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Summer weather lasts from about mid-May through August with lots of sun and daylight hours. Play on the sandy beaches of Lake Michigan or explore one of the many resort towns. Michigan’s lakeshore has become renowned for beautiful beaches, towering dunes, and clear, blue water. Enjoy the summer farmstands with cheap, fresh, homegrown tomatoes, eggplants, zucchini, potatoes and other vegetables, or go pick blueberries, strawberries, raspberries or peaches, thanks to Andrews University being located in the heart of Michigan’s fruit belt! Take advantage of the various summer music festivals in Niles, St. Joseph and South Bend, enjoying everything from bluegrass to oldies to band music. Go on a weekend camping or backpacking trip in one of Michigan’s many state parks, forest preserves or national lakeshores.
### DISC GOLF ON CAMPUS

Grab a few friends and head out to play some disc golf right here on Andrews University’s campus! You can try your hand at the full 18-hole Disc Golf course, or just play at any hole you wish. Discs can be purchased at the Beaty Pool Desk.

### PICNIC

Pack up some delicious food in a basket, bring a blanket, and head outdoors for a refreshing summer picnic. A picnic is a great way to get some fresh air, soak up the sun, and spend quality time with friends or your significant other. A cooler is a great idea to keep your fresh vegetables and fruits chilled. Don’t forget to bring some fresh air, soak up the sun, and enjoy your time relaxing with good company and food!

### MINI-GOLF

**HACKERS**
- **NILES, MICHIGAN**
  - Hackers in Niles, Michigan, not only offers mini-golf, but also batting cages and go-karts.

**THE HAYLOFT**
- **DECATUR, MICHIGAN**
  - The Hayloft in Decatur, Michigan is known for their delicious ice cream concoctions, but they also offer a fun mini-golf course on their premises.

**HIDDEN POINTE**
- **BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN**
  - Hidden Pointe is another fun place to visit for its mini-golf, go-karts, batting cages, and bumper basketball.

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### LAWN GAMES

Try out some lawn games with your friends or family! Some options include:

- **Croquet** — A game in which colored wooden balls are driven through a series of wickets using mallets.
- **Bocce Ball** — Each player tries to throw their colored plastic balls closest to a target ball. The closest player gets a point, and the player/team with the most points wins.
- **Horseshoes** — Played between two people, each team has four horseshoes and take turns throwing them at two stakes in the ground.
- **Bean Bag Toss** — Throw bean bags so that they land in the bean bag board to score points.

Each game will have its own rules, which may be extensive, so you might want to look them up before you play.

### GO TO A DRIVE-IN MOVIE THEATER

Travel back in time to when drive-in movie theaters were popular and go to a local drive-in movie theater with your friends, family and loved ones. Get some snacks, cozy up in your car and enjoy the movie on the big screen. The 5-Mile Drive-In Theater in Dowagiac, Michigan, is a great nearby option. Give them a call in advance to find out what movie is playing so you can find a clean, family-friendly option!

### TRY PEACH OR BERRY PICKING

One of the best parts of summer is the delicious fruit that becomes ready to be picked and, more importantly, eaten! From blueberries to peaches and everything in between, you will find farms with fruit sure to satisfy your cravings. A few local places include Stover’s Farm Market and U-Pick where you can pick strawberries, raspberries, cherries, peaches, nectarines, plums, apples, apricots, red and black blackberries, and grapes. Kunchi Blueberries in Bridgman and The Blueberry Patch in Sawyer both specialize in blueberries. There are many more farms where you can pick fruits as well as vegetables so check out www.pickyourown.org and see what is near you!

### START UP A GAME OF SOCCER OR VOLLEYBALL WITH FRIENDS

Nothing beats a good game of soccer, volleyball or flag football with your friends. From one-on-one to full teams, you can have a great time playing whichever game you choose. You can also look into some local summer leagues to join, either alone or with your friends. The St. Joe Kickers Sport Club offers adult indoor and outdoor soccer leagues, and the local YMCA’s in Niles and St. Joseph offer volleyball, racquetball, and even dodgeball leagues.

### INTO SKATEBOARDING?

Check out nearby parks in Niles’ Riverfront Park, Mishawaka’s indoor Kitchen BMX Skate Park, South Bend’s O’Brien Park, and Kalamazoo’s indoor and outdoor K’Zoo Skate Zoo. You’re sure to find a great spot to shred on your board and learn some new tricks! Don’t know how to skate? Bring a friend who knows how to skate and ask them to teach you, or go down to a skate park and make some friends who can show you some tips. Don’t forget to wear a helmet, knee pads and elbow pads.
So many great ways to enjoy a day at the beach! Relax and read a book, take a nap, or go hiking on the dune trails at Warren Dunes or Grand Mere. Start up a game of soccer or beach volleyball with your friends at Silver Beach, then rinse off the sand in the Whirlpool Compass Fountains.

Essentials to remember:
• Sunscreen
• Flip-flops/shoes (sand can get hot!)
• Water bottle
• Blanket or beach chairs
• Sunglasses/hat

PADDLEBOARDING
Paddleboarding has quickly grown in popularity over the past few years. Paddleboard rentals are available at Third Coast Paddling or Outpost Sports in St. Joseph.

WINDSURFING
Windsurfing is a water sport that combines elements of surfing and sailing. From calm and casual sailing to more extreme racing and jumps, you can do what you feel comfortable with when you windsurf! Windsurfing lessons are offered in Chicago at northeasternwindsailing.com, or connect with a local who can teach you.

JET SKIING
Chip in with a friend or two to rent a jet ski from Oselka Marina in New Buffalo, Michigan. You’ll enjoy the time racing over the waves and water!

WATERSKING AND TUBING
Waterskiing and tubing are popular sports on nearby inland lakes and Lake Michigan. If you know someone who owns a boat, ask them if they can take you and your friends skiing on a warm summer’s day! If you have a boating license and want to explore, you can rent boats from Oselka Marina in New Buffalo.

