About Ann Arbor

Housing

Whether you want to rent or own, you will find a home suitable to your lifestyle in the Ann Arbor area. Here's a general overview of the diverse sections of the city:

**Northwest Ann Arbor:** Here you will find some of the city's most affordable housing, as well as some of the area's most expensive homes. This area features the highest point in the city - Hunt Park - and offers an excellent view of the downtown skyline. The Huron River is nearby, as are two major highways – I-94 and M-14 - which provide quick and easy access for commuters.

**Northeast Ann Arbor:** Professionals, students, faculty, and retirees all come together as neighbors in the expanding subdivisions of this section of town. Domino's Pizza's headquarters, Pfizer's R&D site, U-M's north campus and the Matthaei Botanical Gardens are all located in NE Ann Arbor.

**West Central Ann Arbor:** The city's vibrant business district lies at the heart of this area, as do diverse eateries & multiple entertainment venues. Some professionals enjoying living in downtown lofts or townhouses. The Old Historic West Side offers plenty of rental and residential options within walking distance to downtown. Here you will find graduate students, first-time homebuyers, young families, and life-long Ann Arborites. Features of this section of Ann Arbor include Michigan Stadium, the Stadium Boulevard shopping district and Veteran's Park, the city's "softball nerve center."

**East Central Ann Arbor:** The U-M Central Campus anchors the western edge of this part of town. Though you will find pockets of family-oriented housing, the majority of this section's residents are students.

**Southwest Ann Arbor:** This section features the Briarwood Mall, an assortment of hotels, a shopping plaza featuring Target and Best Buy, and the area's second largest Meijer grocery store. It offers close proximity to downtown, an assortment of residential options, and easy access to I-94.

**Southeast Ann Arbor:** This part of the city features Washtenaw Avenue, a heavily trafficked commercial strip that connects Ann Arbor to neighboring Ypsilanti, and offers prime access to shopping - Whole Foods, Hiller’s Market, Borders Bookstore, Walgreens, Old Navy, Michaels' Arts & Crafts, DSW Shoes, and Barnes & Noble, to name a few of the many retailers. You will also find a bowling alley, a miniature golf course, restaurants, the Washtenaw County Recreation Center, Showcase Cinemas and urban living options in this part of town.

**Outside Ann Arbor:** Many faculty and staff choose to live in one of the many appealing townships and communities outside of Ann Arbor, including Plymouth.
Chelsea, Saline, Ypsilanti, Barton Hills, Dexter, Lodi, Northfield, Pittsfield, Novi, Farmington Hills, Salem, and others. For more information about nearby communities:

Chelsea
Milan
Pittsfield Township
Saline
Scio Township
Superior Township
Webster Township
Ypsilanti / Ypsilanti Township

(Sources: Ann Arbor Guide 2004-05; Discover Ann Arbor 2005)

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