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# EXPLORE FAMILY FUN

## Toledo Museum of Art

The Toledo Museum of Art is home to one of the finest and most diverse collections of artworks in the country. Visitors will discover treasures ranging from ancient Egyptian pieces to contemporary art, including glass, sculpture, European and American paintings, African and Asian art, graphic arts and decorative arts.

Other highlights include the Sculpture Garden outside and the architecturally renowned Glass Pavilion, a separate structure located across Monroe Street.

Current exhibitions include "Generational Echoes, Privilege, Power and the Transmission of Knowledge" (through July 7); "Beth Lipman: ReGift" (through Jan. 5, 2025); "From Asia to the World: Ancient to Contemporary Art" (through June 29, 2025); "In a New Light: Impressionism and Post-Impressionism" (through June 29, 2025); "Africa Unmasked" (through Aug. 30, 2025); "Expanding Horizons: The Evolving Character of a Nation," (through Feb. 28, 2025) and more.

In addition, a number of special events and programs are planned throughout the year. Visit the museum website for descriptions of current and upcoming exhibitions and more info.

2445 Monroe St., Toledo  
419-255-8000 or 800-644-6862, toledomuseum.org

## Toledo Zoo

The Toledo Zoo, voted a top family-friendly destination and number one zoo in the nation, boasts more than 10,000 mammals, fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds and invertebrates representing over 720 species.

Visitors from near and far come to the Toledo Zoo to stroll the scenic grounds and explore the historic WPA-era buildings. Among the Zoo's highlights are the Arctic Encounter, the Africa! exhibit, Nature's Neighborhood children's zoo, Tembo Trail, the Aquarium, the ProMedica Museum of Natural History and the Nancy L. and Martin Davidson Barnyard, an interactive exhibit where guests can meet alpacas, goats, pigs and other farm animals.

Earlier this year, the Zoo welcomed a new female African elephant calf, named Kirkja, born to African elephant, Renee, who arrived at the Zoo in 1982 and is estimated to be 45 years old.

A wide range of programs, special events and activities add to the fun throughout the year, including Music Under the Stars Sunday-night concerts (July 7-Aug. 11); Christmas in July (July 19-21); Wild About Art (Aug. 10-11); BUGFest (Aug. 24); Senior Discovery Days (Wednesdays in September and October); Little Boo (Oct. 17-18) and Pumpkin Path (Oct. 19-20); Pumpkin Stomp & Chomp (Oct. 26); Lights Before Christmas (Nov. 22-Dec. 31) and a Noon Year's Eve celebration (Dec. 31).

2 Hippo Way, Toledo (located off the Anthony Wayne Trail)  
419-385-4040, toledozoo.org

## Imagination Station

Visitors of every age can engineer a day of fun with hundreds of hands-on exhibits and demonstrations that bring science to life at Imagination Station.

The KeyBank Discovery Theater – located within the science center – features a massive, 58-foot, 4K screen that offers an exciting and immersive experience for movie-goers. Shows and showtimes are available at [imaginationstationtoledo.org/keybank-discovery-theater](http://imaginationstationtoledo.org/keybank-discovery-theater).

Through Labor Day, visitors can explore a new exhibit, "Cardboard: Build Outside the Box." The interactive, hands-on experience invites visitors to put on their construction hats and create using only cardboard. Designed by the Imagination Station team in partnership with Welch Packaging, the exhibit is divided into six major sections. It shows that with just a simple cut, fold or piece of tape, cardboard can transform into anything one imagines.

A number of special exhibits, events and programs are offered throughout the year. Check their website for details. One Discovery Way, Toledo  
419-244-2674, [imaginationstationtoledo.org](http://imaginationstationtoledo.org)

## Toledo Botanical Garden Metropark

A museum for plants, Toledo Botanical Garden Metropark offers visitors the opportunity to share, discover and enjoy nature's beauty. With more than 60 acres of display gardens and relevant plant collections, the Garden is a place of beauty, tranquility and opportunities for exploration and reflection.

Green thumbs come to the Garden to learn more about the varieties of annuals and perennials nestled within the various beds and look for ways to incorporate new ideas into their home landscapes.

The Doneghy Inclusive Garden is an accessible, sensory experience of sights, sounds, tastes and textures.

Art lovers are inspired by the Artisan Village, original sculptures located throughout the Garden, and the annual Crosby Festival of the Arts, set for June 28-30 ([crosbyfest.com](http://crosbyfest.com)). Music enthusiasts can groove to the smooth sounds of local jazz performers during the summer Jazz in the Garden concert series (Thursdays from July 11 through Sept. 5).

The Secret Forest, an engaging children's playscape, immerses young visitors in nature and adventure.

5403 Elmer Dr. Toledo  
419-536-5566, [metroparktoledo.com](http://metroparktoledo.com)

## Toledo Mud Hens

The Toledo Mud Hens, the Detroit Tigers' Triple A minor league affiliate, play home games at Fifth Third Field in the city's Warehouse District from late March through September.

Future major leaguers are among those on the Mud Hens' roster, and occasionally fans can see current Tigers sent down for rehab or to better hone their skills.

A number of special events, promotions and giveaways are held at games throughout the season, including fireworks held after a number of games. At every Sunday home game, Hens players sign autographs and kids get to run the bases after the game.

Fans can also enjoy the game with rooftop views of Fifth Third Field from beyond the outfield in Hensville, also located in the



Earlier this year, the Zoo welcomed a new female African elephant calf, named Kirkja. (Photo courtesy of The Toledo Zoo)

Warehouse District. Relax with a refreshing drink, have something to eat, or meet up with friends at Hensville's popular restaurants.

Hensville Park, located at the corner of Summit and Monroe, is the green gateway to Hensville and the Warehouse District, and hosts a variety of outdoor events, including movies, concerts and kids' activities.

406 Washington St., Toledo  
419-725-HENS, [milb.com/toledo](http://milb.com/toledo)

## Toledo Walleye

The Toledo Walleye, an ECHL hockey league affiliate of the Detroit Red Wings and the Chicago Blackhawks, play from October until early April at the 8,000-seat Huntington Center in downtown Toledo, which is also home to a number of concerts, shows and special events throughout the year.

500 Jefferson Ave., Toledo  
419-725-WALL, [toledowalleye.com](http://toledowalleye.com)

## ARCA/ Toledo Speedway

The ARCA Series has been racing at Toledo Speedway since 1963. Toledo Speedway has long been known for being one of the best short tracks in the country with its half-mile, semi-banked oval and quarter-mile figure eight in the middle. Fans can enjoy ARCA-sanctioned stock car racing on Friday nights from May through October.