SAILING
Splurge on a sailing trip with a group of friends or that special someone with Come Sail Away Sailing Charters out of St. Joseph, Michigan.

SCUBA DIVING
Did you know that Michigan was ranked by SportDiver as one of the top 10 spots in the world to dive for shipwrecks? With hundreds of sunken ships at the bottom of the Great Lakes, Michigan is a wonderful, albeit chilly, place for adventure seekers. Some of the best wreck sites are in the northern waters of Lake Michigan, Lake Superior and Lake Huron, but michiganpreserves.org guides you to some of Southwest Michigan’s best spots. Check out the Michigan Underwater Divers Club to connect with knowledgeable locals.

Outside of the Great Lakes, there are several dive quarries which can offer interesting diving: Gilboa Quarry in Northwest Ohio, France Park in Loganport, Indiana, and Hugh Quarry in Kankakee, Illinois. You can earn your scuba diving certification through Just Add H2O in South Bend, Indiana, Hart City Scuba in Elkhart, Indiana, or Wolf’s Marine Inc. in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Dive shops also offer dive trips to remote locations like the Bahamas, Fiji and the Cayman Islands. Remember to ALWAYS exercise PADI safe diving practices and to NEVER dive alone.

THE BEACH
KAYAKING AND CANOEING

LAKE MICHIGAN

BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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DOVAGIAC RIVER

CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Paddle along the moderately paced, shaded Dowagiac River with its twists, turns and occasional log jams. Dow-Wah-Jack’s offers canoe or kayak rentals for this pretty river. For a real adventure, travel the entire 70-mile Dowagiac River Water Trail all the way from Dodd Park near Sumnerville, Michigan, to where the Dowagiac River connects to the St. Joseph River just north of Niles, Michigan.

SLEEPING BEAR DUNES

LEELANAU & BENZIE COUNTIES, 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.

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ST JOSEPH RIVER

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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’s Beacon Point, on Andrews’ campus, is a great place to launch your kayak or canoe for an out-and-back trip. You can even rent canoes as a student or faculty/staff member through the Andrews Beauty Pool office.

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PICTURED ROCKS

MUNISING, MICHIGAN

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**SWIM, BIKE, RUN**

Are you a triathlete, or would you like to become one? Andrews University is in the heart of Midwest triathlon country. Test yourself in a Sprint, Olympic/5150, or Ironman 70.3 triathlon without even leaving the neighboring counties, or choose from two full-length Ironman 140.6 events under a 5-hour drive away!

Here are the typical triathlon distances, although they can vary slightly in length from event to event:

- **Sprint**: 500- to 750-meter swim, 12.4-mile bike, 5k run
- **Olympic/5150**: 1 kilometer swim, 25-mile bike, 10k run
- **Half/70.3**: 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike, 13.1-mile run
- **Full/140.6**: 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike, 26.2-mile run

**PREPARING FOR A TRIATHLON**

1. **Swim** — Take swim lessons to learn an efficient stroke that will take you the distance. Look into the Total Immersion technique, and practice open water training swims with groups at Lake Michigan, Lake Michigan and other local lakes. Remember to NEVER swim alone, and check rip tide warnings before heading out.

2. **Bike** — You can do a Sprint triathlon on just about any kind of bicycle, but you’ll want a road bike for anything longer. Spin Zones in Granger and Inertia in Niles offer bike fittings and well quality road and triathlon bikes. For less cost, keep an eye out for used bike deals. There is it all about getting lots of riding time on your bike! Always wear a helmet and bright, visible clothing when on the road.

3. **Run** — Build your running mileage slowly and steadily. Fleet Feet in Mishawaka can fit you for a great pair of running shoes, and Tri-ing for Life in St. Joseph can do a running gait analysis for you.

**TRIATHLON CLUBS**

Join a triathlon club to find motivating training partners and pick up some great tips. Look into Tri-Avengers or Tri-ing for Life in St. Joseph or the Triple Threat Triathlon Team in Northern Indiana.

**LOCAL TRIATHLONS**

Check out Barron Lake, Eagle Lake, Warsaw, Grand Rapids and Ideal Beach Triathlon dates to see if any work with your schedule.

**3 DISCIPLINES RACE SERIES**

3 Disciplines Racing offers a fantastic series of races, mainly in Michigan but also stretching into Indiana, Illinois and other nearby states. Most races are Sprint and Olympic length, but they also offer a couple 70.3 races and some duathlons. Visit their website at www.3disciplines.com to view all your options!

**IRONMAN 70.3 EVENTS**

The iconic Ironman brand’s Half Ironman/70.3 distance races have quickly become extremely popular since the distance’s debut in the early 2000s. Half the distance of a full Ironman, a 70.3 won’t require as many hours of training. However, it is still important to commit to a training schedule and to put in the hours of training to finish a 70.3. Nearby Benton Harbor hosts a wonderful one: Steelhead 70.3. There are over 70 Ironman 70.3 events in the USA and all over the USA. It is a fun event that will challenge you!

**IRONMAN**

The ultimate challenge in triathlon distance, a full Ironman 140.6 event will test your physical and mental limits to the max. Expect many long, tough hours of training, but crossing the finish line and hearing “You are an Ironman!” is a memory you will never forget.
Rolling hills, beautiful scenery, quiet back roads, and a strong biking community all help to make Michiana a great place to road bike.

Race through the rollers, drop down on your aero bars to fly through the fast straight sections, or work your legs on one of the short, steep climbs in this area. Ride past picturesque farms, apple orchards and grape vineyards. Enjoy the sweeping downhill turns in forested sections, or bike over to the beach and practice speed work on the straight roads toward the shoreline.

Watch out for potholes and cracks, and always wear a helmet!

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 level 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 Madeleine Bertrand Park (Niles, Michigan), Donlin 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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**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. Ten minutes’ drive from campus.

