



If you have the evening open

Battle Creek has three movie theaters. NCG Movies is located at Lakeview Square Mall (5775 Beckley Road), so it is right by Barnes and Noble, Dunham's, Target and Meijer. It also tends to have the most movies. West Columbia 7 (2500 W. Columbia Ave.) is a little farther out, but it has the best seats. JC Cinema (15375 Helmer Road) prices are cheaper than the others.

Hangout suggestion: Barnes and Noble is open until 9 p.m., with all the important amenities in reach: Frappes, WiFi, magazines and books.

If your next game is a day away

When your hotel doesn't have a pool, you can get a day pass to the Battle Creek YMCA. For shopping, head out to Harper Village on Beckley Road. There's a Meijer and Walgreens if you need essentials, a Kohl's and TJ Maxx for clothes and a Best Buy and a GameStop for electronics. Ulta Beauty offers make-up consultations, if

you want to see what's new. Plus, it's free! For a team-building exercise, try an escape room. Cereal City Escape is located at the mall and has two different puzzle challenges: solve a crime or commit a crime. If vampires are more your thing, go to Bowlero Lanes for Escape Room-Zone, where you have to get out of Dracula's Lair.

Hangout suggestion: Biggby is going to get crazy, so cut across the Riverwalk parking lot and 32 Social is right across the street - it's only a few minutes of walking.

Once you have your coffee or hot chocolate, go down the hall to the Lincoln Room for couches and tables. Why is it called the Lincoln Room? There's a giant portrait of Abraham Lincoln made out of pennies. It won ArtPrize in 2017.

There are plenty of outlets for charging devices and ask 32 Social for the WiFi password.



If you want a unique team photo

Do you want a team photo that's a little more interesting than standing in the gym? Here are some popular spots for portraits:

- The "love" graffiti mural makes a great backdrop. You'll find it at 15 W. Michigan Ave.

- If you don't mind leaving downtown, Historic Bridge Park (14930 9 Mile Road) has some very photogenic bridges, like the red trestle bridge that adds a pop of color to any photo.



- If you're looking for a classy backdrop, the Record Box (15 Carlyle St.) has a simple brick façade that any VSCO Girl would love.

For more, here is a listing of the most Instagrammable places in the area:
www.battlecreekvisitors.org/2019/07/the-most-instagrammable-places-in-calhoun-county/

If you're wondering what the commotion is on Saturday

Christmas comes early in Battle Creek. The Christmas parade is Saturday, Nov. 23. And this year's route goes right by Kellogg Arena! This is good news if you want to see a parade. If you need to get out of town quickly, just be careful where you park. They will shut down Michigan Avenue between Washington Street and Division Street, with the parade taking a detour down Jackson Street. Expect people to start gathering around 5:30 p.m.



PLACES TO EAT

If you need a quick bite to eat

It takes three minutes to walk to Jimmy John's from Kellogg Arena. Order ahead of time with the online app, and they'll have your sandwich ready once you get there.

If you're having a team dinner

There's no denying, pizza is the best. It's tasty and filling and it's easy to feed a crowd. Here we have a list of some of the best pizza places in Battle Creek: www.battlecreekvisitors.org/2019/08/8487 If you're looking for more of a sit-down restaurant, try Clara's on the River. They can host a big group and should have something for everyone, from burgers to gluten-free zucchini noodles.

If you want to eat with family

Nothing brings a family together like tacos. Three favorite destinations include Taqueria San Francisco, Torti Taco and La Cocina Mexicana.

If you need snacks

Horrocks Farm Market is a wonderland of snacking possibilities. Gummies in every shape and flavor, chocolate-covered everything, yogurt pretzels, cereal mixes, hot chili sesame sticks, cookies, plantain chips, fresh popcorn that comes in savory and sweet, mochi ice cream balls – do we need to keep going?

If you want a smoothie

Mango Healthy Fruit & Food has two locations in Battle Creek – both are where you want to be if you're looking for a smoothie or protein shake.

If you're vegetarian or vegan

Umami Ramen has lots of flavor, no matter what you choose from the menu. Start with a broth, then choose noodles, protein and garnishes. If you want to go vegan, try rice noodles with mushroom pho, tofu and bean sprouts, pickled vegetables and the house-made hot chili sauce. There are meat options, as well.

