



FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

Tours:

[Phoenix Bat Company](#): Making premium rock maple, yellow birch and northern white ash bats for 20 years. Approved to use for big league baseball players. Learn the business history and the process of creating a bat.

[American Whistle Corporation](#): The only manufacturer of metal whistles in the U.S. Groups will get a personally guided tour of the factory and get to take home their own metal whistle.

[Ohio Statehouse](#): Free guided tours are offered Monday-Friday every hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

[Anthony Thomas Candy Company](#): Factory tours are provided. The one-hour tour takes groups through the candy making process from start to finish.

[Central Ohio Firehouse Museum](#): Tours run Tuesday-Saturday.

[Velvet Ice Cream](#): Free public tours are given of the grounds weekdays May – October from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

[ZipZone Canopy Tours](#): Zip line over ravines and streams and experience the hidden beauty of Columbus.

Museums and Historical Sites:

[Kelton House Museum & Garden](#): Learn about the role Columbus played in the Underground Railroad. Group tours available days and evenings throughout the year.

[Billy Ireland Cartoon Museum](#): The largest collection of materials related to cartoons and comics. Located in the heart of OSU's campus.

[Motorcycle Hall of Fame and Museum](#): Explore the history of American motorcycle racing, riding, design and technology.

[Ohio Craft Museum](#): Unique, handcrafted jewelry, functional pottery, glass vases, silk scarves and artist-made cards.

[Ohio History Center](#): Ohio historical fun for the whole family, exhibits like *1950s: Building the American Dream*, a look into life for Ohio families in the 50s; *White Castle: The History You Crave*, the history of America's first hamburger chain, started right here in Columbus; *The Nature of Ohio*, a tour through Ohio's natural history.

[Ohio Village](#): Living history museum adjacent to Ohio History Center. Get a look into 1890s Ohio life. Features a Town Hall, bicycle shop, Ohio Village residents, Pavilion and Village Green. Events such as vintage baseball games, All Hallows' Eve walk about, Dickens of a Christmas.

Sports:

[Columbus Blue Jackets](#): National Hockey League Team, plays October through April.

[Columbus Crew](#): Columbus' professional soccer club, member of Eastern Conference of Major League Soccer, play at MAPFRE Stadium, near Ohio Expo Center, the first ever soccer-specific stadium built for a MLS team. The Crew won the MLS cup in 2008, and was runner up in 2015.

[Columbus Clippers](#): Columbus' minor league baseball team, Triple-A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians. Play at Huntington Park in Arena District, built in 2009.

[Ohio State sports facilities](#): Adventure recreation center with climbing wall, turf fields, basketball courts; guest passes available for all OSU rec facilities.

[Ohio Machine](#): Ohio's Major League Lacrosse Team, plays April through August.

Attractions:

[Easton](#): Premiere shopping destination just 15 minutes east of downtown Columbus.

[Columbus Metropolitan Libraries](#): Main library + 21 branches; features homework help centers, study buddies, reading buddies program. Main Library downtown Columbus just underwent \$35 million renovation- new glass walls, outdoor seating, new café, Story Circle, grand atrium and reading room. Free storytime.

[COSI](#): Voted #1 science center in U.S. by Parents magazine; Rotating exhibits, giant screen and planetarium.

[Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#): Rotating exhibits, event spaces such as the Welsh Barn; classes and events centered around art, food and gardening.

[Topiary Garden](#): Stroll through this topiary interpretation of George Seurat's famous painting *A Sunday Afternoon on the Isle of La Grand Jatte*.

[Columbus Museum of Art](#): New contemporary wing and Schokko Art Café Cameron Mitchell restaurant. Free Sundays. Wonder Room for kids with hands-on activities, art scavenger hunts, puzzles.

[North Market](#): Columbus' only remaining public market, more than thirty merchants, farmers market Saturdays.

[Columbus Zoo and Aquarium](#): Heart of Africa exhibit lets visitors get up close to giraffes and witness cheetah races. Jungle Jack's Landing Animal Encounters Village gives kids the opportunity to connect with the zoo's animal friends.

[The Wilds](#): Board a safari transport to view rare and endangered animals living in an open-range habitat at this 10,000-acre conservation center in Southeast Ohio.

[Zoombezi Bay](#): New SoundSurfer slide lets guests pick their own music as they splash through the twists and turns; also feature a lazy river and wave pool.

[Columbus Children's Theatre](#): Promotes access to theatre arts for families and children. Offers classes like private and group dance classes, Intro to Theatre, Musical Theatre Dance.

[Columbus Metro Parks](#): 19 parks in and around the Columbus area. More than 200 miles of trails, family and kid-friendly programs, festivals, dog parks, outdoor movies and educational walks.

[Grange Audubon Center](#): Largest, free outdoor climbing wall in the nation. Bi-weekly bird hikes, Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs. Adjacent to Scioto Audubon Metro Park.

[Scioto Mile Splash Pad](#): Open to public splashing during the day and into evenings; light show at night; next to Milestone 229 restaurant with views overlooking Scioto River and Downtown skyline.

[Columbus Commons](#): Food truck Thursdays, carousel rides, Jeni's Ice Cream café, reading room with books to peruse from CML, bocce ball.

[Goodale Park](#): Columbus' oldest park in the heart of Short North, expansive playground and tennis courts, pond with elephant fountain, basketball hoops, open spaces.

[Slate Run Historical Farm](#): Experience first-hand what it was like to live on an a 19th-century farm in Ohio; animals like pigs, geese, turkeys and horses can be seen. Guests can tour the farmhouse and watch the ladies prepare meals and tend the house.

[Olentangy Indian Caverns](#): 40 minute tours of natural, ancient caverns in Delaware, OH. Used by Wyandotte Tribe. Other activities such as animal encounters, gem mining, and mini golf are available for families.

[Hocking Hills Adventures](#): the original canoe livery in Hocking Hills offers the best river trips in addition to two miles of riverside camping, go-karts and more!

Gaming Attractions:

[Lazer Kraze](#): Ohio's ultimate laser tag facility.

[Dave and Busters](#): Full-service restaurant with a video arcade and plenty of games.

[Sky Zone](#): Trampoline park featuring freestyle bouncing, dodgeball, fitness programs & more.

[Get Air Trampoline Park](#): Trampoline park with ninja course, slack line, and foam pit.

[Star Lanes Polaris](#): A boutique bowling experience with an upscale lounge.

[Kickmaster Footgolf](#): The first dedicated footgolf course in the U.S.

[Magic Mountain Fun Center](#): Mini golf, go-karts, video arcade games, batting cages, bumper rides, laser tag and pizza.

[Grand Prix Karting Columbus](#): Indoor go-karts, laser tag, and escape rooms.

Escape Rooms: [Amaze Escape Room](#), [Escape It Grandview](#), [Lockdown Columbus Escape Room](#), [Room Escape Adventures](#), [Trapped Columbus Escape Room](#)