

## More to Explore

### Free or (almost free) Family Fun

#### **577 Foundation**, 577 E Front St, Perrysburg, OH 43551

Founded by Virginia Secor Stranahan, The 577 Foundation is dedicated to preserving the integrity of the historic property at 577 East Front Street in Perrysburg, Ohio.

The Foundation, open to all, is an ecologically sensitive place that encourages personal enjoyment and creativity in education. Property includes community gardens, a river walk, log cabin, a cow barn, carriage room and many more treasures.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.874.4174, [www.577foundation.org](http://www.577foundation.org)

#### **Art Loop**, Downtown/UpTown Toledo

Explore the downtown creative community through self-guided tours of the art, artists, and spaces that inspire a vibrant Toledo. The Art Loop takes place each third Thursday of the month April-December, 5:30-9pm.

**Cost:** \$1.25 for bus wristband.

*\*The 2017 Art Loop Hub takes place at the Toledo-Lucas County Main Public Library (325 N. Michigan St). Parking is available in the Library garage (enter off Adams St) until 9:00 pm. Find convenient parking, Info Table, and hop on any bus from one location.*

**Contact:** <http://theartscommission.org/artloop>

#### **Boyd's Retro Candy**, 954 Phillips Ave., Toledo

A true old time candy store where you'll find candy from the late 1800's. Specializing in the 50's, 60's and 70's but satisfying candy lovers of every generation. Share a memory or make a memory with your children.

**Cost:** Great old-time candy at reasonable prices

**Contact:** 419-720-7387, [www.boydsretrocandy.com](http://www.boydsretrocandy.com)

#### **Brown Bag Concert Series**

Grab your blanket or lawn chair and a brown bag full of munchies for the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library's favorite lunchtime outdoor music series. Concerts are held June through July on Wednesdays from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.259.5200, [www.toledolibrary.org/uploads/pdfs/BrownBagPoster.pdf](http://www.toledolibrary.org/uploads/pdfs/BrownBagPoster.pdf)

**Canal Experience**, 13827 U.S. 24, Grand Rapids, OH 43522

Characters in period attire welcome you aboard a mule drawn canal boat in a scenic river town. Attractions include a working gristmill, limestone locks, scenic dam and original Miami and Erie Canal and towpath.

**Cost:** \$7 adults, \$6 seniors (60 and over) \$4 children (3-12); ages 2 & under free.

**Contact:** 419.832.6004

<https://metroparkstoledo.com/features-and-rentals/canal-experience/>

**City of Toledo Parks**

Visit website to see the entire list of parks.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.936.2875,

<http://toledo.oh.gov/services/public-service/parks-recreation-forestry/parks>

**Fossil Park**, 5705 Centennial Rd., Sylvania, OH 43560

More than 200 prehistoric species include 375-million-year-old Devonian fossils. Three dig sites include an ADA-friendly dig site and handicap-accessible ramp to the quarry bottom with concrete walkways. Open from mid-April to mid-November.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.882.8313, [www.olanderpark.com/olanderpark/fossil-park](http://www.olanderpark.com/olanderpark/fossil-park)

**Lunch at Levis Concert Series**, 435 N. St. Clair St., Levis Square Park, at the corner of St. Clair St. and Madison

Take an extra-long lunch, head downtown and eat at the food trucks, enjoy the weather, and listen to some great tunes. Concerts run every Thursday, June through September from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.249.5494, [www.downtowntoledo.org](http://www.downtowntoledo.org)

**The Manor House**, Wildwood Preserve, 5100 W. Central Ave., Toledo

The Georgian Colonial home is open for free tours and hosts a variety of cultural and historical events, including popular monthly Teas hosted by the Manor House Volunteers. With more than 30,000 total square feet, the Manor House is a one of a kind property used in part today as the headquarters for the Metroparks district.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.407.9700,

<https://metroparkstoledo.com/features-and-rentals/the-manor-house>

**Maumee Bay State Park**, 1400 State Park Rd, Oregon, OH

Maumee Bay State Park offers 1,336 acres of not only the finest of recreational facilities in the Midwest, but also a unique natural environment created by the convergence of the land and Lake Erie. The balance of recreational facilities with the natural world gives visitors a diverse experience in a coastal environment.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.836.7758, [www.maumeebaystateparklodge.com](http://www.maumeebaystateparklodge.com)  
<http://parks.ohiodnr.gov/maumeebay>

**Metroparks of the Toledo Area**

Offering fun adventure and discoveries for all ages and a variety of meeting rooms and open shelters can be found at these beautiful Metroparks. The park system preserves many of the area's most unique natural and historical features, from Ohio's only "moving" sand dunes to the 35-room Georgian colonial home of an auto baron. All Metroparks open daily 7 a.m. to dark year round.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.407.9700, [www.metroparkstoledo.com](http://www.metroparkstoledo.com)

