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Local Arrangements Committee Welcome

Boozhoo gakina awiiya!

Welcome to Milwaukee, whose name means both the ‘Good Land’ and a ‘Gathering Place’.

Walking around the streets of Milwaukee, we hope you see how its geographical landscape informs the stories told about its complex history. While Milwaukee eagerly look towards the future, preparing to welcome politicians and activists to the city for the upcoming Democratic National Convention this summer, there is a need to take a pause and notice how Milwaukee became the city it is today. We, the local arrangements committee, invite you to take stock of the stories that the city tells. Notice, which ones are made visible, audible, or present? And ask yourself, which stories are not as noticeable? Who tells these stories? And where do the visible and invisible stories converge in history and in the city where we now gather to meet?

Milwaukee's History

Geographically, Milwaukee is a city connected by a series of three rivers — the Milwaukee, the Menomonee, and the Kinnickinnic. These three tributaries empty into Lake Michigan and provided ample natural resources for sustaining communities. Over the last three centuries, Milwaukee has been inhabited by a range of indigenous peoples including the Potawatomi, Ojibwe, Odawa, Fox, Ho-Chunk, Menominee, Sauk and Oneida. As competition for accessing resources of the land peaked, the Ho-Chunk nation eventually moved inwards towards western Wisconsin and the Menominee north. By the eighteenth-century, Milwaukee was inhabited predominately by the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi nations which formed the Council of Three Fires.

Acknowledgement of Milwaukee's vast history with tribal nation peoples can be seen walking on city streets whose names honor these peoples, such as Kinnickinnic Avenue, Milwaukee Street, as well as at the Potawatomi Casino in downtown Milwaukee and the Indian Community School located in Franklin (a suburb in Milwaukee County). A lesser known indigenous landmark includes the Lake Park mound, which is one of the few remaining mounds to survive in Milwaukee.

In the 1700s, Milwaukee's tribal nations were threatened by the growing fur trade and colonial settlement of Milwaukee's natural water resources. Located between Green Bay and Chicago, Milwaukee became a strategic French trading post and a linguistically-rich land which contained French and Native languages. A romanticized narrative of French and American Indian relations can be seen Thorsten Lindberg's mural entitled, “Solomon Juneau”, which depicts a French Canadian fur trader and the first permanent white settler of Milwaukee. This mural is located in the Miller High Life Theatre, where we will come together for the Opening Session.

Gathering in a place called the “Miller High Life Theatre” speaks to Milwaukee's well-known German brewing history, which emerged as a central industry in the 1800s. Today, visitors of Milwaukee can tour the iconic Pabst Brewery and Miller Brewery. Newer breweries have also made a home for themselves in Milwaukee, including Lakefront Brewery, Milwaukee Brewing Company, and Sprecher Brewing Company. Meanwhile, Milwaukee's baseball team pays homage to the city's brewery industry with their name, the Brewers.

In addition to brewing beer, Milwaukee's role as an industrial city boomed during WWII. With an increasing demand for manufactured goods, many African Americans from the South moved to Milwaukee for work. While many African American families decided to stay in Milwaukee after the

war, Milwaukee as a city was becoming more and more racially segregated. Redlining became a common practice – denying black residents access to equal loan and housing opportunities. To this day, Milwaukee’s neighborhoods still remain highly segregated reflecting these practices of the past.

Vel Phillips, who is honored with a named street located close to the Wisconsin Center, was a black activist and politician in Milwaukee. She organized and participated in many nonviolent civil rights protests calling to end housing and education discrimination. During the mid 1960s, Phillips along with Father James Groppi, a local priest and civil rights activist, conducted in-state Capitol sit-ins and collaborated with the Youth Council in a 200 consecutive night march for open housing. The march sparked violent protests and caused national media outlets to dub Milwaukee “the Selma of the North,” creating political pressure for Mayor Henry W. Maier to pass an open housing law, supported by Phillips.

Today, Milwaukee sits at a pinnacle moment. As we prepare to welcome national political leaders to our city, we remain a city divided by race and class. For instance, a 2010 census reported that in Milwaukee County, more than half of African American men in their thirties have served time in prison. The National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) reported in 2017 that among eighth-graders, the gap between white and black students in reading skills in Wisconsin was the largest of any state, and the score for black students overall was the lowest of any state. And Wisconsin has the highest infant mortality rate of black babies according to a 2018 report published by the Center for Disease and Control. In 2019, Milwaukee County officials declared racism a public health emergency as they began to implement racial equity training with the Office on African American Affairs for county employees. Given the divides and disparities that exist in Milwaukee’s current and past history, where may some commonplaces be – where folks are coming together to address these divides and reimagine a united Milwaukee?

We want to highlight a few of these places and invite you all – as brief visitors of Milwaukee – to visit one or two of these places, so as to reflect on the tensions that have made Milwaukee a gathering place for us now.

Experiencing Milwaukee

Take **The Sherman Phoenix**, which is located in the Sherman Park neighborhood of Milwaukee. As a building that literally rose from ashes, it stands in the place of a BMO Harris bank that burned down in 2016 during a protest against police violence after a fatal shooting that impacted this predominantly Black neighborhood. This commercial space seeks to advance the entrepreneurship of communities of color in the area. It is open Monday – Saturday 7am – 8pm and features a variety of food vendors, health and wellness experiences, and cultural experiences. Led by the vision of co-owners Joanne Sabir and Juli Kaufmann, this collective opened in 2018 in response to community conversations that identified the need for safe, welcoming neighborhood spaces, to transform vacant property, support entrepreneurship, and build community wealth. Conference attendees who signed up for the bus tour on Wednesday, March 25th will stop at this establishment to learn about its history from local activist, Camille Mayes. For those interested in visiting The Sherman Phoenix during their stay in Milwaukee, you can find bus routes or Uber/Lyft services to transport you to this westside neighborhood.

On the city’s southside, there is **Core/El Centro**. This organization serves all income levels and offers Spanish and English health and wellness services such as acupuncture, massage therapy, gardening and nutrition programs featuring “food as medicine”, community health

advocate, and children's wellness. Located in the Walker's Point neighborhood of Milwaukee, Core/El Centro opened in 2002 as a response to the language and cultural barriers to health and wellness in the neighborhood. To learn more about Core/El Centro, check out their calendar of events on the website, www.core-elcentro.org.

The Retreat, a recently opened community, art, and decompression space, is another must-experience place where Milwaukee poets, activists, and change-makers are coming together. Opened by Milwaukee's 2019 poet Laurette, Dasha Kelly Hamilton and her husband, DJ and artist Kima Hamilton, The Retreat is a multi-purpose space close to the convention center. The Retreat (2215 N. Martin Luther King Dr.) is located just north of the Wisconsin Center and accessible by bus or Lyft/Uber services. A series of events will be occurring during CCCCs and are open to the public. For instance, on Wednesday, March 25th, The Retreat will host an open poetry slam and invites attendees of CCCCs to participate. Details can be found on the local arrangements website. Dasha Kelly Hamilton will also be performing with SistaStrings, a Milwaukee based sister duo, on Friday, March 27th at the Wisconsin Center.

In walking distance from the Wisconsin Center is the **Milwaukee Public Market**. The market features locally owned food artisans, offering conference attendees a place to grab a meal, drink, or shop for local food "musts" such as "cheese curds". The second floor of the market offers ample seating if you are looking for a place to meet up with friends and chat outside of the convention center. Located in Milwaukee's historic Third Ward neighborhood, the Public Market is a convenient establishment to experience local Milwaukee.

Similar to the Milwaukee Public Market, is the **Crossroads Collective**, a new food hall located on the east of Milwaukee. It features eight local food artisans and provides a series of food and drink options. Sustainability is important to the Crossroads Collective, which strives to be a zero net waste facility. To access the Crossroads Collective, bus or Lyft/Uber services are recommended.

Zocalo Food Park is another food experience connecting community through food. Zocalo, meaning public square, is Milwaukee's first food truck park accommodating up to six food trucks. It also has a full service bar, bocce ball court, and indoor/outdoor seating. Be sure to check out their Instagram or Facebook page for live music and other events, such as 'loteria', happening throughout the week. Located in the Walker's Point area, Zocalo can be access by bus and/or Lyft/Uber services.

Weather dependent, the **Milwaukee County Parks** offers a network of trails, parks, historic attractions, and beer gardens. With over 158 unique parks, several are within walking distance from the Wisconsin Center such as Zeidler Union Square, Pere Marquette Park, Cathedral Square Park, and Juneau Park. Be sure to make your way to Veterans Park which is located on the shores of Lake Michigan and close to the Calatrava Museum. Bublr Bikes are available to rent around the city, and if a nice day, can be seen often on the paths of Veterans Park making their way up and down Lake Michigan.

