Rentals

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.

118 Lawton Ridge Winery

Kalamazoo
(269) 372-9463

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

119 Stetson Chapel

Kalamazoo
(269) 337-7047

120 Michigan Maritime Museum

South Haven
(269) 637-8078

121 Lawson Ice Arena

Kalamazoo
(269) 387-3050

122 Binder Park Zoo

Battle Creek
(269) 979-1351

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

123 Riverview Launch

Kalamazoo
(269) 216-9667

124 Chocolate Garden

Coloma
(269) 468-YUMM

The phone number says it all. – Sally T.

125 Richmond Center for Visual Arts

Kalamazoo
(269) 387-2455

Go to the art gallery on Western Michigan University's campus. – William D.

126 Barn Theatre

Augusta
barntheatre.com

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

127 Southern Exposure Herb Farm

Battle Creek
(269) 962-1255

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



128 Silver Beach Carousel

St. Joseph
(269) 982-6500

129 RedBud MX Track

Buchanan
(269) 695-6405

130 Fenn Valley Vineyard and Wine Cellar
Fennville
(269) 561-2396

A wagon tour takes you into the vineyard.

131 Studio Grill
Kalamazoo
(269) 341-4100

Studio Grill is high on my list. Well, let's be honest. It's tops on my list. A little recognition is in order for this friendly, quirky favorite haunts in Kalamazoo! –Missy M.

132 Cosmo's Cucina
Kalamazoo
(269) 344-5666

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

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

134 Zooroona
Kalamazoo
(269) 382-4444

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

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

136 Tibbs Brewing Co.
Kalamazoo
(877) 762-7397

Located on the corner of Lovell and Burdick, Tibbs Brewing Company is a great local place to hang out in downtown Kalamazoo!



137 Miller Auditorium
Kalamazoo
(269) 387-2300

138 Main Street Café
Kalamazoo
(269) 341-4315

The Hawaiian omelet is the best thing after a late night! – Laura K.

139 Westnedge Wellness
Kalamazoo
(269) 324-2104

A community of independent certified and licensed massage therapists offering various techniques to benefit relaxation, recovery & consistent wellness.

140 SantaCon Kalamazoo
Kalamazoo
santacon.info

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

141 Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff
St. Joseph
(269) 983-0271

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

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

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

144 Fontana Crybaby Concerts
Kalamazoo
(269) 382-7774

Free 45-minute mini-concerts that give children under the age of five and their families a performance of beautiful music in an open and flexible environment – even if the little ones feel like crying!

145 Kingman Museum
Battle Creek
(269) 965-5117

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

146 Kalamazoo Psychic Center
Kalamazoo
(269) 353-5322

147 Antique & Thrift Store Hunting
Throughout area code 269

Between the retro clothing, antique furniture, and vintage jewelry, you are sure to find something unique. So grab your favorite shopping buddy and get started on your treasure hunt!



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

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

150 Green Top Tavern
Kalamazoo
(269) 342-5938

Join in on a game of euchre or trivia night!

151 Lavender Hill Farms
Niles

This 30-acre lavender and sheep farm has more than 4,000 lavender plants and produces lavender honey.

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.



152 Kirkpatrick House

Kalamazoo
michiganmodern.org

"We're such huge fans of the Kirkpatrick House!" –Herman M.

153 Tempo Vino Winery

Kalamazoo
(269) 342-9463

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

154 Saugatuck Dune Rides

Saugatuck
(269) 857-2253

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

155 Fly Inn Restaurant

Plainwell
(269) 685-1554

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

156 Mattawan Artisan Creamery

Mattawan
(269) 668-4218

Their cheese is fabulous! – Gary

157 Schoolcraft 4th of July Parade

Schoolcraft
(269) 679-4896

This is small town Americana at its best.

158 Spring Valley Park

Kalamazoo
(269) 337-8191

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

159 Blue Coast Artists Tour

South Haven to Saugatuck
(269) 236-9260

A behind-the-scenes look into the lifestyles of professional artists situated throughout the rural countryside. Visit u-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.