**POTATO CREEK**  
**NORTH LIBERTY, INDIANA**

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

**DR. T.K. LAWLESS**  
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Dr. T.K. Lawless offers 10 miles of intermediate-advanced trails with lots of roots,umps, dips, obstacles and fast downhill sections. It is 30 minutes away from campus.

**OUTBACK TRAIL**  
**PORTAGE, INDIANA**

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

**FORT CUSTER**  
**AUGUSTA, MICHIGAN**

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

**YANKEE SPRINGS**  
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Michiana offers beautiful paths for hiking and trail running on both the Andrews University campus and further afield. Andrews University’s trails are open year-round. Enjoy forested trails and hills, grasslands, peach orchards, cornfields and wildflowers without even leaving campus. There are several lovely county and state parks in Berrien County which offer great trails. Be sure to bring bug spray in summer to repel any flies or ticks!

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY TRAILS
BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN
The 11 miles of trails at Andrews University are great for either hiking or trail running. They are technical, so watch your footing if you’re running. Carry water and be prepared for some climbing on the hills!

WARREN DUNES STATE PARK
BERRIEN SPRINGS, 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.

LOVE CREEK
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.

GRAND MERE
STEVENSVILLE, MICHIGAN
Grand Mere is one of the most gorgeous natural beaches in Berrien County. This park offers a trail system with sandy dunes, inland lakes and sweeping views of Lake Michigan.

FERNWOOD
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 forms 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 ruka and other dry forest trees. Other trails include the Prairie, Old Field, Wilderness, Woodland and Ecology trails.

ST PATRICK COUNTY PARK
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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.

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**Camping**

**Warren Dunes State Park**

Nearby Warren Dunes offers a campground with modern restroom facilities as well as more primitive camping options. There are several miles of trails you can hike during your stay, or relax on the white sands of the wide beach.

**Manistee National Forest**

Nestled by the winding Manistee River are miles of wonderful trails through the national forest located only three hours away from Andrews. One popular backpacking trip (23-mile loop) is on the Manistee River Trail, 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.

**P.J. Hoffmaster State Park**

This state park covers over three miles of the Lake Michigan shoreline. Enjoy the towering dunes and miles of hiking with stunning views and beauty at every turn. Climbing the 193-step Dune Climb Stairway to enjoy a panorama of the beach and dunes. P.J. Hoffmaster State Park features around 300 campsites, and is 2 hours away from Andrews University.

**Ludington State Park**

Voted in the top 10 Best Midwest State Parks by Midwest Living, Ludington State Park is comprised of nearly 5,500 acres of beautiful sand dunes, shoreline vistas, ponds, marshlands and forests. There are 3 campgrounds with over 300 sites, most of which have access to modern bathroom facilities and electricity. Ludington State Park is around 3 hours’ drive from Berrien Springs.

**Brown County State Park**

Consistently mentioned as one of the best state parks in Indiana and the Midwest, Brown County is best known for its spectacular autumn colors. However, the miles of hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking trails with scenic vistas over rugged hills, ridges and ravines are sure to delight you even in summer. The extensive campground has sites that can be reserved in advance, and even offers a pool in which you can cool off after hiking! Brown County State Park is about 4 hours south of Berrien Springs.

**Isle Royale National Park**

Explore this untouched and isolated island (pictured above) that offers amazing solitude for campers, backpackers and hikers alike. No cars are allowed and the island is accessible only by ferry or seaplane, making it one of the most secluded and pristine national parks. Take in the beauty of the wilderness through hiking, or get out on the water by kayak or canoe. Plan on a 10-hour drive plus the ferry or flight time to get to the park.

**Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park**

Covering 60,000 acres, Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park is Michigan’s largest state park. Take advantage of the extensive network of hiking trails (there are over 80 miles of trails in total!) and then return to one of 12 different campgrounds to rest and take in the wilderness. “The Porkies” will find this park beautiful and pristine.

**Headlands International Dark Sky Park**

An International Dark Sky Park (IDSP) is an area which is protected due to its exceptional quality of starry nights. The Headlands was the ninth park in the USA designated as an IDSP, and thus is a superb place for stargazing or night photographs. During the daytime, hike 4.3 miles of trails and keep an eye out for native wildlife including bald eagles, deer, coyotes and black bears. The downside is that no camping is allowed in the park, but you can drive to nearby Mackinaw Mill Creek Camping or Mackinaw City/ Mackinac Island KOA campgrounds. The park is a little over five hours away from Andrews University.
GARDENS & NATURE PRESERVES

SPICER LAKE NATURE PRESERVE
NEW CARLISLE, INDIANA

Located 40 minutes south of the university, this preserve consists of 310 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, winterberry, and spicebush to trout lily and cardinal flower.

SAND RIDGE NATURE CENTER
SOUTH HOLLAB, 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 the variety of birds and wildlife.

DEGRAAF NATURE CENTER
HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

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

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.

FERNWOOD BOTANICAL GARDEN & NATURE PRESERVE
NILES, MICHIGAN

Fernwood is a lovely place with many trails, gardens and habitats. 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-1800s, and watch the massive pivot stones producing stone ground corn, wheat, rye and buckwheat. Afterward, view wildlife and wildflowers on seven miles of hiking trails.

Michiana offers a rich variety of habitats, birds and wildlife, and there are ample gardens and nature centers in the area to choose from! In addition to the gardens and preserves highlighted in this section, check out Love Creek, Woodlawn, Rum Village, Maple Wood, Potato Creek and Kalamazoo Nature Centers (ranging from a 5- to 120-minute drive). The only cavern in the Great Lakes area, Bear Cave, is located 15 minutes away from Andrews University! Bear Cave was featured in the film “The Great Train Robbery” after bank robbers hid their loot there in 1875. It is 15 feet deep and contains stalactites, florenstone and petrified leaves.

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A favorite summer pastime for many people is the game of golf. Tee off at a local golf course and take in the calm sport as well as the beautiful summer weather. You don’t need to buy golf clubs; many golf courses will let you rent some golf equipment to use. Michigan is filled with beautiful golf courses. The places listed here are just a few of the amazing courses nearby that you can discover and play.