Second Street in the Walker's Point neighborhood features a variety of LGBTQ+ establishments, including the city's oldest lesbian bar. Milwaukee's Pride Parade takes over this area in June each year. Take the bus or Lyft/Uber services to the intersection of National Avenue and 2nd Street to explore this LGBTQ+ area.

Getting Around Milwaukee

There are many ways to access the multiple neighborhoods and experiences Milwaukee has to offer. One newer method of transportation is “The Hop” a streetcar which features roll-on, roll-off access for wheelchairs, strollers and bicycles. The Hop makes access to downtown Milwaukee restaurants, hotels, and parks accessible. Visit thehopmke.com for the daily schedule, fare rates, and a route map.

The Milwaukee County bus system is also well-used, affordable (\$2.25 per ride – exact change required), and travels around the city to distinct neighborhoods. With 60 Routes and 5,500 stops, the bus is an accessible method of transportation. Conference attendees looking to ride the bus can plan their trip by visiting ridemcts.com/trip-planner.

Bublr Bikes are also available for rent around the city. Named after the Milwaukeean’s affinity to call a “water fountain” a “bubbler”, Bublr Bikes can be rented from a series of bike stations around the Greater Milwaukee area. For more information visit, bublrbikes.org.

Learning More About Milwaukee

For those interested in learning more about the history, community stories, and local perspectives about the city, you can tap into Milwaukee in a variety of ways. If you prefer listening, you can stream **88.9 Radio Milwaukee**. This is a local radio station featuring local artists and community stories. You can read about some past features on their website: radiomilwaukee.org.

Want to know more about the history and distinct neighborhoods of Milwaukee? Check out the **Encyclopedia of Milwaukee** (www.emke.uwm.edu), a Digital Humanities Project sponsored by the History Department at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. With over 700 entries on Milwaukee history, the encyclopedia is an excellent source for learning about the distinct Milwaukee moments, people, and landscape.

Finally, check out **Writing and Rhetoric MKE**, a website run by graduate students studying writing and rhetoric at UW-Milwaukee. The website features a blog which connects academic learning with community expertise, highlighting the ways that communities around Milwaukee are engaging with writing, rhetoric, and literacy in their lives. Visit writingandrhetoricmke.com/blog to read some of the blog posts and learn how Milwaukee engages with writing and rhetoric.

On behalf of the local arrangements committee, welcome to Milwaukee! We are thrilled to have the opportunity to gather here. Before you arrive, be sure to visit our local arrangements website, hosted in conjunction with the Writing and Rhetoric MKE blog. Our local arrangements website can be found at: www.writingandrhetoricmke.com/4c20.html, and be sure to follow @writingmke on Twitter for local stories, tips, and “insider” guides to navigating Milwaukee.

Interested in getting to a particular location and not sure how to get there? Stop by the Hospitality booth and a volunteer will help you navigate to your destination. Be sure to also check out the Social Justice Action Committee booth to learn about the inclusion of local activists, writers, and performers participation at the conference.

We look forward to greeting you in Milwaukee!

Transportation

Getting to Chicago and Then to Milwaukee

One of the common ways to get to Milwaukee is to, first, use Chicago as a hub, due to its proximity (duration: 1h29m; distance: 92.9 miles to Milwaukee). Chicago has two airports -- O'Hare to the Northwest and Midway to the Southwest. If you have spare 3-4 hours to enjoy the breathtaking beauty of Chicago, you can experience the grandeur of Grant Park's Buckingham Fountain or its iconic museums and skyscrapers and see for yourself why Chicago was once dubbed "Paris on the Prairie." You can engage in retail therapy on the Magnificent Mile or root for the home team within the friendly confines of famed Wrigley Field.

Whether you decide to stay longer in Chicago or travel to Milwaukee, there are four ways to find yourself in the Windy City.

TRAIN:

Fastest. It takes around 1.5 hrs. You will take the train from [Chicago Union Station](#) (accessible by train or bus from O'Hare and Midway) to [Milwaukee Intermodal Station](#), which is a five minute walk (0.3 miles) from the Convention Center. With just 89 minutes between Chicago and Milwaukee, you can sit back, relax, and avoid the traffic. Their reliable service offers seven round-trips daily featuring comfortable seating, and free Wi-Fi. [See rates and times](#) or call 1-800-USA-RAIL. Average price - \$35.

CAR:

Most Flexibility. It also takes around 1.5 hrs, if leaving from O'Hare. If you plan to drive, O'Hare is closer and therefore, preferable. Depending on the route you take from [Chicago](#), you could encounter a couple of tolls. Once you hit the state line, there are no tolls. Plug in your route [here](#) to see details. You will need an I-PASS transponder, since all tolls are now open-road. Otherwise you pay double if you pay cash or pay the tolls online afterwards (within 7 days). The drive itself is relatively easy. Once you get out of Chicago it's a straight shot with little construction during the winter season. Average cost on gas and tolls - \$20, more if paying for rental car.

BUS:

Cheapest. It takes around 2 hrs. [Greyhound](#) offers trips from \$11, [MegaBus](#) offers trips from \$9.99 (Chicago, IL, Megabus stop on W Polk St. between S Clinton St and S Canal St), or just compare prices @ [BusBud](#). Most convenient because it leaves directly from the O'Hare airport, but a little pricier at \$30 is [Coach USA](#). The final destination for all buses is Milwaukee Intermodal Station, which is a five minute walk (0.3 miles) from the Convention Center.

FLIGHT:

Most expensive but furiously fast. [Expedia](#) offers a range of cheap flights from Chicago Midway Airport or Chicago O'Hare to Milwaukee Mitchell Airport.

Getting To & From Milwaukee

Milwaukee Intermodal Station

Milwaukee Intermodal Station—the city's predominant bus and train station—allows you to arrive to the city just a few short blocks from your destination thanks to its central location downtown. The station is served by Amtrak's *Empire Builder* and *Hiawatha Service* as well as multiple bus companies, including [Coach USA](#), [Greyhound](#), and [Megabus](#). Once you've arrived to Milwaukee Intermodal Station, getting to your hotel and/or to the Conference Center couldn't be easier! Multiple MCTS local bus routes serve the station directly, with several additional local bus routes operating nearby, and the station is also a stop for Milwaukee's streetcar, The Hop.

Mitchell International Airport

Fly directly into Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport, which is conveniently located less than ten miles from the Wisconsin Center and downtown Milwaukee. Once you've arrived in Milwaukee, you will be able to choose from a wide variety of transportation options to carry you from the airport to your hotel accommodations. [Ground transportation](#) available to help you travel to and from the airport include: car rental, taxi, shuttle, coach bus, public transportation, and ride share services. To learn more about Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport, or to book your flight, [click here](#).

Flight Discounts

Delta Flight Discount

- When booking your flight, look for the "Meeting Event Code" box and enter: **NY2XP**

United Airlines Flight Discount

- [Visit this website](#) and enter the offer code: **ZHJW236682**

Getting Around Milwaukee

Driving

Milwaukee is conveniently located at the intersection of I-94 and I-43, with easy access from downtown to the distinct neighborhoods, surrounding suburbs, and other counties through the expansive highway/interstate system. To ensure a safe and timely trip through the city, keep the following tips in mind:

- Allot extra time for travel during rush hour and dangerous weather conditions.
- Visit [ParkMilwaukee.com](#) to find lots and structures near your destination.
- Download the [MKE Park app](#) to pay for meter parking directly from your phone.
- Read parking signs closely to ensure you're legally parked.
- Use a navigation app that takes construction and/or accidents into account when determining a route, such as Google Maps.

Walking

Milwaukee's compact downtown is easy to navigate and walk around. Spacious paths run through Brady Street on the East side of town, the Historic Third Ward district, and the Milwaukee Lakefront, making the entire city pedestrian-friendly and accessible. The popular 3-mile Milwaukee RiverWalk allows visitors to explore downtown, as it winds along the Milwaukee River, connecting

the Beerline B neighborhood to Old World Third Street and then the Historic Third Ward. Milwaukee's downtown area also features helpful signs to point you in the direction of popular attractions and main streets, so you can feel confident getting around the city.

Public Transportation - MCTS

The Milwaukee County Transit System runs buses throughout downtown and the surrounding county, making the bus a reliable, convenient, and cost-efficient form of transportation in the city. The Ride MCTS app makes it easy to get around with route information, real-time bus tracking, and the option to buy your ticket online. Purchase a 1-day or 7-day pass and ride the bus everywhere for the entire duration of your trip! The Ride MCTS app allows you to select a destination and arrival/departure date and time, then provides you with multiple route options, all detailing the time and place of departure and arrival as well as the exact location and time for you to board your bus. In addition, all Milwaukee city buses are wheelchair-accessible via a ramp at the front of the bus. For more information on MCTS and what it has to offer, please visit ridemcts.com.

