1. Planet Rock
82 April Drive, All
It’s almost impossible to visit Ann Arbor without taking a trip to Zingerman’s Deli. It was a frequent location in the movie The Five-Year Engagement.

2. Clarion Hotel and Conference Center
2900 Jackson Avenue
In addition to being in a close distance to the University of Michigan, The Big House, and downtown Ann Arbor, the Clarion Hotel had the perfect holidome location appeared as the “Climbing Wall Adventure Zone” in the movie Cedar Rapids.

3. Virginia Park
1524 West Liberty Street
This park, located in a residential Ann Arbor area, was the main exterior location for the Scanners tree and bus stop scenes in the movie Flipped, directed by Rob Reiner.

4. Westside United Methodist Church
900 South 7th Street
In addition to a history that dates back to the mid-1800s, Westside United also offers great parking for football games. While you are there, peak inside and see the chapel used for the funeral scene in the movie The Five-Year Engagement.

5. Zingerman’s Deli
422 Detroit Street
A classic Ann Arbor bar and eatery, featured in Judd Apatow’s The Five-Year Engagement.

6. Peoples Food Co-op
214 North 4th Avenue
Located near the farmer’s market in Kerrytown, the co-op is a favorite location in Ann Arbor to find fresh and organic fruits and vegetables. It was a location featured in The Five-Year Engagement.

7. cavern Club
210 South 1st Street
Converted from a historical brewhery and mill to one of Michigan’s largest night clubs, it is no surprise that the cast of The Five-Year Engagement went to the Cavern Club for some post-filming karaoke partying. It was also used for the costume party scene in the film.

8. Frita Batidos
117 West Washington Street
A unique favorite in Ann Arbor with Cuban-inspired menu, it served as the location of Tom’s restaurant in the film The Five-Year Engagement.

9. Liberty Street
This street is filled with many well-known Ann Arbor venues such as the Michigan Theater and the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. In addition, the movie Youth in Revolt built a fake business front at the end of Liberty Street hill for the huge car explosion scene in the film.

10. Old Town Tavern
122 West Liberty Street
A classic Ann Arbor bar and eatery, featured in Judd Apatow’s The Five-Year Engagement.

11. Pacific Rim by Kana
114 West Liberty Street
A unique Pan-Asian restaurant used in the film Cedar Rapids as the romantic restaurant where Ed Helms takes a girl out to dinner.

12. The Chophouse
322 South Main Street
In addition to being a high end and elegant steakhouse located in the heart of downtown Ann Arbor, it was featured in The Five-Year Engagement.

13. The Arcadian
328 South State Street, 13–15 Nickels Arcade
A unique antique jewelry, furniture and china retailer located in the Nickels Arcade, a beautiful glass atrium that opened in 1918, located on State Street right near the U of M campus. The shop was used in the movie Love and Honor.

14. Rackham Auditorium
915 East Washington Street
This auditorium, opened in 1939, was one of the first performing art spaces at U of M. It was used for a pivotal debate scene in Sabra Boulevard, starring Jennifer Connelly and Ed Harris.

15. Power Center for the Performing Arts
121 Founders Hall
With a modern classical design, the Power Center is regarded as the most technologically sophisticated performance space at U of M. It was used in the movie The Ides of March, starring George Clooney and Ryan Gosling, as a bail for a presidential candidate speech.

16. University of Michigan Diag (“The Diag”)
Located in the center of central campus, the Diag is a beautiful location in front of the Graduate Library and was featured in The Five-Year Engagement. If you visit, school legend warns freshmen that if they step on the brass M in the center of the Diag they will fail their first exam. Most students avoid stepping on it all together.

17. U of M Law Quad
642 South State Street
One of the best examples of gothic architecture anywhere in the state of Michigan. An ambulance goes on screen, it easily doubles for any East Coast Ivy League university or Harry Potter’s Hogwarts; this location has been used in the film Sabra Boulevard, starring Jodie Foster.

18. East Quad
701 East University Avenue
East Quad is one of the many dormitories for U of M undergraduate students and it is also a fantastic cinematic location for a college campus look. East Quad was used in the film Moss-Bum.

19. Arthur Miller Theater
328 E Stadium Blvd
The Arthur Miller Theater is the only theater that Miller, a graduate of U of M, allowed to be named after him. This theater was the location for the political rally scene in the Ides of March, starring George Clooney, Philip Seymour Hoffman and Ryan Gosling.
1. Manchester
This small town was used for exteriors in Cedar Rapids to represent Ed Helms’ hometown.