NEARBY PLACES TO GOLF

HARBOR SHORES BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN

Harbor Shores Golf Club is the only Jack Nicklaus Signature Course on Lake Michigan. This 18-hole course reflects the high standards of the world’s leading design firm, Nicklaus Design. Harbor Shores has hosted the Senior PGA Championship in 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018, and will host the championship again in 2020, 2022 and 2024. The course runs over four sets of tees that will test the abilities of any golfer looking to re-grip your irons or brush up your driver swing on the range before you head out on the course. Sunset Coast has everything you need to help you play your best game.

BLACKTHORN SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Blackthorn Golf Club is a Michael Hurdzan design and features four sets of tees that will test the abilities of any golfer. Covering 244 acres, this course offers 36 bunkers, wetlands, ponds and native prairie grasses. Sharpen your skills at the practice facility where you can practice putting, chipping and bunker play.

INDIAN LAKE HILLS EAU CLAIRE, MICHIGAN

This beautiful course will have you golfing amidst beautiful trees and past a pretty lake. Choose between three nine-hole courses on the East, West or North courses. It has been listed by mlive.com in the Top 50 Must Play Public Golf Courses, and will provide you with a great golfing experience.

BLOOMS TAILS BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN

The Bloomis Trails Golf Club features 9- and 18-hole courses for those who want a quick game or a longer session. If you want a cheap place to get in a game of golf with some challenging shots, this is where you want to go. Having been around for over 50 years, Bloomis Trails Golf Club aims to offer a friendly family environment. They also have a clubhouse restaurant so after you finish your game, you can sit down and enjoy some tasty food.

BERRIEN HILLS BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN

The Berrien Hills Golf Club has been a favorite course for serious and recreational golfers since 1924. This 18-hole course features a placement golf course feel with a traditional, tight layout. Golf on fairways lined with towering oak trees and avoid the unforgiving traps that making playing a round at Berrien Hills Golf Club an experience well worth having.

FOREST DUNES ROSECREEK, MICHIGAN

Come experience another one of the top golf courses in the country. Forest Dunes offers pristine turf and sand edged by sand dunes. This course has also made the top 10 lists by Golf Magazine and Golf Digest, and was one of the four “Course of the Year” finalists by the National Golf Course Owners Association. Rosecommon is nearly four hours away from Berrien Springs.

ARCADIA BLUFFS ARCADIA, MICHIGAN

Listed in the “Top 100 Golf Courses You Can Play” by Golf Magazine and in the “America’s 100 Greatest Golf Courses” by Golf Digest, you can be sure of a spectacular golf game at Arcadia. Built on top of the beautiful dunes and cliffs above Lake Michigan, this challenging course will give you a breathtaking golfing experience complete with elevation changes, tree-lined fairways and large greens.

BROOKWOOD BUCHANAN, MICHIGAN

Brookwood Golf Course is a pretty course complete with a small lake and tall, pine tree-like trees. Play 9 or 18 holes at a reasonable price, and enjoy a day at a fun course! Buchanan is only a short 15 minutes away from Berrien Springs.

TULLYMORE STANWOOD, MICHIGAN

Play on two world-class, award-winning courses only two hours away. The Tullymore course, designed by Jim Engh (named Architect of the Year in 2003 by Golf Digest), is a challenging course set amidst beautiful woods, meadows and wetlands. The St. Ives course, designed by Jerry Matthews, has received 5-star ratings by Golf Digest and offers you a dramatic setting among the woods, wetlands and highways.

SUNSET COAST GOLF CENTER ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

Sunset Coast Golf Center is a family-owned free-standing driving range and pro shop about 15 minutes from campus. Whether you’re just starting out and need lessons, a brand new set of clubs, and lots of advice or you’re a scratch golfer looking to re-grip your irons or break up your driver swing on the range before you head out on the course, Sunset Coast has everything you need to help you play your best game.

LAKESHE SHORES BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN

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ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT HARBOR SHORES, BENTON HARBOR

Each Andrews University alumni Homecoming Weekend, the Wes Christiansen Memorial Golf Tournament is played on the stunning course at Harbor Shores. Contact Alumni Services to ask how you might be able to play and connect with other alumni at the tournament, which typically takes place near the end of September or beginning of October.
Test your physical abilities by signing up for an obstacle course race. Convince a few friends to join you as you run, jump, crawl and climb your way to the finish line! Try a Warrior Dash (pictured here), which at only 5k in length is perfect for a fun day without completely exhausting yourself.

A few of the other race options that take place in summer include Tough Mudder, Spartan Race, Savage Race, Rugged Maniac and more. Check out each race organizer’s website to find a race near you!

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**ANDREWS UNIVERSITY**
**BERRENI SPRINGS, MICHIGAN**
Purchase either a half-semester or full-semester pass to climb the indoor rock wall located upstairs in Beaty Gym, right here on campus!

**CLIMB KALAMAZOO**
**KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN**
Climb Kalamazoo’s indoor climbing center includes 13,500 square feet with a 2,500 square-foot lead cave. Enjoy everything from 30’ high lead routes, 65’ traverses, 30 top rope stations, a lead cave and bouldering. Climb Kalamazoo is 1 hour and 15 minutes away.

**KROC CENTER**
**SOUTH BEND, INDIANA**
Enjoy 55’ of climbing space and 40’ width, including four auto belays, which will challenge both novices and experienced climbers alike at this indoor climbing center. It is only 30 minutes from Andrews University.

**MARQUETTE**
**MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN**
Head 8–9 hours up north over a long weekend or break to enjoy quality climbing on quartzite and granite cliffs for top-rope and bouldering. Prime spots include Sugarloaf, Triple A Rock, Presque Isle Park, Mount Marquette and Palmer Cliffs, among others.

