

LOCATION GUIDE



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HI, HEY, HELLO.

Thank you so much for choosing LEM Photography LLC for your photo shoot!!

I am completely in love with Photography! I believe in creating authentic art for everyone!

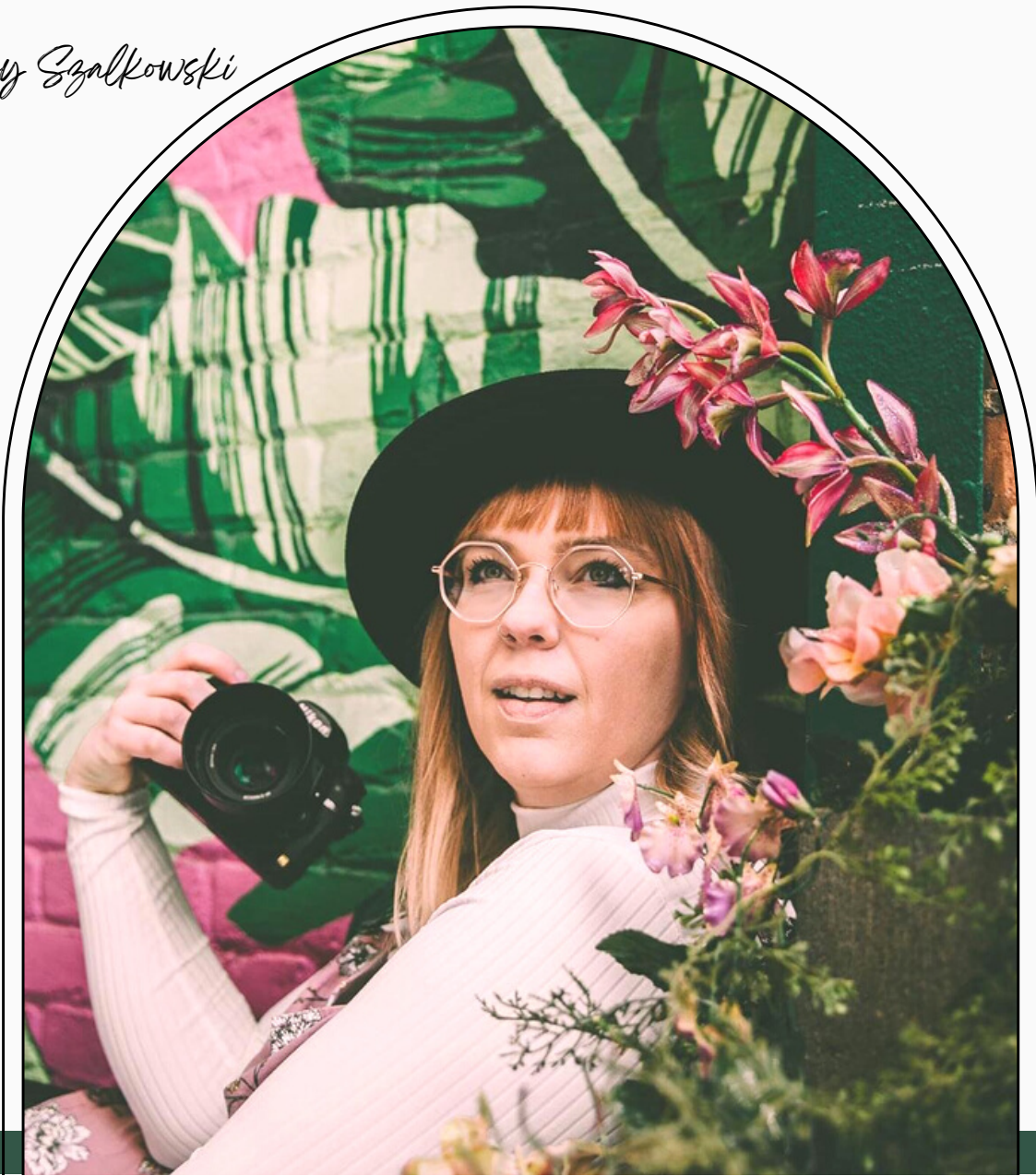
I am here for you in every step of the photo shoot process.