2. Coffee Mill Café
146 E. Main Street, Manchester
This local coffee shop was used as the ice cream shop in Flipped, directed by Rob Reiner.

3. Main Street bridge
Manchester
This picturesque small town bridge overlooks the downtown mill pond. Several main characters were filmed walking across the bridge in Flipped.

4. Liberty Middle School
7265 N. Ann Arbor St., Saline
Opened in 1920 as the Saline High School, today it’s the Saline Community Education building. It was also the location for the exteriors of the coming-of-age film Flipped.

5. Rentschler Farm Museum
1265 E. Michigan Ave., Saline
Occupied by four generations of Rentschlers from 1843 until 1998, the farm is now a museum that showcases farm living through the 1950s. This local dairy farm called the “Iowa Pork Shrine” and the “National Czech Museum.”

6. The Homestead B&B
9279 Macon Rd., Saline
It is one of the first bed and breakfasts in Washtenaw County and was used in the film The Five-Year Engagement.

7. Wolverine Grill
228 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti
This restaurant was used as the location for a diner in the movie Love and Honor, and a pharmacy/soda shop in Whip It, starring Drew Barrymore. Whip It was also Barrymore’s directorial debut and was filmed entirely in Michigan.

8. S Washington Street and W Michigan Avenue intersection
Ypsilanti
This was the location for a massive riot scene in the 1960 period film Love and Honor.

9. The Tap Room
201 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti
A historic bar and grill in downtown Ypsilanti currently closed.

10. The Elbow Room
6 S. Washington St., Ypsilanti
This local party store was used in the movie Whip It (The Elbow Room is currently closed).

11. Beer Cooler Party Store
22 W. S. Washington St., Ypsilanti
This local party store was used in the movie Whip It starring Robert De Niro, Edward Norton and Milla Jovovich.

12. G & T Unlimited
46 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti
A women’s clothing store in downtown Ypsilanti, it doubled as “Clar’s Sewing Shop” in the movie Whip It.

Memorable movies filmed in Michigan

For more than 30 years, the Michigan Film Office has been supporting Michigan media industries and positioning Michigan as a worldwide production destination. Since 2008, we’ve wrapped more than 160 projects, including large blockbuster studio features, award winning independent films, and a network television series. However, Michigan’s history of filmmaking goes back much further. In 1936, MGM shot Speed, starring James Stewart, at the Chrysler Corporation testing grounds. Marquette, in the Upper Peninsula, provided the setting for Anatomy of a Murder, filmed in 1956. In 1975, another classic, Somewhere in Time, filmed at the beautiful Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Michigan has been on the silver screen for decades.

The Evil Dead (1982)
Beverly Hills Cop (2014)
Midnight Run (1988)

Beverly Hills Cop II (1983)
Action Jackson (1988)

Presumed Innocent (1989)
Roger and Me (1989)

Hoof (1992)
True Romance (1993)

Grosse Pointe Blank (1997)
Detroit Rock City (1999)

‘61 (2000)
American Pie 2 (2001)
8 Mile (2002)

Below (2002)
Road to Perdition (2002)

Four Brothers (2005)
The Island (2005)

Upside of Anger (2005)
Dreamgirls (2006)

Semi-Pro (2005)
Transformers (2007)

Gran Torino (2007)
Jumper (2008)

Capitalism: A Love Story (2009)
Conviction (2009)

Hungr (2009–2011)
Up in the Air (2009)

Whip It (2009)
Detroit 187 (2010)

Stone (2010)

You Don’t Know Jack (2010)
30 Minutes or Less (2011)

Cedar Rapids (2011)
The Ides of March (2011)

LOL (2011)
Real Steel (2011)

Scream 4 (2012)
Transformers: Dark of the Moon (2011)

Vamps (2011)
A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas (2011)

Alex Cross (2012)
AWOL (2012)

Five Year Engagement (2012)
The Giant Mechanical Man (2012)

High School (2012)
Red Dawn (2012)

Sparkle (2012)
Oz: The Great and Powerful (2013)

We’re ready for your close-up
Ann Arbor is a place that embraces the unique and unusual: where art challenges the mind as much as it engages the eye, and where trying a new taste is always on the menu. Along with surrounding areas, including the cities of Manchester, Saline and Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor provides a rare combination of small town charm and big city sophistication. With its diverse surroundings—including urban and rural settings, water and woods, historical and contemporary architecture and the University of Michigan—this region has quickly become a favorite for filmmakers from across the world. Producers, directors and stars have discovered and embraced the area’s passion, creativity and strong work ethic. It’s a perfect place for storytellers and moviemakers.

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