



NABP / AACP District IV Annual Meeting
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Getting Around in Detroit

Transportation

- From the Airport: For those arriving at Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW).
 - The drive from DTW to downtown Detroit is approximately 30 minutes. Taxi rates and ride share app rates may vary. Recent averages range \$65-\$75 one-way.
 - The Detroit Airport Express bus (<https://www.dax-bus.com/>) operates 16 round-trips daily. The bus stops at 1119 Washington Blvd, approximately a 15 minute walk from the Atheneum hotel. Tickets are \$8 at the door, \$6 in advance.
 - *Not recommended:* The SMART bus route 261 (FAST Michigan) provides direct service to downtown Detroit from both DTW terminals. This trip has multiple stops and can be lengthy.
- Getting around town
 - The Q line (<https://www.qlinedetroit.com/>) can take you up Woodward avenue for a short walk to explore other neighborhoods. And it's free.
 - Uber and Lyft are both reliable transportation around the city.
 - The People Mover monorail goes in a 15 minute loop around downtown... It is expected to be down for repairs during the conference.

In the remainder of this document you'll find suggestions from the Wayne State faculty about things to do, places to eat, and where to go for an interesting walk around downtown. We hope you enjoy your time in Detroit!



Things To Do in Detroit

Where to Eat

Just walking down the street in Greektown you'll find some good food. For other ideas, here are some favorite recommendations from the planning committee.

Classic Detroit Experiences

Detroit Style Pizza at Buddy's - <https://www.buddypizza.com/downtown-detroit>

The Coney Dog (American or Lafayette?) - <https://visitdetroit.com/inside-the-d/coney-island/>

Some upscale options

Chartreuse Kitchen and Cocktails (American) - <https://www.chartreusekc.com/>

Zuzu (Asian fusion) - <https://experiencezuzu.com/dinner-menu/>

Grey Ghost (American) - <https://greyghostdetroit.com/>

Bakersfield (tacos and cocktails) - <https://www.bakersfieldtacos.com/>

Ottava Via (Italian) - <https://www.ottavaviadetroit.com/>

The Apparatus Room (American) - <https://detroitfoundationhotel.com/apparatus-room/>

Selden Standard (American, locally sourced) - <http://www.seldenstandard.com/>

Mad Nice (Italian) - <https://www.madnicedetroit.com/>

Leila (Lebanese) - <https://www.leiladetroit.com/>

Parc (American) - <https://parcdetroit.com/>

Townhouse (American) - <https://www.townhousedetroit.com/menu>

The Whitney (American, in a lumber baron's mansion) - <https://www.thewhitney.com/>

Dinner and live music (depending on the schedule)

Baker's Keyboard Lounge - <https://www.bakerskeyboardloungedet.com/>

Cliff Bells - <https://cliffbells.com/>

Lumen (al fresco dining) - <https://www.lumendetroit.com/>

Detroit Breweries with food (i.e. sandwiches, pizza)

Atwater Brewery - <https://www.atwaterbeer.com/>

Batch Brewing - <https://www.batchbrewingcompany.com/>

Brew Detroit - <https://www.brewdetroit.com/>

Motor City - <https://www.motorcitybeer.com/>

Jolly Pumpkin - <https://detroit.jollypumpkin.com/>

Tenacity (has pizza) - <https://tenacitybrewing.com/menu-craft>

Elephant & Co (serves eastern market beer) - <https://www.elephantand.com/>



Great Museums

- Detroit Institute of Arts <https://dia.org/> – the largest art museum in the Midwest. The Detroit Industry murals of Diego Rivera are just one highlight of the collection.
- Detroit Historical Museum <https://detroithistorical.org/>
- The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History <https://www.thewright.org/>
- Motown Museum <https://www.motownmuseum.org/> - Hitsville USA, in the home of Motown Records founder Berry Gordy
- The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn – about a 20 minute drive out of the city

Music Venues

The Fillmore

- <https://www.thefillmoredetroit.com/shows/calendar/2024-09>

Detroit Opera House

- <https://detroitopera.org/> (Moulin Rouge The Musical is in town these dates)

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

- <https://www.dso.org/> (The Music of Queen starts Friday night)