5639 Benore Rd., Toledo  
419-727-1100, [toledospeedway.com](http://toledospeedway.com)

## Tony Packo's Café

Tony Packo's is world-famous not only for its Hungarian-style hot dogs, but also for the autographed hot dog buns which have been signed by movie stars, other celebrities and U.S. Presidents. Packo's was also frequently mentioned by Toledo's Jamie Farr on the TV series "M\*A\*S\*H".

In addition to the flagship eatery on Toledo's East Side, Packo's has a location across from Fifth Third Field, home of the Toledo Mud Hens.

1902 Front St., Toledo  
800-366-4218, [tonypacko.com](http://tonypacko.com)

## Sundance Drive-in

The drive-in, located across Navarre

Avenue from Pearson Metropark in Oregon, features two first-run films on two screens spring through fall. Food and concessions are available.

4500 Navarre, Oregon  
[sundancedrive-in.com](http://sundancedrive-in.com)

## National Museum of the Great Lakes

Located at the base of the Veterans Glass City Skyway Bridge on Toledo's, East Side, the National Museum of the Great Lakes tells the awe-inspiring stories of our Great Lakes through breathtaking photography, more than 300 artifacts, a number of powerful audio-visual displays and 40 hands-on, interactive exhibits, including the 617-foot iron ore freighter Col. James M. Schoonmaker Museum Ship and the historic Museum Tug Ohio. (Museum ships are open May-October.)

The museum presents a number of programs, classes and events throughout the year. Learn more, get updates on hours and visitor policies and take a virtual tour by visiting the website.

1701 Front St., Toledo  
419-214-5000, [nmgl.org](http://nmgl.org)

## Fort Meigs State Memorial Park

Fort Meigs, a War of 1812 fort and battlefield in Perrysburg, features a reconstructed fort and museum. Under the command of future President William Henry Harrison, Fort Meigs helped defend the Northwest Territory against attacks by the British and the Native Americans during the War of 1812.

A replica of America's largest walled fort, Fort Meigs offers several reenactments featuring soldiers in period costumes throughout the year, and a number of special events, including: After Dark Lantern Tours (July 19, Sept. 28); Crossbow to Cartridge (June 29-30); Independence Day 1813 (July 4); The 60 Years' War for Ohio (Aug. 24-25); Life in Early Ohio (Sept. 21-22); Garrison Ghost Walks (Oct. 18, 19, 25, 26); The World at War – Miniature Gaming Day (Nov. 2) and a Historic Holidays – Fort Meigs Winter Festival, (Dec. 8) and more.

The fort and Visitors Center & Museum are open April through October. The Visitors Center & Museum are open year-

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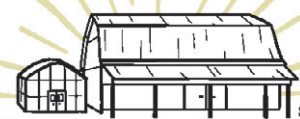
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round. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays and holidays except Memorial Day and July 4. Visit the website for hours. 29100 W. River Rd., Perrysburg 800-283-8916, fortmeigs.org

## Toledo Firefighters Museum

The Toledo Firefighters Museum brings to life more than 150 years of firefighting history and tells the tale of the heroes of the Toledo Fire Division.

Located in the "Old Number 18 Fire House," the display includes many large pieces of vintage firefighting equipment, fire gongs, antique fire toys, vintage uniforms and more. Hours are Saturdays noon-5 p.m.

918 Sylvania Ave., Toledo  
419-478-3473 (FIRE)  
toledofirefightersmuseum.org

## Hollywood Casino Toledo

Hollywood Casino Toledo, located just off I-75 along the banks of the Maumee River, offers more than 1,700 slot machines, 45 table games, restaurants, entertainment acts and more.

777 Hollywood Blvd., Toledo  
hollywoodcasinotoledo.com

## Canal Experience

Step back in time at the Canal Experience and get a taste of life on the Miami and Erie Canal in 1876. Providence Metropark is located in what was once the canal town of Providence, Ohio. Today, the Metropark has one of the greatest concentrations of canal-era features in the country, including:

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- Visit the Heritage Center to view The Volunteer and Lock 44 in action.

Visit Providence Metropark through October. Group reservations for tours of the Isaac Ludwig Mill welcome. Providence Metropark, Old US 24 at SR 578, Grand Rapids 419-407-9741, metroparkstoledo.com

## Oregon Jerusalem Historical Society

Built in 1882, the historic Brandville School has been restored and is now part

of the Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society complex. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1994.

Brandville School houses artifacts from Native Americans who lived in the Great Black Swamp of Northwest Ohio. There is also a military room with artifacts from all the major conflicts in which the United States has been involved, dating from the War of 1812 to the present.

The Carriage House includes vignettes of the old Metzger General Store, a doctor's office and an old post office. The one-room schoolhouse will take visitors back to the turn of the 20th Century.

The historical society offers a number of special events and programs throughout the year.

The museum complex is open Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for tours, research and artifact collection. Call to arrange tours for groups tours. No charge; donations accepted.

1133 Grasser St., Oregon  
419-902-5149, ojhs.org

## Harbor View Historical Society & Museum

Located in the village of Harbor View along Lake Erie, the Harbor View Historical Society and Museum continues to attract visitors from all over the country and Canada.

The society's Museum complex is situated on land originally deeded to the Ottawa chief named OTT-TO-KEE (Autokee) for his assistance to the American Forces during the War of 1812.

Located nearly 100 yards outside of the Harbor View Yacht Club entrance on Autokee Street, the museum offers a glimpse of the War of 1812 and the Battle of Lake Erie in 1813.

The British long gun and the American carronade on display are from the 2003 movie "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World," starring Russel Crowe. The cannons allow visitors to get an up-close view of the cannons that were used at the Battle of Lake Erie in 1813. Other exhibits include "The United States Navy, Toledo from 1933 to 1997," and the nearly 100-year-old Harbor View Post Office that has provided service to the small communities on Maumee Bay.

The Museum hosts many other special attractions throughout the year.

Open Wednesdays 5-9 p.m. Admission is free.