160 River Oaks Park and 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.

161 Festival Playhouse

Kalamazoo
(269) 337-7333

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

162 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.



163 Black Owl Café

Kalamazoo
(269) 459-1334

164 Civic Theatre

Kalamazoo
(269) 343-1313

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

165 Farmer's Alley Theatre

Kalamazoo
(269) 343-2727

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



166 Ladies Library Building

Kalamazoo
(269) 344-3710

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

167 Marshall Ghost Tours

Marshall
(269) 781-8818

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

168 Fricano's of Alamo

Kalamazoo
(269) 342-0808

Serving pizza in Michigan since 1949! In the "Pure Michigan" survey, Fricano's pizza claimed the title of "Michigan's favorite pizza."

169 The Old Rugged Cross Memorial Garden

Pokagon
(269) 683-4540

170 Lexington Green Park

Portage
(269) 329-4518

Discover the world of Pickleball. – Barry B.

171 Harvey's on the Mall

Kalamazoo
(269) 492-7506

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

172 Curious Kids Museum

St. Joseph
(269) 983-2543

The children's museum in St. Joseph has great activities for kids and adults alike! – Sam N.

173 Sweetwater's Donut Mill

Kalamazoo
(269) 388-4613
(269) 372-3636

Saturday morning donuts at Sweetwater's Donut Mill. My brother-in-law from New York insists on visiting every time he's in town. – Linda M.

174 Continental Baseball Club

Kalamazoo

They play baseball as it would have been played in the 1860's...half historical reenactment, half competitive sport. – Chris F.

175 Cody Kresta Vineyard and Winery

Mattawan
(269) 668-3800

176 Gun Lake Casino

Wayland
(269) 792-7777

The dining and local bands make this casino a must!

177 Beach and Attractions

Saugatuck
(269) 857-1701

You can't get much cooler than being voted one of the top four "Coolest Small Towns in America." Saugatuck celebrated that honor following a nationwide voting campaign sponsored by Budget Travel. Coolness factors: Oval Beach, food and shopping.

178 Grab an ice cream cone

Saugatuck
saugatuckdouglas.com

Who doesn't enjoy ice cream on a beautiful, hot summer day?



179 Kalamazoo Garden Tour

Kalamazoo
(269) 381-1574

180 Long Lake Roller Rink

Portage
(269) 327-0407

This is a cool rink with a nostalgic feel. – Austin C.

181 Kal-Haven Trail

Kalamazoo, Van Buren County
(269) 674-8011

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

182 Concerts in the Park

Kalamazoo
kalamazooarts.org

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

183 Letterboxing

Various locations throughout 269
Letterboxing.org
atlasquest.com

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

184 Niko's Landing

Kalamazoo
(269) 342-8626

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

185 Kalamazoo County 4H Shows

Kalamazoo
(269) 383-8867

186 K-Zoo Skate Zoo Skatepark

Kalamazoo
(269) 345-9550

187 Drive In Movie Theatres

Dowagiac
(269) 782-7879

Packing up the station wagon and going to Five Mile Drive-In Theatre on M-152 near Dowagiac. Great memories and more to come.

188 Skydive Plainwell

Plainwell
(269) 998-7747

Skydiving! – Chuck S.

189 Kalamazoo Model Railroad Historical Society

Kalamazoo
kmrhs.org

190 Confections with Convictions

Kalamazoo
(269) 381-9700

A unique addition to the gourmet food scene in Kalamazoo. They specialize in truffles, hand crafted with fair trade organic chocolate from original recipes by chocolatier Dale Anderson.



WHAT THE LOCALS LOVE

"Scope out the Black Owl Café, then the People's Food Co-op and take a selfie by the Art Deco Fountain!" – Paul S.

191 Kalamazoo Institute of Arts

Kalamazoo
(269) 349-7775

Take a class at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts.
– Kim D

192 One Well Brewing

Kalamazoo
(269) 459-9240

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



193 West Lake Drive In

Portage
(269) 327-5985

Grab a legendary olive burger at the retro West Lake Drive In, all while watching a beautiful sunset. – Amy S.