**National Center for Nature Photography**, Secor Metropark, 10001 W. Central Ave., Berkey, OH

It's the only one of its kind—a national center celebrating the wonders of nature through photography. A project of Metroparks of the Toledo Area, the center is located within the 600-acre Secor, part of the rare and beautiful Oak Openings Region of northwest Ohio.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.407.9700, <https://metroparkstoledo.com/features-and-rentals/national-center-for-nature-photography/>

**Old West End Walking Tour**, From Collingwood Boulevard to Glenwood Avenue, W. Central Avenue and Monroe Street

Take a self-guided tour of a neighborhood that remains one of the best kept secrets in the country. Twenty-five city blocks making up one of the largest collections of late Victorian houses left standing in the United States. Frank Lloyd Wright studied this area in his planning of his Oak Park Project in Illinois. Pristine examples of Colonial, Georgian, Italian Renaissance, Queen Ann, Dutch Colonial, French Second Empire and Arts and Crafts homes fill our streets.

**Cost:** Free

**Contact:** [www.toledoooldwestend.com](http://www.toledoooldwestend.com)

**One SeaGate Concert Series**, The Fountain, 550 N Summit St., Toledo, OH  
Take a lunchtime break and head to the One SeaGate Summer Concert Series for some live music at a beautiful venue. From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June through August catch some tunes in the courtyard overlooking the reflecting pond, steps away from the Maumee River.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.249.5494, [www.downtowntoledo.org](http://www.downtowntoledo.org)

**Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge**, 14000 OH-2, Oak Harbor, OH  
Located in northwest Ohio on the shores of Lake Erie, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge provides valuable habitat for a diversity of waterfowl and other migratory birds, resident wildlife, and endangered and threatened species. It provides a place for people to enjoy wildlife-dependent activities and learn about the complexities of the natural world through education and interpretive programming.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** Local: 419-898-0014, Toll free: 1-800-750-0750,  
<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Ottawa/>

**Ottawa Park Concert Series**, Ottawa Pkwy., Toledo  
Saturday nights from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., mid-July through mid-August. See website for schedule and directions to amphitheater.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.245.2875,  
<http://www.ottawapark.org/amphitheater-ottawa-park-toledo.html>

**Ottawa Park Ice Rink**, 2015 Parkside Dr., Toledo  
Open mid-December through mid-March.

**Cost:** Admission is \$4, and skate rental is \$2

**Contact:** 419.245.3388,  
<http://www.ottawapark.org/outdoor-ice-rink-ottawa-park-toledo.html>

**Perrysburg Farmers' Market**, 105 W Indiana Ave., Perrysburg, OH  
Visit the Perrysburg Market in historic downtown Perrysburg for locally grown and produced annual, perennials, herbs, baked goods, garden art, prepared foods, fruit, vegetables and unique gifts. Every Thursday, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. from Mid-May through Mid- October.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.874.9147, [www.perrysburg-farmers-market.com](http://www.perrysburg-farmers-market.com)

**Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral**, 2535 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo

This Plateresque (architectural style of 16<sup>th</sup> century Spain) cathedral features layers of paintings and frescoes of saints and angels that reach to the ceiling with a magnificent stained glass rose window and mosaic altars. Call for group tours.

**Cost:** Donations welcome

**Contact:** Sister Mary Stephan, 419.244.9575, [www.rosarycathedral.org](http://www.rosarycathedral.org)

**Side Cut Explorer**, 1025 W. River Rd., Maumee, OH

Travel along the banks of the Maumee River and down the canal towpath. A naturalist highlights the scenery, as passengers relax in Metroparks wheelchair accessible, open-air trolley. Maximum 2 wheel chairs per trip. All other participants must be able to climb 3 steps.

**Cost:** \$4.00; see website for dates

**Contact:** 419.407.9700, [www.metroparkstoledo.com](http://www.metroparkstoledo.com)

**Sylvania Historical Village**, 5717 N. Main St., Sylvania, OH

An interactive museum with both permanent and changing exhibits, the Village hosts concerts, lectures, student field trips, family days and other special events throughout the year. Our Heritage Center Museum is also home to the Sylvania Area Historical Society library and archives, a research destination for schoolchildren, family historians and academics. Open Saturdays and Sundays; 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.517.5533, [www.sylvaniahistoricalvillage.org](http://www.sylvaniahistoricalvillage.org)

**Toledo Botanical Garden**, 5403 Elmer Dr., Toledo

Enrich your life with over 60 acres of serene landscapes and picturesque gardens alive with color and fragrance. Explore the Artists Village and outdoor sculpture collection and discover unique treasures at the Vintage Gardens Gallery gift shop. Open year-round during daylight hours.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.536.5566, [www.toledogarden.org](http://www.toledogarden.org)

**Toledo Farmers Market**, 525 Market St., Toledo

Browse and visit with local farmers, bakers and craftsmen selling home-grown sweet corn, tomatoes, fruits and vegetables, homemade pies, colorful flowers and plants, fresh-dressed poultry and more. Open year-round.