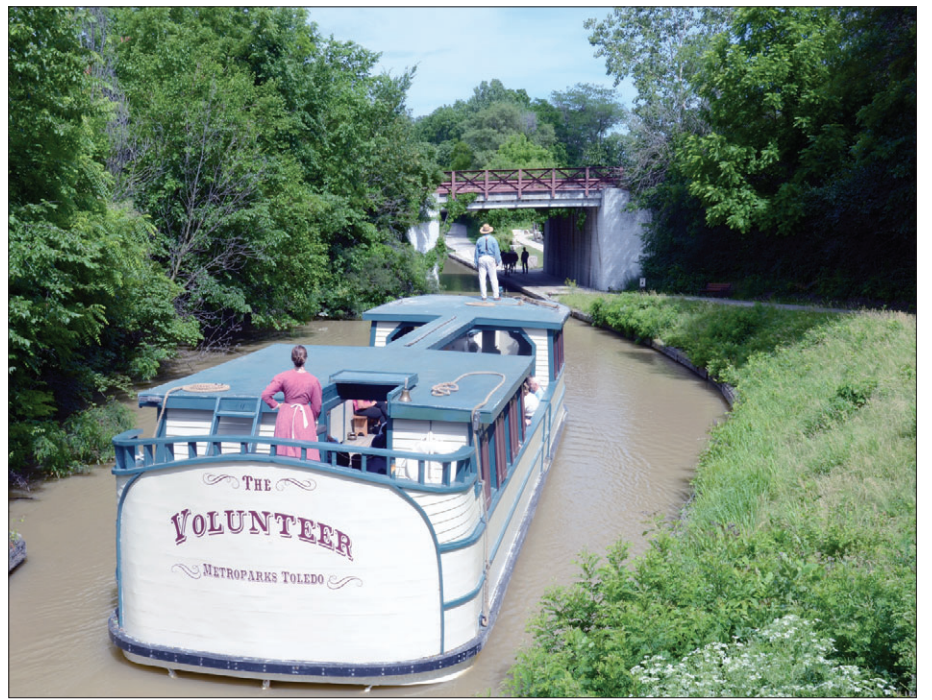
2083 Autokee St., Oregon  
419-691-1517  
harborviewhistoricalsociety.org

## Historic Genoa

Among the many mercantile, entertaining, and historical treasures the Village of Genoa (founded in 1857) has to offer, the Historic Town Hall (built in 1883) is a must-see for a variety of reasons.

Located at 509 Main St., it is classified as the oldest free-standing municipal building in Ottawa County and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Built in the Gothic revival style, the



The Canal Experience at Providence Metropark.

structure features eight ornamental chimneys and a hand-carved sandstone mask of Dionysius, the Greek God of theater, which rests over the main entrance. The first floor houses the mayor's office and the village council chambers. The second floor is used by Genoa Civic Theater.

Genoa's Old School Privy, built to serve as Genoa's first school, is believed to be the only brick outhouse on the National Register of Historic Places.

Downtown Genoa  
genoaohio.org

## Elmore Depot

The Elmore Historical Society purchased the 1860s Elmore Depot in 1981, along with 2.5 acres of land. The society undertook an extensive renovation, and the building now houses memorabilia from Elmore's past.

In 1983, society members dismantled, relocated and rebuilt the 1860s Heckman log cabin, adding an elaborate flagstone fireplace and porch, and furnishing it with artifacts from its era.

Depot Park, Elmore  
419-260-1282,  
facebook.com/ElmoreHistoricalSociety

## Schedel Arboretum & Gardens

Each year, the beauty and serenity of Schedel Arboretum & Gardens brings thousands to the 17-acre estate on the banks of the Portage River in Elmore.

The legacy of Joseph and Marie Schedel, the estate features an 1800s Manor House, upwards of 10,000 annual plants and flowers, an extensive bonsai collection and themed gardens including roses, perennials, tropicals, irises and pe-

onies. Other highlights include a Japanese garden, two lakes, numerous water features, a working vegetable garden and a fruit tree orchard.

Schedel is also home to the Blair Museum of Lithophanes, the largest collection of the 19th-century artform in the world. The McAlear Gallery, located in the Brown Welcome Center, features art exhibits each year showcasing the works of international, national and regional artists.

A number of special events, classes and programs are offered throughout the year. Learn more at [schedel-gardens.org/calendar.html](http://schedel-gardens.org/calendar.html).

Regular hours through October are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday 10-8 p.m. and Sunday 12-4 p.m. Closed Mondays, Independence Day, Labor Day and Sept. 8 for annual fundraiser.

19255 W. Portage River South Rd., Elmore  
419-862-3182, [schedel-gardens.org](http://schedel-gardens.org)

## Woodville Historical Museum

Woodville Historical Museum, operated by the Woodville Historical Society, features materials and artifacts documenting the rich history of the small village located along the banks of the Portage River about 20 miles east of Toledo on US 20.

Museum visitors can learn about the 1900s oil boom, Native Americans in the Woodville area, lime plants, early schools, the Lake Shore Electric rail system that once traveled between Toledo and Cleveland, and more.

107 E. Main St., Woodville  
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# Family Fun

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## Pemberville highlights

The village of Pemberville is located on SR 105 in Wood County and rests on the forks of the Portage River.

The Pemberville Opera House is the crown jewel in properties restored and maintained by the Pemberville Historical Society. The Opera House is a "Theatre on the Second Floor." Built in 1892 and completely restored in 1999, it is one of the oldest operating opera houses in the state of Ohio. An elevator tower was added in 2016 so the theatre space is accessible to all.

The opera house is home to annual events such as the concert series "Live! In The House," the Children's Theatre Workshop, "For the Love of Art Show" and the annual Festival of Trees.

Pemberville's historic Pember-Furry House and One-Room School take visitors back in time to the 19th century. Believed to be the community's oldest existing building, the Furry House was built by village founder James Pember, and eventually was home to long-time residents Jacob H. Furry and his daughter, Minnie.

Featuring unique architectural details and authentic period furnishings, the house sits adjacent to the One Room School, where Pemberville's youth learned "readin' and writin'" at the turn of the century. [pembervilleoperahouse.org](http://pembervilleoperahouse.org)

## Wood County Museum

Step back in time at The Wood County Historical Center and Museum.

The Museum is the site of the former County Infirmary, which operated from 1869-1971, and became a museum in 1975.

Visitors can expect a variety of educational experiences, including several exhibit rooms depicting the original uses of the building as well as a wealth of information on the significant history of Wood County and Northwest Ohio. Among the exhibits are "Allure & Illusion: A Rose-Colored Romance," showcasing wedding dresses once worn by local community members; "For Comfort & Convenience," "A

Clean Bill of Health: Societal Response to Disease," and "Chasing the White Rabbit: An Historical Look at American Mental Illness."

The 50-acre museum grounds, maintained by the Wood County Park District, are open to the public daily.

The center also offers a variety of special programs and events throughout the year, including historical teas, several Demonstration Days, Music at the Museum presented by Visit BG July 11, Aug. 8 and Sept. 19 at 6 p.m.; Amateur Radio Field Days, June 22-23 and more.

Visit the website and follow on social media for hours and updates. 13660 County Home Rd., Bowling Green 419-352-0967, [woodcountyhistory.org](http://woodcountyhistory.org)

## North Coast Veterans Museum

The North Coast Veterans Museum in Gibsonburg opened in 2004 as a tribute to those who have served in the uniformed service of the United States, especially those who have lost their lives in combat or training.

Military displays include weapons, uniforms, pictures, memorabilia, military accessories, tents and first aid from the Civil War to present.

