

EXPLORE

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SPRING EDITION

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SPRING

Spring is one of the most gorgeous seasons in Michigan. There are dozens of varieties of flowering trees in Southwest Michigan and right here on Andrews University's campus. You'll be surrounded by pink blossoms from magnolia, redbud, and cherry trees, yellow forsythia, purple lilacs, and white apple blossoms. Andrews University's campus is actually an officially registered arboretum. Take a hike in Love Creek Nature Preserve or Andrews University's trail system to enjoy the trilliums, wild columbines, and wild geraniums springing up everywhere. Only an hour away, Holland, Michigan is famous for its Tulip Time Festival where you can experience traditional wooden shoe dancing, parades, trolley tours, and fireworks. Enjoy over five million tulips planted in Veldheer gardens alone, not to mention the other gardens and downtown planters spread throughout Holland. Springtime in Michigan usually starts to come in mid-to-late March and lasts through May, with peak flowering times for different blossoms and trees.

IDEAS FOR SPRINGTIME

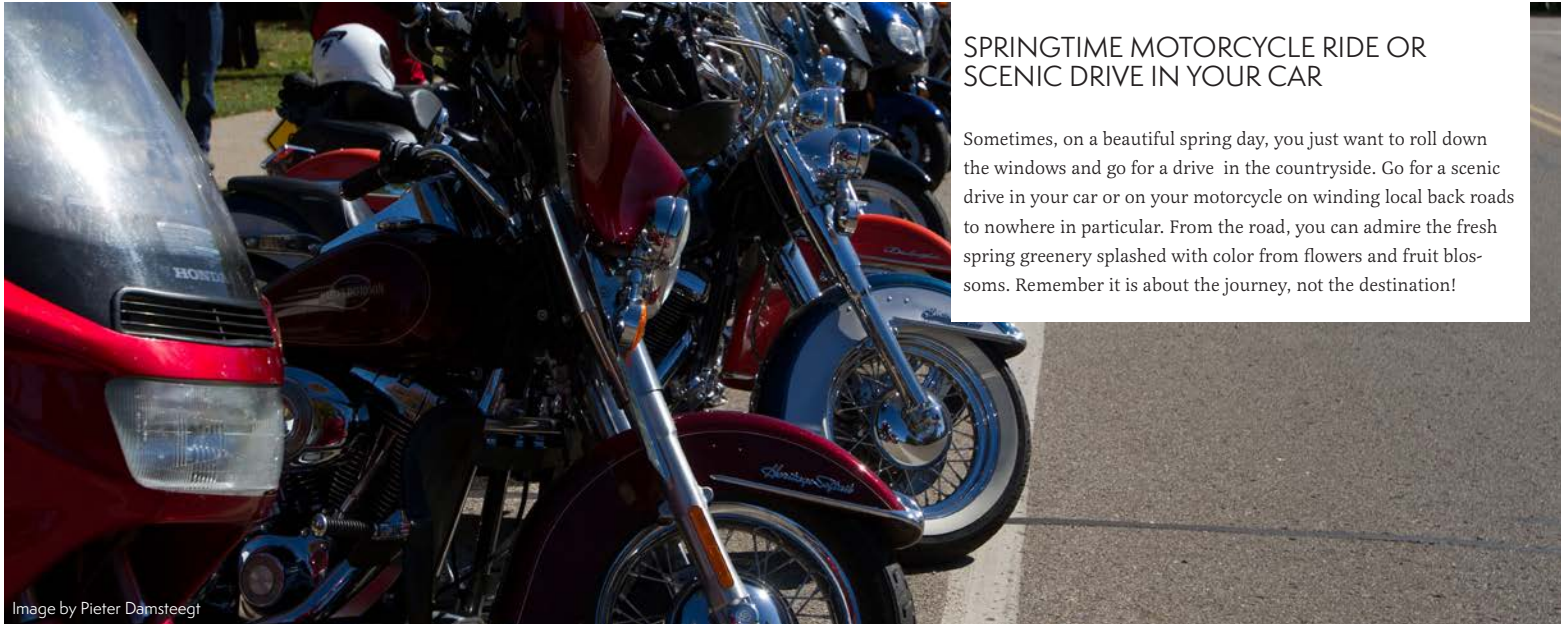


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SPRINGTIME MOTORCYCLE RIDE OR SCENIC DRIVE IN YOUR CAR

Sometimes, on a beautiful spring day, you just want to roll down the windows and go for a drive in the countryside. Go for a scenic drive in your car or on your motorcycle on winding local back roads to nowhere in particular. From the road, you can admire the fresh spring greenery splashed with color from flowers and fruit blossoms. Remember it is about the journey, not the destination!



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VOLUNTEER

Spend some time giving back to the community this spring. Talk to our Andrews University Campus Ministries office for volunteer opportunities, or visit www.volunteerswmi.org to view more openings within the Southwest Michigan community. Help with food preparation at the Salvation Army, assist with the Therapeutic Equestrian Center (tecfarm.org), care for animals at the Berrien Center Animal Control Department, help with recycling, or any number of other volunteer opportunities.



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GROW A GARDEN

Get green by planting a garden or balcony boxes! Plant fresh herbs, vegetables, and flowers that you can enjoy all spring and summer long. Even if you live in an apartment or dormitory room, indoor boxed plants can brighten your room and may even improve your indoor air quality!

PLAY IN THE RAIN

Bring back your inner child by enjoying a rainy day just like a kid. Splash in the biggest puddles you can find, walk barefoot in the grass, or go for a rainy run. Gather a group of friends for a fun game of soccer or football in the rain, or even set up a wet-weather obstacle course. However, make sure you go inside immediately if there is any sign of thunder or lightning!



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GO "SHINGLE" SHOPPING OR BROWSE AN ANTIQUE SHOP

Northern Indiana's Amish country is filled with charming, simple shops recognizable by signs (shingles) that announce which wares are for sale. Shop for delicious Amish baked goods, cheese, candy, jams, and honey. Look for a sturdy piece of artisan-crafted furniture, or purchase a beautiful candle. The towns of Bristol, Elkhart, Shipshewana, Nappanee, Wakarusa, Middlebury, and Goshen are all fantastic for shopping and exploring Amish country, and all are under 1 hour and 15 minutes' drive from Andrews University.

Broaden your search to antiques to find hundreds of fascinating antique stores in the nearby area. Locally, visit Shawnee Road Antiques in Baroda, Michigan (20 minutes away) or Main Street Antiques in Niles, Michigan. Drive further south to Pierceton, Indiana (1 hour and 30 minutes south of Andrews University) for a town filled with antique stores. Head east for two hours over to the "Antique Capital of the World" in Allen, Michigan, or south 3 hours to Covington, Indiana for antique shops galore! Visit Indiana's "Antique Alley" (maps available at the Richmond/Wayne County Tourism Bureau) which will guide you to hundreds of shops and antique malls in historic districts.



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TRY YOUR HAND AT GEOCACHING

Geocaching uses a GPS to find hidden caches of treasure and to find cool new places to visit! You can find caches using your phone or GPS, www.geocaching.com will give you a list of geocaches, and help you navigate to their locations. Geocaches come in a variety of shapes, sizes and difficulties. After you find a geocache, you can sign the log book, trade knick knacks if you want, and even log your find online. Nearby Fernwood Botanical Gardens hosts several geocaches with directions available online or via handout at Fernwood. Bring a friend with you and explore locations far and near!



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RUN A MARATHON, HALF-MARATHON, 10K OR 5K

Signing up for a spring race is a great way to motivate you to stay in shape and keep exercising over the winter.

Are you feeling up for a big challenge? Sign up for a marathon and find a solid training plan to whip you into shape to run all 26.2 miles strong! A spring marathon will require you to do many of your long runs in the snow or on a treadmill, but having a race looming ahead on your calendar will keep you motivated to do the miles. If a full marathon is too much of a challenge, try one of the many half marathons in the region. A half marathon is a great distance since you don't have to put in the long miles and hours required for marathon training, but you still need to train well to have a successful race.

10k and 5k races are fantastic options if you don't have the time or desire to train for a longer race. There are loads of fantastic shorter race options nearby. A 10k or 5k training plan can ensure you're fit for a great race, and you can focus on speed if you want an extra challenge.

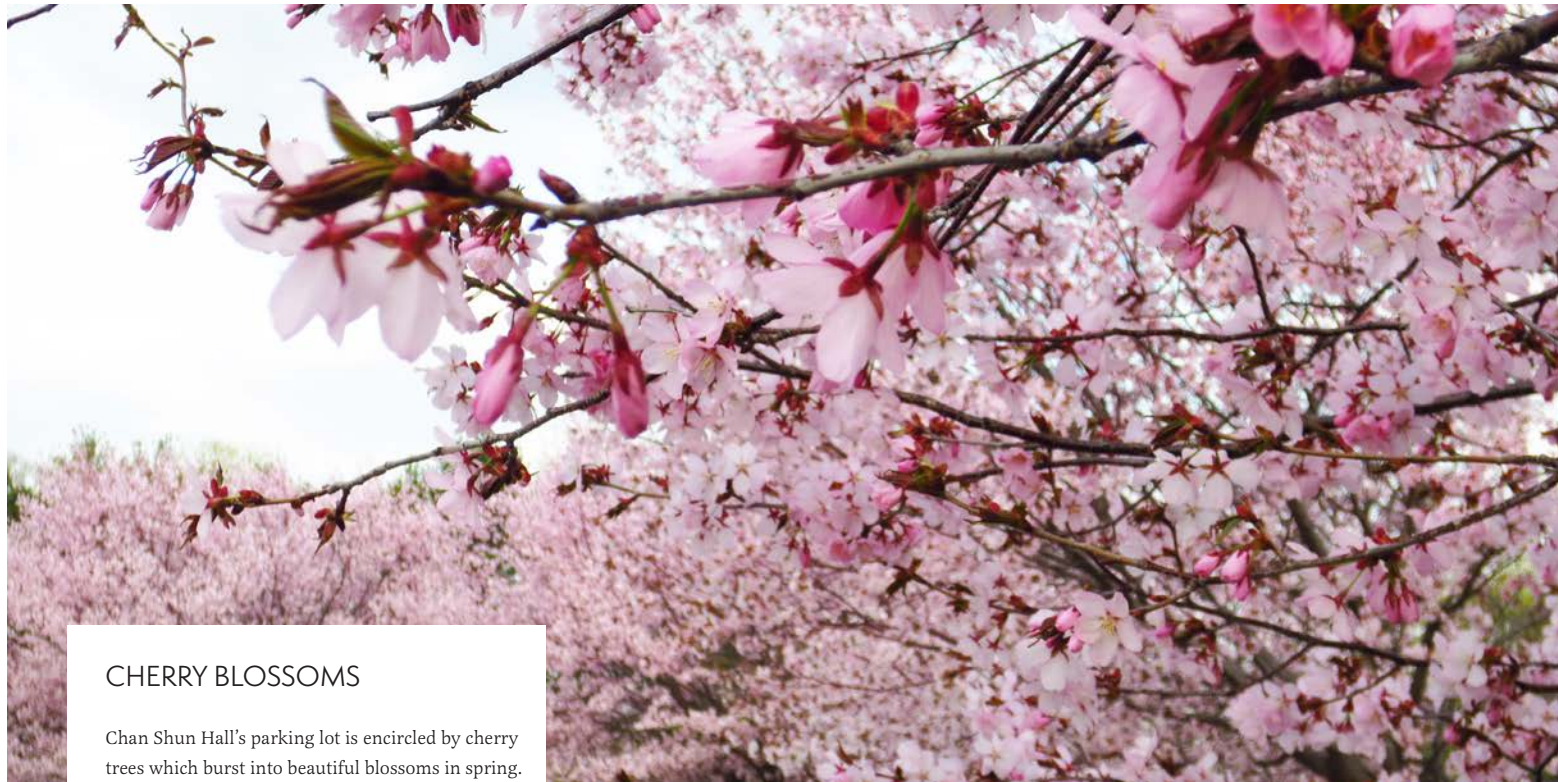
Check out www.active.com or www.runningintheusa.com to find a race that fits your schedule and goals.



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AU ARBORETUM

Did you know that Andrews University is an officially registered arboretum? This means that in springtime on Andrews' campus you will be surrounded by dozens of beautiful blossoming trees, as well as other varieties. Both native Michigan and foreign tree species are labeled with over 500 identification tags, and a tree walk map is available online or at the globe by the campus entrance.