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**GRAND LELGE, MICHIGAN**
If you crave the feel of real rock under your hands, drive over to Fitzgerald and Oak Parks in Grand Ledge, about 2 hours away. There, you can climb 20- to 30-ft. sandstones and granite cliffs towering over the Grand River as well as over 100 top-rope and bouldering routes.

**PLANET ROCK**
**ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN**
Planet Rock offers top ropes up to 50’, lead routes up to 85’, three bouldering caves, a motorized climbing gym, and 24,000 square feet of indoor rock climbing gym area. It even includes a weight training area with other amenities. Ann Arbor is a 2 hours and 30 minutes away.

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Go on a trail ride at nearby Bittersweet Stables in Niles, Michigan, or look for trail riding opportunities on one of your scenic trips across the state such as Rainbow Ranch up north in New Era, Maybury Riding Stable in the Detroit area, Boyne Mountain up north, or any of the other stables across Michigan. If you own your own horse, there are plenty of stables nearby where you can board your four-legged friend.

For a more charitable equestrian experience, check out the Therapeutic Equestrian Center (tecfarm.org) in nearby Waterford to volunteer as a horse exerciser, sidewalker or leader helping those with special needs.
Wisconsin Dells is the Waterpark Capital of the World! With numerous theme parks and entertainment centers including Noah’s Ark, Mt. Olympus and Chula Vista, you will not be bored in this city. After playing in the water all day, wander the streets of Wisconsin Dells for delicious food at one of the local restaurants.

Michigan’s Adventure is an amusement park in Muskegon County (two hours from Berrien Springs), and the largest amusement park in the state of Michigan. Go on fun rides like the HydroBlaster waterslide or one of their seven roller coasters like Shivering Timbers which reaches speeds of 65 mph.

Six Flags offers thrilling roller coasters like Goliath, which is the world’s tallest, steepest and fastest wooden roller coaster, and Superman, which is filled with innovative loops, twists and curves.

King’s Island is the largest amusement and water park in the midwest, and is about 4.5 hours away from Berrien Springs. At King’s Island, you can ride over nine miles of roller coaster track on their 12 exciting roller coasters before cooling off in the pools and slides of the waterpark.

With over 40 rides and attractions, Indiana Beach Boardwalk Resort is fun for all ages. Choose between six roller coasters, six waterpark slides, amusement rides and the famous boardwalk—or go on them all! Monticello is two hours away from Andrews University.

A park named Holiday World located in Santa Claus might make you think of Christmas, but Holiday World & Splashin’ Safari is a summer getaway. With rides and slides, this combination theme park and water park offers five roller coasters and countless other attractions. Santa Claus is located 5.5 hours south of Andrews University, deep in southern Indiana.
Nearby Elkhart and LaGrange counties in Northern Indiana are home to the third-largest Amish community in the nation. A visit to Amish country offers you the opportunity to explore their rich Amish heritage. The Menno-Hof museum in Shipshewana (a little over an hour away from Andrews) offers a glimpse into the life and history of the Amish and Mennonites. Amish Acres Old Order Amish Farm, preserved for visitors to experience the rustic life, offers a historic farmstead and buggy rides.

VISIT SHIPSHEWANA
Shipshewana is located in the heart of Northern Indiana Amish country. Despite hosting one of the largest flea markets, Shipshewana is filled with a small-town atmosphere along with plenty of Amish and Mennonite character. Horse-drawn buggies pass through the streets, Whoopie pies and Amish breads are served at local restaurants and bakeries, and quaint downtown stores display Amish quilts, furniture, crafts and other homemade goods.

QUILT GARDENS HERITAGE TRAIL
Pick up a free audio tour from the Elkhart County Visitors Center and drive along the 90-mile Heritage Trail to view traditional Amish communities. Stop in the various towns and stores to see how creating beautiful quilts, furniture, band instruments and pie have shaped their culture! The Heritage Trail has been voted a USA Today Readers Choice and named one of America’s “Most Scenic Drives.” In summer, be sure to plan stops at the gorgeous gardens planted in unique quilt patterns that will delight you along the way.

LUDINGTON
Ludington is a quaint town that offers a peaceful and beautiful vacation spot away from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Tour the beaches and lighthouses or explore the little shops and restaurants that line the streets. Take a trip to see the historic S.S. Badger car ferry, the largest of its kind on the Great Lakes, or go for a hike in Ludington State Park. No matter what you choose to do, Ludington offers plenty to fit exactly what you want.

Michigan features over 115 lighthouses along its coastline. Plan a summer roadtrip up Lake Michigan’s shoreline with stops at one stunning lighthouse after another. A few of our favorites include:

St. Joseph — There are actually two charming lighthouses, almost 200 years old, located on the pier.

South Haven — The red lighthouse perched at the end of the pier makes a perfect backdrop for sunset pictures (pictured to the right).

Holland — There is a great view of the lighthouse known as “Big Red” from Holland State Park.

Grand Haven — Stroll along the boardwalk to see the two red lighthouses. The lighted catwalk makes for a beautiful night view.

Muskegon — Muskegon’s two South Pier and Breakwater lighthouses are splendid red structures.

Ludington — The white, pyramid-shaped lighthouse is striking against the blue waters of Lake Michigan.

Big Sable Point — The beautiful black-and-white striped lighthouse is one of the tallest in Michigan and can be climbed in the summer.

Little Sable Point — Perched on the sand dunes of Silver Lake State Park, this lighthouse is very picturesque.

Grand Traverse Lighthouse — Located at the northern tip of the Leelanau Peninsula, this lighthouse is surrounded with a splendid lake view.