The park also includes a Veterans' Memorial and a Public Safety Services Memorial. The memorial features a 36-foot, 7,000-pound antenna that sat atop the North Tower of the World Trade Center; black granite meditation seats and a One World Trade Center Sculpture. The pentagonal design is in honor of the U.S. Pentagon, and the design on the floor represents the Pennsylvania countryside and Flight 93. (Learn more at [gibsonburgohio.org](http://gibsonburgohio.org))

Williams Park, 411 North Main St., Gibsonburg 419-680-3217

## Hayes Presidential Library & Museums

The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and Museums is the nation's first Presidential library. It houses 19th U.S. President Rutherford B. Hayes' Victorian mansion, the museum, presidential library, tomb, and a mile of paved walking trails through his 25-acre wooded estate, known as Spiegel Grove.

Exhibits include interactive compo-



The National Museum of the Great Lakes.

nents that better tell the story of President Hayes and First Lady Lucy Webb Hayes. The museum now has a Presidents Gallery, which has artifacts from other U.S. Presidents and has a replica of the Resolute Desk. The original is located in the Oval Office of the White House.

Special exhibits include "Chasing Totality: The History and Science of Eclipses," on display through Dec. 31, and beginning Sept. 27, visitors can view, "Factions and Fraternalism: A History of America's Political Parties," which will explore the dynamic ways in which Americans have sorted themselves around complex political issues, but also the shared values between the parties that enabled them to work together to propel the country forward.

The Hayes Library and Museums also offer a number of special programs and events throughout the year, including genealogy classes, outdoor Verandah Concerts in the summer, a Presidential Book Club, the Hayes Train special model train display, Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides in Spiegel Grove during the holidays, and more.

Corner of Hayes and Buckland Avenues,

Fremont 419-332-2081, [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org)

## Ottawa County Museum

Visitors will enjoy historical displays about Ottawa County, including exhibits on Native Americans, early life and industries, a Ford Tri-Motor airplane, Lake Erie, military history from the Civil War through World War II, Camp Perry, and the "convict ship" Success. ADA accessible. Memorial Day-Labor Day open Tuesdays-Thursdays noon-3p.m.; Labor Day-Memorial Day open Wednesdays noon-3 p.m. or by appointment.

126 W. Third St., Port Clinton 419-732-2237

## Sauder Village

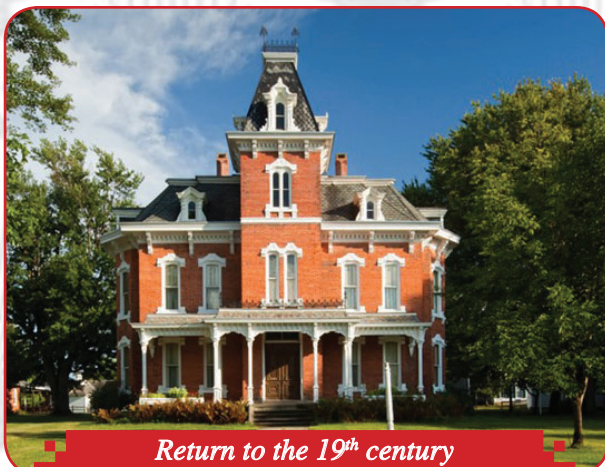
Connect with the past at Ohio's largest living-history village located at 22611 SR 2 in Archbold. Enjoy guided tours, period craftsmen, hands-on activities like arts and crafts and several annual events, including a Naturalization Ceremony (July 4), Summer

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# DISCOVER BELLEVUE

[bellevuetourism.org](http://bellevuetourism.org) OHIO

Located just 20 minutes from Lake Erie, you will find the residents of Bellevue waiting to welcome you to the Lake Erie vacation land. Uniquely nestled in the corner of four counties – Erie, Huron, Sandusky and Seneca – Bellevue sports numerous attractions, along with services for vacationing travelers. Come discover and enjoy the wide variety of attractions and activities available in Bellevue Ohio!



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**Bellevue Area Tourism & Visitors Bureau, P.O. Box 63, Bellevue, OH 44811**



# Family Fun

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at the Village (July 1-27), Rug Hooking Week (Aug. 13-17), Explore the Crafts (Sept. 14), Vintage Base Ball Tournament (Sept. 21), Fall on the Farm (Oct. 9-12), Woodcarvers' Show & Sale (Oct. 25-26), Eerie Nights (Oct. 18-19 and 25-26), Merry & Bright, (Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and 14), and more.

Families can experience the Roaring Twenties at the 1920s Main Street – part of the Walk Through Time Experience – a theater, candy shop, fire station, soda fountain, grocery store and much more. 800-590-9755, saudervillage.org

## Green spaces

### Metroparks Toledo

Metroparks Toledo preserves many of Lucas County's most unique natural areas, from the Oak Openings to the Lake Erie coastal zone. Among local parks are:

- **Pearson Metropark**, located at 761 Lallendorf Rd., Oregon, is one of the last remaining stands of the Great Black Swamp, a notorious forest area and swampland that once blanketed much of Northwest Ohio. The thick woods and location close to Lake Erie make Pearson a favorite stopover for a wide variety of migrating birds. Nearly 15 miles of trail in this 624-acre park provide remarkable access to the best birding anywhere. From birding to baseball to picnicking and fishing, there's something for everyone at Pearson.

Remember what life was like for those settling the Great Black Swamp in the 1860s at the Johlin Cabin, built in 1867. The cabin is part of an addition to the park, accessible from Seaman Road or the park's trail system. Known as Pearson North, this area includes an extensive wetland restoration.

- **Middlegrounds Metropark**, located at 111 Ottawa St. Toledo, includes a half-mile of river frontage that begins at the Anthony Wayne Bridge. The urban, 28-acre greenspace offers a 1.5-mile meandering walk/bike path and tranquil views of the Maumee River. Middlegrounds has a kayak cove with access to the river for those who bring their own boats, and a hub for the Veo Bike Share. There is also an off-leash dog area with separate fenced areas for large and small dogs.

- **Glass City Metropark**, located at 983 Front St., in downtown Toledo, connects East Toledo to the Maumee River and brings high-quality public greenspace, trails and programs to our riverfront. Glass City Metropark is a place to gather and celebrate as a community with adventure playgrounds, water play features, a kayak cove with an interactive boardwalk, picnic and party shelters, the Glass City Pavilion with a rooftop deck, an event lawn for up to 5,000 people, The Ribbon ice skating and roller skating trail, and the Market Hall



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- **Howard Marsh Metropark**, 611 Howard Rd., in Curtice, showcases six miles of water trail for canoeing and kayaking and five miles of dike-top trails for hiking and bicycling.

The Metropark, which was previously a working farm, is adjacent to the Metzger Marsh State Wildlife Area in a region that also includes Maumee Bay State Park, Magee Marsh State Wildlife Area and the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. Together, these local, state and federal public lands are known for their concentration of songbirds, or warblers, especially during spring migration.