CHERRY BLOSSOMS

Chan Shun Hall's parking lot is encircled by cherry trees which burst into beautiful blossoms in spring.



TEA CRABAPPLE TREES

A visit to "Flag Mall" between the Administration and Seminary buildings is sure to delight you with bursts of white and pink color when the tea crabapples are blooming.

Image by Laura Malcolm



REDBUDS

Redbuds are recognizable by the lovely pink and red blossoms covering their tree branches. You can find redbud trees around the parking lot by Johnson Gymnasium and Beaty Pool.



SAUCER MAGNOLIAS

Saucer magnolia trees fill with flashy pink and white flowers that are sure to delight you. Saucer magnolias can be found by the Administration Building near Flag Mall, by Johnson Gym/Beaty Pool, and even in the court of Lamson Hall.



PEACH BLOSSOMS

A peach orchard with dozens of trees covered in pink flowers is a beautiful sight. Hike down to the peach orchards which are located behind the Observatory on the Andrews University trail system.

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STAR MAGNOLIA

Magnolia Stellata, also known as a star magnolia, provides elegant, showy, white blossoms. There are beautiful star magnolia trees right in front of the Administration Building on the side facing Nethery Hall.



FORSYTHIA

Forsythia stands out when coated in its distinctive yellow blossoms. Forsythia can be found on the side of Lamson Hall facing the Administration Building, as well as by Bell Hall.



RHODODENDRON

Rhododendrons are spectacular when they burst into bloom, and viewable right here on campus by the back side of the Science Complex near Price and Halenz Halls. There is a large rhododendron near the Student Center on the side by the Meier Hall entrance, and a couple more by Lamson Hall.

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NATURE CENTERS

Nature centers are designed to educate people about nature and the environment. They are usually located within a protected open space and often have trails going throughout their land. Nature centers also often have museum displays and exhibits about local wildlife. Volunteer naturalists offer educational programs if you want to learn more about nature.

SARETT NATURE CENTER BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN

Nearly five miles of trails, boardwalks, and observation platforms meander through the Paw Paw River bluffs, floodplain, alkaline wetland (fen), and other habitats contained in this 500-acre nature center.

SPICER LAKE NATURE PRESERVE NEW CARLISLE, INDIANA

Located 40 minutes south of the university, this preserve consists of 320 acres with trails and boardwalk along wetlands, woodlands, a buttonbush swamp, a sedge meadow, old-growth forest, and a portion of Lancaster Lake. Enjoy a variety of trees, shrubs and flowers ranging from elms, sassafras, and winterberry to spicebush, trout lily, and cardinal flower.

DEGRAAF NATURE CENTER HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

Explore the woodland, shrub, marsh, and pond trails of this 18-acre nature preserve located in Holland, Michigan.

SAND RIDGE NATURE CENTER SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS

Enjoy easy hiking trails passing through a number of habitats at this 235-acre nature center in South Holland, Illinois, just a 1 hour and 40-minute drive from Andrews University. Stroll through prairies, oak savannahs and woodlands on ancient beaches and sand dunes, marshes and ponds. Enjoy the stunning spring and summer wildflower displays, and variety of birds and wildlife.

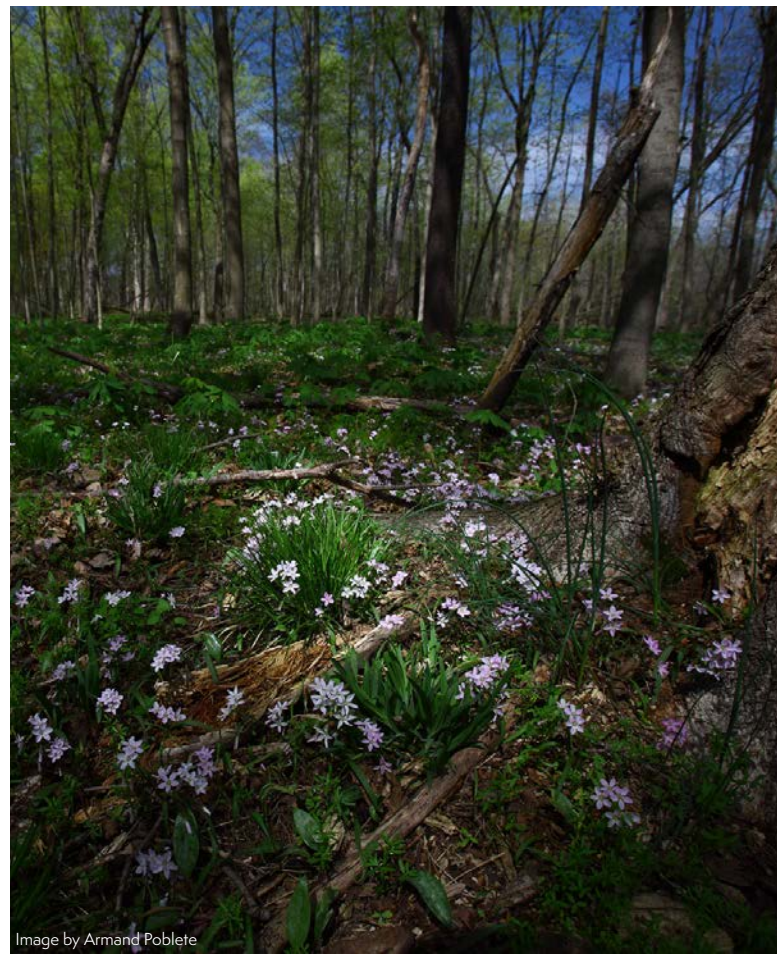


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FERNWOOD BOTANICAL GARDEN & NATURE PRESERVE NILES, MICHIGAN

Fernwood's Native Plant Garden contains dry and wet prairie shrubs, perennials, and ornamental grasses in dry prairie, wet prairie, and oak savannah habitats. Explore the Fern, Wildflower, Herb, and Japanese dry gardens, or view the Weir Lily Pond. The Railway Garden features miniature trains passing landmarks made of all natural materials.

BONNEYVILLE MILL & COUNTY PARK BRISTOL, INDIANA

The Bonneyville Mill & County Park contains 223 acres of gently rolling hills, woodlands, marshes, and open meadows which form a perfect background for the picturesque Bonneyville Mill. Tour this grist mill which was established in the mid-1830's, and watch the massive grist stones produce stone-ground corn, wheat, rye, and buckwheat. Afterward, view wildlife and wildflowers on 7 miles of hiking trails.



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ON THE TRAILS, LOOK FOR:



HITTING THE TRAILS

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AU TRAILS SYSTEM

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY, BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

Springtime is a beautiful time to walk, trail run, or mountain bike through the woods and trails here at Andrews University. The trails are one of Andrews University's best-kept secrets! Pass by peach orchards blossoming with pink flowers and run through a forest floor carpeted in delicate white flowers. Andrews University's trails allow you to hike or run over 11 miles of beautiful, rolling trails right here on campus. There is a 10-mile single-track mountain bike trail and a two-mile loop ideal for runners. Be prepared to be aerobically challenged as there is a lot of elevation gain. The trails are quite technical, so take your time and be safe. Make sure to bring someone who knows the Andrews' trails your first time out so you don't get lost.

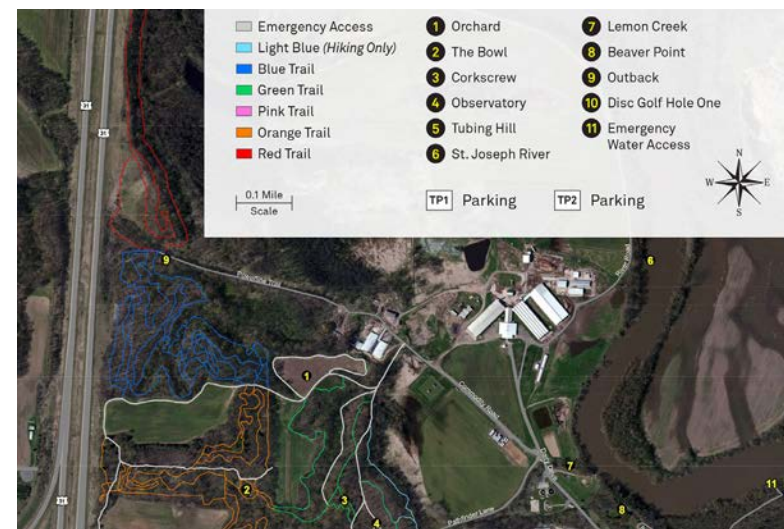


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TRILLIUMS

These delicate white blossoms are found in abundance on the forest hillsides. Enjoy them from many of the trails winding through Andrews University, Love Creek, Fernwood, and other nearby trail systems. Do not pick the flowers as they are extremely fragile and you will want to preserve them for others to enjoy their beauty as well.



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SNOW DROPS

Appearing out of the snow as one of the first signs of spring, these lovely flowers form carpets of white along the forest floor. You will feel as though you are running through a fairyland if you go for a trail run or hike during springtime when the snow drops are blossoming.



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PEACH BLOSSOMS

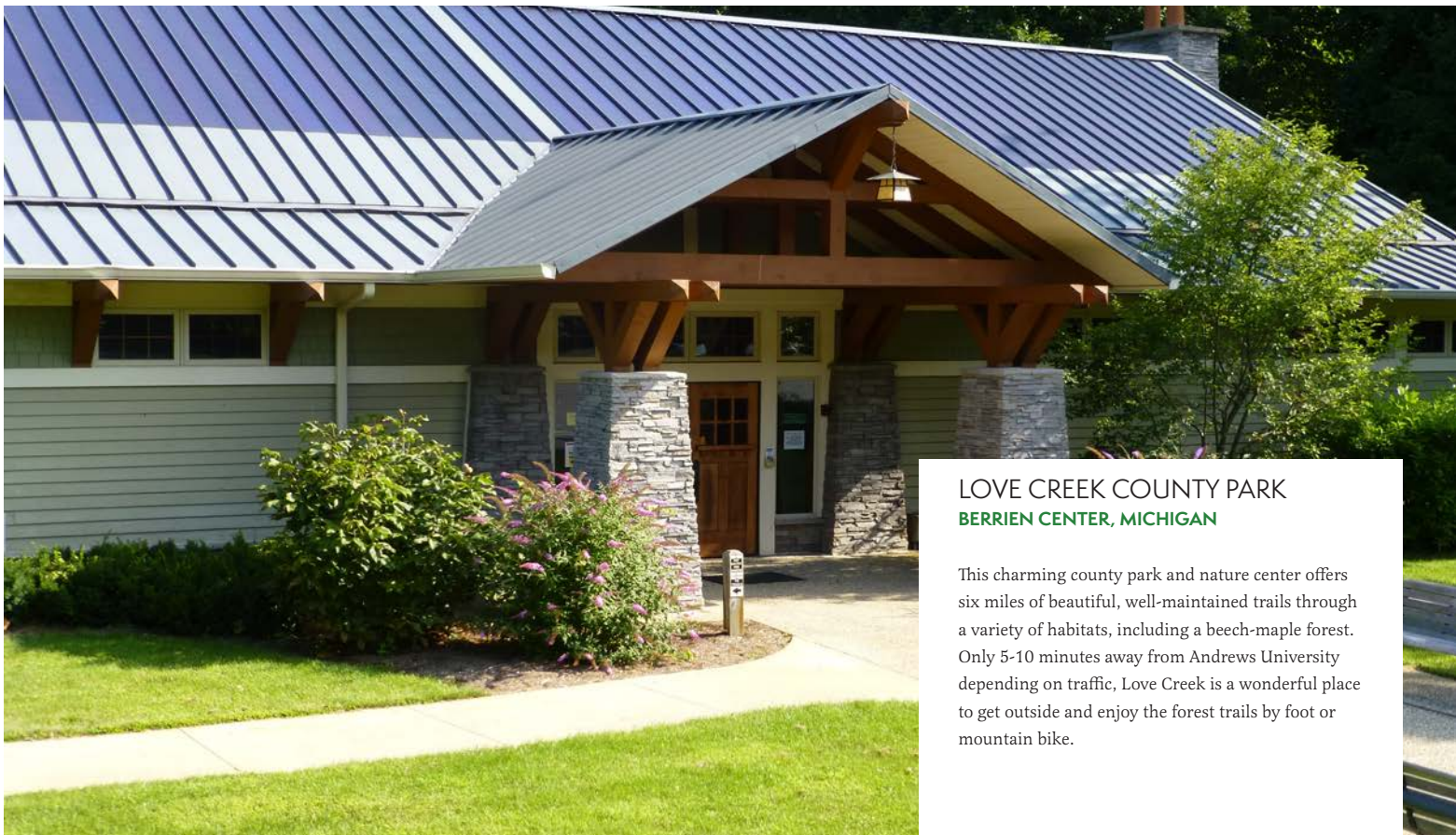
If you follow the trails north past the Andrews University observatory, you will encounter a hillside of peach orchards which burst into beautiful pink blossoms in spring. On a sunny day, it's well worth the short trek out to the orchards to see rows upon rows of pink flowering trees framed against a brilliant blue sky.