Biking

All city streets feature designated bike lanes and additional bike paths run throughout the city, making it effortless to explore the city on two wheels! Bike racks are located in front of most buildings and city buses are equipped with a bike rack so you can decide how far you ride. Didn't bring your own bike? Take advantage of Milwaukee's nonprofit bike share program, [Bublr Bikes](#)! Bublr Bikes "delivers an accessible, convenient, and integrated and sustainable bike share system for all", and stations are located throughout downtown and the surrounding areas. Rent a bike by the minute, for the entire day, or purchase an annual pass. Just visit the station kiosk and: 1. Pay, 2. Ride, 3. Return, and 4. Repeat!

Street Car - The Hop

The Hop operates on an ongoing schedule, running: Monday - Friday, 5 AM to 12 AM; Saturday, 7 AM to 12 AM; and Sunday, 7 AM to 10 PM. Hop on and off for FREE with streetcars arriving approximately every 15 minutes to each of the M-Line's 18 stations. The Hop is fully accessible to persons of all abilities. Learn more about the newest form of public transportation in Milwaukee by clicking [here](#)!

Ride Share

Uber and Lyft both operate in Milwaukee. Download the apps today and use code VISITMKE (or visit www.lyft.com/i/visitmke) for \$10 off two rides from Lyft.

Museums & Tours

If you're looking to learn more about Milwaukee specifically – or just to learn something new – check out these spots around town.

Features Include: *Architecture, Art, Budget Friendly, Culture, Free, History, Kid Friendly, Science*

Betty Brinn Children's Museum (<https://www.bbcmkids.org/>) Young children (ages 10 & under) can learn through hands-on play at interactive science, art and maker exhibits while their adults can enjoy sweeping views of Lake Michigan. (0.8 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Art, Budget Friendly, Kid Friendly, Science

Captain Frederick Pabst Mansion (<https://www.pabstmansion.com/visit>) Built by Captain Frederick and Maria Pabst in 1890, the Pabst Mansion has witnessed over a century of Milwaukee history, eventually becoming the award-winning historic museum and architectural landmark it is today. An enduring testament to America's Gilded Age, the Mansion was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975, and has been open to the public since 1978. Visitors learn about the Pabst Mansion and family while exploring the first through third floors on docent-led guided tours. (1.2 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Architecture, Art, Culture, History

Charles Allis Art Museum (<https://www.charlesallis.org>) The Charles Allis Art Museum permanently houses the art collection of early 20th-century industrialist Charles Allis in a stately and intimate urban mansion. Charles and Sarah Allis built the residence in 1911 to house their world-class art collection, their intention being to bequeath their home and collection to the people of Milwaukee. The museum provides opportunities for residents and visitors to experience history, culture, and the arts while being immersed in the passion Charles and Sarah Allis had for fine art: paintings, ceramics, bronzes and antiquities. (1.9 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Architecture, Art, Culture, History

Chudnow Museum of Yesteryear (<http://www.chudnowmuseum.org>) The Chudnow Museum of Yesteryear, now a non-profit organization, operates as a Milwaukee history museum in an 1869 residence displaying the late Avrum Chudnow's (1913-2005) extensive and eclectic collection of early 20th Century Americana. The museum was started by Avrum Chudnow in 1991 to hold his continuously growing collection of artifacts from the late 1800s through 1970, chiefly the 1920's and 1930's era, which today make up the exhibits of the museum. Opened to the public in 2012, the museum's permanent exhibits include recreations of an early 19th-century grocery store, ice cream parlor, and train depot. The upper level of the museum features a doctors office, a toy store, and a movie theater that shows old films. Other areas showcase more of his collection which includes toys, books, musical instruments, political campaign material, clothing, artwork, Jewish artifacts, and many other articles. (0.9 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Architecture, Art, Culture, History, Kid Friendly

Discovery World (<https://www.discoveryworld.org/>) Older children and STEM enthusiasts will especially enjoy the experiential exhibits and Reiman aquarium spotlighting the Great Lakes. Discovery World's innovative architecture and location provide for some of the best views of Lake Michigan in the city. (1.1 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Architecture, Kid Friendly, Science

Grohmann Museum (<https://www.msoe.edu/grohmann-museum/>) Located on the [Milwaukee School of Engineering](#)'s campus, the Grohmann Museum is home to more than 1,400 paintings, sculptures, and artworks representing the evolution of human work and labor. (0.7 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Art, Budget Friendly, Culture, History

Harley Davidson Museum (<https://www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/museum.html>) Offers a unique exploration into American history, design and culture through the lens of Milwaukee-founded and headquartered Harley Davidson Motor Company. The museum also features a [restaurant](#), bar and [gift shop](#) for Harley souvenirs. (0.6 miles)

Features: Culture, History, Kid Friendly

Haggerty Museum of Art (<https://www.marquette.edu/haggerty/>) The free museum located on [Marquette University's](#) campus boasts over 6,000 works in its collection including an [original mural](#) by Keith Haring and painting by Salvador Dalí. CCCC's attendees will likely find inspiration in the special [Toward the Texture of Knowing](#) exhibition. Also consider checking out the historic [Joan of Arc chapel](#) on Marquette's campus while you're here. (1.2 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Architecture, Art, Culture, Free, History

Historic Milwaukee Walking Tours (<https://historicmilwaukee.org/tours/walking-tours/>) Historic Milwaukee, Inc. (HMI) is a local non-profit organization dedicated to increasing awareness of and commitment to Milwaukee's architecture, history, and built environment. If history is your passion, take a walking tour with Historic Milwaukee. Although many of their neighborhood tours are only offered June–October, HMI runs two tours throughout the year: Skywaukee and HOP Streetcar. On the Skywaukee tour, discover downtown Milwaukee from indoors as you stroll through the skywalk system and learn about significant Milwaukee landmarks. Explore Milwaukee's distant and more recent past while enjoying a smooth ride on the new HOP Streetcar tour. (0.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Architecture, Art, Culture, History, Kid Friendly

Jewish Museum Milwaukee (<https://jewishmuseummilwaukee.org/>) Explores the history, culture and stories of Jewish communities in Southeastern Wisconsin. (1.8 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Art, Culture, History

Miller Brewery Tours (<https://www.millerbrewerytour.com>) From your personal tour guide to the ghost of Frederick Miller, on a Miller Brewery Tour you will experience over 160 years of brewing history with a modern-day twist. International visitors and local guests alike experience something new with every tour. Commemorative photos, gift shop keepsakes, and an unforgettable exploration of the Milwaukee Brewery awaits you! Relax and enjoy your brews in our Visitor Center, Bavarian-style Miller Inn, or outdoor Beer Garden (seasonally) with friends and family at this historic Milwaukee landmark. (4.2 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Culture, History

Milwaukee Art Museum (<https://mam.org/>) An iconic Milwaukee landmark with an expansive and impressive [collection](#) of over 31,000 works. The Santiago Calatrava-designed Quadracci pavilion is free. The exterior [Burke Brise Soleil](#) ("wings") opens at 10 a.m., flaps at noon, and closes when the Museum closes (as weather permits) and offers [Instagram-worthy](#) photo opportunities. (1.2 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Architecture, Art, Culture, History, Kid Friendly

Milwaukee Museum Mile (<http://www.milwaukeeuseummile.org>) The Milwaukee Museum Mile (MMM) is a joint effort between five arts and cultural museums located on Milwaukee's historic East Side—Charles Allis Art Museum, Jewish Museum Milwaukee, Museum of Wisconsin Art at St. John's on the Lake, North Point Lighthouse, and Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum—to create a simple and more affordable way for visitors to access and enjoy multiple museum experiences. MMM offers visitors the opportunity to discover Milwaukee's hidden museum jewels and experience the history, architecture, culture, and art that have come to define our city. (0.2-3.4 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Architecture, Art, Budget Friendly, Culture, History

Milwaukee Public Library (Central Location) (https://www.mpl.org/hours_locations/central.php) Built in 1898, the Central Milwaukee Public Library is an architectural gem that combines French and Renaissance styles. Free tours are available Saturday mornings at 11 am. It also has a large children's play area featuring a puppet stage, legos, and more. (0.2 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Architecture, Culture, Free, Kid Friendly

Milwaukee Public Museum (<http://www.mpm.edu/>) Wisconsin's Natural History Museum is a short walk from the convention center and host hotels. Its exhibits and programming seek to preserve and protect natural and cultural diversity. Check out the theatre and planetarium [schedule](#), too. (0.3 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Culture, History, Kid Friendly, Science

Mitchell Park Domes (<https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Explore/The-Domes>) Unique dome-shaped natural conservatories featuring a tropical ecosystem, a desert ecosystem, and a rotating exhibit. A great place to walk around if the weather is bad with an excellent indoor [winter farmer's market](#) on Saturday mornings. (2.6 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Budget Friendly, Kid Friendly, Science

North Point Lighthouse and Museum (<https://northpointlighthouse.org/visit/admission/>) Originally built in 1855 of cream city brick, and later rebuilt of cast-iron, the North Point Lighthouse was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1984. In 2003, a grant was used to restore the light and to open it to the public as a maritime museum. Stop by the museum for a docent-led tour to learn about North Point Lighthouse's rich history, view exhibits, and climb the 74ft-tall tower. (3.4 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Architecture, History, Kid Friendly

Other Useful Sources

Websites

Visit Milwaukee: <https://www.visitmilwaukee.org/>

- DNC Link: <https://www.visitmilwaukee.org/dnc/dnc-what-to-expect/general-dnc-faq/>

Milwaukee Magazine: <https://www.milwaukeeemag.com/>

Milwaukee Shepherd Express: <https://shepherdexpress.com/>

On Milwaukee: <https://onmilwaukee.com/>

Encyclopedia of Milwaukee: <https://emke.uwm.edu/>

Books about Milwaukee

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City (2016): <http://www.evictedbook.com/>

Sociologist Matthew Desmond's award-winning ethnographic account of eight families trying to live and pay rent in Milwaukee is both about the city specifically, but also about larger national trends in income disparity and housing access. One of the things that is so brilliant about this book is the way it merges individual stories with large data-sets (integrated through footnotes) to tell a story that leaves you identifying with the faces of the housing crisis while also understanding its larger mechanisms.

