

I like buying fresh produce and other products from people I now consider friends. I love the sense of community. On the negative side, I'm chagrined over the congestion, the lack of parking and the extent to which customers have less and less room.

Love the feeling of community, and would like to see more ideas on how to expand that. Would like to see us get rid of those damn stones.

Like most things about it.

Lack of parking in neighborhood.  
It is mixed use.

Love the music. The fountain area for kids. I sometimes don't know if farmers have been verified at these markets. They could be resellers and not growers.

Like proximity to home, variety of vendors Dislike crowds

I like most aspects of it, but often have other obligations on Saturday morning. It makes the neighborhood vibrant, and provides a range of high quality food and produce.

We wish it was on a Sunday when we have less events

I love the market and think it is one of the best things about our neighborhood. I wish I could go more often! I love the produce, seeing neighbors, eating good food, the music, etc! My kids love the bouncy houses. I wouldn't change a thing!

Like it all. Great atmosphere, great food

It's great.

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It is getting so popular that it is sometimes difficult to move through, especially when bikes or large strollers are being used. Can the passageways be widened by moving vendors to allow easier flow of people?

I love the variety of produce and other prepared food, the chance to see my neighbors and support local vendors.

Love everything

Very convenient to my house! I like the selection of produce and glad to have a meat stand. I like the different price points of produce. On the down side, very crowded and the some of the prepared food is somewhat mediocre. The loss of liba falafel is too bad!

Parking and congestion

Good fresh produce. Got to know many vendors.

Dislike congestion.

I like the produce, but feel that hat it is kind of closed off. It should take over a side street to provide a larger area and pedestrian only access sucks to be under the freeway.

I love it. Vendors are nice. But it's getting too expensive though. And as a resident, street parking is the worst. I don't move my car on Saturdays unless I return home after 6pm.

Community. Fresh produce. Healthy Nothing to dislike really. We are lucky to have it.

It's great

Traffic, prices are high

Too much of a scene.

Love the variety of local produce and crafts available; love the community and social scene. Dislike what it does to traffic and parking on Lakeshore Ave.

Dislike: People bringing in dogs, solicitors, generally higher prices. Like: variety of items  
Market is great & really should not be changed

LIKE ALL

needs more space

Love the farmers market. Great place to spend the morning with kids. Love live music and fresh produce

Fresh produce, friendly neighborhood vibe.

I loved the farmers market 10 years ago when it reflected the neighborhood. I was glad to see it flourish but it doesn't feel personal any more. It's overcrowded, products are expensive, and the need to occasionally park is impossible.

Like that it brings the community together Like having an source of locally grown, fresh food Like the food trucks Like the music

Love everything about it. I do wish dogs could go inside the market area.

Like: Selection, food quality, activities, location, saturday morning timing Dislike: Could use some rotation of stalls (having lived in the area for a number of years, the options seem a bit stale), overpriced vs other farmer's markets, growing collection of non-sanctioned tents across street (pictures, plants, t-shirts), over-crowded

Love it. No complaints

Like the neighborhood feel Good choice of produce and food

Good selection of merchants, great organic food.

Farmers market is fantastic. Not a fan of the Christmas tree lot that takes up half the area for a less-active religious use though.

I enjoy the experience and the food.

Fresh produce, chance to interact with my neighbors, lots of diversity and friendliness, opportunity to get a Saturday walk in.

Aisles are crowded with strollers, need to be wider

I enjoy having the Farmer's Market there on Saturdays but don't like the additional traffic & parking problems on Lakeshore & Grand Avenue.

I love the market. I wish there were safer bike lanes to get to it. I walk or bike there every time  
Love the veggies and produce. Could use more food truck options. Much of the food to eat is larger meals.  
Need some breakfast sandwiches, bagels or donuts etc that you can walk around with. There is such limited seating it's difficult to find a place and sit down with a knife and fork.  
I like the festive neighborhood feel. There seems to be limited space.

Love the selection and general vibe. I would stop by more often if they allowed dogs. Less likely to make a trip there if I'm not already out walking the dog.

It's a little too expensive for me, and makes getting around the hood more difficult. But I love it when I go!

I do not go to the Saturday market. Parking is difficult.

I don't live the huge selection of fresh produce. I enjoy the food vendors, as well as the atmosphere of the community coming together.

Festive atmosphere is great.

Love the selection of fresh food, love that the community comes out.

too crowded after 8:15

It just feels so good there -- wonderful energy. It's big & has everything, including delicious lunch options.  
Excellent produce, meats, bakery. Good but not terrific fish.

I think it's great, bringing lots of neighbors to the shopping district in addition to the farmers' market.

Needs more food vendors, less non-food items?

Brings lots of activity to the area. It's fun It's expensive I do not like the non-food vendors  
A little crowded but otherwise fine. Wish they had more space.

Like everything.

Traffic and lack of parking

I dislike the traffic and lack of parking. I love everything about the market. In summer it needs more shady seating.

Community and social cohesion. It brings people to the area and increases foot traffic for surrounding businesses. Music.

It is not kid friendly, very crowded

Great variety, great vibe, diverse, great vendors. Too many people.

Excellent variety of fresh produce. We seldom buy food to eat there.

selection and the neighborhood gathering

It's too crowded (aisles are too narrow) and overall too expensive. When you have vendors taking credit cards, you know the prices are too high. I prefer to Sunday one on Claremont now. Convenience, neighborhood gathering spot, good food for the community, brings good folks to grand lake area

Everything except traffic (but it is managable)

Overpriced. The last time I visited a man was selling a 1/2 cup "organic blueberries" for \$7 stored in plastic drinking cups.