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MORELS & EDIBLE MUSHROOMS

Morels live in and on the edge of forested areas. They often grow around ash, aspen, elm, and oak trees. Look for them early in the spring as the ground is warming on south-facing slopes in fairly open areas. Later in the season, you will want to go deeper into the woods and start searching on north-facing slopes. Be sure you know how to identify and distinguish morels and edible mushrooms from poisonous species! A good rule of thumb is if you don't know if it's safe, don't touch it.



LOVE CREEK COUNTY PARK
BERRIEN CENTER, MICHIGAN

This charming county park and nature center offers six miles of beautiful, well-maintained trails through a variety of habitats, including a beech-maple forest. Only 5-10 minutes away from Andrews University depending on traffic, Love Creek is a wonderful place to get outside and enjoy the forest trails by foot or mountain bike.

ST. PATRICK'S COUNTY PARK
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Take a short hike through woods and grasslands on the St. Patrick's County Park trail system. Step back into Northern Indiana's history by viewing the picturesque Red Barn, one of the largest wooden barns in the county.

FERNWOOD BOTANICAL GARDEN AND NATURE PRESERVE
NILES, MICHIGAN

At Fernwood, discover different ecological environments including dry and wet forests, streams and ponds, and a tallgrass prairie. Enjoy several great hiking paths such as the Streamside Trail which features wildflowers, a spring-fed creek, wetlands, and frogs. The Fern trail highlights the diversity of ferns and shady wetland plants that can be found in southwest Michigan. The River Trail follows a sand ridge along the banks of the St. Joseph River through oaks and other dry forest trees. Other trails include the Prairie, Old Field, Wilderness, Woodland, and Ecology trails.

MANISTEE NATIONAL FOREST
NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN

Nestled by the winding Manistee River are miles of wonderful trails through the Manistee National Forest. Explore the pine-hardwood forest, hilly ravines, waterfalls, and sandy soil of this wilderness located only 3 hours away from Andrews. One popular backpacking trip is on the Manistee River Trail (11- or 23-mile loop), which connects to the North Country Trail (NCT) via a 245-ft. wooden suspension bridge. Hike along the rugged ridges which dominate the west side of the river, and enjoy sweeping views of the eastern valley.

WARREN DUNES STATE PARK
SAWYER, MICHIGAN

On a clear day, climb the big dune for a view of Chicago over Lake Michigan or play in the clay pit. Hike over wooded terrain and open dunes on one of the trails, or stroll along the sandy beach.

POTATO CREEK STATE PARK
NORTH LIBERTY, INDIANA

Just 45 minutes away from Andrews University, enjoy miles of trails that wind through woodlands, rehabilitated grasslands, and wetlands. There is a mountain bike trail, hiking trails, a lake, and even camping.

GRAND MERE STATE PARK
STEVENSVILLE, MICHIGAN

Grand Mere is one of the most gorgeous natural beaches in Berrien County. This park offers a trail system with dunes, inland lakes, and a sandy beach that turns rocky close to the water's edge.

WARREN WOODS STATE PARK
THREE OAKS, MICHIGAN

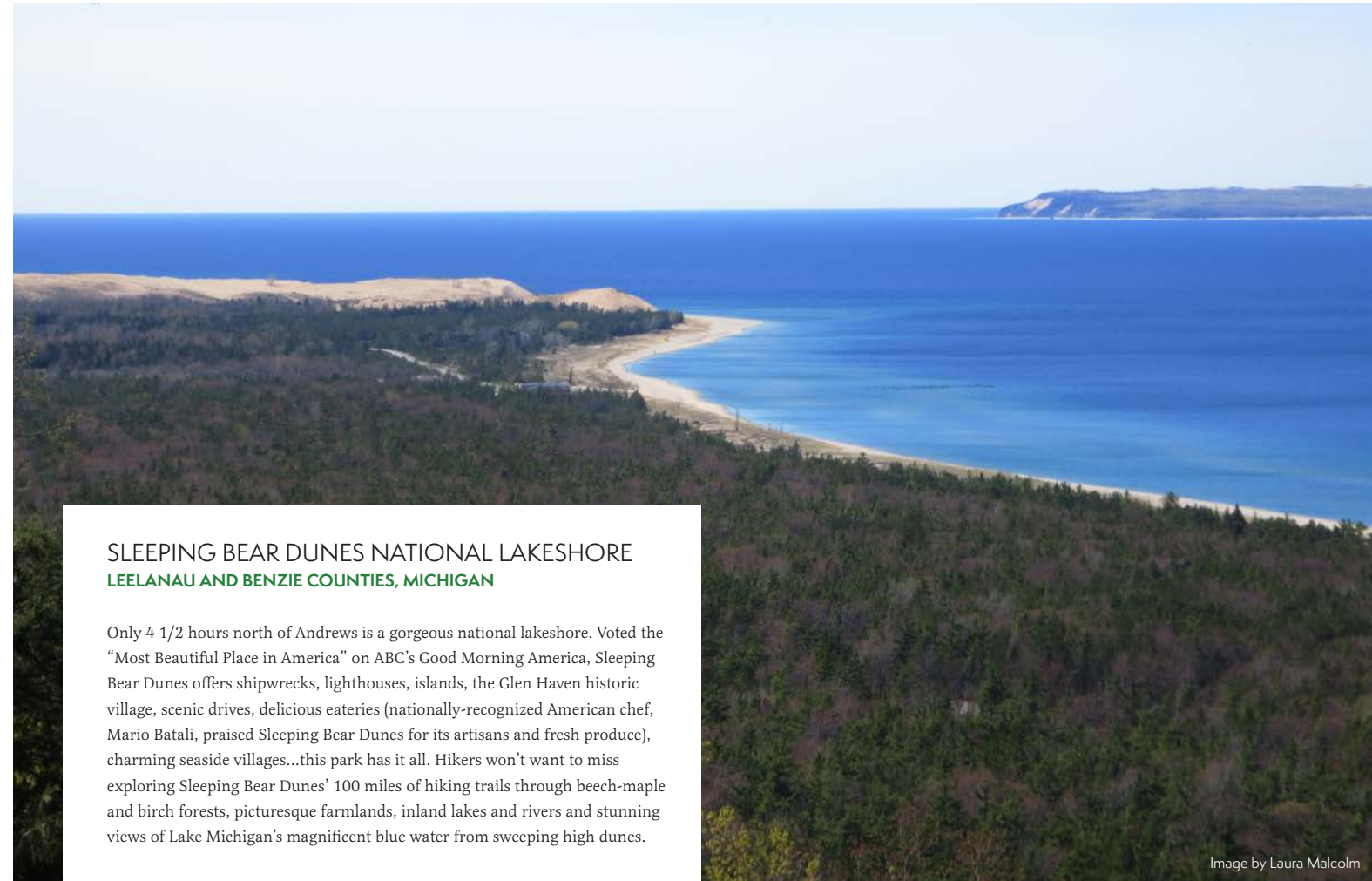
Enjoy the quiet, winding trail through the beech/maple forest and over Galien River in this peaceful park just 35 minutes from Andrews University.



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SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE
LEELANAU AND BENZIE COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

Only 4 1/2 hours north of Andrews is a gorgeous national lakeshore. Voted the "Most Beautiful Place in America" on ABC's Good Morning America, Sleeping Bear Dunes offers shipwrecks, lighthouses, islands, the Glen Haven historic village, scenic drives, delicious eateries (nationally-recognized American chef, Mario Batali, praised Sleeping Bear Dunes for its artisans and fresh produce), charming seaside villages...this park has it all. Hikers won't want to miss exploring Sleeping Bear Dunes' 100 miles of hiking trails through beech-maple and birch forests, picturesque farmlands, inland lakes and rivers and stunning views of Lake Michigan's magnificent blue water from sweeping high dunes.

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Image by Robert Johnston

ROAD CYCLING

Rolling hills, beautiful scenery, quiet back roads, and a strong biking community all help to make Michiana a great place to road bike.

BERRIEN COUNTY

Popular routes include Singer Lake through the Mt. Tabor area, the Eau Claire loop on Hipps Hollow and Pipestone Roads, and Madron Lake via Rangeline and Wagner Roads.

INDIANA AMISH COUNTRY

The Pumpkinvine, Maple City Greenway, and Maple Heart Nature Trails comprise 22 miles of bike paths passing through scenic Indiana Amish Country.

KAL-HAVEN TRAIL

The Kal-Haven Trail runs between Kalamazoo and South Haven, MI. This 34-mile, fine gravel surfaced/blacktopped bike trail traverses wooded areas, farmland, and small towns.

SOUTH BEND

South Bend, IN, has about 72 miles of established city bike routes, including multipurpose paths, striped bike lanes, and designated on-street routes.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

The Berrien Springs area contains a surprising number of trails. With an abundance of forests and gentle rolling hills, Michiana has quite a few state parks, nature preserves, and recreational areas with fun trails for mountain biking.

Trails range in difficulty from beginner loops to advanced technical sections that will keep the experts happy. Wind through the woods and prairie fields, or test your skills on jumps in the bowls. Please remember to ride responsibly and leave the trail better than when you found it!

In addition to the parks below, check out Madeline Bertrand Park (Niles, Michigan), Bendix Woods (South Bend, Indiana), Al Sabo (Kalamazoo, Michigan), and Bluhm County Park (Westville, Indiana). If you are willing to drive a bit further, hit up the 16-mile, advanced, technical Highland Recreation single-track (White Lake, Michigan), or the 24-mile advanced Potawatomi single-track (Pinckney, Michigan), both a 3-hour drive from Andrews University.

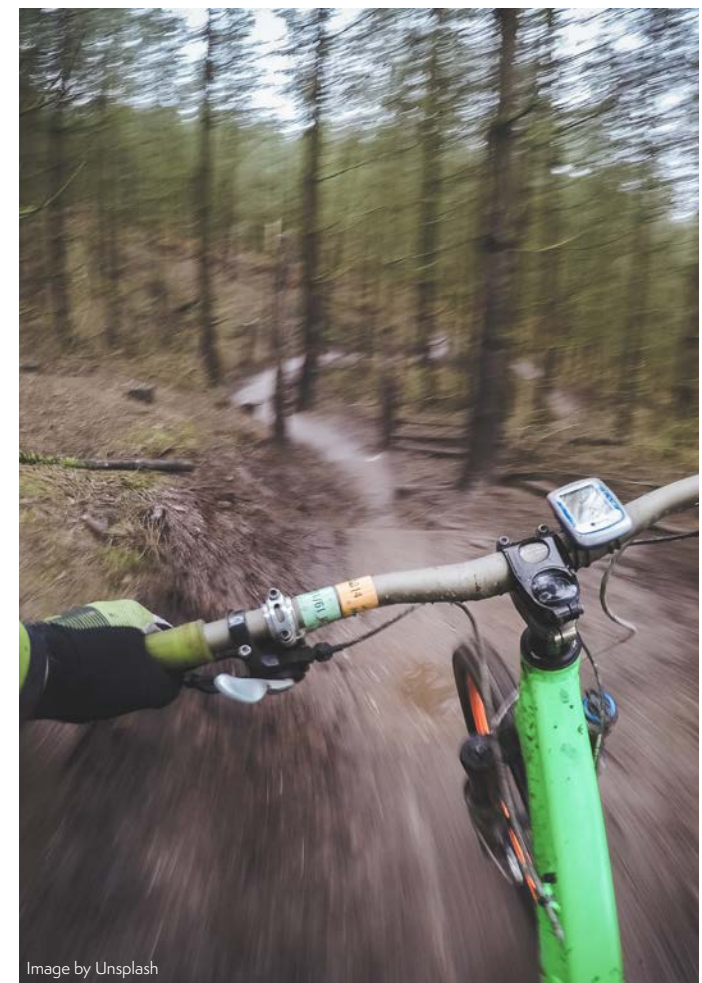


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CYCLOCROSS

Cyclocross is a cross between road racing and mountain biking. If racing competitive laps around a course that may feature pavement, grass, sand, dirt, and gravel while negotiating a number of obstacles, possibly requiring you to dismount and remount your bicycle, sounds fun to you, then you should try cyclocross!