Live and Let Live: Diversity, Conflict, and Community in an Integrated Neighborhood (2017):

<https://uncpress.org/book/9781469631387/live-and-let-live/> Sociologist Evelyn Perry's account of three years of ethnographic research in the Riverwest neighborhood of Milwaukee, one of the most multi-ethnic and mixed-income neighborhoods in the country. Her book seeks to understand how Riverwest came to be, how it has survived as a diverse neighborhood for decades, and the impact of that diversity on its residents.

The Selma of the North: Civil Rights Insurgency in Milwaukee (2009):

<https://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674057296> Historian Patrick Jones' account of civil rights action in Milwaukee between 1958 and 1970. Considers the development and growth of campaigns against employment and housing discrimination, segregated public schools, the membership of public officials in discriminatory organizations, welfare cuts, and police brutality.

Restaurants

Milwaukee has a great food scene with lots of variety, from casual street eats to formal German meals. This section highlights food-centric venues; for more information about breweries, cafes, and bars, head to the Social Spaces section.

Features: Brunch, budget friendly, cocktails, gluten free friendly, kid friendly, LGBTQ friendly, open late, POC owned, vegetarian friendly,

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Alem Ethiopian Village (<https://www.alem-ethiopianvillage.com>) Ethiopian. Offers a variety of entrées including beef, chicken, and lamb, as well as vegetarian meals. Includes a vegetarian lunch buffet Tuesday-Friday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. (0.4 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Budget friendly, gluten free friendly, kid friendly, POC owned, vegetarian friendly

Ashley's BBQ BBQ. This Milwaukee staple provides BBQ platters & sandwiches, fried fish, & down-home sides. (2.3 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Budget friendly, POC owned

Conejito's Place (<http://conejitos-place.com>) Mexican. Traditional Mexican food, fresh and made from scratch, in a unique atmosphere. Voted #1 for Cheap Eats in Milwaukee by the Shepherd Express. (0.9 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Budget friendly, POC owned

Daddy's Soul Food and Grille Soul Food. Soul food restaurant where the buffet menu changes daily and features chicken and, depending on the day, barbecued short ribs (Tuesdays and Saturdays), meatloaf (Wednesdays), pork chops (Thursdays), catfish fillets and salmon patties (Fridays). The side dishes rotate and include smoked turkey greens, sweet potatoes, baked mac and cheese, corn, mashed potatoes, rice, spaghetti, baked beans, and black-eyed peas. (2.2 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Budget friendly, POC owned

Ian's Pizza (<https://ianspizza.com/ians-pizza-milwaukee/>) Pizza. This beloved pizza shop, which originated in Madison, offers 'za by the slice and pie with traditional and less-traditional toppings, including mac n'cheese and (in March) reuben, burrito, and jambalaya. Vegetarian and vegan options available by pie and slice; GF by pie. (0.8 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Vegetarian friendly, gluten free friendly, budget friendly, kid friendly

Press au Marche (<https://www.presswafflesaumarche.com/>) Waffles. Features yeasted, Belgian Liège-style waffles, sandwiches, salads, espresso. Open breakfast to 5pm. (0.7 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Brunch, kid friendly

Riverwest Co-op (<https://www.riverwestcoop.org/cafe-menu>) Vegetarian. Natural goods store attached to a small cafe with eat-in and to-go food options. Meat-free menu with dairy options. (2.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Brunch, gluten free friendly, LGBTQ friendly, vegetarian friendly

Smallpie (<https://smallpiemke.com/>) American. Sweet pies, savory pies, sandwiches, and salads, plus local ice cream and floats! Affiliated with HoneyPie. Multiple Locations (Eastside and Bayview). (2.5 miles/5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: LGBTQ friendly, vegetarian friendly

The Tandem (<https://tandemmke.com>) Southern. Provides a wide variety of plates--most notably their fried chicken. Offers a full bar along with casual seating on the patio. (1.8 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Budget friendly, POC owned, vegetarian friendly

Urban Beets Cafe and Juicery (<https://www.urbanbeetscafe.com/>) A local, vegan cafe with plentiful nut-free and gf options, including smoothies, burgers and sandwiches, etc. (0.8 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Gluten free friendly, vegetarian friendly,

Vagabond (<https://vagabondmke.com/>) Mexican. Features eclectic taco selections and margaritas in a casual, brick-walled space. Wide selection of creative vegetarian tacos. (0.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Gluten free friendly, open late, vegetarian friendly

The Vanguard (<https://www.vanguardbar.com/>) American. Creative house-made sausages as well as a variety of appetizers and cocktails. Most of their sausage plates and appetizers are available vegetarian/vegan (even the poutine!). (3.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Cocktails, open late, vegetarian friendly

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Beans and Barley (<https://www.beansandbarley.com/>) American. Diner-style menu including weekend brunch, soups, sandwiches, burritos and more with many vegetarian, vegan, and gluten free options. Attached to a market and deli that sells artisan goods and healthy food options to-go. (2.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Brunch, gluten free friendly, kid friendly, LGBTQ friendly, vegetarian friendly

Beerline Cafe (<https://www.beerlinecafe.com/restaurant>) Vegetarian. Meat-free menu with dairy options, specializing in sweet and savory crepes but with a wide variety of sandwiches, bowls, and salads on offer. (2 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Brunch, gluten free friendly, vegetarian friendly

Belli's Bistro and Spirits (<https://www.bellismke.com>) American. Menu spans sandwiches, salads, Southern dishes, entrée, and steaks. Also features a full bar with bottled beer, wine by both the bottle or glass and signature cocktails like the BelliBlue with pineapple, light rum, vodka and blue curacao along with the Strawbelli Mojito. (2.2 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Budget friendly, POC owned

Blue Bat Kitchen & Tequileria (<https://bluebatkitchen.com/>) International. Global street food, bowls, and salads as well as over 160 tequila varieties. (0.7 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Cocktails, gluten free friendly, vegetarian friendly

Bollywood Grill (<http://www.bollywoodgrill.us>) East Indian. Offers traditional South Indian cuisine, including a chaat menu (Indian street food) and dosa. Open for lunch and dinner a la carte with many vegetarian and gluten-free options. (0.8 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Budget friendly, gluten free friendly, kid friendly, POC owned, vegetarian friendly

Buck Bradley's Saloon and Eatery (<https://buckbradleys.com/>) American. Landmark saloon

featuring sandwiches, burgers, and entrees as well as draft beers and cocktails in a comfy, brick interior. (0.3 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Open late

Cafe Benelux (<https://cafebenelux.com/>) Belgian, European. Belgian beer and gastropub with a wide variety of sandwiches and entrees including many vegetarian and gluten free options. (0.7 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Brunch, gluten free friendly, kid friendly, vegetarian friendly

Cafe Corazon (<https://www.corazonmilwaukee.com/>) Mexican. Beloved local Mexican restaurant with extensive vegetarian options/sub-ins and a vegan menu, as well as excellent cocktails and brunch. Two locations in the city (one Riverwest and one in Bayview). (3.5 miles/4 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Brunch, cocktails, gluten free friendly, vegetarian friendly

Celesta (<https://www.celesta.restaurant/>) Vegan. Upscale changing vegan menu featuring fresh ingredients as well as delicious vegan cocktails and desserts. Small space so reservations are recommended for dinner. (2.2 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Cocktails, gluten free friendly, vegetarian friendly

Classic Slice (<http://classicslice.com/>) Italian. Lesbian-owned pizza joint with a wide variety of specialized pies. The vegan pizza comes highly recommended and gluten free options are also available. (4 miles from Convention Center)

