

Things to Do at MSU

MSU Union- A favorite gathering spot, with quick service restaurants, and the MSU Spirit Shop.

MSU Bookstore - In the International Center, with a wide selection of Spartan paraphernalia and other supplies.

MSU Museum - Exhibits on cultural and natural history, with an emphasis on the Great Lakes region. Its gift shop features unique items from around the world. Free admission.

Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum - Grand Opening Fall 2012, the newest museum on campus features international art of all media. Free admission. Visit <http://broadmuseum.msu.edu/> for exhibit and visitor information.

W. J. Beal Botanical Garden - Founded in 1873, the Beal Botanical Garden is the oldest continuously operated garden of its kind in the U.S. It includes over 5,000 species organized in economic, systematic, landscape and ecological groupings. The Garden also features an endangered and threatened plant collection and Michigan native wetland plants. Located west of the Main Library. Admission is free.

Horticultural Demonstration Garden - Visitors can take a stroll through the colorful floral displays of the MSU Horticulture Gardens – an official All-American Trial Garden test site for annual bedding plants. They have an extensive perennial collection, with an annual display and rose collection. Located south of the Plant & Soil Sciences Building. Open April 1-November 1, dawn to dusk. Admission is free.

4H Children's Garden - Designed especially for children, and completely handicap accessible, this delightful garden features a tree house built from twigs and limbs, a garden house, and an amphitheater and themed gardens, such as pizza and Peter Rabbit. Just imagine a garden where plants, children, and imaginations grow! Located south of the Plant & Soil Sciences Building. Open April 1-November 1, dawn to dusk. Admission is free.

MSU Dairy Store - When you visit the Dairy Store, we want to see you leaving with a smile on your face. We are dedicated to making your visit enjoyable and serving our delectable ice cream and other soda fountain favorites. During your visit, we encourage you to visit the observation deck to see the processing facilities. Observe a multimedia presentation on cheese and ice cream production. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays offer the best opportunities for catching our process making some of our products, including our award winning cheeses! Located in Anthony Hall and the MSU Union. *Look for the featured Odyssey of the Mind flavor, created just for World Finals 2015!*

University Stores – with an emphasis on the necessities like fans, batteries, Spartan gear and other supplies. Located on Service Road, just west of Harrison Road.

Abrams Planetarium – Explore the cosmos, travel the stars, and discover new heights at the Abrams Planetarium! Located across from the Shaw Hall, the Planetarium is a fun AND educational way to enjoy your free time here at Michigan State University. Shows are offered every Tuesday – Friday at 9:30 am, 11:00 am, and 1:30 pm. For more information, visit their website at <https://www.pa.msu.edu/abrams/index.html> and book your show in advance.

MSU Bug House – Visit MSU's Bug House to see, touch or hold some real creepy crawlers and learn more fascinating facts. The Bug House is where the Department of Entomology showcases its amazing pinned displays and lets you interact with cool insects like walking sticks. Most tours are hosted by our bug-loving graduate students and are designed for all ages in groups of 30 or less. The MSU Bug House is located in rooms 146-147 of the Natural Science Building. Make your reservation today by calling 517-355-4662.

Things to Do in Lansing and East Lansing

Visit the Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau Website for a complete list: www.lansing.org or call 1-888-2-Lansing.

Impression 5 Science Center

(517-485-8116 ext 32) <http://www.impression5.org>

Explore, discover, and experience Mid-Michigan's leading hands-on/minds-on science and technology center which provides activities, demonstrations, and exhibits for children from 2 to 92! I-5 is located at 200 Museum Drive in Lansing and is open from 10 am-5 pm, Tuesday-Saturday, and 12 pm-5 pm on Sunday. Check the website for information on themes. Admission is \$5 for adults, students, and children over 1 year of age, and \$4.50 for seniors. Admission is free for children 1 year old or younger.

Michigan Historical Museum

(517-373-3559) <http://www.michigan.gov/museum>

The Michigan Historical Museum, located in downtown Lansing, tells Michigan's story from precontact times to 1900 through permanent exhibits on its second floor. Exhibits about "Michigan in the 20th Century" fill the third floor. Special exhibits in a first floor gallery change yearly, and have focused on collections and themes ranging from underwater archaeology to Civil War flags. Located at 702 W. Kalamazoo in Lansing. Museum is open from 9 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday and 1 – 5 pm on Sunday. Admission is Adults (18+) - \$6, Seniors (65+) - \$4, Youth (6-17) - \$2 (optional), Children up to 5 years – Free.

Potter Park Zoo

(517-483-4222) <http://www.potterparkzoo.org>

Exhibits more than 400 wonders of wildlife including rhinoceroses, red pandas, tigers, leopard, and meerkats. Located at 1301 S. Pennsylvania, Lansing. Hours are as follows: April 1-October 31, 9 am-6 pm, and November 1-March 31, 10 am- 4 pm. Admission for non-residents of Ingham County is \$10, with parking at \$4.

R.E. Olds Transportation Museum

(517-372-0529) <http://www.reoldsmuseum.org>

A collection of artifacts and documents pertaining to the auto industry and Lansing area transportation from 1833 to the present. Over 50 vehicles on display. Located at 240 Museum Drive in Lansing. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors over 65. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday: 10 am-5 pm and Sunday: 12 pm-5 pm.

State Capitol Building

(517 373-2353) <http://www.michigan.gov/miplaces>

Step back into the Victorian era with a visit to Michigan's award-winning Capitol Building. Tours of the public areas and the House and Senate galleries are available Monday-Friday, 9 am-4 pm. Located at the intersection of Capitol and Michigan Avenues, Lansing.

State of Michigan Travel Information available at www.michigan.org

Recreation Facilities

Team members and adults staying on campus are able to participate in recreational activities at MSU's IM East building (basketball, racquetball, volleyball). A room key from the residence hall must be shown to access the pools at IM West. Towels are not provided.

IM East times are as follows:

Tuesday, May 19 th	1:00 pm-8:00 pm
Wednesday, May 20 th	1:00 pm-8:00 pm
Thursday, May 21 st	10:00 am-5:00 pm
Friday, May 22 nd	1:00 pm-8:00 pm
Saturday, May 23 rd	12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

- Participants must be accompanied by an adult chaperone when using recreational facilities.
- Recreational equipment checkout available to Odyssey of the Mind participants from IM East equipment desk.
- Athletic shoes are required for recreational activity area (gym floor).

IM West outdoor pool will be available to Odyssey participants as follows:

Monday, May 18 th	10:30 am-6:00 pm
Tuesday, May 19 th	10:30 am-6:00 pm
Wednesday, May 20 th	10:30 am-6:00 pm
Thursday, May 21 st	11:00 am-6:00 pm
Friday, May 22 nd	10:30 am-6:00 pm
Saturday, May 23 rd	TBA

- Participants must be accompanied by an adult chaperone when using outdoor pool.
- Participants must take a swim test to use the deep areas and the diving boards
- Bring your own towel, no towel service available.
- Proper bathing attire only. No street clothes permitted.
- Indoor pools are not available for use.
- All posted pool rules are applicable to all participants and the lifeguard staff will review rules with your group before pool use.
- Outdoor pool will be closed due to inclement weather. For the latest outdoor pool information you can call (517) 355-5273.