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## IN COLUMBUS IN THE SUMMER



1. Have hands-on fun at [COSI](#), the award-winning center of science
2. Enjoy music, food and games at a local festival, happening most weekends throughout the summer
3. Have lunch in the Sculpture Garden at the [Columbus Museum of Art](#) – then hit the free Wonder Room wing to create your own art or view influential works throughout the museum
4. Learn about our nation's history and our veterans, past and present at [National Veterans Memorial and Museum](#) — the only museum to revere all conflicts and all branches of service
5. Grab a bite at the new restaurant incubator, [Budd Dairy Food Hall](#)
6. See a nationally touring rock band at [Express LIVE, A&R Bar or The Basement](#)
7. Explore downtown Columbus with a scavenger hunt through Amazing Scavenger Hunt Adventure
8. Browse racks of comics and sample video games at [Heroes & Games](#) in the convention center
9. Explore your hipster side among the books and vinyl records at [Kafe Kerouac](#) coffee shop (a preview for college days!)
10. Get a day pass with [CoGo Bike Share](#) and explore Columbus on two wheels
11. Enjoy classic films in a grand, historic theatre at the [CAPA summer movie series](#)
12. Sample foods of all tastes at the [North Market](#)
13. Cheer on the [Columbus Clippers](#) minor league baseball team
14. Root for the [Columbus Crew](#) major league soccer team
15. Splash down the slides at [Zoombezi Bay](#) water park
16. Take a free fitness class (like yoga, kickboxing or hip-hop dance) or hit up a weekly food truck court at the [Columbus Commons](#)
17. Stroll through the Short North and have [Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams](#)
18. Get up-close with butterflies at the [Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#) — then cool off in the splash stream at the Scott's Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden
19. Play frisbee or catch a band at the gazebo at [Goodale Park](#)
20. Run through the fountains at [Bicentennial Park](#)
21. Try some of the world's wildest hotdog toppings and explore the quirky rock & roll memorabilia at [Dirty Frank's Hot Dog Palace](#)
22. Ride the carousel or play chess with giant chess pieces over an ice cream cone at [Columbus Commons](#)
23. Jog, bike, rollerblade or stroll [The Promenade](#) on the [Scioto Mile](#)
24. Climb the world's largest free climbing wall at the [Scioto Audubon](#)
25. Challenge friends to race the large-scale obstacle course at the [Scioto Audubon](#)

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26. Go birdwatching or fishing at the [Scioto Audubon](#)
27. [Kayak](#) underneath the downtown skyline in the Scioto River
28. Play duck pin bowling, giant Jenga or pinball at [Pins Mechanical Co.](#)
29. Join in a kickball game at [McFerson Commons](#) under the historic arch
30. Visit the [Smart Columbus Experience Center](#) to see how electric cars work and learn about transportation of the future
31. Explore the largest collection of cartoons in the world at the [Billy Ireland Cartoon Museum](#) on the Ohio State campus
32. Take in the vintage toy collection at [Big Fun Columbus](#)
33. Take a Segway tour through Columbus entertainment districts, departing from [SegAway Tours](#) in the convention center
34. Play vintage video games, like Pacman and Space Invaders, or board games, like Clue and Connect Four, while you eat at Brewcadia, right across the street from the convention center
35. Explore your artisan side as you develop your own scent to make a custom candle at [The Candle Lab](#)
36. Make a custom lip gloss at [Mukha Custom Cosmetics & Med-Spa](#)
37. Explore extensive stacks, marvel at the spectacular architecture, or take a YouMedia Teens class, where you learn to create music, videos and digital art at the [Columbus Main Library](#)
38. See the larger-than-life topiary recreation of George Seurat's famous painting A Sunday Afternoon on the Isle of La Grande Jatte at the [Topiary Park](#)
39. Taste chocolates at [Winans Chocolates + Coffee](#)
40. Take pictures of the city and the Scioto River at [North Bank Park](#)
41. Take a tour of the [Ohio Statehouse](#)
42. Explore the [art collection](#) at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, culminating with the world's largest selfie machine, interactive digital art piece, [As We Are](#)
43. Attend a Young Writer's Workshop or Literary Picnic at the [Thurber House](#)
44. Try the amazing macaroons at [Pistacia Vera](#)
45. Nosh on cream puffs at [Schmidt's Sausage Haus und Restaurant](#) — and take your picture in the lederhosen cut-outs while you're there!
46. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll enjoy a completely free play in Schiller Park during Shakespeare in the Park with [The Actors Theater of Columbus](#)
47. Catch a movie at the [Gateway Film Center](#)
48. See a live cabaret at [Shadowbox LIVE!](#) — America's largest resident theatre company
49. Take the bus for an unforgettable shopping experience at [Easton](#)
50. Feed giraffes or pet stingrays at the [Columbus Zoo and Aquarium](#)

