



Shopping in Ann Arbor an insiders' guide

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Shopping as a Student

Welcome!

Please write on your note card:

- 2-3 things you are interested in getting out of this workshop
- 5 things you need to shop for in the coming weeks
- Whether you have children with you in the U.S.

We'll collect the card from you. Keep the blank paper to write ?s during workshop.



Workshop Outline

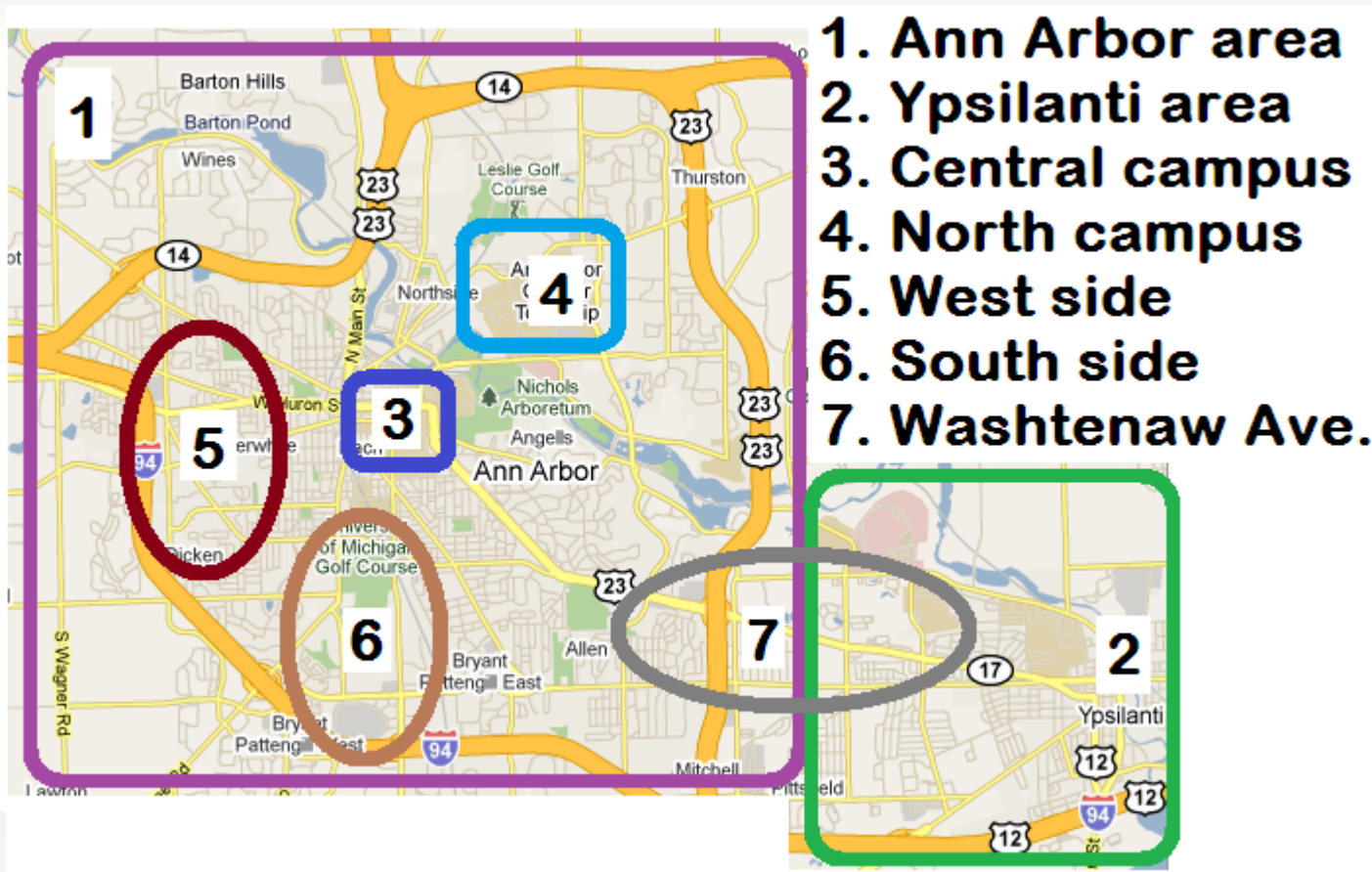
- I. Main Commercial Districts
- II. Basics of Daily Living
- III. Saving Money & Shopping Tips
- IV. Transportation