Features: LGBTQ friendly, gluten free friendly, vegetarian friendly

Comet Cafe (<https://www.thecometcafe.com/>) American. Casual cafe and bar with a diner-like menu, including all day breakfast. Vegetarian and meat-centered options are plentiful. Open until 2 am every night of the week. (2 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Brunch, gluten free friendly, kid friendly, open late, vegetarian friendly

County Clare Irish Pub (<https://countyclare-inn.com/irish-pub/>) Irish fare. This quaint Irish outpost boasts a full bar and a diverse menu that includes several vegetarian and gluten-free options. (1.2 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Gluten free friendly, vegetarian friendly

Crossroads Collective (<http://www.crossroadscollectivemke.com/>) Milwaukee's "foodiest food hall" features eight local food artisans and provides a range of food and drink options. Sustainability is important to the Crossroads Collective, which strives to be a zero net waste facility. (2.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Kid friendly

Cubanitas (<https://www.getbianchini.com/new-page>) Cuban, Latin American. Wisconsin's First Cuban Full Service Restaurant serving traditional Cuban food and drinks. Offers gluten free menus. (0.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Budget friendly, gluten free friendly, open late, POC owned

DanDan (<http://dandanmke.com/>) American Chinese. Sichuan-inspired small plates, with plenty of vegetarian options. (1.1 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Cocktails, vegetarian friendly

The Diplomat (<https://www.thediplomatmke.com/menu>) New American. An under-appreciated Milwaukee gem, this unassuming bar/restaurant serves a rotating menu of carefully curated local and seasonal fare. (1.4 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Cocktails, vegetarian friendly

Doc's Smokehouse (<https://docsbbq.net/pages/milwaukee-bbq-menu>) Southern BBQ. Meat-centered cuisine with happy hour specials and a featured local brewery of the month. (0 miles from Convention Center)

Don's Diner & Cocktails (<https://www.donsmke.com/>) American. A relatively new establishment that pays homage to old Milwaukee, Don's offers all-day breakfast, generously portioned boozy (and non-boozy) shakes, and specials that include 10-cent lunches Wednesday-Friday from 10-am through 1pm. (1.6 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Cocktails, vegetarian friendly

Hamburger Mary's (<https://www.hamburgermarys.com/mke/>) American. Restaurant and bar featuring regular drag shows, karaoke, and weekly charity bingo. Limited vegan/vegetarian options available. (1.1 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Brunch, LGBTQ friendly

Heaven's Table BBQ (<https://www.heavenstablebbq.com>) BBQ. A BBQ counter with meat smoked over hickory. Brisket, ribs, pork shoulder and Lao sausages are available in combos with sides like grits and fried corn. (2.4 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Budget friendly, POC owned

Honeypie Cafe (<https://www.honeypiecafe.com/>) American. Upscale Wisconsin diner serving creative comfort food and desserts made from local ingredients. Many entrees can be made gluten free and there are some vegan options (less for brunch). (3.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Brunch, gluten free friendly, LGBTQ friendly, vegetarian friendly

Jewels Caribbean (<https://jewelscaribbean.com>) Caribbean. Serves the food of St. Lucia and items from Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago. Includes a Creole breakfast of sautéed saltfish served with biscuit-like bakes, avocado slices and green fig. (1.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Budget friendly, gluten free friendly, POC owned, vegetarian friendly

Kanpai Izakaya (<http://www.kanpaimilwaukee.com>) Japanese. Japanese fusion cuisine and sushi. Grab a quick bite for lunch, indulge in one of many happy hour specials, or sit back, relax and enjoy an unparalleled evening of sushi and drinks. (0.9 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Budget friendly, POC owned, vegetarian friendly

The King and I (<http://www.kingandirestaurant.com/#anchor-u424>) Thai. Casual restaurant featuring a wide variety of gluten free and vegetarian options with an open kitchen and a weekday lunch buffet. (0.2 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Gluten free friendly, vegetarian friendly

Mi Casa Su Café American. Offers salad, seafood, chicken, beef, and even vegan options. Many foods are cooked on the grill and the restaurant is committed to showing that healthy food can taste good. (1.3 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Budget friendly, POC owned, vegetarian friendly

Milwaukee Brat House (<https://www.milwaukeebrathouse.com>) German. Historic venue with German and Wisconsin fare and local beers. (0.3 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Open late

Milwaukee Safe House (<https://www.safe-house.com/>) Spy-themed hideaway bar featuring creative cocktails and bar food in a quirky space. Make sure you know the password! (0.4 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Cocktails

Mo's Irish Pub (<https://mosirishpub.com/milwaukee/>) Irish. Busy downtown pub/sports bar featuring Irish drinks and eats and live music. (0.2 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Open late

On the Bayou Cajun. Offers a variety of Cajun dishes that range from battered catfish to lamb chops. (1.3 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Budget friendly, POC owned

Rise and Grind Café American. An eatery and market that offers breakfast and lunch. Also provides a full coffee menu and both fruit-based and green smoothies. (2.0 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Budget friendly, POC owned, vegetarian friendly

Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery (<https://rockbottom.com/locations/milwaukee>) American. Brewpub chain serving house beers and upscale pub food. Gluten free and vegetarian options available. (0.3 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Gluten free friendly, open late, vegetarian friendly

San Giorgio Pizzeria Napoletana (<https://sangiorgiopizza.com/#about>) Italian. Rustic-chic eatery with an open kitchen serving traditional Italian cuisine including wood-fired Neapolitan pizza, antipasti and more. (0.2 miles from Convention Center)

Screaming Tuna (<https://screamingtuna.com/>) Sushi. Local favorite for sushi; sustainably sourced. Regularly rated #1 in Milwaukee. (1.0 miles from Convention Center)

Speed Queen BBQ (<http://www.speedqueenbbq.com>) BBQ. Counter-serve, cash-only spot in no-frills digs serving BBQ fare slathered with a secret sauce. (1.2 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Budget friendly, POC owned

St. Paul Fish Company (<https://www.stpaulfish.com/st-paul-fish-company-public-market/>) Seafood. This local favorite, located in Milwaukee's Public Market, offers daily specials, an extensive fish and seafood menu, and one of the city's best lobster rolls. Ask about the "salmon crack." (0.6 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Kid friendly

Strangetown (<https://www.strangetownmke.com/>) Vegan. Hip spot for globally inspired vegan dishes including small and large plates and a large wine and cocktail menu. Recommended for small groups to share plates. (2.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Cocktails, gluten free friendly, vegetarian friendly

Swingin' Door Exchange Saloon and Eatery (<https://www.swingindoorexchange.com/>) American. Sandwiches, burgers, Friday fish fry, and eclectic entrees, including several vegetarian options. (0.7 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Cocktails, open late, vegetarian friendly

VIEW MKE (<https://www.viewmke.com/menu/>) New American. Locals know this restaurant with a view as the former Wolf Peach and the beloved former Roots. It currently features locally sourced, frequently changing small plates, including vegetarian options. (1.2 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Cocktails, vegetarian friendly

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Amilinda (<https://amilinda.com>) Spanish & Portuguese. A changing menu featuring seasonal and local ingredients and including meat and (at least one) vegetarian mains. (0.5 miles)

Features: Cocktails, LGBTQ friendly

Benihana (<https://www.benihana.com/menu/teppanyakidining/>) Japanese. Hibachi chain serving a range of meat dishes grilled table-side. (0.3 miles from Convention Center)

Bistro 333 (<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/wisconsin/hyatt-regency-milwaukee/mkerm/dining>) New American. Hyatt Regency's Dine-in option includes burgers, several meat-based entrees, as well as salads and appetizers. (0 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Open late

Braise (<http://www.braiselocalfood.com/>) Locavore. Enjoy cocktails, small, and large plates at this locavore restaurant with family-style seating in the dining room. (1.8 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Cocktails

Buckley's (<http://buckleysmilwaukee.com/>) Upscale American. Cocktails and small plates including vegetarian options and one of Milwaukee's best lobster rolls. (0.8 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Cocktails

Calderone Club (<http://www.calderoneclub.net/>) Italian. Old-world setting for authentic Italian cuisine including thin-crust pies, handmade pasta, paninis & an extensive wine list. (0.2 miles from Convention Center)

Harbor House (<https://www.bartolottas.com/harbor-house>) Seafood. Visit this upscale seafood restaurant for happy hour and/or the lakefront view. Take note: While the menu extends beyond seafood, there are no vegetarian options. (1.2 miles from Convention Center)

Mader's (<https://madersrestaurant.com>) German. Historic venue offering classic German cuisine, Bavarian decor, and traditionally dressed waitstaff. (0.4 miles from Convention Center)

Mauer's Urban Market (<https://www.yelp.com/biz/maurer-s-urban-market-milwaukee>) Grocery. This grocery sells prepared food and has lots of gluten-free and vegan options, fresh produce, and alcohol. Open 7am-9pm weekdays; 8am-7pm Sat & Sun. (0.8 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Gluten free friendly, vegetarian friendly

Third Coast Provisions/Oak and Oyster (<http://www.thirdcoastprovisions.com/>) Seafood. Oysters, seafood specialties and a variety of cocktails. Fancy dining upstairs at Third Coast; more casual dining in the cozy downstairs space, Oak and Oyster. (0.5 miles from Convention Center)

The Rumpus Room (<https://www.bartolottas.com/rumpus-room>) American. Relaxed gastropub serving American fare, craft beers & cocktails in classic digs with a tin ceiling. Happy hour food and drink specials and weekday grab and go lunches. (0.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Cocktails

Ward's House of Prime Steakhouse. Regularly rated Milwaukee's #1 place for prime rib and steak. Ambitious diners can compete to join Ward's Wall of Fame. Menu includes meat and seafood options plus one vegetarian and one vegan entree. (0.6 miles from Convention Center)

Social Spaces

Whether you're looking to grab a drink with a friend, choose a meal from a range of options in one of our many food halls, or peruse books by local authors, there's a spot in Milwaukee for you.