194 Journeyman Distillery

Three Oaks
(269) 820-2050

Handcrafted artisan spirits, personable and friendly staff who take the time to get to know their customers and the best Manhattan I've ever had. – Renee N.

195 Glad-Peach Festival

Coloma
colomapeachfest.com

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

196 Crane Park

Kalamazoo
(269) 337-8191

Visit Crane Park and its beautiful gardens. We were married there. – Linda M.

197 US Postal Museum

Marshall
(269) 979-2719

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

198 Conrad Kaufman Farms

Kalamazoo
(269) 488-9000

199 Railroad Café

Bangor
(269) 427-1605

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

200 Shifter's Bar & Grill

Kalamazoo
(269) 544-4500

201 Chili Cook-Off

Kalamazoo
(269) 344-0795

Yummy samples!

202 Heritage Architectural Salvage

Kalamazoo
(269) 385-1004

Specializing in salvaged windows, doors, fixtures, hardware, and much more. This retail store carries an ever changing inventory of architectural treasures!



203 Bow in the Clouds Preserve

Kalamazoo
(269) 324-1600

204 Allegan County Heritage Trail

Allegan
allegancounty.org/heritagetrail

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



205 Salt of the Earth

Fennville
(269) 561-7258

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

206 Square Dance Kalamazoo

Kalamazoo
squaredancekalamazoo.com

Incredibly fun! If you don't know how to square dance, they'll teach you! – Kayla K.

207 US-12 Garage Sale

us12heritagetrail.org

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

208 Kalamazoo Living History Show

Kalamazoo
(765) 563-6792

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

209 The Old Rugged Cross Memorial

Pokagon
(269) 683-4540

210 The Union Cabaret & Grille

Kalamazoo
(269) 384-6756

Savor the delicious Portobello mushroom fennel-seeded fries with mustard sauce dip while listening to great local music talent. – Ken F.

211 Austin Lake Catamaran Regatta

Portage
portage.mi.gov

Catamaran regatta every Tuesday from May to September.

212 Weko Beach Concert Series

Bridgman
(269) 465-5144

Concerts are held select Sundays through the summer at 7pm. The best part - besides the entertainment - it's free!



213 Shopping for Furniture, Art & Décor throughout the 269 area

"Awesome, unique and "like new" resale furniture, art and home décor!" -Retro

214 Burgess Antiques

Galesburg
(269) 484-1100

215 Historic Village

Vicksburg
(269) 649-1733

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

216 O'Duffy's Pub

Kalamazoo
(269) 381-9771

O'Duffy's offers a laid back, neighborhood vibe and has a really awesome ornate bar. - Cherri

217 Gull Meadow Farms

Richland
(269) 629-4214

Wagon rides, a play area for kids and one of the best corn mazes in the state. - Robert K.

218 Guild of Change Ringers

Kalamazoo
kzoo.edu/ringers

Kalamazoo College is only one of 16 places in the U.S. that has "change ringing bells." The Guild meets every Monday and Wednesday evenings and welcomes experienced ringers, novices and sightseers. - Laurel P.

219 The Heritage Company

Kalamazoo
(269) 385-1004

Shop for oddball items. - Steve

220 The Wine Loft

Kalamazoo
(269) 343-9227

Sharing a yummy piece of lava cake with friends. One dessert, four spoons. - Diane V.

221 Kalamazoo American Italian Club

Kalamazoo
kiaconline.com

222 All Ears Theatre

Kalamazoo
(269) 342-5059

See radio come to life.

223 KVCC Center for New Media

Kalamazoo
(269) 373-7920

There's always a cool student exhibition on the ground floor. - Sandy



WHAT THE LOCALS LOVE

"The Air Zoo, State Theatre, Bell's Brewery and a K-Wings game!" - Gracie H.

224 Prairie View Dog Park

Vicksburg
(269) 649-4737

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

225 Bishop's Bog Preserve

Portage
(269) 329-4522

One of the coolest things in the world is going out to Bishops Bog and walking the boardwalk. - Kathy J.