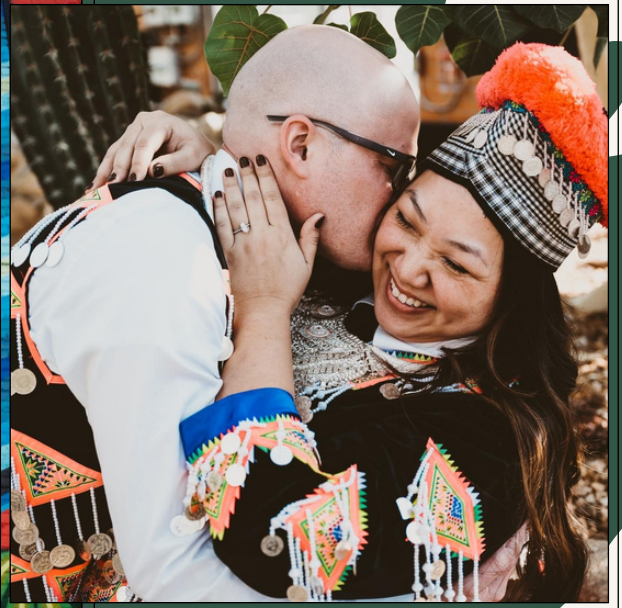
I will give you prompts and poses to inspire epic, gorgeous, and emotive photos! So don't feel like you have to already have modeling experience to get those photos you've always wanted!

I created this guide to help you choose what location fits your personality best! Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you have along the way!

Lets get this party Started,

Mary Szalkowski





HOW DO YOU PICK THE PERFECT SPOT?

Choosing a location for your engagement photos can seem daunting. This guide is designed to help you envision your perfect photoshoot by providing location options along with example photos. These examples are not an exhaustive list; client suggestions for new and exciting locations are always welcome. When considering original locations it can be helpful to think of places that have been meaningful to your relationship. (for example, a record shop you love, the concert venue where you met, the park where you regularly go for a run together). Activities are always a fun setting for a photoshoot as well, such as boating, Skating, or Bowling!

SCOUTING TIP: A location's "look" may vary depending on the time of year, time of day, and even the clothes you choose to wear.

GOLDNER WALSH GARDEN & HOME



Goldner Walsh is one of my favorite locations because it offers so many diverse backdrops from plants, to rustic buildings, to their beautiful floral mural outside. Another great thing about this location is that it is indoors so you don't have to worry if it is going to rain the day of your shoot!



THINGS TO NOTE:

This is a greenhouse., So even in the winter it is warm inside. Clothing choices should reflect a warm summer day. Parts of this location are outdoors though, so an outfit change for indoor vs. outdoor would be suggested.



PRICE TO GET IN:

There is a \$50 photography fee at this location



LAKEPORT STATE PARK

This is my favorite Beach to take photos at. Only about an hour from metro detroit, this park offers gorgeous views of Lake Huron anchored by a gorgeous rocky sand beach.

THINGS TO NOTE:

This is a public beach, so it can get busy if you go at peak season during the day. Best times to use this location are weekday mornings or evenings.

It also should be noted that the best time for lighting at a beach photo shoot is one hour after sunrise or 1 hour before sunset to avoid harsh shadows.

PRICE TO GET IN:

A state park pass is required for parking

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ART

The Detroit Institute of Art is a popular choice for Engagement photos for many good reasons. Being on Woodward provides great “in the road” photos. The White Marble building makes for a very elegant , classic, clean backdrop.



THINGS TO NOTE:

This is an outdoor only photo location. The DIA does not allow photos inside the Museum.

PRICE TO GET IN:

There is a \$6 parking fee to park in the lot behind the DIA. Street Parking is free on Sundays.



24 DOWNTOWN DETROIT

Downtown Detroit is my #1 favorite photo location!! The Backdrops are endless. Color, texture, and History surround you! Inspiration is around every corner. Detroit sessions can be customized to include favorite spots like The Belt or Lafayette Coney Island. There is nothing like the energy of the City!

THINGS TO NOTE:

This Location includes a lot of walking. So make sure to bring comfortable shoes for walking from location to location!