The quarter-mile Madewell Trail extends into a marsh, and two overlooks provide access for fishing and viewing birds. The fishery is still being established.

For the paddler, there are two roll-off docks, kayaks available to rent by the hour using a smartphone app (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day) and portages between marsh units.

For hours and more information, call 419-407-9700 or visit metroparkstoledo.com.

**Maumee Bay State Park** at Cedar Point and North Curtice roads along the Oregon-Jerusalem Township border offers 1,336 acres and some of the finest recreational facilities in the Midwest, but also a unique natural environment created by the convergence of the land and Lake Erie.

A resort lodge and cabins, and golf course are nestled among scenic meadows, wet woods, and lush marshes. More than 300 bird species have been observed here. Families will enjoy the campground, in-

land lake, nature center, accessible boardwalk trail, and the Storybook Trail. 419-836-1466,

[ohiodnr.gov/go-and-do/plan-a-visit/find-a-property/maumee-bay-state-park](http://ohiodnr.gov/go-and-do/plan-a-visit/find-a-property/maumee-bay-state-park) [maumeebaylodge.com](http://maumeebaylodge.com)

**Magee Marsh Wildlife Area** supports an abundance of wildlife but is probably best known as one of the top birding spots in North America for migrating songbirds, especially warblers. More than 156 species of songbirds, including 37 species of warblers, have been seen at Magee Marsh during spring and/or fall migration.

Birding at Magee Marsh can be done year-round, but the second and third week of May during the spring migration season typically provide the most diverse numbers of songbird species for bird watchers. The most popular destination is the boardwalk bird trail, located at the end of the wildlife area road.

At the Sportsmen's Migratory Bird Center (SMBC), visitors are greeted with numerous displays that depict the unique history, flora, and fauna of the area. Antique decoys, artifacts and photos provide a glimpse of the numerous waterfowl hunt clubs that once lined the lakeshore from Sandusky to Toledo, covering about 30,000 acres. A wildlife habitat display offers visitors an understanding of what lives in a wetland. 13229 W. SR 2, Oak Harbor

**Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge** provides valuable habitat for a diversity of waterfowl and other migratory birds, resident wildlife, and endangered and threatened species.

During migration seasons, the Refuge may host as many as 38 different species of warblers. The shrubs along the boardwalk and trails directly behind the Visitors Center provide excellent views of a variety of warblers and other migratory birds.

The Visitors Center welcomes guests and tells the Refuge story. Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, the nonprofit that supports the Refuge, operates a Nature Store in the Visitors Center. Proceeds from the store help to support the Refuge with education and restoration initiatives.

The Refuge features hiking trails and a Wildlife Drive to explore. Check the website or call ahead for updates on safety restrictions in place and other info.

14000 W. SR 2, Oak Harbor  
419-898-0014, [fws.gov/refuge/ottawa](http://fws.gov/refuge/ottawa)

**The Wood County Park District** oversees 20 parks and nature preserves and more than 1,125 acres. Locally, visit Cedar Creeks Preserve, a 42-acre tract located at 4575 Walbridge Rd., Northwood. The park features hiking trails, allowing visitors to see a remnant of the Great Black Swamp woods, as well as a playground and picnic area.

419-353-1897, [wcparks.org](http://wcparks.org)

**The Sandusky County Park District** includes 16 parks and over, 2,500 acres, including Wolf Creek Park, Blue Heron Reserve, Creek Bend Farm and others. White Star Park, located south of Gibsonburg on SR 300, has a quarry up to 40-feet deep that is used by scuba divers as well as for non-power boating and fishing, a beach and a campground located across from the park's main entrance. The park also offers two 1870s-era historical log cabins, an extensive trail system and a constructed wetland area which is excellent for birding, especially in the spring and fall.

1-888-200-5577, [lovemyparks.com](http://lovemyparks.com)

**East Harbor State Park**, 1169 N. Buck Rd off SR 269 in Marblehead, on the shores of Lake Erie, has unlimited opportunities for outdoor recreation, including boating, fishing, swimming, picnicking and camping. Nature enthusiasts will enjoy the abundance of waterfowl, shorebirds and other species of wildlife found in the park's scenic wetlands.

419-734-4424, 1-866-664-6727, [odnr.gov](http://odnr.gov)

**Marblehead Lighthouse State Park**, 110 Lighthouse Dr., Marblehead, is one of Lake Erie's best-known and most-photographed lighthouses. The grounds surrounding the lighthouse offer excellent views of Lake Erie, Sandusky Bay, Kelleys Island and South Bass Island. Visitors can climb to the top of the lighthouse during the summer season for spectacular views of the lake and its islands in the distance. History buffs will enjoy stopping by the replica lifesaving station with museum of US Coast Guard activities and visiting the gift shop. The area also offers picnic areas

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# EXPLORE!

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and restrooms.  
419-734-4424 ext. 2, odnr.gov

## Religious sites

**The Grotto at Our Lady of Lourdes Church**, in Genoa, features a replica of the Lourdes grotto constructed of the “tufa,” fossilized vegetation found in the “blue hole” at Castalia, Ohio, along with a statue of a praying Saint Bernadette Souberious looking admiringly at Our Lady. The grounds also include a small altar, an adjoining bell tower of tufa, arches and outdoor Stations of the Cross in hand-carved Italian bronze. 204 S. Main St., Genoa, 419-855-8501

**Our Lady of Toledo Shrine** is a place of prayer, quiet reflection and healing. All faiths are welcome. The garden and well are open during daylight hours. 655 S. Coy Rd., Oregon  
419-697-7742

**Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral**, the primary church of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toledo, is Spanish Plateresque in design – the only one of its kind in North America. Visitors have been inspired by the graceful beauty of its piers and arches, the richly decorated nave ceiling with scenes from the Old Testament and by one of its most striking gems, the Rose Window. 2535 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo  
419-244-9575, rosarycathedral.org

**Sorrowful Mother Shrine** is a Catholic shrine located on 120 acres in Bellevue. The shrine features more than 40 points of interest, including outdoor Stations of the Cross with walking paths through the woods, shrine, and grottos. 4106 SR 269, Bellevue  
419-483-3435, sorrowfulmothershrine.org

## African Safari Wildlife Park

The Midwest's only drive-thru safari, African Safari Wildlife Park is home to giraffes, zebras, and much more. Get ready for a wild time feeding exotic animals from your vehicle. Stop by the Walk-Thru Safari to learn about the animals during daily educational animal programs, included with admission. Other activities include camel rides, Aviary Adventure, Rabbit Row, HogWILD Experience, and more.

This summer, African Safari Wildlife Park added capybaras to the Walk-Thru Safari, along with an opportunity for guests to “meet” these unique animals.