I'd say it's about perfect. Might be nice if it was open a little longer, particularly during the warmer times of the year

Great variety and selection.

bad parking

too many non-food vendors, and prepared food vendors, and the kid zone, encourage people to dwell, and reduce parking for quick trips into get fresh veggies, honey, etc.....I live 1.25 miles away uphill, so carrying all the groceries i want to buy isn't an option on bike or walking. maybe I should buy a little red wagon.

Variety Quality vendors

Too expensive!

Accessible produce Family friendly event

1. Too crowded. 2. Too many ""products"" including cheap stuff. I like my farmers market to be for farmers.

Too crowded, street parking becomes a nightmare. Great vendors, nice to have people sitting on grassy hill

I personally do not like non-food goods being sold at farmers markets. Unfair competition for our local brick and mortar gift and clothing stores. Don't we have gift and craft fairs for those folks? Overall the market is very crowded. It's not that there's too many people; it's that the aisles are too narrow for the people we've got. I love our market, but honestly have a more pleasant shopping experience at nearby Temescal Farmers Market on Sundays with those wide aisles. Temescal market also clearly segregates the non-food vendors from the farmers which I like.

Parking overflow into the neighborhood is unpleasant.

It's great to have the produce and the community out in force but it is way too congested. Needs to expand without adding vendors. because of this we seldom go. It's not any fun.

Wish it was open later Wish there are more affordable food options

I like it a lot, although the prices are sometimes a bit high.

Like: social atmosphere great with kids Dislike: too expensive

Too crowded. Too hard to park. Too expensive.

I like the variety of vendors.

I like almost everything. I don't like the amount of traffic congestion in the area. Having a Condo Development Across The Street would increase that congestion.

It's more expensive than Berkeley Bowl. It's expensive to eat healthy and local.

More variety of food vendors...sick of the current options...maybe more food trucks that rotate?

Love the variety and the liveliness. It's a great neighborhood gathering place (but it makes for difficult proof and horrible traffic.) Still, on balance, it's a plus.

It is too crowded and parking is difficult. I'd like the idea of having a farmers market.

Too expensive, farmer joes is more affordable. also too crowded, needs more space. Only go when I have friends visiting from out of town.

Space layout Variety of vendors

The aisles can feel somewhat narrow when the market is very busy.

It's a great Farmers Market. Lots of diverse products.

Love it, love the atmosphere, freshness of food, variety, and for the most part, fresh foods are reasonably priced. Cheeses are too high, as are meats, at least for my pocketbook.

The Saturday market is amazing and brings tons of people and foot traffic to our neighborhood businesses. I only go occasionally because I work during the hours the market is open.

It's a good thing parking is impossible

I love it. It makes Oakland feel like a small town. I'm lucky to be able to walk to it. The only downside is the traffic congestion.

Difficulty finding parking

Traffic is not good. Market eatery section feels like there could be better organization and seating.

Market doesn't make you feel like you want to stay. It feels more grab and go

Too expensive. Go to Berkeley Bowl instead.

Like: Quality Vendors selling produce Like: Community feel Dislike: Predictable retailers - Would like to see different retailers each month selling jewelry, clothes, etc. I see the same ones each week and don't stay long after buying produce.

Love the community gathering. Dislike the high prices.

Parking is terrible Prices seem a bit steep. Has been a benefit to the community Encourages family participation Has helped make the Geand Lake area a more desirable location

Pros: local produce, food vendors, artists. Cons: not enough parking. No control of increased traffic.

I love the variety. I usually spend too much because everything is so tempting.

It needs less craft booths and more farmers and I hate how it trashes the vegetation of Splash Pad Park.

It's perfect.

The lack of adequate bike lanes nearby makes it difficult to bike to.

Excellent selection and reasonable prices. Would seriously like to see enforcement of un-registered vending that has spread from the periphery to KwikWay, up towards Lakeshore, massage at Astro Park, etc.

Like: good for the community Dislike: traffic. A crossing guard is needed at the Kwik way/BOA to balance out foot traffic and car traffic.

it's too crowded and parking is difficult. great selection of food, lots of organic options, nice space

Like everything

I am not able to walk that far, even though it's close to me, and it's not good for parking at that time, so I rarely bother. I like that it's there for everybody and once every couple years I go with my niece when my sister visits.

Dislike parking. Like everything else. Favorite place to park is the Kwik Way parking.

Too little parking

No complaints! It's amazing. Great variety of vendors, great quality of produce. Parking not a concern bc we walk to the market.

Likes - generally a wide array of fresh produce at semi-reasonable prices. Dislikes - too crowded to navigate efficiently at times, people not paying attention to where they are and what they are doing.

I like the chicken truck and happy boy farms.

I love everything about it!

I really like it, especially the variety of products and that there's usually an area where you can enjoy lunch al fresco and often live music. I'd go more often but tend to have other activities on Saturdays.

Great produce but it gets too crowded by 10 AM

Fresh organic produce, fresh juices and prepared foods, great music and entertainment and a great social scene in the neighborhood

Poorly placed. Could be located in a more walker friendly setting that is not so cramped.

Love the fresh produce

It's a great market, the only thing I dislike is its proximity to the highway, but even that provides shade for part of it

Con: traffic Pro: everything else!

Too crowded. Not enough parking. Great market. Need more places to sit. Oakland never picks up the trash and it ends up on the ground. They should put out extra trash cans on Sat. difficult to find parking, which is the main reason I don't go more often

I don't mind the traffic, and it's nice to have a farmers market so nearby, it's fun to go to.

Like: That it exists Dislike: That I can't patronize more frequently

It's great. Great mix of vendors.

price

I wish it were Sunday, or both Saturday and Sunday

I love it.

It's great

Fun, festive, great (but expensive) produce.

Excellent market for the week's produce. Also buy gifts here on occasion.

Produce

Great market. I like the prepared food and produce. Its a bit expensive or I would go more.

Kettle corn is awesome.

Friendly vendors with good selection. Gets too crowded after 10:30.