**Cost:** FREE entrance

**Contact:** 419.255.6765, [www.toledofarmersmarket.com](http://www.toledofarmersmarket.com)

**Toledo Firefighter's Museum**, 918 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo

Tales of firefighting 150 years ago come alive in the midst of vintage pumpers, uniforms and equipment used by the city's first bucket brigade. Open every Saturday from Noon to 4 p.m. Also available weekdays or evenings by appointment.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.478.3473, [www.toledofiremuseum.com](http://www.toledofiremuseum.com)

**Toledo Lucas County Public Library**, 325 N. Michigan St., Toledo

Visiting the Main Library in downtown is a memorable experience. Includes children's area, computers, free internet, organized activities, toys, games, café and gift store. Convenient, free parking garage (minimal fees for longer stays). The expansive modern addition including a second floor outdoor space complete with grass and trees.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.259.5200 [www.toledolibrary.org](http://www.toledolibrary.org)

**Toledo Museum of Art Family Center**, 2445 Monroe St., Toledo

Free, fun, and open to everyone! The TMA Family Center, located in the education wing near the Plough entrance, is the perfect place for our youngest Museum visitors to make and take memories with their parents and caregivers. Drop in for themed activities that enliven the world of art for kids ages 1-10 (and even grown-ups!)

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.255.8000, <http://www.toledomuseum.org/visit/familycenter/>

**Toledo Museum of Art & Glass Pavilion**, 2445 Monroe St., Toledo

Discover 30,000 masterworks, including paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, works on paper and more. Make sure to see the Toledo Museum of Art's world-famous collection of glass art and the beautifully designed Glass Pavilion, where daily glassblowing demonstration take place. Closed Mondays.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.255.8000, [www.toledomuseum.org](http://www.toledomuseum.org)

**Toledo Museum of Art Sculpture Garden Tour**, 2445 Monroe St., Toledo

Over nearly a century, the Toledo Museum of Art campus has grown from a single building to an architecturally significant campus that is a highlight of the city. With six buildings on 32 acres, our campus offers Neoclassical, Art Deco, and Postmodern architecture, as well as green space and a sculpture garden, all surrounded by the celebrated Victorian homes of Toledo's Old West End neighborhood.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.255.8000, <http://www.toledomuseum.org/visit/campus-maps/>

**Toledo Police Museum**, 2201 Kenwood Blvd., Toledo

Visitors to the museum are able follow a timeline of the history of the Toledo Police Department, view a collection of historical artifacts and participate in interactive exhibits, which include entering a mock jail cell and having a mug shot photo taken from a 1920's era booking camera. Hours of operation are Fridays and Saturdays; 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.720.2485, <http://toledopolicemuseum.com>

**Toledo Zoo**

Lucas county residents with valid ID are admitted for free every Monday between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. (except Monday holidays or Mondays when the Zoo is closed). To get the free Monday admission, Lucas County residents need to check in at the admission booths and receive a ticket for early entry before 12 p.m.

**Cost:** FREE HOLIDAY ADMISSION DAYS:

Lucas County residents are admitted for free during the following holiday times:

- Martin Luther King Jr. weekend (Sat – Mon)
- Presidents' Day weekend (Sat - Mon)
- December 24th from 10 a.m. until the Zoo closes at 2 p.m.

**Contact:** 419.385.5721, [www.toledozoo.org](http://www.toledozoo.org)

**University Parks Trail (Bike Trail)**, Toledo to Sylvania Township

The six-mile trail stretches from the University of Toledo campus to King Road in Sylvania Township. It offers a lush greenway through woodland, passing meadows and wetlands. The level, paved path is suitable for joggers, cyclists and in-line skaters, and can easily accommodate wheelchairs.

University of Toledo campus to King Road in Sylvania Township

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.407.9700

<https://metroparkstoledo.com/trails/universityparks-trail>

**Wabash Cannonball Trail (Bike Trail)**, Access at Oak Openings Metropark

Northwest Ohio's premier rails-to-trails project is also one of the longest in the state, stretching 64 miles through four counties and Oak Openings, Ohio's most unique natural area.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.407.9700

<https://metroparkstoledo.com/trails/wabash-cannonball-trail>



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**Walbridge Park Summer Concert Series**, 2761 Broadway St., Toledo  
Concerts occur on most Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., June and July at the gazebo. See website for schedule.

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** 419.297.8354, <http://walbridgepark.org/Concert.html>