Through Labor Day, visitors can enjoy Dinosaur Takeover, which features more than 20 moving, roaring, life-sized prehistoric creatures.

Open through Dec. 1 (subject to change). Check the website for hours. 267 S. Lightner Rd., Port Clinton  
800-521-2660, africansafarivildlifepark.com

## Fremont Speedway

Since 1951, Fremont Speedway has been a center for dirt racing in Ohio. The 2024 season will continue to provide the entertainment that has led Fremont Speedway to be known as “The Track That Action Built.”

From April through October, the speedway hosts exciting open-wheel racing that keeps fans on the edge of their seats, as 410 and 305 sprint cars and trucks battle wheel to wheel, sliding around the one-third mile, semi-banked clay oval.



Popular attractions return to African Safari Wildlife Park.

901 Rawson Ave., Fremont  
419-333-0478, fremontohspeedway.com

## Cedar Point

For more than 150 years, families have chosen Cedar Point resort along Lake Erie as their destination to create new memories. Cedar Point is home to 68 amusement rides, including fan favorites like Millennium Force and Maverick, the Cedar Point Shores Waterpark, signature events, live shows, three large kids' areas and diverse overnight accommodations. In 2024, the park introduced Top Thrill 2, billed as the world's tallest and fastest triple-launch roller coaster. However, as of press time, Top Thrill 2 remains closed as Zamperla (the ride's manufacturer) continues working on a mechanical modification to the coaster vehicles. No opening date has been announced. Updates will be available on the park's website.

1 Cedar Point Dr. (off US 6), Sandusky  
41-627-2350, cedarpoint.com

## Cedar Point Shores

Cedar Point Shores Waterpark features 18 acres of splash-splashing family fun. Kids will love Lakeside Landing, where pint-sized slides, geysers, and fountains are fun to play around. The mythical Lake Erie monster, Lemmy, is ready to play at Lemmy's Lagoon. Test your courage on the four-capsule drop slide, Point Plummet; fill up on refreshing treats at Beaches & Cream; lounge in redesigned cabanas, and much more. Visit the website for dates and hours. 1 Cedar Point Dr., (off US 6) Sandusky  
419-627-2350, cedarpoint.com

## Merry-Go-Round Museum

Located in the former U.S. Post Office, the Merry-Go-Round Museum in Sandusky celebrates the history of carousels, the carvers who made the intricate horses and other animals, and enthusiasts who enjoy them.

The stone structure, which has a half-rotunda at the front, is listed with the National Register of Historic Places.

Enjoy the sights and sounds of yesterday, take a carousel ride, and see over 150 carousel creations from lions, camels, giraffes to horses.

Call, visit the website or follow on social media for hours, updates and more info.

301 Jackson St., Sandusky  
419-626-6111, merrygoroundmuseum.org

## Seneca Caverns

Visitors to Seneca Caverns can walk natural stone steps and pathways through “The Earth Crack” and view the Ole Mist'ry River, the crystal-clear flowing stream which is part of the vast groundwater system which underlies the region. Seneca Caverns offers guided tours, gem mining, a shaded picnic area and gift shop. Open seven days a week May 25 through Sept. 2. Check the website for hours.

15248 E. TR 178, Bellevue  
419-483-6711, senecacavernsohio.com

## Lakeside Chautauqua

Located on the Marblehead Peninsula, this Chautauqua community has been nurturing mind, body, and spirit for over 150 years. The Lakeside experience offers something for all ages—swimming, sailing, relaxing on the beach, miniature golf, shuffleboard, movies, arts and crafts, cultural events, and a summer season of entertainment in the 3,000-seat Hoover Auditorium.

A variety of accommodations are offered year-round. 236 Walnut Ave., Lakeside  
419-798-4461, lakesideohio.com

## Marblehead

**Wolcott Keeper's House** – The oldest surviving home in Ottawa County offers visitors the chance to experience the history of lighthouse keepers. The 1822 home was the residence of the first three keepers of the oldest continually operated lighthouse on the Great Lakes. 9999 E. Bayshore Road, Marblehead

**Johnson's Island Confederate Officers Prison Cemetery** – The historic cemetery is the final resting place of more than 200 of the 9,000 Confederate soldiers once imprisoned here. A toll is required to visit the cemetery. Open year-round, daily dawn-dusk.

Gaydos Road, Marblehead  
johnsonsisland.org

## Put-in-Bay/South Bass Island

Visitors have been flocking to the village of Put-in-Bay on South Bass Island for more than 150 years. Hundreds of thousands travel here annually to enjoy family-friendly activities, outdoor recreation and a large variety of special events. Many start their visit with a narrated tram tour. Others choose to explore on their own, renting a golf cart, scooter or bike.

Families will find plenty to keep the kids entertained, including a butterfly house, miniature golf, gem mining, cave tours, arcades, a carousel and go-kart racing.

visitputinbay.org

## Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial

Honoring those involved in the September 1813 Battle of Lake Erie and celebrating the peace between the United Kingdom, Canada, and the U.S. Visit the observation deck for views of the islands and site of the battle. Visit the website for updates.

419-285-2184, nps.gov/pevi

## Heineman Winery

The oldest family-owned and operated winery in Ohio, Heineman's was founded in 1888 by Gustav Heineman, an immigrant from Baden-Baden, Germany. Visit the tasting room and wine garden, sample award-winning wines and tour Crystal Cave, the world's largest Celestine geode. Hours vary.

978 Catawba Ave., Put-in-Bay  
419-285-2811, heinemanswinery.com

## Kelleys Island

Kelleys Island is the second largest of the Lake Erie Islands, an archipelago shared between the United States and Canada. The island is roughly three-and-a-half miles north of the Marblehead Peninsula, and approximately 10 miles north of Sandusky.

The island is dominated by natural areas. It appeals to nature and bird lovers as well as those looking for a relaxing, quiet getaway. Its rocky shorelines, pristine beach, lush forests, fragrant vineyards, historical homes and friendly hospitality are inviting. Rent a golf cart or bicycle and encounter the world's largest, most spectacular glacial scoring, find Native American pictographs carved into a limestone boulder, hike miles of trails at the state park or build sandcastles at the beach. Downton is the heart of the island where clothing and gift stores, miniature golf, karaoke, restaurants, and live entertainment bring rhythm to the island pace.

kelleysislandchamber.com

## Glacial Grooves State Memorial

The world's largest accessible glacial grooves, embedded with fossils that are 350-400 million years old, are located on the north side of Kelleys Island, and can be viewed from a walkway and stairs. Open year-round during daylight hours.

739 Division Street, Kelleys Island  
kelleysislandchamber.com/place/glacial-grooves/

## Historic Lyme Village

A 19th-century village featuring 16 buildings, including an 1880s Victorian mansion, an 1836 farm home, log homes, barns, a one-room school, a general store, and more.