It's a plus

The traffic mess is super hard to navigate.

Too crowded

Love the variety. Great that there's access to prepared foods as well. It can be a bit crowded at times - any way to spread the vendors out more?

I used to shop at that market weekly. Now I find the prices too high and parking impossible.

Nothing to dislike.

Lack of parking

I like the variety of vendors and that they change. Overall I think it's an excellent market.

The community that it gathers, fresh produce, activities for families.

Like: great food stalls, nice produce, music, kid friendly activities Dislike: overpriced boutique stalls, not enough rest rooms, it can get too crowded

I love the market, but the musicians they choose to have perform there and amplify are really terrible, cringe-worthy.

Good selection

Likes: lots of options Dislikes: Traffic and pedestrians who walk into the street

Love it! Would go every week but am out of town a lot.

My daughter and son in law love it but that is because they can walk to it from home. Again the parking on Lakeshore and Grand is horrific!! Too many people in the small area. Traffic is congested, people do stupid things like make sudden u turns in the middle of the street to grab a parking place. There is no longer traffic enforcement in Oakland so people speed, run red lights etc with no consequences. Someone is going to get hit/killed one day.

Like the variety and ready-to-eat/drink vendors. Would like to see less plastic/non-compostable bags. Would like to see port-a-potties

Availability of fresh produce and chance to connect with growers. Sense of community - great to meet up buy chance with my neighbors.

I love the Saturday market and only wish there were more room during the summer when it gets so crowded.

Variety. People. Food.

Not enough parking. This idea of developing the area further will only create more gridlock. I would shop the market every Saturday, if I didn't have to deal with the parking mess, the crowds...

Dislike: Street where KFC is should just be blocked off and expand the market Better bike parking Like: Pretty diverse market: not entirely produce

love the band/music could use wider walking paths

We stop at a produce market outside of Dixon regularly since we go back and forth to Sacramento at least once a week. That market has better prices than the Farmer's Market here.

Convenient walk from home. Good selection of vendors. Parking a pain if I have to.

I love the Saturday market! I always run into friends from the neighborhood there, and love the warm, friendly neighborhood vibe. It makes me want to spend my whole Saturday just walking around the neighborhood, visiting Peets & Arizmendi and shopping at local stores.

Love it. No complaints.

The vibrance, the sense of community, of course, the produce and food options.

I like everything, but the city should price parking to ensure availability. I don't care if I need to pay more, if driving I just want a spot rather than 30 minutes of circling.

Congestion and the stupid ticket policy!!

I love all of it.

Starting with the bad - the traffic. I live across the street and unfortunately, avoid it all costs. I wake up to the honking and the inevitable fender bender from Mac under the freeway in which the accident "victims" sit there and refuse to move their cars even though the accidents rarely cause that much damage. The congestion caused by the additional visitors to the neighborhood is exacerbated by the pedestrian traffic - there's no request formality - sometimes there's just a stream of pedestrians/strollers and the traffic backs up behind it. In my opinion this is more dangerous. I've emailed the farmers market asking for a crossing guard on Saturdays and it has yet to happen and that was probably a few years ago. Parking overflow - the cars spill over onto my street which isn't so bad but it does make me feel like I have to plan my morning earlier than others or leave the area. Lastly, the engineering of that turn lane gets an "F". I'm not an engineer but that doesn't make sense to me... Now the positive: in the end the energy and vibrancy that the farmer's market brings to the neighborhood is wonderful and puts us on the map - I have friends who come from san



mateo to just hang out!! ;) I love how smaller entrepreneurs have spread out onto the street- it has a real festival spirit and it showcases the ingenuity and creativity in Oakland.

We prefer to go to the temescal market. Feels more family friendly. The Grand Lake one is hectic, cramped and people aren't as friendly.

that it doesn't also occur on sundays

Availability to park

I avoid the market when there is loud amplified music that hurts my ears. I also avoid it when it is very crowded.

Love everything about it... but would really like a twice weekly market... might result in a less crowded Saturday market.

As we predicted, the pathway surface is a tripping hazard. The trash generated by the market goers could be collected more expeditiously. Otherwise, it's fine.

I love it! My only suggestion would be to have 1 or 2 trucks that rotate so the prepped food options are kept fresh. After eating there every Saturday for years its no longer as exciting. I'd also support an expanded water play area for kids and/or more tables to eat at.

Love it!

No Parking

the core market is great. I'm unsure about the stands outside of the traditional area. Has the zone expanded? Do those stands have permits? Is there some measure of quality control or balancing of services/offereings?

My family likes the variety of vendors and the live music.

I love the market--the community feel, the products available (particularly fresh fruits and veggies), the music, the tables for eating--all of it!

Love just about everything about it. I dunno, maybe greater visibility on whatever community outreach (e.g. donating food) goes on?

Too crowded sometimes Love the produce Love the people

I do not shop on Saturday.

High prices (dislike).

i like the market and the community it brings, along with the healthy food alternatives.  
I love the market.

Too chaotic, too expensive, When I go to the Farmer's Market I go to the Temescal F.M.

It's great!

The quality of produce and variety of fresh and prepared foodstuffs. I dislike the uncontrolled pedestrian traffic crossing Lake Park.

Great use of space: Delicious fresh produce, great art, orchid supply.

I think its a wonderful market. Best in Oakland

LOVE the market! I love that all the diversity of Oakland comes out to be in community!  
Fresh produce Community building Lots of traffic and little parking

i love the market, just don't make it out lately. I dislike the high cost of everything and sometimes it is too congested and the pathways can be narrow.

I haven't attended yet but hope to. I wish I could bring my dog in which would entice me to go

Just love it.

I strongly dislike the crowds. In fact, I try to avoid the market area entirely on Saturdays. It's absolutely impossible to get across the intersection at Lake Park and Lakeshore in a car. Instead, I get onto the highway at other points in the neighborhood.

love the market.