Round Island Lighthouse — Look for this lovely island lighthouse from the boat on your way to Mackinac Island. Whitefish Point Lighthouse — One of the most famous lighthouses in Michigan, Whitefish Point is in the Upper Peninsula on the shores of Lake Superior and is only 15 miles from where the Edmund Fitzgerald sank.
The northern towns of Charlevoix and Petoskey, separated by about a 25-minute drive, offer unmatched beauty. Surrounded by the clear blue waters of Lake Michigan, Round Lake and Lake Charlevoix, Charlevoix is a water lover’s paradise. Petoskey’s Little Traverse Wheelway bike path offers stunning views of Lake Michigan and Petoskey Pierhead Lighthouse. Go hunting on a pristine beach for Petoskey Stones, the patterned fossil rocks which have become Michigan’s state stone. Find Earl Young Mushroom houses in Charlevoix, the quirky mushroom-shaped stone homes that have become a tour attraction for architectural enthusiasts. Tour the art galleries, shops and restaurants in the charming downtowns of both Charlevoix and Petoskey, and see why this area has become a quintessential “Up North” vacation spot.

Summer is the perfect time to visit Traverse City with its seemingly endless beaches along Grand Traverse Bay. Plan your trip around the National Cherry Festival which takes place in July, and sample delicious Cherry Crumb Pie at the Grand Traverse Pie Company. With beautiful lakes and beaches all around, Traverse City offers limitless opportunities for boating, sailing, paddling, swimming and beachcombing. If you don’t like the water, there are miles of hiking and cycling trails and more than 20 golf courses located among the city’s rolling hills. Alternatively, just take a stroll around this picturesque city to visit the local small shops and eateries.

Across the Mackinac Bridge in the Upper Peninsula exists one of the most beautiful places in the United States. Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore offers towering multi-colored sandstone cliffs, sparkling beaches stretching for miles, rushing waterfalls, magnificent sand dunes, and meandering inland streams and lakes—and you can explore it all! It’s about an 8–9-hour drive north, but you will not regret your visit to Pictured Rocks. The most dramatic region is to the south and includes the 15 miles of famous cliffs which can be explored by water or by trails. Rainbow Cave, stone arches and other formations extend into the clear emerald water of Lake Superior. On a sunny day, the pristine, blue-green Lake Superior waters are comparable to the colors in the Caribbean. The cliffs lower to Twelvemile Beach, a spectacular white sand beach stretching for 1.5 miles, and then rise again to striking, gigantic sand dunes. The nearly 100 miles of trails are perfect for hiking, backpacking, birdwatching and sightseeing. Canoe, kayak and boat trips are perfect for viewing the cliffs and lakeshore when the lake is calm. You can become one with nature out here as you appreciate the beauty that summer brings to the area.
EVENTS & FESTIVALS

MICHIGAN CHALLENGE BALLOONFEST
HOWELL, MICHIGAN

Watch the sky brighten with over 50 colorful hot-air balloons rising overhead as the pilots compete for the state championships. Don’t miss the skydiving performances or nighttime balloon glow which will keep the sky ablaze! Howell is 2.5 hours away from Berrien Springs.

HOT AIR JUBILEE
JACKSON, MICHIGAN

Find a spot in Ella Sharp Park (two hours away from campus) at dawn and dusk for hot-air balloon launches and a night glow with over 20 beautiful balloons. During daylight, browse the craft booths, classic cars and antique tractors.

BATTLE CREEK AIR SHOW & HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL
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GRAND RAPIDS ART MUSEUM
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The museum offers rotating exhibitions featuring local, national and international artists. The collection spans from the Renaissance period to Modern Art, with particular attention to European and American 19th- and 20th-century painting and sculpture. The Works on Paper Study includes more than 3,500 prints, drawings and photographs.

THE BOX FACTORY
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN
The Box Factory was originally built in 1903 to be a fine box factory, and converted to a multi-use arts center in 1995 by the Berrien Artist Guild. The building houses artist studios, three galleries for rotating exhibits, a performance stage, and more. Visiting The Box Factory is free, and you can stay up-to-date on exhibits and hours on their website at boxfactoryforthearts.org.

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN
For 46 years, Grand Rapids has reserved the first weekend in June to celebrate food, music, art and the beginning of summer. Six stages are reserved for poets, musicians, storytellers and film, while Calder Center is transformed by art sale tents.

BENTON HARBOR ART HOP
BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN
Every four months, Arts District Business Members open their doors to showcase local artists and offer the public a chance to view impressive pieces of art. The best part about all of this is that it’s free! What better way to spend time with your neighbors and view art that you can’t see anywhere else? Visit the organizer’s website at newterritoryarts.org/art-hop/ to discover when the next Art Hop will take place.

OX BOW
SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN
Hidden in the woods, the century-old Ox Bow is a summer school of art that offers one- and two-week intensives. The courses are diverse—you can take a painting course, glassblowing or even metal casting. After the course, spend some time wandering around Saugatuck’s many art galleries.

KRAKL ART FAIR ON THE BLUFF
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN
This nationally-ranked art fair features over 200 artists representing 32 states and Canada. Last year over 900 artists applied for the fair, allowing the jury to select some of the best artists in the nation. Sunshine Artist Magazine has chosen Krakl Art Fair on the Bluff as one of the “Top 10 Art Fairs” for several years running.

AMISH ACRES ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL
NAPPANEE, INDIANA
This excellent Arts & Crafts festival is one of the largest in the country with over 350 artists and crafters. Sunshine Artist Magazine has named it the third best Classical and Contemporary Craft Show in the country.

LEEPER ART FAIR
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
This art fair features 120 artists from across the USA in mediums such as watercolor, photography, clay and glass. It has been ranked as high as #20 in Sunshine Artist Magazine’s “200 Best Shows.”
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 Eberen, you are sure to enjoy the atmosphere of the classic architecture. Featured performers have included comedian Brian Regan, Loggins and Gordon Lightfoot. Attend a play or ballet like A Christmas Carol or Cinderella by the Russian National Ballet Theatre.

LAKE MICHIGAN MENDEL CENTER
BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN
Lake Michigan College’s Mendel Center hosts the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, as well as performances by stars such as Jerry Lewis, Kenny Loggins and Gordon Lightfoot. Attend a play or ballet like A Christmas Carol or Cinderella by the Russian National Ballet Theatre.