5001 SR 4, Bellevue  
419-483-4949, lymevillage.org

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# EXPLORE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Beyond Boxes: New Imagination Station exhibit redefines 'cardboard'

Roll up your sleeves and prepare to unbox your creativity in Imagination Station's new exhibit "Cardboard: Build Outside the Box."

"Cardboard" is an interactive, hands-on experience where visitors put on their construction hats and create using only cardboard. Designed by the Imagination Station team, in partnership with Welch Packaging, the exhibit is divided into six major sections. It demonstrates that with just a simple cut, fold or piece of tape, cardboard can transform into anything one can imagine.

A towering 13-foot-tall cardboard robot welcomes visitors into the exhibit. Once inside, they'll discover a 12-foot-long cardboard spaceship that will encourage them to explore many possibilities as they dive into STEAM – science, technology, engineering, art and math.

The "Cardboard Culture" area taps into your inner artist as you uncover the elements of design; "Flying into the Future" inspires you to create futuristic cars, rockets and airplanes and then race them. In "Toledo of Tomorrow," you can engineer your vision of what our city will look like in 50 years.

"Cardboard: Build Outside the Box" supports the science center's sustainability efforts by repurposing discarded cardboard for visitor activities. All the cardboard that will be used for construction in the exhibit has been previously used and given a second life.

By reusing and recycling cardboard, the new exhibit helps reduce the demand for fresh resources, conserves energy and oil and saves trees. The exhibit also inspires the community to see new ways they can reuse cardboard. Visitors will also be able to bring in cardboard for reuse and recycling. At the end of the exhibit, Welch Packaging will collect all the reused cardboard and properly recycle it.

"Our new Cardboard exhibit encompasses all of our goals as a science center," said Imagination Station Director of Education Jenny Roe. "It highlights our commitment to sustainability, tinkering, learning and community, and provides a space where everyone's imagination can come to life through cardboard. Our visitors are going to be amazed to discover how versatile this simple material is and what they can do with it."

"Cardboard: Build Outside the Box" runs through Labor Day. The exhibit is free with paid admission to the science center.

Imagination Station is located at 1 Discovery Way, Toledo. For more information, call 419-244-2674 or visit [imaginationstationtoledo.org](http://imaginationstationtoledo.org).

### Ongoing:

**Mondays through Oct. 16:** Monday Night Cruise-in, Applebee's, 3007 Curtice Rd., Northwood, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Music by Cruisin Zeake. [cruisinzeake.com](http://cruisinzeake.com).

**Second Wednesdays of the Month May-Sept:** Oregon Rollin' Food & Farm Market, Dustin Road, between Isaac Streets Drive and East Harbor, Oregon. Farmers market, food trucks, vendors and more, from 5-8 p.m.. [facebook.com/rollinfoodandfarm](http://facebook.com/rollinfoodandfarm).

**Saturdays May-November, Toledo Farmers Market,** 525 Market St., Toledo, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. [toledofarmersmarket.com](http://toledofarmersmarket.com).

**July 13, Aug. 17, Sept. 21: Village Street Fair,** Locust and Water streets, Oak Harbor, 1-6 p.m. Live bands, shopping, food, beverages and more.

### July

**July 1-27: Summer at the Village,** Sauder Village, Archbold, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Experience life on a farm more than 100 years ago. Learn about farm animals, enjoy nature-themed activities, play old-fashioned games, and try a variety of hands-on activities in historic homes and shops. [saudervillage.org](http://saudervillage.org).

**July 3: Independence Day Celebration,** downtown Oak Harbor. Small-town Independence Day fun beginning at 5 p.m. Food, entertainment, giant inflatables, Royal Duck Race, kids' games, a beer garden and fireworks. [oakharborohio.net](http://oakharborohio.net).

**July 3-6: Woodville's 82nd 4th of July Celebration,** Trailmarker Park, Woodville. Parade, 5K race, car show, amusements, and fireworks. [woodville4th.com](http://woodville4th.com).

**July 4: Naturalization Ceremony,** Sauder Village, Archbold, 11 a.m. [saudervillage.org](http://saudervillage.org).

**July 4: Independence Day 1813,** Fort Meigs State Memorial, Perrysburg. See the celebrations of July 4, 1813, recreated. [fortmeigs.org](http://fortmeigs.org).

**July 4: Independence Day Concert,** Hayes Presidential Library & Museums at Spiegel Grove, Fremont, 2-3:30 p.m. Free. Featuring music by the Toledo Concert Band featuring members of the Toledo Symphony. [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org).

**July 7: Pemberville Party in the Park,** Memorial Park, 1-5 p.m. [pemberville.org/calendar](http://pemberville.org/calendar).

**July 7-Aug. 11: Music Under the Stars,** Toledo Zoo, Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. A Toledo summer tradition. For info on who's performing and more, visit [toledozoo.org/events/music-under-the-stars](http://toledozoo.org/events/music-under-the-stars).

**July 8-14: Lucas County Fair,** Lucas Co. Fairgrounds, 2901 Key St., Maumee. Agricultural displays, entertainment, rides, food, demonstrations and more. [lucascountyfair.com](http://lucascountyfair.com).

**July 10: Verandah Concert,** featuring Grand Royale Ukulelists of the Black Swamp (GRÜBS), Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont. The evening begins with an ice cream social at 6:30 p.m. Donations may be made for the ice cream but are not required. Performances start at 7 p.m. Attendees may bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating on the expansive lawn. Admission is free. [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org). In the event of inclement weather, concerts may be canceled. Updates also will be posted on the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums' social media pages.

**July 11: Cruisin' Night,** downtown Pemberville, 6-8 p.m. Food, music, and more. 419-287-3274.

**July 13: Rally by the Rails,** Main Street, Village of Walbridge. Parade at 11 a.m., fol-

lowed by food trucks, Cardboard-Building Challenge (library), Kid Zone with inflatables and games; car show, music and more. **July 13-14: Fremont Flea Market,** Sandusky County Fairgrounds, Fremont, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. [sanduskycountyfair.com](http://sanduskycountyfair.com).

**July 15-21: 60th Ottawa County Fair,** Ottawa County Fairgrounds, 7870 W. SR 163, Oak Harbor. King and Queen crowning, livestock exhibits, entertainment, demolition derby, tractor pulls, rides, games, food, and more. [ottawacountyfair.org](http://ottawacountyfair.org).

**July 20: Community Garage Sales,** village of Pemberville. [pemberville.org](http://pemberville.org).

**July 21: Vintage Base Ball,** featuring the Spiegel Grove Squires vs. the Akron Black Stockings, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums at Spiegel Grove, Fremont, 1 p.m. [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org).