I love seeing friends and it is a bit of a family tradition to grab breakfast, bounce in the bounce house and get produce.

Good variety of vendors. Wish it started earlier

Traffic congestion

Nothing to dislike. It is a gem of our neighborhood

I don't go because it's too crowded and big. And parking and traffic is bad. I prefer the Montclair market. It's smaller and still has plenty of options.

I just like it

Love everything; wish there was less traffic.

Good selection of merchants. Parking is limited and need to walk long distances with heavy purchases.

love the fruit and vegetable stands and the food trucks. It's very crowded so hard to manage with young children and a stroller. not enough seating for eating and definitely not enough compost bins for those who eat while shopping

Like: selection, convenience, community support Dislike: crowded

Too crowded for me. But I like that it is there and believe it is a great asset to the community.  
Congestion; no real values, like ptomaine poisoning, dogs and their germs. It is the other folkis that set up shop on Lake Park with 'knock off' junk, such as handbags, T-shirts, jewelry

I love the location, weather, friendly vibe, diverse crowd. They need more organic produce, and it's gotten crowded due to its popularity.

I like that it is there

Dislike you can't bring your dog.

So much activity and people. The fact there is food too and places to sit. I don't like the freeway.

Imagine it not being there!

I love the market

I like that it's well attended and bustling. I think the selection and quality of products are good.

It would be nice to have more seating areas and bike racks.

The spaces in the food and kid zone are all to close.. I am all for the kid zone.

I have to limit purchases to what I can easily carry since I park quite a distance away.

Love the market but dislike people parking in the neighborhood

Like: about everything +music/entertainment Dislike: people bringing their dogs in the market

No complaints, I love everything about the market.

The market itself is fine but I do not believe that the City of Oakland derives any financial benefit from it. Also there are many unlicensed vendors outside the market against City Code. love the local farmers and purveyors dislike difficulty parking

crowded

I love that market. Very convenient and a huge plus for our neighborhood. Really happy it's there.

No place to park for shopping at other establishments

Love it not just like it

Parking and traffic problems.

Great market. Don't need the bouncy house but otherwise no complaints.

More heirloom tomatoes.

No parking, creates lots of congestion and that is why a mixed use giant building at quick way is a very bad idea

It's a great gathering place for the community. Traffic is bad, but more people seem to be walking there and not trying to navigate into the parking lot.

Love it all

I love it. Produce is wonderful! It has the amount of prepared foods as well.

Traffic

There's lots to like and not much to dislike. I think they could do a better job of emptying the city trash cans before they are overflowing. I've asked the manager to attend to them more than once. I thought Brian did a better job than the current manager. Otherwise, there's lots to really love about the market.

Lack of parking makes it hard to visit

Great farm produce, good prepared foods and place to meet with friends. Downside is extra traffic and congestion

I love the market, and simply don't make it out enough because of other commitments. The thing I dislike is the lack of parking, as well as traffic problems largely caused by inconsiderate pedestrians.

Like ability to buy local/fresh/organic produce. Running into neighbors. Live music. Food stalls.

Kids' activities. Getting too crowded/congested in the aisles.

Excellent program. Convenient and well run.

Love the atmosphere and things for sale. Hate the parking insanity.

Great variety. Good chance to see neighbors

Too crowded.

Like - variety, atmosphere. Dislike - some prices are quite high.

I love the market. I love that it looks like Oakland, offers a great variety of produce and prepared food, and that it makes use of that public space. I know that the traffic congestion and parking are probably frustrating for some folks, but I walk from my house and know enough to drive around that area during market hours, so that doesn't bother me.

Variety of foods and enjoy the crafts

Variety of produce

Market closes too early

Like: -variety of vendors -quality of market Dislike: -congestion/traffic (there should be a traffic cop on Lakeshore/Grand for a couple of hours b/t the cars double parked and illegal u-turns) -dogs in the market even though there are signs everywhere. Nearly stepped on a couple of small ones that I didn't see b/c of all the people, in addition to the ones in people's arms that are being fed samples. It's out of control... -wish there was more shaded seating to eat lunch

Like: selection of vendors Dislike: brings a ton of extra auto traffic

parking

Congestion, parking, have to walk to the venue, fruit usually bruise on the walk back

Only go by maybe twice a year. Too many people, lousy parking.

Dislike: dogs Like: everything else

Love the fruits and vegetables, butcher, flowers, roast chicken. Miss Octoberfest bread! Love the diversity of people (ages, races, ethnicities, SES).

I like the diversity of products, food and that you can sit and eat if you choose.

Love the community feel; love the stands and selection, but it always seems expensive to me. I would love to shop there more, but sadly it's cheaper to go to Berkeley Bowl. The music and the food stands are wonderful too.

I enjoy shopping at the same vendors each week knowing they will be in the same location selling fruits and vegetables seasonally. I dislike individuals bringing their dogs into the market, even though signs are clearly posted that they are not allowed (and these are not service dogs) and this rule not being enforced.

Not enough variety.

Traffic that it brings to the area, but it's a great thing to have. Please keep the farmer's market going.

Love the food, community atmosphere, live music, and family friendly atmosphere.

Love convenience, Love variety of vendors

Great variety Family friendly love the food service

diversity of vendor types, lunch spot

parking

It's in my backyard, that's a like. Dislike that it's run by a Marin County organization should be Oakland/Alameda.

I like the community feel. I would go more often, just a bit too busy.

I don't like all the traffic it create

Love music, fountain, location, and seeing neighbors, and of course the vendors.

Like the produce and flowers.

More variety

Fantastic market, would love to see more rotation / variety in the prepared food vendors, instead of the same vendors each week. Still, the diversity of the customers, the quality of the produce, the live music acts and even the bouncy house/slide for the kids make this a fantastic market.