One March event you should check out is the Screw City Cyclocross Classic in Rockford, Illinois. It is an intensely fun event!

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

Andrews University offers 11 miles of winding, fairly technical single-track trails. Highlights include log climbs, mini wall ride, small jumps, and the "Gravel Pit" bowl.

LOVE CREEK BERRIEN CENTER, MICHIGAN

The mountain bike trail at Love Creek County Park contains 4.5 miles of easy trails through woods and prairie terrain with frequent uphill sections. 10 minutes' drive from campus.

DR. T.K. LAWLESS JONES, MICHIGAN

Dr. T.K. Lawless offers 10 miles of intermediate-advanced trails with lots of roots, jumps, dips, obstacles, and fast downhill sections. It is 50 minutes away from campus.

OUTBACK TRAIL PORTAGE, INDIANA

Outback Trail at Imagination Glen Park has 10 miles of single-track with tight turns, technical climbs, and jumps. 1 hour and 10 minutes away.

POTATO CREEK NORTH LIBERTY, INDIANA

Potato Creek State Park includes a great 7-mile trail for beginners. It has little ups and downs with obstacles on the side of the path, and is a smooth-flowing track. It is 40 minutes from Andrews University.

FORT CUSTER AUGUSTA, MICHIGAN

Fort Custer State Recreation Area contains 25 miles of loops. Expect sweeping downhill turns, tree logs, switchbacks, rollers, jumps, and sandy areas. 1 hour and 20 minutes away from the university.

RUM VILLAGE PARK SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Rum Village Park and Nature Center features 6 miles of interconnected segments progressing from beginner to advanced with steep short climbs and tight turns. Located 40 minutes away from the university.

YANKEE SPRINGS MIDDLEVILLE, MICHIGAN

Yankee Springs includes a fun intermediate single-track with lots of sand, roots, and rocks. It is 1 hour and 35 minutes away from campus.

KAYAKING AND CANOEING

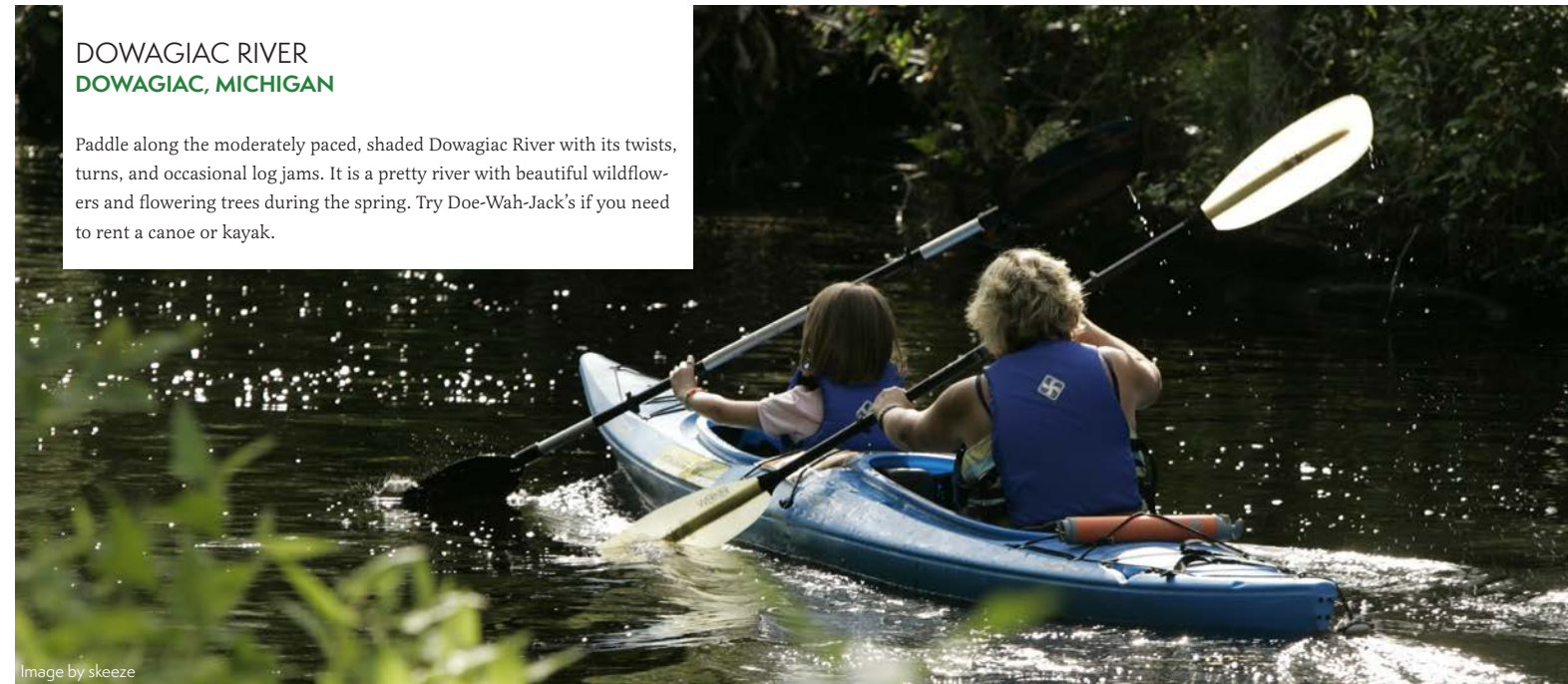
Enjoy the peaceful kayaking and canoeing available along nearby wooded rivers in Berrien County, or appreciate the gorgeous lake-shore vistas from Lake Michigan and (further afield) Lake Superior, renowned for beautiful clear water and spectacular scenery. Be careful of wind and storms that build up huge waves on the lakes. Big Manistee and Au Sable rivers are known for forested wilderness, or tackle some class II-V rapids in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan on the Escanaba, Menominee, or other fast flowing rivers.

Need a rental? Third Coast Paddling offers four rental locations: Jean Klock Beach or New Buffalo Beach for excursions on Lake Michigan, or the Galien River or Paw Paw River sites for river paddling.

DOWAGIAC RIVER DOWAGIAC, MICHIGAN

Paddle along the moderately paced, shaded Dowagiac River with its twists, turns, and occasional log jams. It is a pretty river with beautiful wildflowers and flowering trees during the spring. Try Doe-Wah-Jack's if you need to rent a canoe or kayak.

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LAKE MICHIGAN

Less than 30 minutes away, Lake Michigan is great for sea kayaking and enjoying the beautiful blue water and dune-covered shoreline. Try putting in at Warren Dunes, Grand Mere, Van Buren, or Indiana Dunes State Parks. Remember that the weather can change quickly on Lake Michigan, so check rip-tide warnings, wear a safety vest, and bring a partner.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

Experience moderate white-water rafting on South Bend's Eastway Race Course (bring your own equipment), or float on Worster Lake in Potato Creek State Park (rentals are available).

PAW PAW RIVER BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN

The beautiful Paw Paw River offers pristine water, scenic bends, and good wildlife sightings. Check out DeGraff Nature Center, which offers trips along the Paw Paw and Kalamazoo Rivers.

SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE GLEN ARBOR/EMPIRE, MICHIGAN

At Sleeping Bear Dunes, float down the beautiful Crystal and Platte Rivers, or enjoy some of the best wildlife viewing at one of the park's inland lakes. Look Lake, School Lake, and Bass Lake are great places to canoe or kayak in the park. Alternatively, explore the crystal-clear water and sand dunes on the Lake Michigan shore.

ST. JOSEPH RIVER ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

Shaded by maples, oaks, and beeches, this river is a peaceful place to kayak or canoe. It is easy to access the river, which runs next to Andrews University. Beaver Point, on Andrews' campus, is a great place to launch your kayak or canoe for an out-and-back trip! On-campus canoe rentals are even available for students or faculty/staff through the Student Life Office!

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FISHING

With its location along Lake Michigan, Southwest Michigan is a prime fishing destination with a wide variety of fish species. Make sure to bring plenty of bait and read the local fishing policies to see if it's catch and release. Don't forget, a Michigan fishing license is required to fish on Michigan lakes and waterways. You can purchase one at the bait shops or you can find it online.

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EQUIPMENT AND RENTALS

PIER 1000 BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN

Located conveniently in Benton Harbor, MI, Pier 1000 offers a variety of boat rentals ranging from a dinghy with outboard motor to 18.5-ft Bayliner and 24-ft Sea Ray Sun Deck. Renting options include Half-Day, Full Day, Three Days and Weekly options. Remember to review Michigan's boating laws before renting.

THIRD COAST PADDLING BENTON HARBOR/NEW BUFFALO, MICHIGAN

At Third Coast Paddling, you can rent a kayak or paddleboard and while you can't fish from them, you can definitely use them to get to some great spots along the river for fishing. Rental options include single and two-person kayaks as well as stand-up paddleboards (SUPs). All equipment including lifejackets and paddles are provided. Pick from four rental locations: Jean Klock Beach or New Buffalo Beach for excursions on Lake Michigan, or the Galien River or Paw Paw River sites for river paddling.



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TACKLE HAVEN BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN

Tackle Haven carries a vast variety of goods and equipment you can use in the great outdoors. From fishing clothing, boots, and waders to lures, rods, and reels, if it's related to fishing, chances are Tackle Haven has it.

FISHIN' HOLE ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

Fishin' Hole is a great shop to stop at for bait, tackle, DNR fishing licenses, and any other fishing supplies you might need. Booking services for fishing charters on Lake Michigan or the St. Joseph River are also available.



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CHIEF'S BAIT SHOP #1 MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

Chief's Bait carries a variety of lures, crappie rigs, perch rigs, sinkers, swivels, live bait buckets and more! It is open all year round so you can easily stock up on bait for some great fishing. Michigan City is about 50 minutes away from Andrews University.

THE GALIEN RIVER NEW BUFFALO, MICHIGAN

The Galien River is a good place for shore and wade fishing. You can find brown trout, carp, catfish, crappie, large or smallmouth bass, northern pike, sunfish, and yellow perch in the river. There is a public access site north of the intersection of Red Arrow Highway and U.S. 12 near New Buffalo.

GUIDED TRIPS BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Consider a guided fishing trip with experienced staff who will take you to the best spots on Lake Michigan or the St. Joseph River and help you reel in a great catch! They will provide you with all the bait and fishing equipment you need, and you can even get your fishing license on the boat. Check out Gold Coast Fishing Company, Originator Sport Fishing Charters, or Sea Hawk Charters to schedule your tour.

LAKE MICHIGAN BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN

Lake Michigan is known for a wealth of fishing opportunities including Chinook and Coho salmon, perch, steelhead, trout, and walleye fishing. You can get out onto the water right from Benton Harbor, making Lake Michigan a fantastic spot for those at Andrews University as it is just a short 25-minute drive away. Once out on the water, you are free to go in any direction you choose. Just be sure to keep track of your time and know the rip-tide and weather forecast for the day.

ST. JOSEPH PIER ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

If you don't have a boat, the pier in St. Joseph is the place for you! Conveniently located 30 minutes away and accessible from either Silver Beach or Tiscornia Park, you don't have to worry about any kind of boat rental. Just bring your fishing equipment, find a nice spot to settle down, and enjoy the fishing. You are most likely to catch lake perch, rainbow trout, brown trout, Coho salmon, Chinook salmon, whitefish or catfish. Use caution and keep off the pier during storms!

