



Fort Wayne Free Things To Do

Free Things to Do Any Time of Year in Fort Wayne, Indiana

1. Browse the newest exhibit at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art with free admission on Thursdays from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Shop the Paradigm Gallery (open in person or online).
2. Uncover great local food at many of Fort Wayne's farmers markets. Explore VisitFortWayne.com/farmersmarkets for specific times.
3. Dotted around downtown Fort Wayne are mesmerizing murals. Use this interactive Mural Map on your phone for a tour of Fort Wayne's favorite public art.
4. Browse the nation's largest public genealogy collection at the Allen County Public Library Downtown. Visit in person or start your search from home using their online databases!
5. Take in the breathtaking view from the Tree Canopy Trail at Promenade Park in downtown Fort Wayne! While you're there, take a walk on the historic Wells Street Bridge, enjoy the relaxing swings, or grab a pint from Trubble Riverside.
6. See what's new at The Landing. This historic corner of downtown was the city's first major hub of activity in the 1800s, and is being restored with new life as a point of destination. Stroll the pedestrian street to discover new restaurants and shops, and see what else is on the way.
7. Explore the Allen County Public Library – one of the best in the nation! Kids love the downtown branch, complete with reading nooks, aquariums, a toddler play area, and free programming all summer long.
8. Soak up history at the Old Fort; the grounds are open to visitors every day with special programming monthly.
9. Take a tour of Fort Wayne's great nature preserves and parks including Little River Wetlands, Eagle Marsh, many of the ACRES Land Trust preserves, Lindenwood Nature Preserve, and Salomon Farm Park.
10. Explore Fort Wayne's 120 miles of trails. Highlights include the 18 miles of hilly Aboite Trails, the Rivergreenway, the Indiana Native Tree Walk, the historic 5.5-mile Towpath Trail, the Pufferbelly rail-to-trail. Check out these 8 bike trail itineraries perfect for the family.
11. Take a tour of an Amish community in Grabill, Indiana.
12. Take the kids out to eat for free at one of the many restaurants where kids eat free.
13. Visit the breathtaking Allen County Courthouse* (cell phones and cameras not admitted.) Group tours available by appointment Monday – Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM or you can take the self-guided tour. *Call ahead to confirm tours are permitted for the date you plan to visit.
14. Pick up a Downtown Walking Tour map and explore the city's modern heart combined with Fort Wayne history; stop by the Visitors Center for guides to ten historic Fort Wayne districts; or pick up a map and hit the ARCH Heritage Trail downtown.
15. Walk through Lindenwood Cemetery and visit the graves of many of Fort Wayne's founders (don't forget to do some grave rubbings.)
16. Let the kids explore at many of our favorite playgrounds including Taylor's Dream and our 53 other playgrounds.
17. Venture through the stacks at Hyde Brothers Booksellers.
18. Explore some of Fort Wayne's parks including Pawster Park – perfect for your pooch; Swinney or Shoaff parks for some frisbee golf; and public gardens at Lakeside, Foster, and Freimann Square.
19. Browse antiques at any one of Fort Wayne's local antique shops.
20. Window shop at many of Fort Wayne's boutique shops featuring locally handcrafted items and unique finds.
21. Visit Creative Women of the World to learn about Fort Wayne's global impact on women in poverty and shop the store's fine artisan products.
22. Browse works of art at Fort Wayne's favorite galleries including Artlink Contemporary Gallery, Orchard Gallery, Northside Galleries, and the University of Saint Francis' five galleries.

23. Tour the History Center during free admission times on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (during the farmers market – starting in May.)

24. Enjoy local fine art alongside your morning coffee at Old Crown Coffee Roasters, Mocha Lounge, Firefly Coffee House, Fortezza Coffee, and Conjure Coffee.

25. Tour the Hamilton Sculpture Garden, a tribute garden to Emerine Hamilton, near the banks of the St. Marys River in Headwaters Park.

26. Take a tour of DeBrand Fine Chocolates! The tour costs \$5, but each tour participant receives samples along the way and a coupon for \$5 off a \$10 purchase.

27. Enjoy shopping and free indoor play areas at Glenbrook Mall or outdoor shopping at Jefferson Pointe!

28. Take in the views of a beautiful limestone quarry at the Hanson Observation Deck. This observation deck is open to the public and will provide you with an amazing view of the quarry.

29. As you explore downtown, see if you can complete a historical Scavenger Hunt. (Maps available at the Visitors Center)

30. Stop by the Fort Wayne Visitors Center for more ideas and suggestions!

SEASONAL FREE THINGS TO DO IN FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

As the seasons change so do many of Fort Wayne's great activities. Save on your next weekend away in Fort Wayne this spring and early summer.

1. Find Fort Wayne's beautiful flowers with this guide to Fort Wayne in Bloom.
2. Fort Wayne and Allen County are home to many parks. Pack a meal — or support local restaurants by picking something up — and enjoy a relaxing picnic at one of these parks.
3. Grab a bike or take off on foot and tour the Sculpture With Purpose around downtown!
4. Bring your own kayak and explore any of Fort Wayne's three rivers: the St. Joseph, the St. Marys, and the Maumee. Or, rent a kayak, canoe, or paddleboard from Fort Wayne Outfitters for a great price!
5. Bring your racquets and visit the public tennis courts around the city at Kreager Park, Foster Park, Swinney Park, Lakeside Park, or one of our other great parks.
6. Visit Salomon Farm Park to see a working farm in action. Visit the goats, donkeys, sheep, and other farm animals, walk or bike the 1.8-mile trail around the property, enjoy bird-watching, or discover your new favorite photo spot! TIP: Later this year, check out the amazing sunflower field in mid- to late-August.
7. Make a splash at one of Fort Wayne's Splash Pads: Buckner, Kreager, Shoaff, Memorial, McCormick, Waynedale, Shoaff, Headwaters, Riverside Gardens, Robert E. Meyers or Franklin Park. Or, splash in the Kids' Canal at Promenade Park! Most Fort Wayne splash pads open Memorial Day weekend.
8. Grab your skateboard or skates and show off your skills at the outdoor Lawton Skate Park.
9. Enjoy free, guided hikes at nature preserves and parks around the city. See the schedule.

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