Love it.

No place to park

I am away weekends for much of the year, so can't go as often as I would like. I do love the market and can't think of any significant improvements, off hand. More seating in the prepared-food area would be nice but not a requirement.

The mix of customers the community feel, vibrancy, fresh local food. Dislike The higher prices than jack London farmers market. Appreciate all the volunteer time that makes it a special community amenity.

The quality of the food Wish there was a Milk vendor More tomatoes I don't like the string of photo vendors, bed sheet vendors, sage vendors, etc. that line the lakeshore / lake park intersection at all ! Get rid of them. Need more seating at the prepared food splash pad park. Musicians are really hit or miss and mostly miss.

Maybe have an audition process. I really don't like the Asian musicians music. In fact I don't think it really is music since the notes have no beginning nor end - ever.

Like the prepared foods

Love, love, love it.

love we have meat/fish stand like the food selections dislike the layout it's usually to cramped

Traffic slows down esp from Lakeshore turning to Lake Park.

I love that it's there for us every Saturday morning.

Love the variety, samples, good vendor attitude and conversations, and live music and the chicken guy!  
It's always changing. Sometimes it's hard to see a stall you live leave. But it's important to remember, things change

Like: everything Dislike: what's to dislike?

Love Tomatero. Love all the produce stands. Love the energy and vibe.

freshness of the fruits and veggies

Love the market. No complaints whatsoever!

I like the number of vendors and the variety of produce and merchandise available. Traffic is troublesome during that time.

I like everything! More seating space would be great though.

Great vendors, love the central square music, the bouncy house is a hit with my kid. It can be a little congested, as many people and vendors squished into a pretty small area.

Love the veggie vendors and the smoothies, wish there were more prepared breakfast items, love the seating area, the jumpy house area is hectic with the new set up, liked it better before

It is getting way too crowed. Like the music and variety of vendors

Good mix of produce and prepared foods. Walkable from our house. Fun and festive. Love the Saturday Market!

I like variety of products; community center gathering; fun options for hanging out; I don't like the amount of congestion, but would not want to see overall extent of vendors reduced.

Difficulty in parking. Otherwise it is great. Something for everyone.

Like: Great variety of vendors; I feel confident that I can go with a list and get just about everything.

Dislike: Traffic on adjacent streets, especially Lake Park. We have young children and go to Jack London or Temescal most weeks even though Grand Lake is within walking distance simply because we feel unsafe crossing Grand, Lake Park, Embarcadero, and Lakeshore near the market, and the children's play area at the market is extremely close to a very busy intersection. Drivers coming into and out of the parking lot under the freeway also disregard pedestrians often (not just during the market, but it's definitely worse then!

Not my thing. No dogs allowed.

I think it is a great Market although I don't go as often as I used to

Lively and fun with many food choices.

Can I say too many people? I understand that's a good thing but it gets really slammed and with two kids in tow, crowds can be a challenge.

1. Parking is difficult and expensive. 2. Food and products at the market are pricey. The Jack London Market is significantly cheaper--not all of us live on tech salaries.

2.  
I love it. Need to get back into the habit of going.

ends too early - hard to get there before 2pm great selection community feeling live music (but not recorded or combinations of live and recorded music)

Love it. Would like more vendors, easier parking (why won't the school let people park in lot anymore?). I love having such a vibrant market within walking distance of our home. Sometimes it can be overcrowded but that is just a sign of its popularity.

Too crowded Steel thingies on ground make for difficult walking I like the bounce house & slide

dislike lack of parking

It creates way too much traffic and occupies too much parking. I strongly dislike it.

Parking is difficult

too crowded. people are constantly circling the neighborhood looking for parking.

Too many non-raw food vendors

Love the vendors and the selection of produce. Sometimes too crowded, but can be solved by going extra early.

I like the variety of produce and products but i hate the traffic and lack of sufficient parking

Love the diversity and the vibe. So Oakland!

i love it though it gets very very crowded by 11.

Dislike vendor vehicles double parking to load/unload. Dislike absence of parking due to vendors and greatly reduced parking at other locations (like TJ's) due to displaced shoppers. Like the music, fresh produce, fresh flowers, organic meats & eggs, interesting products for sale.

like/love seeing neighbors & friends

The parking is a fiasco, I wish there were less merchants or more space for merchants, perhaps extending to lakeside, as it feels very claustrophobic

Like: Convenient fresh vegetables walking distance from my house, the sense of community and all the pedestrian foot traffic. I like that people literally take over the street at the intersection of Lakeshore and Lake Park, preventing cars from making the turn. The market encourages neighbors to get out by foot on a

Saturday morning and I love watching people walk up and down Trestle Glen with their market produce. Dislike: It gets very crowded and it needs more bike parking.

The vendors are high quality, and a good mix of produce and prepared foods.

Love it, but wish there was less non-food related items for sale. Not an artists market, please. A I love everything about it!

I love much of the market, including a "free speech" or community organization area. Perhaps a community board that comes out to the market for people to post what's happening in the area.

I like the variety of produce and goods offered at the market. I'd like to see more local vendors, such as those who set up their shops across the street. A bit more room between the stalls wouldn't hurt, either, especially when strollers are taking up all the room.

1. Incredible product selection, friendly people. Nice dog-friendly area on the grassy knoll. 2. I dislike the vendors that have set up shop outside the market (mostly near the Sprint store). They disrupt pedestrian traffic and limit driver visibility. Because they pay nothing to set up shop, they also contribute nothing to the neighborhood, while garnering the benefits of the people traveling through it.

Love everything

Love selection, vendors. Don't love how crowded it is - need to expand it.

I love it. I usually go right at 9 so I don't have to deal with the crowds. I love that there is live music.

