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2020 CCCC Annual Convention

Conference on College Composition and Communication

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Program Chair: Julie Lindquist

<https://cccc.ncte.org/cccc/conv>

Navigating This Site

This site hosts the local landing page for the 2020 Conference on College Composition and Communication. These pages are nested within a blog site called [Writing & Rhetoric MKE](#), which is run by graduate students who study writing and rhetoric at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The blog aims to connect academic learning with community expertise. We also hope it serves as a space to highlight and amplify the ways that communities around Milwaukee are engaging with writing, rhetoric, and literacy in their daily lives.

On a desktop or laptop, you will find tabs horizontally across the top of this site under the title banner. On the mobile version of this site, you can navigate through the tabs by tapping on the menu icon (three horizontal lines) located in the upper left-hand corner of your screen.

All of the conference information is under the #4C20 tab, organized into the following pages:

[Welcome](#) - A letter from the Local Arrangement Committee and contact information for the various committee chairs.

[Accessibility](#) - The official CCCC Accessibility Guide, Best Practices for presentations, and access information about the Milwaukee Convention, where the conference is being held.

[Land/Water Acknowledgement](#) - Land/Water Acknowledgement and resources to learn more on American Indian history, community, and events in and around Milwaukee.

[Lodging & Transportation](#) - Local hotels and transportation options for getting around the city whether you are driving, busing, walking, etc.

[Local CCCC Events](#) - Connect with others from CCCC while also experiencing more of Milwaukee through these sponsored events happening around the city.

[VisitingMKE](#) - Information about things to do around the city, including a restaurant

guide, social spaces, outdoor activities, recovery groups, and museums and tours, that you can check out on your own, with a friend, or a whole group.

On the other main tabs of this site, you will find blog posts, more information about the blog and our editorial team, how to submit a post to Writing & Rhetoric MKE, and how to contact us or connect with us on Twitter. We hope you will check out what we're writing about!

Learn More About Milwaukee, Past & Present

Websites

- Visit Milwaukee: <https://www.visitmilwaukee.org/>
 - Milwaukee Neighborhoods: www.visitmilwaukee.org/neighborhoods/
 - DNC: <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

- *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* (2016) by Matthew Desmond (<http://www.evictedbook.com/>)
- *Live and Let Live: Diversity, Conflict, and Community in an Integrated Neighborhood* (2017) by Evelyn Perry (<https://uncpress.org/book/9781469631387/live-and-let-live/>)
- *The Selma of the North: Civil Rights Insurgency in Milwaukee* (2009) by Patrick Jones (<https://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674057296>)

WELCOME

Greetings from Milwaukee! On behalf of the Local Arrangements Committee, we want to extend a warm welcome to all who are traveling to Milwaukee for CCCC 2020. Collectively, we are a group of scholars who work, play, research, and have local affiliations to the city. It is the responsibility of the Local Arrangements Committee to create the atmosphere—a combination of setting and services—that will bring to life the plans that have been months in forming to create an experience for each convention registrant that is stimulating and rewarding, professionally and personally.

As you start to plan your trip to CCCCs and need more information, please feel free to reach out to one of us listed below. We are including titles and brief descriptions of our roles with local arrangements in order to help identify the best contact person for your request. We look forward to seeing you in March!

Maria Novotny, Local Arrangements Chair

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The Local Chair's chief responsibility is to see that the Local Committee operates smoothly. This includes coordinating with NCTE staff, selecting and working closely with sub-committee chairs, and support the needs of the CCCC Assistant Chair.

Lilly Campbell, Information, Hospitality, Special Events/Services Chair

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This committee produces a local restaurant and activities guide that may include cultural and tourist attractions. The committee also works a hospitality booth within the registration area during the Convention. They often have ready-made local guides and resources that can be tapped.

Heidi Rosenberg, Registration and Exhibits Chair

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The registration and exhibits committee includes individuals who work booths within the registration area, as well as other positions during the Convention. This includes volunteers: doing volunteer check-in; passing out materials at registration; counting attendance in session rooms; and greeting and directing attendees at venue entrances. Looking to volunteer during the convention? Contact Heidi!