MORRIS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
The Morris Performing Arts Center, just 30 minutes south of Andrews University, offers concerts and plays throughout the year. Past performances have included Celtic Women, Casting Crowns, the Gaither Vocal Band, Annie, West Side Story, Swan Lake and The Nutcracker.

BARN SWALLOW THEATRE
EDWARDSBURG, MICHIGAN
Located 30 minutes away in Edwardsburg, Michigan, the Barn Swallow Theatre is a local theater company that hosts a variety of family friendly plays, ranging from A Charlie Brown Christmas to The Music Man.

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.

NILES BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
NILES, MICHIGAN
If you hear banjo music, run... to the Niles Bluegrass Festival for some awesome bluegrass tunes! The festival takes place in Niles at the Riverfront Park. Over a dozen bands perform multiple times during the four days of live music on the banks of the St. Joseph River. This festival also features a variety of foods, games, food and lots of family fun! Check out the local vendors to find that perfect hand-crafted item.

CHICAGO
Chicago has many great places to enjoy music and theatre. Check out the Chicago Symphony Orchestra for superb classical music played by the professionals, or visit the Chicago House of Blues to enjoy a wide genre of music including the blues, gospel and jazz. See a hit on Broadway in Chicago, or take a step back in time at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater with classics such as Romeo and Juliet and the Oscar-winning romantic comedy Shakespeare in Love.

BECKWITH THEATRE COMPANY
DOWAGIAC, MICHIGAN
Beckwith Theatre performs a variety of plays throughout the 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 renowned performance. These days, if you’re looking for a great local theatre experience, Beckwith Theatre Company is where you want to go.

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ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN
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ST. JOSEPH BROWNBAG CONCERTS
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Bring your lunch and take a break from the daily grind by going to free concerts every Wednesday at the John E.N. Howard Band Shell. Each week will feature a different band from a variety of genres ranging from classic rock to soul. Regardless of your taste in music, you should find a band that you will like.

PULSE SUMMER SERIES
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
The Pulse Summer Series is a highly acclaimed Contemporary Christian music festival series that draws crowds of thousands every year. Every month during summer, you can enjoy food, music and entertainment in downtown South Bend followed by a true concert experience inside the Morris Performing Arts Center with some of the best artists in Christian music.

RIVERLIGHTS MUSIC FESTIVAL
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
Head down to South Bend for an exciting festival featuring over 90 diverse Midwest bands and artists along the St. Joseph River. Riverlights Music Festival is a collaboration between artists, community leaders and businesses seeking to illuminate South Bend as a prime destination for music. Visit the vendors selling food, beverages and other items before listening to some excellent music!

ST. JOSEPH PERFORMANCE ARTS CENTER
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Lake Michigan 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 Eberen, you are sure to enjoy the atmosphere of the classic architecture. Featured performers have included comedian Brian Regan, Loggins and Gordon Lightfoot. Attend a play or ballet like A Christmas Carol or Cinderella by the Russian National Ballet Theatre.

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The Morris Performing Arts Center, just 30 minutes south of Andrews University, offers concerts and plays throughout the year. Past performances have included Celtic Women, Casting Crowns, the Gaither Vocal Band, Annie, West Side Story, Swan Lake and The Nutcracker.

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MUSEUMS

MICHIGAN MARITIME MUSEUM
SOUTH HAVEN, MICHIGAN

Learn about the Great Lakes’ extensive boating history and culture at this museum dedicated to maritime history. Board a shipwrecked ship in the Great Lakes before taking a cruise on Friends Good Will, a replica of a 180-year-old Man-O-War, or touring one of the other beautiful historic boats at the museum.

GREAT LAKES MARITIME HERITAGE CENTER
ALPENA, MICHIGAN

Browse the many maritime exhibits including the Shipwreck Century which features a full-size replica wooden schooner and a shipwreck where you can walk the decks and feel a Great Lakes storm! Peruse the immersive exhibits and watch a film in the theater.

GREAT LAKES SHIPWRECK MUSEUM
WHITEFISH POINT, PARADISE, MICHIGAN

One of the top museums in Michigan is located in the Upper Peninsula, 6.5 hours away from campus. The Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum is located near where the Edmund Fitzgerald sank, alongside 200 other vessels that were shipwrecked around 100–150 years ago. Visit the lighthouse and lighthouse keeper’s quarters, and see the artifacts and exhibits dedicated to the stories of the sailors who braved Lake Superior.

HENRY FORD MUSEUM
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Take a step into a world where innovation fuels imagination. View the bus where Rosa Parks took a stand by taking a seat. Explore flight innovation starting with the Wright brothers. View a vast array of exhibits and put yourself in the place of the visionaries who blazed the trail to where technology is at today.

POTAWATOMI ZOO
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Indiana’s oldest zoo features over 400 animals that will delight you with their charm and uniqueness. See the lion, red panda, porcupines, spider monkeys and more at this nearby zoo only 40 minutes away from campus.

CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
www.chicagohistory.org

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
ANDREWS UNIVERSITY
www.mnhands.edu

CURIOUS KIDS MUSEUM
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN
www.curiouskidsmuseum.org

POTAWATOMI ZOO
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
www.potawatomizoo.org

STUDEBAKER MUSEUM
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
www.studebakermuseum.org

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

GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC MUSEUM
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN
www.grpm.org

THE FIELD MUSEUM
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
www.fieldmuseum.org

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

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
www.mca-chicago.org

CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
www.cso.org

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

BECKWITH THEATRE COMPANY
DOWAGIAC, MICHIGAN
www.beckwiththeatre.com

BARN SWALLOW THEATRE
EDWARDSBURG, MICHIGAN
www.barnswallotheatre.com

CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE THEATER
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
www.chicagoshakes.com

BROADWAY
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
www.broadwaychicago.com

LINCOLN PARK ZOO
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

As one of the nation’s oldest zoos, the Lincoln Park Zoo houses 1300 animals representing 250 species. Marvel at the aardvark, laugh at the monkeys, and admire the snow leopard. Watch the seals perform tricks during feeding time or the polar bears romp around in the ice caves. Best of all? The zoo is free!
BUCK BURGERS
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

At Buck Burgers, enjoy locally-grown, high-quality, fresh ingredients. Build your own burger or enjoy one of the many favorites on the menu. The meat on any of their burgers can be substituted for a black bean patty, so you have many great options to choose from. Try their sweet potato fries served with a tasty dipping sauce – a combination that you will love! Try one of their delicious shareables like Oven Roasted Garlic or Soft Pretzels which are a perfect appetizer to split with a friend.