PRICE TO GET IN:

Possibly a parking fee



EASTERN MARKET

Eastern Market offers so many gorgeous Murals and historic buildings for your photo shoot! It is the perfect location for a more laid back city experience.

THINGS TO NOTE:

This location is only good to use Monday-Friday anytime or on weekends in the Evening.. When the market is open on Saturday and Sunday there are too many people and vendors everywhere! Also this location does require some walking, so comfortable shoes are great to have!

PRICE TO GET IN:

free.

FORD HOUSE

The Edsel & Elenor Ford House is a n epic location for your photo shoot. It sits on a gorgeous lake, Has tons of beautiful landscaping and gardens, as well the Mansion itself being a showpeice!

THINGS TO NOTE:

This location is by appointment only. They also send an employee around the grounds with you to keep you to your set time, so it is very important to be on time for this location.

PRICE TO GET IN:

There is a \$85/ hour fee at this location





07 VW BUS

Calling all lovers of all things vintage!
This Vintage lime green VW bus is what
dreams are made of!

THINGS TO NOTE:

This rental Van is based out of Rochester, Michigan, so
the photo shoot location will be in the Rochester Area .

PRICE TO GET IN:

Rental fee of \$60

STONEY CREEK METROPARK

Stoney Creek offers so many great options for your photo shoot!

There are beaches, fields and the most popular area of Tall Pinetrees that line the path to where a historical mansion used to reside.

This is the #1 pick for nature lovers!

THINGS TO NOTE:

The Tree lined path area can be VERY busy in the summer and fall months. So weekdays or early morning are preferred to avoid the crowds!

PRICE TO GET IN:

You are required to have a Metropark pass for this location. A day pass is \$10.



Z LOT & THE BELT

The Z lot and The belt is located in Detroit and is a great way to get the city Vibe without a ton of walking. Art completely surrounds you in the Belt and the Z lot offers the perfect parking structure photo backdrop.

THINGS TO NOTE:

This location is not great to use in the evenings in the summer time because the Belt is then filled with outdoor Bars.


PRICE TO GET IN:

a parking fee





CONSERVATORY AT MATTHAEI BOTANICAL GARDENS



This location offers beautiful Tropical and cactus greenery all year long! It is a great location if you don't want to have to worry about rain or are trying to escape the Michigan winter for your photoshoot. In the spring and summer there are also outdoor gardens to explore!

THINGS TO NOTE:

This location is very warm! Dress for summer weather, even if it is winter!



PRICE TO GET IN:

\$50 photography fee



11 DOWNTOWN ROCHESTER

This historic City happens to be my hometown, So i know all the best spots for photos (and food stops is you get hungry). Lots o historic brick buildings and a gorgeous bridge are just a couple of the highlights.



THINGS TO NOTE:

This location involves lots of walking. Comfortable shoes suggested.



PRICE TO GET IN:

Free Parking near the Park or at the library



DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM

Some of the highlights of downtown Birmingham are an ivy covered building and an old movie theatre.

THINGS TO NOTE:

This location involves some walking so comfortable shoes may be a good idea.

PRICE TO GET IN:

potential parking fee

YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT

13 INDIAN SPRINGS METROPARK

Indian Springs Metropark is beautiful especially in the fall. It has the perfect glowing trees and rolling hills.

THINGS TO NOTE:

There is a lot of walking and exploring at this location, including some hills.

Comfortable shoes are a must! (at least while we are walking from stop to stop)

PRICE TO GET IN:

a Metropark pass is required. A daily pass costs \$10.



GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Greenfield village is one of my Michigan Happy places! It always feels like you are stepping back in time. So many varying historic buildings, large green spaces, a carosel and train are just a few of the many amazing photo backdrops in this location

PRICE TO GET IN:

I have a year pass that allows me to bring 2 guests. So it is free for up to 2 people.

THINGS TO NOTE:

This Location includes a lot of walking. So make sure to bring comfortable shoes for walking from location to location!





15 DOWNTOWN HOLLY

Battle Alley in the heart of Historic Downtown Holly offers twinkling string lights, murals, and beautiful historic buildings.



THINGS TO NOTE:

There was sadly a fire here last year that destroyed one of my favorite buildings to take photos at. So sadly Archade Antiques is no longer part of my downtown Holly photos.