**July 24: Verandah Concert,** featuring Bridge County Bluegrass Band., Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont. The evening begins with an ice cream social at 6:30 p.m. Donations may be made for the ice cream but are not required. Performances start at 7 p.m. Attendees may bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating on the expansive lawn. Admission is free. [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org). In the event of inclement weather, concerts may be canceled. Updates will be posted on the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums' social media pages.

**July 26-28: 40th Northwest Ohio Rib-Off,** Lucas County Fairgrounds, Maumee. Local and national BBQ ribbers, national entertainment acts, amusement rides, vendors and more. This year's entertainment includes Gin Blossoms with opening performance by Sponge on Friday; Brett Young on Saturday and JUMP: America's Van Halen Experience on Sunday (Family Day). [nworiboff.com](http://nworiboff.com).

**July 27: Lindsey Sunflower & Homecoming Festival,** Wendelle Miller Park, 240 S. Main St., Lindsey, features a 5K race, kids' games, live entertainment, craft vendors, food trucks, bingo, cake walk, Baby Royalty and Sunflower Contest, cornhole tournament and more. The Suns Flower & Creek Bend Farms will be hosting additional activities at their sites on this same day. [sanduskycounty.org](http://sanduskycounty.org).

**July 27: Sculpture in the Village Arts & Wine Fest,** Williams Park, Gibsonburg, 3-9 p.m. Art and sculptures, live entertainment, food pairings, craft and art vendors and Ohio wines. Free admission. Tasting tickets can be purchased for wine sampling. [artsandwinefest.com](http://artsandwinefest.com).

**July 28: Art on the Mall,** University of Toledo Centennial Mall, 2801 W. Bancroft, Toledo, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The annual event draws art lovers, families, music fans and summertime browsers. [artonthemall.org](http://artonthemall.org).

**July 28: Spiegel Grove Squires vs. Fulton Mules Vintage Base Ball Game,** Hayes Presidential Center, Spiegel Grove, Fremont, 1 p.m. [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org).

**July 30: Genoa Cruise-in Car Show,** downtown Genoa, 5-8 p.m. Featuring music by DJ Cruisin Zeake. Cash prizes and gas cards awarded. [genoaareachamber.com](http://genoaareachamber.com).

**July 28-Aug. 4: Wood County Fair,** Wood County Fairgrounds, 13800 W. Poe Rd., Bowling Green. Featuring agricultural displays, entertainment, rides, food, demon-

strations and more. Scheduled entertainment Micro Wrestling, a Cheerleading Competition, Harness Racing, a Vehicle Demolition Derby, and Roots & Boots, with Sammy Kersahw, Collin Raye and Arron Tippin (Aug. 1). [woodcounty-fair.com](http://woodcounty-fair.com).

**July 30: Cruisin' to Classic Cruise-in Car Show,** downtown Genoa, 5-8 p.m. Featuring music by DJ Cruisin Zeake. Cash prizes and gas cards awarded. [genoaareachamber.com](http://genoaareachamber.com).

### August

**Aug. 1-4: 5th Toledo Jeep Fest,** downtown Toledo. Buckle up for an adventure and take part in free activities such as an All-Jeep Parade and car show, vendor midway area, family fun zones, music, food and more. [toledojeepfest.com](http://toledojeepfest.com).

**Aug. 7: Verandah Concert,** featuring Matthew Ball, the Boogie Woogie Kid, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont. The evening begins with an ice cream social at 6:30 p.m. Donations may be made for the ice cream but are not required. Performances start at 7 p.m. Attendees may bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating on the expansive lawn. Admission is free. [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org). In the event of inclement weather, concerts may be canceled. Updates will be posted on the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums' social media pages.

**Aug. 8: Cruisin' Night,** downtown Pemberville, 6-8 p.m. Food, music, and more. 419-287-3274.

**Aug. 9-10: Maumee Summer Fair,** Uptown Maumee, Conant Street. Arts and crafts, music, entertainment, kids' area, and more. [maumeesummerfair.com](http://maumeesummerfair.com).

**Aug. 10: Brentwood Bash,** Brentwood Park, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Live music, food trucks, beer and non-alcoholic beverages, kickball and cornhole tournaments, waterslide, games, dunk tank and more. [northwoodoh.gov](http://northwoodoh.gov).

**Aug. 10-11: Wild About Art,** Toledo Zoo. A uniquely wild, two-day art fair that takes place throughout Zoo grounds. The event features local and regional artists with a variety of mediums on display and for sale, plus live entertainment, hands-on art activities and, of course, animals. [toledozoo.org/wildaboutart](http://toledozoo.org/wildaboutart).

**Aug. 11: Spiegel Grove Squires vs. Canal Fulton Redlegs and Dayton Clodbusters Vintage Base Ball,** Hayes Presidential Center, Spiegel Grove, Fremont, 12 p.m. [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org).

**Aug. 13-17: 28th Rug Hooking Week,** Sauder Village, 22611 SR 2, Archbold. Exhibits featuring contemporary and historic fiber art works displayed gallery-style, classes, vendors and more. [saudervillage.org](http://saudervillage.org).

**Aug. 14-17: Pemberville Free Fair – "Buckets of Fun"** is the theme of this year's fair in downtown Pemberville. Four days of fun for all ages. Entertainment, contests, arts and crafts, parade, exhibitions and more. [pembervillefair.org](http://pembervillefair.org).

**Aug. 17-19: 57th National Tractor-Pulling Championships,** Wood County Fairgrounds, Bowling Green. [pulltown.com](http://pulltown.com).

**Aug. 19-25: Sandusky County Fair,** Sandusky County Fairgrounds, Fremont. One of Ohio's largest county fairs featuring displays of arts and crafts, food, amusement rides, entertainment and more. [sanduskycountyfair.com](http://sanduskycountyfair.com).

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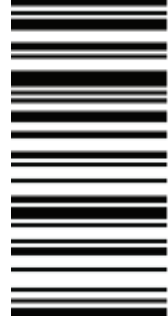
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German American Festival,  
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### Howard Marsh Metropark

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### Maumee Bay State Park

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Storybook Interactive Nature Trail

### Oregon Recreation Complex

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### Oak Shade Grove

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### Oregon Rollin' Market 2024

Second Wednesday of the month from May-Sept. (5:00pm-8:00pm) at Dustin Rd.



Oregon Rollin' Market

### Oregon Boomfest 2024

Free Community Celebration & Concert featuring food trucks, arts & craft vendors, kid's activities, live musical entertainment by "Distant Cousins", "Grape Smugglers", "JT Hayden Band", and headliner "four-ney former vocalist Steve Augeri" at 8:30 p.m. along with fireworks at dusk on Saturday, July 13, 2024 at Dunn Chevy -3000 Dustin Road.



Johlin Cabin, Pearson Metropark

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