Features: Cocktails, dancing, food hall, kid friendly, LGBTQ friendly, POC owned

Bookstores & Creative Spaces

Boswells' Bookstore (<https://www.boswellbooks.com/>) Local bookstore that regularly hosts readings and highlights local work. (3.0 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Kid friendly

Outwords Books, Gifts, and Coffee (<https://outwordsbooks.com/>) "From books exploring LGBTQ+ lives to all the latest romance and murder mysteries, [they] have what you love to read!" (3.0 miles from Convention Center)

Features: LGBTQ friendly

The Retreat (<https://www.facebook.com/theretreatmke/>) A recently opened community, art, and decompression space where Milwaukee poets, activists, and change-makers are coming together. A series of events will be occurring during CCCCs and are open to the public, including an open poetry slam on Wednesday, March 25. (1.6 miles from Convention Center)

Sherman Phoenix (<https://www.shermanphoenix.com/>) This commercial space seeks to advance the entrepreneurship of communities of color in the area. It is open Monday – Saturday 7am – 8pm and features a variety of food vendors, health and wellness experiences, and cultural experiences. (3.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Kid friendly, POC owned

Woodland Pattern Book Center (<https://www.woodlandpattern.org>) Colorful local bookstore with regular readings, open mics, workshops, and other events. The bookstore is also participating in the SJAC book drive and will have a booth in the exhibit hall throughout the duration of CCCCs. (2.7 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Kid friendly

Cafes, Coffee Shops, & Sweet Treats

Coffee Makes You Black (<https://www.facebook.com/CoffeeMakesYouBlack/>) Diner-style space serving coffee and soul food, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. (2.4 miles from Convention Center)

Features: POC owned

Colectivo-Third Ward (<https://colectivocoffee.com/cafes/third-ward>) Local coffee chain with a surprisingly wide menu including breakfasts, pastries, and lunch entrees. Very vegetarian and gluten free friendly. (0.7 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Kid friendly

Crossroads Collective (<http://www.crossroadscollectivemke.com/>) Milwaukee's "foodiest food hall" features eight local food artisans and provides a range of food and drink options. Sustainability is important to the Crossroads Collective, which strives to be a zero net waste facility. (2.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Food hall, kid friendly

Dunkin' Donuts Two locations nearby. (0.1/0.3 miles from Convention Center)

Holey Moley Doughnuts (<https://www.facebook.com/HoleyMoleyDoughnuts/>) A popular local stop for coffee and doughnuts, including vegan varieties. (0.8 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Kid friendly

Hudson Business & Lounge (<https://thehudson.org/>) Stylish co-working space with coffee, food, and cocktails. (0.8 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Cocktails

Milwaukee Public Market (<https://milwaukeepublicmarket.org/>) Indoor market modeled after the Seattle version with various vendors, including Mexican, Middle Eastern, fresh seafood, soup, salad, baked goods, coffee. The second floor of the market offers ample seating to meet up with friends and chat outside of the convention center. (0.6 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Food hall, kid friendly

Purple Door Ice Cream (<https://purpledooricecream.com/>) Local ice cream shop with innovative flavors like Old Fashioned and Purple Moon. (0.8 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Kid friendly

The R Cafe (<https://www.rcafeonline.com/>) Coffee and breakfast options as well as sandwiches and pastries. (0.3 miles from Convention Center)

Features: POC owned

Rise and Grind Cafe (<https://www.facebook.com/rgcafe2mlk/>) Local spot for coffee, soul food and a brunch buffet. (2.0 miles from Convention Center)

Features: POC owned

Starbucks You know the drill - multiple locations. (0 miles/0.5 miles from Convention Center)

Stone Creek Coffee - Factory Cafe (<https://www.stonecreekcoffee.com/>) Local coffee chain with pastries and snacks; right across from the train station and Hop stop (our local light rail) and good for caffeinating for travel. (0.3 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Kid friendly

Third Ward Cafe (formerly Kickapoo Coffee) (<https://kickapoocoffee.com/pages/historic-third-ward-cafe>) Fair trade, organic coffee and a variety of pastries served in a bright space with plenty of seating. (0.9 miles from Convention Center)

Zocalo Food Park (<https://www.facebook.com/ZocaloFoodPark/>) Zocalo, meaning public square, is Milwaukee's first food truck park accommodating up to six food trucks. It also has a full service bar, bocce ball court, and indoor/outdoor seating. (1 mile from Convention Center)

Features: Food hall, kid friendly

Entertainment

ComedySportz Milwaukee (<http://www.cszmke.com/>) All-ages comedy-as-a-sport, complete with referee, featuring 2 improv teams competing for applause. (1.2 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Kid friendly

Local Brews

Ale Asylum (<https://aleasylum.com/>) Local brewery serving appetizers and pub food, situated right on the Milwaukee river with excellent views. (0.3 miles from Convention Center)

Best Place at the Historic Pabst Brewery (<https://www.bestplacemilwaukee.com/>) Forget your can of PBR - Best Place brings back recipes for a wide range of Pabst's classic brews!! Also don't miss the Pabst memorabilia shop just a block down filled with old pint glasses, t-shirts, and brewery-related kitsch. (0.6 miles from Convention Center)

Black Husky Brewing (<http://www.blackhuskybrewing.com/>) A favorite spot for dog watching, with a rustic, cabin-themed interior. (2.7 miles from Convention Center)

City Lights Brewing (<http://citylightsbrewing.com/>) Scenic spot by the river with lots of seating and a pub-style menu in addition to their beers on tap. (2.0 miles from Convention Center)

Deer District (<https://deerdistrict.com/>) A grouping of various pubs and restaurants outside the new Bucks basketball stadium, Fiserv Forum. Includes local brewery, Good City Brewing and The Drink Wisconsibly pub. Check the Bucks home game schedule to make sure these won't be packed. (0.3 miles from Convention Center)

Eagle Park Brewing (<http://www.eagleparkbrewing.com/>) Serving a variety of their own taps and eclectic small plates in an often crowded warehouse space. (1.5 miles from Convention Center)

Gathering Place Brewery (<http://www.gatheringplacebrewing.com/>) Large, warehouse brewery in the Riverwest neighborhood. Not serving food at this time. (4.0 miles from Convention Center)

Indeed Brewing Company (<https://www.indeedbrewing.com/>) Originally a Minneapolis microbrewery, now with a new Milwaukee location. Large, open space with plenty of seating. (1.2 miles from Convention Center)

Lakefront Brewery (<http://www.lakefrontbrewery.com/>) Known for having the best brewery tour in town (make sure to book ahead!), Lakefront offers a wide variety of beers including gluten free options in a large, open space great for large groups. (1.5 miles from Convention Center)

Mobcraft Brewery & Taproom (<https://www.mobcraftbeer.com/>) Local microbrewery with a creative tap menu, including at least one “crowd-sourced” flavor, and in-house pizzas (0.9 miles from Convention Center)

Stubby’s Gastropub and Bar (<http://stubbyspubandgrub.com/>) A 2019 runner up for best place to drink beer, according to OnMilwaukee. Huge beer menu! (2.1 miles from Convention Center)

Sprecher Brewery (<https://www.sprecherbrewery.com/>) Old-school brewery with an indoor Bavarian beer garden. Offers tours, tastings, live music, and meals. (5.0 miles from Convention Center)

The Sugar Maple (<http://mysugarmaple.com/>) Voted the 2019 best place to drink beer in Milwaukee by OnMilwaukee. Also a great spot for a cocktail. (3.0 miles from Convention Center)

Third Space Brewing (<https://thirdspacebrewing.com/>) Warehouse-style microbrewery and taproom offering craft beer and sometimes food trucks or pop-up food options. (0.9 miles from Convention Center)