Nice variety of vendors

It's too crowded! which I guess is a great thing, but can be a bit too much sometimes. Would love to see them reconsider how the space is used to provide wider walkways.

Can be hard to park. Some food vendors over and over get boring. But it's a good place to go for produce. Very family oriented. I like the handcraft vendors along Lake Park that spring up.

Lack of parking

Close proximity to lots of variety of produce, prepared foods, etc.

Love the vendors; dislike the freeway noise.

Everything about it. Wished it ran til 3.

fresh produce

I love the market. I have a cottage on my property that I use as an Airbnb and EVERYONE walks down to the market. Visitors love the market and it gives them a wonderful impression of Oakland. It is perfect.

Hate the traffic, expensive produce, crowds and traffic make us want to avoid the area

I am happy to have a local, organic alternative. However, we have many purveyors of organic and or local food in our neighborhood (Whole Foods, Sprouts, Trader Joe's, local mom and pop shops, farm to table delivery programs) that I choose to patron rather than the Farmer's Market. I do think it is important to have the Farmer's Market there - it is how most of the developing world shops for their food and we Americans need to reconnect with that lifestyle. However, I don't like how crowded it gets, nor the hipster crowd that comes with it. There is a lack of social equity in the buying choices made by this otherwise progressive



crowd. I say this because I notice how local Oakland businesses get less traffic compared to other businesses. For example, the Uhuru food stand is routinely passed up by these hipster transplants, even though their food and prices are comparable to others. As people of education and privilege, it is important to restore justice in our buying choices, not to re-enforce injustice.

Like the abundance of organic produce.

Too crowded

Too crowded. Don't like the bouncy house/ slide adds a cheap, commercial element. Love the market, it is a community event as well as a fantastic way to purchase fresh, organic seasonal food. A way to interact personally with farmers, cheese makers, bakers, and artisans.

Wish it could be longer!!!! Or even both days!

I like the vendors and their goods. I dislike the lack of parking and traffic

I dislike the significant Saturday car traffic around Lakeshore, but love the market overall.

I love it.

Love the market but most of the stalls are not local vendors

Vibe and live music

Nice vibe! Great to see families out.

Don't love lack of parking at trader joes. All else is great.

too crowded

Love the market! Even if I only go to buy eggs on a Saturday, I love the ambience, the food trucks, music and kids. The mix of vendors seems good.

I love that it's close. I don't like that it feels cramped. And I find its location near the freeway uninviting.

The traffic is a pain as a neighbor trying to get in and out of the neighborhood but it is a price I'm willing to pay to have the market

All around awesome

I love the market, but sadly generally cannot make Saturday morning as have other commitments, so go to Sunday markets elsewhere.

NO PARKING!!! Not even in the surrounding neighborhood like the Trader Joe's lot, the Kwik Way lot, or any of the side streets. I'd shop there if I could get there. I won't go to ANY businesses in that area because there's no parking. And the prepared foods are too expensive.

great selection of vendors

Like: variety, high quality produce Dislike: ridiculously high prices, crowd management

We used to frequent the Farmers Market every week. Within the past few years, it has simply become way too congested to navigate enjoyably.

I don't like the congestion of people, card, strollers, noise and dogs .  
too crowded

Love it other than the panhandlers and people do not respect to no dogs in market policy and no one enforces the rules. Typical mentality today, "it all about me and my needs".

Dislike the jumpy houses due to noise and location blocking access and visibility; love the live music, food trucks, fruit and produce vendors

Needs regular bike valet

I love it!

Great vendors, lots of variety.

Decent selection of food. Many of the vendors are not actually the farmers, though. Not enough space to navigate (the crowds are intolerable by 9:30 or 10:00 am).

Too crowded. Love the food vendors. Lukewarm about jewelry/clothes/etc vendors

Love the produce and friendly vendors

I love the music and the fresh food. Love the community getting involved

Crowded and expensive but worth the hassle and cost. It is good for all the businesses on Grand and Lakeshore.

Like: great produce Dislike: freeway noise and proximity

I like it all.

It's been a very good addition to our neighborhood's unique appeal. I am in favor of it continuing along.

great variety of produce; great vibe

I love the variety. There's nothing I really dislike.

it's too crowded and the aisles are too narrow

Best around. Great variety and quality

I love having a wide range of fresh produce and baked goods so close to my house. I love the diverse group of people who attend, families, young and old, etc. The community feel is lovely. I also love the Bicycle Coffee is there. Not much I would personally change about the market, its one of the best things about living where I do

Parking sucks. Market is great for the community

congestion

I love it. Don't like parking. It's great.

It is convenient, but stunningly expensive

Seems pleasant, increases foot traffic for all.

I love when there is live music-  
no free parking. gets too crowded. Other than that, it's great.

I work on Saturdays...

The vendors, music, kids area are my likes. Accessing the market safely at the pedestrian crosswalk is my dislike as a walker. I noticed some cars get frustrated by the wait and try to get around putting pedestrians in harms way.

I tried it once in the past; found the quality of produce disappointing, and, the prices to be inexplicably inflated.

It's pretty crowded, but that has its pluses and minuses. Parking sucks. I try to walk (I live on Mandana). Of course I love all the fresh produce. County Line lettuce, Tomatero strawberries, and sprouts from the unnamed sprout booth are my favorites.

Like the great produce at reasonable prices. Dislike the traffic congestion and impact on neighborhood parking.

too crowded lot's of good stuff

Too expensive. But very nice atmosphere and often see my neighbors there.

Fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, a lot of organic. I really enjoy the vibrancy as "Oakland" gathers. It is a destination. Different ages, ethnicities, etc. There is nothing I dislike.

Dislike that there's no Acme Bread Dislike that there's no Cowgirl Creamery Dislike that the tomato guys are gone. That was a big draw

Lots of vendors to choose from. Enjoy the music and festive environment. Walkways between stands are too narrow.