PRICE TO GET IN:

free.



16 BELLE ISLE

Belle Isle is beautiful and offers an amazing view of the city of Detroit, a beautiful conservatory, a historic fountain, and the list goes on and on.

THINGS TO NOTE:

This location is available by reservation only. You have to get a permit months in advance.

PRICE TO GET IN:

There is a \$50 photography fee at this location and you must have a state park pass or enhanced license.



CARPENTER LAKE NATURE PRESERVE

This park offers amazing large rocks to climb on like nowhere else in metro detroit! It also offers a large forest, and open field. Great choice for lovers of Nature!

THINGS TO NOTE:

For the rock portion of this shoot it is important to have shoes that are easy to walk in on rocks. (not heels).

PRICE TO GET IN:

free

MCGREGOR MEMORIAL CONFERENCE CENTER

Mcgregor Memorial Conference center is located on Wayne State University campus. It has completely unique architecture and offers a beautiful sculpture and water garden. It is also next to the education building which offers great photo ops as well!



THINGS TO NOTE:

This is an outdoor only photo location.

PRICE TO GET IN:

Parking fee



ANN ARBOR

Downtown Ann Arbor offers so many photo opportunities. The U of M Law quad is absolutely breath taking. Nichols archade is an Ann Arbor Staple, Not to mention the multitude of Murals throughout the city.

THINGS TO NOTE:

This location can be busy During the Art festival or Move in/out dates. So it is important to check if your shoot date conflicts with these events.

PRICE TO GET IN:

Possibly a parking fee





YOU'RE SO FANCY STUDIO



Cute indoor Studio space in Royal Oak, Michigan. It offers a couple different rooms (one room painted black, one room painted white). Provides lighting and furniture for an indoor photo shoot. Ideal for branding photos or cozy engagement shoot.

THINGS TO NOTE:

This is an upper floor studio and you enter through the front doors only.



PRICE TO GET IN:

\$60/ Hour



HEAVENLY SCENT HERB FARM

Gorgeous Gardens with rustic feel.



THINGS TO NOTE:

you must schedule a date and time for this location.



PRICE TO GET IN:

There is a \$75 fee at this location



KENSINGTON METROPARK

Kensington Metropark is so beautiful especially in the summer and fall. I like to take photos near the nature center and along the wood boardwalk. This is a great location for bird lovers (SO many different kinds of birds!)

THINGS TO NOTE:

Lots of walking. Bring comfortable shoes.

PRICE TO GET IN:

A Metropark pass is required to enter the park. \$10 for a daily pass

23 BOWLERO

Bowlero is a great location for a fun Vintage inspired photo Shoot!

THINGS TO NOTE:

Shoot can only be scheduled during open bowling. The lighting in a bowling alley is not that of natural light and therefore the photos will have more of a dark moody film grain feel.

PRICE TO GET IN:

price of shoe and lane rental.



24 DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH

Downtown Plymouth feels just like a New England Town! It has an adorable town square with a fountain, vintage movie theatre, and lots of buildings with beautiful marble and architecture.

THINGS TO NOTE:

This Location includes a lot of walking. So make sure to bring comfortable shoes for walking from location to location!



PRICE TO GET IN:

Possibly a parking fee



DOWNTOWN FRANKENMUTH

Frankenmuth offers all the fun of a tourist Bavarian village! A beautiful river walk, covered bridge and various shops make for a fun day out and pretty photos to remember the day! There is also the option of carriage rides through town!

THINGS TO NOTE:

It is important to look out for festival weekends when the village will be extra busy. Lots of walking. Bring comfy Shoes.

PRICE TO GET IN:

free.



BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE . . .

- Downtown Toledo
 - Aviator Jayne & Downtown Owasso*
 - Bear Creek Nature Park
 - Photos on the Farm*
 - Meadowbrook Hall*
 - Sand Dunes on west side of state*
 - Masonic Temple
 - The Fisher Theatre
 - Comerica Park
- * Denotes a fee and scheduled time required



THANK YOU



Thank you again so much for choosing me to be your photographer! Feel free to reach out to me with any questions you have about any of these locations!

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SHOOT!**