PART I

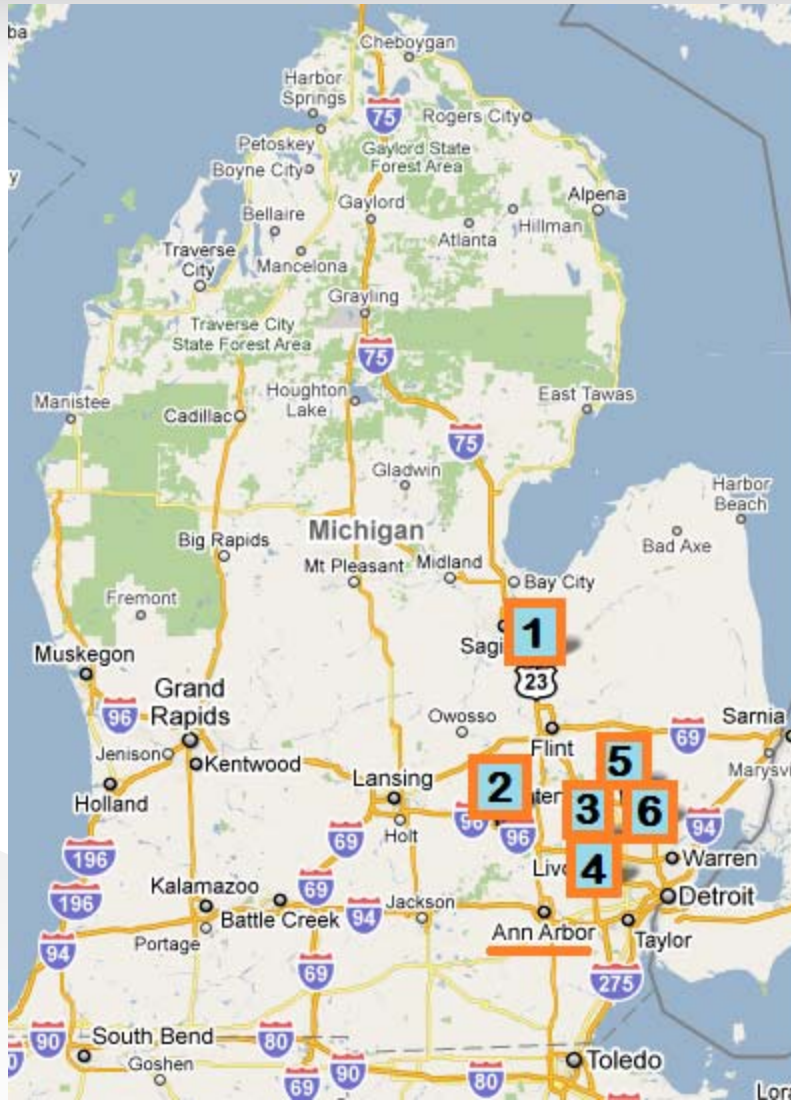
Main Commercial Districts

In and Around Ann Arbor



- 1. Ann Arbor area**
- 2. Ypsilanti area**
- 3. Central campus**
- 4. North campus**
- 5. West side**
- 6. South side**
- 7. Washtenaw Ave.**

Other Popular Destinations



- 1. Prime Outlet, Birch Run**
- 2. Tanger Outlet, Howell**
- 3. Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi**
- 4. IKEA, Canton**
- 5. Great Lakes Crossing (outlet), Auburn Hills**
- 6. Somerset Collection (mall), Troy**



Find Stores & Services

- Word-of-Mouth (“Know a good place for...?”)
- Local Publications:
 - Observer, MI Daily, annarbor.com
- International Student Groups’ Websites
 - Chinese, Indian, Singaporean, Thai, Taiwanese
- Think Local First (thinklocalfirst.net)