I love it - just overcrowded. I especially like the music.

Trash and trampling of gardens. General degradation of park area.

High Prices

Don't know

I go very early so I can avoid the most crowded times. I wish more stands were open by 8 or 8:30 AM. However, I LOVE this market. It is where I get almost all of my family's food for the week.

Love the market great options for fresh food

I love it, but we have a dog who needs excercise so that usually takes up our Sunday morning. I wish there were more space to sit and eat.

I like the variety of fresh produce products, as well as having prepared items. I like the live music.

I love that we have it and the variety of farms, etc., but the traffic in and out of the neighborhood is a bit much.

Love it! Best guacamole ever!

It's wonderful having a farmer's market so close by, but traffic on Lakeshore between Mandana and LakePark, and parking everywhere is a nightmare. If I have somewhere to go, I tend to wait until the market is finished before I leave and definitely wait until it's over to return, as there's no parking whatsoever.

I like everything about the Saturday market except the prices.

I love the market, but just don't have the time to get there Saturday mornings.

It's too expensive. I like that it's large and there are lots of vendors.

Redundant veggie stands. More artists crafts would be great.

Impact on Traffic around Lakeshore/Grand for those who are not walking to the Farmers Market  
I love the Saturday Market, I like the manageable size and the variety of vendors. I would love to see more organic food & increased opportunities for local vendors in all areas.

Like: Many vendors. Easy to access.

it's so crowded...i am so glad that people are supporting the farmers market, i really am. i just wish there was more space to walk and get through. there are so many strollers and people. I really love this market, i have been a vendor and a long time resident that frequents it every week. I am so thankful that we have such a fantastic market. maybe the walk ways could get widened? (i have no suggestion as to how to do this...)

Too crowded

Prices can be a little higher than other Farmers markets (probably due to the demographics of our neighborhood). That does limit my buying power a bit. I usually spend \$120 to \$140 a week at the market. Otherwise, I love everything about the market!

Lots to like, dislike lack of seating.

I like the variety of goods, I don't like the amount of homeless that congregate

I like it but the influx of traffic in the neighborhood is a problem. Parking in the Kwik Way 400 ft Retail space would ease this.(See #2 above)

I like the range of goods available, including prepared foods. I really like the activity and identity the even brings to that area of the neighborhood.

it closes too early!

Dislike: how crowded it is due to the popularity and constraints of the park. Like: it's close to my house, that it has a mixture of product, readymade food and artists.

The kiwi stand disappearing

Like everything...put together a long list before but lost connection

I used to go all the time when I was working full time. Now I shop at Berkeley bowl because it is cheaper and I can go at off hours.

If anything it's a little too large and I get overwhelmed by the crowds.

Likes: Variety of food products, live music, prepared food options, fresh juice and flowers!, variety of craft vendors Dislike: wish it went longer

Too crowded No parking It has become a scene I am not a bitter resident by any means but to hear people overseas and in other cities wanting to come to the Saturday market while it great to have that type of attention it makes the ease of shopping in the neighborhood very difficult I gave seen quite the change I am a born and raised SF resident that moved to Oakland for sunshine in 1996 so I have seen drastic changes

No parking

Love that I can walk to the market and find an array of wonderful produce from local farms. Hate that an already congested area becomes even more difficult to get through. There are a tremendous amount of pedestrians that hold up traffic, and even though I avoid area when possible, sometimes I must drive through to get where I going. I go slow and am watchful but remained terrified that I will hit a pedestrian because so many of them just walk out into street without paying attention. I also find that parking near my home becomes very difficult on Saturday afternoons due to overflow parking into my neighborhood.

Love the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables and getting to know the farmers and people in my community. That's why I wld like to extend this across the street and have a place that neighbors and community could gather to work on various projects together or just socialize. Especially the kids need a place to go and hang out.

Parking is an issue. I usually walk to the market but sometimes I need to drive because I have other errands to run, before or after, that require my car. Better clean up. Garbage needs to be picked up right away. I see overflowing bins on Monday and trash on the ground. Love it! I take out of town guests there and they marvel at it.

It's great, but it's too inconvenient for me to go

Not enough bike parking; remove some car spots so it's easier to find a bike stall.

Like the variety and produce selection

Love how the market has brought more foot traffic to the area.

Like the sense of community, the vendors. Dislike the congestion/hard to find parking, even early in the day.

Favorite farmers market in the Bay Area

Likes: People Variety of products Dislikes: Bad condition of park.

More seating is needed in the take-away food area.

I love that it's there but wish there was more room to maneuver with a stroller and wish my dog could come with me

I like that its vibrancy. I like that it serves as an anchor for the community -- bringing out a diverse group of people

I love that's big with lots of options, but i dont enjoy the crowd.

I love the saturday market. I like the diversity of people (age, ethnicity) that attend and that there is a nice area to hang out, eat, socialize and that this area is family friendly--I love seeing kids play in the water and dancing to the music. I love the farmers, food. I don't like that it's expensive and mostly organic. There needs to be more bike parking. I wish it was also on a weekday evening.

Love the variety of fruits, vegetables and plants.

Like that it offers local organic seasonal food. And a festive atmosphere

Love everything about the vibe, the selection of items, the sense of community, etc. Dislike the lack of parking.

Prices are way too high, way too expensive to shop there. And it's always the same vendors in the same slots. The place seems to be more a concession than any kind of public market place.

Too crowded.

I work most Saturdays so I don't go as often as I'd like. Love the variety, quality of food.

love vendor diversity, could use more on site atms and additional parking solution

I like the variety of produce and vendors. There's not much to dislike.

Prices not great. Too many non farm stuff

like: organic produce

Love the space. Good food vendors.

I like everything. Sometimes when I have to drive, parking is a hassle.