VISIT ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph is a quaint beach town poised atop a bluff overlooking Lake Michigan. Stroll down brick streets while you browse through unique art, antiques, clothing and giftware shops, or sample one of the many cafes or dining spots. Stretch out on Silver Beach, St. Joseph's sugar-sand beach stretching 1600 feet along the lake, and watch the sunset over St. Joseph's North Pier Lighthouse.

NORTH PIER LIGHTHOUSE

The iconic St. Joseph lighthouse is almost two hundred years old and is a scenic addition to the Lake Michigan landscape. Relax on the white sands of Silver Beach and look out toward the lake to enjoy a beautiful view of the lighthouse, or park at Tiscornia Park and walk out on the pier to admire the lighthouse up close. Use caution and common sense when walking out on the pier - do not venture on the pier when the weather is stormy and the waves are dangerously high!

SILVER BEACH CAROUSEL

Right near the edge of the Silver Beach entrance is a magnificent carousel. 48 unique and hand-carved horses and animals will delight you and make the perfect selfie backdrop as you and your friends go for a carousel ride.

STATE STREET

State Street is a center of activity for downtown St. Joseph. One-way brick streets are lined with shops and eateries. Try Buck's Burgers, Tim's Too, or Silver Beach Pizza for a tasty meal, and go to Kilwin's or the Chocolate Cafe for dessert. The Olive Cart has a branch here in St. Joseph for specialty oils and balsamics. Fuzzybutz Pet Bakery will keep your four-legged friends happy, and the various gift shops and galleries will keep you happily occupied if you like to window shop!

VISIT HOLLAND

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HOLLAND ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Holland's Dutch heritage is cherished in this delightful city, only 1 hour from Berrien Springs. In the spring, millions of tulips bloom throughout the city and are celebrated at the Tulip Time Festival. Dutch architecture is prevalent in downtown Holland, and Dutch delicacies are found in shops and eateries around town. You can learn how to Klompen dance at Nelis' Dutch Village, tour DeZwaan Windmill, visit DeKlomp Wooden Shoe & Delft Factory, or gaze in awe at the rows of tulips at Veldheer Tulip Farm. Visit their website at www.cityofholland.com



WINDMILL ISLAND GARDENS

Tour thirty-six acres of canals, dikes, and gardens filled with over 100,000 tulips blooming in springtime. Sample treats at the delectable DeZoete Haan Fudge Shop, or listen to the antique Amsterdam street organ. Don't miss touring an original 1761 Dutch windmill, De Zwaan, that still grinds wheat. Making a trip to the Windmill Island Gardens feels like a mini visit to the Netherlands.

NELIS' DUTCH VILLAGE

Learn about Dutch culture and visit a little piece of the Netherlands right here in Michigan. This charming Dutch village is filled with 30 structures with architecture representing different provinces in the Netherlands. Learn how to Klompen folk dance, watch a wooden shoe carving demonstration, and observe candles being transformed into beautiful works of art.

VELDHEER TULIP GARDENS AND DE KLOMP WOODEN SHOE & DELFT FACTORY

Holland's only tulip farm boasts over 5 MILLION tulips in their garden for you to wander through and enjoy. You can even purchase tulip bulbs to plant in your own garden. Once you're done gazing in wonder at the rows upon rows of tulips, visit De Klomp to admire the famous Delftware Dutch pottery and carven wooden shoes.

BIG RED LIGHTHOUSE

The best view of the iconic red lighthouse comes from Holland State Park, across the Holland Channel (the beacon sits on private property). Holland State Park also is famous for its expansive beach on Lake Michigan and Lake Macatawa. If you would like to camp, the park offers two types of campgrounds: shade or beach. Feeling like a good view? Head east of the state park to the towering Mount Pisgah Dune Boardwalk to climb 157 feet and enjoy breathtaking vistas of the beach and Big Red Lighthouse.

TUNNEL PARK

Named for the concrete tunnel that cuts through a sand dune, this park featured a beautiful beach, volleyball courts, picnic tables, and a playground. With 22 acres, it is a great place to sit and watch the sunset or have a picnic on the beach.

DUTCH TREATS

Located between downtown and the park, deBoer Bakkerij and Dutch Brothers Restaurant tempts diners with delicious pastries; the breakfasts are rave-worthy too. Fluffy Blue Raspberry Bliss Pancakes are as heavenly as they sound!



Image by Armand Poblete

VISIT SOUTH HAVEN

SOUTH HAVEN
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Although summer visits to South Haven will always be delightful whether you are sampling goods at the National Blueberry Festival or watching the light and music shows at the Musical Fountain (the largest of its kind in the world, open on select weekends and nights May-September), there is something lovely about visiting beautiful South Haven in springtime. Before hordes of tourists arrive and the beaches get busy, explore the town in peace and quiet just like a local. South Haven is less than an hour north of Berrien Springs, an easy drive for when you want to explore this beautiful beach town.

SOUTH PIER LIGHTHOUSE

The charming South Pier Lighthouse was constructed over 100 years ago. It is a picturesque South Haven landmark that makes the perfect backdrop for your pictures of Lake Michigan. The pier and lighthouse provide the perfect place to enjoy a beautiful sunset. Only a short walk from downtown South Haven, it is a great place to stroll to after a day of shopping or dining.

DOWNTOWN SHOPPING

Wander through the quaint shops of downtown South Haven to find the perfect gift for yourself or someone you love. Visit the original Olive Cart, featuring dozens of aged balsamics and oils. You will love The Blueberry Store filled with every blueberry product you can imagine, while Decadent Dogs will let you spoil your favorite dog. With antique stores, art galleries, gift shops, and more, you are sure to find a shop you love!

VAN BUREN STATE PARK

Just south of South Haven, about 40 minutes from Andrews University, is a lovely state park. With one mile of sandy beach and towering dune formations, it's a great place to relax on the sand or walk through the woodland trails. There is even a fairly large campground with picnic tables, fire rings, modern restrooms, and showers.

MARIA'S TASTE OF ITALY

Savor heaping plates of Fettuccine Alfredo, linguine topped with olive oil and shaved garlic, or gourmet Mediterranean Garden pizza at this delicious family-owned eatery.



Image by Visitors Bureau of South Haven



Image by Laura Malcolm

TAHQUAMENON FALLS
STATE PARK
UPPER PENINSULA, MICHIGAN

Admire the rush of water dropping nearly 50 feet at more than 200 feet across at the magnificent Tahquamenon Upper Falls. The Upper Falls is one of the largest waterfalls east of the Mississippi! During spring when the water is flowing strongly, the sight is sure to dazzle you. Four miles downstream, the picturesque Lower Falls cascade around a small island. The unique, clear, amber hue of the water is due to tannins leached from Cedar, Spruce, and Hemlock trees. The large amounts of foam caused by churning soft water is another trademark feature of the falls.



FESTIVALS

BLOSSOMTIME FESTIVAL BENTON HARBOR AND ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

This nearby festival celebrates the agricultural industry here in southwest Michigan. It is the state's oldest, largest multicomunity festival, and features the Grand Floral Parade, pageants, and the Run for the Buds 5k/10k

TULIP TIME HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

Come out to Holland in May and celebrate over 85 years of Tulip Time with more than 6 million tulips, a 19th century Dutch marktplaats, wooden shoe dancers, modern Delft art class, and multiple parades. Holland is only 1 hour away from Berrien Springs.

MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL SHEPHERD, MICHIGAN

Held the last full week of April each year, the Maple Syrup Festival is sure to sweeten your weekend! In addition to enjoying the pancakes and delicious maple syrup, check out the tractor pull, classic-car show, arts and crafts, and parade. Shepherd is 3 hours away from Andrews University.

NATIONAL MOREL MUSHROOM FESTIVAL BOYNE CITY, MICHIGAN

Food lovers will not want to miss a whole festival dedicated to showcasing this mushroom delicacy. Get a full serving of these flavorful fungi at Taste of Morels. Morel dishes, expert chefs, a mushroom seminar, and guided morel hunts are sure to keep your tastebuds happy and your knowledge of morels increasing! Boyne City is 4 hours and 30 minutes away from campus.



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ALMA HIGHLAND FESTIVAL ALMA, MICHIGAN

Clans keep Scottish traditions alive at this fantastic festival in late spring/early summer. There will be a Cèilidh, Scottish athletic competitions including the caber toss and Scottish hammer throw, piping and drumming, border collie exhibitions, and more! Alma is less than 3 hours away from Andrews University.

FORT MICHILIMACKINAC REENACTMENT PAGEANT MACKINAW CITY, MICHIGAN

The 1763 attack on Fort Michilimackinac comes alive with a cast of Native Americans, French Voyageurs and British Redcoats. Learn about this historic battle, and discover more about the way of life for residents of Northern Michigan in the 1760s. The reenactment takes place in late spring/early summer in Mackinaw City, about 5 hours north of Berrien Springs.

NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVAL ST. IGNACE, MICHIGAN UPPER PENINSULA

Come and learn more about the first Native Americans and the Ojibwa culture with drumming, native dancing, food, music and cultural demonstrations. The festival takes place in late spring/early summer on the grounds of the Museum of Ojibwa Culture in St Ignace, just over 5 hours away from Berrien Springs.



CONCERTS & PLAYS

Image by Christa McConnell

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER ANDREWS UNIVERSITY, BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

This beautiful venue, known for its wonderful acoustics, presents classical and Christian performing artists right here on the Andrews University campus. Past performers have included Gungor, Sophie Milman, the Vienna Boys Choir, Avalon, Fernando Ortega, and Chanticleer.

KALAMAZOO STATE THEATRE KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

The State Theatre has been a fixture in downtown Kalamazoo since 1927. The early roots of the theatre were found in the Vaudevillian tradition of performance. Designed by renowned architect John Ebersson, you are sure to enjoy the atmosphere of the classic architecture. Featured performers have included comedian Brian Regan, Brad Paisley, Irish band Altan, Allisan Krauss, Gordon Lightfoot, Jo Dee Messina, Rascal Flatts, and the Beach Boys.

BECKWITH THEATRE COMPANY DOWAGIAC, MICHIGAN

Beckwith Theatre performs a variety of plays throughout each year. The theatre itself has an interesting history, as it was the most splendid contribution to early Dowagiac social life. It attracted an impressive array of national talent including the famous singer, Lillian Russell, as well as John Philip Sousa, who directed a rousing performance. These days, if you're looking for a great local theatre experience, Beckwith Theatre Company is where you want to go.

BROADWAY CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Broadway in Chicago lights up the Chicago Theater District entertaining well over 1.7 million people annually across five theatres. Broadway in Chicago is best known for attracting pre-Broadway productions, including *Movin' Out*, *The Addams Family*, and *Big Fish*, as well as long-run engagements including *Wicked*, Disney's *The Lion King*, and *Billy Elliot The Musical*, to name a few.



ART GALLERIES

Image by Heidi Ramirez

SMITH HALL GALLERY ANDREWS UNIVERSITY, BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

The Smith Hall Art & Design Gallery, located right here on Andrews University's campus, is a great place to view exhibitions both from rotating artists and our own Andrews University faculty and students.

SOUTH BEND MUSEUM OF ART SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Housed in downtown South Bend's Century Center, the South Bend Museum of Art features a full spectrum of historical and contemporary art featured in five galleries. Learn about the art, history and culture of the region by wandering through the permanent collection, which features the work of historical and contemporary regional artists. The museum's shop, the Dot Shop, offers art created by local and regional artists. You can even sign up for an art class on the side here in a variety of media such as painting, drawing, weaving and more!

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MEXICAN ART CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Come to The National Museum of Mexican Art and immerse yourself in the richness of Mexican art and culture. As one of the largest Mexican art collections in the United States, the museum houses 10,000 permanent pieces in its collection spanning 3,000 years of creativity.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHY CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

As the leading photography museum in the Midwest, the Museum of Contemporary Photography is a great place to view projects and exhibitions with works that embrace a wide range of contemporary aesthetics and technologies. It collaborates with artists, photographers, communities and institutions locally, nationally, and internationally. The museum is located on the campus of Columbia College Chicago.



CURIOUS KIDS' MUSEUM
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

Voted as the "Best Museum" and "Best Place To Take Kids" by the Herald Palladium newspaper and Lakeshore Magazine, Curious Kids' Museum is a highly stimulating educational environment where kids are encouraged to discover, wonder and awe at science, technology, history and culture.