Search Online

Google maps

bicycles ann arbor





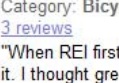
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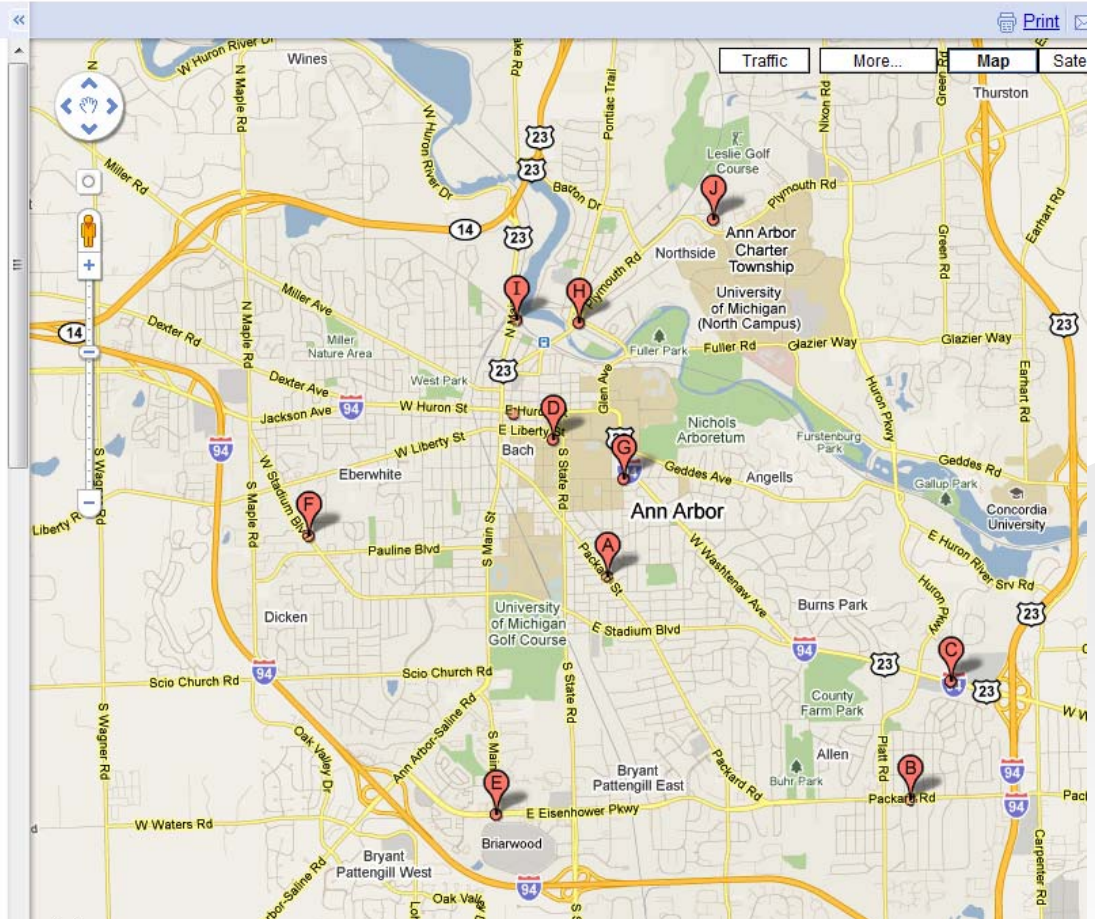
Show search options

Get Directions My Maps

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bicycles near Ann Arbor, MI

- A Ann Arbor Cyclery**  [- more info >](#)
 1200 Packard Street, Ann Arbor, MI - (734) 761-2749
 Category: Bicycle Repair Shop
 ★★★★★ 25 reviews
 "I'm a petit woman, and when I went into this store (the one on Packard) the ..."
- B Two Wheel Tango**  [- more info >](#)
 3162 Packard St, Ann Arbor, MI - (734) 528-3030
 Category: Bicycle Fitting
 ★★★★★ 22 reviews - 1 coupon
 "They have the best selection of women's bikes I've ever seen!"
- C Wheels In Motion**  [- more info >](#)
 3400 West Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI - (734) 971-2121
 Category: Bicycle Shop
 ★★★★★ 6 reviews
 "This review is for the shop. These guys know what they are doing."
- D Campus Student Bike Shop**  [- more info >](#)
 336 Maynard Street, Ann Arbor, MI - (734) 327-6949
 ★★★★★ 30 reviews
 "Worst bike shop in Ann Arbor, without doubt. They sell crap, overpriced, and ..."
- E REI - Ann Arbor**  [- more info >](#)
 970 West Eisenhower Parkway, Ann Arbor, MI - (734) 827-1938
 Category: Bicycles
 3 reviews
 "When REI first opened, I had never actually heard of it. I thought great ..."





Know Your Resources

- Other orientation workshops
- I-Center website > Life in Ann Arbor

SEARCH INTERNATIONAL CENTER: 

- Housing, banking, phones, U.S. sizes, health
- Campus Info Center (umich.edu/~info)
- Ratings/Reviews: ConsumerSearch, ConsumerReports, epinions, yelp
- General Info: ConsumerAction.gov



PART II

Basics of Daily Living



Buy the Food You Love

- Supermarkets (Kroger, Meijer, Walmart)
- Specialty (Plum Market, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods)
- Ethnic/International
- Farmers Markets (Kerrytown, West Side)
- Discount (Dollar Tree, Big Lots)
- Convenience/"Corner" Stores, Gas Stations & Small Markets



Students: Save on Textbooks

- Textbooks vs. Coursepacks
- Buy Used
- Prepare in Advance
- Refund Policies
- School Supplies





Stay Warm this Winter

- Bundle up!
- -15° F (-26° C) is not unusual
- Prepare for several inches of snow on ground & icy winds
- Buy off-campus for variety, less costly apparel
- Dress in layers to adjust to changes in temperature



Shop Smart for Winter

JACKET / OVERCOAT



A thick jacket covers down to hips; covers ears & head.