Urban Harvest Brewing Company (<https://www.urbanharvestbrewing.com/>) A large rustic taproom offering a variety of small-batch beer. (1.5 miles from Convention Center)

Lounges & Bars & Pubs Oh My

Art*Bar (<https://www.facebook.com/artbarmke/>) Queer bar and art space/gallery with in-house pizza available. (3.0 miles from Convention Center)

Features: LGBTQ friendly

Bad Genie (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bad-Genie/199171190433921>) Bi-level nightclub and bar serving craft beer & cocktails, with pool tables & live music several nights. (0.6 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Dancing

BLU Milwaukee (<https://www.blumilwaukee.com/>) Stylish venue on the 23rd floor of the Pfister hotel with sweeping views, unique cocktails, and live jazz music. (0.6 miles from Convention Center)

Brownstone Social Lounge (<https://www.facebook.com/brownstonesociallounge/>) Intimate lounge with classic cocktails, hookah service, small plates and music. (0.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: POC owned

Bryant’s Cocktail Lounge (<https://www.bryantscocktailounge.com/>) Cocktail bar in a stylish, vintage space with a “secret” menu. You tell the waiter what kinds of flavors you like and they make you a delicious cocktail to match. (2.0 miles from Convention Center)

Bugsy’s Back Alley Speakeasy (<https://www.bugsysmke.com/>) Twenties-style nightclub with classic cocktails, live music, and a light menu. (0.8 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Dancing

Cuvee Lounge (<https://www.cuveemke.com/>) Champagne and cocktails in trendy Third Ward neighborhood. (0.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: LGBTQ friendly

Dix Milwaukee (<https://dixmke.com/>) Gay bar featuring drag shows and dancing. (1.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Dancing, LGBTQ friendly

Fluid Milwaukee (<https://fluidmke.com/>) Relaxed gay bar offering craft cocktails, daily specials & event nights. (1.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: LGBTQ friendly

The Harbor Room Old school leather bar, mostly gay men, cruise spot, dive bar. (1.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: LGBTQ friendly

Hudson Business & Lounge (<https://thehudson.org/>) Stylish co-working space with coffee, food, and cocktails. (0.8 miles from Convention Center)

Jazz Estate (<https://jazzestate.com/>) Long-running but recently revamped cocktail bar and intimate music venue with regular jazz performances, some free and others with a cover charge. (2.5 miles from Convention Center)

Kruz (<https://m.facebook.com/kruz.kruzbar/>) Relaxed gay dive bar; mostly men. (1.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: LGBTQ friendly

Mad Planet (<http://www.mad-planet.net/>) Classic dance club featuring hometown bands and national acts plus two weekly retro night with DJs. (2.3 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Dancing

My Office (<https://www.facebook.com/MyOfficeMilwaukee/>) Classic Milwaukee dive bar, if you're looking for a local experience. (0.6 miles from Convention Center)

Oak & Oyster (<http://www.thirdcoastprovisions.com/menus>) Cocktails, oysters, and happy hour, oh my. The cozy basement accompaniment to the restaurant, Third Coast Provisions. (0.6 miles from Convention Center)

Riverwest Public House (<https://riverwestpublichouse.wordpress.com>) Queer cooperatively owned bar; radical political space, intersectional space. (3.0 miles from Convention Center)

Features: LGBTQ friendly

This is It! (<http://www.thisisitbar.com/>) Oldest gay bar in Wisconsin, serving drinks since 1968. Drag shows and karaoke on certain nights. (0.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: LGBTQ friendly

Walker's Pint (<https://walkerspint.com/>) Historically a lesbian bar, but feels pretty queer-friendly. (1.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: LGBTQ friendly

Outdoor Activities

March weather can be fairly unpredictable, especially in Milwaukee. Even after the grass begins to green and the daffodils emerge from the ground, there's still a good chance a snow is on the way. Milwaukee's system of parks and expansive networks of trails will nevertheless entice anyone looking for to bike, hike, jog, or stroll about the city. Here are a few reasons to pack your running shoes and ideas to work off a little conference energy during your time.

Trails

Milwaukee boasts an ever-expanding network of trails suitable for biking, hiking, jogging or just to get away from the bustle of downtown.

Hank Aaron Trail

Named after a Milwaukee (and sports) legend, the [Hank Aaron Trail](#) connects Lake Michigan to Miller Park, the home of the Milwaukee Brewers baseball team. Pick up the eastern trailhead near the Harley Davidson museum, which is located just south of the convention center across the Menomonee River.

Oak Leaf Trail

The Oak Leaf Trail is a 125-mile loop comprised of several branches. The Milwaukee River Line and Lake Park Loop are closest to the conference site. The former connect the downtown area with the East Side, where UW-Milwaukee is located. The Lake Park Loop, which connects to the River Line near the Milwaukee Art Museum, stretches along the coast of Lake Michigan and ends at Lake Park. [A map of the trail can be found here.](#)

River Walk

The city's Riverwalk connects the Third Ward and downtown with the historic Brewer's Hill neighborhood. Between Wisconsin Avenue and State Street, the walkway traces both eastern and western edges of the river. In this portion of the Riverwalk, the paths are paved. The eastern path is more easily accessible, however, and features ramps to complement several sets of stairs along the way. Some of the city's most popular restaurants may be found along here. Another notable sculpture is the "[Bronze Fonz](#)," located on the western side of the Riverwalk at Wells Street. On the northern end near Brewer's Hill, you'll find yourself near Lakefront Brewery, which hosts an unforgettable tour.

In the opposite direction - heading south from Wisconsin Avenue (where you'll find Gertie and her ducklings) - you'll find yourself in the Third Ward. From here you must access the Riverwalk on the eastern side where there are more ramps for accessibility. After a block, the surface becomes a composite boardwalk that runs between excellent restaurants and condos which look out over the river. The Public Market is a block away from this area.

Bublr Bike

Milwaukee's bikeshare system is named after the "bubbler," the native Wisconsin term for what other folks might call a drinking fountain. Bublr bike stations are located throughout the city. For more information, [please see the Bublr site.](#)

Parks

Encompassing more than 15,000 acres, Milwaukee's expansive park system is the pride of the city. Milwaukee's crown jewels are scattered throughout the county but here are a few worthwhile destinations close to downtown.

Cathedral Square Park

Located in the neighborhood between downtown and the lower East Side, [Cathedral Square Park](#) hosts a packed schedule of music events. Free wifi and a stop on the Hop route make this an especially compelling park for residents and visitors.

Red Arrow/Dontre Hamilton Park

Red Arrow Park is a small space located near the Performing Arts Center. The ice skating rink probably won't be open in March but the food trucks found here at lunchtime are among the best in the city. In April, 2014, Dontre Hamilton was shot and killed by a Milwaukee police officer. Progressive groups in the city, who have used Red Arrow Park as the starting point for political marches, have unofficially renamed the park in memoriam.

Juneau, Veterans, and McKinley Parks

Juneau Park is named after Milwaukee's first mayor, Solomon Juneau. Fourteen acres of tree-shaded space provide excellent views of Lake Michigan. Couched on a bluff overlooking the lake, a portion of the Oak Leaf Trail connects to Veterans Park below.

Veterans Park is located just over a mile-and-a-half from the convention center. Several fingers of the Oak Leaf trail weave throughout the park, encircling a long lagoon where paddleboats might be found (weather permitting). Nearly 100 acres of park can be found between McKinley Park and the [Milwaukee Art Museum](#).

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North of Veterans Park along Lincoln Memorial Drive is McKinley Park. Between Bradford Beach (to the north) and Veteran's Park, this park easily gets overlooked. Featuring a roundhouse, charter boats, and a small, quiet beach, McKinley has a lot to offer. The most compelling, however, might be the Government Pier, with some of the best views of the city.

Museum Center Park

Just before crossing the pedestrian bridge to the art museum, you'll probably find yourself crossing Museum Center Park, [formerly O'Donnell Park](#). This plaza, which caps a large parking garage, was a contested space for some time. The art museum thankfully purchased the plot before the space could be taken up by private interests.



Pere Marquette Park

Located between the Milwaukee River and the [Milwaukee County Historical Society](#), this park is a perfect place to take your lunch.

Zeidler Union Square

This small park, located near the convention center, is named after one of Milwaukee's socialist mayors, Frank Ziedler. It is likely because of this legacy that the annual Labor Day march begins here.

Lake Park

Frederick Olmstead, who also designed New York City's Central Park, is credited for the landscaping of [Milwaukee's Lake Park](#). Although a bit away from downtown, Lake Park is arguably worth the trip. Large open areas are perfect for taking in the sun. The chip-and-putt golf course will be open in March as well. Some of the more invigorating features of Lake Park, however, are found in the gulleys, canyons, and walkways that take one off of the paved trails. This is the site of the indigenous landmark, the Lake Park mound, which is one of the few remaining mounds to survive in Milwaukee.