226 Taste of Heaven

Kalamazoo
(269) 349-0849

The chocolate drizzled caramel popcorn is one of the items I always make sure visitors to Kalamazoo enjoy! - Megan M.

227 The Museum at Southwestern Michigan College

Dowagiac
(269) 782-1374

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



228 Color Tours

Southwest Michigan
michigan.org

Southwest Michigan is the perfect place for fall color tours. With all the great restaurants and cute towns, it's easy to make a weekend adventure. - Jane

229 Comensoli's Restaurant

Kalamazoo
(269) 345-6755

230 **Richland Park Horse Trials**

Richland
(269) 629-5532

Come out and ride the newly re-designed Ian Stark cross country courses. Richland Park Horse Trials is a premiere event destination offering horses a unique and positive experience. Spectators encouraged!

231 **Walldorff Brewing**

Hastings
(269) 945-4400

232 **Historical Society**

Schoolcraft
(269) 679-4304

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

233 **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 adrenaline to your day. Just watch out for the turtles that insist on sunbathing in the middle of the trails. – Doug W.

234 **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.

235 **Lillian Anderson Arboretum**

Oshkosh Township
(269) 337-7012

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

236 **Old Jail Museum**

Allegan
(269) 673-8292

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



WHAT THE LOCALS LOVE

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

237 **Greenhouses**

Kalamazoo County

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

238 **Urban Cottage**

Kalamazoo
(269) 250-9064

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

239 **Fisher Lake Inn**

Three Rivers
(269) 279-7984

240 **Kalamazoo Blues Festival**

Kalamazoo
(269) 381-6514

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



241 **NSRA Street Rod Nationals North**

Kalamazoo
(269) 488-9000

Features thousands of cars. – Mandy E.

242 **Stubby's Smokehouse**

Vicksburg
(269) 649-2499

243 **Firekeepers Casino**

Battle Creek
(877) FK-8777

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

244 **Olde World Village**

Augusta
(269) 580-1290

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



245 **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.

246 **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.

247 **Cowboy Up**

Mendon
(269) 496-7956

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

248 **Honolulu House Museum**

Marshall
(269) 781-8544

249 **Kalamazoo Book Arts Center**

Kalamazoo
(269) 373-4938

Take a class in papermaking. – Jeanne A.



250 Kalamazoo County Expo Center
Kalamazoo
(269) 383-8778

251 Barodafest
Baroda
(269) 422-1779

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

252 Parkwyn Village
Kalamazoo
KalamazooCity.org

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

253 D'nicio's Koney Island
Kalamazoo
(269) 353-8600

254 Spirit Springs Sanctuary
Marcellus
(269) 324-1600

255 Water Street Coffee Joint
Kalamazoo
(269) 373-2840
(269) 488-0018

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

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

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

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

259 The Christmas Boutique
Kalamazoo
(269) 327-5373

Come and visit the unique and talented artisans and crafters from cities throughout the Midwest for a day of shopping for unique gifts!

260 Cooper Café
Kalamazoo
(269) 383-2960

261 Moss Funnel Farms
Bangor
(269) 206-2926

Go to the annual summer blues music and berry-picking weekend in July. – Patty S.

262 Gazelle Sports
Kalamazoo
(269) 342-5996

Gazelle Sports historic walking tours. – Henry R.

263 Pears Mill
Buchanan
(269) 695-3844

A restored 1857 flour mill, open and usually operating on Saturdays through Labor Day weekend. It features occasional demonstrations of historic trades.

264 Colon Magic Festival
Colon
(269) 432-3235

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



WHAT THE LOCALS LOVE

"Miller Auditorium, Nature Center, WMU Hockey and the Holiday parade!" – Amy H.

265 West Michigan Glass Art Center
Kalamazoo
(269) 552-9802

Allows visitors to create their own glass art, from glass paperweights to fused glass pieces to lampworking. – Megan M.

