

## Welcome to beautiful downtown Charlotte!

Now that you're here you might be wondering what to do on your day in this charming mid-Michigan city, and we have some suggestions we'd love to share with you.

### MORNING

A great way to start any day in downtown Charlotte is with a hot cup of coffee and something to eat. We recommend going to **Eaton Place** if you want a homecooked sit-down style meal. If you're looking for something more causal, stop in to **Evelyn Bay Coffee** and pick up a sweet treat with your morning cup of joe.

From here there are a few other great things you can do in downtown. First, we recommend **Eaton County's Museum at Courthouse Square**, a place where you can learn all about Charlotte and the neighboring communities. If you're more interested in the nature-side of things we recommend getting outdoors and walking the trails at **Bennett Park**, the perfect place for kids, families and nature-lovers alike.

- J & J Eaton Place, 218 S. Cochran Ave., Mon-Sat 6 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday 7 a.m.-3 p.m. (4.3 star rating)
- Evelyn Bay Coffee, 134 S. Cochran Ave., Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-8 p.m. (4.7 star rating)
- Eaton County's Museum at Courthouse Square, 100 W. Lawrence Ave., Mon-Thurs 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (4.3 star rating)
- Bennett Park, 1305 Cochran Ave., Mon-Sun 8 a.m.-10 p.m. (4.5 star rating)

## **AFTERNOON**

After a thrilling morning, stroll through downtown and visit the locally-owned shops. We recommend the **Yarn Garden**, **Green Tree Essentialz and Giftz**, **Henhouse**, **Gypsy MarketPlace** or **Reflections Boutique** for a little retail therapy. If you have teens, stop by **Crosswalk**, the local teen center. It's a great way for them to meet other young people from the community, learn a new skill and enjoy a social afternoon.

We understand the true need though is to grab a bite to eat! In downtown Charlotte there are many eateries to pick from. We recommend **SideStreets** for delicious local sandwiches, **Thirsty Bird** for their unique lunch specials, or **Mike's Sports Page** for a mouth-watering burger.

- Yarn Garden, 131 S. Cochran Ave., Tues-Fri 12 p.m.-6 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (4.8 star rating)
- Green Tree Essentialz and Giftz, 106 W. Lovett St., Wed-Sun 12 p.m.-6 p.m. (5 star rating)
- The HenHouse Quilt Shop of Charlotte, 211 Cochran Ave., Mon-Sat 10am-5:30pm (4.6 star rating)
- Gypsy Marketplace, 116 S. Cochran Ave., Tues-Fri, Sat 12 p.m.-4 p.m. (4 star rating)
- Reflections Boutique, 129 S. Cochran Ave., Tues-Fri, Sat 12 p.m.-4 p.m. (5 star rating)
- Crosswalk Teen Center, 103 W. Lawrence Ave., Mon-Fri 3 p.m.-7 p.m. (5 star rating)
- SideStreets, 108 Washington St., Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-7 p.m. (4.7 star rating)
- Thirsty Bird, 208 S. Cochran Ave., Mon-Sat 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Sun 12 p.m.-9 p.m. (4.4 star rating)
- Mike's Sports Page, 107 Cochran Ave., Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-12 a.m., Sat 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. (4.4 star rating)

## **EVENING**

After an incredible day through town, it's time to sit back and enjoy yourself with a few relaxing activities. We'd first like to suggest **Eaton Theatre** for a \$5 movie — a price that can't be beat! Or a show at **Windwalker Underground Gallery** where live music can be found every Friday and Saturday Night. If you want to interact with people, we'd suggest going to **The Gaming Cantina** to play cards and board games, and make friends with the locals.

Lastly, round out your day with dinner, and we've saved some of the best for last. If you're in the mood for pizza and unique outdoor dining, visit **Riedy's** and grab a slice (or two). We also recommend going to **Eaton Pub and Grille** and trying their locally crafted beer and grabbing a bite to eat. Lastly, if you're not feeling like eating out, grab a pizza to go at **Hungry Howie's** or **Cottage Inn Pizza**.

- Eaton Theatre, 235 Cochran Ave. (Check website for show times.) (4.4 star rating)
- Windwalker Underground Gallery, 125 Cochran Ave., Mon-Thurs 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri 10 a.m.-10 p.m. (4.8 star rating)
- The Gaming Cantina, 143 S. Cochran Ave., Sun-Thurs 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Fri-Sat. 12 p.m.-12 a.m. (5.0 star rating)
- Eaton Pub and Grille, 214 S. Cochran Ave., Mon-Thurs 11 a.m.-12 a.m., Fri-Sat. 11 a.m.-2 a.m., Sunday 12 p.m.-12 a.m. (4.2 star rating)
- Riedy's, 219 S. Cochran Ave., Mon.-Sat 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Sun. 12 p.m.-12 a.m. (4.0 star rating)

# **Other Nearby Points of Interest**

AL!VE
Charlotte Performing Arts Center
Charlotte Aquatic Center
Crandell Park
Maple Brook Golf Course

The Country Mill
The Olde School House
Dean Park
Char-Lanes Bowling
Lincoln Park

Thanks for visiting — we look forward to seeing you again soon!