MUSEUMS

THE HISTORY MUSEUM AND OLIVER MANSION
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

The Oliver mansion is one of three historic houses owned by The History Museum. The elegant 38-room Oliver Mansion, built in 1895-1896, was once home to the J.D. Oliver family. Enjoy the authentic furniture and ambiance that gives you a glimpse of how the mansion appeared during the 72 years the Oliver family lived there.

MARY'S CITY OF DAVID MUSEUM AND TOURS
BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN

Listed upon the National Register of Historic Places in America, Mary's City of David Museum provides a unique and in-depth look at 100 years of progress with roots dating back to post-Elizabethan England and Jane Lead's Philadelphian society. Features include Eastman Springs, vintage baseball, and an impressive collection of vernacular architecture.

MEYER MAY HOUSE
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Meticulously restored, the Meyer May house offers a rare opportunity to experience a Prairie house exactly as Frank Lloyd Wright envisioned it.

GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC MUSEUM
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Explore a museum filled with discovery and inspiration from science, history and culture. Watch a show in the Planetarium, tour a visiting exhibit, or delve into one of the permanent collections of automobiles, furniture, fossils, and beyond.

MOTOWN MUSEUM
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Stand in Studio A where the Supremes, the Temptations, and other Motown artists recorded their hits. Tour the upper flat where Motown Records' founder lived in the company's early days, and examine an extensive array of Motown artifacts and photos.



CONCERTS/ PLAYS

MENDEL CENTER
BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN
www.themendelcenter.com

MORRIS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
www.morriscenter.org

SOUTH BEND CIVIC THEATER
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
www.sbct.org

BARN SWALLOW THEATRE
EDWARDSBURG, MICHIGAN
www.barnswallowtheatre.com

HOUSE OF BLUES
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
www.houseofblues.com/chicago

CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
www.cso.org

CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE THEATER
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
www.chicagoshakes.com

ART GALLERIES

HARRIGAN HALL GALLERY
ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

SNITE MUSEUM OF ART
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
www.sniteartmuseum.nd.edu

SOUTH BEND MUSEUM OF ART
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
www.southbendart.org

GRAND RAPIDS ART MUSEUM
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN
www.artmuseumgr.org

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
www.mcachicago.org

ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
www.artic.edu

MUSEUMS

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

SIEGFRIED H. HORN MUSEUM
BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN
www.andrewsarchaeology.org

STUDEBAKER MUSEUM
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
www.studebakermuseum.org

POTAWATOMI ZOO
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
www.potawatomizoo.org

HISTORIC ADVENTIST VILLAGE
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN
www.adventistheritage.org

HENRY FORD MUSEUM
DEARBORN, MICHIGAN
www.thehenryford.org

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
www.msichicago.org

LINCOLN PARK ZOO
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
www.lpzoo.org

THE FIELD MUSEUM
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
www.fieldmuseum.org

CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
www.chicagohistory.org

SHEDD AQUARIUM
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
www.sheddaquarium.org

PLAY IT

Although Andrews University Cardinal Men's or Women's Basketball Teams are formed in the fall, you can expect to be playing ball throughout the winter and into early spring if you make the team. Both the Men's and Women's teams compete in the USCAA Division II.

If you aren't serious enough of a player to join the team but still want to play, organize or join one of the intramural teams with games typically scheduled in March and April.

Visit www.aucardinals.com for more information about joining or forming a team.

WATCH COLLEGIATE

If you are a fan of collegiate basketball, you know that both late winter and early spring are fantastic times to watch basketball with March Madness approaching. Grab some tickets to one of the talented nearby collegiate teams. The Fighting Irish at Notre Dame are only 40 minutes away, or head out to the Michigan State Spartans (2-hour drive), University of Michigan Wolverines (2.5-hour drive), Purdue University Boilermakers (Lafayette, IN, 2.5-hour drive), Illinois University Fighting Illini (Champaign, IL, 3-hour drive), or the ever-popular Indiana University Hoosiers (Bloomington, IN, 4-hour drive). The Wisconsin Badgers in Madison, WI are 4.5 hours away, while Ohio State Buckeyes are 4.5 hours to the southeast. And of course, our Andrews University Cardinals Teams are right here in Berrien Springs!



BASKETBALL

WATCH THE PRO'S

There are quite a few professional basketball teams within driving distance of Andrews University. Check out:

- The Chicago Bulls in Chicago, IL (2-hour drive)
- The Detroit Pistons in Detroit, MI (3-hour drive)
- The Indiana Pacers in Indianapolis, IN (3-hour drive)
- The Milwaukee Bucks in Milwaukee, WI (3-hour drive)
- The Cavaliers in Cleveland, OH (4-hour drive)

Alternatively, you can watch one of the American Basketball Association (semi-professional "minor" league) with teams across Michiana like the Kalamazoo Cobras, Grand Rapids Danger, and South Bend Northern Indiana Monarchs.

Image by Jonathan Logan

PLAY IT

Join or form a team to play in the Andrews University Cardinals Softball Intramurals games. You'll have a great time playing with friends, without the pressure or time commitments of a formal team. Alternatively, go out to our softball pitch to play pick-up games with friends.

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

WATCH THE PRO'S

If you'd like to attend a professional baseball game, there are several nearby teams you can choose from!

- The Chicago White Sox in Chicago, IL (2-hour drive)
- The Chicago Cubs in Chicago (2-hour drive)
- The Detroit Tigers in Detroit (3-hour drive)
- The Milwaukee Brewers in Milwaukee, WI (3-hour drive)
- The Cleveland Indians in Cleveland (4-hour drive)

There are also nearby Minor League Baseball teams that can provide you with an entertaining game. Check out the South Bend Cubs just across the border in Indiana, the West Michigan Whitecaps, Lansing Lugnuts, or Great Lakes Loons teams in Michigan, the Peoria Chiefs or Kane County Cougars in Illinois, or Fort Wayne TinCaps, also in Indiana.

WATCH COLLEGIATE

There are also plenty of collegiate baseball teams within driving distance. Check the baseball teams at these following universities if you want to catch a great collegiate baseball game.

- Notre Dame Fighting Irish, Notre Dame, IN (30-minute drive)
- University of Michigan Wolverines, Ann Arbor, MI (2.5-hour drive)
- Michigan State University Spartans, Lansing, MI (2-hour drive)
- Purdue University Boilermakers, Lafayette, IN (2.5-hour drive)
- Indiana University Hoosiers, Bloomington, IN (4-hour drive)
- Illinois University Fighting Illini, Champaign, IL (3-hour drive)
- Illinois State University Redbirds, Normal, IL (3.5-hour drive)

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EASTER

Image by Brian Tagalog

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY PASSION PLAY ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

It's easy to get caught up in all of the chocolate bunnies, Easter eggs, decorations, and Peeps. However, remember that the focus on this season should be on Jesus and the story of His sacrifice and resurrection. Attending a Passion Play is a wonderful way to immerse yourself in the story of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, and to reflect on the hope that this gives us.

Andrews University hosts a Passion Play, usually every other year, around Easter. Follow the story by walking from scene to scene across campus. See the Last Supper play out before your eyes and walk through the Marketplace where you can sample food, pet live animals, see Hebrew dancing, and watch Jesus make His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Follow the disciples as they see Jesus' betrayal, watch Pontius Pilate wash his hands and release Barrabas, mourn at Jesus' crucifixion, and celebrate His resurrection. May you walk away from this event with a new appreciation of the sacrifice that Jesus made for you.

EASTER CHORALE CONCERT ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Attend Andrews University's annual Easter Chorale Concert at the Howard Performing Arts center. You will be blessed by music performed by the select choir, the Andrews University Singers, and by the larger Andrews University Chorale Ensemble, as part of a special Easter performance.



WATCH AN EASTER MOVIE

Get comfortable, make some popcorn, and settle down to watch some of your old favorite Eastertime movies. "Ben Hur" (1959) is a beautiful, award-winning story telling of betrayal, slavery, revenge, healing, and freedom. "The Robe" (1953) won two Oscars for its tale of a Roman tribune who wins the robe of Jesus and slowly learns about the Son of God afterward. "The Ten Commandments" (1956) might not be about Jesus' death and resurrection, but it is a classic film to watch at Easter. For a longer movie marathon, "The Visual Bible: The Gospel of John" (2003) tells the story of Jesus' life word-for-word from biblical text. "The Gospel of John" (2015) is another word-for-word adaptation of the book of John. "The Gospel According to Matthew" tells the story from Matthew's view, while "Visual Bible: Acts" walks through the events of Acts. On a lighter note, pull out Veggie Tales' Easter collection of "Twas the Night Before Easter" and "An Easter Carol." "Rack, Shack, and Benny" also tells an entertaining tale and might encourage you to cut back on the sweets this Easter season!

PAINT EASTER EGGS

If you enjoy crafts and DIY, you will probably enjoy painting Easter eggs!

First, boil your eggs. You don't want to accidentally break an egg and have runny egg all over you! Next, get creative with your egg decoration. You can look to Pinterest or sites like Better Homes and Gardens for inspiration, or create your own beautiful designs.

Ideas could include Tissue Paper Eggs with decorative edges or zigzags cut from colorful tissue paper, Melted Crayola Eggs with crayon designs melted to each egg, Watercolor Eggs with painted colors, Scrapbooked Eggs with scrapbooking stickers and materials, or Natural Elements Eggs colored with beet juice, turmeric, and purple cabbage. The possibilities are endless!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Egg hunts are great if you have kids who will love running all around the lawn finding eggs filled with candy, toys, and other goodies hidden in the grass, under rocks, and in the bushes. Look in the local news and events to find a nearby Easter Egg hunt that fits you and your family's schedule, or make your own in the backyard.

If you're feeling ambitious, consider organizing an Easter Egg hunt for adults! You could give out better prizes (think quality chocolate and candy, money, chapstick, tea bags, gift cards, gum, headphones, etc.), play in the dark with flashlights, throw a fitness egg hunt where plastic eggs are filled with various exercises (for example, "do 5 push-ups"), a selfie-challenge where eggs are filled with names of something you have to take a picture of (making a funny face, a tree, a flower, cracking an egg over your head, etc.), or have a larger award for whoever found the most eggs. You can make sure eggs are camouflaged, well-hidden, or in hard-to-reach places, or put a competitive time limit on the hunt to make things more interesting.



Image by Gerald Paul New

EASTER CHOCOLATE

Who doesn't like to splurge on a little Easter chocolate? Of course, the sales and selections at the local grocery stores always make for a tasty treat, and Target has a beautiful selection of chocolate.

If you're looking for a truly delectable Easter chocolate experience, visit one of the local businesses that specialize in quality chocolate. Veni's Sweet Shop in Niles, Michigan sells delicious, artisan, hand-dipped chocolates made from only the finest, freshest ingredients. Kilwin's in St. Joseph, Michigan offers chocolates and caramels hand-crafted directly in their kitchen in Petoskey, Michigan. The South Bend Chocolate Company, with branches in both St. Joseph, Michigan and South Bend, Indiana, make handmade gourmet chocolates and confections that will melt in your mouth. Visit the award-winning Chocolate Garden, 30 minutes up the road in Coloma, Michigan, for extraordinary truffles that have earned them the title of "Best Chocolatier in America" by America's Best Online and the "Most Ravishing Online Chocolatier" by Elle Magazine.

LOCAL DINING



INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR ANDREWS UNIVERSITY, BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

With a ranking of top ten in the USA for international diversity, it's no surprise that Andrews University offers an absolutely fabulous International Food Fair.