Great choices of vendors. If you're not going to the Market, parking on Lakeshore and Grand is nonexistent, including the parking lot behind Trader Joe's. Either you go for the market or forget it.

I LOVE the market. I wish it occurred twice a week! -- maybe a middle of the week market in the evenings? I wish they would bring back the Straus milk vendor and maybe another sustainable fish vendor. Their new gluten-free baker ROCKS!

ends too early, have to wait in many lines rather than just one at the market

I don't like all the diesel generators, they are noisy and polluting and smelly.

Traffic bad Too many prepared foods

Market. Eating outside. Meeting neighbors.

good food choices, lots of organic foods. getting too damn crowded as too many people move into oakland. parking is difficult.

I like the convenience, but, its to crowded and parking is an issue.

Great event for the community and local districts. I avoid the roads around the farmers market...too much traffic.

Lack of parking

Great selection of produce and food options. Love the market. It's the best thing about Saturday!

Quality fruit! Local merchants

We used to go every week. But I don't live close enough to walk for a family of 9 with a multigenerational family and bikes are not an option for our octogenarians. Parking sucks and the lanes and traffic are congested so we really can't come unless we ditch the grandparents and they need to be driven -we are closer to the former Merritt bakery by luckys than by lakeshore/grand shops. we find that the Friday's and Sunday's farmers market is easier to navigate because of better public transit to Chinatown from our location and for better parking on Sunday's in temescal.

n/a

No parking

traffic congestion

Great vendors, beautiful surroundings live music

I like it. one request might be to clean up porta potty area under freeway / in parking area.  
Love it! the diversity, the people watching, everyone is NICE ! Great produce and flowers! I feel a sense of community there

With the road diet traffic has gotten worst.

Too crowded! Even going at 9 am does not approach this problem. Walking lanes between the rows of vendors is difficult at best, especially when wide strollers are involved.

Love the mix of people and products

Love the energy. Love the social interaction. Produce is great.

Traffic

I like everything about it. Just wish it would stay open longer, to 4pm.

Like vendors and community feel. Want more vendors - expand it!

More parking is needed

Love it! The vendors, variety of products. Family friendly and fun. A place for social connection and neighborhood identity. Need more bike parking.

I rarely go now. It has become so overcrowded.

Dislike: Parking

i love the energy and vibrancy, but i hate how crowded the market is, barely enough room to navigate quickly through. also, the walkway across to kwikway needs a light to protect drivers' turns, and also the pedestrians. its hard to stop for so long en route to the highway. that whole area is too congested and poorly designed.

Love the Grand Lake farmers market. Good mix of produce and products available. Thriving, and we all love it. I'm just not always in town on Saturdays to attend.

A hate group is allowed to have a presence at market. this group celebrated the killing of police officers and lionized a child molester and convicted rapist. you should be ashamed uhuru is allowed a space.

Love it. Wish there was more parking

N/A

Dislike it being right under the freeway (filth, noise).

I like the variety of offerings, especially the options for buying food to consume on site or take to go.

Like: music, prepared food, community, vendors, activation of the area Dislike: increased traffic

Like: variety of vendors, affordable produce, mix of people

LIKE: 1. The diversity of local farms represented; 2. The availability of bicycle parking; 3. The beautiful and fragrant native plant garden at Splash Pad Park. DISLIKE: 1. Protruding metal rings above the decomposed granite (DG) surrounding the trees where the produce stands are set; these rings are a serious tripping hazard and should either be removed, or buried with a new load of imported DG (the ground surface has probably eroded over the years with all the foot traffic, wet weather, etc.); 2. The parking lot beneath the freeway gets blocked by randomly parked cars; there really needs to be a parking control officer on duty to issue tickets to illegally parked cars and/or to move drivers along and out of the way.

love the music, good selection of produce, bounce house, prepared food options, community feeling  
The parking situation on my street, which is always problematic, is made worse. This also means more trash for me to pick up, which I do on a daily basis.

I like that it's huge and full of great produce and vendors. I wish there were a little more seating for people to relax and eat, but it's a market, I get it!

It is OK.

variety of vendors, community

I like the community and the products

I like the Saturday Market, it is a pleasure to get fresh vegetables, other food items, and crafts

Greatly dislike the traffic congestion on Lake Park.

I like the sense of community but there are a lot of people in a very small space.

I dislike how badly pedestrians are managed in the unsignaled crosswalk - dangerous for everyone. I dislike that it is managed by a company not in Oakland, and it is very unlikely that they pay even a fraction of the cost of the damage to the park grounds they cause.

Love it all

It is dirty. I like that it is local.

The bouncy house/slide, seeing so many people from our neighborhood, and the prepared food (belgian waffles, lassis, Liba Falafel when they were there).



It's very convenient, has a variety of vendors, and the market choice marching program for food stamps recipients is a godsend. The bad: it's rather expensive, and traffic is very congested during that time.

Traffic on the short street in front of the post office, Lake Merritt bakery. Street should probably be closed, but that is too difficult.

1. Metal tree rings create a serious trip hazard as they have become a part of the walkway in front of the booths that backup on the parking lot. My wife has still not fully recovered from the fall she suffered last September. Management should be required to remove the rings since they provide little current protection to the trees.

I think it's great but I just don't always make it over there. Some of the stuff is a little pricey but I just think that's all farmer's markets

I like the vendors and simply the fact that it exists! It feels cramped in though, being surrounded by major roads. If Lake Park Ave could somehow be pedestrianized it would enhance this area hugely, allowing for a connection between the retail areas of Lakeshore and Grand Avenue, improved access to the lake, and also bring greater possibilities to the Kwik Way site.

Too crowded- no parking.

I love the market in general. I'm more interested in produce sellers than other features (prepared foods, entertainment, etc.), but I like that it is a draw for people of all ages and interests.