Margaret Fink, Accessibility Committee Chair

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The accessibility committee creates the CCCC Accessibility Guide, conducting accessibility audits of the hotels, the convention center, and other local attractions. They also collaborate with the Disability SIG and the Committee on Disability Issues to improve accessibility conference-wide.

Rachel Bloom-Pojar, Website and Social Media Chair

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The website and social media committee creates the local arrangements website, posts relevant information about the city on social media, and creates informative blog posts that feature functions and social activities happening during the convention.

ACCESSIBILITY

CCCC is committed to co-creating access. Beyond offering accessibility services, it is our goal to promote a professional culture that builds access into its practices as an ongoing, collective project. Check out the full Accessibility Guide for CCCC 2020 [here](#).

The full guide includes [A Common Place: Building a Culture of Access at 4C20](#), which offers advice about accessible practices as you begin to prepare your sessions, and it also includes detailed access information about the Milwaukee convention.

We are consistently working to improve our site. If you have questions or suggestions for how we can make this website more accessible, please contact the editors at writingandrhetoricmke@gmail.com or Rachel Bloom-Pojar at bloompoj@uwm.edu.

LAND/WATER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

[From the CCCC American Indian Caucus:](#)

As the Conference on College Composition and Communication welcomes attendees to Minowaki, which in Anishinaabemowin means “the good land,” we take a moment to thank the water for supporting life in this region for over ten thousand years along the southwest shores of Michigami, where the Milwaukee, Menominee and Kinnickinnic rivers meet. We also acknowledge the ancestors who created effigy mounds made from the living earth between 800 BCE and 1200 CE as we stand today on land that has been inhabited by the Potawatomi, Menominee, Ho-Chunk, Ojibwe, Sac and Fox, and Mascouten people. They are joined today by the Oneida, Stockbridge-Munsee, and Brothertown people who were displaced from the east and now, with the sovereign nations and citizens of Wisconsin, serve as stewards of this space.

Tribal nations people have always practiced land acknowledgements when visiting territories that were not their own. Acknowledgements are opportunities for learning history, relationship building, situating oneself in a larger web of relations, and holding oneself accountable to being a good guest. Before giving a land acknowledgement, we ask you to do the following:

1. Practice self-reflection

Why are you giving this acknowledgement?

How do you hope to support tribal nations people?

How can your scholarship and teaching make visible indigenous intellectuals and grassroots movements?

2. Do your homework

Take some time to learn about the tribal nations people of Milwaukee—past, present, and their future goals.

3. Practice the pronunciation of the language and tribes

Check out <https://ojibwe.net/> for resources on Anishinaabemowin.

4. Be honest about the actions of colonizers

Yet, land acknowledgements are not grim. It should celebrate the resiliency of tribal nations people and the gifts provided by the land.

Giving a land acknowledgement is not enough. We do not want to tokenize or fetishize indigenous people or this land. We ask you to also do the following: We ask you to build real and authentic relationships with tribal nations people through the following: cite indigenous intellectuals in your research, teach indigenous intellectuals, attend sessions by indigenous scholars, and support grassroots movements in your own community.

If you have questions, please contact [Andrea Riley Mukavetz](#), American Indian Caucus Co-Chair.

Many thanks to Dr. Margaret Noodin who assisted in the research and writing of the land/water acknowledgement.

To learn more on American Indian history, community, and events in and around Milwaukee, take a look at these resources:

1. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Libraries [list of Local, National, and Tribal Organizations](#)
2. [The Encyclopedia of Milwaukee](#)'s article "[Native Milwaukee](#)"
3. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's [Electa Quinney Institute](#)

TRANSPORTATION

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. To learn more about the Milwaukee Intermodal Station, or to plan your travel to Milwaukee by train, [click here](#).

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](#).

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 while enjoying the view.

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.

To learn more about getting around Milwaukee, [click here](#)!

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. From film to fiction, animation to visual art, About That 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:

[Twisted Plants](#)

[Marco Pollo](#)

[Hidden Kitchen](#)

[Foxfire](#)

[Cupcake-a-Rhee](#)

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.