266 Ramona Park
Portage
(269) 329-4522

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



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

268 Friends Good Will
South Haven
(269) 637-8078

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

269 Downtown Festivals
Kalamazoo
downtownkalamazoo.org

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

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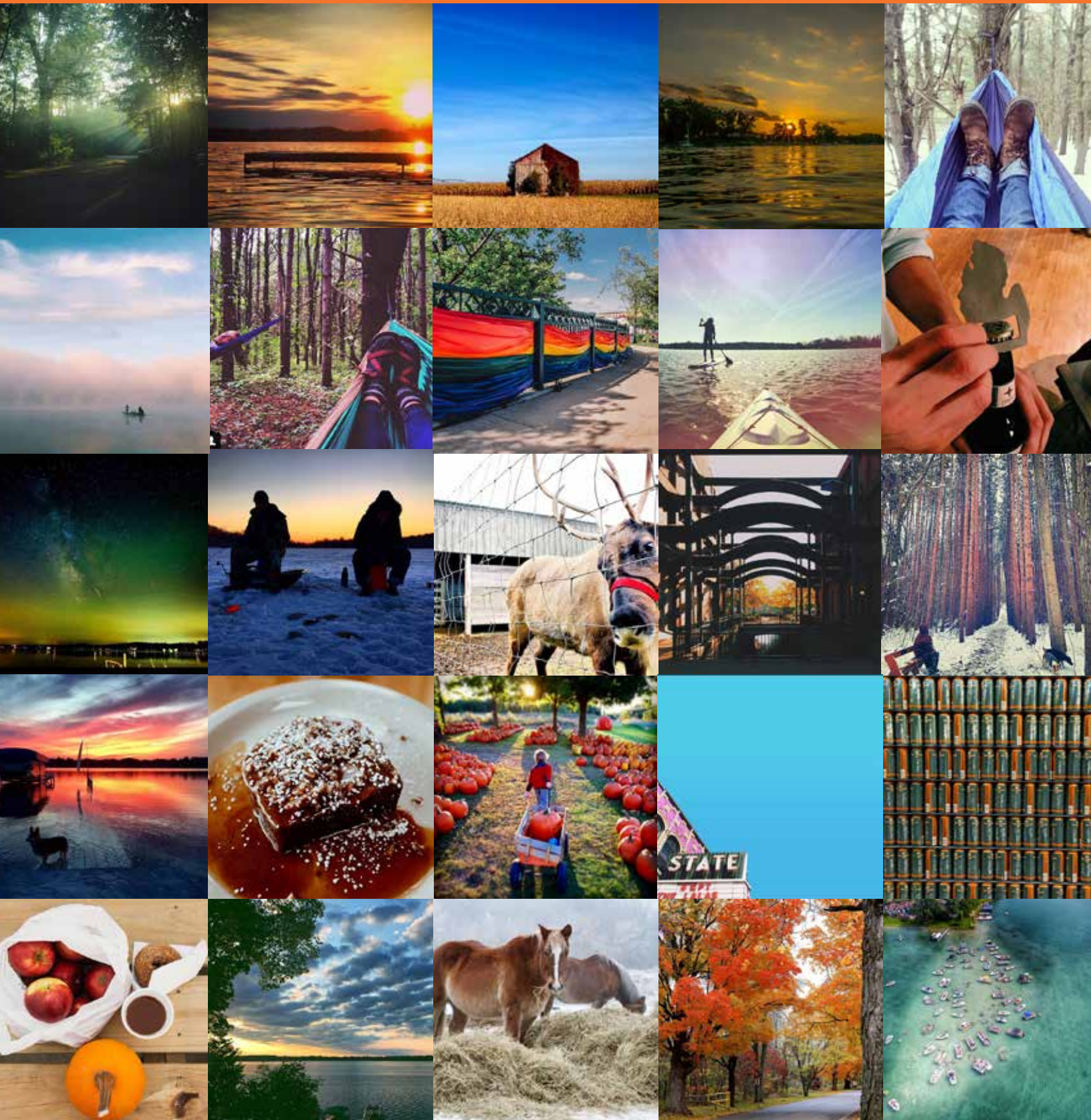
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