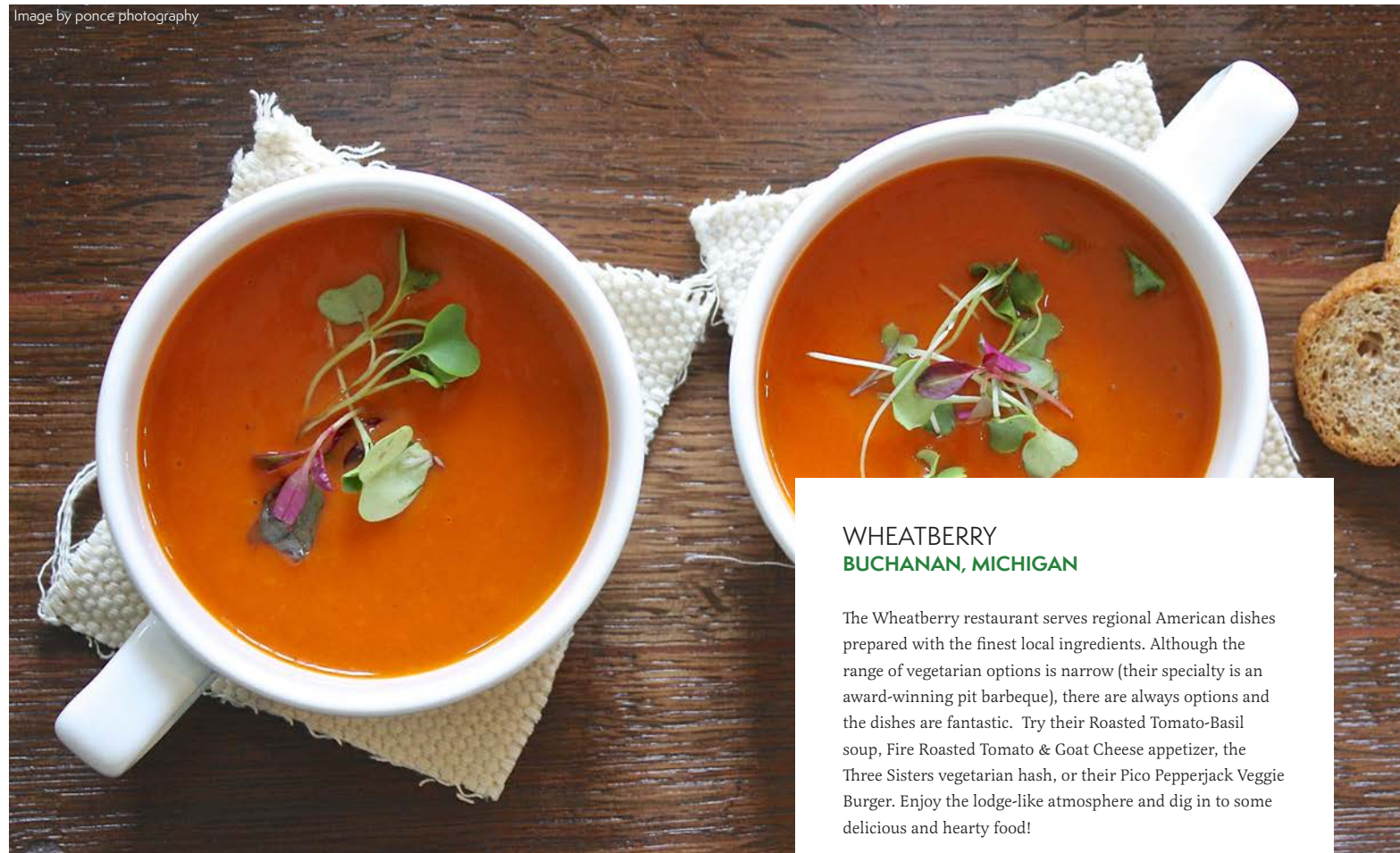
Each spring, ethnic clubs and booths representing various countries prepare delicious international entrees and dishes that you can sample and experience. Don't miss the culinary delights offered by the Korean Club, Peruvian Club, Brazilian Club, Indian Club, and Haitian Club, among others. Tickets are available at the door, and prices (paid in ticket amounts at each booth) will vary from booth to booth.



MASON JAR CAFÉ BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN

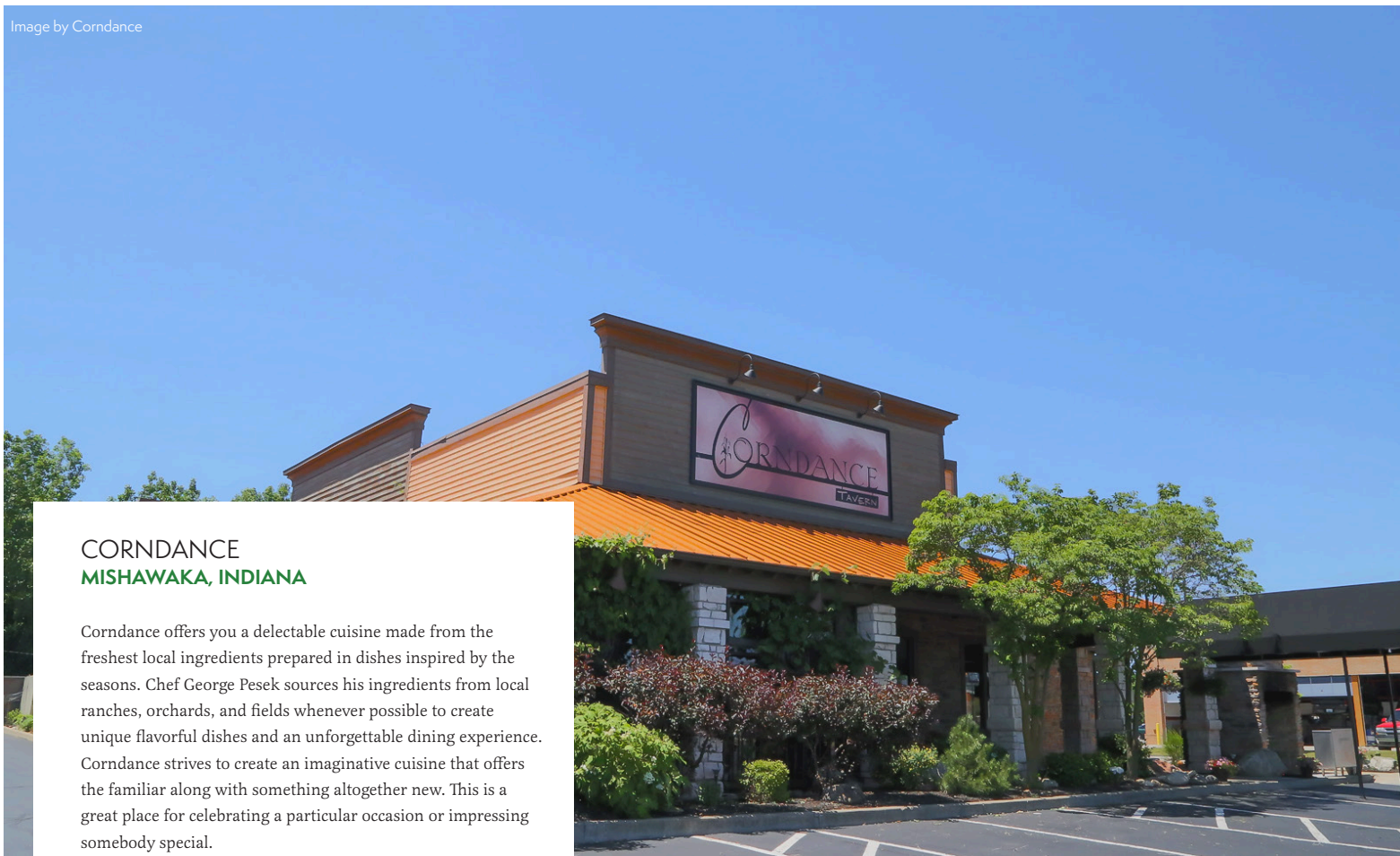
The Mason Jar Cafe was born from the love of fresh, local and handmade food. The menu reflects changes on a seasonal basis, and the Mason Jar Cafe serves as much local and organic product as possible. Everything is made from scratch, and you can even talk to the chefs which allows for a very personal and homestyle dining experience. If menu items like Organic Broccoli Omelet, Goat Cheese and Grit Cakes, and Cinnamon Challa Bread Stuffed French Toast leave you salivating at the mouth, you must try the Mason Jar Cafe!

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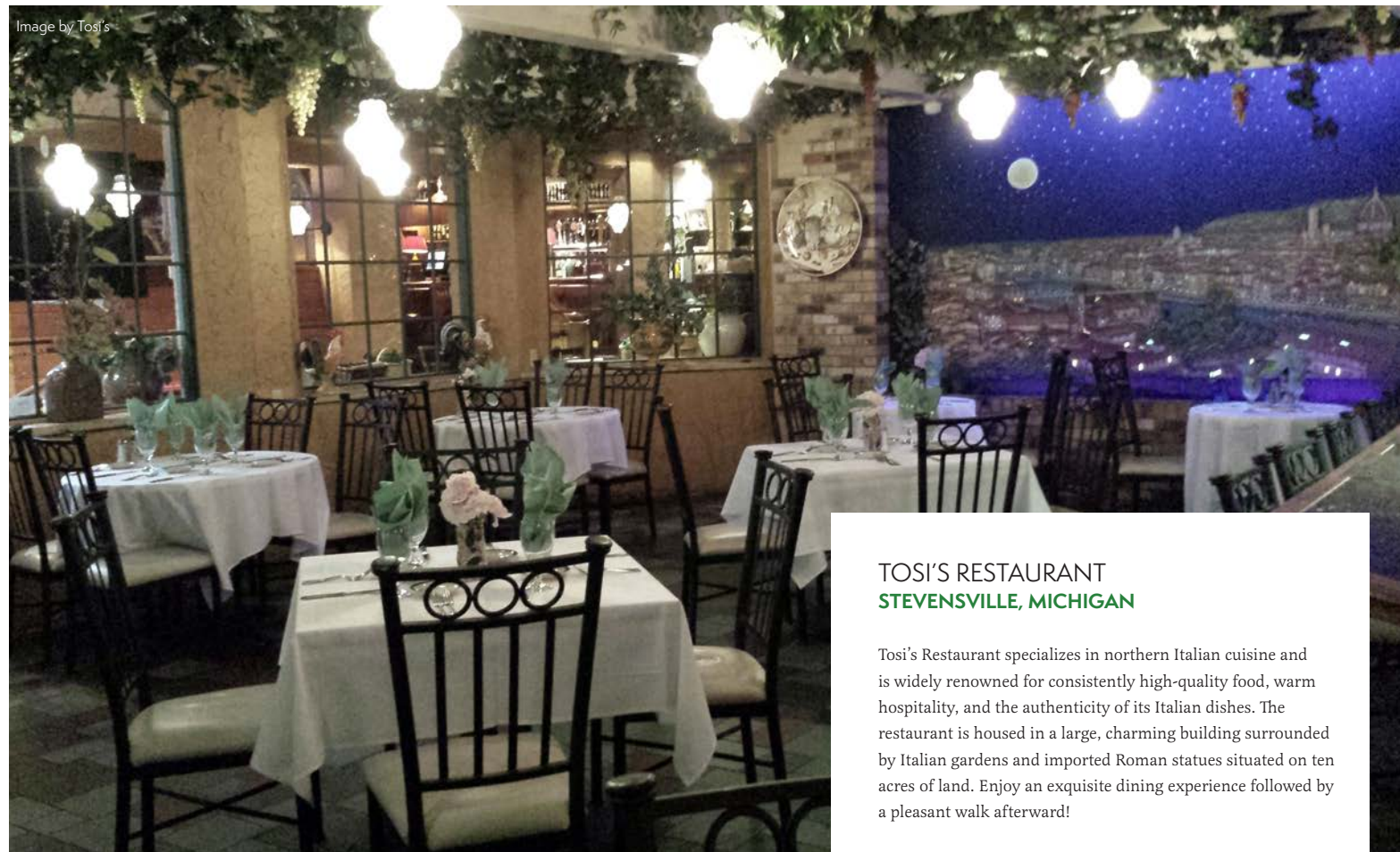
WHEATBERRY BUCHANAN, MICHIGAN

The Wheatberry restaurant serves regional American dishes prepared with the finest local ingredients. Although the range of vegetarian options is narrow (their specialty is an award-winning pit barbecue), there are always options and the dishes are fantastic. Try their Roasted Tomato-Basil soup, Fire Roasted Tomato & Goat Cheese appetizer, the Three Sisters vegetarian hash, or their Pico Pepperjack Veggie Burger. Enjoy the lodge-like atmosphere and dig in to some delicious and hearty food!



CORNDANCE
MISHAWAKA, INDIANA

Corndance offers you a delectable cuisine made from the freshest local ingredients prepared in dishes inspired by the seasons. Chef George Pesek sources his ingredients from local ranches, orchards, and fields whenever possible to create unique flavorful dishes and an unforgettable dining experience. Corndance strives to create an imaginative cuisine that offers the familiar along with something altogether new. This is a great place for celebrating a particular occasion or impressing somebody special.