Tour #1: Northside of MKE

Wednesday, March 25th 5:00pm-7:00pm

- **5:00pm:** Depart
 - Welcome, introduction to tour guide and tour topic

- Establish roots of Milwaukee's North Side, from Great Migration through Bronzeville
- **5:10pm:** ["We Got This" with Andre Lee Ellis](#)
 - Discuss origins of "We Got This" and why it was needed
 - What's been the evolution of the program and needs of young men
- **5:30pm:** Depart
 - Discussion of historical urban renewal projects, highway construction, deindustrialization
 - Introduce Walnut Way and the propagation of urban agriculture & community development
- **5:40pm:** [Alice's Garden](#) & youth guides from Neu-Life Community Development
 - Narrative from Neu-Life youth guides about garden and neighborhood
 - Discussion of land use over time, including Underground Railroad, black community, Park West
- **5:50pm:** Depart
- **5:50pm:** [Sherman Rising with Camille Mays](#)
 - Develop what was taking place in Sherman Park before uprising
 - What took place with Sylville Smith and in immediate aftermath
 - Since, how has re-development looked?
- **6:10pm:** Arrive at [Sherman Phoenix](#)
 - Discussion of Sherman Phoenix's story
 - Time for group to get dinner
- **6:40pm:** Depart
- **7:00pm:** Arrive at Convention Center

Tour #2: Southside of MKE

Saturday, March 28th 11:30am-1:00pm

- **11:30am:** Depart
 - Welcome, introduction to tour guide and tour topic
 - Establish roots of Milwaukee's South Side, from Pfister & Vogel through Walker's Point
- **11:40am:** Pfister & Vogel story
 - Story of the "Los Primeros" and first Mexican workers coming to Milwaukee
 - Establish boundaries of redlining and impact on neighborhood
- **11:50am:** [Walker's Point Center for the Arts](#) & Xela Garcia
 - Learn about the art center's background and it's role in the community's development
 - Address how gentrification has impacted the neighborhood
- **12:15pm:** Depart
- **12:20pm:** [Esperanza Unida mural](#)
 - Story of Reynaldo Hernandez and mural throughout Milwaukee
 - Discuss potential of "cultural violence" and clumsiness of "well meaning development"
- **12:25pm:** [Zocalo](#)
 - Meet Jesus Gonzalez and learn his story of starting business in the neighborhood
 - Eat charolas of tacos
- **12:50pm:** Depart
- **1:00pm:** Arrive at Convention Center

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 from other places and find out how our commonplaces are expressed locally. Keep an eye on the website for more information about times and places.

VISITING MKE

Museums & Tours

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 pavillion 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

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Getting Outdoors

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 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 other ways to work off a little conference energy during your time here.

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.](#)

Riverwalk

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) - is 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.

Bubl'r Bikes

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

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, which will provide 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.

RESTAURANT GUIDE

Milwaukee has a great food scene with lots of variety, from casual street eats to formal German meals. This section highlights food-centric venues, categorized by how expensive each is, from low (\$) to high (\$\$\$). For more information about breweries, cafes, and bars, head to the [Social Spaces](#) page.

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, 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/menu.php>) 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 from Convention Center)

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 main dining room. (1.8 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Cocktails

Buckley's (<http://buckleysmilwaukee.com/>) Upscale American. Cocktails and eclectic 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 some 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 and other seafood specialties and a variety of cocktail selections. Drinks, oysters, and fancy dining upstairs at Third Coast; more casual dining available in the cozy downstairs space known as Oak and Oyster. (0.5 miles from Convention Center)

Features: Cocktails

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

This section contains a small sampling of the social spaces that you may want to check out with a friend or your traveling group! We've organized them into the following categories: **Bookstores & Creative Spaces, Cafes, Coffee Shops, & Sweet Treats, Entertainment, Local Brews, and Lounges & Bars & Pubs Oh My.**

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

Outwards Books, Gifts, and Coffee (<https://outwardsbooks.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

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 as well as 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 a full menu. (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)

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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