An overcoat covers down to knees.



ACCESSORIES

Material: Wool/Leather/GoreTex
Hat, gloves, scarf



Ear muffs



Boots for walking in snow

Soles have treads for additional traction. Shoe is sealed to prevent snow & water from leaking in.



PART III

Saving Money & Shopping Tips

Know Before You Go

- Michigan sales tax is 6%
 - Typically NOT incl. on sticker
- Pricing & negotiation
- Be aware of:
 - Return policies
 - Warranties
- Ways to pay (cash, check, card...)
- Bottle deposits & return
- Busy hours





Be Smart & Save Money

- Discounts
 - Holidays (4th of July, day after Thanksgiving) and end of the season
 - Clearance/discount racks or sections
 - Sales, coupons, shopper cards, M-card
- Comparison shop, be choosy
- Consider:
 - Shopping used or online
 - Can you borrow or rent it instead?



Shop Used to Save \$

- Privately-Owned
 - Used, secondhand, thrift = \$
 - Vintage, antique, consignment = \$\$\$
- Non-Profit
 - Kiwanis, Salvation Army, Re-Use, Re-Store
- Student Book Exchange (umich.edu/~sbe)
- Garage/Yard Sales



Shop Used Intelligently

- Recommended Items to Buy Used
 - Books
 - Bicycles (take a ride before you buy!)
 - Bulky items you won't keep
 - Seasonal clothing
- Buyer Beware
 - No returns: check for stains, damage
 - Plug & check electronics before purchase



Craigs List

craigslist

post to classifieds

my account

help, faq, abuse, legal

search craigslist

for sale

event calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

avoid scams & fraud

personal safety tips

craigslist blog

craigslist factsheet

best-of-craigslist

craigslist TV

craigslist movie & dvd

craigslist foundation

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community

- activities
- artists
- childcare
- general
- groups
- pets
- events
- lost+found
- musicians
- local news
- politics
- rideshare
- volunteers
- classes

personals

- strictly platonic
- women seek women
- women seeking men
- men seeking women
- men seeking men
- misc romance
- casual encounters
- missed connections
- rants and raves

discussion forums

- 1099
- apple
- arts
- atheist
- autos
- beauty
- bikes
- gifts
- haiku
- health
- help
- history
- housing
- jobs
- pets
- philos
- politic
- psych
- queer
- recover
- religion

housing

- apts / housing
- rooms / shared
- sublets / temporary
- housing wanted
- housing swap
- vacation rentals
- parking / storage
- office / commercial
- real estate for sale

for sale

- appliances
- antiques
- barter
- bikes
- boats
- books
- business
- computer
- free
- furniture
- general
- jewelry
- materials
- rvs
- sporting
- tickets
- arts+crafts
- auto parts
- baby+kids
- beauty+hlth
- cars+trucks
- cds/dvd/vhs
- cell phones
- clothes+acc
- collectibles
- electronics
- farm+garden
- garage sale
- household
- motorcycles
- music instr
- photo+video

jobs

- accounting+finance
- admin / office
- arch / engineering
- art / media / design
- biotech / science
- business / mgmt
- customer service
- education
- food / bev / hosp
- general labor
- government
- human resources
- internet engineers
- legal / paralegal
- manufacturing
- marketing / pr / ad
- medical / health
- nonprofit sector
- real estate
- retail / wholesale
- sales / biz dev
- salon / spa / fitness
- security
- skilled trade / craft
- software / qa / dba
- systems / network
- technical support

nearby cl

- ann arbor
- battle creek
- central mi
- chatham-kent
- detroit metro
- flint
- fort wayne
- grand rapids
- jackson
- kalamazoo
- lansing
- lima-findlay
- monroe
- port huron
- saginaw
- sandusky
- sarnia
- the thumb
- toledo
- windsor

us cities

us states

canada

cl worldwide



PART IV

Transportation



Overview of Options

- Mapping (maps.google, mapquest, maps.yahoo)
- Buses:
 - theride (AATA = Ann Arbor city busses)
 - pts.umich.edu (U-M "blue" busses)
 - Car rental by-the-hour (zipcar.com/umich)
- Truck rental (uhaul, budgettruck)
- Also ask about delivery (large stores)



Have Fun Shopping!



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