THE HAYLOFT ICE CREAM PARLOR
DECATUR, MICHIGAN

Escape the summer heat by enjoying delicious and refreshing ice cream from the Hayloft Ice Cream Parlor in Decatur (45 minutes from campus). Take your pick from the dozens of flavors that are offered, from almond fudge to strawberry cheesecake. Satisfy your taste buds with one of their delectable and tempting sundaes, floats or parfaits. For those wanting to eat more than ice cream, the Hayloft offers a tasty pizza selection. You can also play mini golf on their grounds after you eat. On the hottest days of summer you will want to make the Hayloft a part of your day!

URBAN SWIRL
GRANGER, INDIANA

On the hottest of summer days, you are always looking for ways to cool off. What better way to do so than indulging in delicious and refreshing frozen yogurt?! Urban Swirl is a self-serve frozen yogurt bar with the best toppings and flavor selection in the area. The store features a double-sided toppings bar so your froyo doesn’t melt while you wait in line. If you own a dog, buy one of their froyo dog treats so that both you and your doggie friend can enjoy your sweets in their outdoor dining section.
LA PERLA
BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN

At La Perla, enjoy authentic Mexican food prepared straight from family recipes that originated from La Coradia, Michoacan, Mexico. Dishes are made with fresh produce and authentic Mexican spices right from the grocery store. With plenty of excellent vegetarian options, you will not leave hungry! Their melon agua fresca and horchata are both fantastic, so don’t forget to pick up some goodies for the trip home from their handmade chocolates, caramel corn, brittles, caramel apples, or hand-paddled fudge made right by the store’s front window.

KILWINS
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Enjoy delicious Kilwins original ice cream served in their yummy handmade waffle cones. With flavors like Toasted Coconut, Mackinac Island Fudge, Salted Caramel and Traverse City Cherry, you’re sure to find a flavor you will love. Pick up some goodies for the trip home from their handmade chocolates, caramel corn, brittles, caramel apples, or hand-paddled fudge made right by the store’s front window.

SILVER BEACH PIZZA
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

Head down to Silver Beach Pizza and enjoy some of the best pizza you will even have in a unique and historic environment. Silver Beach Pizza is located in a renovated train depot that was built in 1914! From specialty pizzas to vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free, you are bound to find a pizza to satisfy your craving! With delicious thin-crust pizza that has been voted as Southwest Michigan’s best pizza, Silver Beach Pizza is one place you will not want to pass up!

UPTOWN KITCHEN
GRANGER, INDIANA

Uptown Kitchen takes great pride in serving high-quality and fresh natural foods. Because of this, nearly everything on the menu is made from scratch in the kitchen. Enjoy great breakfast items served all day long with tasty items like Stuffed French Toast, Mediterranean Frittata and Housemade Waffles. Not feeling like breakfast? Choose from plenty of pizza, salad and sandwich options. Have special dietary restrictions? No problem, Uptown Kitchen offers several vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options.
AMERICAN
CAITLYN’S CAFE
BERRIN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN
Delicious, sunny swims "Chicken," "milk," your mouth potatoes, and homemade carry on an all-you-can-eat buffet.

CAITLYN’S CAFE
BERRIN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN
Small-town cafe with service and delicious American lunch.

H-EATBERRY
BUCHEWANA, INDIANA
Delicious regional American cuisine prepared with local ingredients.

COOKIN’ DAWG
MIKESHAWA, INDIANA
Upscale dining experience specializing in tasty “farm-to-fork” dishes.

CLEMENTINE’S TOO
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN
Local favorite for American fare.

THE CARRIAGE HOUSE DINING ROOMS AND GARDENS
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
Award-winning restaurant located amidst the beautiful redwood groves of northwest Indiana.

ELECTRIC CHEETAH
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN
Extensive craft root beer soda menu,

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

ETERNAL CAKE
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN
Delectable Sam’s “Chicken,” melt-in-your-mouth French fries, served on crispy baguettes.

ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

FRUIT & GRASS
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN
French onion soup served with bread and artichoke hearts, in tasty “farm-to-fork” dishes.

ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

MALODE DOUGHNUTS
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN
American doughnuts made fresh daily!

CAMERON'S DONUTS
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
Family-owned donut shop.

NORTH SHORE, INDIANA

MEXICAN/CENTRAL AMERICAN
LA QUAERITA
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN
Family-owned restaurant serving quality, delicious Lebanese dishes.

PAPA VINO'S
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN
Authentic, tasty Mexican dishes.

TACO BELL
BERRIN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN
Popular, casual Asian grill restaurant with fantastic, customizable options.

KOREAN
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
Chef-tended Korean cuisine.

ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

LA QUAERITA
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Excellent authentic Mexican hole-in-the-wall spot only open in summer.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

LA QUAERITA
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Fantasticly fresh Vietnamese cuisine with plenty of wonderful vegetable options.

RAZZO’S PIZZERIA
BERRIN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN
Small-town cafe with service and delicious American lunch.

DANISH
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Small-town cafe which serves a great breakfast (site of vegetarian options) and classic American lunch.

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We hope you have enjoyed learning more about the beautiful Michiana area! If you have been accepted to Andrews University, we would love to see you on our campus as one of our students. If you have not yet applied or finalized your application, we encourage you to do so, and please contact us with any questions!