

# Visitor Guide to Ann Arbor

## ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods

### About Ann Arbor

A vibrant Midwestern city noted for its friendliness and sophistication, Ann Arbor is a wonderful place to visit and live during the summer. The city is host to several festivals and fairs, including [free nightly music and movies](#) for two weeks in June, as well as [The Ann Arbor Art Fair](#) in mid-July featuring more than 1,000 artists from around the nation. For participants looking to unwind and have fun after a day of learning, entertainment options run from museums and art galleries to movie theaters, concert venues and comedy shows.

The [Ann Arbor Downtown Library](#) hosts a myriad of events, such as cultural shows (such as [Japan Week](#)), craft events and [Summer Game](#), a city-wide scavenger hunt for hidden codes to get fun prizes. The downtown and campus areas are filled with restaurants, cafes, and bars where al fresco dining is the norm. A 10-minute walk from downtown, the Huron River offers outdoor enthusiasts a chance to cool off and relax in a [canoe, kayak, or inner tube](#). Parks line the riverfront, providing plenty of opportunities to jog or hike wooded trails, play soccer or disc golf, and grill.

From June through August, the days are often sunny and warm, with average highs in the 80s (degrees Fahrenheit). It doesn't hurt to bring an umbrella to ward off the occasional shower. We also strongly recommend bringing a jacket or sweater, since the University of Michigan classrooms are air-conditioned and can get cold. Evening and nighttime temperatures can dip into the 50s (degrees Fahrenheit).

More information about Ann Arbor is available from the [Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau](#) and the [Ann Arbor Observer](#).



## Housing and Lodging

In-person participants in our General Sessions and Topical Workshops are responsible for arranging their own housing or lodging. We offer several suggestions on our website:

- [Housing suggestions for General Session participants](#)
- [Lodging suggestions for topical workshop participants](#)

## Transportation and Parking

### Airport

Ann Arbor is 25 miles from Detroit Metropolitan International Airport (DTW) via I-94. The most affordable transportation option to and from DTW is [Michigan Flyer](#), a public charter bus that stops in Ann Arbor at the Blake Transit Center downtown (about a 5-minute walk from the University of Michigan campus). Fare is \$15/person one-way with advance reservation.

### Bus

[Greyhound](#) buses service Ann Arbor from locations around the U.S. and Canada. The Greyhound station is located at 325 Depot Street (the Amtrak Station).

### Train

[Amtrak](#) operates eastbound trains (to Detroit) and westbound trains (to Chicago) that depart from the train station at 325 Depot Street.

### Ann Arbor City Bus Service

The [Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority](#) operates city buses for local travel throughout Ann Arbor and to neighboring city, Ypsilanti. Options for bus fare include single-trip fare (\$1.50), single-day passes (\$3.00), and 30-day passes (\$45).

### Ride-Sharing Services

Ride-sharing services such as Uber and Lyft operate throughout Ann Arbor and in the surrounding cities.

## Other Transportation Options

For more information about transportation, including taxis, Zipcars, autonomous shuttles, and car rentals, visit the [Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Transportation](#) page. Additionally, the University of Michigan operates its own line of buses that anyone can ride for free. For a list of routes and schedules, visit the [University of Michigan's Parking and Transportation Services website](#). If you're looking to explore beyond the Ann Arbor area and into Detroit, visit the [D2A2 \(Detroit to Ann Arbor\)](#).

## On-Campus Parking Permits

On-campus parking permits are available for purchase for all Summer Program participants, faculty, and teaching assistants, including those who are living off-campus.

### **Parking Permit Tiers**

University of Michigan parking lots are tiered by color. The most expensive lots are the closest to campus buildings and thus require minimal walking (Blue) versus the least expensive lots are located more towards the edges of campus or in more remote areas and either require more walking or a shuttle bus to get to Central Campus (Yellow and Orange).

The hierarchy of the tiers is Blue, Yellow, and then Orange. Orange can only park in Orange lots, Yellow can park in both Yellow and Orange, and Blue can park in all three colors.

[This map](#) shows where the different structures and lots are located in proximity to the Central Campus buildings.

If you don't plan to access your car daily and just need a place to park it while you are here, we recommend getting either an Orange or Yellow permit. If you will be driving to campus daily and require minimal walking or travel time to your building, we recommend getting a Blue permit.

**[You must fill out this form](#) to request a U-M parking permit.** You will purchase your permit online, more information is in the form. The deadline to request a parking permit for the First General Session is May 29, 2026; for the Second General Session, the deadline is June 26, 2026.

### **Permit Date Availability**

Permits are sold by 30-day rates or by 15-day rates, with the starting date selected by you. For example, a 30-day permit purchased with a starting date of June 1st would end on June 30th.

**Permit Cost**

For 2026, the permit costs are as followed:

Type of Pass	15-Day	30-Day
Orange	\$11.50	\$23
Yellow	\$15.25	\$30.50
Blue	\$42.50	\$85

**Permit Limitations**

There is a 48-hour consecutive parking limit policy, so you must move your car to a different lot every 48 hours (can be a lot of the same color tier) or leave and return, but don't park in the same area.

**Other Parking Options**

The city of Ann Arbor offers numerous [public lots, structures, and parking meters](#). The hourly parking meter rate at curbside spaces is \$2.40/hour. Street meters are enforced Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. All city parking is free on Sundays.

You can find some free parking in the neighborhoods to the south, west, and north of the downtown and campus areas. Some streets near the University have 1- to 2-hour time limits. Be prepared to walk, on average, 10-20 minutes to campus if you choose this option.