



What can we do in Kalamazoo?

Design your Visit centered around a **Touch Tour** at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. View sculptures in the KIA collection. Experience works by artists Paul Ponchillia and Steve Curl, commissioned by the KIA and funded by the Michigan Braille Transcribing Fund. Contact Michelle Stempien at 269-349-7775 x3162, or at michelles@kiarts.org, to schedule a tour. Use the information below to help you design a visit that meets your specific needs and provides an exciting and educational experience for your students.



Downtown Kalamazoo:

Explore the Area

Consider visiting our area's features while you are here. The **Five Senses Garden (1411 Oakland Drive)** is a small public garden located near the KIA and easily visited on your way to or from the museum. The garden is designed to engage students in a setting that appeals to all five of the senses. A parking lot is close to the entrance and the garden is accessible. <http://commongroundkalamazoo.com/gardens/FiveSensesGarden>.



There are several public sculptures located less than three blocks from Bronson Park at the end of the Kalamazoo Mall, including "The Wheel," by Mark Lere. http://www.kalamazooarts.org/public_art/detail/20.

Further out, at the WMU College Park, there is the "New Arcadia," by David Black.



New Arcadia.
David Black
Aluminum, 1987
WMU College Park

The Wheel
Mark Lere
Concrete, 2002
Kalamazoo Mall
Arcadia Park



Lunch in Bronson Park:

Taste Kalamazoo

Kalamazoo's most central park, it's surrounded by lovely churches and civic buildings and is located across from the KIA and a block from the Kalamazoo Mall. This area features audible street crossings and is often used by O&M trainers. http://www.apsguide.org/chapter1_aps.cfm.



Both **Jimmy Johns** and **Panera Bread** offer and deliver box lunches. Jimmy Johns: <https://online.jimmyjohns.com>, Panera Bread: <https://www.panerabread.com>.

On Fridays, **Food Trucks** descend on Bronson Park and you can order from them. Food Trucks: <http://www.discoverkalamazoo.com/kalamazoos-food-trucks-bring-flavor-and-fun-on-wheels>.



American Foundation
for the Blind
ranks Kalamazoo as the
Third Most Livable Community
for the Visually Impaired.

Questions?

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