Saint Andrews Hall and The Shelter - <https://www.saintandrewsdetroit.com/>

The Majestic and Magic Stick - <https://www.majesticdetroit.com/>

Masonic Temple and Cathedral Theatres - <https://www.themasonic.com/>

Fox Theatre

Fisher Theatre

Gem Theatre



Susan's Suggested Art and Architecture Walk

1. **Start in Greektown.** Our conference is taking place in this neighborhood, one of the most popular areas for entertainment in the city with restaurants, small music venues, and a casino. Greektown was originally settled by German immigrants in the 1830s, but the area was named after the Greek immigrants who made a home and started businesses in the early 1900s. The Second Baptist Church, founded in 1936 by former slaves, was a stop on the Underground Railroad.
2. **The Renaissance Center** (look up from the corner of Randolph and Jefferson). This is the most recognizable building in Detroit's skyline and currently serves as GM World Headquarters.
3. **The Riverfront and Riverwalk.** The Detroit River is over 30 miles linking Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie. Look south to see Canada. At the stairs to the riverwalk you'll see the Gateway to Freedom statue, honoring Detroit's role in the Underground Railroad. While you explore this area, check out Mariners' Church at 170 East Jefferson. This church is mentioned in the Gordon Lightfoot Song "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" and has a tradition of holding a memorial ceremony on the anniversary of the sinking of the freighter for the lives lost on the Great Lakes.
4. **Hart Plaza** (southwest corner of Woodward and Jefferson). The plaza hosts the annual Electronic Music Festival and many other events throughout the year. Major landmarks include the steel arch Transcending, honoring Michigan's role in the labor movement, and the Dodge Memorial Fountain. Be sure to get a photo with The Fist, monument to boxer and civil rights defender Joe Louis.
5. **Spirit of Detroit** (southeast corner of Woodward and Jefferson). The Spirit of Detroit was created by sculptor Marshal Fredericks to "express the spirit of man through the deity and the family". The Spirit of Detroit has been known to support the local sports teams with oversized jerseys. In 1965 (in a prank never officially claimed by a fraternity from U of D), green footprints were painted from the big green man to the Passo di Dazna across the street, suggesting a secret rendezvous between the two sculptures.
6. **One Woodward Avenue** (northwest corner of Woodward and Jefferson). This was one of the architect Yamazaki's first skyscraper projects and considered a precursor to his design for the World Trade Center. Tours of the interior are pretty special for their floor-to-ceiling views.
7. **Guardian Building** (500 Griswold) I love this building. Built as a Cathedral of Finance, it combines Art Deco, Aztec, and Native American influences and extensive use of local Pewabic Pottery. The lobby is incredible with a Tiffany clock and a mural depicting Michigan and our industries. Stop at Pure Detroit for some local apparel.
8. **Campus Martius Park** (800 Woodward) As you walk up Woodward you'll pass more options for food and shopping. Find the Detroit Point of Origin marker on the sidewalk



near the center. After the 1805 fire that destroyed much of the city, Augustus Woodward laid out the plan for Detroit based on the layouts of Paris and Washington DC. This is a fun area for people watching with seasonal activities.

9. **Grand Circus Park** (Woodward and Witherell) Take a walk up Woodward and stop at Grand Circus Park. Nearby you will find Comerica Park, Ford Field, as well as several well-known buildings (Broderick Tower, David Whitney Building) that were vacant for decades but are now examples of the city's resurgence.
10. **Theater District** (further up Woodward, then over to Broadway and Witherell) Detroit is home of the second-largest theater district in the country with 13,000 theater seats. Here you'll find The Fox Theater, The Fillmore, and The Detroit Opera House.
11. **Paradise Valley.** (Grand River Ave and Center St) The area north of Gratiot to Grand Boulevard was once called Paradise Valley. This area was an entertainment and business district supporting Black Bottom, a predominantly black neighborhood. The homes and thriving businesses, including [Barthwell Drugs](#), were demolished for the construction of the highway in the 1950s-60s. There are historical markers in the area now, including the one at 1475 Randolph Street in Paradise Valley Park.
12. **The Belt Art Alley** (Grand River and Broadway). The Z parking garage itself is home to original works from international street artists. The alley between the two sections features murals and hosts pop up exhibitions for local artists.

This should take you back close to Greektown.

A map is on the next page, or access it on google maps here:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=18IGtgtGwzV4IUj8pHEN54uGF6CF7Jxg&usp=sharing>