Lakeshore State Park

Stretching along the Summerfest grounds between [Discovery World](#) and the [Pierhead Light](#), Lakeshore State Park is an exquisite location for a quiet escape from the city, despite being so close to downtown. Wild grasses and flowers surround wide, paved walkways. Cycling and strolling, as well as fishing and kayaking in the lagoon, can be done here free of charge.



Local CCCC Events

There are many new features and events at CCCC this year. Below are descriptions for some of the highlights and local events you should plan to check out while in town for the conference.

About That: Prescription

- On Thursday, March 26, 6-8:30 p.m., stop by [The Retreat](#) for a conversation about the dark history and modern efforts of medical experiments and health disparities. The discussion is inspired by visiting author Megan Giddings and her novel, *Lakewood*. About That is a conversation series inspired by new local works of art; it frames the relevant discussions intersecting our lives. Aging. Gentrification. Consent. Sensuality. Respectability politics. Masculinity. And more. Moderated by Dasha Kelly Hamilton, the About That events don't feature a panel, but conversation kickstarters who each open each discussion with 3-5 minutes of anecdote, analysis or attitude. From there, the conversations are based on whatever the room has to say ABOUT THAT.

Big Truckin' Food Fair

- The Friday night social event is a longstanding Cs tradition. This year, as before, we will indeed gather on Friday evening (7:30-9:30 p.m.) to celebrate, confabulate, and let down a little. In a departure from Cs tradition, we've organized a street festival, with entertainment, food trucks, games, and general festivity. Since Milwaukee is a city famous for its summer festivals, we've planned our own festival for 4C20. But since March in Milwaukee is not, so much, summer, we've organized this as a (mostly) indoor event: you can purchase a meal at one of the highly acclaimed local food trucks featuring an array of food choices (plant-based options, various local/ethnic cuisines, and dessert items) parked along Wisconsin Avenue, right between the Hilton and the Wisconsin Center. Then you can wander with your delectables back inside to the Wisconsin Center atrium to eat, grab a drink from the cash bar, groove to the distinctive sounds of local Milwaukee R&B/soul/jazz duo Sista Strings, and delight in the art of Milwaukee's Poet Laureate Dasha Kelly Hamilton. Stop by for delicious food from these local vendors:

- **Hidden Kitchen** (<http://www.hiddenkitchenmke.com/>) Locally sourced salads & meals
- **Twisted Plants** (<https://www.twistedplants.com/>) Plant based sandwiches, sides, & apps
- **Marco Pollo** (<https://www.marcopollomke.com/>) Crispy chicken with international flavor
- **Foxfire** (<https://www.foxfiremke.com/>) Hot fried chicken sandwiches & vegan options
- **Cupcake-A-Rhee** (<https://www.thecupcakearhee.com/>) Desserts and specialty cupcakes

CCCC 2020 Documentarians

- The Documentarians role is new for CCCC this year, and it is very much in the spirit of conference as space of learning for those who attend. This new role was inaugurated for two reasons: One, to give you the opportunity to write and about and share your experience of the conference so that we can learn more about what you, as *you*, find most valuable about the conference. From the collected work of the 2020 Documentarians, we hope to learn about diverse ways to experience CCCC. And two, to give members of the Cs community yet another opportunity—in a role not contingent on space constraints!—for participating in and contributing to the conference. CCCC 2020 Documentarians will document what they see and do as they move through the convention, reflect on these experiences each day and at the end of our time together. If you're serving as a Documentarian this year, please join us for a Documentarians Reception on Wednesday evening for snacks, introductions, and a general celebration of the work.

Commonplace Collection Kiosks and Common Grounds Pop-Up Coffee Houses

- In order to keep the conversation about commonplaces alive in our common spaces, we've set up corkboards (Commonplace Collection Kiosks) that invite you to record and post commonplaces you'd especially like to discuss with your fellow Cs-goers. Grab a notecard, record a commonplace of interest to you, and post it to one of the boards available in the lobbies of the Wisconsin Center, Hilton, and Hyatt. Then, grab a card (your own, or somebody else's) and take it with you to one of our Common Grounds pop-up coffee houses you'll find in one of these spaces, where you can enjoy a cup of coffee for the price of a conversation.

Conference Planner Zine

- In the general spirit of projecting, collecting, and reflecting on your experiences at CCCC 2020, we've included a print planner (designed by Lauren Brentnell) in the form of a zine. This planner (which you'll find along the materials you pick up at Registration), is an artifact designed for you not only to take notes on things you see and hear, but also to record your plans, goals, and expectations for each day and for the Cs experience as a whole.

Featured Speaker

- In 2020, we will continue the conversation about race, education, and trauma that defined the mission of the 2018 convention, a conversation that continued to animate CCCC 2019. Our Featured speaker for 2020 is Howard Stevenson, Constance Clayton Professor of Urban Education and Professor of Africana Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, and author of *Promoting Racial Literacy in Schools: Differences that Make a Difference*. On Friday morning, Professor Stevenson will give a featured talk (G Session) followed by a workshop (H Session). Stevenson's curriculum for developing racial literacy – for teaching a set of competencies for living and surviving in a world of traumatic racialized encounters – as an approach that is all too relevant to our times, and one that stands to enrich our practices as literacy educators.

Locally-operated Bus Tours of Milwaukee Neighborhoods

- The Local Arrangements Committee (LAC), working in collaboration with the Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC), has arranged (with Adam Carr, Deputy Editor for Community Engagement at Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service) for a local experience for those who wish to learn more about the history and institutions of Milwaukee's Black and Latinx communities and neighborhoods. You can visit these communities via two narrated bus tours run by members of these communities on Wednesday, March 25th 4:30 - 6:30 (Northside), and Saturday, March 28, 11:30-1:00 (Southside). Each tour can be purchased for \$35 (exclusive of meals) along with Registration; your contribution helps to support the local business owners and artists you'll meet along the way.
 - **Wednesday, March 25th 5:00-7:00pm**
Tour #1: Northside of MKE
-Learn about [Sherman Rising with Camille Mays](#)
-Learn about ["We Got This" with Andre Lee Ellis](#)
-Learn about [Venus Williams of Alice's Garden](#)
-Stop at [Sherman Phoenix](#) for dinner
 - **Saturday, March 28th 11:30-1:00pm**
Tour #2: Southside of MKE
-Learn about [Luna Artist Collective](#)
-Other stops TBD
-Stop at a Latinx owned business for lunch, potentially Zocalo or Lopez Bakery

Native Vendors

- Members of the American Indian Caucus have worked in collaboration with the local arrangements committee to bring several local Native vendors to the conference. Be sure to check out works from Lynn Cook, Diana Porter, and Catherine Thomas in the exhibit hall while attending the conference.

SJAC Poetry Events

- This year's convention features three opportunities for you to hear poetry and to perform your own.
 - On Wednesday evening, you're invited to show your stuff at a poetry slam off-site at [The Retreat](#), 2215 N. Martin Luther King Dr. The Harambee Poetry Slam is held every fourth Wednesday at The Retreat. Doors and sign up list open at 7pm. Slam begins at 7:30. Participants must have three original poems, three minutes or less and be at least 18 years old. Winning poet wins \$100!
 - There will be a Poetry slam in Atrium of the Wisconsin Center on Friday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. featuring local poets (1:00-2:00) and CCCC attendees who have signed up in advance (2:00-3:00).
 - On Friday, there will be an open mic (7:00-7:30 p.m.) for you to share a reading of a poem or other short piece at the Big Truckin' Food Fair, right before music duo Sista Strings and poet Dasha Hamilton take the stage.

SJAC Session: Beyond Matthew Desmond's *Evicted*: Fighting for Social Justice in Milwaukee

- Join Milwaukee activists (Donte McFadden, Co-Programmer, Black Lens at the Milwaukee Film Festival, Katherine Wilson, Executive Director, Frank Zeidler Center for Public Discussion, and Keith Stanley, Executive Director, Near West Side Partners) for an interactive roundtable discussion about the economic, legal, social, and political issues (housing and neighborhood revitalization, race and representation, fostering critical and equitable civic dialogue) described in Wisconsin author Matthew Desmond's *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*. This session, sponsored by the Social Justice Action Committee and chaired by Maria Novotny and Adam Carr, is aimed at attendees who have used or will use Desmond's text in university common-reading programs as well as *all* attendees committed to community-engaged teaching and learning.

Think Mobs

- As a discipline, we share certain commonplaces of knowledge and practice—but as we all know, local institutions have their own commonplaces of intellectual and practical activity. To open opportunities for further conversations about commonplaces of work, practice, and professional life, we've arranged pop-up discussion groups in locations on-and off site. Come meet your colleagues and find out how our commonplaces are expressed locally. Keep an eye on the website for more information about times and places.