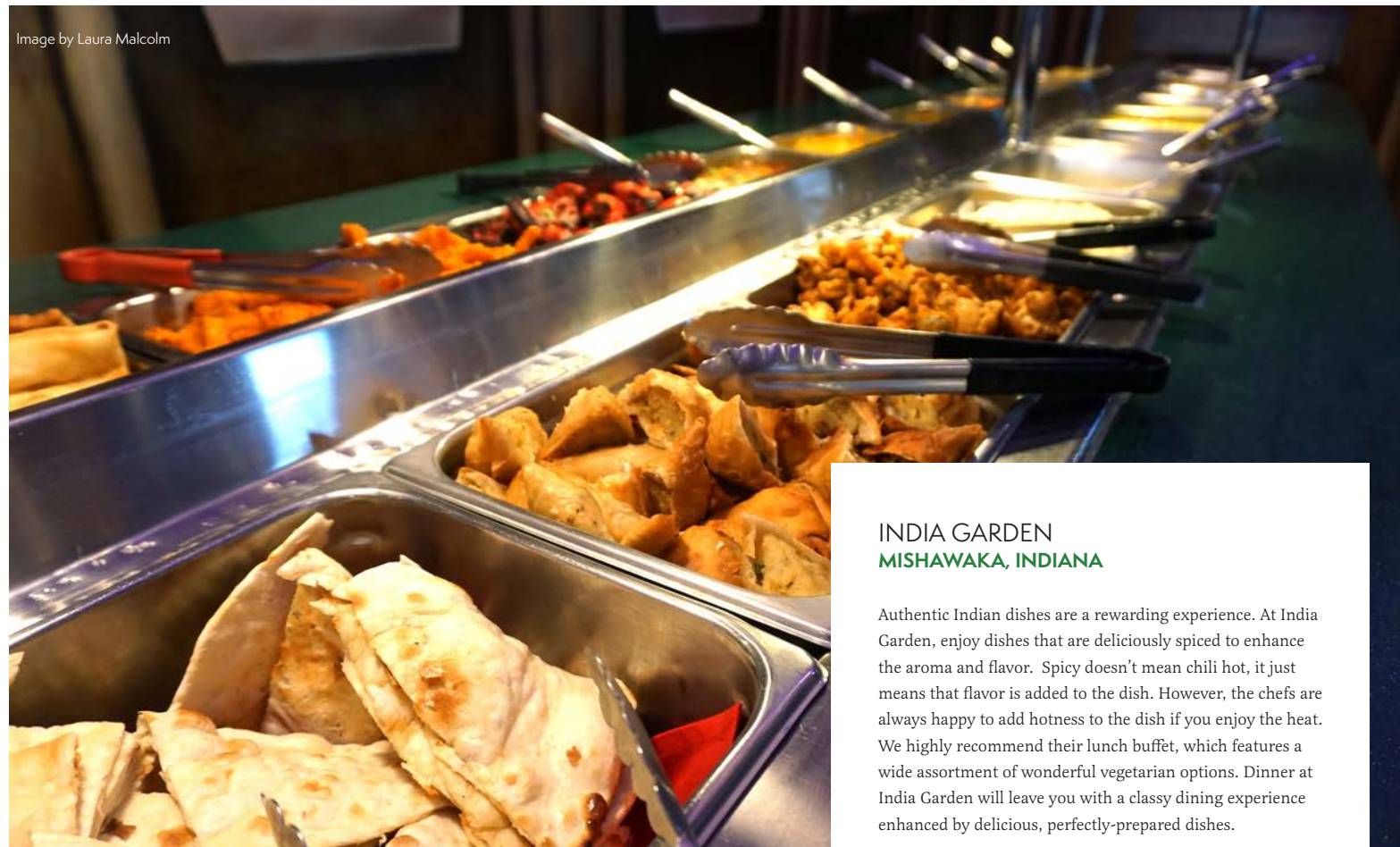
TOSI'S RESTAURANT
STEVENSVILLE, MICHIGAN

Tosi's Restaurant specializes in northern Italian cuisine and is widely renowned for consistently high-quality food, warm hospitality, and the authenticity of its Italian dishes. The restaurant is housed in a large, charming building surrounded by Italian gardens and imported Roman statues situated on ten acres of land. Enjoy an exquisite dining experience followed by a pleasant walk afterward!



PIERRE ANNE CREPERIE
NEW BUFFALO, MICHIGAN

Pierre Anne is a New Buffalo landmark for fine European crepes, soups, and salads. This family-operated creperie offers a comfortable and casual setting located within a lovely Victorian home that's over one hundred years old. It is perfect for Sunday Brunch or any occasion when you'd like to enjoy fine food, art, and a great ambiance.



INDIA GARDEN
MISHAWAKA, INDIANA

Authentic Indian dishes are a rewarding experience. At India Garden, enjoy dishes that are deliciously spiced to enhance the aroma and flavor. Spicy doesn't mean chili hot, it just means that flavor is added to the dish. However, the chefs are always happy to add hotness to the dish if you enjoy the heat. We highly recommend their lunch buffet, which features a wide assortment of wonderful vegetarian options. Dinner at India Garden will leave you with a classy dining experience enhanced by delicious, perfectly-prepared dishes.

DIRECTORY

AMERICAN

CAITLIN'S CAFE
BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN
Delectable Sam's "Chicken," melt-in-your-mouth potatoes, and homemade curry on an all-you-can-eat buffet.

WHEATBERRY
BUCHANAN, MICHIGAN
Delicious regional American cuisines prepared with fine local ingredients.

CORN DANCE
MISHAWAKA, INDIANA
Upscale dining experience specializing in tasty "farm-to-fork" dishes.

CHILE'S
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

CRACKER BARREL
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

GOLDEN CORRAL
MISHAWAKA, INDIANA

SANDWICHES/ BURGERS

CAFE 31
BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN
Great vegetarian sandwich options and smoothies.

THE BUCK BURGERS
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN
Try their amazing sweet potato fries along with a quality sandwich.

RED ROBIN
MISHAWAKA, INDIANA
Bottomless fries!

BAGUETTE DE FRANCE
BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN
Renowned gourmet sandwiches served on crispy baguettes.

BREAKFAST

NIKKI'S CAFE
BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN
Small-town joint which serves a great breakfast (lots of vegetarian options) and classic American lunch.

HOPPERS
BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN
Hole-in-the-wall restaurant with great pancakes!

THE MASON JAR CAFE
BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN
Amazing farm-fresh breakfast and lunch fare. Stuffed French Toast? Organic Broccoli Omelet? You simply MUST try it!

HOB NOB
NILES, MICHIGAN
Diner with great breakfast options - try their pancakes, omelettes, skillet, or splurge on a large apple pancake.

UPTOWN KITCHEN
GRANGER, INDIANA
Wonderful spot for breakfast or brunch with high-quality, locally sourced dishes.

TIPPECANOE
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
If you want a fancy Sunday brunch set in a historic mansion to impress, this is where you want to go.

IHOP
BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN
International House of Pancakes... enough said!



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SWEETS/ BAKERIES

KILWINS
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN
Old-fashioned store with ice cream, caramel apples, fudge, and sweets.

VENI VENI'S
NILES, MICHIGAN
Renowned for their caramel apples and chocolates.

CAFE TOSI'S
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN
Sandwiches served on Bit of Swiss bread and gourmet desserts.

BIT OF SWISS
STEVENSVILLE, MICHIGAN
Award-winning artisan bakery with breads and pain au chocolat that will transport you to Paris!

URBAN SWIRL
GRANGER, INDIANA
Frozen yogurt with the best flavors and toppings in Michiana!

RISE N' ROLL
MISHAWAKA, INDIANA
Amish bakery with donuts to die for!

COLDSTONE CREAMERY
MISHAWAKA, INDIANA
Ice cream chain offering ice cream mixed with toppings on a granite slab.

PIZZA

ROMA'S PIZZERIA
BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN
Tasty hole-in-the-wall local pizzeria.

SILVER BEACH PIZZA
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN
Come and taste the flavor of Southwest Michigan's voted best pizza.

JET'S PIZZA
ST. JOSEPH/MISHAWAKA
Michigan-started chain with great pizza. Turbo flavorize the crust for an extra blast of flavor.

PIZZA HUT
BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

PIZZERIA UNO
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Visit the original location on Ohio Street for mouthwatering Chicago-style pizza.

LOU MALNATI'S
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Classic, Chicago-Style deep dish pizza

GIORDANO'S
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Famous stuffed deep dish pizza

GINO'S EAST
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Known for Chicago-style deep dish pizza.



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ITALIAN

PAPA VINO'S
ST. JOSEPH/MISHAWAKA
This local chain will satisfy your Italian cravings with delicious dishes.

TOSI'S
STEVENSVILLE, MICHIGAN
Incredible gourmet Italian cuisine.

CARMELA'S AT MACRI'S
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
Authentic Italian bistro full of classics.

OLIVE GARDEN
MISHAWAKA, INDIANA
National chain Italian restaurant.

MIDDLE-EASTERN

LA PITA
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN
Delicious Lebanese food. We love their Baba Ghanouge. Their pita sandwiches are always a great option, especially Hommus & Grape Leaves or Falafel!

CAFE GULISTAN
HARBERT, MICHIGAN
Fantastic fine Kurdish cuisine with plenty of wonderful vegetarian choices.

ELIA'S
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
Family-owned restaurant serving quality, delicious Lebanese dishes.

ALADDIN'S EATERY
MISHAWAKA, INDIANA
Lebanese-American chain offering tasty rolled pitas, falafels, and more.

EAST ASIAN

BEIJING PALACE
BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN
Small American-Chinese restaurant with a cheap lunch buffet!

HOT WOK
NILES, MICHIGAN
Popular Chinese spot for eat-in and take-out.

HO PING GARDEN
NILES, MICHIGAN
Tasty Chinese restaurant with great sushi.

TIM'S TOO
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN
Delicious, casual Asian grill restaurant with fantastic customizable options.

FLATTOP GRILL
MISHAWAKA, INDIANA
Great local Asian grill chain where you customize your stir-fry dish.

HANA YORI OF JAPAN
MISHAWAKA, INDIANA
Japanese grill & sushi house where chefs entertain guests at each table.

SEOUL GARDEN
MISHAWAKA, INDIANA
Korean and Japanese cuisine.

SUNNY'S KOREAN RESTAURANT
MISHAWAKA, INDIANA
Casual dining with traditional Korean dishes.

CHINN CHINN ASIAN BISTRO
MATTAWAN, MICHIGAN
Voted Michigan's Best Asian Restaurant. Need we say more?

THAI

CAMBODIAN THAI
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
Amazing Thai cuisine. What can we say? We love this place! Beware though: when they say spicy, they mean it, so err on the mild side when ordering off their spice scale!

BAN THAI
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN
Tasty Thai cuisine with friendly service.

NOODLE ALLEY
MISHAWAKA, INDIANA
Serving favorite Thai dishes.

MEXICAN/CENTRAL AMERICAN

LA PERLA
BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN
Fantastic hole-in-the-wall Mexican food with rave reviews.

TAQUERIA DON CHEPE
NILES, MICHIGAN
Authentic, tasty Mexican dishes.

LA ESPERANZA
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
Offering a variety of Mexican options.

GIRASOL
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
Salvadoran cuisines known for its papusas and horchata. Bring cash as they don't accept credit cards.

SALSA'S MEXICAN GRILL
MISHAWAKA, INDIANA
Typical midwest Mexican restaurant with great made-to-order guacamole.



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INDIAN

INDIA GARDEN
MISHAWAKA, INDIANA
This is our go-to choice for Indian food. They've expanded their lunch buffet and offer tons of delicious vegetarian options.

MEMORIES OF INDIA
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN
Delicious Indian cuisine with a great lunch buffet option.

FAST FOOD

SUBWAY
BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

TACO BELL
BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

MCDONALD'S
BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

WENDY'S
NILES/ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

JIMMY JOHN'S
NILES/ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

PANERA BREAD
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

FIVE GUYS
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

BURGER KING
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

MOE'S
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

QDOBA
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